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"The more laws, the less justice.

- Cicero

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Noted Pastor Jamal Bryant to Culminate St. John AME Black History Month Celebration at A&M

St. John AME Church (Rev. Maurice Wright, II, servant pastor) and Alabama A&M University will hold a culminating Black History Month joint celebration featuring Rev. Dr. Jamal Bryant on Thursday, February 27, at the T.M. Elmore Building on the AAMU campus at 6 p.m.

Rev. Bryant will conduct a "One Night Empowerment Revival" that is free and open to the public. The Baltimore native is senior pastor of the Atlanta-based New Birth Missionary Baptist Church.



Event sponsors include Premiere Dental Spa, Albert's Florist, Royal Funeral Home, Matheny Goldman Architects, Servis 1st Bank, Rick Gilmore, The Lioce Group and Rickey Gossett Jones.

Artist, Performer Among Drake State's BHM Offerings

Drake State Community & Technical College is inviting the Tennessee Valley community to its upcoming Black



History Month events.

The first activity is a lecture and exhibit featuring the works of Dr. Art Bacon (left) on Thursday, February 20, at 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. at the S.C. O'Neal, Sr. Library and Technol-

ogy Center.

On Tuesday, February 25, at 10 a.m., historical performer David Anthony Johnson, an Oakwood University alumnus (right), will provide historical story-telling, im-



pressions of Martin Luther King, Jr., and other talents in the Drake State Community & Technical College Cafetorium.

The events are free and open to the public.

Alabama Senator Jones Decries Re-routing of Ship-Building Funds to Build Border Wall

U.S. Senator Doug Jones (D-Ala.) recently received notification from the Senate Armed Services Committee that \$261 million in funding directed to South Alabama ship-builders would soon be re-routed to support construction of the southern border wall.

The funding was previously approved by Congress for the procurement of one Expeditionary Fast Transport (EPF) ship, which was to be built in Mobile, Alabama.

This funding is a part of a reported \$3.83 billion re-programming of ap-

propriated funds away from equipment for warfighters, like ships, vehicles and aircraft.

Senator Jones released the following statement on the mid-February news:

"I am very concerned about the impact a decision like this could have on communities like Mobile, whose ship-building workforce is second to none. I understand and agree we need to protect our borders, but I can't understand for the life of me why folks in Mobile would be paying for this

Mobile, Ala.



wall.

"The EPF is responsible for hundreds of good-paying jobs in South Alabama, but I am even more concerned about the impact this decision has on our men and women in

uniform and our national security. This decision puts Alabama jobs on the line and it is going to make us less safe by denying our troops the resources they need to stay safe and fulfill their missions."

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Rosetta James Foundation Scholarships Open

The Rosetta James Foundation (RJF) is accepting applications for its annual scholarship award program until Friday, February 21.

Awards will be presented at the "Honoring Our Elders" event at 12 noon on Saturday, March 14, at The Jackson Center, 6001 Moquin Drive, 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.

E-mail: info@rosettajamesfoundation.org; or Mail by Friday, February 21, to:

Gary T. Whitley, Jr.
Rosetta James Foundation
Scholarship Chair
P.O. Box 17452
Huntsville, AL 35810

For additional information and a detailed list of criteria, visit rosettajamesfoundation.org.

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Dr. Charles E. Cannon Scholarship (Alabama A&M

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NSBE Schedules 27th Scholarship Banquet

The North Alabama Professionals Chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers (NAL NSBE Professionals) is hosting its Twenty-Seventh Annual Scholarship Banquet on Thursday, March 5, at Huntsville Country Club, 2601 Oakwood Ave, Huntsville, Ala.

In an attempt to continue to stimulate and motivate our youth, the theme for this year's program is "Engineering the Revolution: Bridging Technology and Government Systems in Modern Times."

This year's speaker is Michael Cox, director of Air &



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National Society of Black Engineers

Missile Defense Systems at Raytheon.

The National Society of Black Engineers is a non-profit, tax exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Its goal for the Twenty-Seventh Annual Scholarship Program is to provide numerous scholarships to deserving but under-served North Alabama students.

Tickets are available for \$35 each. Please contact Jauquin Holmes, scholarship chairperson, at (314) 299-7108.

OU Honors Allen Perkins, Huston Keynotes BHM



Dr. Timothy McDonald of Oakwood University; Dr. Colwick Wilson, provost of Oakwood University; Dr. Ramona Hyman, chair, Dept. of English and Foreign Languages; Allen Perkins; Dr. Dorothy Huston, CEO Technology Management Training Group; Dr. Leslie Pollard, President of Oakwood University.

Oakwood University held the second in its series of four chapel programs for Black History Month (BHM) on Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 9:50 am in the Oakwood University Church, with special guest and honoree Mr. Allen Perkins, Superintendent of Madison County Schools, and speaker Dr. Dorothy Huston, President/CEO of Technology Management Training Group. The emphasis of the program was diversity and inclusion with community leader and entrepreneur, Dr. Dorothy Huston serving as the keynote speaker. Through moving personal testimony, Dr. Huston implored the student body to embrace the university's theme of "Let us march on" and make plans to give back and chart their own paths.

Mr. Allen M. Perkins was selected as a Community Hero for his hard work and leadership in the provision of equitable environments for all students in Madison County. Perkins, a graduate of Oakwood University, made history last year as the first African American to serve as superintendent for Madison County Schools. When asked why he continues to do his work Perkins stated, "For me it is all about the kids, what they need and what is best for them."

A Community Hero Award is presented each week during this free event to individuals working in various fields, from arts and culture to diversity and inclusion, and civic service. "Every year during Black History Month, our university leadership believes

it is important for our student body to see individuals who have served the community with excellence," commented

Oakwood University Provost, Dr. Colwick Wilson.

by Dr. Maquisha Mullins

In Recognition of Modern Day Black History



Alice Marie Johnson Now a 63-year-old great-grandmother and an ordained minister, Johnson was convicted in 1996 for a first-time nonviolent drug trafficking crime. As a result of the mandatory sentencing laws of the time, she received a life sentence and was expected to live out the rest of her days behind bars. She has a new book of her life's experience "After Life". Her story caught the attention of Kim Kardashian and with Kim's help she was given clemency by the President after 21 years.

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Washington in One Minute



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

HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK: the Nevada Presidential Caucuses are Saturday at 12 noon PST. Nevada Democratic voters will meet in precinct caucuses to choose delegates for county conventions which in turn elect national party delegates. The GOP cancelled its caucuses.

The House and Senate are in recess this week and Monday was the Presidents' Day federal holiday.

This week, President Trump will be on a western swing. On Tuesday, the President visited Beverly Hills, Calif., to participate in a meeting with the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Organizing Committee (which is hosting the Summer Olympics in July/August 2028) and then attend a fundraiser.

On Wednesday, the President was in Rancho Mirage, Calif., (near Palm Springs) to attend a fundraiser and then traveled to Bakersfield, Calif., to speak on water issues.

On Wednesday night, he held a 7 p.m. campaign rally at Arizona Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Phoenix, Ariz. On Thursday, he was in Las Vegas, N.V., to deliver remarks at a "Hope for Prisoners" graduation ceremony at Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Headquarters. He then traveled to Colorado Springs, Colo., to hold a 5 p.m. campaign rally at The Broadmoor World Arena. On Friday, he returned to Las Vegas to hold a 12 noon campaign rally at the Las Vegas Convention Center.

On Wednesday at 9 p.m., the Democratic Presidential Candidates participated in Debate #9 at the Paris Theater in the Paris Las Vegas

Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, Nev. To qualify for the debate, candidates must have at least one delegate from Iowa or New Hampshire or hit 10% in 4 DNC-approved polls between 15 Jan and 18 Feb (or 12% in 2 polls in Nevada and South Carolina). To date, 5 candidates have qualified: Biden, Buttigieg, Klobuchar, Sanders, and Warren. For this debate, the DNC has eliminated the individual donor threshold - which opens the door for candidate Michael Bloom-

berg, who is not accepting donations.

Last Wednesday, Hamm Consulting Group and Lansing Community College met with Robert King, U.S. Department of Education Assistant Secretary for the Office of Postsecondary Education, to discuss the college's continued work in student success and workforce development and to learn more about the department's new guided pathways competitive grants. They also talked about mutual interest in competency-based

learning and its importance in preparing students to meet the present and future needs of employers.

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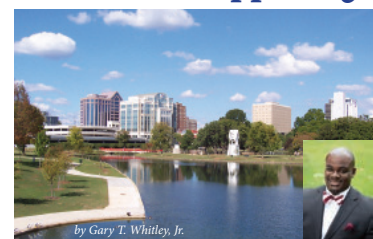
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Huntsville Happenings



by Gary T. Whitley, Jr.

BE COUNTED - 2020

CENSUS: The 2020 Census is coming to mailboxes April 1, and Mayor Tommy Battle and members of the Complete Count Committee are urging residents to participate. The number of services and individuals impacted by the Census count is far-reaching - roads, public transit, schools, medical funding and more. It's why the Huntsville community is standing together to remind Huntsville residents it's critically important to be counted. -HuntsvilleAL.gov

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"Never
say
never
because
limits,
like
fears, are
often
just an
illusion."

-Michael Jordan



The Valley Weekly Calendar of Events

February 21
Meeting of Alabama
A&M University Board of
Trustees
Clyde Foster Auditorium
10 a.m.

February 27
Black History Month Pro-
gram *Featuring*
Rev. Dr. Jamal Bryant
T.M. Elmore Building
Alabama A&M University
6 p.m. (Free)

February 28
Gospel Fest
Huntsville Campus
Calhoun Community Col-
lege/Student Center
Sparkman Building
Huntsville, Ala. - 6 p.m.

March 6-8
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lenge
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March 11
Jill Scott in Concert
Von Braun Center Concert
Hall

March 14
Rosetta James Founda-
tion Honoring Our Elders
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March 27
Trevor Noah
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Von Braun Center Concert
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We're now entering tax season. As you prepare your tax returns, you might be wondering how you could improve your tax-related financial outcomes, now and in the future. One key opportunity is to connect your tax professional with your financial advisor.

This collaboration can benefit you in several ways. For example, your tax advisor, working with your financial advisor, could help you determine if a Roth or traditional IRA makes more sense for you. Your financial advisor can then help you choose the right investments within the IRA.

Also, your tax professional can identify how much you need to contribute to an IRA to possibly lower your taxable income. Your financial advisor can then plug this figure in to your projected retirement savings as part of your total financial picture.

Your tax and financial advisors can also work together to address issues such as capital gains taxes from sales of mutual fund shares.

Your investment and tax pictures have many overlaps. And by ensuring your team of advisors is working together, you can boost your chances of getting the results you desire.



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Perspectives on EGO-holism

by tim allston

A Tale of Two Impeached Presidents: "The Pharisee and the Publican" Parable 2.0?



Many of us watched on February 6th the media split-screen of Presidents Trump and Clinton responses to their Senate acquittals, which paralleled this Jesus parable:

⁹ Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others:

¹⁰ "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

¹¹ The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector.

¹² I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.'

¹³ And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!'

¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." Luke 18:9-14, NKJV.

In Summary, . . .

Trump's 2020 1h2min harangue ("It was all bullsh**t") apologized for nothing, and singled out his opponents as "evil," "corrupt," "vicious and mean."

Conversely, Clinton's 1999 1m36sec reply affirmed the Senate fulfilling "its constitutional responsibility," and conveyed "how profoundly sorry I am for what I said and did to trigger these events."

Reporter: "In your heart, sir, can you forgive and forget?"

Clinton: "I believe any person who asks for forgiveness has to be prepared to give it."

In Hindsight to Foresight

According to Luke 18:9, Jesus "spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others."

Q1: Was Jesus also speaking to you and me, now some 2000 years later?

Q2: Like Trump and Clinton, when you are given a victory - whether deserved or not - do you accept it with humility or haughtiness?

Life Coach tim allston is the author of the free book, *7 Steps to Manage Ego Problems: The How-to Guide for "Someone Else,"* downloadable now at www.GetEgoHelpNow.org.



'Red Revolution' to Target Heart Disease and Stroke

On Saturday, February 29, at 11 a.m., the ladies of the Central North Alabama Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority will be 'seeing red' at their thirteenth annual Go Red Luncheon.

Ladies in red and gentlemen in red ties are invited to attend the luncheon at The Jackson Center.

The ladies aim to raise awareness and to help fight

heart disease and stroke. Expert panelists will discuss issues of heart disease and focus on preventative care.

Ms. Shenna 'Lashay B' Townsend will serve as mistress of ceremony.

The luncheon, chaired by Mrs. Myriette Shillingford and co-chaired by Mrs. Tyhisha Dupree, will feature an afternoon of fun, fellowship and learning, with proceeds benefitting the worthy

causes of the Sorority to include, but not limited to, academic scholarship awards to high school students; American Heart Association; and Relay for Life.

Tickets are \$50 per person and reserved tables are \$450 for seating of eight (8).

For additional information, contact Myriette (225) 772-7779 or Tyhisha (703) 380-8308.

and tax collectors.


In this scripture, Luke talks about the love that God has for sinners, and he explains them in the form of "lost things." First, a lost sheep. Then a lost coin. And then a lost son. In all of these stories, the "lost" are found. And, when it happens, everyone rejoices.

The message that is revealed here is, God places great value on one repenting sinner; therefore, clarifying his mission that He came to seek and save sinners ... Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters!



theme in the book of Luke is that Jesus came to seek and save the lost.

And, He was especially sensitive to those who were hurting, because He knew that hurting people hurt other people. That's why He had no problem eating with sinners



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JESUS SAVES

Luke 15:7 says: "I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent."

You know, one of the things that I love most about Jesus is that He meets us where we are, but refuses to leave us there.

He meets us in our sinful ways and says, "Go and sin no more." The main

Valley Deaths

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Funeral service for **MRS. CAROL ANN M. WILLIAMS** (b. 1946) will be Friday, February 21, at 12:30 p.m. at the C.T. Richards Chapel in the Mosley Complex at Oakwood University with Pastor Carlton Byrd officiating.

Memorial service for **MRS. ORA R. SCOTT** (b. 1924) was held Tuesday, February 18, at the Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral service for **MRS. PEARLIE MAE BATTLE** (b. 1940) was held Saturday, February 15, at Little Flock Primitive Baptist Church with The Reverend Danny Baker officiating.

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Funeral service for **MR. KERRY LEE SCOTT** (b. 1952) will be 12 noon, Saturday, February 22, at the Royal Chapel of Memories (4315 Oakwood Avenue NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Bishop Ernest Clay officiating.

Funeral service **MRS. EVA MURIEL KENNAMER** (b. 1933) was held Wednesday, February 19, at Chelsea Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America (3123 Johnson Road SW Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Terrance Haley officiating.

Funeral service for **MR. CHRISTOPHER DEON HARRIS** (b. 1963) was held Saturday, February 15, at Pine Grove Missionary Baptist Church (759-A Pine Grove Road, Harvest, Ala.) with Reverend Anthony Stewart officiating.

Funeral service for **MRS. LESLIE ANN RICE TOWNSEND** (b. 1967) was held Saturday, February 15, at Union Hill Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America (3126 Nevel Drive NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Reverend Dr. Edward Anderson officiating.

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Funeral service for **MS. CECILIA S. MALCOM** was held Tuesday, February 18, at Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church (Colony), 349 Colony Road, Hanceville, Ala., with Pastor KiKi Wood-Terry officiating.

Funeral service for **MRS. ESTELLE AYERS-PARIS** (b. 1931) was held February 15, at Springhill United Methodist Church, 1605 Zierdt Road, Madison, Ala., with Pastor Ricky D. Moreland, Jr., officiating.

A Good Read



by Jerome Saintjones



W.E.B. Du Bois' "Jesus Christ in Texas"

Who other than Du Bois--in the early 1920s--would be so bold as to build a story around the premise of a black Jesus who visits a town in Texas. Throughout the story, "the stranger" causes everyone he encounters to reconsider their positions and views. We receive hints about the strange man through hints cast by how he reveals himself to people. To the old colonel who is about to enter into a financial venture that will impact some black convicts, the stranger dares to ask whether the colonel had considered how working the men for nothing would affect the black men. To the woman of the house, the stranger lends words that force her to consider just who is her neighbor. Then, to the lowly convict, the stranger insists that, regardless of social position, the commandment "Thou shalt not steal" must be obeyed.

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Because He Delighted in Me

Psalm 18:19

The various shades of meaning of the word, delight; well pleased; to incline to; pleasure; desire, gives insight into the heart of David when he composed this song of victory. The "He" in this verse is the LORD; the Self-Existing, Self-

Revealing God. This delight is personal, powerful, and perfect. David did not entertain any delusion that his victories had been attributed to anything other than what was surely a delightful thought to his own soul, and he said it; because He delighted in me.

Why was this such a

delightful thought? David saw God as having taken a personal interest in him. This God who had made the universe and all that was in it, took a special and personal delight in him. Not only was it personal, it was also powerful.

David realized that God had literally used His own power and made it work on David's behalf. On the battlefield, in the palace, or under the continued threats and plots he knew to be on his life; David said he survived all of that because He delighted in me.

Not only was this delight

personal and powerful, David understood that most of all, it was perfect, not pretentious. God was not bowing to any outside pressure of someone who could 'put Him out of office.' No one like that existed then or now. Every saint can make the claim that the blessings they enjoy are possible *because He delighted in me.*



There's no excuse for the young people not knowing who the heroes and heroines are or were.

- Nina Simone

Spotlight on Our Elders ... Featuring

James D. Foster

A native of Birmingham, Ala., James D. Foster (James d foster) is a graduate of Carver High School. He enrolled in Alabama A&M University and earned a degree in history and government. He later completed two graduate degrees, one in urban studies/city planning and the other in personnel management. He did further study in business management at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va. The administrator also served two years in the Army with assignments in both Europe and Vietnam.

He is a retiree of the federal government with some 38-plus years of service, primarily in the human resources area (civilian personnel administration). His career is punctuated by a two-year tour in Korea 1976-78 as the personnel training liaison of-

ficer. He also served a special split assignment between Headquarters Army Materiel Command, Alexandria, Va., and Redstone Arsenal from 1983-88.

Foster has been the recipient of several awards for his contributions to his professional work environment, community, civic groups and other membership organizations. He is a life member of the AAMU Alumni Association, once serving as president of the local chapter; life member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. (served as Polemarch and on various committees); life member of Blacks In Government (BIG); and life member of NAACP.

He has tirelessly given of his time and support to the Huntsville Tennis Association, women's athletic programs at Alabama A&M University;



various ministries at Holy Cross-St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, where he serves as treasurer/junior warden. His hobbies consist of golf, collecting old music and old music machines, and future restoration of another antique auto. He is married to the former Velma Marie Sales of Huntsville, Ala., and they have three children: Jarvis, a son, and Deidre and Chris, daughters.

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FEBRUARY 21 - NINA SIMONE was an iconic (jazz) singer, songwriter, pianist, arranger and civil rights activist. Born in 1933 in Tryon, N.C., Simone recorded some 40 albums and was the recipient of the Grammy Hall of Fame Award in 2000. She died at her home in southern France in 2003. - *BlackinTime.info*



Tackle Two at a Time: Treat Diabetes and Protect Your Heart

(BPT) - People living with diabetes are two times more likely to die from cardiovascular diseases, such as heart disease, heart failure, heart attack and stroke. And, nearly 70 percent of people aged 65 or older with diabetes die from some form of heart disease.

Diabetes can lead to many complications, including having a higher risk for cardiovascular disease. There are many reasons for this. For example, people with diabetes often have high blood pressure and high cholesterol which increases the chances of having heart disease or a stroke.

Furthermore, over time, high levels of glucose and fats (such as triglycerides) in the blood from diabetes can damage your nerves.

People with diabetes-related nerve damage may not notice any chest pain, one of the warning signs of a

heart attack, which can lead to delays in seeking treatment. Sadly, an adult with diabetes in the United States is hospitalized for heart disease every 80 seconds, and an adult with diabetes is hospitalized for stroke every two minutes.

Despite the known link between diabetes and heart disease, a 2018 Harris Poll survey examined people aged 45 and older with type 2 diabetes and found that only half of them recognized their risk or had discussed their risk for cardiovascular disease with their healthcare team.

But that can change: if you have diabetes, talk to your healthcare provider about how you can better manage your disease and protect your heart. Do not delay, because the longer you have diabetes, the higher the chances are that you will develop heart disease.

The American Heart Association and the American Diabetes Association recommend a few tips to care for your heart when you have type 2 diabetes:

- * *Check in with your doctor regularly and ask specifically about your heart health*
- * *Maintain healthy eating habits like adding fruits and veggies to your diet*
- * *Keep exercising and moving*
- * *Perform self-care to help lower stress*
- * *Quit smoking*
- * *Monitor blood glucose, blood pressure, cholesterol and weight*
- * *Take medication(s) as prescribed*

The link between diabetes and heart disease does not need to be twice as scary. When you manage your diabetes, you are also taking care of your heart.

Prayer-Concert of Healing Set for FMBC on March 8

First Missionary Baptist Church (FMBC) will host its first Prayer-Concert of Healing on Sunday, March 8, at 4 p.m.

The Prayer-Concert is being held in observance of the National Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS that runs during the first week of March each year.

On March 8, special presentations will be provided by Alabama State Rep. Laura Hall, local media personality David Person, and FMBC member Parisgene Smith,

and Pastor, Rev. Dr. Don Darius Butler. FMBC's Mass Choir will render the music for the evening.

The National Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS is an initiative of The Balm in Gilead, Inc., that helps faith-based communities to address health disparities such as HIV/AIDS in the United States and East Africa.

During the National Week of Prayer, communities of faith are encouraged to engage in prayer and



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First Missionary Baptist Church

other activities focusing on "the healing of HIV/AIDS."

The Prayer-Concert of Healing will be held at FMBC, 3509 Blue Spring Road in Huntsville, Ala. Admission is free.

For more information, please contact Wendi Williams at (256) 337-4781 or Judy Edmond at (256) 509-4252. RSVP to the event on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/events/519854322243732/>.

Advocates Planning Equal Justice Event

Alabama leads the nation, and the United States leads the world in mass incarcerations.

Wrongful convictions continue to happen nationwide, and Criminal Justice Reform is long overdue in many states, including Alabama.

Thank God for Attorney Bryan Stevenson and the Equal Justice Initiative, a nonprofit headquartered in Montgomery, Ala.

Everyone should see the recently released movie "Just Mercy" then plan to attend the events on Feb 27 and 28 featuring Wess Morgan and

Alice Marie Johnson, respectively, in Huntsville, Ala.

Information on the upcoming event appears in the ad (right). Both Alice Marie Johnson and Wess Morgan are advocates of Criminal Justice reform.

The upcoming events on Feb 27 and 28, are connected to Criminal Justice Reform Advocacy in Alabama and other states across the Nation.

For information, inbox Pastor Rita Ivy Wiggins at Madison Worship Center or Pastor Patricia Corbitt via e-mail miracles2012@gmail.com.

Huntsville City Council Meetings

Huntsville City Council's 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 Chambers of the Municipal Building on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. People can sign up for notices of Council meetings and special sessions online at <https://signup.e2ma.net/signup/1825550/1780821/>

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