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"If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor."
- Desmond Tutu



Oakwood Announces Preparations for Corona Virus



In response to the worldwide coronavirus outbreak, Oakwood University has organized a task force of campus leaders and health professionals to respond to the emerging global crisis, according to reports from the school's communications office.

"While no cases have been cited on the Oakwood University campus," commented OU President Leslie N. Pollard, "we are taking every known precaution."

In consultation with its partnering agency, Adventist Colleges Abroad of the North American Division, OU is facilitating the return of students from their country of study and making provisions for them academically.

Pollard said OU "supported the decision of students who were studying in Italy to return to the U.S." and they have arrived back to campus safely.

OU officials continue to closely monitor students who are at study in

countries around the world that may be affected by the spread of the virus, he said.

Furthermore, in anticipation of students returning to campus following Spring Break on last Sunday, March 8, OU implemented "a series of protocols to prevent the transmission of the virus."

These protocols covered everything from prevention, suspicion of illness to engaging health services for an examination and/or consultation, noted Dr. Pollard.

"We will remain diligent



in our work to provide a safe and healthy environment for the members of our student body, faculty and staff," said Pollard.

Huntsville Targets Its Colleges for Census

There are those times when it seems that *everyone* counts, and the Census is one of them.

By April 1, every home will receive an invitation to take part in the 2020 Census, and the City of Huntsville is committed to its "Complete Count" initiative and has representatives on hand to assist residents in completing and submitting the important forms.

The home for five institutions of higher learning, Huntsville is making an extra push to ensure

that college students count themselves as a resident of Huntsville (their actual place of residence on April 1).

Ten minutes of time spent filling out the 2020 Census will have a ten-year impact on the future of Huntsville and the quality of life for its citizens. The City of Huntsville's "Complete Count" effort includes representatives from government, non-profits, private industry and citizens.

The 2020 count will impact local redistrict-

ing for City Council and School Board elected offices in addition to the number of seats representing the State of Alabama in the U.S. Congress. The data will determine where more than \$675 billion in federal dollars is allocated across the U.S. per year. In addition, an accurate count is essential for the City of Huntsville as Census data is used for public safety and emergency preparedness. The data also helps determine where to build local schools, libraries, police and fire stations.



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Washington in One Minute



1. HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK: 6 states, including Michigan with 125 delegates to award, hosted primaries and a caucus on Tuesday, March 10.

2. The House and Senate are in session this week. Fox News reported that the House Administration Committee sent a memo on Friday to all House offices informing them that the House will set up a Special Teleworking Center to allow staff to work from home if necessary because of coronavirus concerns and that Members may use official funds to purchase telework equipment, such as computers and additional phones. Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) and Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA) introduced legislation Friday that would require all employers to grant workers 7 days of paid sick days plus 14 additional days in the event of a public health emergency (such as the coronavirus). Last week, Members of Congress who attended last week's American Israel Public Affairs Committee's (AIPAC) annual policy conference in DC were warned by the organization that a group of attendees had potentially been in contact with a person from New York who had contracted coronavirus (at least 2 of these conference attendees from New York have since

tested positive for the virus). Another case of coronavirus has been confirmed with a New Jersey attendee of last week's CPAC Conference, which has caused Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX) and Rep. Paul Gosar (R-AZ) and 3 of his staff to go into self-quarantine this week.

3. On Friday, President Trump signed the \$8.3 billion emergency coronavirus supplemental spending bill, which will quickly disburse an initial \$400 million, with a minimum of \$4 million sent to every state. The bill also contains:

\$3 billion for research and development of testing, vaccines, and treatments; \$2 billion for federal, state, local, and tribal governments for preparation, prevention, and response efforts; \$1 billion for the purchase of medical supplies and drugs and for community health centers; \$300 million for the federal government to purchase vaccines and provide them to individuals free of charge.

Today, the President will travel to Longwood, FL (near Orlando) to attend a \$100,000-per-couple fundraiser (he was scheduled to speak today at the 45,000-attendee HIMSS2020 Global Health Conference, but it was canceled because of the

coronavirus). On Tuesday, he presented the Presidential Medal of Freedom to retired Army General Jack Keane, now a Fox News senior analyst. On Thursday, the president met with Taoiseach (Prime Minister) Leo Varadkar at the White House, but the President did not attend the annual St. Patrick's Day Lunch in the Capitol hosted by Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

4. On Tuesday, Idaho, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, and Washington held their presidential primaries (and a caucus in North Dakota). The current delegate count is: Biden (664). Sanders (573), and Gabbard (2). The next Democratic Debate will be Sunday, March 15, at the Arizona Federal Theatre in Phoenix, Ariz., with likely only Joe Biden and Bernie Sanders on the stage, because to qualify for the debate you need to have won at least 20% of all pledged delegates from states that will have held primaries and caucuses by March 15. The debate is sponsored by CNN, Univision, and the Congressional Hispanic Caucus.

5. Last Friday, the Trump Administration filed an emergency petition with the Supreme Court asking justices to allow it to enforce the "Remain in Mexico" policy while it appeals lower court decisions that have curtailed the policy, which allows the Department of Homeland Security to return immigrants to Mexico while they wait for deportation proceedings. If the Supreme Court does not act before March 12, the policy will be ended in California and Arizona, per a decision of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. Justice Elena Kagan, who handles

emergency requests from the 9th Circuit, instructed the challengers to respond to the government's request by March 9 at 4 p.m.

6. On Wednesday, the Senate Homeland Security Committee voted to issue a subpoena to Andrii Telizhenko, a former Ukrainian official who worked for Burisma, the Ukrainian gas company on which Vice President Joe Biden's son, Hunter, served on the board. The committee, reportedly, will release an interim report this spring summarizing what information it has obtained regarding Burisma.

7. Washington Trivia Question: The first issue of Time magazine was published on March 3, 1923, with its first cover featuring a former Speaker of the House. Which Speaker was

it? (Hint: he has a building in DC named after him). Last week's answer: U.K. Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher was the British leader that Senator Bob Dole wryly asked for compensation for the cracked marble fireplace in his office that had been torched by British troops in 1814.

8. During a hearing on last Thursday held by the Senate's Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, Senator Roy Blunt (R-MO), chair of the panel, told Education Secretary DeVos that lawmakers would likely not pass a spending bill that cuts the TRIO, GEAR UP, Federal Work-Study funding and the Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) as proposed in the FY 2021 Trump Adminis-

tration budget. Education advocates, higher education institutions, and students have expressed frustration that President Trump has proposed these cuts annually over the last four years.

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Mrs. Bradford with husband, the late Dr. Henry Bradford, Jr.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This month, TVW is featuring local women who have made significant impacts on the Tennessee Valley. This week, we honor in high esteem, Mrs. Nell Lane Bradford.

A native of Sand Springs, Oklahoma, Mrs. Nell Lane Bradford earned the Bachelor of Music degree in voice from Sherwood Music School in Chicago, Ill., in addition to a certificate in piano and piano pedagogy.

Although she has taught in the public school systems of Illinois, Maryland and Louisiana, Mrs. Bradford served for more than 40 years as an associate professor of music and as choral director (1947-1989) on the campus of Alabama A&M University.

Moreover, she also is credited with the inception and format in 1948 of the Annual Christmas Musicale, the yearly performance by the Alabama A&M University Choir that literally officially opens the holiday season in the Tennessee Valley community.



Mrs. Bradford further served as the music director for the Church Street Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America in Huntsville, Ala. She is a charter member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Delta Delta Chapter at AAMU, as well as the Huntsville Alumnae Chapter.

Mrs. Bradford's additional affiliations include: the Society of Professional Women, the National Association of Choral Directors, the Music Educators National Conference and the Alabama Retired Teachers Association.

This almost 98 years young "Pioneer" continues to show her support in this community as a precious gem with church attendance, adding competence, charm, grace and a ravishing presence at ongoing local activities and events.

Until next week ...

Dorothy



The Valley Weekly CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 14

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A Super Tuesday Recap (Part 1)

**Q: How did Bounce-back Biden de-flower
Mike's \$500M "Bloom"?**

"... for a man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." - 1 Samuel 16:7, NKJV

The Israelites chose Saul, their tallest and most handsome, as their first king (1 Sam. 9:2), but he lacked courage and displeased God.

God then directed Samuel to identify and anoint Israel's next king. He went to the home of Jesse, who paraded before the prophet his "kingly-looking" adult sons, each of whom God rejected.

Jesse summoned finally his youngest David from shepherding, and Samuel anointed him - why? - because God saw his heart.

In our culture seduced often by fame and fortune, Joe Biden's Super Tuesday victories showed that voters value heart of one over the heft from all Democratic presidential contenders. And especially Mike Bloomberg's.

THE PRINCE AND THE PAUPER 2.0

Former New York mayor and Republican-turned-Democrat Michael Bloomberg hired 2400 staffers across 43 states, spent more than \$500M nationally - and \$180M specifically in those 14 Super Tuesday states.

And the world's ninth-richest man won none.

Conversely, Biden was out-spent, out-staffed and out-organized in Super Tuesday states, yet won 10 of the 14. How? Why?

In his endorsement preceding his state's primary, South Carolina congressman Jim Clyburn explained, "I know his heart, and I know who he is and I know what he is. . . . My good friend, my late wife's great friend, Joe Biden," followed by thunderous applause and Biden's first-ever primary win.



MIKE'S DE-FLOWERED "BLOOM"

All of us have weaknesses and defects, and the leadership spotlight magnifies them all. Bloomberg's were primarily his inherited stop-and-frisk policing enforcement targeting minorities while mayor, and his company's non-disclosure agreements with female employees who alleged sexual assaults. He could have answered those shortcomings more proactively, but instead chose to hide behind spending \$5.6M each day of his campaign.

Worse, he remained aloof from both voters and the media by refusing interviews and sitting out early primaries and candidate debates.

In essence, he shared with voters only his outward appearance, but not his heart.

Q: When people need to connect with you, will you be relational like Biden, or merely transactional like Bloomberg?

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.

Champion Game Plan for Life *by Preston Brown*

“Overcoming Our Sins”

Romans 7:15: *I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do.*

You know, this whole business of sin has caused the deepest woes of the human race. And for everybody, sin is the greatest threat to our lives. Just look at all the senseless acts of violence we see going on in the world today. But you know what? This is the very reason that Jesus came.

1 John 2:2 says: *He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only*

for ours but also the sins of the whole world. Because God knew that we were no match for the sins of this world. You see, our sins are stronger than we are if we don't have the presence of



Jesus in our lives. We may think that we can go at it alone, but we can't. Our sins are stronger than we are because they become “habitual”--just like the

Apostle Paul attempts to explain in this scripture. Many people play with sin as if they are in control, only to realize that sin always disguises itself as freedom to allow you to do what you want to do. But you end up in bondage. You end up doing all the things that you never thought you would do. And, only Jesus can release us from the bondage of sin. We all need Jesus today, because we cannot defeat the sin that is in the world by ourselves. Our sins are stronger than we are without the presence of Jesus in our lives ... Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters.

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Funeral service for MRS. KATHERINE F. MCCAULLEY (b. 1946) was held Sunday, March 8, at First Seventh-day Adventist Church with Pastor Eric Peoples officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. SUSIE HUMPHREY (b. 1941) of Detroit, Mich., was held Saturday, March 7, at St. Mark Baptist Church with Pastor Hernandez Ford officiating.

Funeral service for MR. JEFFERY L. JONES (b. 1970) was held Saturday, March 7, at Owens Chapel Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. Charles Clark, Jr., eulogist.

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Funeral service for DR. RHODA L. HUTCHINSON (b. 1935) was held Tuesday, March 10, at the First Missionary Baptist Church (3509 Blue Spring Road, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Don Darius Butler officiating.

Funeral service for MR. JAMES RAY BAKER (b. 1951) was held Sunday, March 8, at One in Christ Ministries with Pastor Danny Baker officiating.

Funeral service for MR. ALONZO ROLAND WADDLE (b. 1977) was held Sunday, March 8, at Saint Andrew Primitive Baptist Church, Madison, Ala., with Pastor David Young officiating.

Funeral service for MS. SHARDAY SHAVON PICKETT will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, March 6, at the Bethany Primitive Baptist Church.

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Funeral service for MS. JOYCE EGGLESTON (b. 1961) will be held Monday, March 16, at 2 p.m. at Serenity Funeral Home.

Funeral services for MS. LISA VAUGHN (b. 1960) will be held Saturday, March 14, 2020 at 1 p.m. at St. Paul UMC, Triana, with Pastor Kelvin Jones, Sr., as eulogist.

Funeral service for MR. KING SOLOMON LEGG (b. 1942) will be held Saturday, March 14, at Noon at True Holiness Church with Pastor Gregory McGlathery officiating.

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NAAACC Meetings

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by Pastor/Founder Michael D. Rice
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Mushroom Religion

Mark 4:5-6; 16-17

In my boyhood town of Monroeville, Ala., it was a common sight to see mushrooms in the yard on a morning after a day when they weren't present. In other words, they sprung up overnight. Their unique shape caught my boyhood curiosity and I pulled them up; with

much ease, I might add; unlike the weeds that I had to pull up and/or chop up in my mom's flower bed and my dad's garden. That "ease" in which I pulled up those mushrooms was due to the fact that they had very shallow roots, or as Jesus described it in the parable, they had no depth of soil. In His commentary



on that analogy, He noted that these are the ones who when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy.

However, like the

mushroom, they have a very short life span because they have no root in themselves.

When the reality of the swift transitions in life are experienced, their immediate receiving, becomes immediate receding. That quick joy gives way to a quitting jog out of the range of the tribulation and

persecution. In other words, not only are they not rooted and therefore not ready, they end up being not real because the lifestyle of those who walk according to the truths of God's word will always be met with tribulation and persecution from those whose lives are shown for what they really are: that they have nothing more than mushroom religion.

"Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there."

- Will Rogers

Spotlight on Our Elders ... Featuring

Dr. Mary Sanford Brown

Although born in Kimo ("KI-mo"), Dr. Mary Sanford Brown grew up in the area of Decatur known as "West Town." She first attended what could have been called kindergarten at David's Temple Primitive Baptist Church in West Town, founded and built by her paternal great-grandfather Booker Bradford.

She then began attending Decatur Negro High School, which housed grades 1-12. Active in a number of organizations and activities--the choir, small singing groups, basketball, cheerleading, plays, etc., she won the District Elks Oratorical Contest her senior year and was named Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow her junior year.

In 1956, Brown graduated as valedictorian from Lakeside High School and continued her education at Alabama

A&M College, graduating in 1960 with honors.

While matriculating at A&M, she continued her friendship with (the late) Rather G. Brown, a young man from Moulton who she met through her Moulton cousins when they were both in high school. They married in 1961 at First Missionary Baptist Church. They were blessed with one son, Rather Maurice Brown, a history teacher and musician.

In 1962, she began her master's work at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical College in Greensboro and received her degree in 1964. By 1971, Brown had begun studies for the Ed.D. degree at The American University in Washington, D. C., earning the degree in December 1975. Brown began her teaching career at Merritt High School



in Midway in Bullock County. She later returned to North Alabama to teach at what is now R. A. Hubbard High in Courtland.

In 1967, she launched nearly four decades of work at Alabama A&M. During her productive tenure at A&M, she served as Chair of the Department of History and Political Science and was the founding director of AAMU's Honors Program.

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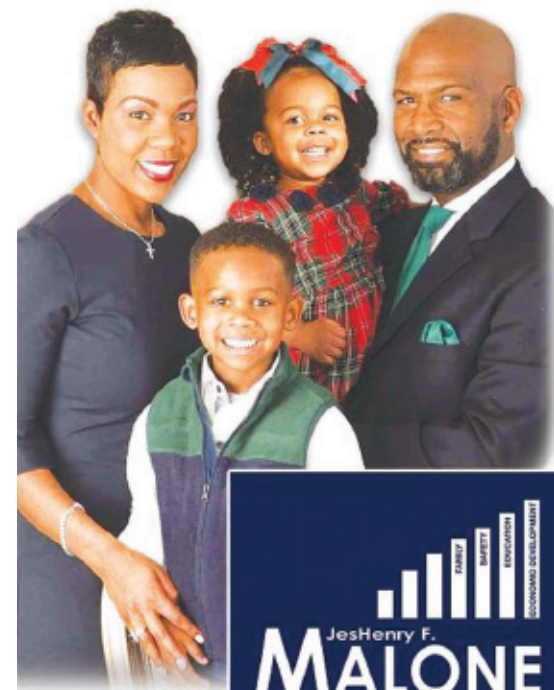
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- Moved our county forward by helping to bring Mazda Toyota to our county.
- Will continue to fight for our quality of life including our schools and recreation.
- Will continue to support Alabama A&M University, Oakwood University and University of Alabama Huntsville.
- Led the effort for the new service center to be located in District 6.

VOTE
TUESDAY
MARCH
31st



JesHenry F.
MALONE
— Commissioner —
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