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Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 2:19 PM

To: Earla Lockhart

Subject: FMBC UPDATE - TUESDAY - APRIL 14, 2015

Importance: High

"This is the day the LORD has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." ~ (Psalm 118:24)

2015 FMBC EMPHASIS: WALK IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE SAVIOR

GOD IS FAITHFUL AND WE CAN CONTINUE TO TRUST HIM MORE FULLY AND OBEY HIM MORE

COMPLETELY!

BE INTENTIONAL IN PRAYER, LEADING PERSONS TO CHRIST, BEING FRIENDLY INVITERS & BEING FRIENDLY CHRISTIANS

BLEND AND BOND IN THE BODY OF CHRIST!

THOUGHT TO PONDER

I learned more about Christianity from my mother than from all the theologians in England.

(~ John Wesley)

FMBC & COMMUNITY AT-A-GLANCE

FMBC-CDCA Summer & Fall Registration – OPEN REGISTRATION IS ON-GOING

WEEKLY FMBC WORSHIP & STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesdays – Bible Study @ Noon & 6:30 p.m.
Sundays @ 8:00 a.m. & 10:50 a.m. – Worship
First Sundays @ 8:00 a.m., 10:50 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. - Worship

2nd & 4th Sundays @ 8:00 a.m. – Children's Church
5th Sundays @ 9:30 a.m. – Combined Worship
Sundays @ 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages (except 5th Sundays)

IT'S TIME AGAIN!

Work began last week on the latest Habitat for Humanity Home at 2506 Longmeadow Circle - Huntsville. This project has meant so much for so many families and each home is a state of the art construction. We work on Saturdays starting at 8am and end at 3pm. Feel free to join the team and stay as long as you like on Saturdays. No special skills or tools are required and lunch is supplied. We will be working with four other churches again this year and everyone has a great time in fellowship, sharing, and even a little learning about the latest techniques. Make sure you pass the word so everyone can get a chance to take part. DIRECTIONS: South on Blue Spring Rd – Right on Thornhill – First Left on Longmeadow Circle – 2506 is on the left

~ Thanks. YOUR Brotherhood Organization

BOOK DRIVE

The Mighty Young Adults in Ministry (YAM) will be hosting a book drive beginning April 8th through May 10th. Collection bins will be in the breezeway of the church starting this Wednesday, April 8, 2015. We are collecting books for all grades K -12. These books will be delivered to surrounding schools for the upcoming 2015-2016 school year. The POCs for this effort are: Collins Pettaway III (c pettawayiii@yahoo.com) and Courtney Thompson (cthom08@gmail.com). PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!

HUNTSVILLE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (HAP) April – June, 2015

Organizations: Ushers/Greeters/Pulpit Hospitality/Music Department/Missionary Circles/Youth Ministries/Praise-n-Motion

Items to bring: Beans (Canned or Dried), Canned Fruit, Canned Tomatoes, Baby Food, Diapers

In addition we would like to ask you to support the ministry of making sleeping mats for the Homeless. It takes 5000 bags to make one mat. We encourage each group and individuals to continue to bring in your plastic bags to support this effort.

Blood Drive & HIV Screening on Breakout Sunday, May 31, 2015

First Missionary Baptist Church will be the host of another "Breakout Sunday" on May 31, 2015. What is Breakout Sunday, you ask? It's where congregations break out of their Sunday norm to undergo health screenings or to provide another community service. This year the Medical Aid Ministry and the Healing Touch Ministry will coordinate a blood drive with LifeSouth and offer HIV screenings provided by the AIDS Action Coalition--two great ways to help your community. This event will be held between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at FMBC. Educational activities and a light snack will be provided while you wait.

LifeSouth Community Blood Centers (www.lifesouth.org) must collect at least 725 units of blood from volunteer donors every day to meet the needs of patients in local hospitals. They particularly need Type O blood. It's also important that you know your HIV status for yourself and those you love. When people know their HIV status, they are more likely to enter treatment and less likely to engage in risky behavior that transmits this chronic disease. Visit AIDS.gov to learn more. HTM and the Medical Aid Ministry look forward to seeing you and FMBC Leadership on Sunday, May 31.



PARENTAL EMPOWERMENT

First Missionary Baptist Church, in conjunction with NHCUA, will launch a new initiative (Parental Empowerment) on Aug 11, 2015 @ 5:30 pm on August 11, 2015 Parental Empowerment. There will be a team of educators called, The E-Team, who will help to empower the parents, so that they will be able to assist their children with their nightly homework. This initiative is open to the parents of students currently enrolled in the Huntsville City Schools District. It will be held for one hour, one night a week, and broken into two 30-minutes sessions. The first 30-minutes session will focus on Math, and the last 30-minutes session will focus on Reading. These are not tutoring sessions for the students, but instead empowerment sessions for the parents.

If you have a child enrolled in the Huntsville City Schools system and you want to become better equipped to help him/her with the nightly homework, you may make a commitment to participate in these sessions. Look for registration to begin online at www.fmbc.org and in the church's vestibule very soon. At that time, you may complete the commitment form, so that the team can have resources available for everyone. For further information, you may contact Sis. Leadrester W. Granger at 256-653-1488 or leadrester.granger@hotmail.com or Deacon Joe Henderson at 256-683-5648 or at joedochenderson@verizon.net.

An Information Session will be held in the Snodgrass/Cleaver Fellowship Hall after joint worship on Sunday, May 31, 2015. Stop by for more information and to register for the initiative that will begin at 5:30 pm, on Tuesday, August 11, 2015.

CAREGIVER NEEDED

Deacon Ernie Robinson has a friend who needs a caregiver for her mother (7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. three or four days a week). If you know of someone, please have them call Deacon Robinson at (256) 683-0845. a friend who need a caretaker for her mother.

SOME NEEDS IN THE FMBC FAMILY & COMMUNITY

- Reverend Michael Rice needs a king-size mattress for a minister friend in Scottsboro (a set at a "reduced-price" or a donated set)
- <u>Sister Linda Williams Batista</u> needs a used good running vehicle for sale or donated for her elderly parents, who are 71 & 74. Their current vehicle is a 93 Buick Road master with major mechanical problems. You may contact her at 256-520-3062 or via email at lindee marie@yahoo.com.

KUDOS TO SISTER MALAYA BRABSON

Malaya Brabson, the daughter of John and Melissa Brabson, has been nominated by one of her teachers at Moores Mill Intermediate School to attend CNN center and the Braves Stadium in Atlanta, Georgia. For her grades and leadership that she shows at school, she would love to attend - so there is a fundraiser link created for Malaya for any donations to help Malaya attend the curriculum core experience in Atlanta,GA. We thank everyone in advance! Donations are being accepted at www.envisionexperience.com/Backstage/fundraising ~ (account password is Happy02beme)

MISSIONARY CIRCLE #1

The women of missionary Circle #1 has made some adult size bibs as part of our ministry to those in need. These bibs are made from bath towels and have two large pockets in the front to help catch food partials that may fall which helps prevent soiling clothing. These bibs are great for someone who is recovering from a stroke or has other illness that affects their ability to eat without food spilling food on their clothing. Bibs are available to any church member who is ill and needs them. Also, if you are a church member who is a caregiver for an ill family member, these are available for you as well. You may contact Sister Gloria Ayers at 256-895-6764 if you would like some of them.



WOMEN ON 20'S

Go to this site: www.womenon20s.org and vote for the new \$20.00 bill! Harriett Tubman and Rosa Parks are in the running. EVERYONE CAN VOTE.

REPRESENTATIVE LAURA HALL TO SPONSOR NATIONAL STEM PROGRAM AIMED AT GIRLS IN HUNTSVILLE'S DISTRICT 19

State Representative Laura Hall will host "Girls Gigabytes & Gadgets" at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center on Saturday May 2, 2015 from 9:00 until 2:00 PM. The event is a national initiative of N.O.B.E.L. Women. Participation is limited to the first 100 registered girls that reside in or attend a school in District 19. Registered participants will qualify to receive scholarships to Space Camp and a Google Chromebook donated by Rep. Hall and N.O.B.E.L. Women. Registration is required via www.replauraHallD19.com.

"Girls, Gigabytes and Gadgets" is a free day-long Saturday session to introduce young women and girls ages 8 - 18 to internet development, technology, and the digital space while exposing them to the various careers in STEM. The event consists of a series of workshops featuring topics that range from "app" development to social media responsibility and mastery.

N.O.B.E.L. Women National President Rep. Laura Hall states, "This event is designed with one simple message in mind: Girls aren't just to be users of technology, but creators, designers, influencers and decision makers as well."

Current event sponsors include Rep. Laura Hall, N.O.B.E.L. Women, HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology, The U.S. Space & Rocket Center, AT&T, TVA, Woody Anderson Ford, Huntsville Utilities, Google and Toyota Motor Manufacturing Alabama.

Alabama State Rep. Laura Hall has represented District 19 for over 20 years which currently includes parts of Huntsville, Harvest, Moores Mill, Meridianville and Toney. Rep. Hall is the current national president of N.O.B.E.L Women, the largest non-profit, non-partisan organization primarily representing current and former black women legislators as well as appointed officials.

For further press inquiries contact the Madison County Legislative Office at 256.539.5441 or via email at info@RepLauraHallD19.com

THE VALLEY WEEKLY

The Valley Weekly current & past issues may be viewed online at www.valleyweeklyllc.com ~ (Dr. Dorothy W. Huston, Editor)





CAMPUS IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM

RETOOL YOUR SCHOOL - DON'T FORGET TO VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE HBCU BY APRIL 20

J.F. Drake and Oakwood University are both # 2 in their respective categories. VOTE! VOTE

Votes are via Facebook, Twitter, and/or Instagram (http://retoolyourschool.com/votenow/).

The last day to vote is 20 April – SO IT'S FULL COURT PRESS! Dr. Helen McAlpine & the J.F. Drake family ask for your continued support. DON'T FORGET TO VOTE THIS WEEK ON ALL YOUR DEVICES!

All votes received on this Site will be combined with the schools social media votes to determine the final online voting score. Social media votes are defined as those votes that use the school's unique designated hashtag on Facebook, Twitter and/or Instagram. At the conclusion of the Voting Period the final ranked Online Voting Score will be published per school within each Cluster.

Community Shred Day ~ Protect your identity and the environment

WHEN: Saturday, April 18 8:30 am - 12pm

WHERE: RFCU Headquarters, 220 Wynn Drive (parking lot of South Building), Huntsville AL

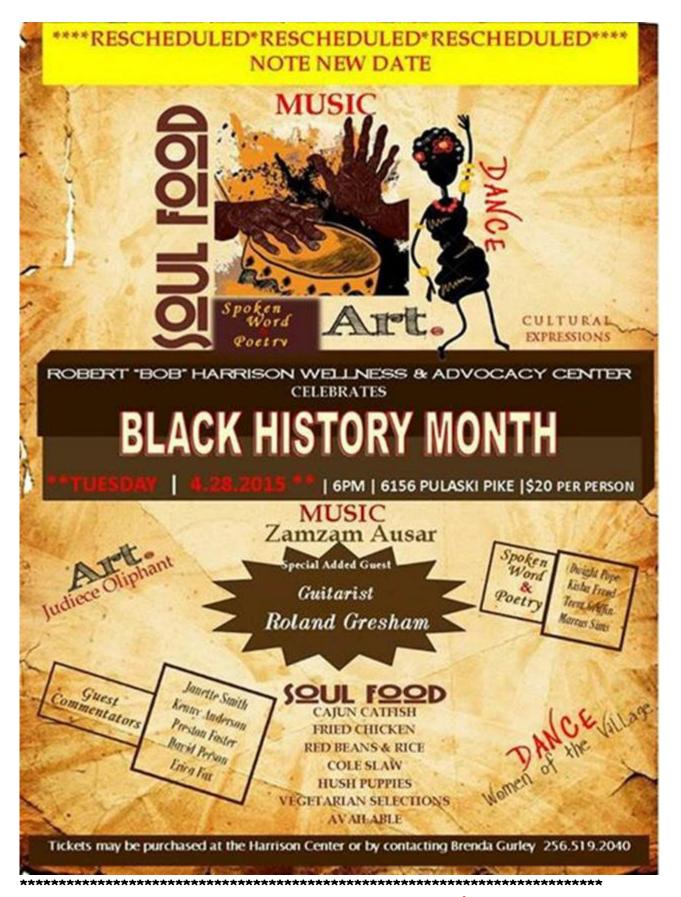
The general public is invited to Redstone Federal Credit Union's Main Branch on Wynn Drive to shred and recycle up to three (3) 13-gallon bags or boxes of paper documents and electronics. The parking lot will be set up in order to provide drive-thru style services. Secure Destruction Services, Document Destruction Services, Tech Stars, Inc. and Partnership for a Drug-Free Community will be set up so that each of their services can be conducted immediately. Just hand your items through the window or pop your trunk, and we'll grab your items and destroy or recycle them securely*—no need for you to even get out of your car! Partnership for a Drug-Free Community will also be on-site to collect any unwanted prescription drugs.

The following items will be accepted for recycling (list is not comprehensive): PCs, Laptops, Tablets, & Accessories; Electronics, Wires, & Adapters; Gaming Consoles and Accessories; Office & Cell Phones; Small Appliances ~ No hazardous materials

For full details, visit https://www.redfcu.org/about/special-offers?utm_source=redfcu-website&utm_medium=home-banner&utm_campaign=shred-day-2015.

2015 BLACK HISTORY EVENT (NEW DATE) - Tues 4/28/15 @ 6:00 p.m.

Tickets (\$20 per person) may be purchased at the Bob Harrison Wellness & Advocacy Center (256-519-2040)



MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH (Sunday, May 10th @ 10:00am - 4:00pm) - Bob Harrison Wellness & Advocacy Ctr

For reservations & additional info, call (256) 519-2040 or email bgurley@madisoncountyal.gov



FOODLINE PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The FOODline pantry ministry coordinates among 15-20 Madison County congregations and serves as a clearing house between the caller and local food pantries. Volunteers are needed for a few Friday a.m.

shifts. Interested volunteers should contact Sue Duthie (duthie@knology.net) for additional information.



Essay Topics 2015!

- + What do you consider the single most important cyber problem affecting the U.S. Department of Defense today? Why?
- Discuss how your interest in your STEM field developed and describe your experience in the field and what
 you gained from this involvement.
- Describe your most meaningful achievements and how they relate to your STEM field of study.
- + Why does STEM education matter to your community?

Inspire and Achieve is proud to present to you the 2015
Miranda Bouldin Scholarship Program Essay Contest and
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We have carefully selected topics that allow you to think outside the box as well as engage with us on current issues that are important to our mission.

Congratulations on your decision to pursue higher education. Good luck, and we look forward to your response.

Your essays will be evaluated based on the thesis, organization, support and development of ideas, insight into the subject, and clarity, style, and mechanics of the paper. Ten essays will be selected for award. Essay must be submitted no later than April 17, 2015 by 4pm Central Time. Late entries will not be accepted. Winners will be announced no later than April 30th, 2015. Each award winner and his guests will be invited to attend an award recipient reception at the LogiCore Corporate Headquarters to receive their award plaque and computer.

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NATIONAL COALITION OF 100 BLACK WOMEN, INC - GREATER HUNTSVILLE CHAPTER - CONFERENCE April 18 @ VBC

The National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Incorporated- Greater Huntsville Area Chapter is a 501(c) 3 tax-exempt organization committed to bringing voice to the issues that concern our community within the areas of Health and Wellness, Education and Financial Empowerment by presenting to the community such projects as the Annual S.I.S.T.E.R Conference. This year we will be emphasizing Health. Our theme this year is "Enriching Lives through Emotional, Spiritual and Physical Fitness." The conference is scheduled for April 18, 2015 at the Von Braun Center from 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon. Our speaker this year will be Dr. Greta Manning, Family Medicine Physician. Website: www.100bwhsv.org

For ticket information please contact Jackie Frost <u>256-653-8587</u>, Stephanie Edwards 256-585-4750

downloaded from the NCBW website at <u>www.100bwhsv.org</u>. Please mail completed applications to P.O. Box 5882, Huntsville Alabama 35814.

<u>PERRY O. WARD SCHOLARSHIP - DEADLINE APRIL 17TH (Email elockhart5@comcast.net</u> for the Word Documents)

EVENING STAR LODGE #6 FOUNDATION

P. O. WARD SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Huntsville, Alabama

THE EVENING STAR LODGE #6 FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CONSISTS OF AT LEAST ONE SCHOLARSHIP TO BE AWARDED TO A HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR MEETING ALL STIPULATED REQUIREMENTS & QUALIFICATIONS.

Scholarship Requirements

- 1. Applicant must be a U.S. Citizen.
- 2. Applicant must reside in Madison County.
- 3. Applicant must be a current High School Senior.
- 4. Applicant must have maintained at least a 2.5 GPA.
- 5. Applicant must be of good moral character, exhibits initiative and have a desire to achieve educational goals and objectives.
- 6. Applicant must demonstrate financial need within the written essay.
- 7. Applicant must enter college within one (1) year of receiving scholarship or will forfeit to second choice applicant.
- 8. Scholarship will not be awarded until proof of acceptance to the indicated college or university has been received. Scholarship may cover tuition, books, and/or room and board fees. Interested persons may obtain an application from any member of the Evening Star Lodge #6 Foundation, Inc.

General Application Instructions

- 1. Please complete application in black or blue ink.
- 2. Please attach an original signed high school transcript (with seal).
- 3. Write an original essay, not to exceed 1 page, telling us why this scholarship would benefit you, what your goals are, financial need, and your outlook on life. Attach essay to application.
- 4. Please attach a Letter of Recommendation (e.g., from a minister, teacher, counselor, or employer).
- 5. Return completed application package to Michael Horry, 107 Benji Ct., Meridianville, AL 35759 (Deadline April 17, 2015)

Perry O. Ward Scholarship Applicant Information

Name:			
Last	First	Middle	
Mother's Name:	Father's Name:		
Address:			
Number of Children in	Household	Number of Adults	
Telephone ()	Cell # ()		

Email address:		
Date of Birth:		
Guidance Counselor Nai	me:	
Telephone No. :	Email:	
Current GPA		
Have you applied to or l	been accepted to a College or University? Yes N	lo
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•	ddress & Contact info of three (3) references:	
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Required Attachments:

- 1. Original High School Transcript with seal affixed.
- 2. Essay
- 3. Letter of Recommendation



Delta Sigma Theta Choir - Wednesday, April 15, 2015... Alpha Ensemble & Saint Bartley Praise Choir - April 16, 2015 Kappa Chorus - Friday, April 17, 2015

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<u>UPDATED VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES – RED CROSS NORTH CENTRAL ALABAMA CHAPTER</u> The Red Cross desperately needs volunteers with skills in all areas!

To get started as a volunteer follow these 4 easy steps!

- 1. Visit www.RedCross.org/Alabama and click on Volunteer, then select the "Be a Volunteer" link
- 2. Complete the Online Application.
- 3. Complete your Background Check.
- 4. Register for an Orientation Class.

A local volunteer development representative will contact you with more information once you have completed the above steps

MENDED HEARTS SUPPORT GROUP

The local chapter of Mended Hearts meets monthly on the 3rd Thursday @ 6:30 p.m. @ the Dowdle Center, corner of Governor and Gallatin Streets. Mended Hearts is a support group for heart patients and their families. Our programs are open to everyone. Website:

<u>www.mendedheartshsv.org</u> ~ Dr. Fredonia B. Williams, Mended Hearts – Huntsville Chapter 260 President, Regional Director for the Southern Region and National Visiting Chair

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PRAYER CONCERNS

FMBC MEMBERS HOSPITALIZED/IN REHAB OR SURGERY FACILITIES

Brother James Stewart – Vanderbilt Hosp (Nashville, TN)

Brother Sam King - HSV Hosp (Rm 1854) - Recuperating from surgery

Sister Phyllis Sims - Crestwood Med Ctr (Rm 369) - Recuperating from surgery

Sister Bessie Martin – HSV Health & Rehab (Formerly Cogburn)

Sister Annie Matthews - Regency Retirement Village after discharge from HealthSouth

Sister Ruby Jean Lynch – Whitesburg Manor Rehab

Sister Claudia Vassar – HealthSouth Rehab (Rm 221)

Sister Odell Booker - Millennium Nursing & Rehab Ctr

Sister Carrie McKinney – Millennium Nursing & Rehab Center (Rm 133)

BACK IN WORSHIP

Sister Earnestine Carter - 4/12/15 @ 8:00 a.m.

Deacon Judge Posey - 4/12/15 @ 8:00 a.m.

Sister Edna Fails - 4/12/15 @ 10:45

SCHEDULED FOR SURGERY/PROCEDURE

Brother Percell Sykes – surgery Wed 4/15/15 @ the Surgery Center

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST

Sister Cathy Miller Robinson – Pray for her physical healing...In the Strong & Sufficient Name of Jesus!

BACK AT WORK AFTER SURGERY:

Sister LaKeisha Russell

RECUPERATING @ HOME (LOCAL) includes "shut-in" members

Reverend Gregory Lunn - Recuperating from surgery

Deacon Leonard Jackson – Treated at ER & released

Brother Ozell Brunson – Recuperating at home

Sister Patrice Nance – Recuperating from surgery

Sister Shirley Armstead – Recuperating @ her son's home in Georgia

Sister Kim Green – Preparing for major surgery later in April

Brother Ralph Vassar – Recuperating @ home after hospitalization

Sister Mary F. Robinson – Recuperating @ home after hospitalization

Brother Walter Rodgers – Recuperating @ home after hospitalization

Brother Henry Freeman

Sister Sharin Rivers

Sister Sadie Bailey

Sister Annie Pride

Brother Marion Phillips – Recuperating from surgery

Sister Patricia Cox – Recuperating from surgery Brother Michael Elliott – Recuperating @ his home

Sister Jewel Joiner - Special prayer requested

Sister Lynell Moore Sister Sheryl Lunn

Brother Willie Hall - in worship & Bible Study

Sister Margaret Thompson Jones

Brother Robert & Sister Beatrice Thompson

Deacon Fred & Sister Willie Nell Carodine

Deacon Leonard & Sister Gussie Jackson

Sister Bettye Adams

Sister Laura Daniel – requests special prayer

Sister Annie Rountree

Sister Vickie Debose

Brother Curtis Noland

Sister Tonya Appkins

Sister Barbara Freeman

Brother Earl Phillips

Sister Barbara Sue Jones

Deacon Robert J. Walker, Jr.

Sister Lucille Hines - on FMBC MOW route

Sister Jessie Dorothy Thomas

Brother Leonard Smith

Sister Rosemary Brown

Brother Carl Jackson

Sister Betty Harris

AND ALL OTHER MEMBERS LISTED ON THE BULLETIN SICK & SHUT-IN LIST

NON-MEMBERS HOSPITALIZED OR IN HEALTHCARE/ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES- LOCAL

Sister Dolores Brandon's brother (Mr. John Burks) – Valley View Nursing/Rehab Center (Madison, AL) Brother Eugene Daniels' mother (Mrs. Ruby Daniels) – Millennium Nursing & Rehab Ctr (Rm 215)

Sister Benbernetta Charles' stepmother - Mrs. Queen Hentz - Millennium Nursing & Rehab

Sister Camilla White's mother (Lillian Doris Barber) – Regency (Rm 313) ~ (Camilla is FMBC member & co-worker of Brother Sam Morris)

Sister Janet Pea's mother (Mrs. Martha Stone) - Millennium Nursing & Rehab Center (Rm 209)

Brother Roosevelt Conley's cousin (Reverend Greg Woods) - Millennium Nursing & Rehab Ctr

Brother Paul Crittenden's wife (Eliza M. Crittenden) – Big Spring Manor (Also the cousin of Sister Mary Brown)

Sister Gracie Miller's brother (Mr. Lloyd Jones) - Big Spring Specialty Care Ctr

Sister Janice Brandon Laughinghouse - Millennium Nursing & Rehab Ctr

Sister Edna Cole's friend (Ms. Cynthia Stevens) – Millennium Nursing & Rehab Center (Room 211)

NON-MEMBERS HOSPITALIZED OR IN REHAB/NURSING FACILITIES - OUT-OF-TOWN

Sister Tammy Dawkins' 86 year-old grandmother (Mrs. Josephine Moore) – St. Vincent's Hospital – Pell City, AL

Sister Gracie Franklin's 5 year-old daughter (G-Kayla Franklin) – treated @ HSV Hosp ER last week

Brother Benny Rogers, Sr. - Conyers, Ga area rehab facility (following another stroke)

Sister Pearl Watson's son (Walter Watson, Jr.) – critically ill in B'ham hospital

Sisters Jocelyn Jones Boustani & Gina Jones' uncle (Mr. Harold Washington) – critically ill @ Regency Medical Center (Anniston, AL)

Sister Phyllis Harris' brother - Reverend Kevin Rigby - in rehab facility after a stroke

Sister Michelle Owens' father (Mr. Erdrick Owens) – Northport, AL rehab facility after hospitalization

Sister Lillie Winston's sister (Mrs. Gladys Rodgers of Chicago, IL) – in a Chicago Heath Care/Rehab Facility Brother Collins Pettaway's grandfather (Mr. James Perkins, Sr.) - Recuperating at Park Place Nursing & Rehab Ctr - Selma. AL

Sister Valisa Crenshaw's mother, Mrs. Daisy Goden – Health Care/Rehab Facility – Undergoing chemotherapy treatment Deacon Alfred Moore's mother (Mrs. Bettie Moore) – National Health Care Facility (Rehab/Nursing Home) - Chattanooga, TN

Brother Bobby Thigpen's mother & Sister Linda Thigpen's mother-in-law (Mrs. Helen Thigpen) – Health Care Facility in Thomasville, AL

Minister Priscilla Montgomery's aunt (Mrs. Clara Robinson of Oakland, CA) – Sacramento area nursing facility Sister Laura Daniel's son-in law (Anthony Vaughn - Nelda's husband) – in Dallas area rehab facility

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST

Brother Allen Stephenson of FBC-Governors Drive – asks that we pray as we have done many times before on his "cancer journey"

ADDITIONAL PRAYER CONCERNS

Sister Ann Savage's sister (Mrs. Alice Woodruff) – recuperating @ home following rehab

Brother Roosevelt Conley requests continued prayer for Mr. Steve Reed's wife, Suzanne (a MS patient who is showing some improvement)

Brother Willie Cheatham's mother & Sister Annie Cheatham's mother-in-law (Mrs. Ethel Cheatham of Greenville, AL) – Now living with her daughter Helen Miles & family in Mobile (after rehab)

Reverend G.W. Lindsey, Jr.'s brother (Deacon Robert L. Lindsey, Sr.) – Recuperating @ home after surgery/hospitalization in Gadsden

Reverend G.W. Lindsey, Jr.'s son & Sister Bonita Ford Lindsey's brother (Minister G.W. Lindsey III) – Recuperating @ home following auto accident

Sister Louise Farrar - Recuperating @ home following hospitalization/rehab (member of Center Grove UMC)

Former FMBC member Sister Mary Griffin – ill & requesting prayer; Encouragement may be sent to:

Mercedes meg@yahoo.com

Ms. LuAnne Simond (Senior Center Meals on Wheels Coordinator)

Deacon Johnny McAlpine's 89 year-old aunt (Mrs. Elnora McAlpine) – Recuperating @ home after several weeks in hospital & rehab facility

Sister Phyllis Harris' sister (Mrs. Dorothy Aniton of Columbus, GA)

Sister Wendy Harris' brother – experiencing health issues

Rev. Thomas Gaines – recuperating @ home (husband of Minister Jan Patton Gaines)

Sister Julie Peters' mother (Mrs. Camilla Peters) – Recuperating from Hip replacement surgery – Undergoing rehab Reverend Michael Rice's friend (Rev. Don Jolly) – pneumonia & non-alcoholic liver disease – recuperating @ home in Scottsboro

Minister Priscilla Montgomery's sister (Mae Washington) – experiencing complications with chemotherapy - Oakland, CA Deacon Ernie & Sister Mary Robinson's grandson (Orlando Williams) – student in Florissant/Ferguson, MO school district

Deacon Ernie & Sister Mary Robinson's daughter (Shana Robinson-Wilson) – dealing with health issues

Sister Mary Robinson's mother/Deacon Ernie Robinson's mother-in-law (Mrs Martha Harper of Vardaman, MS)

Sister Lajeannia Lacey's aunt (Mrs. Mattie James of Dayton, OH) – Recuperating @ home after hospitalization & rehab Brother James & Minister Cynthia Carter's uncle (David Carter)

Families affected by violence and the violent deaths of their loved ones; Students, teachers, administrators & support staff Troubled marriages, homeless persons, hurting families, persons suffering from emotional/psychiatric problems,

unemployed, cancer patients, caregivers & those suffering from other illnesses

Sister Marcella Hughes' parents & Brother David Hughes' grandparents (The Garretts)

Sister Doris Triplett's son (Al Malik Shabazz of Houston, TX) – on heart monitor; Pray for him & his oldest son Derrick Harris of St. Louis (whose grandmother mother died in Nov 2014)

Sister Annie Cheatham's friend – Cecelia Duncan – Undergoing chemotherapy

Brother Ronald & Sister Karen Waterford's son (Shalin Waterford) – requests prayer for success during this chool term Dr. Olivia Sanders

Mrs. Martha Lowman of Columbus, GA (Stage 3 cancer patient) - Prayer requested by Brother Sam Morris

Minister Mary Posey & Deacon Richard Twitty's mother (Mrs. Jennie Powell)

Sister Bobbie Moore's stepmother (Mrs. Elnora Kirby of Chattanooga, TN)

Sister Marsha Flakes Pope requests continued prayer for her sister-in-law (Hazel Schaffer of St. Louis) – battling return of cancer

Sister Shirley Talley's mother (Mrs. Georgia Edwards)

Brother Sam Morris' mother (Mrs. Jessie Mae Morris of McGhee, AR) – Recuperating @ home after hospitalization in Little Rock

Mr. Weldon Gideon - Willow Run Towers

Sister Sandra McCoy's 31 year-old nephew (Michael Arrington of Houston, TX) – Making progress from massive stroke/partially paralyzed/now able to speak & do limited walking

Rev Carlisle Hammonds' cousin (Chantaye Cowan) - Recuperating @ home following hospitalization

Ms. Teresa Stokes of Nashville – recuperating from stoke (sister of Ms. Crystal Shell)

Kayla Snodgrass - (daughter of Brother Kevin & Sister Dinah Snodgrass & granddaughter of Sister Eleanor Snodgrass)

Brother Jerry Jackson's first-cousin (Minister Julia Pink Russell) - In rehab @ Floyd County Hospital - Rome, GA

Brother Alton Richardson's friend (Mr. Clifford Roundtree) – a bone marrow transplant patient

Sister Kimberley Wilson

Deacon Eddie Williams' mother (Mrs. Alecia Pettigrew) - Tyler, TX

Brother Sam Morris' nephew (Mr. Jesse L. Burton – Pine Bluff, AR) – Recuperating @ home (expects a 4 month recovery time)

Rev. Carlisle Hammonds requests prayer for: His niece (Paulette D'Alessandro) – recuperating from hip surgery locally; his nephew (Mark Hammonds of Canal Winchester, OH) – pending surgery & facing complicating health issues; & his cousin (Miracle Sturtevant of Clarksville, TN) – undergoing breast cancer treatment

One of my local "prayer partners" who is experiencing some serious challenges

Deacon Leonard Harris' mother (Mrs. Voncyle Harris of Camp Hill, AL)

Brother Roosevelt Carter's sister (Mrs. Erma Snyder of Shelby County, AL) - Undergoing chemotherapy

Brother Byron Gilkes' sister & Sister Stephanie Scruggs Gilkes' sister-in-law (Laura Gilkes Mack of Clinton, MD) -

Recuperating & undergoing rehab @ home - [Byron & Stephanie are members of Madkins Chapel]

Reverend Michael & Brother Carlton Rice's aunt (Mrs. Annie V. King of Houston, TX) & cousin (Reverend Willie Smith, Jr.)

Sisters Joyce Martin, Sandra Dickerson & Bertha Dickerson's niece (Attorney Adina Parson)

Rev. Hernandez Ford's wife (Terry Ford) - Rev. Ford is Pastor of Zion Progress Missionary Baptist Church

Reverend Jonathan Snodgrass' & Brother Dante Snodgrass' mother (Mrs. Margie Snodgrass)

Rev. Robert Shanklin

Dr. Wilma Johnson (Pastor of New Prospect MBC - Detroit, MI & FMBC 2013 Women's Day Preacher)

Joseph Clark - son of Sister Ozella Mahone's co-worker (experiencing serious "issues")

Brother George Merritt - member of FBC Governors Drive

Sister Judy Edmond requests prayer for Sister Mary Carter of Harvest, AL (widow of the late Reverend Wade Carter, Jr.) Deacon Joe Lampley's niece – Jennifer Lampley (Brundidge, AL) – multiple health issues (recovering slowly); continued prayer requested

Reverend Marion Poole

Brother Donald Thompson's sister (Mrs. Azella Kemp) of North Carolina

Sister Bobbi Reed (daughter of former FMBC member Stephna Reed)

Brother Jerry L. Jackson's cousin (Cassandra Dorsey) – Slowly recuperating @ home following lengthy rehab Brother Clyde Foster

Brother Robert & Sister Harriet Clark request prayer for their son (Brother Julian Clark) and for their family Sister Detra Blue's father, Deacon Willie B. Battle

FMBC BEREAVEMENT CONCERNS

Pray for these families and others who are still dealing with grief and depression following the death of loved ones...Remember—there is NO STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS on grief! For helpful resources on dealing with grief (including signing up for daily emails), go to: www.griefshare.org

PREVIOUSLY HELD SERVICE

Mass of Christian Burial for <u>Sister Prudence Bryant's cousin</u> (Mrs. Gertrude Burns) was Thurs 3/12/15 @ 11:00 a.m. @ the Holy Maternity of Mary Catholic Church – Dowagiac, Ml. (Clark Chapel & Cremation Services- http://www.clarkch.com/) FULL OBIT &

PHOTO: http://www.clarkch.com/obituaries#/obituary/gertrude-j-burns-rudd/ ~~ NEWSPAPER OBIT – THE CLVELAND PLAIN DEALER: http://obits.cleveland.com/obituaries/cleveland/obituary.aspx?pid=174369054

~Private burial will take place in June where she will be laid to rest with her husband, Raymond Burns, at the National Cemetery at Ft. Custer in Battle Creek, MI.

NON-MEMBER BEREAVEMENT CONCERNS

Funeral service for <u>Dr. H. Wendell Thompson's 97 year-old uncle</u> (Mr. Percy A. Simond, Jr. a native of Mansfield, LA and long time resident of Lufkin, TX) will be Wed 4/15/15 @ 12:00 noon at Long Chapel Christian Methodist Episcopal Church – 514 Lining St – Lufkin, TX. Burial will follow in Davis Memorial Gardens. VISITATION: Tues from 6-8 p.m. @ the funeral home. He served as a City Councilman in Lufkin for 18 years. (Colonial Mortuary – 1600 Sayers Street – Lufkin, TX 75904 - http://www.colonialmortuary/lufkin.com/)

PHOTO AND OBITUARY: http://www.colonialmortuarylufkin.com/obituaries/Percy-Simond/#!/Obituary

NEWSPAPER OBIT & PHOTO - THE LUFKIN

DAILY: http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/lufkindailynews/obituary.aspx?n=percy-a-

simond&pid=174626618&fhid=19342

NEWS ARTICLE: http://www.ktre.com/story/28755966/long-time-city-councilman-percy-simond-passes-at-97

Memorial service for Dr. Norman Rates, former Professor of Religion and Dean of Historic Sisters Chapel at Spelman College will be Sat 4/18/15 @ 11:00 a.m. @ the Spelman College Sisters Chapel/Repast @ the Manley Center (Carl M. Williams Funeral Directors, Inc. -492 Larkin Street SW – Atlanta, GA ~ website: www.carlmwilliams.com) PHOTO on funeral home website. NEWSPAPER OBIT NOTICE – ATLANTA JOURNAL-

CONSTITUTION: http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/atlanta/obituary.aspx?n=Norman-RATES&pid=174565204

Funeral service for Televangelist & Founding Pastor of the Crystal Cathedral (Dr. Robert Schuller) will be Mon 4/20/15 @ 10:00 a.m. @ the Christ Cathedral – Garden Grove, CA (formerly the Crystal Cathedral).

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE OLD ENOUGH TO REMEMER PERCY SLEDGE

Baton Rouge, LA (WAFF) - According to longtime friend and Muscle Shoals musician David Johnson, Percy Sledge died at 1 a.m. Tuesday morning in Baton Rouge.

He was under hospice care and died after his battle with liver cancer at age 73, according to the East Baton Rouge coroner. Sledge was an American Rhythm and Blues and Soul performer and an inductee of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. He was best known for his song "When A Man Loves A Woman." Muscle Shoals legends teamed up to support Sledge in his battle against cancer in 2014. Performers like Eddie Floyd, Gary Baker, Travis Wammack, and The Decoys joined together for a benefit concert to give back what Sledge gave to the Shoals area. There is a historic marker commemorating the site where "When A Man Loves A Woman" was recorded in Sheffield. You can read more about Sledge and his career here.

<u>CONFINED TO HEALTH-CARE/NURSING/ASSISTED LIVING/REHAB FACILITIES (Remember to pray for these persons)</u>

Sister <u>Catherine Hatchett</u> – Millennium Nursing & Rehab Center (Rm 133); Sister Lora Bass – Regency Assisted Living; <u>Brother Percy Burns</u>, <u>Jr</u>. – <u>HSV Health & Rehab</u>; <u>Brother Samuel Martin</u> - Gardens of Madison – 372 Jimmy Fisk Rd – Hazel Green, AL 35750; <u>Brother Paul Crittenden</u> – <u>Floyd Tut Fann Veterans Home</u>; <u>Sisters Ruby Brown</u> & <u>Cora Johnson</u>, (Valley View Nursing/Rehab Center);

MEMBERS OUT OF THE CITY

Brother Benny Rogers, Sr. – 1754 Laurel Ridge Dr. - Conyers, GA 30094 – currently in a rehab facility following another stroke

Sister Shirley Armstead – Recuperating @ her son's home in Georgia

PLEASE PRAY FOR PERSONS SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES WORLD-WIDE & CIVILIANS ASSIGNED OVERSEAS

* Second Lieutenant Benjamin Bonner (U.S. Army) – PROMOTED TO FIRST LIEUTENANT 12/1/14- Fort Campbell, KY (son of Brother Doug & Sister Janie Bonner)

Deacon Ernie & Sister Mary Robinson's grandson (Leron Robinson, Jr) – home in Virginia Beach, VA after tourof-duty on the George H.W. Bush carrier in the Persian Gulf

Airman DeTanion Blackburn (enlisted in Navy July 2013) - assigned to the USS Nimitz in Everett, Washington. He is the son of Sister KriSonya Blackburn, grandson of Sister Barbara Blackburn & the great-grandson of Deacon Leonard & Sister Gussie Jackson.

* Brother Tyrin Mosby – Left for U.S. Army on 7/28/14 – to be stationed in South Carolina

- *SPC Erik Petty Back safely in USA after tour of duty in Afghanistan
- * Ellisia McCraw- (daughter of Sister Lisa McCraw) Stationed at an Arkansas military base
- * Former member Retired SFC David Wayne Elliott (son of Louis & Oneda Elliott) currently working in Afghanistan
- *Brother Maurice Sharpe
- *Brother William Aboko-Cole, Jr.

CHUCKLE FOR TODAY: A couple of weeks after hearing a sermon on Psalm 51:2-4 (knowing my own hidden secrets) and Psalm 52:3-4 (lies and deceit), a man wrote the following letter to the IRS: "I have been unable to sleep, knowing that I have cheated on my income tax. I understated my taxable income, and I have enclosed a check for \$150. If I still can't sleep, I will send the rest."

Berachah

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"And on the fourth day they assembled in the Valley of Berachah , for there they blessed the LORD; therefore the name of that place was called The Valley of Berachah until this day." (2 Chronicles 20:26)

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