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Rev. Leroy Cole



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"I put my heart and my soul into my work, and have lost my mind in the process." - Vincent Van Gogh



BARBER SHOP BLESSINGS: Leo and Donna Robinson (4th and 5th, r) were showered with support on a recent sunny Saturday on the occasion of the "Blessing and Rededication" of Ivey's Barber Shop, LLC on Blue Spring Road in northwest Huntsville. (Photo by J. Saintjones)

For Love of Ivey's

A group of friends and well wishers poured into Ivey's Barber Shop on Blue Spring Road on Saturday, May 14, for a special moment of reflections, thanks and delicious food.

As part of the Blessing and Rededication ceremony, attendees received a welcome from Donna Robinson and later

remarks from her husband, Leo Robinson.

Following an opening prayer by Pastor David L. Robinson, scripture readings were presented by Minister Christopher Blanding, Bishop Maury Patton and Minister Julian Savage.

Prayers of Blessings were rendered for the proprietor,

Leo Robinson, by Rev. Dr. O. Wendell Davis of Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. Dr. Toni Savage offered a passionate prayer for the business, and Pastor Walter Kelley, Sr., closed the session out with a prayer for employees and clients. Bishop Charles Rodgers gave a closing prayer.

HBC Fundraiser Set for June 3

The Huntsville Bible College will hold its 29th Annual Vision Banquet on Friday, June 3, at the Von

Braun Center East Hall, located at 700 Monroe Street in Downtown Huntsville at 7 p.m.

For tickets and additional information about the Vision Banquet, call (256) 469-7536.



Photographers' Works Showcased at Museum

The Huntsville Museum of Art will showcase select works of members of the Huntsville Photographic Society in the Guild Gallery from May 15-August 7.

This annual juried selection of approximately 50 photographs by members of HPS will include both color and black and white photography in a range of styles.

Each year, the competition is open to allow members to submit their best work in any category.

Visit hsvmuseum.org for more details on the 2022 HPA Members' Showcase.

Valley Residents Mourn Deaths in Buffalo

Persons throughout the Tennessee Valley are mourning the Saturday, May 14, deaths of nearly one dozen people in the city of Buffalo, N.Y., at the popular Tops grocery store.

Early reports indicate that a teenage gunman with

white supremacist ideology opened fire "methodically killing" 10 people and injuring three others--almost all of them black. Reports place the incident among the one of the deadliest racist massacres in recent American history.

Area College Site for 'Haitian Flag Day'

Haitian American Productions Alabama LLC and Haitian American Association of Alabama will host Haitian Flag Day Festival 2022 on Sunday, May 22.

The event will be held on the campus of Snead State Community College,

311 College Avenue, in Boaz, Ala., from 1 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

Limited food, arts, crafts, and merchandise spaces are available. Visit EventBrite for ticket info, e-mail hapallc1804@gmail.com or call (256) 660-1113.

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Washington in One Minute



Here are the happenings in Washington, D.C., this week:

1. **ON THE FLOOR.** The House and Senate are in session this week. The pending business in the Senate is the \$40 billion Ukraine aid bill, which the House passed last week by a vote of 368-57. The House has a long list of bills for the floor this week, including a bill to prohibit price gouging by fuel companies and emergency legislation related to the supply of baby formula. Last week, Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell and 3 other GOP Senators – Sens. Collins (ME), Barrasso (WY) and Cornyn (TX) - traveled to Kyiv to meet with Ukrainian President Zelensky. On Tuesday, the House and Senate met in joint session to receive an address from Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis.

2. **THE WHITE HOUSE.**

On Monday, Vice President Harris traveled to Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE), to lead a delegation to honor UAE President Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, who died on May 13, and President Biden met with Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis at the White House. On Friday, the President will begin a four-day trip to Japan and South Korea. Last Friday, the President spoke by telephone with Prime Minister Andersson of Sweden and President Niinistö of Finland regarding their countries joining NATO and, also on Friday, met with local law enforcement officers and mayors in recognition of National Police Week and called on cities and states to use American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding to put more police officers on the beat (while noting that to date state and local governments have designed

\$6.5 billion for public safety projects in ARP state and local funds in more than half of states and more than 300 communities across the country). Last Thursday, President Biden met virtually with representatives from Walmart and Target and infant formula manufacturers Reckitt and Gerber on the shortage of infant formula caused by a voluntary recall of infant powdered formula by Abbott and the closure of its manufacturing facility in Sturgis, Mich.

3. **SUPREME COURT.** The Supreme Court was set to issue opinions Monday from its current docket, likely the Mississippi abortion case Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization. Monday marked the first "opinion issuance day" since the leak of the draft Dobbs opinion on May 2.

4. **JANUARY 6 COMMITTEE.** In a highly unusual move, last week the House Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol issued subpoenas to 5 sitting Members of Congress: House GOP Leader Kevin McCarthy (CA), Rep. Scott Perry (PA), Rep. Jim Jordan (OH), Rep. Mo Brooks

(AL), and Rep. Andy Biggs (AZ). The 5 GOP Members were previously invited to appear voluntarily before the committee but refused. The January 6 Committee will start its hearings on Thursday, June 9.

5. **STUDENT LOAN DEBT.** With President Biden considering executive action to cancel some portion of student loan debt, the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, along with a cadre of 21 higher education organizations, developed recommendations to improve the

federal loan system. More than two-dozen resulting suggestions range from how to streamline loan plans to how to better oversee servicers. NASFAA's recommendations, which are being released in a report on Monday, May 16, focuses on three major areas: loan servicing, loan repayments and defaults.

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Funeral service for MRS. LILLIE R. CARR (b. 1953) will be Saturday, May 21, at 11 a.m. at Pentecostal Lighthouse Church with Elder Reginal Burrell officiating.

Graveside service for MRS. EDITH A. WILLIAMS DON-ALDSON (b. 1938) will be Friday, May 20, at 1 p.m. at Meadowlawn Garden of Peace with Minister Vernon L. Parrish officiating.

Funeral service for MR. LAWRENCE “BILL” WHERRY (b. 1949) was held Saturday, May 14, in the Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with The Reverend Desi Fletcher officiating.

Graveside service for MRS. ELAINE LIGHTFOOT CHUNN (b. 1953) was held Friday, May 13, at Valhalla Memory Gardens with Pastor T. C. Johnson officiating.

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Funeral service for MRS. VERA MAE (MORRIS) NANCE (b. 1942) will be 11 a.m., Friday, May 20, at the Royal Chapel of Memories (4315 Oakwood Avenue, Huntsville, Ala.).

Funeral service for MR. EMMITT “Ned Jr.” FLETCHER (b. 1938) will be 12 noon, Friday, May 20, at the Macedonia M.B. Church in Dayton, Ohio.

Funeral service for MR. MELVIN JOHN HINES, SR., (b. 1947) was held Tuesday, May 17, at the First Missionary Baptist Church (3509 Blue Spring Road NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Dr. Julius R. Scruggs officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. IRENE CHESTER (b. 1925) was held Sunday, May 15, at the Oakwood Seventh-Day Adventist Church (5500 Adventist Blvd., Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Paul Goodrich officiating.

Funeral service for DEACON WILLIE JAMES LESLIE (b. 1942) was held Saturday, May 14, at the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church (710 Dan Crutcher Road, Toney, Ala.) with Pastor Ernest Williams officiating.

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The Gaines Family will have a private memorial at a later date for MR. JOHNIE FRANKLIN GAINES (b. 1956).

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VALLEY EVENTS

HAPPENINGS, ACTIVITIES & MORE!

May 22

The Temptations & The Four Tops
Mark C. Smith Concert Hall
Von Braun Center
Huntsville, Ala.
7 p.m.

May 24

Huntsville Rotary Luncheon
East Hall 3
Von Braun Center
11:45 a.m.
1 p.m.

Madison County Schools

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CHAMPION GAME PLAN

PRESTON BROWN

“THINKING ABOUT TOMORROW TODAY”

Matthew 6:34 says, Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble on its own.

Today, we are living in unusual times, to say the least. And, for many of us, we are thinking about and worrying about “tomorrow today”. Now it’s one thing to prepare for “tomorrow today”, but it’s a whole different thing to worry about “tomorrow today”, because worry will get you nowhere; it only gives us something to do. However, it produces nothing but wasted energy. I believe we all need to stay in the present, because today is a gift from God.

In Matthew 6:25-34, Jesus talks about “worry” in

such a way that it should help all of us today, as we deal with these challenging times. For example, in this scripture reading, Jesus reminds us that life is more important than food or clothes. In other words, it’s more important than the economy or rising gas prices. He also reminds us that we have more value than the birds of the air, and yet He provides them with the food that they need. And then He sums it all up by saying, “who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life”.

You see, I believe that it is important for all of us to prepare for this “New Normal” today and realize that, yes, tomorrow will



come full of surprises of its own; however, don’t let it rob you of today’s gift, because life is short enough.

So, let us all learn how to think things through as it pertains to our families and loved ones and let us not worry about “tomorrow today”. Let us continue to trust and depend on God who is able to supply all of our needs ... Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters.

Make sure you purchase a copy of my book, “A Champion Game Plan For Life,” at amazon.com

Graduation:
Sparkman, 12 noon
Hazel Green, 3 p.m.
Madison Co. Virtual, 5:30 p.m.
Propst Arena
Huntsville, Ala.

May 25
Madison County Schools
Graduation:
Buckhorn, 12 noon
Madison County, 3:30 p.m.
New Hope, 5:30 p.m.
Propst Arena
Huntsville, Ala.

May 27-29

Affion Crockett
Comedian
Stand Up Live Huntsville

May 31
Huntsville Rotary Luncheon
East Hall 3
Von Braun Center
11:45 a.m.
1 p.m.

June 3
Annual Vision Banquet
Sponsor: Huntsville Bible College
Von Braun Center
East Hall
Huntsville, Ala.
7 p.m.

June 3-4
“Lift Every Voice”
Regional Choral Festival
hsvmasterchorale.org

June 4
The Legacy Center
3rd Annual Charity Kickball Tournament
“Legacy Kickback”
Calvary Hills Community Center
1 p.m.

June 5
“Menopause: The Musical”
Mark C. Smith Concert Hall
Von Braun Center
Huntsville, Ala.
3 p.m.

June 6
Financial Literacy Course (8 Weeks)
Huntsville Bible College
(256) 469-7536
reg@hbc1.edu

July 7-17
The World Games
Birmingham, Ala.

August 5-7
DL Hughley
Comedian
Stand Up Live Huntsville

PowerShot

"The earth is the
Mother of all people,
and all people
should have equal
rights upon it."

Chief Joseph



AHA Announces Grant Deadlines

Literary festivals, big reads, podcasts, teacher workshops, oral history projects, documentaries, exhibits, history tours, conferences, lecture series, etc.

These are just a few of the exciting projects that have been funded by the Alabama Humanities Alliance (AHA), noted local AHA board member Dorothy W. Huston.

Working on anything like the above? Could your organization use up to \$10,000 to make it happen? Don't miss the upcoming

Major Grants spring deadlines!

Preliminary applications are due May 15. You'll receive feedback that will help you polish your final applications due June 15.

AHA exists to provide context, build empathy and make Alabama a more vibrant place to live--all through the humanities.

For additional information about Alabama Public Humanities Grants 2022 guidelines, visit alabama-humanities.org.

Huntsville City Council Meetings

Huntsville City Council Regular Meetings are held in the City

Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m., Downtown Huntsville.

Watch the meetings live via HuntsvilleAL.gov/HSVTV or on the City of Huntsville Facebook page (@huntsvillecity).

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



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Anthony Anderson: From Black-ish to Howard University Grad-ish!

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing" 2 Timothy 4:7,8.

When the Apostle Paul knew that he was approaching his own death and the end of his long evangelistic journey, he wrote these words to encourage his successor Timothy, and to let him know that there will be trouble but worth it in the end.

Similarly on May 7, when Black-ish TV star Anthony Anderson received his bachelor's of fine arts degree from Howard University he thanked his son, fellow Howard '22 grad Nathan, for inspiring him to "finish the race."

The fruits of Anderson's degree completion after starting Howard 30 years ago resulted from three deep roots:

"The teamwork makes the dream work," according to leadership expert Dr. John C. Maxwell in his 2002 book that bears this title. Anderson explained, "It takes a village. Thank you to my son @hotboynato for inspiring me to return to school to finish my degree after he was accepted into Howard University. This is just the beginning!"

Plan your work, then work your plan, Anthony Anderson Plans To Graduate Howard University Class Of 2022 With His Son | HBCU Buzz.

Finally, keep the faith, or Anderson's own version of 2 Timothy 4:7,8 which says, "Stay the task, never give up and it all happens in time. But more importantly, it happens when it's supposed to happen, . . . Stay ready. That way you don't waste time getting ready, because you have no idea how long that window of opportunity will be there."

So the moral of this story is to finish projects you have started that you need to finish - even if they should take you a few decades to complete!

- tim allston

A&M Names New VPSA

After a national search and selection process, and review of almost 50 applicants, AAMU has named Dr. Braque Talley as its next Vice-President for Student Affairs. A native of Starkville, Mississippi, Dr. Braque Talley has developed a distinguished career as a higher education administrator and educator. Currently, he serves as Vice-Chancellor of Enrollment Management and Student Success at the University of Arkansas - Pine Bluff (UAPB), where he also teaches graduate courses in Educational Leadership. As Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Talley was responsible for reversing a four-year downward enrollment trend and launched efforts that led to all-time University highs for graduation and retention rates.

Before joining UAPB, he served at his undergraduate alma mater, Rust College, as Vice President of Enrollment Management. While Talley served in this capacity, Rust College achieved increases in overall student enrollment and retention, and his team garnered more than \$1 million in grants and other gifts to undergrad student support initiatives. Moreover, he was

responsible for enrolling the two largest first-year classes in the college's history. Previously, Dr. Talley served as a Coordinator of Marketing and Recruitment at Alabama A&M University after serving as a graduate research



assistant and recruiter, during which graduate enrollment at AAMU also reached the highest levels since 2005.

Dr. Talley graduated Cum Laude from Rust College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English. He earned the Master of Urban and Regional Planning (MURP) degree from Alabama A&M University and the Doctorate of Philosophy from Jackson State University in Higher Education. He has completed professional development programs at Johns

Hopkins University, Clark Atlanta University and the University of South Florida. Dr. Talley also is a graduate of the Executive Leadership Institute (ELI) and the Higher Education Leadership Foundation (HELF).

Dr. Talley is active in several professional, civic, and social organizations, and he has delivered over 25 presentations and lectures at conferences and professional meetings. He has received recognition from the Starkville Daily News ("Top 40, Under 40"); HBCU Grow; Mississippi Business Journal ("State of MS-Top 50, Under 40"), SCM ("Humanitarian of the Year"), and Rust College ("Top 10, Under 10").

Dr. Talley's research areas of interest are HBCUs, Higher Education Sustainability, Student Motivation, and Student Engagement. He partnered with The Princeton Review to author "The Ultimate Guide to HBCUs."

Braque is married to Dr. Brittney Tate-Talley, a physical therapist specializing in geriatric care. They have two children, Bridynn (12) and Braque "B.J." Talley, Jr. (1). Dr. Talley will officially rejoin the AAMU family on June 13, 2022.

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www.alabamapublichealth.gov

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<https://hsvchamber.org/restaurant-deliveries-take-out-food-service-providers/>



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CALLLED 2 PREACH

REV. MICHAEL RICE

The Other Black Friday

Luke 23:44-47

Did you know that there are two "Black Friday's"?

The one that we are most familiar with is the day after Thanksgiving when people bunk out overnight often in freezing weather to catch so-called Christmas bargains on the next day when stores open earlier than usual.

The *other* black Friday is the one associated with



the other holiday known as Easter. This Friday is commonly known as Good Friday.

This is the Friday that Jesus hung on the Cross at Calvary dying for the sins of the world.

Here is what made it the other Black Friday. Luke recorded that, *By this time it was about noon, and darkness fell across the whole land... The light from the sun was gone.*

The sanctified imagination of our elders put it this way, The S-O-N and the S-U-N could not shine at the same time.

Luke also recorded that it was at this same time that the "veil of the temple" was split in two. This was the sign of total acceptance



by any and everyone who sought to enter into the Kingdom of God by faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ at Calvary.

It was this scene that

motivated the songwriter to put pen to parchment and write, *They hung Him high; they stretched Him wide; He hung His head and for me He died; that's love!*

But that's not how the story ends, three days later He rose again; that's love!

This Sunday's Lectionary



Sunday, May 22, 2022
 Sixth Sunday of Easter

(Track 2 - Year C)

Acts 16:9-15
 Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5
 John 14:23-29
 Psalm 67



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

Rev. Leroy R. Cole



Service and Leadership have been cornerstones of Leroy R. Cole's life since 1960, when he was elected president of his senior class at Capitol High School in Baton Rouge, La. Pastor Cole has always been ready to blaze new trails and meet new challenges. After earning a degree in electrical engineering from Southern University, he saw new opportunities and challenges everywhere he looked. Still, he forged ahead. He served his country in the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged as Captain in 1968.

He joined Federal Electric Corporation and worked as a reliability engineer on the Apollo Space program in 1968. He then joined GTE as a manufacturing engineer in 1973 and left as a manager of manufacturing engineering in 1983. He started a manufacturing engineering department at Intergraph in 1985 and also served as its manager. After retiring from Intergraph in 1997, he was tapped as the Chief Operating Officer of Triana Industries. He led Triana Industries out of bankruptcy to become a \$25 million manufacturing company in nine years. New positions and new employers were numerous, including being the first manufacturing company in the area to recruit and hire Hispanic employees.

But nothing stirred his servant-leader qualities like serving as pastor of Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church for almost 35 years, beginning in 1978. As a servant-leader, he was a teacher, warrior, workman, vessel and team-builder. Hopewell is a leader in community missions, organizing tutoring and mentoring programs, distributing food to the hungry and maintaining the community's only Red Cross-certified shelter in the New Market area. Rev. Cole chose to retire from Triana Industries in 2006 to serve as Hopewell's full-time pastor.

While the New Market Community was introduced to the "Hopewell Experience," a phrase coined by Rev. Cole, he was creating a different type of experience in the greater community – one of service. Rev. Cole served on the Red Cross Advisory Board, representing the

business community, and served on the board of the Interfaith Mission Service (IMS) as a representative from the religious community. He was a co-founder (and later chairman) of the Greater Huntsville Interdenominational Ministerial Fellowship (GHIMF) in the early 1980s. GHIMF now has over 100 local pastors and ministers.

Education has always been a priority in his life and Rev. Cole saw a need to serve all the children of the county; not just his own. He was a member of the Huntsville City Schools System Strategic Planning Committee and served as President and Vice president of the Board of Directors for The Community Intensive Treatment Youth (CITY) Program for Huntsville City Schools, an alternative school for students in grades 7-11.

But he was never alone in his work. God also blessed him with two remarkable help-mates. He and Vercie Cole were married 27 years before she died after a long illness. He married Linda Graham Cole in 1996 and they have been a partner and friend to each other for 20 years. The Coles have four sons: Minister Lamar Cole, Lance Cole, Pastor Ladell Cole and Damien Godwin.

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Saturday, May 14, 2022

Scenes from Center
(Photos by J. Saintjones)

