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The Call and the Response

ABOVE ALL THINGS MINISTRY

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." - Ill John 1:2

Angry? Scared? Confused? Don't Be!!

(On April 3, 1968 Dr. King Told Us What To Do)



Are we ready to listen now?

(King said support Black-owned businesses)

(Listen to the video at <http://marching2march.org/wp-content/uploads/MLK4ktaa.mp4>)
OvergroundRR!! pastors ask each and everyone of us to listen and have everyone you know to listen. Post it on your facebook page, e-mail it, text it, and tell everyone you can to listen. Then support the OvergroundRR!! in fulfilling Dr. King's true dream of a truly free Black community.



Find Black-owned businesses...

Online at the new **OvergroundRR.com** & on pages 13-15)

The ORR pastors encourage us to know our history. So, we must honor their lives and sacrifices by seizing the issues of our day similar to Harriett Tubman.

Like Harriett Tubman, Dr. King did not spend his life lost in history but he took on the issues of his time.

After having gotten us off the back of the bus, into the front doors of stores, restaurants and hotels, into jobs and careers we could not previously have hoped to have, Dr. King told us that the next leg of the freedom journey is building our own economy.

(Listen to the video at <http://marching2march.org/wp-content/uploads/MLK4ktaa.mp4>)

Dr. King's final message to us was to establish build and support our own businesses. Few of us have ever heard a word spoken of Dr. King's very direct

and urgent mandate to us to become more economically independent as a people.

Well, OvergroundRR!! pastors are reminding us of the necessity of remembering the life-changing words of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., spoken on April 3, 1968 mere hours before he would lose his life. On that fateful night, Dr. King called for all of our people to practice a concept we now refer to as, "Kitchen Table Affirmative Action." The speech that contained this profound call for action is most famous for the contents

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Community Income Spending Comparison

Ethnicity	Population	Amt Spent (billions)	Bus. Revenues (billions)	Percent of Amount
Blacks	39,472,041	\$ 910	\$ 136	15%
Hispanics	48,232,635	\$ 978	\$ 350	36%
Asians	14,506,692	\$ 509	\$ 506	99%
Whites	244,493,339	\$ 9,125	\$ 24,061	263%

Source: The Selig Center of the University of Georgia 2008. This study is conducted every 10 years.

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Letter From the Chairman



Aaron Turpeau
ORR Chairman

Transitioning from Obama to Trump:
What does it mean for Black America?



I Don’t Know!

- **Slavery?** No! Been there done that.
- **Jim Crow?** No! Been there done that.
- **Separate but Equal?** Maybe? With no government intervention, this could be interesting if we started off equal. The problem is whites have 90 - 99% of the money.
- **Integration?** With no government intervention,

same as above with no money and an unequal playing field. We cannot get the equal without strong internal and external directions and

assistance. This direction and assistance must come from the local, state and national government leaders. Currently, I see no equalization plans from a Trump administration. The private sector, where he comes from, has the money, but has shown no signs favoring equalization, and when not encouraged by local leaders, no progress will be made in the Black Community for Black Americans.

Obama and all Presidents, for at least the past 50 years, realized the non-equalization of Americans and tried to give direction for equalization. The

Obamas as a Black family gave real hope for change, plus some programs, staff appointments and symbolism.

The Trumps with only wealthy, white and private sector experience, do not have a clue of what the problems are or where to start. So, with this apparent racist segment of his voter base, it will be a rough transition for Black folks.

BUT, we all have been shocked by “THE DONALD” before and his administration may right this ship called America (which needs a shock).

So again, I DON’T KNOW.

The ORR!!® welcomes new members...



Businesses

- Arrington, Oduola-Owoo & Mason, PC
Johnny M’s Pizza Bistro
Leonardo’s Restaurant
Rich Lawn Service, LLC
Sweet Auburn Seafood Restaurant

Alliances

- Carver College
Hammonds House Museum
Still Water Youth Sinfo-Nia of Metro Atl Inc.
Atlanta Crime Commission
The 5-Alarm Solutions

Thanks for getting aboard ...

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Black America Since MLK: And Still I Rise

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Overground RR!!® Pulpit



Host Pastor
Pastor Emeritus, Providence Missionary Baptist Church
Rev. Dr. Gerald L. Durley

It is an honor and great joy to share a word from God that our congregations, businesses, HBCU’s, families, and communities can feast upon for strength and faith in the aftermath of the 2016 United States Presidential election.

Just Be Still

Exodus 14:13-14; Psalm 46:10

On November 9, 2016, the world was awakened by a different political sound resonating from America. The hard fought contentious presidential election was completed and a leader had been declared the winner. As with all changes in leadership, there are winners, losers, and those who are just pleased that it’s all over. This election was unlike previous battles for control and power in that it was not one political party versus the other, but rather one man who successfully engendered the fears of those who desired change at any cost -- the campaign approach of exciting and exhorting the masses. Exodus 14:8 states that “the people left Egypt with fists raised in defiance.” They were bold and confident always depending on the sovereign nature of God. God, not happenstance, hardened Pharaoh’s hearts to go after them and bring them back to Egypt. When they turned and saw Pharaoh’s army pursuing them, their faith failed and their trust in God waned. They blamed Moses, and the powerful tools of Satan overpowered them and left them full of doubt and fear. They even questioned Moses as to whether “slavery was better than freedom.”

Many African Americans have expressed similar doubts and fears since the election results have been finalized. Some have openly stated that the progress which has been is not new nor unique to any civilization; however, the results have been generally the same throughout history. It results in a divisive atmosphere which requires post-election healing.

As I reflected on the numerous conversations I have had since November 9th, I’ve found the comfort to face this inevitable challenging future in the

Word of God. In Exodus the 14th chapter, there is an account recorded about what a people did when they experienced the oppressive feeling of fear from those in authority. The children of Israel had been in slavery for several centuries. They were forced to live inhumane lives; however, after praying to God for freedom, Moses was sent to lead them.

Achievements over the years will be abolished. “Fear has engulfed a nation and a people.”

There is a word from the Lord. Moses told the children of Israel in Exodus 14:13, “Don’t be afraid. Just stand still and watch the Lord rescue you today. The Egyptians you see today, you will never see again. The Lord has and will fight the battles for you, but you must be still. It’s difficult to be still, remain calm when there appears to be no way out and the enemy seems to be victorious over your life with its unpredictable circumstances. The Psalmist writes in 46:10 that in the midst of your fear “Be still and know that I am God.” Paul, in 2Timothy 2:1:7 shares some wise wisdom with young Timothy, who was depressed and ready to quit. His faith, in God, was being severely challenged. Paul told Timothy to “Fan the flame that God had placed in him.” He said that “God did not instill in him the spirit of fear, but of power, love, and self- discipline.”

These basic truths from the Old and New Testaments should be a source of encouraging strength that we, as Christian people, can trust that God will help us overcome our fears. Matthew teaches, “Don’t worry or be fearful about tomorrow for it will bring its own worries and fears. Today’s fears are enough for today.” (Matthew 6:33)

We should thank God for every opportunity which he places in our lives that forces us to not lean on our own finite understanding but in all of our ways, circumstances, and conditions give God the control. (Proverbs 5:6)

We must not allow the fear of what we do not know about the leadership of this new administration send our thinking and behavior back to a “slave, dependent mentality.” We as a God-fearing people have always known and respected who is in control. Our freedom comes from believing, in the truth, that when God frees us that we are “free indeed”. The message from God is that “to all who believe, trust, and obey his divine principles, thy should “Just be Still” and know that all is in divine order.

Beloved friends, this is a Kairos moment for us, as a people of faith. From the continent of Africa, to once again Revive our God-inspired ability to do for ourselves what we need to do to prosper. It must be remembered that as an African people, we have built great empires, constructed institutions of higher learning, discovered medical cures, invented the unimaginable, and created and supported our own businesses.

The outcome of this election simply means that we must “make” our congregations, businesses, HBCU’s, families, communities, and ourselves “Great Again.” **NO PERSON CAN DO IT FOR US!**

This is a God-ordained moment in history for us to once again trust and love on others by “Just Being Still”, listening to God and being obedient.

The Call and the Response (Continued from page 1)

of the final stanza wherein he proclaims, “I’ve Been To The Mountaintop!”

Over the years, we have indulged in the emotional inspiration of the message - and rightfully so. But in the midst of our indulgence, it appears that we have overlooked the life-changing directive he gave regarding the essential need to build up and support our own businesses. Fifty years later, much like the people of God who wandered in the wilderness for forty years and then finally emerged and awakened, the inspirational pastors of The OvergroundRR!!® are telling us to listen to Martin:

[C]ollectively -- that means all of us together - collectively we are richer than all the nations in the world, with the exception of nine. Did you ever think about that? After you leave the United States, Soviet Russia, Great Britain, West Germany, France, and I could name the others, the American Negro collectively is richer than most nations of the world. We have an annual income of more than thirty billion dollars a year, which is more than all of the exports of the United States, and more than the national budget of Canada. Did you know that? That’s power right there, if we know how to pool it.

. . . But not only that, we’ve got to strengthen black institutions. I call upon you to take your money out of the banks downtown and deposit your money in Tri-State Bank. We want a “bank-in” movement in Memphis. Go by the savings and loan association. I’m not asking you something that we don’t do ourselves at SCLC. Judge Hooks and others will tell you that we have an account here in the savings and loan association from the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. We are telling you to follow what we are doing. Put your money there.

You have six or seven black insurance companies here in the city of Memphis. Take out your insurance there. We want to have an “insurance-in.” Now these are some practical things that we can do. We begin the process of building a greater economic base...

(Emphasis in original) Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., I’ve Been to the Mountaintop speech delivered 3 April 1968 (Listen to the 2 ½ minute audio of edited excerpts at Marching2march.org).

Following Dr. King’s instructions we now have the ORR!!® Business Directory (see pages 13-15) to find

businesses owned by members of our own community. It has become the central business directory in the Atlanta Black community found in *The Conductor* newspaper that has the third largest circulation per issue in the State of Georgia.

Additionally, the ORR!!® Business Directory can also be found on the website, www.overgroundrr.com. It has grown to have more than 1 million hits per year, including your church business owners being members of the ORR!!®.

The Pastors of this great movement pointed us to the victories over the chained and Jim Crow terroristic slavery of our past. Our leaders pointed out that when Dr. King on April 3, 1968 directed us to start supporting our own businesses, Black spending was more than \$30 billion dollars a year. Now, as shown in the chart on the front page, it is \$910 billion dollars.

Where does you, your business and your church stand? Answer Dr. King’s call!

Join the OvergroundRR!! GET ON BOARD!!





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AGES is the section of The Conductor that is directed towards highlighting Arts, Gospel, Entertainment and Sports activities and events taking place within the African-American community; and specifically featured or presented within the Metropolitan Atlanta area. To learn how your church, business or organization can get involved, please contact The Overground RR!!® office at 404-346-0808.

Arts



Looking for the Grapevine: A Story of Marvin Gaye in Concert

Written and Directed by Paul Evans III

Thursday, April 6, 2017 @ 10am
Friday, April 7, 2017 10am
\$10.00

Friday, April 7, 2017 8pm
Saturday, April 8, 2017 8pm
\$15.00

The Porter Sanford III Performing Arts and Community Center
3181 Rainbow Dr. Decatur, 30034

Gospel

Concerned Black Clergy Weekly Community Forums:

Every Monday at 9:30 AM, you are invited to share in one of the most insightful and informative community forums in Metropolitan Atlanta. The forums are held at the Vicars Community Center at 838 Cascade Road SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30310.



Concerned Black Clergy Monthly Clergy Luncheon:

The Concerned Black Clergy would like to invite all clergy to the Clergy Empowerment Luncheons held every 4th Thursday of each month. These luncheons are designed to equip clergy with vital information provided from selected professionals and experts in the areas of economic development, education, finances, health, community enhancement and spiritual awareness.

Entertainment



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FUNKFEST AT WOLFCREEK

Venue: Wolf Creek Amphitheater

Friday, May 19th | Saturday, May 20th | Sunday, May 21st

PERFORMING ARTISTS

Erykah Badu | BBD | Kenny “Babyface” Edmonds | Brandy
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*Performing artists are subject to change

Sports

D12 Foundation: The Dwight Howard Foundation

About the D12 Foundation

The D12 Foundation is focused on facilitating positive change in the lives of American youth – as well as girls in East Africa – through strategic programmatic and funding partners. Guided by D12 Foundation founder and president, Dwight Howard, we seek to strategically and effectively help close critical community “gaps” by making best use of our unique position and talents, and partnering with individuals and organizations who share our vision.

Dwight David Howard is an American professional basketball player for the Atlanta Hawks of the National Basketball Association. Howard, who plays center, had an outstanding high school career at Southwest Atlanta Christian Academy.

“TO PLANT SEEDS, CULTIVATE THEM AND WATCH THEM GROW”
- DWIGHT HOWARD



Twanda Black of KISS 104.1 FM Radio
Business in the Black

TWANDA BLACK ON THE ROAD

I have begun to look at retirement (I've got maybe 12-15 years) and what I will do in the next phase of life, so many things I could do, but recently I became a travel agent, something I've always wanted to do, but couldn't afford it when I was younger. I recognize that I need multiple streams of income right now, because nothing is promised and we are all moving towards the day when we don't have to get up early and I want to be ready! So when I can, I get up and go.

In October, I was blessed to go right up the road to Braselton, GA to the spa at Chateau Elan for my birthday, a gift from my son. With only 14 suites in the spa, it was beautiful, comfortable and sooo quiet, I was actually a bit unnerved back there in the woods. I couldn't get internet, so I figured the Lord was telling me to disconnect and I did. I took a long walk in the woods between my massage, facial and other services and it was exhilarating to not be in a hurry for that next thing. I went to dinner alone, at first I felt a bit strange, but I love my own company, so I quickly got over it. The food was phenomenal and the chef came out and talked with me at length about his life and family. The service was impeccable and when it was time to go, I



Montego Bay

felt rejuvenated and ready to take on the world again or at the least my crazy schedule!

November 1st, I found myself on a plane to tour Sandals and Beaches resorts in Jamaica (a wonderful benefit for a travel agent). As Sandals Specialists, there were about 100 of us from our travel agency and we traveled from Whitehouse to Montego Bay, then on to Negril and on to Ocho Rios to sleep in the most comfortable beds in beautiful suites, taste the most delicious foods in the swankiest restaurants, drink the fruitiest drinks and swim in the bluest waters all in 5 days! From the beach walk-up suites to the all-butler suites, the all-inclusive resorts were phenomenal! The Beaches resorts, which cater to families were so much fun with activities just for your children. We watched the children running around with caretakers while the parents chilled on the beach. Jamaica knows how to do hospitality right- I loved being called M'Lady.

A few days after I got off the plane from Jamaica, I was

on a cruise to the Bahamas from Port Canaveral. Now if you've never taken a cruise- it's a must! I know you can't "drink all that water" but you don't have to. This was my 4th cruise but the first one with my lovely mother. From the entertainment to the food, the journey was great. The weather was just right when we got to the island of Nassau. We had lunch at one of the best restaurants near Pompey Square with again great service. The open air market is interesting because unlike here at home, you can bargain for your items and it seems the vendors love a lively negotiation. I met so many interesting people on the ship, all colors and nationalities, I even met a couple from Israel and am hoping to host them in my home in 2016.

Next year, I'm going to Hawaii to visit my son and maybe Paris (it depends!) One thing about travel is that it is an experience you never forget.

But what I loved most was watching people being kind to their loved ones, holding hands, pushing wheel chairs, comforting screaming children, speaking in various languages but still having the same agenda- to get there!



Black Business Month - Marching2March

(website: www.Marching2March.org)

A Message from The Chief Convener

From Protest to Economic Power



Rev. Timothy McDonald, III

“What if Black athletes and entertainers decided to reinvest 10% of their earnings back into the Black communities? What if Black America decided to once again buy Black, support Black businesses, bank Black and just be Black? This is NOT being anti-white; this is just being pro-Black...”

Our nation has just experienced one of the most unprecedented elections in the history of our struggling democracy. No one predicted nor saw that Donald Trump, given all of the negativity he generated, could possibly become our next president. On November 9th, our nation was in great shock. For the first time following a presidential election, we saw our streets in more than 20 major cities erupt in marches and demonstrations. We saw students from high schools and colleges and universities hit the streets in protest. They were shouting and continue to shout even today: “NOT MY PRESIDENT”. Thousands and even tens of thousands went to the streets. One had to wonder, “How Did We Get Here?”

Now that we have had a chance to analyze the returns, we note that 53% of white women voted for Trump and we can’t figure out why. Our nation is deeply divided, perhaps more divided than it has ever been. There is deep anger and resentment and distrust and disbelief. So, the question must be asked -- given the present state of discontent: “HOW DO WE TRANSLATE OUR PROTEST INTO ECONOMIC POWER?”

I remember the Honorable Maynard Jackson, former Mayor of Atlanta saying in one of his speeches at the Hungry Club Forum that POLITICS IS THE ART OF DISTRIBUTING THE MONEY. This is so true and even more so today since the gap between the Haves and the Have Nots has widened and the African-American community has experienced this pain more than most. We have to figure out **How to Teach Our Dollars Some \$Cents**. The last successful Selective Buying Campaign (Boycott) we had in this country was the South African Divestment Campaign during the early 90s, that helped to free Nelson Mandela. We targeted companies and corporations that traded with and did business with the nation of South Africa. Through our collective endeavors, we were able to get governments, including the United States to withdraw its economic support from the Apartheid Regime of South Africa.

A close reading of history of the Civil Rights Movement particularly the Montgomery Movement, not only marched, and rallied, but had at the center of its activities, THE BUS BOYCOTT. An even closer reading of this history will reveal that not only was the bus company boycotted, but the downtown businesses were also boycotted, and it was the impact and persuasion upon the downtown businesses that caused the owners of the bus company to change its policies and to bring the Bus Boycott to an end. One should note that Dr. King and the leaders of the Civil Rights Movement totally understood the relationship between

Protest and Economics. They understood the power of Black buying and Black withholding. If there is one language everybody in Washington understands, it is MONEY!!! Therefore, if we are upset with the outcome of this past election, our response must include HOW WE SPEND OUR DOLLARS!!!

I support all the marches, rallies and walk outs, but where is the economic component? How do we translate our rhetoric into practice? How do we collectively speak the language of economics that will cause Washington to come to a standstill? Lest we forget that Dr. King was organizing The Poor People’s Campaign when he was assassinated. His goal was to shut Washington down until it changed its policies towards the poor. He was calling for a redistribution of the wealth in America and for this he was killed. So, the questions become for us: “How much of a risk are we willing to take, and how much of a sacrifice are we willing to make to bring about economic equity in this country for Black people?”

I suggest that we start first with all the businesses and companies that Donald Trump owns and make sure that we no longer support them and that we call upon others of goodwill to not support them as well. I was encouraged to hear that some professional basketball players announced that they would no longer stay in Trump-owned hotels. What if we targeted Trump-manufactured merchandise, goods, and services? What if we targeted and met with American companies that do busy with the Trump Enterprise and asked them to cease their support? What if when bad legislation was being introduced and discussed in Washington that we could surmount a selective buying campaign that produced a tremendous negative impact on Wall Street that would then cause them to put pressure on our Elected Officials to do the right thing? What if we targeted key elected officials who have voted against our progress and our agendas, and make sure they are ousted? We have done this before and this is why they seek to suppress our vote.

As a positive approach, what if Black athletes decided to not play a game to protest bad economic legislation and policies coming out of Washington? What if Black athletes and entertainers decided to reinvest 10% of their earnings back into the Black communities? What if **Black America** decided to once again **buy Black, support Black businesses, bank Black and just be Black**? This is NOT being anti-white; this is just being pro-Black, and if the truth be told, every other nationality does this. What if we were able to turn our protest into economic power? WHAT IF???



SisterTalk 2016: CLAIMING YOUR POWER WEEKEND

A 2-Day Women’s Empowerment and Leadership Conference



ATLANTA, GA, NOVEMBER 11-12, 2016 -- Conference founder and keynote speaker The Honorable Judge Penny Brown Reynolds hosted SisterTalk 2016 which was held at the Georgia International Convention Center in College Park, GA. This year’s session was packed with over 35 dynamic presenters, local celebrities and awards recipients.


DAY ONE - POWERTALK: A PROFESSIONAL & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT DAY
Day One kicked off with morning “Breaking the Code” Sessions focusing on the dynamics of leadership, continuing education in law and quality care in medicine. The Women of Power Luncheon followed where Ingrid Saunders Jones, Chair of the National Council of Negro Women, received the 2016 Icon Award.

The evening ensued with An Ultimate Evening of Transformation, which was a spirit-filled gathering of inspiration, praise, healing and worship featuring praise bands and choirs.

DAY TWO- SISTERTALK EMPOWERMENT DAY: CLAIMING YOUR POWER
Day Two was packed with a plenary session, a town hall meeting and the Sister of Substance Awards Luncheon where the honorees included Judge Glenda Hatchett, Shirley Strawberry and Keshia Knight Pulliam. Afternoon break-out sessions featured nine workshops on topics ranging from finances, health, community, ministry and digital learning. The evening culminated with a concert gala featuring legendary R&B group, The Whispers.








News & Talk

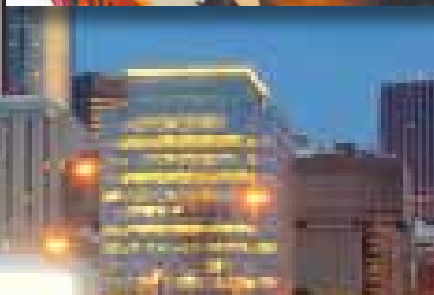
















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Restaurateur Leonardo Wilson Opens Upscale Restaurant in Southwest Atlanta



In 1980, Leonardo Wilson became a licensed Certified Public Accountant in New Jersey and opened his firm the same year. 15 years later, he ventured a little further south to Durham, N.C. and opened a Burger King franchise. “At the time, the Burger King Corporation had a 98 percent success rate,” he recalls. “So I knew that the chances of failure were low.” Even with the success of the fast food restaurant, Wilson was not completely satisfied.

“I realized in this country, you need multiple streams of income and positive cash flow. Being an accountant warrants me much needed knowledge about profit/loss, labor control, food cost and waste,” said Wilson.

After being in the fast food chain business for nearly a decade, Wilson went even further South to Atlanta and opened a different franchise in the Greenbriar Mall area in 2004. Since its opening, the business has been very successful in serving the Atlanta community. However, in November 2015, Wilson saw a need for a more upscale restaurant in the Southwest Atlanta Community and opened Leonardo’s House of Pancakes Restaurant, located at 2841 Greenbriar Parkway, Atlanta, Georgia 30331. The stylish restaurant offers the southwest Atlanta community a variety of menu items including southern favorites, classics and specialty items for breakfast, lunch and dinner that are sure to whet your appetite. There is also a fun kids’ menu available and “a never empty coffee pot” for avid coffee drinkers.

Mr. Wilson has also expanded the vibe of his restaurant to include live entertainment on Fridays and Saturdays from 6pm-10pm featuring Lou Grant, The One Man Band, as well as accommodations for special events and parties.

With the steady influx of Greenbriar Mall shoppers, recent streetscape improvements, thriving neighborhood businesses such as Tyler Perry Studios and the new Planet Fitness, as well as nearby houses of worship, Wilson is confident in a growth spurt that will enhance his business and serve as a welcome addition to the Southwest Atlanta community.

Before becoming an accountant or even entrepreneur, Wilson credits family members for inspiring him into the business man he is today. His uncle was the owner of a corner grocery that was familiar in many cities and towns. Wilson spent his down time working in the store and learning many lessons that would carry over into adulthood. His mother, a teacher by profession, opened a cafe where hamburgers, hot dogs, fried fish, etc. were the specialties. Looking back in his family lineage, his business knowledge seems to be inherited. He credits their determination as a seed that was planted years ago to do what he is doing now. Even though both have passed away, he still recalls his father saying, “What

kind of work? Teamwork!” Such mantra has kept his crew on the same professional level that kept customers satisfied and coming back.

Today, Mr. Wilson is the proud owner of Leonardo’s House of Pancakes Restaurant, the #1 privately-owned pancake house in the Southern Region of the United States.

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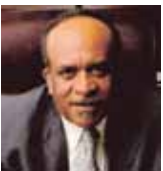
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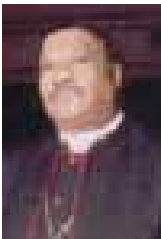
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Congratulates Bishop
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Bishop Reginald T. Jackson, the former Executive Director of the Black Ministers Council of New Jersey and a leading figure in the state's black community, was named Presiding Prelate of the Sixth District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in 2016. He leads more than 500 African Methodist Episcopal churches in Georgia and serves on the Board of Trustees for Morris Brown College and was elected its new chair.

The ORR!! Congratulates Rev. Dr. Eyvonne Whitman on Her
Appointment to Presiding Elder of the Athens-Vidalia District



*“Ministry is my life and
my love! I love God. I love
leading people. I love lifting
people. I love loving people.
I love teaching people. I love
reaching out to people.”*

The OvergroundRR!! would like to congratulate Rev. Dr. Eyvonne Hudson Whitman, former pastor of First AME Church Atlanta, on her appointment by Presiding Prelate, Bishop Reginald T. Jackson to Presiding Elder of the Athens-Vidalia District of the Sixth Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Prior to this appointment, Dr. Whitman served as Presiding Elder of the Valdosta District of the Sixth Episcopal District of the AME Church.

In September 1996, Dr. Whitman accepted the call to ministry. She was licensed to preach in 1996 by the Atlanta-North Georgia Conference. She was ordained an Itinerant Deacon in May 1999 and an Itinerant Elder in May 2001. She has been the first female pastor at each of the three charges she has had the privilege of serving including Pleasant Hill AME Church in College Park, Holly Grove AME Church in Peachtree City, and First AME Church Atlanta.

Dr. Whitman has served as a Conference Trustee of the Sixth Episcopal District of the AME Church, as well as Chairwoman of the First Year Class of the Board of Examiners. She has also served the AME Church in various capacities in the 2nd, 5th and 12th Episcopal Districts. Dr. Whitman received her Master of Divinity degree with a concentration in Homiletics and Christian Worship from Turner Theological Center in Atlanta in May 2002. She received her Doctorate of Ministry degree from The United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio in May 2011. Her area of concentration was Congregational Development and Forming New Faith Communities in the 21st Century, including a Womanist Theological Perspective.



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**Student Minister
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MUHAMMAD'S MOSQUE #15: Committed to Saving the Black Community Because "It's the Right Thing to Do"

Student Minister Sharrieff Muhammad leads Muhammad's Mosque #15, located at 3642 Campbellton Road SW, Atlanta, GA 30331. Muhammad's Mosque #15 operates as the Southern Regional Headquarters for the Nation of Islam (NOI) on behalf of the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan. Student Minister Sharrieff presides over 23 organized mosques and study circles in the southern region of the United States including Georgia, Alabama, and Tennessee.

Muhammad's Mosque #15 holds several services throughout the week including services open to the public on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday. The main service is held on Sunday and study meetings/circles are held on Wednesday and Friday. Saturdays are reserved for All Women Training and Mondays are reserved for All Men Training.

Committed to Action in the Community

While Mosque #15 is very active in several ministries, Student Minister Sharrieff is most proud of their community outreach efforts for real change and has highlighted a few:

- **Food Bank:** The Food Bank serves hundreds of people in the community every Tuesday by providing free food. They also provide a free breakfast program on Sunday mornings. All are welcome.
- **Health Commerce:** Muhammad's Mosque #15 partners with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in a town-hall setting every Thursday in which they address major issues and concerns regarding health.
- **Security:** Every Friday and Saturday, Muhammad's Mosque #15 provides security for women in the Clark Atlanta University area from 5pm-9pm. As a result of their presence, the rate of crime has declined in that area. The Mosque and the Atlanta Local Organizing Committee (L.O.C.) which includes, preachers, activists, etc. conducted a march there as well.

In addition, Muhammad's Mosque #15 regularly participates in local organization meetings including The Concerned Black Clergy (CBC) and the National

Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

"We're all over the place. We've been doing work in the community for a long time, but nobody really knows in the larger community because we don't do it for publicity. We do it because it's the right thing to do," said Student Minister Sharrieff.

Saving Our People from Crime and Violence

"The Honorable Minister Farrakhan asked us to recruit 10,000 fearless men and women and train them to go into the streets to save our people from guns and violence. We're doing everything we can to stop the crime in the community. If it's going to get done, we have to do it – we can't wait on someone else to do it. I'm getting together with Rev. McDonald, The Concerned Black Clergy and The Atlanta L.O.C. and we're going into "The Bluff." We're going door-to-door," said Student Minister Sharrieff.

In late November 2015, The Nation of Islam opened up a command center in "The Bluff," which is a well-known high-crime area in Metro Atlanta that is riddled with violence and drugs. The command center serves as a Conflict Resolution Center anchored in the community and provides negotiations for gangs as well as domestic and family situations. A 24-hour hotline is available for the public for any conflict. "We don't take sides, we stay neutral." We try to do everything we can to stop crime in our communities," said Student Minister Sharrieff. According to Student Minister Sharrieff, similar centers are opening up all across the country.

In addition, the NOI advocates spending dollars with businesses in the Black community to turn our economic situation around and get the attention of corporate America. "If we unite, we can change things. Our problem is we won't unite," Student Minister Sharrieff said.

Up with Jesus, Down with Santa Holiday Boycott

On October 10, 2015, the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan assembled one million people of all races and faiths to unite for real change at the 20th Anniversary of the Million Man March in Washington, D.C. During this assembly for real change, Minister Farrakhan called for a boycott called "Up with Jesus, Down with Santa", which was essentially a boycott of holiday spending from Black

Friday, November 27, 2015 through Jan. 2, 2015 as a first step in addressing the wanton murders of Blacks by the police forces of America, as well as the other injustices that have plagued Black communities for generations. "Muslims believe in Jesus. We cannot be a Muslim if we don't believe in Jesus," said Student Minister Sharrieff.

Student Minister Sharrieff recommends that the Black community follow the instructions of The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan because Blacks are at a critical point in our lives. Please visit www.justiceorelse.com for more information on the vision of The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan and the staggering statistics on the injustices that must be addressed now.

The Time is Now to Unite

Student Minister Sharrieff invites all clergy, activists, organizations and concerned citizens of all faiths who are interested in the common cause of saving the Black community, to come together and join him at the Atlanta L.O.C. meetings which are held every 1st & 3rd Tuesday at 7pm at First Iconium Baptist Church located at 542 Moreland Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30316. The meetings are hosted by Convener, Rev. Timothy McDonald III and Co-Convener, Student Minister Sharrieff Muhammad.

"We are striving as hard as we can to unite our people and teach them that we have to do for ourselves throughout this whole country -- which includes buying farmland to plant our own food and opening our own schools, among other things."

Student Minister Sharrieff is also committed to breaking down barriers when it comes to understanding Islam and Christianity as he hosts a bi-monthly Q & A forum called "Ever Wanted to Know the Truth about...Islam?" This is a forum that is open to the public and held at the Rendezvous Event Centre and Banquet Hall located at 1174 Forest Parkway, Morrow, GA 30260, 678-597-8566.

For more information on Muhammad's Mosque #15, please contact 678-705-1361 or visit their website at www.noiatlanta.org.



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First AME Church Atlanta (FAME) is located at 2046 Richard Allen Lane, SE in Atlanta. The church was established in 1939 and currently has a congregation of approximately 125 members. The mission of FAME is to provide a holistic ministry to all persons, specifically meeting the spiritual, intellectual, physical, emotional, social and moral needs in a theological context of liberation, healing and hope to persons in the

Atlanta area. The church’s motto is: “We are God’s people – praying, walking and serving in the beauty of holiness.”

FAME Ministries

In addition to weekday studies, FAME has several ministries designed to engage and enrich the congregation and surrounding community through Christian Education, Outreach, Music, Sacred Arts and Service. Outreach ministries and activities

including Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, the Youth Tutorial Program, Ruth’s Clothing Closet, the Food Pantry and the Feast Fit for A King or A Queen event.

Mission-minded and outreach-oriented activities are promoted and supported such as projects by The Women’s Missionary Society (WMS) such as making handmade quilts/blankets for the DeKalb County Fire Department and making dresses out

of pillowcases for children in Africa. The WMS also instituted Ruth’s Clothing Closet approximately three years ago and serves the community through referrals by United Way 211. The WMS and The Sons of Allen initiated the Food Pantry which also receives referrals from United Way 211. FAME also has plans to revive its Fitness Nutrition Ministry.

FAME Goals

One of the major goals for FAME is to increase overall participation in ministries of the church and overall membership. Another major goal is to promote Evangelism through the media ministry and to be a more visible and viable presence in the community.

FAME Service Times:

Senior Bible Study:

Wednesday: 12 Noon-1:00 PM

Bible Study:

Wednesday: 6:30 PM-8:00 PM

Sunday Church School:

Sunday: 8:30 AM each Sunday

Sunday Worship Service:

Sunday: 10:00 AM each Sunday

Prayer Line Ministry:

Monday-Friday: 9:00 PM

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For more information, contact FAME at 404-241-5900 or visit their website at www.fameatl.org.

ABOUT THE PASTOR: The Reverend Carlos Termaine Young

The Reverend Carlos Termaine Young is a native of Savannah Georgia. He is the son of Ms. Sadie M. Young. He graduated from Windsor Forrest High School in Savannah, Georgia; earned an Associate in Liberal Arts from Saint Leo University, Bachelor in Business Administration from Brenau University and is currently attending The Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Georgia to earn a Masters of Divinity.

Pastor Young gave his life to Christ early and accepted the call to preach at the age of 14. He received his license to preach in the African Methodist Episcopal Church on Sunday August 23rd, 1992 from the late Reverend Thomas Jefferson Kent, Presiding Elder of the former Savannah District, under the pastoral lead of The Reverend Harvey R. Williamson, now Presiding Elder. Pastor Young is a son of Townsley Chapel AME Church Savannah, Georgia and has been blessed to serve several congregations over the past 19 years throughout the state of Georgia. Among them are:

- Saint Luke, Saint Simmons Island, GA
- Saint Matthews, Waynesville, GA
- Saint Mark and Saint James, McIntosh County, GA
- New Mount Mariah, Swainsboro, GA
- Lyons Circuit: Bethel-Collins and Saint Luke- Lyons, GA
- New Wrens Chapel, Wrens, GA
- Greater Bethel, Athens, GA
- First African Methodist Episcopal Church, Atlanta, GA

Pastor Young has served on several Boards, Organizations and held many Offices. CEO/ Chair of “Bethel Mid-Town Village”, a low income housing complex 196 units in Athens GA. Pastor Young was also privileged with the opportunity to serve in the following capacities in the Augusta Georgia Annual Conference: Conference Treasurer, Board of Trustees, Broad of Examiners of Preachers to the Annual Conference, Alternate Delegate to General Conference, and former accountant of the former Wrens-Vidalia District and assistant to Presiding Elder. The Voice/Creator of the Greater Moment which aired on WXAG 1400AM and 92.7 FM which first aired December 2015 along with Mrs. Amanda Young. Currently Pastor Young serves on the Executive Board of the West Atlanta District as Chaplain and a member of the Finance Committee. Pastor Young is proudly married to Mrs. Amanda N. Young and has one daughter, LaDeidra.





SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER
Antioch AME Church, Stone Mountain, Georgia

DIRECTOR
New Jerusalem Baptist Church



Opal Ware Johnson, Ph.D

Dr. Opal began teaching Sunday School 56 years ago. She strives to partner with parents in the teaching of the Bible to help children Know The Way of Salvation, Grow in their Love for God and His Word, and Show His Love to others. She believes in accurately teaching the whole counsel of God to the next generation and I am confident that He will use His Word to transform the hearts of our children.

Sundays at 9:00 am, Antioch offers Sunday School for all ages. The children are divided by grade and are taught from the Bible how to KNOW The Way of Salvation, to Grow in Love for God and His Word, and to SHOW His Love to others. Dr. Opal wants to see the students GROW in the likeness of Jesus, WALK in the WISDOM and TRUTH of GOD’S WORD, SHARE the GOSPEL with the LOST, ENJOY relationships founded in TRUTH, SERVE the CHURCH body, and PRAISE GOD with their lives.

Dr. Opal provides the students with a variety of experiences by holding Sunday School in restaurants such as McDonald’s, Burger King, and even at Boston Market where they are served breakfast. She also takes them on a tour of the DeKalb County Jail twice a year, which is a great Sunday School lesson for them. *“Sunday School is my life because I can see I have made a difference in a lot of children’s lives.”*



Fery Varist III (Polo)

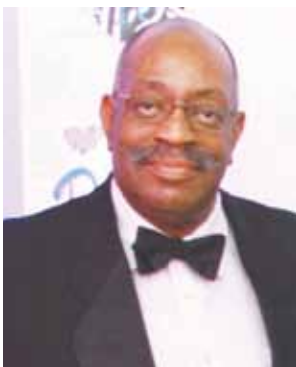
Since the early years of his life, Polo has had a passion for people and that has not changed. He remembers riding in the church van with his father to Peachtree & Pine to pick up the homeless. They were a part of a church that pioneered what they called “THE HOMELESS MINISTRY”.

At the end of each service, there would be at least one homeless man or woman that would share their story. They would elaborate on what specific issues or turmoil took place in their lives that landed them in their current situation. Some would talk of deceased spouses and/or children. Some would speak of siblings that died a wrongful death. Others would share that life just got too complicated and it began to pass them by. They found an addiction to numb the pain.

After many years, his life has come full circle. With age came a willingness to reach deep into the lives of the less fortunate; a willingness to educate himself on the parameters of addiction & mental illness; and a willingness to give of his time and the tools that have been provided to him to help others. *“I want to inspire people! I want someone to look at me and say: because of you...I didn’t give up.”*

MINISTER
Grace Community Fellowship Church

ASSOCIATE MINISTER
Clarkston First Baptist Church



Minister Dana Williams

Minister Dana Williams has served at Grace Community Fellowship Church for over five years. Minister Dana has raised his daughter and has moved from some very difficult financial and living situations to the place he is now. From catching the bus, walking, to finally having transportation of his own. Dana is a very vital and active member of his church and volunteers as much of his time as he has available at his church’s community food pantry.

Dana is a single father who has raised his daughter since she was three weeks old with no help at all from her mother. He has always been a hard working father in an effort to improve the life of his child.

Minister Dana is one of Grace Community Fellowship Church’s Heroes! We are thankful to have him be a part of our congregation to help accomplish the mission, vision and will of God for our church.



Rev. Charlene Thompson

Rev. Charlene Thompson has been a member of Clarkston First Baptist Church for 33 years! Rev. Thompson currently serves as Associate Minister, Bible Institute Instructor, Sunday School Teacher, PLACE Facilitator, and Trustee. She is employed by Clarkston First Baptist Church as its Church Administrator, overseeing the day-to-day business operations of the church, day care center, and staff.

Rev. Thompson is the proud mother of one adult son, Darrell Gemayel. She is a graduate of Georgia Southern College, Georgia Institute of Technology, Clarkston First Baptist Bible Institute, and the MWE School of Ministry.

“Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth”. 2 Timothy 2:15



Community



NAACP Atlanta Why Black Lives **Don't** Matter

When many Black Americans hear the term “oppressed people,” it may seem as a distant label to describe poverty-stricken citizens of distant lands. Countries such as Haiti and Brazil may come to mind without a real understanding of the psychological definition of oppression and how oppression defines a society.

Slavery was an economic system made possible by oppression. Since slaves did not benefit from the oppression, slavery had to be maintained by violence that supported the enforcement of the unjust and inhumane laws and practices in America and other western hemisphere countries conquered by European invaders. Jim Crow practices, particularly in states of the old Confederacy, were but a variation of slavery that continued to suppress the acquisition of economic skills, the earnings prospects and freedom of movement. Such practices remain a part of the American fabric as legacies and the economic and cultural effect of such legacies.

Oppression exists when a system of norms and practices harms a socially-defined group, another group receives preferential treatment and coercion exists to maintain the oppression, usually through violence. Some members of the oppressed group participate in the oppression of others in the oppressed group which reinforces the oppression as does the acceptance of the oppression by the oppressed. Accounts of Blacks who tipped off slave plans to rebel and escape abound throughout American history, and baby boomers can recount the abusive behavior of newly-hired Black police officers that mimicked white officers whose objective was to arrest and incarcerate black men and women.

To explain and defend slavery, America claimed that whites were the superior race -- a concept that colonial powers carried to all corners of the earth. After emancipation of slaves, the premise of white superiority was expanded to allege black inferiority based on lack of education, enforced poverty and false accusations of laziness and dishonesty. Vagrancy laws allowed Black men to be incarcerated for simply asking to be hired then hired out as convict labor, again being denied benefits of the value of their services. False accusations of theft, sexual assault and flirting with white women expanded the supply of convict labor. James English, a former Atlanta mayor, was a noted beneficiary of convict labor. Of course, the right to participate in governance was central to the continued oppression although the right to vote was constitutionally allowed.

Still today, 151 years after slavery was abolished, America remains a society where oppression exists. There are still practices and norms under which a social group suffers from these practices, a group that receives preferential treatment and coercion maintains the oppression. This coercion is manifested in the acceptance of oppression by all involved groups: the oppressors, the beneficiaries of the oppression and the oppressed. Fruits of oppression are deprivation and degradation. For many Black and brown citizens, deprivation no longer defines their existence, but deprivation still defines large swaths of American cities and degradation is ingrained in police practices, the justice system and by some members of the oppressed group.

How does the oppressed group accept oppression? Until the 1960's, Southern accepted norms by black citizens included:

- Accept being referred to by derogatory demeaning terms such as the “N” word, “boy” and “girl.” Black ministers were not referred to by the title “Reverend” rather called “preacher.” The “N” word was and is embraced by segments of the Black community which is acceptance of the degradation.
- Accept being relegated as unequal by entering movie theaters through side or back doors and seated in separate and decidedly unequal facilities while paying the same admission fee as whites.
- Failure to take full advantage of the admittedly limited educational opportunities available.
- Failure to exercise the right and privilege to vote.



RICHARD ROSE, Atlanta NAACP President

After the Civil War and faced with the loss of slavery as an enforcer of economic oppression, Southern reinforcement of white supremacy took on new forms. One that continues to date is the assertion of the validity of the “lost cause.” To validate the “just” rationale for the Civil War, monuments, memorials and celebrations of the Confederate States of America were constructed and adopted. The message continues to be “our cause was just although our armies did not prevail.” Georgia is home to the largest shrine to white supremacy in the history of the world at Stone Mountain. Blacks visit Stone Mountain and are apparently oblivious to the obvious celebration of white supremacy and black degradation that the park signifies from Confederate Hall to Stonewall Jackson Drive. These continued celebrations reinforce the principle of white supremacy among the oppressor group as well as the oppressed group.

Black lives **don't** matter to the oppressors because Black lives have been intentionally degraded. Black communities have been deprived of educational and economic opportunity, and free movement has been denied and curtailed. Black lives **don't** matter because state and local governments have effectively endorsed and supported terrorism against Black Americans by celebrating white supremacy and mourning the end of slavery. Black lives **don't** matter because Blacks have accepted degradation and deprivation through voter apathy and internal oppression such as gang activity, intra-community violence and crimes. Black lives **don't** matter because some Blacks have accepted the premises of Black inferiority to support white supremacy: ignorance, dishonesty, incompetence, laziness and shiftless.

Black lives **can** matter if there is a recognition of the oppression and a response. The response to oppression must always be resistance.



ABOUT NAACP ATLANTA

Founded in 1909, the NAACP is the nation’s oldest and largest civil rights organization. From the ballot box to the classroom, the thousands of dedicated workers, organizers, leaders and members who make up the NAACP continue to fight for social justice for all Americans. From the ballot box to the classroom, the thousands of dedicated workers, organizers, leaders and members who make up the NAACP continue to fight for social justice for all Americans.

Mission Statement

The mission of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is to ensure the political, educational, social and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination.

Vision Statement

The vision of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is to ensure a society in which all individuals have equal rights and there is no racial hatred or racial discrimination.

COMMITTEES:

- **COMMUNICATIONS, PRESS AND PUBLICITY:** Seek to promote media content consistent with fundamental NAACP goals which include the elimination of racial isolation and fear and the furtherance of multiracial and cultural understanding.
- **COMMUNITY COORDINATION:** Enlist the support of other community organizations on issues affecting the interests of African Americans and other communities of color.
- **EDUCATION:** Seek to eliminate segregation and other discriminatory practices in public education.
- **FREEDOM FUND:** Plan and conduct fund-raising activities, entertainment and other projects, for local and national purposes.
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- **MEMBERSHIP:** Work throughout the year to maintain and increase the membership.
- **POLITICAL ACTION:** Seek to increase registration and voting and work for the enactment of municipal, state and federal legislation designed to improve the educational, political and economic status of minority groups.
- **ACT-50:** Conduct annual academic competitions for students in grades nine through twelve.
- **HOUSING:** Study housing conditions in the local community.
- **LABOR AND INDUSTRY:** Seek ways to improve the economic status of minority groups.
- **ARMED SERVICES AND VETERANS AFFAIRS:** Seek to establish a working relationship with those agencies in government, national, state and local having the responsibility in the affairs of members of the various Armed Services and Veterans.
- **RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS:** Promote an educational program designed to give moral and ethical interpretation to the civil rights struggle.
- **YOUTH WORK:** Develop and coordinate the programs of the senior and youth groups.
- **YOUNG ADULT:** Stimulate interest through advocacy training and solicit membership of 21-40 year olds.
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Health



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ABOUT THE SATCHER HEALTH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE AT THE MOREHOUSE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE:

The Satcher Health Leadership Institute (SHLI) was established in 2006 by David Satcher, MD, PhD—physician, researcher, thought leader, and pioneer in public health. The SHLI vision is to be a leading transformative force for global health equity. The institute's mission is to develop a diverse group of exceptional health leaders, advance and support comprehensive health system strategies, and actively promote policies and practices that will reduce and ultimately eliminate disparities in health.
Dr. Kisha Holden, Ph.D., MSCR, Interim Director

Diabetes and You

By Divine Offoegbu, DrPH, MPH and Allyson S. Belton, MPH

All of us have a family member, friend, or co-worker who suffers from diabetes. It is very common. Diabetes is a chronic disease that occurs when your body is unable to control its blood sugar levels. Nearly 29 million individuals, or 1 out of every 11 individuals have diabetes; and approximately 8 million individuals are unaware that they have diabetes or may be at risk it. The number of individuals with diabetes is on the rise with almost 2 million new diagnoses per year, and many more cases going undiagnosed. The “Diabetes Belt” runs directly through the southeastern region of the United States. This region accounts for the highest rates of diabetes. States such as Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, and South Carolina are greatly affected, regardless of age or race. Compared to other ethnic groups, African Americans have a higher risk of developing diabetes; only American Indians/Alaskan Natives have a higher risk. In fact, according to the United States Department of Health and Human Services’ Office of Minority Health, African Americans adults are 80% more likely than non-Hispanic whites to be diagnosed with diabetes. Furthermore, African Americans suffer the worst from the most severe outcomes of diabetes complications such as kidney disease, blindness, and amputations. And unfortunately, African Americans are twice as likely as non-Hispanic whites to pass away from diabetes-related complications.

Diabetes can occur in individuals in two different forms: Type 1 and Type 2. Type 1 Diabetes, also known as juvenile diabetes, is usually found in children and young adults. Only 5% of diabetics are Type 1. With this type of diabetes, the body does not produce insulin, which is needed to get glucose (or sugar) from the bloodstream into other parts of the body to be used to give you energy. Without insulin, the sugars and starches that you eat remain in your bloodstream and can get so high that you experience other complications, such as damage to your nerves, blood vessels, or other organs.

Type 2 is the most common form of diabetes. With Type 2, your body is unable to use insulin in the way that it should. Your body may produce insulin, but it is not enough to keep your blood sugar at a normal level. In early stages, with guidance from your doctor, type 2 diabetes can be managed with changes that you make in your lifestyle. For example, eating healthier foods, getting more exercise, managing stress, and talking with your doctor often. However, when this is not enough, your physician may prescribe you a medication.

Are You at Risk?

Over 86 million Americans are prediabetic, meaning your blood sugar level is higher than it should be, but not high enough to be classified as diabetes. As time moves on, without proper nutritional habits and lifestyle changes, your prediabetic state can easily become Type 2 Diabetes. The risk factors for Type 1 Diabetes are not widely known; however, there is information on risk factors for Type 2 Diabetes. Many risk factors exist, but the most common are: 45 years old or older, overweight or obese, family history of diabetes, high blood sugar levels, little to no physical activity, excess body fat in your abdominal area, and unhealthy eating habits. Women who have a history of diabetes during pregnancy (“gestational diabetes”) are also at risk for developing diabetes. There are various ways to determine if you are at risk for diabetes. It is important that you speak to your physician or health provider as soon as possible in order to determine the most appropriate course of action to help you live a healthier life.

How Can You Lower Your Risk?

Though some factors automatically place you at risk for diabetes, there are ways to reduce your risk and delay the onset of the condition in your life. The main way to reduce risk is

to make significant lifestyle changes. You do not have to do a complete overhaul of your habits, yet you can make subtle changes that can become a normal part of your life. For example, by incorporating at least 30 minutes of exercise/physical activity each day, you can reduce your risk by up to 40%. This means taking a daily walk, participating in activities at your local community center, or hitting the gym. In addition to increasing activity, maintaining a balanced and nutritious diet is critical to your health. Increasing your fruit and vegetable intake, occasionally substituting water for sugary drinks, and minimizing your intake of starchy foods, carbohydrates, and sugar are all helpful ways to create healthy eating habits. Quitting smoking and/or reducing alcohol intake, and getting enough sleep can also lower your risk. Risk reduction requires a total body change from the inside and outside and is absolutely possible to achieve.

I Have Diabetes... Now What?

So you have diabetes? Or maybe you are prediabetic? It is not the end of the world. Similar to how one can reduce his or her risk, a person diagnosed with diabetes can implement the similar lifestyle changes. However, in addition to important lifestyle changes, you must follow the treatment plan that your doctor tells you about; and ask questions if you do not understand everything. Also, many local community health centers or medical facilities have diabetes peer counselors who can help coach you through living with diabetes and connect you with support “talking” groups.

What You Need to Know Now!

- Diabetes is a condition where the body does not handle its blood sugar levels well.
- Healthy blood sugar (blood glucose) ranges: 70 mg/dL – 90 mg/dL (fasting) or 140 mg/dL (two hours after eating).
- There are two (2) types of diabetes: Type 1 and Type 2.
- Ways to test for diabetes: Fasting Blood Glucose Testing and A1c Testing (blood draws); a two-hour Oral Glucose Tolerance Test.
- Common medications used to treat diabetes: Insulin, Metformin, and Glucotrol.
- Ways to reduce your risk: exercise, better eating habits, stress reduction/management, quitting smoking, limiting or refraining from alcohol, and getting adequate sleep.

For More Information, Visit:

- **American Diabetes Association:** www.diabetes.org
- **Centers for Disease Control & Prevention:** www.cdc.gov/diabetes
- **Morehouse School of Medicine, Clinical Research Center:** www.Health360x.com
- **Delicious Dishes for Diabetics: Eating Well with Type-2 Diabetes:** www.amazon.com/Delicious-Dishes-Diabetics-Eating-Diabetes/dp/1616084588
- **Diabetes Cookbooks:** www.shopdiabetes.org/Categories/11-Diabetes-Cookbooks-And-Recipes.aspx
- **United States Department of Health and Human Services’ Office of Minority Health:** www.minorityhealth.hhs.gov/omh/browse.aspx?lvl=4&lvlid=18

Sources: American Diabetes Association, International Diabetes Federation, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Minority Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention National Diabetes Education Program



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P-U-R-P-O-S-E

Dr. Nancy J. Williams-Oharume Provides Insight into the True Meaning of Purpose

Our everyday purposes may include titles such as mother, father, teacher, nurse, pilot, engineer, wife/husband, student, TV or radio host. These are all earthly purposes in/for our lives and they provide a form of self-worth and accomplishment, but they are also the “way” that prepares us for that one “Divine Purpose” given by God Himself -- what we were created for; what we can’t live without doing; what our soul calls us to every day; what we sacrifice. As long as we are not doing it we will always have that feeling of unfulfillment.

Walking in Divine Purpose is really about giving yourself away, dying to self and ego and not letting anything distract you from accomplishing it -- no person, no situation, no financial lack, no sickness. Nothing can distract you from your Divine Purpose and it is all centered around God having the Glory for your life.

To help understand purpose a little better, let's break it down into an acronym, so what does "PURPOSE" really stand for;

"P"= PASSION:

What are you passionate about? - Webster says Passion means: A strong liking or desire for devotion to some activity, an object of desire or deep interest, an intense driving, or overmastering feeling or conviction.

Passion is what you really love to do, what you will do for no money. It is your heart's desire, and as Les Brown always says, "You got to be hungry," it's a reason you can't sleep at night and If you take a moment and look back over the passions of your life, it will help you discover gifts and talents of today.

"U"= US:

An “US” Mindset. Passions & visions are bigger than just us alone. It takes building relationships. Some people just think about how they can accomplish things alone. Walking in purpose will take more than you. God set it up this way so that we would work together and become “One”. You will not be able to accomplish your Divine Purpose alone. We were created to be in relationships. So that co-worker that you can’t stand to be around is probably the one that is going to elevate you to your next level, but God won’t elevate you until you get that relationship right. We all serve dual purposes -- it’s the yin and yang. So at times you serve as the love in someone’s life and then in someone else’s life you serve as the agitator. You may be gossiping about someone across town and someone else across town is gossiping about you. It’s the duality of our fallen world.

"R" = RESOURCES:

PURPOSE requires resources, so the first objective is to Identify the type of resources needed. For example, if you think your purpose is teaching you must become knowledgeable about many areas before really determining if being a teacher is your purpose. Purpose requires intense study. There is much thought that should be given to resources when determining our purpose. Once this is considered, only then do we realize if it is really purpose or something we think we might like to do.

"P" = PARTNERSHIPS:

For “Divine Purpose”, right partnerships must be Godly aligned. Three things partnerships provide: 1. They help you to accomplish more quicker when the right people are working together 2. Partnerships provide expertise in areas that complement you; this keeps you from over extending yourself and having to do everything. 3. It provides more exposure for you and your vision or purpose.

Partnerships save a lot of time and once you select the right people with the right resources it makes your life flow smoother. As you continue to walk in purpose, your partnerships should constantly be re-evaluated.

"O" = OPERATE IN EXCELLENCE:

Everything you do, even if you're working for someone else should be "served in excellence". God is always testing us.

- Operating in Excellence requires everyone that works around you to operate in excellence.
- Operating in Excellence means everyone that you do business with should be striving to operate in excellence.
- Operating in Excellence means people that you mentor or those that mentor you must operate in excellence. "The profession does not matter -- every profession deserves excellence".

Operating in Excellence and integrity I believe are married. Neither can operate

independent of itself. The question becomes, “What are you doing when others are not watching?”

"S" = SELF-DEVELOPMENT:

Educating yourself is an ongoing requirement of God. Again, He said we perish because of knowledge. Self-Development is never-ending. Learn about you. What do you like? What brings you joy? What foods water your taste buds? What activities do you like to engage in? Do you like adventure or traveling? You need to know this before you require your spouse or partner to make you happy. If you don't know, how do you expect them to know? You must show/teach them.


"E" = EVALUATION:

Constantly evaluate. Our "Daily" lives must be found without spot or wrinkle so daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly we must evaluate it. Evaluate yourself. What do you need to learn at this stage of your life? Who do you need to start establishing relationships with? I believe everyone should have mentors.

To many of us live our lives “Off Purpose” rather than “On Purpose”. This happens because we are susceptible to negative lifestyle habits of our own and other people who are not living their own lives on purpose. In addition, we can get overly focused on the smaller roles we play in life and lose sight of the bigger picture of our Divine Purpose. When we are off-track and out of alignment with God, it shows up as unhealthy lifestyles, sickness and disease.

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Left to right: Anna Henderson, ORR!! Outreach – Marketing Consultant and Liz McCarthy, Director of Advocacy and Influencer-Marketing

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CHRISTIAN DECLARATION OF POSITION REGARDING MARRIAGE

1. As a Christian, with all of my faults and shortcomings, I must look to the Bible to define what marriage is and what marriage is not.
2. Marriage according to the Bible is between a man and a woman. (Genesis 2:24 - “Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.”).
3. The relationship was established by God between the first man Adam and the first woman Eve, both created by God. (Genesis 2:20 - 25).
4. Though the Bible is my guide, support for homosexual marriages cannot be found even in non-biblical sources. Every system of faith (whether it was called a religion or not) which has had any wide recognition in human history has recognized that marriage is only between men and women, never between persons of the same sex. “The first country to allow same-sex couples to enter into legally recognized marriage was the Netherlands, effective in 2001.” Wikipedia, Same-sex marriage.
5. Even when marriage has been defined to include polygamy, it was always between men and women, never between several men or several women. As shown in Wikipedia, Same-sex marriage, homosexual “marriages” is a recent invention beginning in the Netherlands in 2001.
6. Indeed the Bible is very plain, in both the old and new testament, that homosexual behavior cannot be approved.
“Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination.” (Leviticus 18:22).
Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools; And changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things; Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.
For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient. (Romans 1:22 - 26).
7. None of this is to say that homosexual behavior is the only sexual behavior unacceptable by the Bible. Sexual intercourse outside of marriage between a man and a woman is also prohibited. (Exodus 20:14 - “Thou shalt not commit adultery.”; Romans 13:9 - “...Thou shalt not commit adultery...”).
8. At any large gathering of Christians there is likely to be many who have committed, are committing, and/or within a short period of time after that gathering will commit, adultery. Indeed David, God’s chosen servant, committed adultery. (2 Samuel 11th and 12th chapters).
9. However, there is no movement afoot to stop the Church from preaching the Biblical teachings against adultery. A very large percentage of people who have committed adultery claim to be driven by biological urges which they cannot resist. This is similar to the claims of those who advocate homosexual marriages.
10. We have all fallen and come short of the glory of God. (Romans 3:23 - “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.”) This includes heterosexuals as well as homosexuals. But it is not God or the Bible that must change. We must change.
11. The fundamental message of the Christian faith as stated by Jesus is “Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.” (John 3:7). And, “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16).
12. As much as I love my homosexual relatives and friends, I cannot go against God and the Bible to endorse homosexual marriage. I respect their choice to not follow the Bible in their personal lives, just as I respect the right of persons to commit adultery.
13. But my respect for a person’s right to make a private choice does not justify my endorsement of that which the Bible clearly states is wrong. It would be a violation of my conscience and my relationship with God, as well as an encouragement for others to do wrong, for which I would be responsible to my family, society in general and GOD.
14. Likewise I stand strongly opposed to any violence against those involved in homosexual behavior. Any act of violence against a person because of homosexual behavior is a sin in and of itself, as well as a crime which should and must be prosecuted.
15. It must be clearly understood that the Church must preach the gospel which includes the loving teaching to repent for all sin including homosexual behavior. (Matthew 28: 19-20 - “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen).

It is imperative that a clear statement of the position of Christians regarding this issue be put forth.
“For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?” (1 Corinthians 14:8).

“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.” (Ephesians 6:12).

This is not homophobia, which those who seek to silence dialogue quickly label anyone who disagrees with them. This is homolove.
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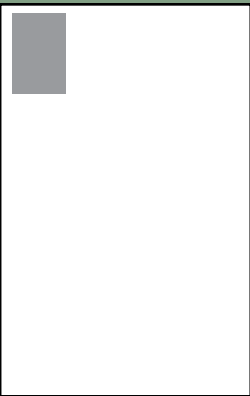
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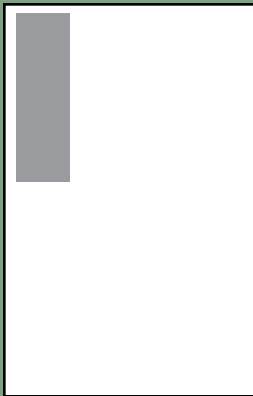
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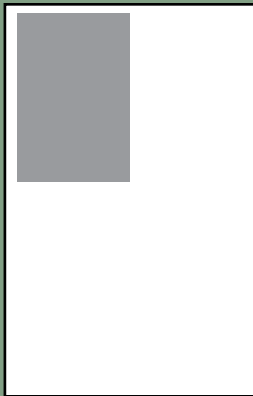
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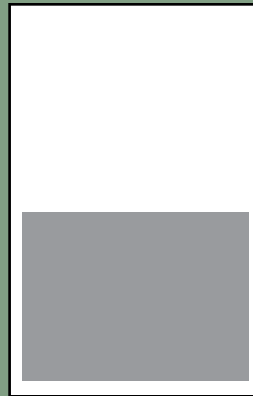
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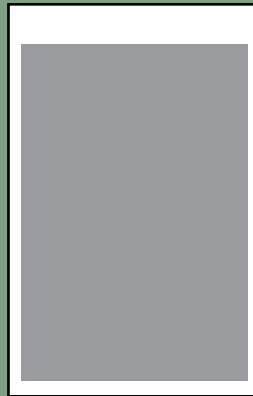
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