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'Women of Color' Formed in Rocket City



More than a dozen women from diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds have joined together in Huntsville, Ala., to form Women of Color (WOC).

The organization will hold a public meeting Monday, April 23, at the Dr. Richard Showers Center Community Room at 6 p.m.

WOC aims to strengthen America's representative democracy and local

communities by asserting a representative voice on policy so that humanity in communities can develop, thrive and soar.

WOC members believe that humanity will not reach its highest potential without the influence of women being actively involved in all aspects of the development processes of the communities, state, nation and world.

Additionally, WOC includes all ethnicities and cultures, as well as all persons who agree with its aim. It does not discriminate; thus, all persons are encouraged to join.

In commemoration of Women's History Month and to pay homage to the only female American military veteran Buffalo Soldier, Cathay Williams, the charter members of WOC held a press conference March 26 at the 10th Cavalry Buffalo Soldier Memorial to announce the mission and goals of the organization. The Buffalo Soldier Memorial is located at 2800 Poplar Avenue.

For more information about the public meeting on April 23, call Cornelia Burtson-Orr at (256) 759-2578.



Family, Friends Celebrate Vet's 100th Birthday

Family and friends from around the country gathered at the Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church Boone-Lacy Fellowship Hall Saturday, March 24, to celebrate the centennial birthday for Harvest, Ala., resident John A. Drake, Sr. (Photos, p. 8) He was escorted by Annette James Francis, his oldest granddaughter.

Mr. Drake, an avid baseball fan, was born in Madison County, Ala., March 24, 1918, the second child and oldest son of John and Bessie Drake.

A World War II veteran, Mr. Drake was married for 54 years to his late wife, Mary E. Johnson Drake. They were blessed with 11 children. His children coordinated and were in attendance for the celebration, along with three grandsons, five granddaughters, two

great-grandsons and a great-granddaughter.

Following tributes and presentations from the children, dinner and the singing of "Happy Birthday," Mr. Drake thanked his guests, and shared his life experiences with those in attendance, stating that his mission has been to "live a life that is pleasing to the Master."

He received expressions from Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle, Commissioner Phil Vandiver, and Reps. Anthony Daniels and Laura V. Hall.

Robert Drake (youngest son of Mr. Drake,) served as the Master of Ceremonies.

Reported by
by Gary T. Whitley, Jr., and
Robert Drake

GOVERNOR'S VISIT:

Madison County Commissioners Dale Strong and JesHenry Malone appear (right) with Alabama Governor Kay Ivey on Monday, April 2, at the Huntsville Madison County Chamber of Commerce Montgomery update.



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Washington in a Minute



Here are the happening in the nation's capital for this week:

1. The House and Senate are in recess for 2 weeks and will reconvene next week. This week, Mississippi Gov. Phil Bryant will appoint Mississippi Agriculture Commissioner Cindy Hyde-Smith, who was a Democrat until 2010, to replace Sen. Thad Cochran (R-MS), who resigned effective April 1 due to ill health.

2. On Sunday, President and Mrs. Trump hosted the 140th annual Easter Egg Roll on the South Lawn of the White House. On Tuesday, the President hosted the Presidents of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania at the White House for a working lunch. Next week, the President will attend the "Summit of the Americas" to be held in Lima, Peru, on April 14-15 and will

also meet with Peruvian President Pedro Pablo Kuczynski. After Peru, Trump will travel to Colombia for meetings with President Juan Manuel Santos.

3. On Monday, China imposed \$3 billion in new duties on American exports in retaliation for the Trump Administration's tariffs on steel and aluminum, including a 25% tariff on pork and recycled aluminum and a 15% tariff on fruit and nuts.

4. As of April 1, fired former FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe had raised \$527,000 in 3 days for potential legal fees on his GoFundMe page, surpassing his initial goal of \$150,000. McCabe was fired on March 16 by Attorney General Jeff Sessions 1 day before his retirement date.

5. Department of Education Secretary Betsy

DeVos hosted a school safety and climate summit on Wednesday. She met with advocacy groups, educators and parents to discuss school safety and Obama-era discipline guidance that the department is considering rescinding.

6. Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg will appear before the Senate Judiciary Committee on April 10 to testify on data privacy in the wake of the Cambridge Analytica scandal, in which the London-based firm manipulated the personal information on 30 million American Facebook users. Zuckerberg's testimony is being sought at latest count by 3 congressional committees.

7. Cherry Blossoms update: If you are traveling to DC in the next 2 weeks, you will be able to see Washington's cherry blossoms in full bloom. Peak bloom this year is predicted to be between April 8-12 (somewhat later than the average bloom date of March 31, due to an extended period of cold weather in March).

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FOODLine Seeking Volunteers

Interfaith Mission Service's FOODLine emergency food pantries cooperative needs volunteers to answer phone calls and direct FOODLine clients to area food pantries.

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need; 2) Good listening skills; 3) Basic computer skills; 4) Confidentiality/willingness to protect clients' personal information; and 5) Available to volunteer 2-4 mornings or afternoons per month.

FOODLine has been operating since 1994 and

provides emergency food assistance to area residents.

It is open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-12 noon and Monday thru Thursday 1-3 p.m.

For more information, contact Cooper Green at (256) 536-2401 or coopergreen3@gmail.com.

Champion Game Plan for Life

by Preston Brown

Matthew 28:8 says, *So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples.*

Have you ever had "mixed emotions" about something that you were not sure of. Perhaps it was a major decision that you had to make, like getting serious about a relationship that could lead to marriage. Or deciding whether or not to have children. Or maybe you're thinking about buying a new house or car. Or even contemplating retirement, (like me). Anything that we are not sure of will cause us to have "mixed

emotions," because the decision is very important.

On one hand, we are filled with joy and, on the other hand, we are afraid. I believe that the reason we are afraid is because of the unknown.

The unknown always makes us feel afraid. In this scripture, we find that Mary and Mary (not the singing group) are filled with joy and were excited to tell the disciples that Jesus had risen from the dead. And yet the Bible tells us that they were afraid. They were afraid of the unknown, because they watched Jesus be placed in

a tomb. But an "earthly grave could not contain a "heavenly" body. So today we don't have to be afraid.

Because we serve a risen savior and He's in the world today. The best

news this world has ever heard, next to the birth of Jesus, was spoken by an angel on the first Easter morning. Matthew 28:6 says, *He is not here for He is risen.* And because He lives, we can all face our tomorrows without fear or mixed emotions ... Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters!



"Love makes your soul crawl out from its hiding place."

- Zora Neale Hurston

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From the Editor

Ahhh ... Celebrating Life!

I had the opportunity to meet a Centenarian in October 2016 in Columbus, Ohio. She was operating on all cylinders--physically and mentally. It was an amazing experience and a wonderful testament to God's grace and sufficiency.

Last week, the family of Mr. John Drake, Sr., celebrated his 100th birthday. While I do not know Mr. Drake personally, I know most of his wonderful sons, daughters and their families. Mr. Drake's life should be a reminder to each of us that a journey with Jesus, walking the lonely road with Him, and opening our hearts to Him is a worthwhile pursuit. As a matter of fact, I have known and worked with members of this loving family for years, even prior to making the familiar connection. I worked with Larry and Eulestine Abernathy for many years at Alabama A&M University, without knowing the association. They are two of the finest people you will ever meet. Further, we were on the battlefield with Lady Carol for many years, helping and encouraging young children to read, learn and grow until she graciously shared with me that Calvin and Robert "are my brothers, Dr. Huston." My natural response was, "for real--I love them!" Carol is a consummate Christian and educator. The golden voices of Calvin and Robert are all over some of the projects with which I work. What an especially blessed Family! Such brave and loyal sons and daughters.



Having just celebrated the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus, for me it is sobering to try to wrap my head around the suffering, cruelty and mockery Jesus endured as our Savior. Moreover, it's comforting to accept and acknowledge that He did it for us, that we must surrender daily, let go, and accept the hope that this experience provides for us through forgiveness and redemption. It's a daily challenge to display the grace and inner vision necessary to see and follow Him.

Before we close this week, I was honored to be a special guest and honoree last Sunday at The Beacon Worship Center. Thanks, Lady Sabrina Lampley-Wheeler, for the invitation. I am grateful at anytime to share an honor with Dr. Cynthia Smith, who taught me many lessons

at AAMU, both subject matter content and how to smile and 'lighten up' the space around you. My beautiful sisters, Dorothy Downing and Vanessa Henderson were donned in white for the "Legacy Legends 100 Women in White" service. Blessings to you and Superintendent Anthony Wheeler, as your ministry continues to flourish and honor God.

I pray inner peace, outward grace, longevity and God's bountiful blessings on each of you.

Until next week ...

Dorothy

Valley Deaths

- Nelms Memorial Funeral Home -

Funeral service will be announced later for MS. TARA S. FRANCIS (b. 1979).

Funeral service for MRS. OLA M. PORTER FITCHEARD (b. 1925) was held Wednesday, March 28, at Saint Bartley Primitive Baptist Church, 3020 Bellafonte Avenue, Huntsville, Ala., with Elder Jaymes Mooney officiating.

Funeral service for MR. ANDREW WOODS (b. 1953) was held Sunday, March 25, 2018 at Mount Calvary Seventh-day Adventist Church (1201 Meadow Drive - Huntsville, AL 35816) with Pastor Rupert Bushner officiating.

Family visitation for MR. ANTHONY T. HEULETT (b. 1959) was held Saturday, March 24, at the Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral service for MR. DEVONTE LASHAUN BONE (b. 1994) was held Thursday, March 22, at The Fellowship of Faith Church (3703 Memorial Parkway NW - Huntsville, AL 35810) with Reverend Gary Battle officiating.

- Royal Funeral Home -

Funeral service for ELDER GEORGE ROLAND EARLE (b. 1918) was held Monday, April 2, at the Oakwood Seventh-day Adventist Church, 5500 Adventist Boulevard, Huntsville, Ala., with Dr. Carlton P. Byrd officiating.

Funeral service will be 12:00 p.m., Saturday, March 31, 2018, for MRS. OLLIE M. LACY (b. 1923) at the Triana Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America (263 Stone Street, Madison, AL 35756) with Pastor James Childress officiating.

Funeral service for ELDER RANDLE EARL HEWLETT (b. 1943) will be held Saturday, March 31, at M. Zion Primitive Baptist Church (2350 Wall Triana Highway, Huntsville, Ala.) at 1 p.m. with Elder Milton L. Hewlett officiating.

Funeral service for LITTLE MISS SANAA ESSENCE WILLIAMS (b. 2005) will be held at 12:00 p.m., Saturday, March 31, 2018, at New Life Baptist Church, (2314 Hine Street, Athens, AL 35611), with Pastor Antoyne Green officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. ZEPHERINE HUNTER was held Friday, March 30, at Madkins Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America, 2403 Oakwood Road, Huntsville, AL 35810.

Funeral service for MR. JULIUS ERVIN SMITH was held Friday, March 30, at Royal Chapel of Memories (4315 Oakwood Avenue N.W., Huntsville, Ala., with Minister Sharon Allen officiating.

CAFY Young Citizen of the Month



RCB - CAFY YCOM FaceBook Photo Album Is Ready! Young Citizen of the Month March 2018

The Community Awareness for Youth (CAFY) Young Citizen of the Month winner for March 2018 is Ayiana McDow.

Mayor Tommy Battle (r) honors Jemison High School Junior Ayianna McDow as the March 2018 Rocket City Broadcasting Community Awareness For Youth (CAFY) Young Citizen of the Month.

Ayiana is ranked #1 of 217 juniors this year with a GPA of 4.3. She was recently accepted in the



National Honor Society.

As a 3rd year JROTC cadet, she serves as the Cadet Corps Vice Commander, as well as being a member of the Air Force

JROTC award-winning Color Guard.

Ayiana is an integral member of the school's indoor and field track teams and serves as captain of the varsity cheerleader squad at Jemison High School. She sings in the school chorus, is a member of the Spanish Club and the Cap and Gown Project.

Know a young citizen making a difference in the community and want to give them recognition? Please go to [www.mys-](http://www.mys-tar991.com)



tar991.com and submit an application.

CAFY is sponsored by the City of Huntsville, Huntsville Police Department, Florida Institute of Technology Huntsville Site, Oakwood University, Huntsville Optimist Club and the Human Relations Commission.

AshaKiran's Interpreter Training Begins April 17

AshaKiran's training titled "Interpreting 101 for Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Human Trafficking" will begin Tuesday, April 17. This 16-hour introductory interpreter training is for fully fluent bilingual individuals who want to become professional interpreters in Alabama for victims of violence, such as domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking.

"We are excited to expand this training to bilingual individuals across Alabama" said Linda Haynes, AshaKiran's Multi-Language Access Program Coordinator.

The application fee is \$25; there is no other cost to take this training. The deadline for applying is April 10. For more information please contact us at (800) 793-3010 or LADV@ashakiranonline.org, or visit our website, <http://ashakiran.com/Jul2017/interpreting-101>.

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- Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church



The Links Plan Extravaganza

“Celebrating Diversity - Advocating Unity” is the theme of a major spring program held by one of the Tennessee Valley’s most prominent organizations.

The Greater Huntsville Chapter of The Links, Incorporated will hold its 20th Annual Multicultural Extravaganza on Saturday,

April 21, at the Ernest L. Knight Reception Center on the historic campus of Alabama A&M University from 1-3 p.m.

In addition to celebrating cultural diversity, the program will offer artistic expressions, art, music, poetry, dance and refreshments.



Kappa Spring Revival Set

The Huntsville Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., will hold its 6th Annual Interdenominational Spring Revival nightly during April 16-18 at 7 p.m.

A praise and worship session will be held Monday and Tuesday from 6:40-7 p.m.

The activity will be held at First Missionary Baptist Church, 3509 Blue Spring Road, NW, Huntsville, Ala.

The guest evangelist will be Rev. Willie Dwayne Francois III, senior pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church in Pleasantville, N.J.

The revival will feature the First Missionary Baptist Church YAM Choir on

Monday, April 16. On Tuesday, April 17, music will be provided by the Singing Pearls of Epsilon Gamma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. On Wednesday, April 18, HAC Kappa Choir will provide

the featured music.

The public is cordially invited.

For additional information, contact Harold Batts at (256) 508-1353 or Harold Weatherly at (256)990-7129.



The Valley Weekly Calendar of Events

April 6

3rd Annual AAMU College of Business and Public Affairs Golf Tournament and Silent Auction
Silent Auction
Huntsville Country Club
2601 Oakwood Avenue

April 7

First Lady's Scholarship Luncheon
The Knight Center
Alabama A&M University
11 a.m.

April 8

Alabama Gubernatorial Candidates Forum
Sponsor: North Huntsville Community United for Action
First Missionary Baptist Church
3509 Blue Spring Road
Huntsville, Ala.
4 p.m.

April 9

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH Spring Term (Adults 50+) Daytime and evening courses.
Details: Osher.uah.edu/Catalog or (256) 824-6183

April 11

TEDxAAMU Event
“Start Here, Go Anywhere”
Clyde Foster Auditorium
College of Business and Public Affairs
Alabama A&M University
4-7 p.m.

April 12

Info Session for UAH Adult

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UAHComplete.uah.edu or
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5:30 p.m.

April 14

Delta Omega Zeta Chapter
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.
Blue Revue Hatitude Luncheon
“Back to the Roots”
The Jackson Center
6001 Moquin Drive
Huntsville, Ala.
11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

April 20

Annual Black Tie Gala
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Von Braun Center-North Hall
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April 28

Diverse Educational Life Training Activities, Inc.
Changing Lives Award
Huntsville Marriott, 10 a.m.

May 4

Spring Commencement
Alabama A&M University
Speaker: Rep. Anthony Daniels
Von Braun Center
6 p.m.

June 16

12th Annual White Linen Brunch
Alabama A&M University
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TBA

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Selected Fridays from 10-11 a.m. Age: 2-5 (parent and child class); \$8 for the first child, \$5 for each additional sibling in the same family. Adults free with membership or Garden admission.

Pre-registration is encouraged.

Kutz & Kickz Expo II Scheduled

Lander's McLarty Nissan Huntsville and the Global Barber Federation are proudly presenting the Kutz & Kickz Expo II.

The expo will be held April 15 in the East Hall 1 of Von Braun Center, Downtown Huntsville, from 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

This will be year two of the Expo and is sure to be just as exciting as year one.

Kutz & Kickz is a revolutionary event that combines commerce, networking, and competition-- all in efforts of showcasing the range of creativity in today's barber.

As the industry has changed, so has the talent in the industry. The Expo provides a way for barbers to compete and showcase their abilities to industry leaders.

Sneakerheads will fill the Sneakerpit with exclusive footwear and products. A portion of profits will go to The Boys and Girls Club of Huntsville, Ala.

The expo will include a concession stand, a cash bar and a GBF lounge over 9,000 sq ft and 30 vendors.

Ticket prices range from \$15-\$400.

Called 2 Preach

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

Lies & the Crayola Crayon Box

In my boyhood days, part of the school supply list--in addition to the Elmer's glue, the number 2 pencils, and the ruler--was a box of Crayola crayons. This usually started out with a box of the eight "standards" and would increase in multiples of eight. It became somewhat of a status symbol among us as students based on the number of crayons we had in a box. Imagine that: even in elementary school we had our various forms of 'caste systems' and 'class' was not just something we attended, it was also something we attached to each other. Those who were artistic and could 'stay within the lines' had a better variety of choices to color things--the more cray-



ons they had in the box. The color of people, places, and things was left to our imagination. However, who was it that came up with the idea that lies have color distinctions? Apparently, when they are supposedly 'small and/or insignificant' we can pull out the white Crayola and color it so. However, lies only come in one color; "thou shalt not." As a matter of fact, 'a lying tongue' is number two on God's list of seven things that He hates and that He labels as detestable. Lies don't come in Crayola crayon boxes; they are carried by the tongue, conceived in the heart, and they are colorless. Even in the super box of 64, you won't find a color for them.

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Dean Ted Richardson and fellow alumni will present an informational social hour on Florida Institute of Technology's doctor of business administration program April 26 at 6 p.m. at 6767 Old Madison Pike Progress Center, Bldg. 7, Suite 720, in Huntsville. RSVP by April 12 at tweaver@fit.edu or 971-9353. Students can earn a doctorate in less than three years. Harry Hobbs, DBA Site Director and Asst. Prof. of Business, FIT, Redstone/Huntsville, 6767 Old Madison Pike Building 7, Suite 720, Huntsville, AL 35806 - Cell 256-783-1793 <http://web2.fit.edu/huntsville/>

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AKAs, NAMI to Host Mental Health Awareness Day



Epsilon Gamma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., WellStone Behavioral Health and NAMI are hosting an information forum on mental health awareness.

The forum is scheduled for April 14, 2018 at Alabama A&M University Student Health & Wellness Center, 4011 Meridian St., Normal, Ala., from 12:30-2:30 p.m. in Room 115. The event is open to the public.

To support NAMI-Huntsville, organizers are asking program attendees to give a \$5 donation to wear green to the forum and throughout the day on April 14 in recognition of mental health awareness.

Panel members will include nation-

ally certified school psychologist and supervising licensed professional counselor, Dr. Tonya Davis (member of Epsilon Gamma Omega Chapter); Huntsville Police Officers, North Precinct and NAMI representatives and Ms. Tammy Leeth of WellStone Behavioral Health.

The audience will be encouraged to participate in Q&A. The moderator will be Ms. Denise Chandler, reporter for WAFF-TV48 and member of Epsilon Gamma Omega Chapter.

The event will feature music by WJAB DJ (Ms. Erica Washington, member of Epsilon Gamma Omega Chapter).

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. 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.

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

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Doris Ellison

Huntsville, Ala., resident Doris Ellison attended and graduated from Councill High School. A retiree of Bellsouth AT&T, where she worked for 32 years as a service representative (business), Ellison and her husband, the late Perry Ellison, Jr., have five children. Mrs. Ellison praised and glorified God for the fact that



her five children completed college and became successful professionals in the world of work. As an active and productive member of the community, she volunteered with the Salvation

Army, Huntsville Hospital and the Bellsouth AT&T Pioneers.

On Wednesdays, she volunteered at the Huntsville Hospital, performing such duties as answering the telephone, providing information to visitors and delivering flowers to patients' rooms. With the Salvation Army, she answered the telephone and


took requests for donations, such as furniture, clothing, etc.

Additionally, as a volunteer with the Bellsouth AT&T Pioneers, she assisted with the screening of

volunteers for the Pioneers and assisted Top of Alabama Regional Council with its Annual Senior Day.

Following the death of her husband, Mrs. Ellison and her children established the Perry Ellison Scholarship Foundation. The Foundation sponsors an annual drama produced by her daughter, Mrs. Delanus Sharpe. The proceeds support scholarships.

Ellison is a long-time and active member (some 60 years) of Pine Grove Missionary Baptist Church. At Pine Grove, where she served as a member of the Senior Usher Ministry and Senior Missionary Ministry. Also, she worked with the Youth Department.



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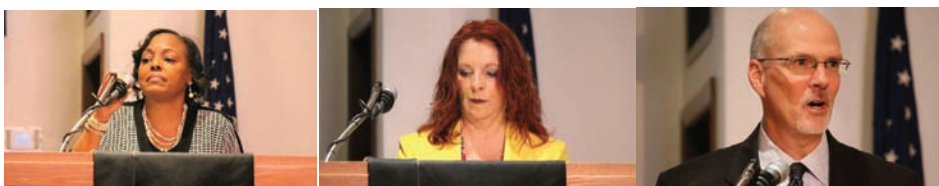
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Saying #1: Paul Allen, Senior Minister, First Christian Church-Huntsville.

Saying #2: Rev. Bonnie Mixon McCrickard, Associate Rector, Church of the Nativity-Episcopal

Saying #3: Elder Jaymes Mooney, Pastor of the St. Bartley P. B. Church.



Saying #4: Rev. Jennifer Davis, Co-Pastor of New Beginnings Christian Church.

Saying #5: Rev. Rita Wiggins, Pastor of the Madison Worship Center.

Saying #6: Dr. David Freeman, Pastor of Weatherly Heights Baptist Church.



Saying #7: Maurice Wright, II, Pastor of St. John AME Church.

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