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Pastor Jackson Encourages You to Be Faithful to God

I thank God for each and every one of you, I will be eternally grateful to God for bringing our families together as one. I pray this article of the Macedonia Times finds everyone in good spirits and in good health. Let me begin by thanking the entire staff of the Macedonia Times for the professional and spirit filled articles you continue to produce; excellent job! I would like to welcome all members that have united with the Macedonia Family since the last article. God has truly been good to us and continues to bless us beyond measure. A few blessing to note: the adding to the body of believers, finishing the upstairs, purchase of the property behind us, and opening of our beautiful well staffed and professional nursery. God is good! As we continue to move for-

ward, being led by the Holy Spirit, let us reflect on the



book of Malachi. I'm reminded of the covenant agreement between God and Israel. In **Malachi 1:2 (NKJV)** ²"I have loved you," says the LORD. "Yet you say, 'In what way have You loved us?' *Was* not Esau Jacob's brother?" Says the LORD. "Yet Jacob I have loved; God is the One who called her into existence and who ruled over her and raised her (cf. v. 6) for more than 1,000 years on the

basis of His covenant with her. And she was the object of His love (v. 2c). Under the new covenant by the blood of Jesus, God showed the world how much He loves us. God gave us His very best (Jesus) and God expects our best in all we do for Him. Malachi pointed out that the priests were bringing defiled sacrifices to the Lord and God was not pleased. The primary kind of sacrifice was the blood offering which required the slaughter of an animal (cf. Deut. 17:1; 1 Chron. 15:26). This blood was poured around the altar, for the blood contained the life, as stated in Lev. 17:11: "For the life of the flesh is in the blood; and I have given it for you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement, by

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Christian Soldier: Bro. John T. Baker



Dea. Bernard Floyd, Jr.

Not having much to say, but always willing to serve, this soldier of the month has a deep voice, tall stature, but humble spirit. Truly, he is one of God’s men fighting on His battlefield and trusting in the Lord until the task assigned to



him is completed. Brother John Baker, Sr. was born on

May 5, 1933 in Hayneville, AL to the parents of Mr. Artee and Leathia Baker. He is the oldest of six siblings. He is a graduate of Calhoun High School. He met and married Anniece Hale in 1958 and that union one son was born John Baker, Jr., who has now gone to be the Lord. He is the proud grandfather of three.

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reason of the life" (RSV). Since the blood was the vehicle of life, it belonged to God alone. The sacrifices pointed to the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ the perfect sacrifice. Let me exhort each of you, when you come in the presence of the almighty God, come with the fear and reverence deserving to our Lord. Let's not approach Him like the priest and disrespect His name.

I would like to further encourage you to be faithful to God by not seeking pleasure outside of the Lords domain. Since contracts, marriage or others, were consummated with God as witness (see [Gen 31:49](#); [Prov 2:17](#)), he deemed guilty the Israelites who had taken to themselves Jewish wives but who now had put them away. **Yet is she thy companion.** Affectionate ties should have

persisted as a result of long sharing of common experiences. **The wife of thy covenant.** Marriage is a covenant relationship before God. The church is the bride of Jesus and we should be faithful to Him because Jesus was faithful to us and continues to stand in the gap on our behalf.

As I come to a close, it is my prayer that we can learn from the Israelites and the priests. Macedonians, God will not be pleased with us if our worship develops into empty religious practices. Let us continue to come in Gods' presence with awe in His Holy Name. Let us continue to give as God has blessed us to give. God is truly with, and will remain with us, as long as we keep the agreement we have made with our Lord!

May God bless and keep you is my prayer.



Christian Soldier: Bro. John T. Baker

Brother Baker is a retired Long-shoreman after thirty-two years of service, but this brother in Christ is far from finished in working for the Lord and for his fellow man. He cares for those around him by being a watchful "eye" for those in need and he loves to meet with others to fellowship over a cup of coffee. His love for life is evident and his love for his church is genuine.

At an early age he united with the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church and after moving to Daphne, united with the Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church under the Rev. D. D. Chastang. He has served on the Trustee Board for over twenty years and he is a member of the Men Bible Sunday School Class. He is a former member of the Gospel Chorus and the Male Chorus. One can now find Brother Baker on his post welcoming the Macedonia family

and her visitors to morning worship with a hearty, "Hello, how are you doing?" as he lovingly serves on the Adult Usher Board Ministry.



When reflecting upon words of wisdom for the youth, Brother Baker advises, "I would like to tell the kids to love their mothers and fathers. The Lord will bless them. Love your

pastor. Love your church." His personal testimony is heartwarming and simply reflects the awesomeness of His heavenly Father. "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believe in him shall not parish but have everlasting life. If it had not been for the Lord on my side where would I be. He looked beyond my faults and

saw my needs and I am glad about it." His encouragement continues to the shepherd of this flock, "Pastor Jackson, stay with the Lord and will direct your path. Only what we do the Lord will last – Let it be REAL."

This "giant" of a man has a mind to live for Jesus all of his days. With that determination, Brother John T. Baker can only look for better days ahead and know that one of these days, serving the Lord will pay off after while.



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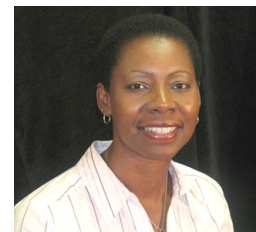
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View from the Pew "Only One Thing Is Needed"



Sis. Pamela Yelding

What is the one thing that God wants from you? Is it your works? Is it your tithes and offerings? Perhaps it is your time in service? No ! The one thing He wants is you and only you.

Do you make him the first priority of your day? Or, do you ask Him to lead you and guide you; then bolt out of bed ready to tackle your to do list?

If we truly want to live a life that is pleasing to God, We must listen to Him. We cannot be like the Pharisees. They were chosen by God; yet they created their own

version of what God wanted. They made strict rules : do this or that; don't do this or that. Those were their rules NOT God's.

We also learn that the Judaizers committed the same mistakes. They too put their own spin on the Gospel by undermining Paul's teachings at Galatia.

In Luke 10: 41- 42, Jesus is in the home of sisters Mary and Martha. Mary sat at Jesus' feet while Martha prepared dinner, etc... Eventually, Martha became upset because she was working while her sister Mary sat with Jesus. Martha ran to Jesus so he could set Mary straight. "Martha, Martha, the Lord answered, "You are worried and upset about many things; but only one thing is needed. Mary has cho-

sen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

Maybe you are not like the Pharisees and Judaizers - creating lists of Do's and Don'ts. You may not even be like Martha - working hard for recognition. BUT are you truly like Mary? Are you forsaking all others (works, rituals, etc..) to fellowship with Jesus? Are you listening to Him and learning from His teachings? Or, would the Master say: , "*Insert Your Name*", you are worried and upset about many things; but only one thing is needed ."

Members are invited to submit editorials to the Macedonia Times, but the views expressed here are not necessarily the opinion of the Macedonia Baptist Church or Macedonia Times.

We Offer Our Sympathy to These Members and Their Families:

- Sis. Leanna Alphonse in the loss of her husband*
- Mrs. Kay Williams in the loss of her uncle*
- Bro. Eunice Smith in the loss of his son*
- Sis. Annie Jackson and Sis. Nora Miller and family in the loss of their mother*
- To the King family in the loss of Sis. Mary King*
- Deacon Alexander Smith, Jr. and family in the loss of their mother*
- Annie McGadney in the loss of her aunt, Evelyn Carmicheal*
- Claude Jackson, Jr. in the loss of his father, Claude Jackson, Sr.*

Birthdays and Anniversaries

March
Letecia Brown
Eloise Bolton
Ruby Burton
Reginald Hubbard
LeBaron Pritchett
Mattie Sue Brown
Charletta Coleman
Minnie Douglas
Alfred Jenkins III
Rose Johnson
Endeya McCorvey
Rhonda Pettibone
Ida Jean Reed
Alma Rudolph
Tempie Singleton
Diane Smith
Anna Williams
Kay F. Williams
LaDarion Williams
Alaric Yelding
Rashad Yelding

March Anniversary
Mr. & Mrs. James White
Mr. & Mrs. David Shephard
April
Marion Bolar
Cecily Brown
Gray Curtis
Stephanie Curry
Kadijah Gandy
Gerldine Lett
Joydan McCorvey
Anthony Sampson, Jr.
Demitri Taylor
James Williams
Jacqueline Valrie
Amari Yelding

May
John T. Baker, Sr.
Willie Johnson, Sr.
Melvin Kennedy
Drexel Lang
Leherschell Lett
Elnora Jackson
Clem Pierce
Richard Perry
Irene Pritchett
Eddie Rudolph
David Shephard
Earlie Smith
Khalil Yelding
Anniversary
Mr. & Mrs. Lebrian Mitchell

June
James Lee
Mary Stone
Leon McConico
Pamela Sampson
Angie Snowden
Rosa Turner
Dorothy Williams
Cedric Yelding
Connie Yelding
Queen Watson
Anniversary
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Smith
Mr. & Mrs. Kelvin Thomas
Mr. & Mrs. James Figures

Getting to Know the Macedonia Family: Meet Brother Jerome Larry



Sis. Tracie Brown

Lovers of gospel music can fondly remember a song entitled, "I Am a Living Testimony!" One of the lines resounds, "I could have been dead and gone, but

Lord, you let me live on..... I thank the Lord that I'm still alive." Many can testify to these words, but within the family of Macedonia Baptist Church, one man who has reached beyond the half century mark will tell you with a smile that he should have been dead a long time ago, but God had another plan. He is quite the "handyman" and many people in the community rely on him for the building and maintenance of their homes. Yet, one day, the Master Builder renovated this brother's spiritual walls, and since that day, his life has never been the same because he has truly experienced that wonder of Jesus' grace and mercy. Divinely reconstructed on the inside to reflect the love of Jesus on the outside, Brother Jerome Larry is a living testimony.

Born in Los Angeles to the late Joshua and Josephine Larry, Brother Jerome was raised in San Francisco. He is the third of six children. To this day, his three sisters and two brothers, although in different regions of the country, maintain a close relationship and Brother Larry cherishes family, both biological and spiritual. He was educated in San Francisco, but at the age of fourteen, his life changed forever. His father was robbed and killed and this travesty ignited a rebellious spirit, especially towards his faith. Being in and out of church after his father's death, some of Jerome's decisions resulted in some life altering experiences. Through it all, he found his niche in welding and attended the Air Core Training Vocational School for flux core welding. In San Francisco, he worked for Bay Shore Truck Equipment. He lived in California until he was in his thirties, and the sunny gulf coast beckoned him to come to the place where his parents were raised. After moving to Daphne in 1988, he worked for twenty years in welding at different facilities. He returned to California to visit for the first time at the age of fifty, and upon his arrival in what had become his home in Daphne, Jerome gave his life to Christ and later joined Macedonia Baptist Church. The journey for him from his childhood to now has been filled with some hard knocks and many twists and turns, but with the blessing of someone in his life who

took the time to care and with the Lord's divine care and covering, Jerome now lives the reversal of one's dreams deferred by circumstances. He lives in the hope of God's mercy.

Brother Larry has been adopted by his Heavenly Father, and the Lord ordained that he would be adopted by an earthly father as well. After the loss of his father in his teenage years, Jerome admits that he had no fatherly figure in his life – and then came Coach Bailey Yelding. Literally stopping him



on the streets one day, one mere question and one granted opportunity to work sparked a father – son relationship. Even when the pitfalls were deep for Brother Jerome, Coach provided a ladder of trade work and compassion that allowed Brother Larry to climb out of some situations and walk with a sense of dignity and respect. "Coach showed me more love for me than I felt for my own self. He has been my best friend and like a parent to me." When talking about Coach Yelding, Jerome's love for his mentor is quite evident. His love for "Coach" comes from the support, discipline, and kindness shown towards him. Not only does Brother Larry have a biological family of whom he treasures, but he also has an adopted family of whom he deeply loves. As Jerome indicated, "Only God can give you everything that you need even when you don't know what you need."

Since Jesus came into his heart, Brother Larry can witness to the wonders of God who took a "no body" and changed him into a person who can tell everybody about somebody who can change anybody. He has a nineteen year old daughter who will graduate in May. The Lord blessed him to marry the former Brenda Williams on August 30, 2009. They are greatly involved in the Sunday School and Marriage Ministries of Macedonia. Moreover, Brother Larry's love for God's Word has deepened because of

his attendance at Wednesday night Bible Study. The Bible is, to him, a love story and a history book. "It (the bible) explains the greatest love that you can have and you can never, truly, comprehend it. It contains all of the guidance and answers needed to deal with life from day to day." Fondly recalling many Biblical stories, Jerome especially cherishes two in particular – the rise of Joseph, the son of Joshua, from the pit to the palace and the life story of the vicious Saul to the Apostle Paul. Brother Larry likens himself to the "Saul to Paul" experience because he knows of where he once was and where he now is. "Nobody but God. When you think it's the end, God has a blessing for you. It's not going to happen to you until He gives it to you. God will move you to a level beyond what you can imagine." Not only is Jerome living abundantly in God's spiritual blessings, but he is the owner of **JL Home Maintenance and Repairs**.

Brother Larry's testimony mirrors the amazing love of the Lord for someone who was not supposed to be here. "God saved me from myself. I always believed I was my worst enemy. I always dealt with others and not myself. He loves me for me. And those things I wanted, God allowed me to have, but I realized soon realized that some of those things were not for me." He had no idea of his life now when he was growing up, and as someone who is a living testimony of what the Lord can do when a person chooses God's will and not his own, Brother Jerome advises the young people to let go and let God. "Give your life up and let God guide you. Put yourself aside and put God first."

Thank God that He is the author and finisher of our faith. Thank God that He proves His faithfulness time and time again and His love is everlasting. Praise God for those in the household of faith who take the time to care and to share. There is no secret to what God can do. Brother Jerome Larry is a living testimony and he is not ashamed to tell others of the love of Jesus Christ. He is humble and willing to help anyone he can in whatever way he can. Macedonia is blessed to have Brother Jerome Larry as a part of our body and the awesomeness of God's grace and mercy can be seen in this individual who loves Macedonia because of the love that Macedonia has shown him. When I told him that his "story" was inspirational, he commented, "Well, I have had some inspirational people in my life!" With that, he merely smiled, and so did I with tears in my eyes.

God is so good.

Nursery Opens for “Wee Ones”

Pastor Jackson’s Vision Becomes A Reality

The Ribbon Cutting / Dedication Ceremony for the Nursery was held Sunday, February 27, 2011 following the worship service. Doors opened for the “Wee Ones” on Sunday, March 4, 2011.

The Nursery operates according to the state regulations. It provides a safe, fun, happy place for parents to leave their children during church service. The curriculum utilized for ages 2– 4 helps children develop spiritually at an early age. The staff is comprised of a director, coordinator, curriculum specialist and eight workers.

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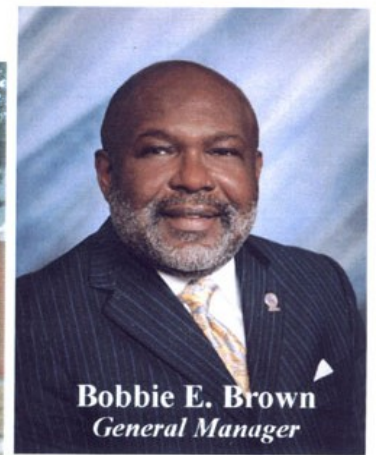
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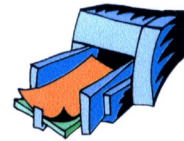
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Sis. Mary C. Parks Stone, JD

The Uniform Durable Power of Attorney

The Alabama Law Institute introduced an Act in the 2011 Regular Legislative Session of the legislature which revises the current durable power of attorney in law in Alabama. A durable power of attorney is a power that continues or becomes effective after the principle becomes incapacitated. Alabama passed the current Durable Power of Attorney statute in 1981 (see Ala. Code Section 26-1-2) to allow one to designate another to make financial decisions for them without requiring one to petition a court to appoint a conservator. In 1997, Section 26-1-2 was amended to allow for healthcare powers.

As it stands now under current law one must designate the power of attorney as "durable" for it to remain in effect when the maker subsequently becomes incompetent. The current default rule is for powers of attorney to be void when the maker becomes incompetent unless the power of attorney specifically makes it durable. This act reverses the default to make all powers of attorney "durable" unless they specifically provide otherwise. This act will be prospective only in application. The current law will continue to govern all powers executed prior to the effective date of the new act. Since the current durable attorney law and this Act do not include healthcare decisions, healthcare powers will be governed by the new Section 26-1-2.1.

The act offers clear guidelines for the agent. It provides:

1. An agent who acts with care, competence and diligence for the best interest of the principle is not liable solely because he or she also benefits from the act of has conflicting interests; and
2. Methods for the agent to give notice of his or her resignation if the principle becomes incapacitated.

The act encourages acceptance of a power of attorney by third parties by:

1. Providing broad protections for the person who accepts or refuses a power of attorney without actual knowledge that the power of attorney is invalid or has been terminated;
2. Offering an additional protective measure for the principal by providing that third persons may refuse the power if they have the belief that "the Principal may be subject to physical or financial abuse, neglect, exploitation, or abandonment by the Agent or person acting for or with the Agent, and make a report to the appropriate adult protective service agency," and
3. Providing an optional statutory form for granting a durable power of attorney.

One of the purposes of the Uniform Power of Attorney Act is promotion of the portability and use of powers of attorney. The mandatory minimum standard of conduct required of an agent is equivalent to the good faith standard applicable to trustees. Note that "a trustee must always act in good faith with regard to the purposes of the trust and the interests of the beneficiaries". Good faith for the purposes of the Act can be defined as "honesty in fact".



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Snakebite



Dr. Herbert Stone, M.D.

As the weather get warmer and more and more of us take to the outdoors, it is worthwhile to consider the dangers of snakebite and ways to prevent them, and to treat them

when they do occur.

The number of fatalities attributed to snake bites varies greatly by geographical area. Although deaths are relatively rare in Australia, Europe and North America, the morbidity and mortality associated with snake bites is a serious public health problem in many regions of the world, particularly in rural areas lacking medical facilities. Each year tens of thousands of people die from snake bites, yet the risk of being bitten can be lowered with preventive measures, such as wearing protective footwear and avoiding areas known to be inhabited by dangerous snakes.

The outcome of snake bites depends on numerous factors, including the species of snake, the area of the body bitten, the amount of venom injected, and the health conditions of the victim. Feelings of terror and panic are common after a snakebite and can produce a characteristic set of symptoms such as a racing heart and nausea. Bites from non-venomous snakes can also cause injury, often due to lacerations caused by the snake's teeth, or from a resulting infection. A bite may also trigger an allergic reaction, which is potentially fatal. First aid recommendations for bites depend on the snakes inhabiting the region, as effective treatments for bites inflicted by some species can be ineffective for others.

The most common symptoms of all snakebites are overwhelming fear, panic, and emotional instability, which may cause symptoms such as nausea and vomiting, diarr, vertigo, fainting, tachycardia, and cold, clammy skin. Television, literature, and folklore are in part responsible for the hype surrounding snakebites, and a victim may have unwarranted thoughts of imminent death.

Snakes are most likely to bite when they feel threatened, are startled, are provoked,

or have no means of escape when cornered. Encountering a snake is always considered dangerous and it is recommended to leave the vicinity. There is no practical way to safely identify any snake species as appearances may vary dramatically.

Snakes are likely to approach residential areas when attracted by prey, such as rodents. Practicing regular pest control can reduce the threat of snakes considerably. It is beneficial to know the species of snake that are common in local areas, or while traveling or hiking. Being wary of snake presence and ultimately avoiding it when known is strongly recommended. It is also important to avoid snakes that appear to be dead, as some species will actually roll over on their backs and stick out their tongue to fool potential threats. A snake's detached head can immediately act by reflex and potentially bite. The induced bite can be just as severe as that of a live snake. Dead snakes are also incapable of regulating the venom they inject, so a bite from a dead snake can often contain large amounts of venom.

It is not an easy task determining whether or not a bite by any species of snake is life-threatening. A bite by a North American copperhead on the ankle is usually a moderate injury to a healthy adult, but a bite to a child's abdomen or face by the same snake may be fatal. The outcome of all snakebites depends on a multitude of factors: the size, physical condition, and temperature of the snake, the age and physical condition of the victim, the area and tissue bitten (e.g., foot, torso, vein or muscle), the amount of venom injected, the time it takes for the patient to find treatment, and finally the quality of that treatment.

Identification of the snake is important in planning treatment in certain areas of the world, but is not always possible. Ideally the dead snake would be brought in with the patient, but in areas where snake bite is more common, local knowledge may be sufficient to recognize the snake. However, in regions where polyvalent antivenoms are available, such as North America, identification of snake is not a high priority item.

Be wary of homegrown or anecdotal

remedies. First aid measures vary from place to place, but most first aid guidelines agree on the following:

1. Protect the patient, yourself and others from further bites
2. Keep the victim calm
3. Call from help
4. Keep the bitten limb in a functional Position and below the victim's heart so as to minimize blood return to the heart and other body organs
5. Do not give the patient anything to eat or drink.
6. Remove items of clothing which may constrict the bitten limb if it swells
7. Keep the victim as still as possible
8. Do not incise the bitten site.

Until the advent of antivenom, bites from some species of snake were almost universally fatal. Despite huge advances in emergency therapy, antivenom is often still the only effective treatment for envenomation. Antivenom is injected into the patient intravenously, and works by binding to and neutralizing venom enzymes. It cannot undo damage already caused by venom, so antivenom treatment should be sought as soon as possible. Modern antivenoms are usually polyvalent, making them effective against the venom of numerous snake species. Pharmaceutical companies which produce antivenom target their products against the species native to a particular area. Although some people may develop serious adverse reactions to antivenom, such as anaphylaxis, in emergency situations this is usually treatable and hence the benefit outweighs the potential consequences of not using antivenom.

Worldwide, snakebites occur most frequently in the summer season when snakes are active and humans are outdoors. Agricultural and tropical regions report more snakebites than anywhere else. Victims are typically male and between 17 and 27 years of age. Children and the elderly are the most likely to die.

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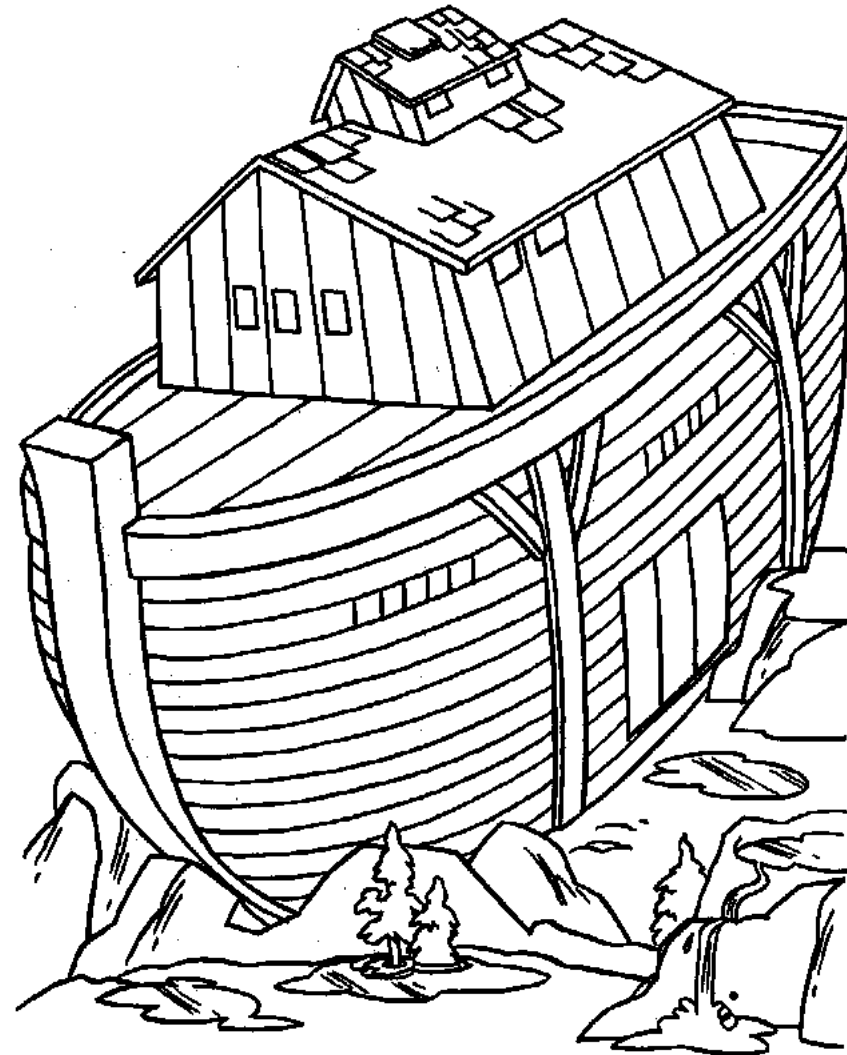
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National African American Multi-culture Museum



Surgeon General Dr. Regina Benjamin "Woman of the Year"



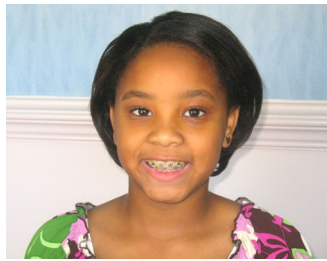
Sis. Leanna Alphonse accepts the award for her niece, Dr. Regina Benjamin.

Youth Thoughts About “The Lord’s Prayer”



Hamilton's In My Eyes:

When we pray, “Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven” - What does it mean? God has a will that we have to do and if we follow that will, we are in the kingdom. Once we do His will, we should continue to do more in His will. We are His children.



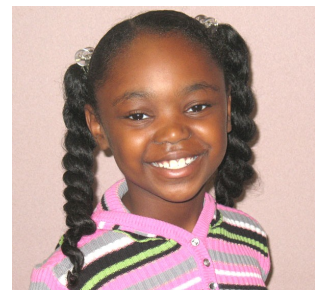
In the Season of Autumn:

Most of the time at the end of prayer, we say one word. What is that word and why? The word is “Amen” which comes from the Hebrew language meaning, “so be it.” Amazingly, when I say the word “Amen” it immediately has significance validating exactly what has been said. As Christians, we are accustomed to using “Amen” as a concluding word for prayers and hymnals. Thus, the word “Amen” is greatly appreciated in Christianity.



Talk with Tia:

The Lord's Prayer means many things to me, and it teaches me about service and reward. The line, “Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”, is telling about works of God and what God makes happen will be done. The line, “Give us this day our daily bread”, is saying that God is our source of survival. Bread was the most important source of survival in the biblical times. Daily bread was a metaphor for God. That line was us basically asking to give us this day. If we do works of God on earth full-heartedly he will reward us. The Lord's Prayer means a lot to me. This is just what it most means to me.



Along the Jordan:

What does “Give us this day our daily bread mean?”

It means to ask God to provide for us each day of our lives. It is also means to not be greedy and take more than we need. The story of the Israelites demonstrates what “Give us this day our daily bread meant” when they spent 40 years in the wilderness. They complained, but God still fed them with bread from heaven each day. If they took more than they needed and tried to save the bread, it would go bad. We should be thankful each day that God takes care of us. He really does love us.



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“Bury Me”

Why does each generation have to start from scratch?
 Demonstrating a selfishness that is generally unmatched
 Why must our families pass the hat or our churches the plate?
 Because someone's demise left a family in dire straights?
 Why do you say at best insurance is just to bury me?

And not care to leave your family or love ones with dignity
 Where did this mantra come of "just enough to bury me"
 With no thoughts of our institutions or our community?
 For as long as we focus on me, me, me
 Real wealth and growth as a people we will not see

If you could look into the your family's future some 50 years or so
 What would they say about you, would your name they even know?
 Would the values you taught them help them to have prospered and grown?

Or would the problems of the past make them a family you would disown?

Bury you, yes, but what values are you passing or leaving behind?
 Are they values that can be built upon or are they the destructive kind?

So bury you, yes, that is something that we must do
 But leave things better than you found them is valid too
 Bury you, yes, but make sure your family does more than survive
 Make sure they are not a burden to others and that they can thrive

Bury you, yes, but help others to have a chance to succeed
 By leaving inheritance with our institutions who meet peoples' needs

Bury you yes, for you may not have done all the things that you wanted to do

But you can make sure those dreams for others will definitely come true

The boom bust cycle stops here and responsibility starts
 With learning and teaching and each of us doing our part
 You need to help your family break from the bad ideas of the past,
 And make good decisions that for generations will last

Are you the one who will put others interest far above
 Far above your own by performing The Ultimate act of Love?

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Lemon Pie



Sis. Tracie Brown

- 2 graham cracker crusts
- 1 large can frozen lemonade
- 1 can condensed milk
- 1 package Philadelphia Cream Cheese, softened



Brown crusts by brushing melted butter over the crusts in 350 degrees oven for about 10 minutes.

In a large mixing bowl, combine lemonade, milk and cream cheese. Blend at low speed with mixer. Mixture should be thick, yet pourable, not watery.

Pour mixture into crusts and chill in the freezer for about 2 hours. After serving, store in refrigerator.

Macedonia Times – Achievement Section by Krysten Williams



Krysten Williams is a 7th grader at Daphne Middle School who had A's and B's for the first quarter. She also received an award in band.



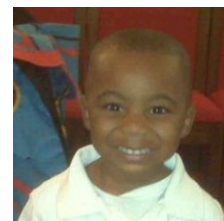
Khalil Yelding is an 8th grader at Daphne High School who had A's and B's for the first quarter. He also received a certificate in perfect attendance and awards in music and football.



Tia Alphonse is a 7th grader at Daphne Middle School who had all A's for the first quarter.

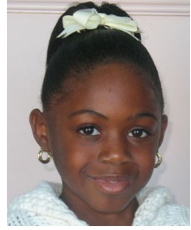


Hamilton Baker is a 3rd grader at Daphne Elementary School who had all A's for the first quarter. He also had perfect attendance and accelerated reading on the star level. Hamilton's city league football team got to the super bowl but sadly lost 34-24.



Amari Yelding is in Pre-K at Eastern Shore Academy of Excellence. Amari's city league football team made it to youth bowl at the Mobile Youth Football Conference and became runner-up.

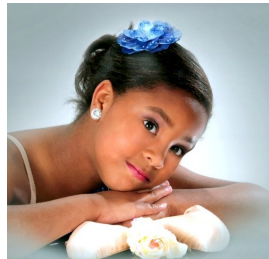
Rising Stars of Macedonia!



Nyla Jackson is a 3rd grader at Chickasaw Math and Science School who made all A's for the first quarter.



Makayla Davis is a 7th grader at Daphne Middle School. She made all A's for 2nd and 3rd quarters.



Autumn Ford is a 5th grader at Daphne East Elementary who made A's and B's for the first quarter. She also had perfect attendance and did accelerated reading on the advanced level. Autumn along with her teammates at Bay Pointe Dance Academy won two "Dance Competitions." They participated in Showstoppers on (March 12, 2011/Mobile Civic Center) winning 1st Top Place Overall Platinum and at the Kids Artistic Revue (National Dance Competition/Regionals, April 10, 2011/Mobile Civic Center) winning 1st place gold.

Autumn has been selected to serve as a Peer Helper for Daphne East Elementary for the upcoming academic year 2011-12.



Rashad Yelding is a 5th grade at Daphne East Elementary School who made all A's for the first quarter. He also made perfect attendance and advance level in accelerated reading. Rashad's city league football team also made it to the Turkey Bowl at the Southern Youth Football Conference. He also plays the recorder.

"Guess Who" New Feature of the Macedonia Times



Guess Who?

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If you can guess this **person and the year**, you will receive a gift from the Media Ministry.
(Family members cannot participate.)



Mark Your Calendar for

Sunday, August 21, 2011

Macedonia Baptist Church
3:00 P.M.

Men and Women Day
Guest Church

Little Rock Baptist Church
Foley, Alabama

Rev. George Henderson, Sr., Pastor



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Heart to Heart: Quitting Smoking



Sis. Sharon Curtis, RN

Quitting smoking is one of the wisest decisions you will ever make.

Cigarette smoking is a major cause of disease in the United States. More than 400,000 deaths occur each year as a result of cigarette smoking. In addition, exposure to second-hand smoke is estimated to cause 40,000 deaths each year from heart disease. Smoking is a major cause of non-fatal diseases including osteoporosis, skin wrinkling, peptic ulcer

disease, impotence, and pregnancy complications. Quitting and staying away from cigarettes is difficult, but not impossible. There are many benefits from stopping smoking. Cigarette smoking doubles the risk of developing coronary heart disease, and smoking cessation can rapidly reduce the risk. After just one year of stopping smoking, the risk of dying from coronary heart disease is reduced by about one-half and continues to decline over time. Cigarette smoking is responsible for almost 90 percent of lung cancer. Smoking cessation reduces the risk of lung cancer within five years of stopping. It can also reduce the

risk of other cancers, such as cancers of the head and neck, esophagus, pancreas, and bladder. There is a lot of support in helping to stop smoking. There is group counseling, medications for quitting and nicotine replacement therapy, and skin patches. So the next time you think about lighting up, think, I need to help save a life and the life you save may be your very own.



Health & Wellness Ministry Information Center



Information On:

- *Glaucoma*
- *Hepatitis B*
- *Flu & Cold*
- *Heart Attack*
- *Diabetes*
- *High Cholesterol*
- *Cataracts*
- *Prostate*
- *Cancer*
- *High Blood Pressure*

"Black History is Living History"



On February 19th, members and friends of Macedonia traveled to Montgomery and Tuskegee Alabama to witness the phenomenal legacy of those African Americans who broke barriers of racial discrimination. The travelers visited the Rosa Parks Museum and the Dr. Martin Luther King Parrish House in Montgomery and The Tuskegee Airmen Museum, The George Washington Carver Museum, and the Booker T. Washington House on the campus of Tuskegee University. The journey proved to be truly educational and inspirational to everyone. Sister Elnora Jackson served as the trip coordinator.

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Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church "Youth on the Move for Christ"



Sis. Tawanda Mitchell

The youth of Macedonia and surrounding

the youth counselors. Thank you in advance for your support.



On Sunday, April 17th we had a wonderful fellowship with our sister church (Little Rock) of Loxley in a friendly game of softball. Both youth and adults of all ages

made up the teams. What was the score? Don't ask! Next time we will know to practice first!! Thanks Pastor Jackson, Rev. Mitchell and Pastor Henderson for putting it together. Next game will be in Foley, Alabama.



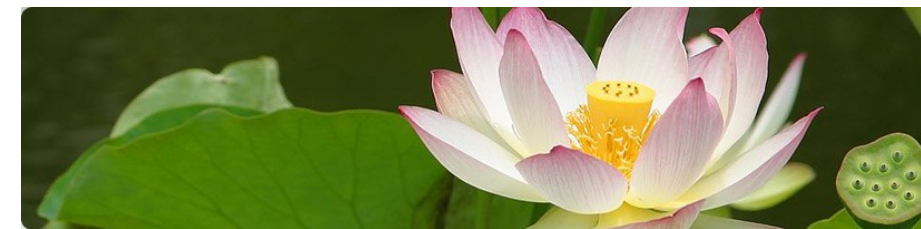
churches will be traveling to Indiana for the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education in June. This is a week long trip and we need your help! We have been working hard to raise funds to help our youth and parents in this effort. Any donation will be gladly accepted. If you wish to sponsor a youth, please see Rev. and Sis. Mitchell or one of

NaturALL Wellness Center



Bro. Robert Wright

The NaturAll Wellness Center provides natural health benefits for the body.



The NaturAll Wellness Center is located at 811 Daphne Avenue directly across from the Daphne Post office. I have the opportunity of talking with Joni Waites who is a licensed Massage Therapist at the center.

MT: Joni, tell us about the different services the center provides.

JW: NaturALL Wellness Center therapists provide holistic bodywork therapies customized to suit every individual's needs. Swedish, or table, massage can vary in pressure from very light and gentle to relax and soothe the central nervous system, to deep and vigorous to alleviate tension and chronic pain. For an extra treat, heated stones may be added onto any table treatment. Thai massage, or assisted yoga therapy, is also provided. Performed on a plush futon mat on the floor with the client dressed in comfortable clothing, Thai massage is a combination stretching and slow, gentle movement and compression to provide greater flexibility and range of motion as well as profound relaxation. We also cater to Mothers-to-be, using pillows and bolsters to keep mommy and baby safe, comfortable, and stress free.

MT: What are the health benefits of Therapeutic Massages?

JW: The benefits of massage are numerous! Bodywork improves circulation and flexibility, restoring muscle strength by flushing toxins and removing metabolic waste. Chronic pain can usually be alleviated or minimized by working to reduce tension in the body. It is also worth noting the positive psychological benefits; massage provides your mind as well as your

body a much needed break from any schedule! Of course you should always check with your primary health-care provider before starting any new physical activity, and any information about your medical history and concerns about the treatment will be discussed before the treatment takes place.

MT: How do you determine which therapy is best to use?

JW: The type of treatment is determined by the client's medical history, current needs, and of course preferences. You and your therapist will decide together what course of treatment may be most beneficial, but you are always in charge of the session. If at any time there is any discomfort, please alert the therapist so that the pressure can be adjusted. Your comfort is always the highest priority!

MT: What preparation should a patient take before and after massage therapy?

JW: In preparing for your massage session, try to give yourself time to "decompress" for a few minutes before and after the treatment. Drink plenty of water, as this will assist the flushing of toxins out of your body. On massage day, a light lunch is best! Lying on a full stomach can be uncomfortable. Normal activities can usually be resumed afterwards, though some people experience slight soreness after a particularly deep bodywork session.

MT: How can we contact the center for more information?

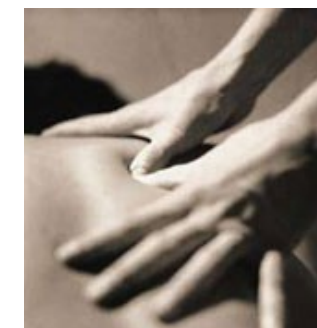
JW: If you have any questions or would like to schedule an appointment, call Joni Waites 251 458 3782 or Dana Searle (owner) 251 463 1478 or visit www.naturallwellness.com

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Bagging for Tips



The Youth Department is busy bagging groceries for tips at Winn Dixie to help defray the cost of their summer trip to the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education in Indiana.



Neuromuscular and Trigger Point Therapy



Hot Stone Massage

Young Women's League *'Baby Contest Past and Present'*



2009
Marleigh Rollins
Renata Pettibone and Johnny Rollins
(Parents)



2011
Anthony Tyrone Sampson



2010
Braceson Donel Daily
Shamika Bracy and Larry Daily
(Parents)

"Macedonia's Little Anthony Tyrone Sampson Captures 1st Place"

The Young Women's League of the First Eastern Shore Missionary Baptist Association recently held its annual Baby Contest and Fashion Show. The Macedonia Family was represented by Master Anthony Sampson, son of Deacon and Sister Pamela Sampson and brother of Jordan and Kendall Sampson. A.J (as Little Anthony is fondly known) was all smiles during the event. Sister Arkel Smith served as Mistress of Ceremonies. Sister Earlie Smith is one of the sponsors of the group.

2011 Annual Greenleaf Tea



Stars from the Drama Ministry

“Christ is Lord”



“Behind the Scene”



Sis. Elease Powe

On Easter Sunday Evening the church was transformed into historical scenarios dating back to over 2000 years – as the **Drama Ministry** presented the original stage production: ‘**Christ Is Lord**’.

The drama was superbly executed by the actors, stage designers, lighting and sound crew, musicians, and an elite group of singers. The costumes (by designer Gail Montgomery) were especially beautiful and historically correct.

These dedicated people worked for 3 months to perfect their artistic abilities, and if the audience appreciation was any indication, all those hours spent in preparation were well worth the effort.

Tiffany Nicole Conaway

Memorial Scholarship



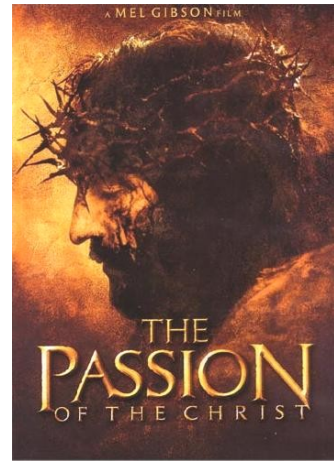
Pictured above: L/R Paige Pettaway, President, Sigma Eta Chapter, Francis B. Conaway, Tommie B. Conaway, Walter Turner, Scholarship Recipient, Dr. Westmoreland, President, Samford University, Dr. Denise Gregory, Sigma Eta Advisor

Sigma Eta Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. at Samford University in Birmingham awarded the Tiffany N. Conaway Memorial Scholarship on Thursday, May 5, 2011. Tiffany Conaway was the forerunner responsible for chartering Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. at Samford University and was also a strong advocate for diversity on campus. She was a driving force behind the Black Student Union and requested that Samford University offer a minority scholarship. The Tiffany Nicole Conaway Memorial Scholarship is given annually to a

minority Samford undergraduate in good standing with the University with a solid commitment to community service. The 2011 Scholarship Recipient is a senior chemistry major with a 3.79 grade point average from Alabaster, Alabama.



Sunday Night at the Movies



Our Fellowship Hall became a comfortable theater on Palm Sunday evening, for the showing of the movie "The Passion of Christ", sponsored by the Sunday School Department, with Sis. Elnora Jackson as Activities' Director. The idea was to prepare hearts and minds for the Holy Week Observance and the sacrificial death and resurrection of our Savior.

Those in attendance were treated to complimentary snacks, including cheddar popcorn, drinks and other goodies. The fellowship was warm and loving, the movie was inspiring, and a few tears of repentance were shed, as each of us internalized the thought, "He did for Me!"

Elease C. Powe

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Andre McConico recently received his Master's Degree in Library Media from the University of West Alabama in Livingston, Alabama. Graduating magna cum laude with a 3.81 GPA, he plans to continue graduate study this fall.



Born March 21, 2011 at 12:39 p.m. **Kaidyn Elle'xa McKenzie** was 7 pounds, 13 ounces, and 21 inches long. Kaidyn is the daughter of Ms. Lyndsay Briana Montgomery and Mr. Philip Sledge. She is also the granddaughter of Ms. Dorothy Williams and the great granddaughter of Mrs. Willie Mae Williams the late Lenzy Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Ollie (Catherine) Montgomery.

The Class of 2011



Bria Gipson
Spanish Fort High School



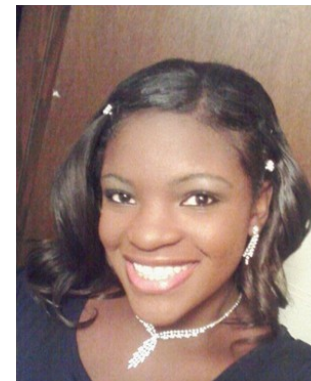
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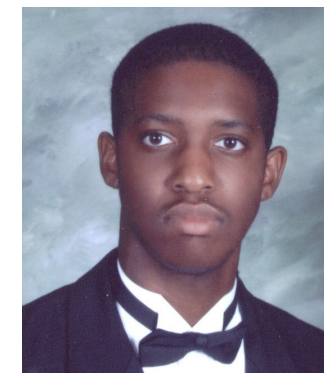
Andrea Armistead
Daphne High School



Brayden Shawn Mitchell was born December 17, 2010 in Dallas, Texas. His parents are Jeremy and Tiffany Mitchell. He is the grandson of Marcelete and the late Calvin Mitchell.



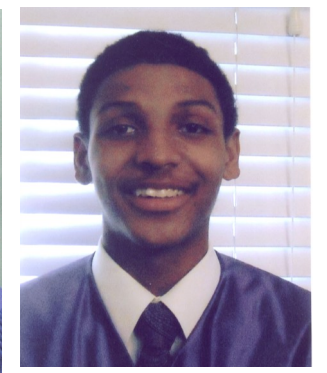
Ashley Safford
Daphne High School



Johnathan Perry
Daphne High School



Robert Nettles
Daphne High School



Vance Jenkins
Daphne High School

“An Evening Out with the Matrons”

After spending the evening with “The Temptations” the Matrons decided to “Jump the Broom”.

The Matrons visit the sick, serve food, and buy clothes for the needy. Whatever needs to be done, the Matrons are always there.

Sometimes they need to fellowship with each other and just have fun.

So they decided to go to the movies to see “Jumping the Broom”.

If you would like to be a part of this amazing ministry, contact one of the Matrons.



*I'm on my way to
Sunday School.*



Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church *Vacation Bible School*



June 13th—17th, 5:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

*I hope to see you
there this Sunday!*

9:30 a.m.—10:45 a.m.