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- Gordon Parks

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## Boys & Girls Clubs to Feature Basketball Icon

The Boys and Girls Clubs of North Alabama will host the 2018 Leaders and Legends Dinner on Thursday, July 26, in the Von Braun Center North Hall.

A silent auction will begin at 5 p.m., followed by the dinner at 6 p.m.

Basketball legend and Alabamian Charles Barkley will be the evening's special guest throughout an event sponsored by the Hiley Automotive Group.

Barkley, born February 20, 1963, in Leeds, Ala., is an American retired professional basketball player who is currently an analyst on Inside the NBA.

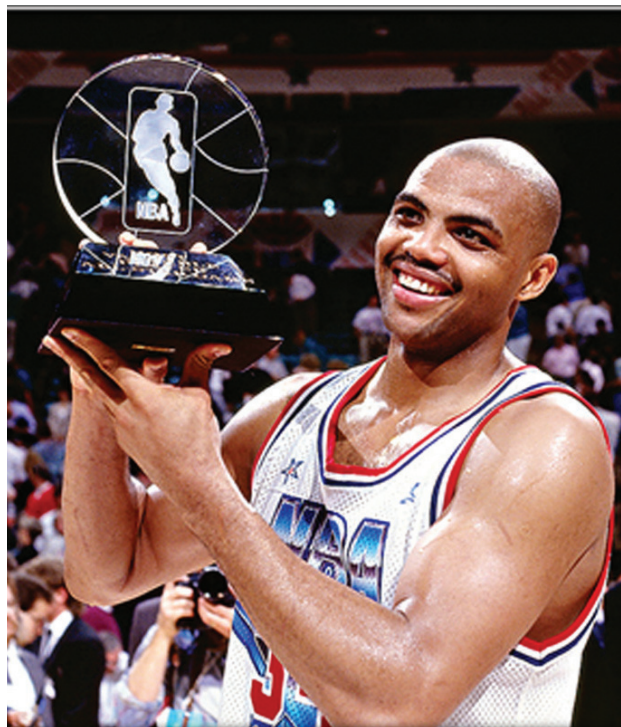
An All-American center

at Auburn, he was drafted as a junior by the Philadelphia 76ers with the 5th pick of the 1984 NBA draft.

Organizers are thrilled to feature Charles Barkley. Barkley was SEC Player of the Year in 1984; NBA All Rookie Team 1985; 11x NBA All Star 1987-97; and NBA Most Valuable Player in 1993.

In recognition of his achievements as a player, Barkley was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2006.

For more information, contact Beth Morrin at [bmorrin@knology.net](mailto:bmorrin@knology.net) or (256) 534-6060.



## 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.

## IMS Awards Dinner Scheduled

The Interfaith Mission Service (IMS) will hold its annual awards dinner on May 10 at the University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH) Exhibit Hall, 1410 Ben Graves Drive NW, at 6 p.m.

The theme--Erasing the Invisible Line--focuses on revealing barriers to the community, recognizing invisible lines and erasing them. Awardees promote interfaith cooperation, work toward racial harmony and campaign for social justice. Tickets are available at [www.interfaith-missionservice.org](http://www.interfaith-missionservice.org).

## OU Honors 'Waffle House Hero'

Oakwood University Church honored James Shaw, Jr., on April 28. Shaw, who many have dubbed "The Waffle House Hero" made headlines when he disarmed a gunman at the breakfast giant's Nashville location.

The assailant claimed four lives, but the Tennessee resident was able to subdue him before he could cause additional casualties.

The special guest was

joined by his family, which included his wife and four-year-old daughter.

Shaw, who is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, also was recognized by the Delta Theta Lambda chapter for his selfless actions.

In addition, the sermon featured a special performance by Sunday's Best winner Geoffrey Golden.

by Reggie Allen



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## DLCAA to Meet May 8

The Diversity Leadership Colloquium Alumni Association will hold a meeting and social on Tuesday, May 8, at Hidden Creek Club, 130 Hidden Creek Drive, Huntsville, Ala., at 6 p.m.

For additional information, contact Linda Fowlkes at [lindafo@msh.com](mailto:lindafo@msh.com). RSVP by May 5.

# Washington in a Minute



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

1. The House and Senate are in recess and will reconvene next week. Last Friday, the GOP-controlled House Intelligence Committee released a 250-page report, which found no evidence that the Trump Campaign had aided Russia's interference in the 2016 presidential election. In a 100-page dissent, committee Democrats decried that the committee had failed to interview key witnesses, including former National Security Adviser Michael Flynn.

2. On Monday, President Trump met with Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari at the White House (which is the President's first meeting with an African head of state). On Tuesday, he met with newly-confirmed Secretary of State Mike Pompeo; Southwest pilot Tammie Jo Shults and the crew of flight 1380; and the Army football team. On Wednesday, he held a ceremony for 2018 Teacher of the Year Mandy Manning, who teaches math and English to refugee and immigrant student at Ferris High School in Spokane, Wash. On Thursday, he invited, according to the Washington Times, five members of the Sutherland

Springs, Tex., First Baptist Church--site of a mass shooting in November--to join him for the National Day of Prayer event.

3. Also, last Thursday, the Senate Judiciary Committee approved a bill with 4 Republicans joining all Democrats to protect Special Counsel Robert Mueller from being fired by the President, after Committee Chair Chuck Grassley (R-IA) removed language that would have required Mueller to notify Congress if there were any change to the scope of the investigation - which had been vehemently opposed by Democrats. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) has stated that he will not permit the bill to come to the Senate floor.

4. With Admiral Jackson withdrawing his nomination for Secretary of Veterans Affairs last week, news outlets are speculating on the next nominee to head the department, including Acting Secretary Robert Wilkie, former CEO of the Cleveland Clinic Toby Cosgrove, House Veterans Affairs Committee Chair Phil Roe (R-TN), ex-Rep. Jeff Miller (R-FL), and Fox News contributor Pete Hegseth.

5. Almost 50 civil rights and education groups have issued a list

of "guiding principles" for the reauthorization of the nation's higher education law, urging lawmakers to ensure robust implementation and enforcement of civil rights laws. In a joint memo signed by the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, the NAACP, the National Center for Learning Disabilities, teachers unions and others, the groups also urge lawmakers to pass legislation that will help remove barriers to access by low-income and minority students, like affordability. They say that the new law should also ensure safe and inclusive campus climates and protections for student loan borrowers. They are asking lawmakers to exclude low-performing for-profit colleges from federal financial aid programs, and to provide for the collection and reporting of higher education data.

6. In a wide-ranging Quinnipiac University poll released on April 26:

- 71% of Democrats polled would like to see impeachment proceedings against the President;

- if Democrats take over the House in November;

- 63% of all persons polled think marijuana should be made legal;

- 74% of all persons polled say the President should not fire Special Counsel Mueller; and

- 53% of all persons polled think that the Russian government has compromising information on the President.

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## Champion Game Plan for Life

by Preston Brown

1 Corinthians 13:6-7 says: "Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."

Remember the song

"What's Love Got to Do with It?" In this song we find the words, "What's love but a

second-hand emotion." The song goes on to say, "Who needs a heart when a heart can be broken?" But, when we look at 1 Corinthians 13, the



apostle Paul has a different perspective about love. In this scripture, you can't help but notice how simple it is to understand this description of love. We all know what is being asked of us, but the problem

that most of us have is the willingness to do what it says. For example, when you love someone, your intentions should never be meant to harm them. So, there is no need to worry about a "broken heart" because love creates an atmosphere of trust. It has been said that love pre-

fers to be overly generous rather than overly suspicious. Some people are very suspicious because they never learned how to trust the other person. What a miserable place to be. When we don't trust our partner, we allow the enemy to get a "foothold" in our lives, and that will take away our joy and our peace. So, we should always seek to build each other up and not bring one down with our words or our actions. Love is not a "second hand emotion" because love does not dishonor others ... Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters.

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**From the Editor**

*Ahhh, Panoply and Great Weather!*

Two things worked together for a wonderful weekend in our City, great weather and Panoply Arts Festival. Arts Huntsville presented this premier arts festival last weekend. It was a wonderful celebration of art, music and more. If you missed it, enjoy some of the scenes. Until next week ...

*Dorothy*



# Valley Deaths

## - Nelms Memorial Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MS. RUBY JEAN HUMPHREY LYNCH (b. 1949) will be Friday, April 27, at 12 noon at First Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor Julius R. Scruggs officiating.

Memorial service for MRS. RACHAEL R. FLINT (b. 1953) was Thursday, April 26, at 12 noon at Blackburn Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America with Pastor Tremaine D. Snodgrass officiating.

Funeral service for MR. ALVIN JAMAR (b. 1974) was held Saturday, April 21, at Syler Tabernacle with Elder Dennis Green officiating.

Funeral service for MR. JERRY C. GARNER (b. 1955) was held on Saturday, April 21, at Saint Rebecca Primitive Baptist Church with Elder Perry Clark officiating.

Memorial service for MR. EARNEST DUREN (b. 1930) was held on Thursday, April 19, at the Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral service for MRS. IRMALENE DAVIS was held on Sunday, April 15, at Oakwood University S.D.A. Mosley Complex with Pastor Carlton Byrd officiating.

## - Royal Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MRS. SYLVIA ROCHESTER (b. 1947) was held Sunday, April 29, at the C.T. Richards in the Mosley Complex on the campus of Oakwood University.

Funeral service for MR. PRINCE LEE STOUDEMIRE, JR. (b. 1943) was held Saturday, April 28, at the Royal Chapel of Memories with Bishop Aaron Jones officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. MARY M. BANKS (b. 1955) was held Thursday, April 26, at the Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Association Tabernacle with Pastor Noah Ricks officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. BLANCHE MILLER was held at 2 p.m., Saturday, April 23, at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Cartersville, Ga.

A memorial service for MR. CEDRIC TATE (b. 1955) was held Sunday, April 22, at the New Life Seventh Day Adventist Church with Pastor Michael Ross, Sr., officiating.

Graveside service for MR. ALGIE GAMBLE (b. 1958) was held Friday, April 20, at Huntsville Memory Garden, (6810 University Drive N.W. Huntsville, AL 35806), with Minister Chase Thompson officiating.

# DELTA, Inc., Holds Annual Awards Breakfast

The Diverse Educational Life Training Activities, Inc.'s 5th Annual Dr. Elnora C. Lanier Grant Breakfast was held on Saturday, April 28, at the Huntsville Marriott.

Dr. Tammy Range-Alexander was the inspiring keynote speaker, with Alex D. Banks II and Arthurine Shackelford sharing their musical talents. Grants were awarded to the Village of Promise and RiahRose Home for Women and Children. Dr. Lanier's daughter, Andrea Lanier Weston, attended the event and gave reflections on behalf of her family.

Dr. Patricia Sims was Mistress of Ceremony. Phyllene Washington serves as chair of the Board; Patricia Benson was the Breakfast chair, and the co-chair was Linda Fowlkes.



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# Valley Scopes

by Melissa Wilson/Seloma

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**ARIES**  
The Mercury square of Pluto, in our 10th house, shows that a transformation is highly likely at work.

**GEMINI**  
Venus' semisquare of Uranus, in your 11th house, means that there's a possible difference of opinion brewing; with a pal over a topic of cash flow, so you might want to lift the outgoing vibes in that respect and save anything that's sinkable, so to speak.

**CAPRICORN**  
Mars' conjunction with Pluto means that there are multiple energies that are going towards a change that your instincts tell you is absolutely necessary.

**SCORPIO**  
The Jupiter trine of Neptune, in your 5th house of fun and self expression, shows that you're likely to be doing just that--having fun and expressing yourself in an uninhibited way.

**LEO**  
The sun's trine with Saturn, shows that your schedule is allowing you ample time to squeeze in just the activity that you'd like, which is awesome.

**CANCER**  
The Uranus semisquare of Neptune shows that it may not be easy for your expectations to be met, as you go forward in some process

that has been undertaken.

**VIRGO**  
The sun's trine of Pluto shows that you're doing your best to promote changes in an area that's important to you.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
Your 6th house is being emphasized and the Neptune sextile of Pluto predicts that you'll be taking on a new goal.

**TAURUS**  
The sun is opposite Jupiter in your 11th house, so your buddies may have a major difference of opinion with you, now that your drive to do something extraordinarily challenging is evident.

**AQUARIUS**  
The moons' square of Jupiter, in your 8th house of taxes; means that you have something related to money that you don't want to slip your mind.

**LIBRA**  
Your 4th house is where the emphasis is, currently. The Venus biquintile with Pluto predicts some change within your budget, as you take on a home related challenge.

**PISCES**  
The sun's trine with Saturn, along with a 9th house focus, reflects your acceptance of something that was formerly seen as a restriction by you.



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# Starbucks: Turning Lemons into Lemonade?

Need immediate help fixing a screw-up?

Starbucks' CEO Kevin Johnson, Black arrestees Rashon Nelson and Donte Robinson role-model a best-practice strategy, the "tim commandments of ego-holic recovering," according to Huntsville's *tim allston*, former crisis communication trainer and author of free book, *7 Steps to Manage Ego Problems: The How-to Guide for "Somebody Else,"* [www.GetEgoHelpNow.org](http://www.GetEgoHelpNow.org).

*allston* summarized the April 12th Philadelphia, PA Starbucks' arrests - viewed 11M+ times - but, more importantly, the aftermath lessons:

- April 12: Philadelphia Starbucks store arrested Nelson and Robinson for sitting in the restaurant and not placing an order, according to store manager;
- April 16: After meeting personally with them, Johnson decried the store's actions as "reprehensible," <http://money.cnn.com/2018/04/17/news/companies/starbucks-store-closings-racial-bias-education/index.html>;
- April 19: Nelson and Robinson broke their silence, exclusively, on ABC-TV's "Good Morning, America," <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NWOz3OZ6J9M>; and
- May 29: Starbucks will close its 8,000 stores for employees' racial-bias training, [http://](http://money.cnn.com/2018/04/17/news/companies/starbucks-store-closings-racial-bias-education/index.html)

[money.cnn.com/2018/04/17/news/companies/starbucks-store-closings-racial-bias-education/index.html](http://money.cnn.com/2018/04/17/news/companies/starbucks-store-closings-racial-bias-education/index.html).

"Johnson wasted little time in what we call 'taking the Starbucks incident to the TOP,' the model for addressing problems of 'ego-holism' - the addiction to self," cited *allston*, a recovering ego-holic. For example, Johnson's video statements:

**Targeted the problem** - "What happened and the way that incident escalated, and the outcome was nothing but reprehensible, . . ."; then he **Owned the problem** - ". . . And I'm sorry," adding, "While this is not limited to Starbucks, we're committed to being a part of the solution.;" and then Johnson

**Proceeded to resolve the matter**: "Closing our stores for racial bias training is just one step in a journey that requires dedication from every level of our company and partnerships in our local communities."

"That earlier TOP model," *allston* continued, "showcased the initial steps of the 'tim commandments of ego-holism recovering.'"

"Using the following media interview statements illustrates real-time examples of the seven remaining steps. Together, these 10 steps pinpoint how to better manage ego problems ("ego-holisms") - that is, both big (arrogance) as well as little (low-esteem)

ego-holisms"

Recovering Step #1: To Change Your Lanes Effectively, Glance Back Before Driving Forward. Don't linger, but you must review past events before advancing. Robinson

on "Good Morning America" (GMA): "I want to make sure this situation doesn't happen again." Starbucks spokesperson Jaime Riley to the Washington Post: "In this situation, the police should never have been called. And we know we have to review the practices and guidelines to help ensure it never happens again."

2: Uncover More Buried Treasures The Deeper You Plunge Below Your Surface. Nelson on GMA: "Everyone is blind to it, but they know what's going on. Just really taking those actions and putting them into place. And helping people understand this is not just a black people thing; this is a people thing." Johnson: "I believe the blame is misplaced. In fact, I think the focus of fixing this - I own it. This is a management issue and I am accountable to ensure we address the policy, and the practice and the training that led to this outcome."

3: Fast-forward your Success through "Homework Listening." Approach developing good listening skills like doing

school homework which must be done daily, returned properly to receive a gold star!

The Associated Press' Errin Haines Whack: "Starbucks executives, including the company's executive

chairman Howard Schultz and its chief executive Kevin Johnson, have met with the men to personally apologize and have appeared in television interviews in the wake of protests outside the Philadelphia location."

4: Re-start our Engine and Give our Life-Journey better Mileage. Sometimes, we must "grow up to be children" - i.e., re-start with greater openness. "I think Starbucks is sending a strong message in doing this," cited Atlanta-based crisis communications adviser Jeff

Dickerson. "They're bucking the trend, because ordinarily when large companies find themselves in this situation, they have counsel who will advise them against," admitting they'd done wrong.

5: Let our Failures jump-start your Successes. Turn your lemons into lemonade, as the earlier TOP example illustrated.

6: Your greatest Healings come out of your Revealing. Washington Post's Jena McGregor writes: ". . . this is Starbucks, a brand that has positioned itself in our national consciousness as not just a restaurant chain or retail operation, but as a 'third place' meet-up spot for the community." "You kind of expect Starbucks would do something like this," endorsed Paul Argenti, Dartmouth Tuck Business School professor who studies corporate communication strategy, adding,

"The nail that sticks up gets beaten down. They had to do something more dramatic." 7: Now that you Know... Go, Elevate and Grow! Tell your story(s), warts and all, to help others to heal, grow, and inspire them to tell theirs, too. Robinson on GMA: "What I want is for a young man or young men to not be traumatized by this; and instead, motivated and inspired." Winters, another Starbucks incident commentator, noted: "They've checked the boxes thus far, but people will be watching and looking after the dust has settled here. They will be under the microscope more than ever before."

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# Called Preach

by Pastor/Founder Michael D. Rice  
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## A Message to Warriors

This week's article is primarily for men.

We have been called to be warriors. It's in our DNA. That's why we are so competitive. God has fearfully and wonderfully equipped us with "the stuff" that we need to carry out our purposes as men.

David is an excellent example of a wounded warrior. His most celebrated



story is his encounter with Goliath. The battlefield is not

only a place where we can be wounded but, because of previous battles, we may go onto the battlefield already wounded from previous battles, as was David.

In his dialogue with Goliath, he told him about his conquest over the lion and the bear. David did not come out of

that unscathed, but he came out nonetheless.

Those wounds were visible; but what about the invisible ones? From what we know about family dynamics, there are times we can be wounded in ways that are not so visible.

David's father overlooked him when told by Samuel to bring in all of his sons for the anointing of Israel's next king. David's older brother was jealous of him for not being picked and ridiculed him in front of the entire army.

However, when Goliath came on the scene with his blasphemous boasting, it was David who was battle-ready and not a single other man in the army, including King Saul. Why was David ready? He had an authentic and assuring relationship with God. That is the key to being an effective wounded warrior.



## Local Trojan Signs with Dallas

Congratulations to one of Madison County's own ... Jordan Chunn.

Jordan ("MegaChunn") Chunn is heading to the "Big D" -- Dallas. A Troy University Trojan, Jordan Chunn signed a free agent deal with the Dallas Cowboys.

Jordan was a 5-11, 206-pound fullback from Gurley, Ala.. He studied criminal justice and psychology at Troy University in Troy, Ala., after graduating in 2013 from Madison County High School.

### Spotlight on Our Elders ... Featuring

## Mr. Wiley Henderson

Wiley Joseph Henderson was born in Clarke County, Ala. He is a distinguished graduate, longtime employee and retiree of Alabama A&M University. He participated in further studies at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, University of Alabama in Huntsville, Auburn University, University of Tennessee and Central State University.

Henderson has been actively involved in civic and community outreach programs for more than half a century. As a young professional, he organized

a civic club to inform and increase voter registration in his rural south Alabama community.

He also helped to organize a federal credit union to serve minority educators. For several years, he served as chairman of the board for this organization. Additionally, he completed terms as president of both the local teachers and

parent teacher associations. While serving as president of the local Normalite Alumni Association, he co-ordinated annual fund raising activities for Alabama A&M University.



He remains at the forefront as a leader in his church. While serving as chairman of the trustee board, he spearheaded a fundraising effort that resulted in the building of a new edifice. He also has served as superintendent for the Sunday School.

Upon moving to Huntsville, he and his family affiliated with the NAACP, Alabama Democratic Conference, and First Missionary Baptist Church.

Annually, he participates in fundraisers for the American Heart Association, Muscular Dystrophy and the March of Dimes. As a retiree of the Alabama Higher Education System, Henderson still renders service to AAMU.

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## UAH Track Climbs to No. 13

The U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association released its weekly national team rankings, and The University of Alabama in Huntsville's men's team vaulted six spots to No. 13 in NCAA Division II following its second consecutive Gulf South Conference Championship.

UAH – who has been in the national rankings for the duration of the outdoor season – is the highest ranked team in both the South Region and GSC as well.

The Chargers received a bevy of stellar performances at the GSC Championships last weekend, including an automatic qualifier in the 100 meter relay with a program-record and NCAA-leading time of

40.16, accomplished by Rashaad Pollard, Elijah Dryer, Ojay Gibson and Trevian Jenkins.

Three members of the 100-meter relay team are also in the national rankings individually, as Dryer boasts an automatic-qualifying time of 20.71 in the 200 meter for second nationally and a time of 10.45 in the 100 meter for 15th in NCAA, while Jenkins sits at 16th in the 200 meter with a provisional mark of 21.15. Fellow 100-meter relay member Ojay Gibson follows Jenkins at 31st in Division II with a time of 21.35.

Alex May is in the top 10 nationally in a pair of events with a ninth-place standing in the long jump at 7.43 meters in addition to seventh place in the



triple jump with a leap of 15.53 meters. Torique King is also on the national list in the triple jump with a rating of 17th at 14.97 meters.

Madison, Ala., native Zach Hancock rounds out the Chargers in the national rankings, as the sophomore is 11th in the discus at 52.89 meters and 12th in the shot put at 17.57 meters.

UAH looks ahead to a final pair of tune-ups on

May 4 at the Billy Hayes Invitational hosted by Indiana followed by the Aggies Last Chance hosted by North Carolina A&T on May 13, before the NCAA Division II Outdoor National Championships on May 24-26 in Charlotte, North Carolina.

## HCS District 1 Hosts Town Hall



School Board Member Michelle Watkins hosted a Town Hall Meeting on May 1 at Dawson Elementary School.

The purpose of the meeting was for the District's Leadership to update the

community on the strategies and initiatives taking place to move District 1 Schools from alert status to success.

Member Walker McGinnis joined Watkins for the forum entitled "Paving

the Road to Success for District 1 Students."

Reading, literacy and math were the primary foci, along with teacher preparation and professional development.



### Worship Services

#### SUNDAY

8:15 a.m. Faith Institute |  
9:15 a.m. Worship  
11:15 a.m. Worship

#### WEDNESDAY

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Bible Study

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