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"I think men are afraid to be with a successful woman, because we are terribly strong, we know what we want and we are not fragile enough."

- Shirley Bassey



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Virtual MLK Unity Breakfast Set

The Delta Theta Lambda Education Foundation of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. will host a virtual **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Breakfast** on Monday, January 18, 2021, starting at 8 a.m. CST. This marks the Foundation's 36th year of hosting the event and the keynote speaker will be **Reverend Dr. Otis Moss III**. Rev. Moss is the senior pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago, Ill. He has spent the last two decades practicing and preaching a Black theology that unapologetically calls attention to the problems of mass incarceration, environmental justice and economic inequality.

Proceeds from the Unity Breakfast are used solely by the Delta Theta Lambda Education Foundation to aid students in their pursuit of academic excellence through the awarding of scholarships, mentoring, tutoring and the administration of leadership training.

Viewing logistics for the virtual program will be provided soon or visit www.dtlalpha.org.

Rosetta James Foundation Announces Gift, Scholarships

Just as officers of the Rosetta James Foundation were beginning to fear that scholarship applications would overrun their ability to assist worthy student volunteers, a special gift came in to alleviate their worries.

Be Fashionably Greek (www.befashionablygreek.com) has donated \$30,000 to The Rosetta James Foundation for scholarships for 2020-2021 and 2021-2022, for a total of \$60,000.

"We expect online applications to come in heavily online to our website," said Foundation President Dorothy W. Huston. "This has been anticipated due to COVID-19, a lackluster economy and the likelihood that many students have lost the jobs that were once ideal for college

students working their way through school."

Be Fashionably Greek, an innovative source for classy Greek apparel, is owned by Mykela Williams Marshall, and it routinely features new paraphernalia and attractive deals online



at www.befashionablygreek.com.

The Rosetta James Foundation pays tribute to student volunteers in addition to its primary mission of recognizing individuals over 70 years of age who are active volunteers within

the community.

Previous scholarship recipients have included some of the most gifted students that the Tennessee Valley region has to offer to the world. They represent a respect for scholarship that is tempered by a passion

for serving others.

For additional information about scholarship opportunities or to download an application, visit www.rosettajamesfoundation.org. Gary T. Whitley, Jr., (gtwhitleyjr@yahoo.com) serves as scholarship chair.

Post-Holidays Clean up Scheduled January 9

The Solid Waste Disposal Authority of the City of Huntsville (SWDA) and Recycling Alliance of North Alabama (RANA), in coordination with the City of Huntsville, Madison County, the City of Madison and Operation Green Team are hosting the Second Annual "Operation Christmas Clean Up" on January 9. (RAIN: Jan. 16)

The event will be held from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at two locations — Joe Davis Stadium (3125 Leeman Ferry Road) and the Madison City Schools Stadium (211 Celtic Drive).

"We're excited to work alongside our local partners to bring this recycling opportunity to

area residents the second year in a row," said John "Doc" Holladay, executive director of the Solid Waste Disposal Authority of the City of Huntsville. "After seeing the high amount of participation last year, we knew we needed to continue this tradition."

Operation Christmas Clean Up is a collection event where area residents can recycle their Christmas trees, flattened and broken-down cardboard boxes, batteries, and old electronics. To recycle a live Christmas tree, participants must remove all lights and ornaments. Items **not** accepted are artificial trees, wrapping paper and packaging materials

(Styrofoam, plastic).

"While the holidays can be a wonderful time, they can also be a time to create more items than normal to be recycled," said Jesse Davis, environmental awareness officer of the Solid

Waste Disposal Authority of the City of Huntsville. "Our goal is to help area residents with a one-stop shop."

For more info, visit www.recycling-alliance.com.

- HuntsvilleAL.gov

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Called 2 Preach

by Pastor/Founder Michael D. Rice
Grace Gethsemane Mission Church

"The Father Is with Me"

John 16:31-33;
1 Corinthians 13:11

Some years ago while reading a book on the affects of childhood experiences on one's adult life, I discovered that there were some experiences from my childhood that caused me to have what psychologists refer to as *abandonment issues*. This discovery answered questions about

myself that I did even realize needed answering. It was this discovery that made The Message Bible's translation of the words of Jesus recorded in John 16:31-33 to come alive in my spirit. John recorded Jesus' words to His disciples as He told them of their *abandonment* of Him amid His approaching moment of arrest. The Message Bible put it this way, Jesus said to



His disciples, "you're about to make a run for it—saving your own skins and *abandoning me*. But I'm not abandoned. *The Father is with Me...*" He went on to

explain to them that He was sharing this with them so that they too could adapt this mature mantra for their lives, telling them that "In this world you will have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." Like the Apostle Paul noted in his letter to the Corinthians of his assent to adulthood, I too have reached my "second



when" and have learned to trust the Overcomer and say to the enemy when he seeks to whisper to my

soul that I am abandoned, "It is written," *But I'm not abandoned. The Father is with me.*



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JANUARY 8 - SHIRLEY BASSEY - Shirley Bassey is a world-famous Welsh singer who has recorded numerous hits and is best known for her three James Bond theme songs. One of the first black British entertainers to gain international fame, she became a forerunner of the pop music divas emerging later.



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Spotlight on Our Elders ... Featuring

Mr. Charles R. Vedane

Mr. Charles "Chuck" Richard Vedane was born December 6, 1934, on a farm south of Lewis, Iowa. By 1953, he was drafted into the U.S. Army and took basic training and anti-aircraft artillery radar operations training at Ft. Bliss, Tex. Following this intense training, Vedane was assigned to a base outside of Niagara Falls, N.Y.

From 1955-58, Vedane entered St. Louis University's Parks College of Aeronautical Technology, graduating with a B.S. in aeronautics. Vedane's productive career includes extensive stints with the Army Ballistic Missile Command in Huntsville, Ala., where he was responsible for systems testing of Jupiter and Jupiter R&D ICBMs; Marshall Space



Flight Center, where he tested Mercury Redstone 1 & 2 and the early Saturn 1 vehicles; Teledyne Brown Engineering, where he organized and managed a Space Operations Department that would eventually employ about 220 people, as well as served as technical director for Systems Integration with the responsibility for managing 330 people.

As a member of Trinity Methodist Church, Vedane in 1963 became involved in church and community affairs in response to the racial strife throughout the nation. He prepared a letter from Trinity's Sunday School Class to the newly elected Governor George C. Wallace informing him that the Governor's historic "stand in the schoolhouse door" at the University of Alabama did not meet their approval. This decision has led to more than 50 years of work within the interfaith religious community to promote better relations across religious, racial, and cultural differences.

Vedane and his late wife Lucy had two sons (Scott and Kyle) and a daughter (Rebecca).

FMBC Holds Drive-Through Appreciation



The members of First Missionary Baptist Church, under the spiritual guidance of Rev. Dr. Don Darius Butler, recently held a "Drive-Through Appreciation" event at 3509 Blue Spring Road NW in Huntsville, Ala. (www.fmbc.org).

Church members, admirers and friends honored The Reverend Earla Sue Lockhart, retired staff minister, for her faithful service in the ministry on Sunday,

December 27, at 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Lockhart served as staff minister at FMBC from January 1993-January 2020. She also served nearly eight years as the public relations director for Huntsville Bible College.

From 1986-December 1992, Rev. Lockhart was a public affairs specialist for the U.S. Army Space & Missile Defense Command in Huntsville, Ala. Prior to that post, she served as energy and special projects

advisor for the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Rev. Lockhart was also a subject matter expert for the Tennessee Valley Diversity Leadership Colloquium for five years.

Her educational affiliations include Huntsville Bible College, University of Alabama in Huntsville, Kentucky School of Mortuary Science and Athens State University.

Champion Game Plan for Life

WISDOM

by Preston Brown

James 3:13 says, *Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that come from wisdom.*

You know, the word "wisdom" can take on different meanings for different people.

For example, I believe that wisdom is to do now what you'll be happy with later on in life. Another way of looking at wisdom is simply thinking things through before you "act". If you read Proverbs, you see that wisdom involves "prudence", which means

good management. It also involves discernment, which means that you look beyond the "surface" of the matter and look for the deeper meaning.

The writer James looks at "wisdom" from the position of humility, which is something that we all could use a little bit more of.

You see, "wisdom" comes from God, and He gives it, freely if we ask for it. So, in order for us to "walk in wisdom," we have to desire it on purpose, because I have found that in my life,



wisdom and peace are the most important things that we can have for our lives. With it comes the anointing

that God wants for our lives ... Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters, and stay safe.

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No One Cares

Black men in the United States have the highest rate of prostate cancer in the entire world ...

For people of African descent, especially in the United States, the issue of health disparities is well-known, thoroughly documented and oft quoted in medical journals, media reports and issue briefs.

For Black men in particular, the narrative is even more foreboding owing certainly to the legacy of racism and discrimination, but also to their own historical reluctance to visit a doctor regularly—for any reason.

One of the greatest threats to African American men is prostate cancer, the equal opportunity disease which does not discriminate, and that has claimed the lives of Black men from all walks of life, notable and lesser known alike.

To name only a few, luminary Black men such as late poet Langston Hughes, activists Stokely Carmichael and Eldridge Cleaver, Congressman Ron Dellums, Ghanaian President Kwame Nkrumah, actor Robert Guillaume, boxer Floyd Patterson and visionary music composer Leon Ware and thousands have succumbed to this disease.

Simply stated, African American men have the highest prostate cancer incidence rate of any racial or ethnic group in the world.

The cancer is almost 60 percent higher in Blacks than in whites for unknown reasons, and Black men have a risk rate 74 percent higher than non-Hispanic white men—not to mention the highest risk of both developing this cancer and it being fatal.

Black men further are more likely to develop the more aggressive strains of prostate cancer, and our men's prostate cancer death rates are more than twice those of every other racial and ethnic group in the U.S.

Prostate cancer is the

most frequently occurring non-cutaneous cancer among men in this country, and it ranks only behind lung cancer among the leading causes of cancer-related deaths.

Once diagnosed, a man's treatment options and outlook are determined depending upon how extensively it has spread. A numerical system called "staging" is how doctors assess the cancer's status, its severity and how it's affecting the gland.

Prostate cancer grows from within the prostate gland usually over many years, and given enough time it begins its spread to nearby tissues, as well as through both a patients' lymph nodes and vessels toward other tissues via the bloodstream.

Regular, and early screening is an imperative, and is the pathway to saving yours and/or your loved ones' lives. If a diagnosis is made, the next step will be tests to see the cancer's extent ...

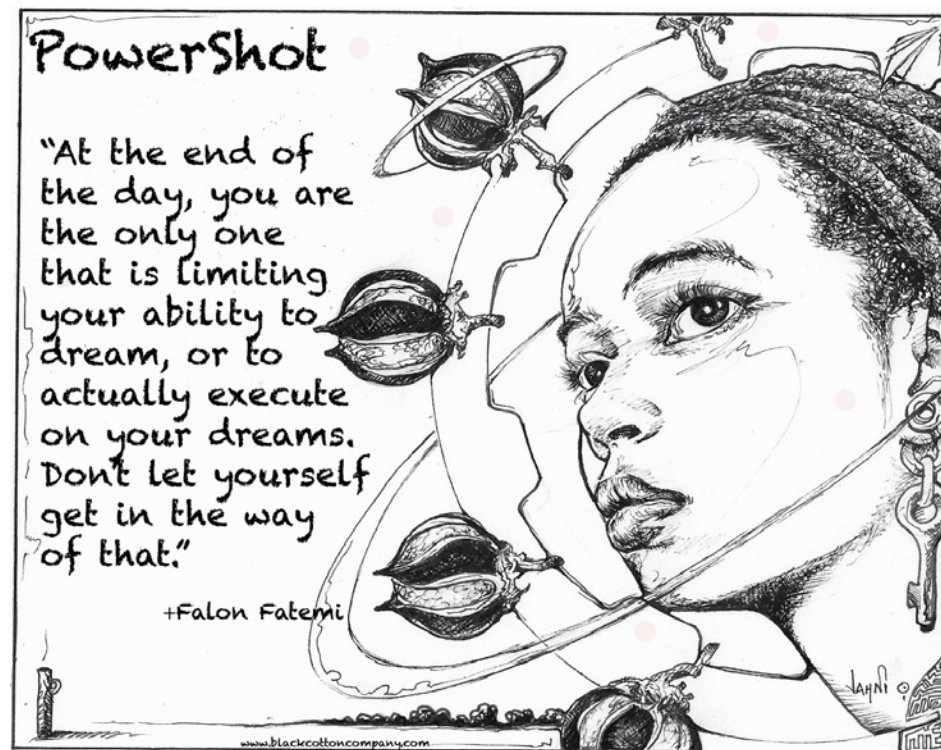
Of paramount importance, of course, is to have your stage of cancer correctly verified because this is how your best treatment is decided and the rosiest possible outlook achieved.

Interestingly, brothers may have an advantage here now as recent results have shown that compared with white men, Black men with advanced prostate cancer stand to benefit more from proactive screening and the treatment, immunotherapy. Black men who received this treatment lived more than 4.5 years, contrasted with only 2.5 years for Caucasian men—a difference of 20.9 months—and a 48 percent relative risk reduction of death. So, there's hope on the horizon, and certainly increasingly better news to come, but we repeat to Black men that the first step of this journey, as always, is to get screened and tested.

PowerShot

"At the end of the day, you are the only one that is limiting your ability to dream, or to actually execute on your dreams. Don't let yourself get in the way of that."

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"The problem with knowing is that it takes away the possibility of pretending." - Pearl Cleage

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Huntsville COVID-19 Vaccination Plan Released

Huntsville healthcare leaders are making progress in aggressively vaccinating frontline personnel, categorized as “phase 1a” by the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH).

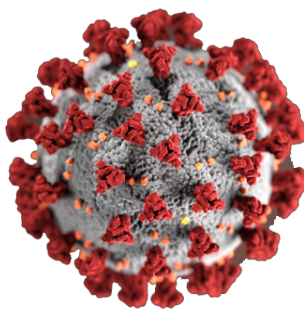
“We’ve given out 74% of 6,800 Pfizer vaccines we received in two weeks,” said David Spillers, CEO of Huntsville Hospital. “That’s pretty robust.”

Crestwood Medical Center has also administered about 900 of the Moderna vaccines. Per day, Crestwood has the capacity to vaccinate approximately

150 people and Huntsville Hospital can manage about 500. There are an estimated 30,000 healthcare workers in Madison County.

“We have the ability to get there but we need supplies,” said Spillers. “We can’t set up a schedule that goes out two weeks until we have more doses of the vaccine.”

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has recommended a four-phased vaccine allocation plan. Phase 1 will focus on frontline healthcare workers who have direct interaction with the public



in providing medical care. In Madison County, this includes hospital workers, physicians, HEMS, Fire & Rescue personnel and some Huntsville Police. Phase 1b will include frontline essential workers at high risk, those over age

75, law enforcement, and people living in homeless shelters and group homes, among others. Phase 1c targets people ages 65-74 and those individuals ages 16-64 with high-risk medical conditions, along with other essential workers. Phase 2 will extend the vaccine to the general public and all those not covered under the previous phases. Phase 1b will include frontline essential workers, persons over 75, law enforcement, and the homeless.

- Excerpt from HuntsvilleAL.gov

Chamber Sponsors 2021 Legislative Update

Members of the Huntsville Madison County Chamber and interested persons will receive 2021 Legislative Updates virtually on January 12 from 2-3:30 p.m.

The Alabama Legislative Update will feature Speaker of the Alabama House of Representatives Mac McCutcheon; Senator Arthur Orr, chairman of the Senate Finance and Taxation Education Committee; Senate Majority Leader Clay Scofield; and Alabama House Minority

Leader Anthony Daniels.

Tennessee Valley legislators hold some of the most powerful State Legislative leadership positions. The featured speakers listed above all hail from north Alabama and have tremendous impact on the legislative process and funding of State government.

For additional information, contact Amberly Kimbrough at (256) 535-2031 or e-mail akimbrough@hsvchamber.org.

State of the County Address Slated for Jan. 27

The virtual 2021 State of the County Address featuring Madison County Commission Chairman Dale Strong has been scheduled for January 27, 2-3 p.m.

His address will review issues currently facing the region, and his outlook for the year ahead. For additional information, contact Amberly Kimbrough at (256) 535-2031 or e-mail akimbrough@hsvchamber.

‘The Ville’ Among Top 20 Best Places

In *U.S. News & World Report’s* “150 Best Places to Live in the U.S. in 2020-21,” Huntsville has landed solidly in the Top 20.

Ranked as the 15th Best Place to Live by the national publication, Huntsville was lauded for the national exposure it received during the 50-year-old Space Race and its continuing push to become “the fastest-growing metro area in Alabama.”

The Rocket City was also cited for having “the most-educated population” in the state and its extra large share of engineers within the workforce, thanks to NASA and the U.S. Army’s Redstone Arsenal. The article also noted the city’s robust gentrification efforts.



Valley Deaths

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Graveside service for MR. BOBBY HARRIS was held on Sunday, January 3, at Valhalla Memory Gardens with Pastor Mylon Burwell officiating.

Public viewing for MR. LOWRANSY BISHOP (b. 1950) was held Saturday, January 2, from 1-4 p.m. at Nelms Memorial Funeral Home.

Memorial service for MR. WILLIE EDD HEREFORD (b. 1965) was held Saturday, January 2, in the Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with the Reverend Freddie Moore officiating.

Public viewing for MR. RICHARD ALLEN PRIDE (b. 1939) was held Thursday, December 31, 1-6 p.m. at Nelms Memorial Funeral Home.

Graveside service for MR. VINCENT (BEN) ALEXANDER (b. 1963) was held Monday, December 28, at Berkley Community Cemetery with Pastor Terrence E. Stewart officiating.

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Graveside service for MR. JAMES EDWARD KING, SR. (b. 1941) was held Sunday, January 3, at the Meadowlawn Garden of Peace (450 Mount Lebanon Road Toney, Ala.) with Pastor Ernest Williams officiating.

Graveside service for MR. DAVID SURLES, JR. (b. 1973) was held Saturday, January 2, at Pine Grove Memorial Garden (759 Pine Grove Road Harvest, Ala.) with Reverend Donald Lowery officiating.

Graveside service for MINISTER ALEX LAFARROUS WIGGINS (b. 1955) was held privately with Dr. Jerry Crutcher officiating. Public viewing was held Wednesday, January 6, at the Royal Funeral Home.

Graveside service for MRS. DEBORAH ERSKINE DOUGLAS (b. 1960) was held Wednesday, December 30, at the Meadowlawn Garden of Peace (450 Mount Lebanon Road, Toney, Ala.) with Pastor Larry Smith officiating.

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Funeral Service for MR. MARK ANTHONY WHITAKER (b. 1969) were held Sunday, January 3, at the Serenity Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Ivory Whitaker, officiating.

Funeral Services for MRS. ELNORA ADAMS THOMAS are incomplete at this time and will be announced later.

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Tennessee Valley Calendar of Events

January 7

Paint Pouring

Huntsville Art League

\$10-\$39

12:30-2 p.m.

January 8

Skating in the Park

Huntsville Museum of Art

\$10, \$15 - \$5 scooter rental

hsvmuseum.org

4 p.m.

January 9

Step Back in Time

Burritt on the Mountain

burrittonthemountain.com

1:30-2:30 p.m.

Romantic Revolution

Von Braun Center Mark C.

Smith Concert Hall

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7:30-9:30 p.m.

January 9-10

Elite Cheer Company Big

Bid Championship

South Hall

Von Braun Center

January 14

Winter Plant Defenses |

Nature Academy

Plants, with or without

leaves, can become a source

of food for animals looking

for a meal in the winter

months. Just like animals,

plants have ways to protect

themselves.

Huntsville Botanical

Garden

12-2 p.m.

January 15

Preview Reception

for Althea Murphy-Price

Huntsville Museum of Art

Huntsville Havoc vs.

Knoxville

Von Braun Propst Arena

7-9 p.m.

January 15-17

The Boat Show

Friday: Noon-9 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

Sunday: 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

South Hall

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January 16

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1:30-2:30 p.m.

January 17

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1:30-2:30 p.m.

January 18

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Day

26th Anniversary of the

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January 19

2021 Virtual Practical

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January 20

The Price Is Right Live

Stage Show

Mark C. Smith Concert

Hall

Von Braun Center

8 p.m.

January 26-27

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January 27

Terrariums: Bringing

Gardens Indoors (Virtual

Class)

Huntsville Botanical

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February 1-28

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February 9

Gardening for Birds | Na-

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Huntsville Botanical

Garden

10 a.m.-12 noon



Perspectives on
God Views
+
Current News

by tim allston

Need A Role Model for 2021?

"But these things I plan won't happen right away. Slowly, steadily, surely, the time approaches when the vision will be fulfilled. If it seems slow,[b] do not despair, for these things will surely come to pass. Just be patient! They will not be overdue a single day!"

- Habakkuk 2:3

"A big shot is a little shot that just kept on shooting," I once heard.

That should be you in 2021, . . .

Theodore Carter Delaney, Jr., the former Washington and Lee University janitor-turned-professor, never lost sight of achieving professional excellence, according to The Journal of Blacks in Higher Education, <https://bit.ly/3n4MjOM>.

This professor of history emeritus and former chair of the Africana Studies program at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia, died on December 18. He was 77 years old.

Dr. Delaney was a native of Lexington, Virginia, and attended a racially segregated high school. He turned down a scholarship to Morehouse College and instead worked as a gardener and waiter. In 1963, he was hired as a janitor at Washington and Lee. He later worked as a laboratory technician. In 1979, Delaney enrolled in his first class at the university and became a full-time student four years later. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in history in 1985 at the age of 42. He also had 15 undergraduate credits from Virginia Military Institute.

After graduating from Washington and Lee University, Delaney taught American history for three years at the Asheville School in North Carolina, before beginning his graduate studies. He taught at W&L from 1991 to 1993, and then at the State University of New York at Geneseo from 1993 to 1995. He returned to W&L as a full-time faculty member in 1995 after earning his Ph.D. in history from the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Dr. Delaney taught courses on colonial North America, comparative slavery in the Western Hemisphere, African American history, civil rights, and gay and lesbian history. His popular Spring Term class about the civil rights movement took students on the path of the Freedom Riders through the South.

In 2005, Dr. DeLaney co-founded the Africana Studies program, which he directed from 2005 to 2007 and again from 2013 to 2017. He chaired the history department from 2007 to 2013. He was the first Black department head at Washington and Lee University.

Do you feel stuck in your current low-level job, unable to reach your mountaintop?

Then Theodore Delaney's legacy should flip your script!

tim allston is the author of the printed/digital/audiobook, *The U.S. Coronavirus Crisis and the Rise of the "Silver-Mettle" Leaders*, available now at <https://amzn.to/3cx1koV>.

... Once you are truly educated, you will not "ask" for power ... - John Henrik Clarke

Washington in One Minute



Here are the happenings in Washington, D.C., this week:

1. ON THE FLOOR. On Sunday, January 3, 2021, the House and Senate officially convened the First Session of the 117th Congress, swore-in new

Members, and re-elected Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) as Speaker of the House.

Speaker Pelosi will preside over a House composed of 222 Democrats and 212 Republicans and 1 vacancy (Rep.-elect Luke Letlow, R-LA, died last

Tuesday from COVID-19 complications).

The Senate currently has 50 Republicans to 48 Democrats, pending the outcome of Tuesday's (January 5) two Georgia runoff elections. On Monday, both President Trump and President-elect Biden

headlined campaign rallies in Georgia).

On Wednesday, January 6, at 1 p.m., the House and Senate were scheduled to meet in Joint Session to count and verify the votes of electors submitted by each state for president and vice president.

2. BIDEN TRANSITION NEWS. On December 30, President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris announced they had surpassed their goal of naming 100 members of the incoming White House staff by the end of 2020 and named additional members of the White House staff in the White House Presidential Personnel Office, Office of Legislative Affairs, Office of the Vice President, Office

of the Staff Secretary, and Oval Office Operations.

The Biden/Harris Inaugural Committee announced on Sunday that in lieu of an Inaugural Parade, the Bidens will receive a presidential escort from 15th Street to the White House after his swearing-in on the West Front of the Capitol. The escort will include representatives of every branch of the military, including the U.S. Army Band, a Joint Service Honor Guard, and the Commander-in-Chief's Guard and Fife and Drum Corps from the 3rd U.S. Infantry "The Old Guard."

3. COVID RELIEF BILL. On December 27, President Trump signed the \$900 billion COVID-19 relief bill into law (it was

paired with the \$1.4 trillion FY2021 appropriations package). A section-by-section summary of the COVID bill can be found online. On December 29, President-elect Biden named coordinators for key aspects of his COVID-19 response strategy: supply chain management, vaccinations, and testing.

4. HOUSE AND SENATE 2021 CALENDARS. The House Leadership released its legislative calendar for 2021.

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Huntsville Council Meetings



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Watch the meetings live via HuntsvilleAL.gov/HSVTV or on the City of Huntsville Facebook page (@huntsvillecity).

For more information, call (256) 427-5011.

Faith Initiative Scholarship Available

FAITH Initiative, Incorporated, a 501c3 nonprofit established by Fellowship Presbyterian Church USA, announces the annual scholarships to be awarded *Spring 2021*. The scholarships are open



to deserving students from the Tennessee Valley who have been accepted to an accredited university or technical school and who demonstrate the potential to become a productive member of the community.

Recipients are not required to be enrolled or accepted in an institution of higher learning in Alabama to receive the scholarships. Applications and requirements have been mailed to

area high school counselors and local churches. Students selected from the

Tennessee Valley will be informed by letter, and the formal announcement will be made at the Annual

Fundraising Event of the organization scheduled for *Spring 2021*. Due to the current COVID 19, this event may be virtual. Successful applicants are expected to participate.

Scholarship applications may be obtained from FAITH Initiative organization at faithinitiative-non-profit@gmail.com or call 256-714-9399. Applications must be received not later than *March 19, 2021*.

Noted African Americans Born in January

- 1 - Morris Chesnut, actor; John Henrik Clarke, Pan Africanist
- 2 - Cuba Gooding, Jr., actor
- 3 - Marc Morial, politician
- 4 - Coco Jones, actress
- 5 - Jason Mitchell, actor, "Starlight Outta Compton"
- 6 - John Singleton, director
- 7 - Zora Neale Hurston, writer
- 8 - R. Kelly, R&B singer
- 9 - Omari Hardwick, actor, poet, rapper
- 10 - Max Roach, drummer
- 11 - Mary J. Blige, Singer
- 12 - Issa Rae, actress
- 13 - Shonda Rhimes, screenwriter
- 14 - LL Cool J, rapper
- 15 - Martin Luther King, Jr., civil rights icon; Regina King, actress
- 16 - Debbie Allen, choreographer, director
- 17 - Michelle Obama, former First Lady; Muhammad Ali, boxer
- 18 - Jesse L. Martin, actor and singer
- 19 - Shawn Wayans, actor
- 20 - IV Jay, R&B singer
- 21 - Jam Master Jay, music producer
- 22 - Sam Cooke, soul singer
- 23 - Ruben Loftus-Cheek, soccer player
- 24 - Tatyana Ali, actress; Aaron Neville, singer
- 25 - Alicia Keys, singer; Etta James, blues singer
- 26 - Kirk Franklin, gospel singer
- 27 - John Witherspoon, TV actor
- 28 - J Cole, rapper
- 29 - Oprah Winfrey, actress, host, billionaire
- 30 - DeStorm Power, pop singer
- 31 - Jackie Robinson, baseball pioneer



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