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"Wisdom is higher than a fool can reach." - Phillis Wheatley

Madison County Chapter of ANSC Planning Voter Events

The Madison County Chapter of the Alabama New South Coalition is sponsoring a series of events to provide information to area voters, according to Michelle Watkins, president.

The ANSC chapter will hold a **Voter Workshop** on Thursday, February 8, at the Dr. Richard Showers Recreation Center, 4600 Blue Spring Road, at 6 p.m.

Probate Judge Frank Barger will be the guest speaker.

The organization has planned a **Candidate Forum**

on Thursday, February 15, for candidates seeking the



office of Madison County District Six Commissioner. Scheduled participants include Violet Edwards and

JesHenry Malone.

ANSC's Black History

Month **Student Oratorical Contest** has been scheduled for Thursday, February 29.

The ANSC's primary focus areas include community; voter registration and education; economic development; cultural awareness, leadership development; and youth development.

For additional information, contact alnewsouthmc@gmail.com or call (256) 469-0187.

Army Chief of Staff Promotes Gainey

The Army chief of staff promoted Maj. Gen. Sean A. Gainey to lieutenant general during a recent ceremony at Redstone Arsenal.

Gen. Randy A. George (left), Army chief of staff, promoted Gainey prior to his assumption of command as the newest commanding general of the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command and the Joint Functional Component Command for Integrated Missile Defense.

"Sean, I am glad to finally be putting this third star on you," George said. "Sean is



SMDC-Carrie Campbell

an absolute expert and is the kind of leader our Soldiers deserve across our formations ... SMDC requires bold, innovative, get-it-done kind of leadership and there is not a better leader anywhere in our Army to take the reins of SMDC," he added.

During the ceremony, Gainey said he is honored to be promoted and feels privileged to serve. As the incoming USASMDC commanding general, Gainey will serve in the position of the Army's senior Air Defense Artillery and space operations expert.

"Today is an awesome day," Gainey said. "I am excited and I am ready to get started. The Army has invested in me and I can honestly say the jobs I've had have prepared me for this day."

Spelman College Glee Club to Perform in Rocket City

The Huntsville Area Chapter of the National Alumnae Association of Spelman College presents The Spelman College Glee Club, directed by Kevin Johnson, in concert at the Church Street Cumberland Presbyterian Church, in Downtown Huntsville, Ala., on Saturday, March 9, at 4 p.m.

The Church Street CPCA is located at 228 Church Street. Tickets are

\$50. For additional information, contact the local Spelman alumni chapter

at hsvnaasc@gmail.com or visit www.HuntsvilleNA-ASC.org.

Arts Huntsville Awards \$300K to 22 Arts Nonprofits

Arts Huntsville, with support from The Pei Ling Charitable Trust, awarded \$300,000 in pass-through Huntsville City Council grants to 22 Huntsville nonprofit arts organizations on January 24, fueling their community programming. The grants ranged from \$2,474 (Huntsville Literary Association) to \$24,468

(Brass Band of Huntsville).

Various grants were awarded to Above the Barre Dance Experience, Alabama Youth Ballet Theatre, Broadway Theatre League, Dance All Productions, Inc., Fantasy Playhouse, Hsv. Chamber Music Guild, Hsv. Community Chorus, Hsv. Drumline, Hsv. Community Concert Band, Inc., Hsv.

Master Chorale, Hsv. Traditional Music Assn., Hsv. Youth Orchestra, Independent Musical Productions, Inside Out Studio, Maitland Arts Initiative, Merrimack Hall Performing Arts Center, Opera Huntsville, She-nanigans Comedy Theatre, Southern Fried Film Festival and Theatre Huntsville.

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Washington One Minute

by Ron Hamm

Here is what's happening in Washington, D.C., the nation's capital, this week:

1. CONGRESS. The House and Senate are back in session this week. The House, among other items, may take up a \$79 billion tax package to expand the child tax credit and renew business tax breaks. The Senate is still working on compromise language with the White House to reform immigration policy that would be a key part of a \$111 billion Ukraine/Israel supplemental spending bill. Politico reported that last Friday the House and Senate Appropriations Committees released their individual Fiscal Year 2024 subcommittee allocations (known as "302b" allocations) so that the subcommittees can attempt to complete work on the 12 annual appropriations bills before the current stopgap measures expire on March 1 and March 8. To date none of the FY2024 appropriations bills have been enacted.

2. COMMITTEES. On Tuesday, the Homeland Security Committee were set to vote on 2 Articles of Impeachment against DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas alleging that he breached the public trust and purposefully ignored immigration law ...

3. THE WHITE HOUSE. On Sunday, the President said that the U.S. will retaliate after 3 U.S. troops were killed and several dozen were injured in a Saturday drone attack by Iran-backed proxies in Jordan. Biden traveled to South Florida for a pair of campaign fundraisers and on Thursday he attended the National Prayer Breakfast in D.C. On Saturday (Feb. 3), South Carolina will hold its Democratic presidential primary election, where the President will vie with Rep. Dean Phillips (D-MN) and self-help guru Marianne

Williamson for 63 convention delegates (the South Carolina GOP primary is Feb. 24). The White House announced that the

President will meet with German Chancellor Olaf Scholz in Washington on Feb. 9 in a bid to rally support for additional assistance for Ukraine ...

4. SUPREME COURT. Last Thursday, the Supreme Court granted a request from the Biden Administration to allow federal Border Patrol agents to cut or move razor wire installed by the State of Texas along a portion of the U.S.-Mexico border. The court has no oral arguments scheduled until Feb. 8 when it will hear the case of Trump v. Anderson to decide whether the Colorado Supreme Court erred in ordering former President Trump excluded from the 2024 presidential primary ballot.

5. FEDERAL RESERVE MEETING. The Federal Reserve's Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) held its first meeting of 2024 on Tuesday and Wednesday and is expected to leave interest rates unchanged from their current 22-year-high range of 5.25%-5.50% -- although analysts will be looking closely for clues for when the FOMC will bring the rates down this year ...

6. HIGHER EDUCATION. The Biden administration is looking to eliminate colleges' ability to automatically charge

students for books and supplies as part of tuition and fees. The proposal, which is still in the early stages, would roll back an Obama-era policy that allowed a procurement model for digital textbooks and course materials to flourish. This move by the government has alarmed publishers and institutions, but it is one that student advocates say would give students more choices. The Association of American

Publishers says nearly half of all degree-granting institutions have adopted a version of the sourcing option known as inclusive or equitable access, in which students receive all required course materials offered for sale at below-market rates through deals struck between institutions, publishers, and campus bookstores by the first day of class as part of their tuition and fees. The Education Department proposes to

take away colleges' ability to automatically bill students for their books and supplies, with only a few exceptions. Instead, students would have to opt in.

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- Rutherford B. Hayes

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VALLEY DEATHS



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Funeral services will be announced soon for MR. GENE CARR SR. (b. 1938) and MR. LA'RON DAWSON (b. 2001).

Funeral service for MS. OTHELLA GRANDISON (b. 1954) was held Tuesday, January 30, at Serenity Funeral Home.

Visitation for MR. HONORIO "SKIP" MAGANA (b. 1966) was held Tuesday, January 23, 2-4 p.m., at Serenity Funeral Home.

Funeral service for MR. CARL ROBINSON (b. 1960) was Saturday, January 20, at Serenity Funeral Home.

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Funeral service for MR. FRANK EDWARDS, JR. (b. 1948) was Sunday, January 28, in the Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral service for MR. JOHN D. PETTY (b. 1941) was Friday, January 26, at Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor Larry Davidson, Jr. officiating.

Funeral service for MR. EUGENE BRIGGS (b. 1957) was Friday, January 26, in the Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with The Reverend Hernandez Ford officiating.

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Funeral service for PASTOR CORNELL MARTIN (b. 1954) was Saturday, January 27, at the Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church (315 Winchester Road NE, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor O. Wendell Davis officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. CHARLIE MAE BRADFORD (b. 1940) was Saturday, January 27, at the Syler Tabernacle (904 Oakwood Avenue NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Larry Petty officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. LINDA JUANITA HENDERSON SMITH (b. 1960) was Saturday, January 27, at the Progressive Union Missionary Baptist Church (1919 Brandontown Road NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Dion Watkins officiating.

Spiritual Game Plan

PRESTON BROWN'S



"Having a Solid Foundation"

Matthew 7:24-25 says, "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock."

This scripture de-

scribes two distinct types of foundations that we can build our lives upon.

One is the stability of rock, while the other one is the instability of sand. This scripture does not say that you cannot build your house on sand; it just illustrates the expected end when you do.

Now that word foundation means the basis, or groundwork, of anything. Whether it be a house, or a marriage, or any kind of relation-

ship, it all starts with a solid foundation. The same can also be said about our finances. In order for us to plan for an uncertain future, we have to be prepared for the "what ifs" in life that will come.

In this scripture, Jesus was clear. He tells us in his word that when the rains come, and they will, and when the streams rise and the winds of life beat against your house, your house will not fall because it was built upon the stability of the rock, not the instability of the sand. The good news is this: it is never too late to start



building your life on the rock. For those who do not know, the Rock is Jesus.

May God grant you spiritual success in building a solid foundation for your life.

Question: What type of foundation is your life built on?

Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters, and make sure you purchase a copy of my books, *Spiritual Game Plans For A Successful Life* and *A Champion Game Plan for Life* at amazon.com, Westbow Books or, if you have a PayPal account, email me at prestonbrown81@gmail.com, and I will send you an autographed copy.

NEXT WEEK:
"Overcoming the What-Ifs"

"Love betrayed has an entirely different sound than hatred outright."

- N. K. Jemisin

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February 1

“Feathered February”
Huntsville Botanical Garden”
Tickets: hsvbg.org/featheredfebruary
Huntsville, Ala.

February 2

Mardi Gras at MidCity
MidCity & The Camp
Huntsville, Ala.

February 3

Paint for a Purpose
Supporting the Miss Black
Rocket City Foundation
(Supplies, refreshments,
sips included; \$50/person)
6200 Mastin Lake Road NE
Huntsville, Ala.
6:30-9 p.m.

February 7

Alabama Tactical Officers
Association’s Event
5827 Oakwood Road
Huntsville, Ala. - 8 a.m.

February 8

ANSC-MC Chapter
Voter Workshop
Speaker: Probate Judge
Frank Barger
Dr. Richard Showers Recreation
Center
4600 Blue Spring Road
Huntsville, Ala.
6 p.m.

February 9

Crafting Social: A Special
Galentine’s Event
Burritt on the Mountain
Huntsville, Ala.
5:30 p.m.

February 10

All Girls State Chess
Championship
Alabama School of Cyber
Technology and Engineering
9 a.m.

ADC Membership Break-
fast

Bob Harrison Senior Well-
ness and Advocacy Center
9 a.m.

February 15

Candidate Forum for
Madison County Commis-
sioner District 6
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Chapter-Alabama New
South Coalition

February 29

Student Oratorical Contest
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Chapter-Alabama New
South Coalition - TBA

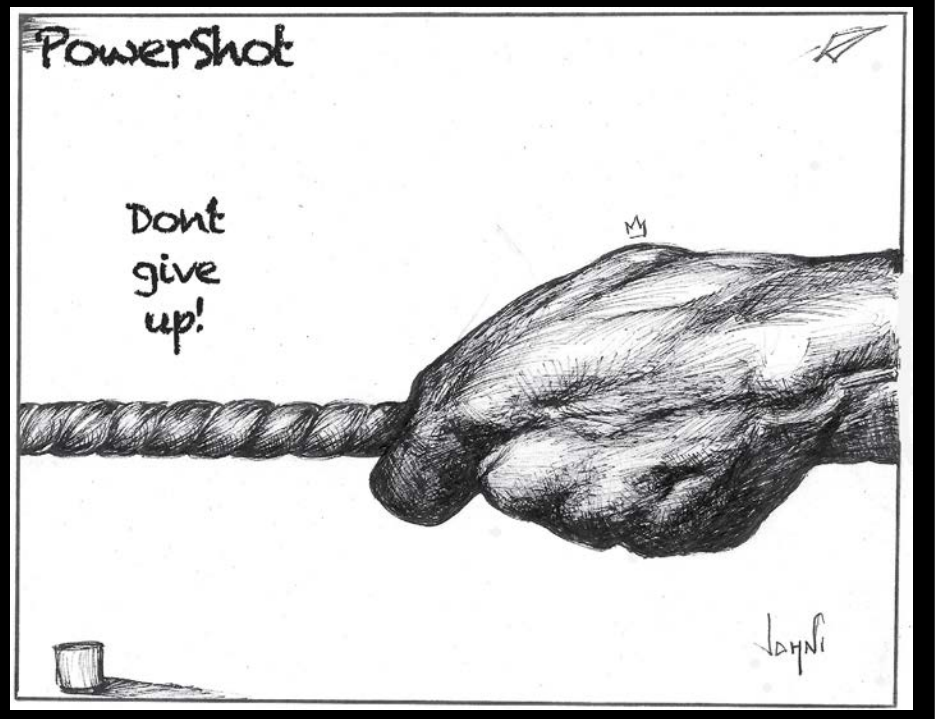
March 3

Bus Trip to Bloody Sunday
Madison County Chapter
of the Alabama New South
Coalition
Madison County District
6 Office
Hi-Lo Circle (Near Drake
State)
8 a.m.-9 p.m.

March 9

Rosetta James Foundation
“Honoring Our Elders”
Celebration/Day Gala
Huntsville, Ala.
12 noon

Spelman College Glee Club
Church Street Cumberland
Presbyterian Church
228 Church Street
Downtown Huntsville



*“A loud voice is not always angry; a soft voice not always
to be dismissed; and a well-placed silence
can be the indisputable last word.”*

- Gloria Naylor

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*“Is there something we have forgotten? Some precious
thing we have lost, wandering in strange lands?”*

- Arna Bontemps

FEBRUARY 2 - DONALD JEROME DRIVER - A former
American football wide receiver. After playing football for
Alcorn State, Driver was picked by the Green Bay Packers in
the seventh round of the 1999 NFL Draft. He spent his entire
14-season NFL career with the Packers and holds the fran-
chise’s all-time records for most career receptions and receiv-
ing yards. Driver was a member of the Packers team that won
Super Bowl XLV over the Pittsburgh Steelers. Driver holds a
Football Camp. Upon retirement, he won season 14 of *Danc-
ing with the Stars*.



- BlackCelebrityBirthdays.org

In a Split Second ...

Millennial Moment

by Gloria B. Caldwell

In A Split Second ...

Life can shift in a split second. In the blink of an eye, our world can be turned upside down, leaving us feeling lost, confused, and overwhelmed. But it is in these moments of unexpected change that we have the opportunity to grow, to learn, and to transform ourselves.

Change can be challenging, but it is also a catalyst for personal growth and transformation. It forces us to step outside of our comfort zones and confront our fears. It pushes us to adapt, to evolve, and to become the best versions of ourselves.

When life throws us a curveball, it's important to remember that we have the power to choose how we respond. We can choose to let fear and uncertainty consume us, or we can choose to take control of our narrative and find the silver lining in the midst of chaos.

It may not be easy, but we can find strength in the midst of adversity. It is during these trying times that our true character shines through. It's when we tap into our resilience, determination, and perseverance that we discover the depths of our potential.

So, when life shifts in a split second, remember that you are not defined

by your circumstances. Instead, you are defined by how you choose to respond to them. Embrace the change, no matter how difficult it may be, and trust that it is leading you towards a better and



brighter future.

Remember that every setback is an opportunity for a comeback. Rise above the challenges, find the lessons in the hardships, and

use them as stepping stones towards your personal and professional growth.

In a split second, life can change. But in that same moment, you have the power to shift your mindset, embrace the change, and transform your life into something truly remarkable.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 - *There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.*

"Acceptance of prevailing standards often means we have no standards of our own."

- Jean Toomer



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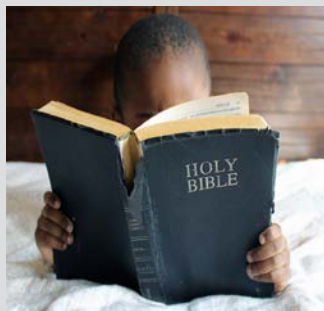
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This Sunday's Lectionary



Sunday, February 4, 2024

Fifth Sunday after
the Epiphany

(Track 2, Year B)

First Lesson:

Isaiah 40:21-31

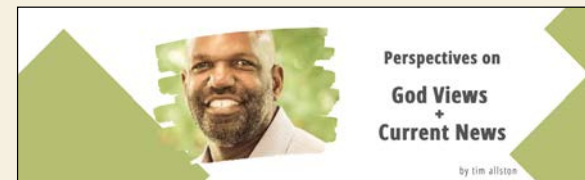
Psalm 147:1-12, 21c

Second Lesson:

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

GOSPEL:

Mark 1:29-39



Your Prayer Breakfast's "Daily Bread" (Part 2 of 3)

"Give us day by day our daily bread." - Luke 11:3

Last week, we discussed that prayer needs to be our country's "national breakfast" more now than ever.

Some will rightfully ask, "How and where to start?" Jesus answered that same question for His disciples, by saying, "Give us this day our daily bread," Luke 11:3.

Prayer is our daily bread, enhanced by our practicing it daily.

The Bible places greater emphasis on days and daily preparations than on years and yearly preparations.

For example, the Bible references "year" or "years" 324 times but uses day or days 1,431 times - a four-to-one ratio.

But there's an additional benefit of days being bundled into 40-day periods.

The Bible records that God typically used 40-day periods of praying, fasting, and preparation to accomplish special missions. For example:

1. To rid the world of sin and re-start fresh, God used Noah's Ark and the Great Flood of 40 days;
2. To prepare Jesus for His world-changing ministry, He was tested in a wilderness for 40 days; and
3. After being resurrected on Easter Sunday Jesus spent 40 days preparing his disciples to introduce the world to Christianity.

The disciples' 40-day "boot camp" with Jesus worked. From there, they established Christianity, and today its approximately 2.56 billion followers comprise the world's largest religion.

That 40-day period of prayer also worked for:

- Moses on Mt. Sinai with God;
- Jonah cleaning up the City of Nineveh - and himself, too; and
- The 12 Israelite spies investigating Canaan, God's Promised Land for his formerly enslaved Children of Israel.

I use frequently 40-day periods of prayer, fasting, and preparation before tackling large projects.

Today, could you use that type of 40-day period in your life?

Next week, we'll conclude with a few powerful examples of prayer to get results.



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Rosetta James Foundation "Spotlight on Our Elders" ... Featuring

Mr. Bob Petty

Mr. Bob Petty has served in some capacity as an education professional for well over 45 years, utilizing his extensive experience in teaching, training and supervision in various settings to impact the lives of hundreds of young men and women.

Petty earned the Bachelor of Science degree in engineering technology and the M.Ed. degree in industrial technology education from historic Alabama A&M University. He went on to pursue additional studies at Athens State University, Mississippi State University and Winston-Salem State University (N.C.). These institutions equipped Petty with a proven ability to teach electricity, electronics and applied physics, as well as to serve as an able supervisor of both students and other teachers.

The educator traces his long length of service back to his nearly 30-year affiliation with J.F. Drake State Community and Technical College where, from 1972-2000, he ably taught in and ultimately led the Department of Electronics/Electricity, providing able guidance to instruc-

tors, supervising the total operations of the unit, counseling and interviewing students for enrollment, coordinating and spurring job placement for graduating students, serving on boards and committees, and even networking with high schools and technology centers.

From 2000-2010, Petty served as an education service provider for AWS Limited, where he served as a liaison between the firm and various area colleges, in addition to securing tutoring, transportation and housing for international students. During the period, he primarily served as an education service provider for the National Training Board (NTB)-Bermuda, operating as liaison between NTB and Tennessee Valley area colleges and universities.

Further, Petty maintains a nearly 20-year affiliation with the North Alabama Center for Educational Excellence (NACEE), providing tutorial services to high school students, developing partnerships with community industries and agencies, counseling and interviewing students for



mentoring program, and serving as the industry liaison for Upward Bound and Upward Bound Math & Science programs.

Petty enjoys a continuing affiliation with the Alabama Education Association, the Alabama Vocational Association, J.F. Drake Education Association, the National Education Association, Alabama VICA Association, and the National VICA Association.

Among his most recent honors are the William Hooper Council Distinguished Alumni Award from Alabama A&M University Alumni Association, Inc., and the Benjamin Banneker Friends in Planning Award presented by Alabama A&M University's Department of Community and Regional Planning.

"Spotlight on Our Elders" is a weekly feature sponsored by the Rosetta James Foundation to promote **volunteerism** and **activism** in our community among those who are 70-plus. The Foundation also provides scholarships. Learn more about us at www.rosettajamesfoundation.org. Know an outstanding elder (70+) that you would like to see featured? Send us a photo and 250-word write-up to info@valleyweeklyllc.com.



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RJF Accepting Scholarship Applications

The Rosetta James Foundation (RJF) is accepting applications for its annual scholarship award program until Friday, February 16. Awards will be presented at the "Honoring Our Elders" event at 12 noon on Saturday, March 9, at The Jackson Center in Cummings Research Park.

The scholarships are awarded to deserving students who are committed to community volunteerism as part of their college experience. Scholarships are not awarded to graduate students.

Scholarship co-chairs JaLissa Williams Cothron

and Morgan Saintjones will be carefully selecting recipients of several Rosetta James Foundation endowed scholarships.

Among others, some of the endowed scholarships are named for the following: Dr. Charles E. Cannon Scholarship (Alabama A&M University); Mr. & Mrs. Jerry (Butch) Damson Scholarship Fund; McKinley James Scholarship (J.F. Drake State Community and Technical College); Rosetta James Scholarship for Alabama A&M University; Dr. Harriett Littlepage Scholarship Fund for Ala-

bama A&M University; Vanessa Williams McCarthy "Yes I Can" Memorial Scholarship for Alabama A&M University; The Pugh-Slater Scholarship Fund (J.F. Drake State Community and Technical College); Kenneth Ellington Smoot, Sr. Memorial Scholarship (J.F. Drake State Community and Technical College); the William Huston Sr. Scholarship (Alabama A&M University) and others.

Visit www.rosettajamesfoundation.org for a link to the Scholarship Application. All criteria are provided.

'Go Red' Affair Scheduled for February

The Central North Alabama Alumnae (CNAA) Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated and the Rouge Foundation will present "ROUGE - A Go Red Event: The Silver Anniversary Collection."

The event will be held at the Von Braun Center, East Hall 1, in Downtown Huntsville on February 10, 6-11:30 p.m.

This night of elegance will feature community leaders, business owners

and influencers who are selected as model ambassadors to advocate for heart health. Proceeds will benefit the American Heart Association as well as fund CNAA's programs.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, is committed to advocating for local and international communities to bring awareness of various program initiatives. The CNAA Chapter proudly serves Lawrence, Limestone and Morgan coun-

ties.

Wear radiant red cocktail attire, put on dancing shoes and preparing for a night of fashion, fun, and fundraising for a tremendous cause! Cocktail Hour will begin at 6 p.m. and the ROUGE Program will follow at 7 p.m.

Visit cnaadst.org/services-5. Event sponsorships are available through The Rouge Foundation. You may contact therougefoundation@gmail.com for more information.

NSBE Offering Scholarships to Grades 5-12

The North Alabama Professionals Chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers (NAL NSBE Professionals) invites 5th to 12th grade students to participate in its scholarship program.

NAL NSBE Professionals was established out of

a desire to stimulate and sustain minority participation in Engineering and the Applied Sciences.

The organizations is offering scholarships through a series of initiatives, including the Creative Minds Poster Contest (5th grade); Space Camp (grades 6-8);

STEM Service Essay Scholarship (grades 9-12); Briggs Scholarship and Pope Perseverance Scholarship (high school seniors).

For scholarship information, visit <https://nsbe-northalabamaae.com/programs.html>.



February, especially February 14th, Valentine's Day, is the time when many individuals tend to do special things to show their love for their spouses and romantic partners. While these seasons are admirable, it is important to emphasize that "putting love into action" should be an everyday activity.

Bell Hook acknowledged that "love is an action, never a simple feeling." It is not just how you feel on the inside. It's all about what you do, all the actions you make, and how you interact with the world around you. Love is a choice.

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. emphatically explained that love in action "is doing the right thing, at the right time, in the right spirit."

We've seen extraordinary acts of love in action demonstrated throughout the world as the government, organizations, groups and individuals respond in love by sending manpower, food and supplies, money and whatever possible to victims of unimaginable natural disasters. In 2023, thousands of victims were traumatized by the devastating floods and storms in places like Afghanistan, Mahi, California and Florida, and Libya.

Phenomenal Biblical examples of putting love into action are demonstrated throughout the holy Bible. Some the most popular ones are:

- For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten son ... ~ John 3:16~
- Jesus said, "a new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another as I have loved you." ~John 13:35~
- "Let us love in word or tongue only, but, in deed and

in truth."
~ 1 John 3:18~

We have numerous opportunities in our daily lives to do more than write or say "I love you." Following are a few examples:

- Pick up groceries for an elderly or sick neighbor/friend.
- Cut or have someone a neighbor's grass.
- Spend times with loved ones.
- Sit and listen to or hold the hand of a grieving friend.
- Send up effectual and fervent prayers for loved ones.

I invite you to join me in putting a fruit of the Holy Spirit -LOVE- into Action every day.

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Hank Aaron, baseballer, Mobile
Ralph Abernathy, activist, Linden
Joel "JoJo" Adams, bluesman, Rural
Tommie Lee Agee, MLB, Magnolia
Arthur Alexander, singer, Sheffield
Inez Andrews, gospel, Birmingham
Lloyd Austin, Sec. of Defense, Mobile
Robert Avery, activist hitchhiked to 1963 March, Gadsden

Charles Barkley, NBA star, Leeds
Andrew Jackson Beard, inventor of railroad coupler, Pinson
Regina Benjamin, U.S. Surgeon General, Mobile
Jo Jo Benson, R&B/soul singer, Phenix City
Herman Blount aka "Sun Ra," Visionary musician, Birmingham
Willie D. Burton, Oscar-winning sound engineer, Tuscaloosa
Clarence and Curtis Butler "Butler Twins," Detroit blues, Killen
George "Wild Child" Butler, Blues harmonica player, Autaugaville

James Anthony Carmichael, Grammy-winning arranger, Gadsden
Johnnie Carr, activist, Montgomery
Clarence Carter, singer, Montgomery
Nell Carter, actress/singer, Birmingham
Reg E. Cathey, actor, Huntsville
John Henrik Clarke, Pan Africanist, Union Springs



Mattie Moss Clarke, singer, Selma
Lorenzo Clemons, actor, Birmingham
Nat King Cole, icon, Montgomery
Burl C. "Jaybird" Coleman, blues harmonica player, Gainesville
Mitty Collier, singer, Birmingham
Marva Collins, educator, Monroeville
Laverne Cox, actress, Mobile
Tony Cox, actor, Uniontown

William Dawson, composer, Anniston
Anthony Daniels, Alabama's first black minority House leader, Midway
Angela Davis, activist, Birmingham
Sam Dees, singer, Birmingham

Dennis Edwards, singer, Birmingham
James Reese Europe, composer, Mobile

Maria Fearing, ex-slave educator and missionary, Gainesville
Melvin Franklin, singer, Montgomery
Vonetta Flowers, Olympian, Birmingham

G-Side, hip hop duo, Huntsville
Oscar Gamble, MLB outfielder, Ramer
A.G. Gaston, businessman, Birmingham
Kenneth Gibson, Newark, NJ mayor, Enterprise
Fred Gray, civil rights atty. (Rosa Parks, Tuskegee Study), Montgomery

Albert Hall, actor, Brighton
Vera Hall, Folk singer, Livingston

Lionel Hampton, jazz musician, Birmingham
W.C. Handy, "Father of the Blues," Florence
William R. Harvey, Hampton U. president, Brewton
Erskine Hawkins, trumpeter, Birmingham
Alexis Herman, former U.S. Secretary of Labor, Mobile
Andre' Holland, actor, Bessemer
Condredge Holloway, CFL, Huntsville
Evander Holyfield, boxer, Atmore
James Hood, Education pioneer, Gadsden
Brittany Howard, singer, Athens
Jimmy Hughes, singer, Leighton
Zora Neale Hurston, novelist, Notasulga

Bo Jackson, athlete, Bessemer
Katherine Jackson, matriarch of The Jackson Family, Clayton
Rosetta James, activist, Akron
Mae Jemison, astronaut, Decatur
Mick Jenkins, Hip hop artist, Huntsville
Angela Johnson, children's book author and poet, Tuskegee
Orlando Jones, actor, Mobile
Vivian Malone Jones, pioneer in higher education, Mobile
Tom Joyner, radio personality, Tuskegee

Percy Julian, inventor, Montgomery

Eddie Kendricks, R&B singer/songwriter, Union Springs
Coretta Scott King, civil rights advocate, Marion
Mathew Knowles, talent manager, father of Beyonce, Gadsden
Simmie Lee Knox, painter (official portrait of Clinton), Aliceville

Carl Lewis, track star, Birmingham
John Lewis, congressman, Troy
Joe Louis, famous boxer, LaFayette
Joseph Lowery, minister/civil rights leader, Huntsville
Autherine Lucy, pioneer, Shiloh

Gucci Mane, rapper, Bessemer
Willie Mays, baseball legend, Westfield

Jerry McCain, electric blues musician, Gadsden
Iverson Minter - "Louisiana Red," blues guitarist, Bessemer
Johnny Moore, R&B singer of Drifters fame, Selma
Albert Murray, novelist and literary critic, Nokomis

Fayard Nicholas, "Nicholas Brothers," Tap dancer/choreographer, Mobile
Cliff Nobles, American pop singer, Grove Hill

Grove Hill

Odetta, folk singer, Birmingham
Jesse Owens, athlete, Oakville
Terrell Owens, football notable, Alexander City

Satchel Paige, pitcher, Mobile
Henry Panion, conductor/professor, Birmingham
Rosa Parks, civil rights icon, Tuskegee
William Pickett, singer, Prattville

Condoleezza Rice, former Secretary of State, Birmingham
Maurice "Rich Boy" Richards, rapper, Mobile
Lionel Richie, singer, Tuskegee
Robin Roberts, television broadcaster, Tuskegee

John Solomon Sandridge, artist/sculptor, Gadsden
David Satcher, former U.S. Surgeon General, Anniston
Eugene Sawyer, Jr., former mayor of Chicago, Greensboro
Naomi Shelton, singer, Midway
Percy Sledge, singer, Leighton
Broderick "Rickey" Smiley, comedian, Birmingham
James Foster Smith, teen hitchhiker to the 1963 March, Gadsden
Limmie Snell, soul singer, Dalton

Octavia Spencer, actor, Montgomery
John Stallworth, former Pittsburgh Steeler, Tuscaloosa
Ruben Studdard, former "American Idol", Birmingham

Glenn "Doe B" Thomas, rapper, Montgomery
Robert Frank Thomas, teen hitchhiked to 1963 March, Gadsden
Oscar Toney Jr., soul singer, Selma
Cynthia Tucker, syndicated columnist, Monroeville

Don Varner, singer, Birmingham

Sharon Warren, actor, Opelika
Dinah Washington, blues queen, Tuscaloosa
Thomas Weatherly, poet, Scottsboro
Palmer Williams, actor, Camden
Bill Winston, televangelist, Tuskegee
Jameis Winston, football player, Hueytown
Holland Dai'mon "Mr. Envi" Witherspoon, rapper, Uniontown
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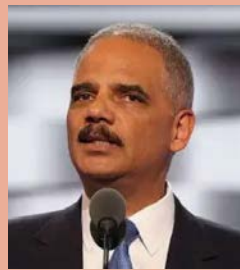
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