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"If you can't explain it simply, you don't understand it well enough."

- Albert Einstein

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## #SilenceIsNotSpiritual

VIOLENCE AGAINST HER IS VIOLENCE AGAINST US



Over 140 evangelical Christian women from across the political and theological spectrums have signed onto a statement calling churches to end the silence around violence against women and the church's participation in it.

The statement is accompanied by the hashtag #SilenceIsNotSpiritual and is part of a campaign that

will run through Easter on April 1, 2018.

"There is no institution with greater capacity to create protected spaces for healing and restoration for survivors, as well as confession, repentance and rehabilitation for perpetrators," the statement reads.

It follows the #Church-Too movement—which, its creators are careful to note

—grew out of #MeToo, a Twitter hashtag women have used to share their stories of sexual harassment and assault. #MeToo was started by social activist Tarana Burke and went viral this fall, as women in great numbers began to use the hashtag. By the thousands, they accused ordinary people—mostly men—but also famous people in many fields.

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## Calhoun's Nursing Students Excel at NCLEX

Calhoun Community College officials have announced that the most recent graduates from the college's Associate's Degree Nursing (ADN) and Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) programs performed extremely well on their licensure exams, with both groups outpacing state and national passage rates.

According to Bret McGill, dean of Calhoun's Health Sciences division, of the 143 registered nursing students taking the NCLEX (National Council Licensure Examination), a total of 132 or 92.3% passed the exam on their first attempt, exceeding both the state (90.6%) and national (86.9%) rates. Calhoun LPN graduates had even more impressive results, with a perfect 100% passage rate, compared to the state average of 91.9% and the national rate of 93.8%.

McGill attributed the impressive results to several factors. "We feel that changes made over the last several years in our program such as admissions standards, increased professional development for the faculty, and utilization of best practices in



curriculum delivery and assessment from across the Alabama Community College System have contributed significantly to the continued gains we've experienced in our passage rates."

"We are ecstatic with these most recent scores," commented Calhoun

President Dr. Jim Klauber. "We are so very proud of the outstanding performance of our students on their licensure exams and applaud the efforts of our nursing faculty in training and preparing these students as they successfully enter the workforce," Klauber added.

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## Champion Game Plan for Life

by Preston Brown

*In Psalms 51:10, David writes: "Create in me a pure heart and renew a steadfast spirit in me."*

Do you still have passion for what God has called you to do? No matter what your position is, we all need passion. If you have a real passion for something, you will continue to do it no matter what your circumstance may be. Now, even the best can lose their passion if they don't practice the purpose that God has for their life.

For example, when Da-



vid ran to the battle lines to defeat the mighty Goliath he had passion. But a decade later, when he was in the "palace," he had lost his passion.

Remember the Bible tells us in 2 Samuel 11, when kings normally go off to war, David stayed home. And, while he was at home

he got in trouble with Bathsheba. After going through all of that drama, David needed his passion back. So, when David wrote the 51st Psalm, he was saying, *I had a pure passion when I first started, but now I've allowed some things to come into my life that have taken my passion away.* This year, we need to realize that we may have to walk away from some things to get our passion back and to rediscover the purpose that God has for our lives.

Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters!

## Washington in a Minute



Here are the top issues in Washington, D.C., for the week of January 8:

1. The House and Senate are in session this week. Among other items, the House will convene the 2nd Session of the 115th Congress and take up a bill to reauthorize section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act that allows the federal govern-

ment to collect and analyze the electronic communications of foreigners located outside the US. The Senate will start off the week with votes on federal judge nominees.

2. President Trump returned to Washington after a weekend at Camp David with GOP congressional leaders and selected members of his cabinet,

who discussed a unified legislative strategy for 2018. Reportedly, among the items considered were the \$200 billion infrastructure proposal, immigration reform, and a retrenchment of entitlement programs, such as Medicare and Medicaid,



## Community Engagement Event Set

AshaKiran and South Asian Americans Leading Together (SAALT) are sponsoring the one-day Inclusive Community Engagement Conference 2018 on January 26 from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The event will be held at the A.M. Booths Lumberyard at 108 Cleveland Avenue NW, Huntsville, Ala.

The conference theme is "Reframing the Conversation about Immigrants' Rights in Alabama" and is promoted as "a safe place to ask questions."

While the program is free to attend (lunch provided), participation is limited to only 100 people. Check for seat availability at [saaoutreach@ashakiranonline.org](mailto:saaoutreach@ashakiranonline.org).

The Inclusive Community Engagement Conference will bring speakers from the American Civil Liberties Union of Alabama, Hispanic Interest Coalition of Alabama, Alabama Coalition for Immigrant Justice and the Etowah Visitation Project and explore strategies for activists, faith-based communities, legal advocates, and people interested in immigrants' rights.

Participants will examine the contemporary legal rights for immigrants in the aftermath of the repeal of DACA and current activism across the state to work with and alongside immigrants. There will also be valuable break-out sessions for participants to network and share with each other how they work for immigrants' rights in their own communities.



food stamps and housing benefits. The President travelled to Atlanta to watch the College Football Playoff Championship game between Georgia and Alabama. On Tuesday, he hosted the bipartisan congressional leadership at the White House to hammer out a deal on the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, so that Congress can finally pass an omnibus FY2018 appropriations bill (the current deadline for action is January 19, but some congressional leaders believe that another stopgap measure may

be necessary to keep the government open).

3. On Tuesday, the House Republican Steering

Committee met behind closed doors to choose a new Chair of the House Budget Committee to succeed departing Budget Chair Diane Black (R-TN), who is running for Tennessee governor.

4. On Wednesday at 10:00 a.m., the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee held a hearing on "America's Water Infrastructure Needs and Challenges." Among the witnesses were the Port of Cleveland's President and CEO William Friedman.

5. Also, on Wednesday, the U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments in *Husted v. A. Philip Randolph Institute*, in which an Ohio man, Larry Harmon, alleged that he was unlawfully prohibited by the state from voting in November 2015 after failing to vote in 2 consecutive elections.

6. Last Friday, U.S. Customs and Border Protection transmitted a detailed cost estimate to the Senate for \$33 billion to beef up security on the nation's borders, including \$18 billion for 316 miles of new fencing and 407 miles of reinforced barriers on the 2,000-mile U.S.-Mexico border.

7. According to The Washington Post, the House Rules Committee will convene a hearing later this month on whether to reinstate the congressionally-directed project designations known as "earmarks."

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## From the Editor

*Brrrrrrrr ..... Ah, it's cold!*

I don't like cold weather. I have never liked cold weather. Staying warm in a tattered, wood-framed house in Monroeville was not an easy feat. Winters were particularly hard because we had to go into the woods to gather firewood and seasoned "lighter" wood to keep a fire going,

either in the fireplace, stove or potbelly heater in the kitchen. We needed firewood to cook and for heat.

For the most part, the fireplace kept us warm in the sitting room that doubled to a bedroom by night. When we left that room, we dashed through the cold dining room to the kitchen and to the other bedrooms. Our mother made quilts of old clothes and fabric to keep us warm. Those quilts were our only source of heat overnight. Once the fires burned out, that was it until the next morning. When the ashes heaped up too high, we had to clean them out and dump them outside and start a new fire all over again. There seemed to have been no end to the process of staying warm. I thank God for more than enough food, clothing, shelter and even more for heat in the winter.

If you have never had the experience of being cold, just know that it is misery. This past week, I have been careful and deliberate about checking on our elder family and friends who have limited resources and, thus, limited heat to ensure their warmth and safety. When I look back over the years, I still don't see how we made it. I suppose we adjusted to the conditions and developed coping mechanisms for survival. Trust me, life was hard and cruel. Not sure how we survived it but, by the age of 15, I knew I needed to escape the country because I didn't like the amount of effort it took to live, eat and stay warm.

We hunkered down and bundled up after sundown, when the temperature seemed to have become brutal. In my mind, we were always rushing to get things done before sundown. Sundown had meaning in the winter and through the year. If you had a snotty nose after sundown, there was a home remedy inside for you. You drank it, got a good rubdown, and went to bed under those old quilts that were so heavy you were not only tired by morning, you had sweated out everything that was in you that shouldn't have been there. We had to be *really* sick to go to the doctor. It had to be something that a home remedy couldn't break or cure. It makes me tired to think about it. Although our mother worked for a local doctor, our trips to the rear of his office were few.

That "lighter" wood was something else. When you stuck a match to it, it burned fast and strong to help get the fire started. When we could not find it in the woods, we used whatever we could find to get the fire started, even things that were not safe: paper bags, kerosene, even a few drops of gasoline.

*Why don't you just let it go, Dorothy?* If I let it go, my children and future grandchildren will never know that we made it on the blood, sweat, work and tears of our fathers and mothers and their ancestors. Today, my own children don't want to know because they can not comprehend that what "was" is really true. When we don't know a thing, we don't have to worry about it. When we have not experienced something for ourselves, it's difficult to wrap realism about those things. When people tell me they don't want to discuss the past, I am leery as to why they do not want to confront the truth. The past is our truth--good and bad.

On Monday, we will celebrate the birthday of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This annual commemoration was established to memorialize the contributions Dr. King made to justice and equality. Thanks to the Delta Theta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Education Foundation, we have an annual Unity Breakfast that recognizes the contributions of local citizens to justice and equality. I hope the temperature warms up; but, if it is *real* cold on Monday morning, just know that there will be heat in the Von Braun Center's North Hall. If you still need motivation to know and understand "why" we still talk about the past, get you a copy of the book "The Warmth of Other Suns" by Isabel Wilkerson and read it. My aunt, Catherine Willis, gifted me a copy of the book several years ago after having met the author. I don't have the space to share with you the gifts Aunt Catherine has given our family over the past three decades. That's a story for another day. Read the book, it's worth putting on your bucket list for 2018.

Stay warm until next week ...



*Dorothy*

# King's Last Speech a Call for Black Economic Empowerment

*In his April 3, 1968, and final speech, presented in Memphis, Tenn., to rally support for black sanitation workers, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., touched upon a number of themes. Chief among these was his call for African Americans' support of black businesses. Following is an excerpt from the landmark "Mountaintop" speech given just one day prior to King's assassination.*

... It's all right to talk about "long white robes over yonder," in all of its symbolism. But ultimately people want some suits and dresses and shoes to wear down here! It's all right to talk about "streets flowing with milk and honey," but God has commanded us to be concerned about the slums down here, and his children who can't eat three square meals a day. It's all right to talk about the new Jerusalem, but one day, God's preacher must talk about the new New York, the new Atlanta, the new Philadelphia, the new Los Angeles, the new Memphis, Tennessee. This is what we have to do.

Now the other thing we'll have to do is this: Always anchor our external direct action with the power of economic withdrawal. Now, we are poor people. Individually, we are poor when you compare us with white society in America. We are poor. Never stop and forget that collectively -- 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.

We don't have to argue with anybody. We don't have to curse and go around acting bad with our words. We don't need any bricks and bottles. We don't need any Molotov cocktails. We just need to go around to these stores, and to these massive industries in our country, and say, "God sent us by here, to say to you that you're not treating his children right. And we've come by here to ask you to make the first item on your agenda fair treatment, where God's children are concerned. Now, if you are not prepared to do that, we do have an agenda that we must follow. And our agenda calls for withdrawing economic support from you."

And so, as a result of this, we are asking you tonight, to go out and tell your neighbors not to buy Coca-Cola in Memphis. Go by and tell them not to buy Sealtest milk. Tell them not to buy -- what is the other bread? -- Wonder Bread. And what is the other bread company, Jesse? Tell them not to buy Hart's bread. As Jesse Jackson has said, up to now, only the garbage men have been feeling pain; now we must kind of redistribute the pain. We are choosing these companies because they haven't been fair in their hiring policies; and we are choosing them because they can begin the process of saying they are going to support the needs and the rights of these men who are on strike. And then they can move on town -- downtown and tell Mayor Loeb to do what is right. 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. And at the same time, we are putting pressure where it really hurts. I ask you to follow through here.

Now, let me say as I move to my conclusion that we've got to give ourselves to this struggle until the end. Nothing would be more tragic than to stop at this point in Memphis. We've got to see it through. And when we have our march, you need to be there. If it means leaving work, if it means leaving school -- be there. Be concerned about your brother. You may not be on strike. But either we go up together, or we go down together.

Let us develop a kind of dangerous unselfishness. One day a man came to Jesus, and he wanted to raise some questions about some vital matters of life. At points he wanted to trick Jesus, and show him that he knew a little more than Jesus knew and throw him off base....

Now that question could have easily ended up in a philosophical and theological debate. But Jesus immediately pulled that question from mid-air, and placed it on a dangerous curve between



Jerusalem and Jericho. And he talked about a certain man, who fell among thieves. You remember that a Levite and a priest passed by on the other side. They didn't stop to help him. And finally a man of another race came by. He got down from his beast, decided not to be compassionate by proxy. But he got down with him, administered first aid, and helped the man in need. Jesus ended up saying, this was the good man, because he had the capacity to project the "I" into the "thou," and to be concerned about his brother.

Now you know, we use our imagination a great deal to try to determine why the priest and the Levite didn't stop. At times we say they were busy going to a church meeting, an ecclesiastical gathering, and they had to get on down to Jerusalem so they wouldn't be late for their meeting. At other times we would speculate that there was a religious law that "One who was engaged in religious ceremonials was not to touch a human body twenty-four hours before the ceremony." And every now and then we begin to wonder whether maybe they were not going down to Jerusalem -- or down to Jericho, rather to organize a "Jericho Road Improvement Association."

That's a possibility. Maybe they felt that it was better to deal with the problem from the causal root, rather than to get bogged down with an individual effect.

But I'm going to tell you what my imagination tells me. It's possible that those men were afraid. You see, the Jericho road is a dangerous road. I remember when Mrs. King and I were first in Jerusalem. We rented a car and drove from Jerusalem down to Jericho. And as soon as we got on that road, I said to my wife, "I can see why Jesus used this as the setting for his parable." It's a winding, meandering road. It's really conducive for ambushing. You start out in Jerusalem, which is about ... [2400] feet above sea level. And by the time you get down to Jericho, fifteen or twenty minutes later, you're about [800] feet below sea level. That's a dangerous road. In the days of Jesus it came to be known as the "Bloody Pass." And you know, it's possible that the priest and the Levite looked over that man on the ground and wondered if the robbers were still around. Or it's possible that they felt that the man on the ground was merely faking. And he was acting like he had been robbed and hurt, in order to seize them over there,

lure them there for quick and easy seizure. And so the first question that the priest asked -- the first question that the Levite asked was, "If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?" But then the Good Samaritan came by. And he reversed the question: "If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?"

That's the question before you tonight. Not, "If I stop to help the sanitation workers, what will happen to my job. Not, "If I stop to help the sanitation workers what will happen to all of the hours that I usually spend in my office every day and every week as a pastor?" The question is not, "If I stop to help this man in need, what will happen to me?" The question is, "If I do not stop to help the sanitation workers, what will happen to them?" That's the question. Let us rise up tonight with a greater readiness. Let us stand with a greater determination. And let us move on in these powerful days, these days of challenge to make America what it ought to be. We have an opportunity to make America a better nation. And I want to thank God, once more, for allowing me to be here with you ...

-AmericanRhetoric.com  
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## CSNA's 2-1-1 a Godsend for the Homeless

Three simple numbers on a keypad – 2-1-1 – can make a monumental difference in a life. Particularly as other numbers – those on a thermometer – drop toward single digits.

Crisis Services of North Alabama, which operates the 'round-the-clock 2-1-1 hotline, helps the homeless and others in need as the temperature reaches dangerously low levels.

It also helps alleviate the strain on government resources in stressful times, saving taxpayer dollars and enabling manpower to be concentrated elsewhere.

We're blessed to have 2-1-1 with their machinery in place and with their expertise when these chal-

lenges arise."

The 2-1-1 program blankets six counties and, as program manager Jessica Rasche says, "there are 5,000 reasons you might call me." They might range from helping an elderly person obtain a wheelchair to assisting in finding childcare. One of those reasons, right now, would be the frigid temperatures.

Operators at 2-1-1 can refer homeless – a majority of whom have phone access – to warming centers, traditional shelters and other services. Since many shelters have regulations in place (for instance, adult-only sleeping areas that might force a family to be split up), 2-1-1 can

help find the best match. They might be referred to homeless agencies who can obtain temporary lodging at hotels and motels.

"We're very fortunate in Madison County. We are resource-rich," says Jeffrey Birdwell, director of the Huntsville-Madison County Emergency Management Agency. "There are a lot of people out there who are willing to help, a lot of resources."

Because of those groups, EMA and other government entities don't need to become directly involved in housing and major assistance unless circumstances become extraordinary.

*Excerpt from huntsvilleal.gov*



January 12 - MORDECAI JOHNSON - Educator, Mordecai W Johnson was born in Paris, Tennessee. Johnson served as the first Black president of Howard University, from 1926 until 1960. - [BlackinTime.info](http://BlackinTime.info)



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## Valley Deaths

### - Nelms Memorial Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MRS. GENOA B. HAYGOOD (b. 1947) was held Wednesday, January 3, at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses (2820 Winchester Road NW).

Funeral service for MR. JEFF HUMPHREY (b. 1939) was held Thursday, January 4, at Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church (292 Cemetery Rd, New Market, AL 35761) with Reverend Cornelious Adams officiating.

Funeral service for RET. STAFF SERGEANT L.D. MAYFIELD were held Saturday, December 30, at Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church.

Funeral service for MRS. BARBARA BUTLER (b. 1943) was held Wednesday, December 27, 2017 at Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral service for MR. PERRY CAUDLE (b. 1931) was held Saturday, December 23, 2017, at Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church with Elder Joe Cater officiating.

### - Royal Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MRS. MILDRED ALICE HEREFORD (b. 1921) was held Monday, January 8, at the St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church (229 Church Street, Huntsville, AL 35801) with Reverend Maurice Wright, II, officiating.

Funeral service for MR. MERRON HAYES TIBBS (b. 1934) was held Saturday, January 6, at the Lakeside United Methodist Church (3738 Meridian Street N, Huntsville, AL 35811) with Dr. Thomas Muhomba officiating.

Funeral service for MR. WILLIAM A. JOHNSON, JR., (b. 1925) was held Saturday, January 6, at the Greenwood Missionary Baptist Church (1510 Washington Avenue, Tuskegee, AL 36088).

Funeral service for MRS. ETTA PRIDE HENRY (b. 1944) will be held at 12 noon, January 6, at the First Missionary Baptist Church.

Funeral service for MRS. HELEN HUMPHREY LACEY (b. 1928) was held Wednesday, January 3, at the Phillips Christian Methodist Episcopal Church with Pastor Keith Ellison officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. CLENTHELL FIELDS JOINER (b. 1936) was held Sunday, December 31, at the Royal Chapel of Memories with Pastor Donald F. Smith officiating.

Funeral service for SGT MAJOR (RET) DAVID C. SMITH (b. 1930) was held at 12 noon, Saturday, December 30th at the First Missionary Baptist Church with Dr. Julius R. Scruggs officiating.



## Theatre Opens 2018 with 'Clybourne Park'

### Groundbreaking Production Retells Classic Story

Theatre Huntsville is jumpstarting 2018 with "Clybourne Park," a semi-canonical play set to the back drop of Lorraine Hansberry's "Raisin in the Sun", which runs at the Von Braun Center Play House from Jan 19-20 and 25-27.

Loosely based off the events from Hansberry's magnum opus, "Clybourne Park" is split between the past and present. Set in the 1950's, Act 1 focuses on the titular neighborhood and their reluctance in allowing an African American family (the Youngers) to move in. Act 2 fast-forwards to 2009 where the once segregated community is now a predominately African American neigh-

borhood where new threat arises: gentrification.

Penned by playwright Bruce Norris, the period piece garnered a myriad accolade, most notably the 2011 Pulitzer's Prize for Drama and 2012 Tony Award for Best Play. While comprised of 7 actors, cast members have duplicitous roles, playing different parts in Acts 1 & 2.

The Huntsville production is directed by Josh Phillips and stars Sam Marsh, Cathy Altonji, Ariel Terrell, Byron Turner, Art Walthall, Brian Beck and Raye Bonham Carter. "Clybourne Park" has performances Jan 19-20 and 25-27 at 7:30 p.m., and matinee shows on Jan 21 & 27 at 2 p.m. For additional information, please visit [theatrehsv.org](http://theatrehsv.org) or call 256-536-0807.

by Reginald D. Allen

## Called 2 Preach

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

### Gravitas of Grace

The word gravitas lends itself very well to the concept of grace because of its multiplicity of meanings. Note the list: dignity, seriousness, solemnity of manner, sobriety, authority and weightiness.

Grace properly appreciated and appropriated will always give those who embrace it, a life of gravitas.

Meditation upon this sacred subject in a masticated style will indeed supply food for the soul that will result in stanzas and statements; choruses and compositions of praise and worship.

Take the word *dignity*, for instance. It was dignity that was given to the woman at the well, and the Gadarene graveyard dweller who was found clothed and in his right mind. Dignity lost; dignity regained.

Then there's the word, *seriousness*. Who in their right mind doesn't take grace seriously? The Apostle Paul certainly did when he warned in 2 Corinthians 6:1 against "receiving grace in vain."

*Solemnity of manner* is what Peter displayed as his self-confident boasting melted in the presence of His Master as he received the gracious benefit of the penetrating probe of the thrice-asked question concerning his love of Jesus.

*Sobriety*? What is more sobering than the lesson learned in Romans 7:18, that there is nothing good that dwells in the flesh?

It was grace's gravitas



that gave Paul the authority and weightiness to boast of his work, compared to those "super apostles" who were trying to impress the Corinthians with their so-called superior knowledge and enlightenment.

My prayer is, "Lord mark my life and ministry with the gravitas of grace."

### City Council Meetings



Huntsville City Council Meetings City Council regular meetings are held in the City Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. City Council work sessions are also held in the City Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. For more information, call (256) 427-5011.

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Classes will begin March 6 and end April 24, running 6-9 p.m. every Tuesday evening. Graduation will be held on May 1.

Applications are available online at [www.diversityleadershipcolloquium.com](http://www.diversityleadershipcolloquium.com). Questions should be emailed to Mrs. Georgia Valrie at [gvalrie1971@gmail.com](mailto:gvalrie1971@gmail.com) or call (256) 656-4698.

## The Valley Weekly Calendar of Events

### Thru February 26

"De-Stress Chair Yoga"  
Holmes Street  
United Methodist Church  
5:30 p.m.

### January 11

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Commemoration Program  
*Sponsor:* Office of Diversity  
and Multicultural Affairs/  
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UAH Conference Training  
Center, Exhibit Hall  
4 p.m.

### January 12

Downtown Huntsville Annual  
Meeting and Awards  
(Presented by  
Alabama A&M University)  
Keynote Speaker:  
David Downey  
President/CEO  
International Downtown As-  
sociation  
[www.downtownhuntsville.org](http://www.downtownhuntsville.org)  
VBC Propst Arena  
7:30-9 a.m.

### January 15

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

### January 17

"Above and Beyond" Flight  
Exhibition  
U.S. Space and Rocket Center

### January 19

The 11th Annual Evening of  
Dance  
Merrimack Hall Performing  
Arts Center

### January 26

"Tallulah, Darling: The Life  
and Times of Huntsville's  
Wicked Star"  
Huntsville/Madison County  
Main Public Library  
2 p.m. (Free)

### January 31-February 2

(January 31 Event)  
4th Black Male Summit  
"Reclaiming Our Black Males"  
Clyde Foster Auditorium  
Alabama A&M University  
6 p.m.

### February 16

Epsilon Gamma Omega  
Chapter of Alpha Kappa  
Alpha Sorority's  
Debutante Presentation and  
Ball  
Von Braun Center

### March 8

National Society of Black  
Engineers  
25th Scholarship Awards



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Dr. Arthur L. Walker

## Save the Date!

Saturday, March 10, 2018

The Jackson Center  
(Cummings Research Park) - Moquin Drive  
Huntsville, Ala.

5 p.m.

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