A Public School Pioneer

A pioneer in the early integration of Charlottesville City Schools passed away recently. Over the years she had been recognized for her influence on counseling young people, and also for her contributions to her community.

One friend told me of being called into her office and "grilled" about where she was going to college. My friend had no intention of going. No one else in her family had gone, so it was never on her mind. Mrs. Whitsett's intentions for her future were different. Well...my friend went to college; majored in business and now with her husband own a successful moving company.

This is just one story of the influence that early Black educators commanded. They took their commission to teach to the extreme. Part of their mission was to steer their students in directions towards bigger, better, and beyond even their own imaginations.

We as Christians, also, are charged to encourage others to stretch beyond what they can see for themselves.

Going back further; before Black folks were allowed formal education their initial entrance into the new world of learning came secretly, using the Holy Bible as their primer.

Educators, like Mrs. Whitsett, had to rely on their faith in that same Bible to strengthen themselves as they counseled and taught during those rough integration years.

My own three years in the school system has increased my reliance on my faith as I witness all that I witness. I have so much respect for the veteran educators who have endured the bureaucracy that has infiltrated their profession and sucked out of them much of the love they once had for teaching.

As we strive to please our God, we (wherever we are) are constantly challenged. At some point we need to see past the craziness and envision the good God has as our reward.

I solicit your prayers for everywhere! The educators (dressed enemy very professionally) is seeking to rob the educational system of of remaining semblances Godliness. We need to consistently uphold teachers. students and administrators in not only when prayer, the school year begins...Amen!

Be blessed; and tell someone you love them before they are gone!

The Word of God...

Therefore the Lord will wait, that He may be gracious to you; and therefore He will be exalted, that He may have mercy on you.

For the Lord is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for Him. For the people shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem; you shall weep no more. He will be very gracious to you at the sound of your cry; when He hears it, He will answer you.

And though the Lord gives you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your teachers will not be moved into a corner anymore, but your eye shall see your teachers.

Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it," whenever you turn to the right hand or whenever you turn to the left.

Isaiah 30:18-21 (NKJV)



Sick, Shut-in and Prayer Requests

Please call these names out during your personal prayer time; and in your intercessions ask the Father to bless these individuals and ministries in His own way and in His own time.

Sis. Yolanda Allen

Sis. Ada Anderson

Sis. Alice Arnette

Sis. Ethel Barksdale

Sis. Leanne Blalock

Bro. Atilol Bland

Dea. James W. Bland

Sis. Gladys Brown & Family

Sis. Heidi Brown & Family

Bro. William Brown

Sis. Mamie Bruce

The Bullock Family

Bro. Andre Callahan

Bro. Darnell Collier

Sis. Felicia Christmas

Sis. Marcine Dillard

Bro. John/Sis. Susie Divers

Dea. Roger Gaines & Family

Sis. Mamie Grooms

Bro. Franklin Hardy

Sis. Letia Harris

Rev. Michael Harris & Family

Rev. Edna Holt

Sis. Beverly Jackson & Family

Bro. Raymond Jackson

Kingdom Living Temple

Bro. Duke Johnson

Bro. Ruben Lewis III

Sis. Emma Martin

Bro. Walter Martin

Sis. Mamie McKeathon

Bro. William McKnight

Sis. Janet Page

Sis. Inez Poindexter

Sis. Sylvia Quarles

Bro. Alonzo Scott

Bro. Oscar Scott

Sis. Gail Stradford

Bro. Travis Shelton

Rev. Jack Spears

Walton/Shipman Family

Revs. Robert/Beulah

Spellman

Sis. Lorraine Winston







Preaching Schedule

8:00 a.m.



July

- 2 Rev. Kimberly Fortune
- 9 Min. Dory Martin
- 16 Min. Bernadine Bradshaw
- 23 Rev. Sarah Morris

11:00 a.m. Sunday Morning

Elder Ruben Lewis

Away Preaching Engagements

- Jul 6 3:00 p.m. Pastor Lewis @ Pilgrim Baptist Church, Charlottesville Appreciation Service for Dea. Michael Terrell
- Jul 8 6:00 p.m. Rev. Kimberly
 Fortune @ St. Thomas
 Baptist Church, Bumpass—
 Re-Fuel the Fire Youth
 Revival
- Jul 13 3:00 p.m. Min. Tanya Richardson @ Shady Grove Baptist Church—Choir Anniversary
- Jul 23 7:30 p.m. Pastor Lewis @ Piedmont Baptist Church, Yancey Mills—Revival

Auxiliary Engagements

Jul 15 3:00 p.m. Gospel Chorus @ Byrd Grove Baptist Church— Revival

JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

3 Lindsey Washington

4 Lucille Randolph

5 LaRell Williams-Booker

7 Zikayla Palmer

10 Gladys Brown

Duke Johnson

12 Clarietha Bristol

Mildred Quarles

Terry ♥ Tanya Richardson

Brenda Smith

Doretta Trice

13 Russell Quarles



15 Victoria Grooms
Russell Bradshaw. III

16 Roger Parrish

17 Walter Martin

18 Janet Ayers

22 Clara Aheart

23 Justin Lawson, Sr.

25 Trevaughn Ayers

26 Atilol Bland

Susan Lewis

27 Steven Bradshaw, Jr.

28 Audrey Perkins

29 Dale Bradshaw



*Saturday, July 12th — **Quarterly Church Meeting**after 5:00 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.

*Saturday, July 19th—the Women2Women Ministry is hosting a **Yard Sale** from 8:00 a.m. - noon. To donate items call the church office.



Trustees of the Month

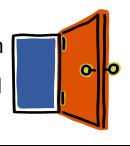
Paul Bishop, Sr. @

540-967-7415

Robin Rucker @

540-205-4257

Please contact for entry into the church after hours or for other church related concerns during July.



"In each trial, situation, and challenge wisdom told me to wait for patience. Once patience arrived it brought faith as its companion."

Anonymous





Next to the delicious food, getting drenched by the fire truck hose, the mouth-watering food, the bounce house, the friends, family and fellowship, the arts & crafts, and the fantastic food, the highlight of the Sunday School Church Cookout was the horse ride.



Vacation Bible School June 23 - 27

"Thank You"



"Let the redeemed of the Lord say so..." Psalm 107:2 (NRSV)

Our hearts are full of thanks to each and every one who sacrificed their time, talents and gifts during **Praise Break**VBS: Celebrating the Works of God!

Mere words

PRAISE BREAK CELEBRATING THE WORKS OF GOD!

cannot express how appreciative we are to the teaching teams, the culinary team, the arts & crafts team, the administrative help and the many others who stepped up to volunteer.

Thank you for both VBS and the Cookout on Saturday! We foremost give thanks to our God, whom we love, and for trusting us to share His love for us and for reminding us to take time to praise Him!

Sis. Crystal Curry, VBS Director

Sis. Lolita Bland, Asst.

Sis. Kim Gaines, Sunday School Supt.

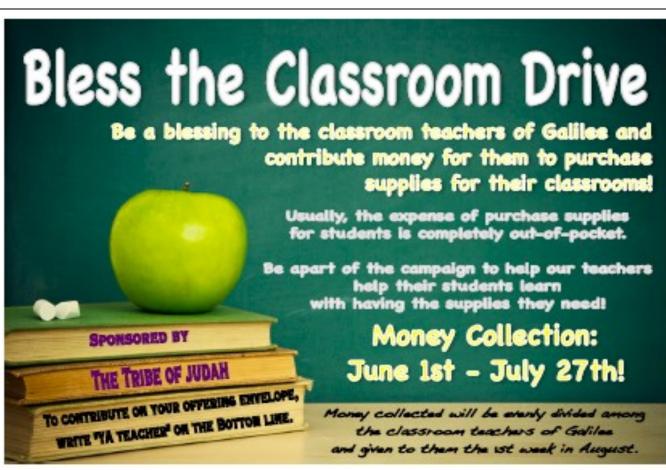
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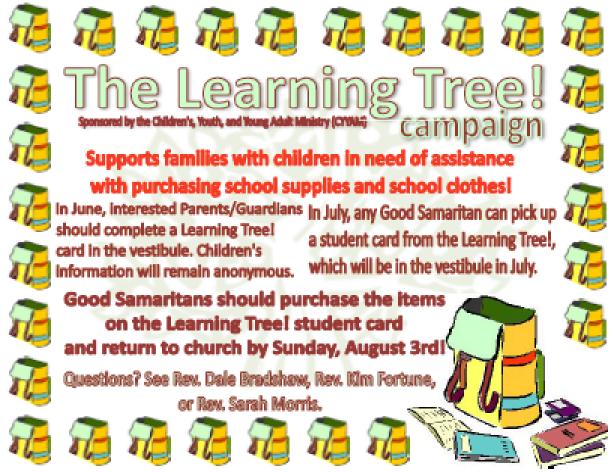












- -National Anti-Boredom Month
- -National Cellphone Courtesy Month
- -Eye Injury Prevention Month
- -Red Cross Month



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 - 7:30 p.m. Usher Board	2 - 7:00 p.m. Baptism Service	3		5 - 10:00 a.m. Gospel Chorus Rehearsal
6:30 a.m. Men of Promise Communion	Re-Fueling St. Thomas	8 3 the Fire—Yo 5 Baptist Churc	9 outh Revival ch, Bumpass Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.	10	Cheer Up the Lonely Day	- 10:00a.m. Senior Choir Rehearsal - 3:30 p.m. Missionary Mtg
13	14	Cow Appreciation Day	Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.	17	18	• 10:30 a.m. Men's Chorus
6:30 a.m. Men of Promise	Racial Harmony Day	22	Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.	24	25	 Noon YPU Rehearsal Noon W2W Meeting
Youth Sunday	National Milk Chocolate Day	- 7:30 p.m. Usher Board Meeting	Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.	31		

Other Important Dates

July 6 1:00 pm Drama Ministry Rehearsal

July 7 6:30 p.m. Kindred Vessels Rehearsal

July 12 9:00 a.m.

New Members'
Class

5:00 p.m. Quarterly Church Business Meeting

July 14 6:30 p.m. Kindred Vessels Rehearsal

July 19 8:00 a.m. Women2Women Yard Sale 3:30 p.m. Missionary Meeting

July 20 1:00 pm Drama Ministry Rehearsal

July 21 6:30 p.m. Kindred Vessels Rehearsal

July 28 6:30 p.m. Kindred Vessels Rehearsal





Sunday School Lessons (Adult)

July 6 "Glorify God with Your Body" Lesson focus: Honor God by keeping your body pure.

I Corinthians 6:12-14 (Freedom in Christ), 15-17 (A Negative Illustration from Culture), 18-20 (Honor God with Your Bodies)

July 13 "Love Builds Up"

Lesson focus: Our freedom does not rule out sensitivity to others.

I Corinthians 8:1-3 (Love Builds Up, Not Knowledge), 4-6 (The Creator Is the Only God), 8:7-8 (The Presence of the Weak), 9-13 (Exercise Your Freedom Wisely)

July 20 "Overcoming Temptation" Lesson focus: The church is stronger when we flee temptations.

I Corinthians 10:12-13 (Everyone Is Tempted), 14-17 (We Are One Body), 18-22 (The Lord's Table)

July 27 "Build Up Your Neighbor" Lesson focus: Use your gifts from God to build up the church.
I Corinthians 14:13-17 (Praying With Your Spirit and Mind), 18-21 (Intelligible Words), 22-25 (Tongues and Signs), 26 (Orderly Worship)

If you know your Bible, Sunday School needs you.

If you don't know your Bible, then you need Sunday School.

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