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Mr. Richard Knight

"Are we not all desperate one way or another?" - Taylor Caldwell

Lakeside UM Will Host Juneteenth Celebration

Lakeside United Methodist Church will once again host another festive Greater Huntsville Juneteenth Celebration. Activities will begin Saturday, June 17, on the church premises from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.



This year, the Lakeside Family will educate while celebrating this event through endeavors such as STEM outreach, reading and literacy, health

and wellness, nutrition, economics, banking, voter registration, home ownership, music, cultural arts, dance, and historical reenactments. This is a family

event where everyone can be entertained. Admission is FREE. (Photo from Juneteenth 2022 event by J. Saintjones)

Conductor's TWG Work Receives 19 Telly Awards

An Alabama A&M University graduate and University Professor of Music at the University of Alabama at Birmingham has received numerous awards recently for his creative work with The World Games.

His work on the opening and closing ceremonies have received 19 Telly Awards. The World Games' theme song, "Hope of



Alabama," was co-written by Panion, Randy Owen of the group Alabama and his daughter Alison Owen, and the video was co-directed by Panion and Matthew

Dr. Henry Panion was the artistic and creative director for The World Games held in Birmingham, Ala., in 2022.

Huesmann, according to UAB source Shannon Thomason.

The Telly Awards honors excellence in video and television across all screens and is judged by leaders from video platforms, tele-



vision, streaming networks and production companies, including Adobe, BBC World Service, Netflix, A&E Networks, Nickelodeon, National Geographic Society, and ESPN Films.

Dist. Six Commissioner, VEC to Host "Oh, Freedom 2023!"

In partnership with Huntsville-based Vision Excellence Company (VEC), Madison County District 6 will host "Oh, Freedom 2023!" a community discussion drawing from the historical context of Juneteenth. Commissioner Violet Edwards and Dr. Karockas Watkins (r) will be joined by community leaders to discuss the topic "Can't Stop Now - How to Get to Equal" on Monday, June 19, from 10 a.m.-12 noon at the Robert "Bob" Harrison Wellness and Advocacy Center, 6156 Pulaski Pike, Huntsville, Alabama. From slavery to Jim Crow to today's CEOs, African American progress has been impressive, but America has many miles to go on the road to true racial equality.



Sharing their expertise are Dr. Beth Richardson, Progress Bank (finances); Greg Brown, Brown Precision (employment); Dr. Patricia Sims, Drake State (education); Tracy Doughty, Huntsville Hospital (healthcare); and Charles Frye, CNI Solutions (community).

Local Law Firm Set for Fourth Generation

Huntsvillian Clay Martinson has a lot to beam about these days. The graduate of Huntsville High School and Summa Cum Laude history graduate of Alabama recently added more stellar credentials.



Raised before a proud and historic backdrop of the Martinson & Beason law firm, Clay comes from a family of three generations of lawyers.

However, the recent awarding of his degree from the University of

Alabama School of Law, helps propel the firm into its fourth generation of Martinson lawyers.

The family legacy will live on as Clay prepares to take the Bar Exam in July.

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Second Chance Ministries to Host 'Love of Music' Gala June 10



The Alpha Ensemble



Ms. Lettys Boyd

Mrs. Nell Lane Bradford

Mrs. Brenda D. Davis

Mr. Calvin Drake

Mrs. Effie Gaines

Mrs. Carmelita Gandy



Dr. Michael Hambrick

Dr. Reginald Jackson

Ms. Renee M. Knight

Rev. William "Billy" Orton

Ms. Monica Phipps-Stewart

Mr. Laurent-Daniel Vergnac

Second Chance Deliverance and Restoration Ministries, Inc., is an outreach ministry established in 2005 by Leo and Donna Robinson. The ministry provides mentoring, spiritual, educational and physical support to individuals facing negative influences, such as drugs and other life challenges. The organization is sponsoring its First Annual Love of Music Gala on Saturday, June 10, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Ernest L. Knight Reception Center on the campus of Alabama A&M University.

The Gala will honor outstanding individuals and groups for significant contributions to music rendered to organizations, businesses, churches



and other events in the Huntsville-Madison county community. The 2023 distinguished honorees are: The Alpha Ensemble, Ms. Lettys Boyd, Mrs. Nell Lane Bradford, Mrs. Brenda D. Davis, Mr. Calvin Drake, Mrs. Effie Gaines, Mrs. Carmelita Gandy, Dr. Michael Hambrick, Dr. Reginald Jackson, Ms. Renee M. Knight, Rev. William "Billy" Orton, Ms. Monica Phipps-Stewart and Mr. Laurent-daniel Vergnac.

Second Chance Deliverance and Restoration Ministries, Inc. is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization and a charitable organization licensed in the State of Alabama. All contributions are tax-deductible, and the proceeds from the event will provide donations to support the concert and marching band program at Lee High School in Huntsville, Alabama, as well as tuition to assist reformed individuals desiring to obtain a certificate in a chosen trade or degree at an accredited institution of learning.

For additional information, please email: Mrs. Donna B. Robinson at dbonerobinson@yahoo.com or call (256) 714-1029.

Huntsville Announces 2023 Jazz in the Park Lineup

Some of the country's most revered jazz artists will participate in Huntsville's annual Jazz in the Park concert series scheduled for September.

Artists scheduled to perform at this year's festival were revealed on Wednesday, May 24, by Kenny Anderson, director of the City's Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (ODEI). As with previous years, free performances will be each Sunday in September at Big Spring Park East.

Jazz in the Park-Huntsville includes music education workshops with local students. The workshops expose young people to high caliber jazz recording artists and cover topics such

as improvisation, section playing, tuning, intonation and more.

This year's festival will act as a kick-off event for Huntsville Music Month, observed each September. Music Officer Matt Mandrella said Jazz in the Park's enduring popularity is paramount to transforming Huntsville into a music city.

The schedule of performers is as follows:

Sunday, Sept. 3

5 p.m. – Erisa Nicole
6 p.m. – Tr3ple Threat
7:30 p.m. – Jessy J

Sunday, Sept 10

5 p.m. – Noelette Leader-Hutton

6 p.m. – Chandra Currelley
7:30 p.m. – Brian Simpson

Sunday, Sept. 17

5 p.m. – Calhoun Community College Show Band
6 p.m. – BK Jackson
7:30 p.m. – Alex Bugnon

Sunday, Sept. 24

5 p.m. – Angela Bryant Brown
6 p.m. – Marqueal Jordan
7:30 p.m. – Ben Tankard

Presented by Cynthia Joiner Real Estate, Jazz in the Park-Huntsville is a collaboration between the City's ODEI and Parks & Recreation Department.

For more information, visit the Jazz in the Park-Huntsville Facebook page.

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Spiritual Game Plan

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YOU COMPLETE ME

Galatians 5:22 says, *But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.*

In the movie Jerry Maguire, the main character says to his love, "You complete me." Now this may sound very endearing, but we have to remember that only God with the love of Jesus can complete us. That way, we don't have to place all the responsibility on the people that we love to have all the answers for our lives. In the long run it ends up being too much for us to handle.

Most of us live in this

physical, fallen world, a world that is tied to our emotions, where feelings are easily hurt and tempers usually flare. But when we live in the spiritual world that is not tied to our emotions, we begin to understand how love can be patient and kind. We begin to see and understand that when we love someone we won't be easily angered or proud or rude. All of these feelings are tied to these physical emotions that we have. That's why we need to "tap in" to our spiritual side that will allow us to see all the possibilities of a beautiful relationship with the people that we are trying to love. Now, the way we tap into our spiritual side is

to read God's word. When we read God's word, it will reveal who you are in the spirit, which is the very best version of yourself.

Having a relationship with the ones you love is a great thing; however, it's not the easiest thing because so often we allow ourselves to be rude, self-seeking and easily angered. That is the physical side of us that we have to learn to control.

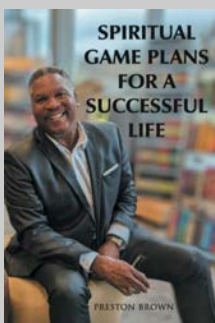
Just remember, our relationships with other people all begin with our relationship with God. I also believe that our relationships with other people is a direct reflection of our relationship with God. So, when we have this loving relationship with this loving God that we serve, we will understand that only God

can complete us. He is the only one that can handle our situation. Because He knows our issues, He knows our pains, and He knows what we are going through.

May God grant you spiritual success in walking in the fruits of the spirit, so that you can love others the way God intended for you to love.

Question: *Why is it important to establish a relationship with God before we establish relationships with other people?* Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters, and make sure you purchase a copy of my books *A Champion Game Plan For Life* and

Spiritual Game plans For A Successful Life at amazon.com or Westbow Books.



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Funeral service for MS. ANGELA Y. MARTIN (b. 1960) will be Saturday, June 3, at 11 a.m. at Pentecostal Lighthouse Church.

Funeral service for MRS. MARGARET VINES will be Saturday, June 3, 2023 at 12 p.m. at Ozias Missionary Baptist Church (13576 Dudleyville Road - Camp Hill, Ala.).

Funeral service for MOTHER CORA BELLE DAVIS (b. 1929) was held Saturday, May 27, at Little Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church with Reverend Reginald Johnson officiating.

ROYAL FUNERAL HOME

4315 Oakwood Avenue NW

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Funeral service for MRS. JEAN P. ANDERSON (b. 1939) will be 12 noon, June 9, at the Royal Chapel of Memories (4315 Oakwood Avenue NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Derrick Brown officiating.

Funeral service for MS. VERA HAGAN STEWART (b. 1938) was held Sunday, May 28, at the Athens Seventh-day Adventist Church with Pastor Roy Rugless officiating.

Funeral service for MS. GLORIA EDWARDS (b. 1942) was held Saturday, May 27, at Royal Chapel of Memories with Pastor Maurice Wright officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. EDNA L. FLETCHER (b. 1939) was held Friday, May 26, at Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church (315 Winchester Road, NE, Huntsville, Ala.) with Dr. O Wendell Davis officiating.

Graveside service for MR. JOHN SHIRLEY (b. 1928) was held Friday, May 26, at Oakwood Memorial Gardens (1 HL Cleveland Way, Huntsville, Ala.) with Dr. Carlton Byrd as eulogist.

Funeral service for DEACON CORENE H. "BAY" LANGFORD was held Friday, May 26, at the St. Elizabeth Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America (104 Perry Street Madison, Ala.) with Pastor Columbus Waddle officiating

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Funeral service for MASTER ZIAH RUFFIN (b. 2023) was held Sunday, May 28, at New Beginnings Christian Church, 604 Jordan Lane NW, Huntsville, Ala.

Funeral service for MR. CURTIS FULTZ was held Friday, May 26, at Restoration Church, 5810 Wall Triana Hwy., Huntsville, Ala.

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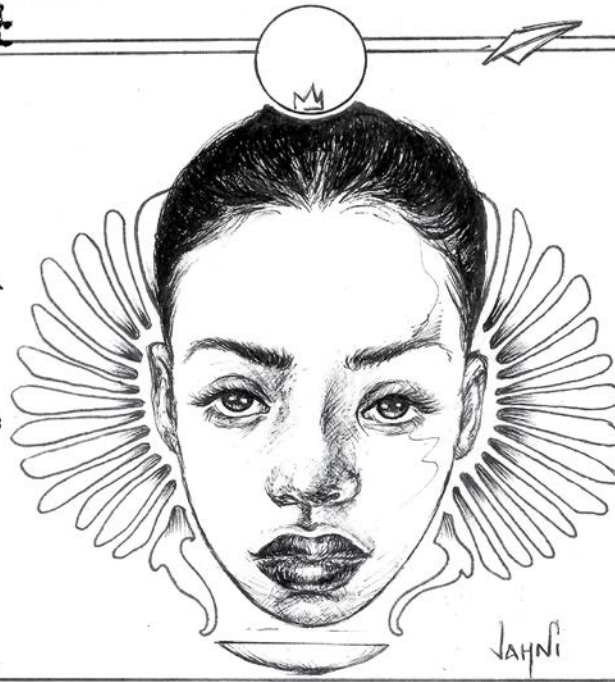
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- June 3**
4th Annual Legacy Kickball Tournament
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- June 4**
Comedian
Justin Whitehead
Stand Up Live
Huntsville, Ala. - 6 p.m.
- June 7**
Comedian
Christian Johnson
- June 9**
8th Annual Black Restaurant Week
Huntsville 2023
- June 9-11**
Huntsvegas Tattoo Expo
Von Braun Center
- June 11**
Giddy Up, Get Down
Cowboys & Cowgirls (Western Attire, 21+)
Meadow Creek Farm
9306 Pulaski Pike
Toney, Ala.
4-10 p.m.
- June 14 & 15**
Soul Connections ... A Speed Dating Experience
3311 Bob Wallace Avenue SW, Ste. 101
Huntsville, Ala.
5:30 p.m.
- June 17**
14th Annual White Linen Brunch
Ernest L. Knight Center
Alabama A&M University
Contacts: jeanette.jones@
aamu.edu or tonya.perry@
aamu.edu
(256) 714-8170
10 a.m.
- June 22-24**
Comedian
Erik Griffin
Stand Up Live
Huntsville, Ala.
- Comedian
Ralph Barbosa
Stand Up Live
Huntsville, Ala.
- Elvis to Sundial
Mark C. Smith Concert
Hall
Von Braun Center
7 p.m.
- 19th Annual Leadership Awards Gala
Huntsville Progressive Alumni Chapter (HPAC)
Alabama A&M University Alumni Association, Inc.
Ernest L. Knight Reception Center
Alabama A&M University
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Get Up ...

You have the habit of just laying there and abiding in the moments of nothingness. You wake up, grab your phone and scroll endlessly.

Looking at what others are accomplishing or not, who knows what's real on social media. However, as you lay there, you reside in that comfort of laziness.

You reduce the rationalization down to relaxing. But, what are you resting from? What have you done? What constitutes stopping? You have stuff to do.

Get Up!

What's next? Why are you giving away time? You know you're not getting that back, right?

Let's say that your body does need to rest. That happens. While you're relaxing, you can free your mind. Meditate, be grateful, and dream up new ideas.

Take the time to relax in healthy ways. Mental breaks are a good thing. So are physical breaks. But don't stay there too long and get comfortable.

If you find yourself

Millennial Moment

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by Gloria B. Caldwell



engaging in folly, it will throw you off track. When you realize you're just wasting time, redirect and **GET UP!**

You've got real things to do.

You're purposed. Let's move.

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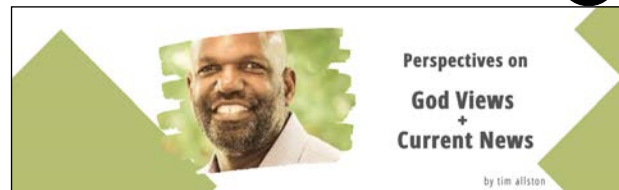
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Ja Morant's latest "do-over" - another flagrant foul?

"... and be sure your sin will find you out" - Numbers 32:23

God often uses falling icons to teach us all valuable lessons on decision-making and example-setting.

Again, Again, and Again, . . .

On Saturday, May 13, an Instagram Live video surfaced featuring the once-suspended Memphis Grizzlies and two-time NBA All-Star Ja Morant again brandishing a gun, Ja Morant Flunks the Common-Sense Test - The Atlantic.

Immediately, the Grizzlies suspended him indefinitely from all team-related activities.

"My words may not mean much right now, but I take full accountability for my actions. I'm committed to continuing to work on myself," Morant offered.

But now there's more, . . . Ja Morant's signature shoe is REMOVED from Nike's website and some app | Daily Mail Online



Do-over

On March 3, 2023, an Instagram video revealed that Morant was flashing a borrowed handgun at a nightclub in suburban Denver, Colorado.

Subsequently, on March 15, the NBA imposed an eight-game suspension on the 23-year-old rising star, for "conduct detrimental to the league," as a last straw from a series of his earlier missteps.

But God, why Ja? God: why NOT Ja?

Again, God will use icons in their fall to teach us all valuable lessons.

What can this recent Morant screw-up teach us all?

Lights, Camera, Action:

Social media and fame remind us that there are no more secrets!

God's Grace: Morant is often compared to Kobe Bryant - but there's one main difference:

With his sexual assault charge in 2003, Kobe fell publicly after reaching the top - three straight NBA titles and varied league MVP awards;

But Morant has now fallen on his way to the top.

Morant: make your improvements now sooner than later - so that you can reach the top! And

Wilderness 101. This suspension can constitute a Morant "wilderness experience."

Leadership expert Dr. John C. Maxwell teaches that every (moral) leader must experience the wilderness. Here "motives get purified, backbones solidified, and callings clarified."

Hopefully, this second wilderness suspension will course-correct Ja Morant.

The Moral of the Morant story?

Once again, perhaps it's a good time for him to put aside the basketball and instead pick up the Bible.

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Huntsville Police Citizens Advisory Council to Meet on June 13

The Huntsville Police Citizens Advisory Council (HPCAC) will hold its public meeting on June 13 from 5:30-7 p.m. HPCAC serves to promote productive police and community interaction and foster mutual trust by assisting the police in achieving a greater understanding of the complex social fabric of the community.

HPCAC brings a citizen's perspective on the policies and procedures of law enforcement and helps advise on a variety of topics includ-

ing diversity, recruitment, training and discipline.

The advisory council is comprised of a diverse mix of community leaders whose primary objective is to improve the relationship between the community and the police department. Core Tasks: 1) Advise the HPD Chief & Command Staff leadership on changes to policy, recruitment and hiring, and best practices; 2) Facilitate dialogue and trust with the community through public meetings and community outreach (i.e. attend/speak at a wide variety of venues); 3) Provide two HPCAC members to all Incident Review Boards (IRBs); 4) Support the Internal Affairs process for citizen complaints; 5) Participate in the HPD

Strategic Plan review; 6) Participate in the HPD Annual Report review; 7) Review a quarterly summary of IA complaints to identify trends, patterns or areas of concern that need to be addressed; 8) Promote & participate in the HPD ride-along program; and 9) Attend HPD education seminars to become more knowledgeable on policing practices (i.e. How & Why police do what they do).

The 13-member Huntsville Police Citizens Advisory Council (HPCAC) was created in 2010 and its roles and membership were amended in 2021 (Ordinance No. 21-564).

For additional information, e-mail hpcac@huntsvilleal.gov or call (256) 427-7134.

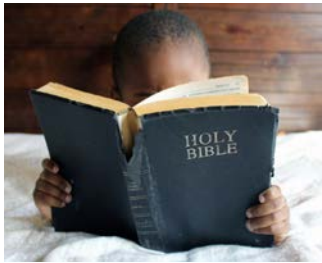
Huntsville Council Meetings

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.



This Sunday's Lectionary



Sunday, June 4, 2023

Trinity
Sunday

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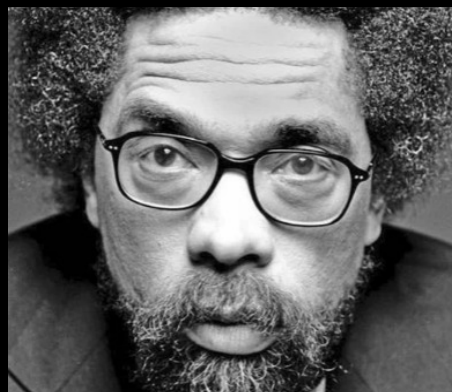
First Lesson:
Genesis 1:1-2:4a
Psalm 8

Second Lesson:
1 Corinthians 13:11-13

GOSPEL:
Matthew 28:16-20

JUNE 2 - CORNEL WEST is an American philosopher, political activist, social critic, and public intellectual. West focuses on the role of race, gender, and class in American society and the means by which people act and react to their "radical conditionedness". West draws intellectual contributions from multiple traditions, including Christianity, the black church, Marxism, neopragmatism, and transcendentalism. West is an outspoken voice in left-wing politics in the United States. He has held professorships and fellowships at Harvard University, Dartmouth College, Princeton University, Yale University, Pepperdine University, Union Theological Seminary, and the University of Paris during his career. He is also a frequent commentator on politics and social issues in many media outlets.

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"... Nothing is more
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with talent."

- Calvin Coolidge

ON THIS DAY

On June 2, 1924, President Calvin Coolidge signed the Indian Citizenship Act (also known as the Snyder Act), declaring all Native Americans to be American citizens.

NAAACC Meetings

The North Alabama African American Chamber of Commerce (Huntsville) meets monthly on the 3rd Tuesday at 12 noon.

The meeting location varies. Call (256) 564-7574.



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

Mr. Richard Knight

Born March 1948 in Mobile, Ala., Richard Knight was the second child of a single parent. His mother was a firm disciplinarian to Richard and his sister, expertly and lovingly raising them without their father. His mother worked as a "domestic" worker until she was called home to be with the Lord just two weeks after Knight turned 14 years old. Her loss became the pivoting moment in his life. To this day, Knight will tell you that his mother's firm hand made him the man that he became. His aunt took custody of Richard and his sister after their mother's death.

At a very young age, Knight worked long hours doing community service and odd jobs "to earn money." That also included doing farm work. He learned barbering, another skill he could use to earn money. Before the age of 15 years of age, Knight struck out on his own to become a self-made man. The values and work ethic his mother instilled in him from an early age is what got him through very hard and difficult times. He became acquainted with "poverty" conditions early in life and decided he would work hard to change his circumstances in an effort to avoid poverty for the rest of his life. Though very young, he was very wise for his age and began to make solid and responsible choices. To this day, he lives with those values his mother poured into him.



In 1966, Knight graduated from Union High School in Monroe County, Ala. He continued his education at J.F. Drake State Technical College, Huntsville, Ala. He took up bricklaying and masonry trades and was an honor student throughout his attendance and graduated in 1968. He had only worked for a short time after his graduation when he was drafted into the U.S. Army; but he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. Knight trained hard as a young recruit and was sent to Vietnam in May 1968. He served one tour of duty as an Infantry (0331) Machine Gunner M60. When he completed his time in the Marine Corps and returned home to the United States, along with his fellow comrades, they were not well received. To their amazement, after putting their lives on the line and experiencing some of the most horrific emotional encounters that nearly cost them their sanity and their lives, much to their dismay, they were met with angry protestors and not a "Welcome Home Parade".

But he received an honorable discharge and stepped into the real world "as a man," who took on a wife and started a family of his own. Knight worked for a manufacturing firm as a refractory supervisor and installer. After 34 years of service, he retired in 2003. In 34 years of service, Knight only used 30 days of leave.

After retiring he began to do special work that he says, "The Lord has called me to do": to work with the Vietnam Veterans. This is his ministry. He has worked just as hard, if not harder, since retiring and with no pay. But he absolutely loves it! He has made such a huge difference in the lives of veterans. He has gotten much done for all of the men and women who have come to him for his help and assistance. Knight promised God that, if he survived Vietnam, he would never use another gun again in his life. He kept his promise and has never been in trouble with the law. He taught his children to "love their fellow man, their country and to love God". He has been a generous provider as a husband and father with his family. He made sure they got everything he never had as a child, teenager and young adult.

When it comes to "leisure time," he can be found doing yard work, gardening and still assisting the veterans. He and his wife are active members of New Greater Saint John Primitive Baptist Church.

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Glenwood Cemetery: A Historic Treasure A Circle of Remembrance

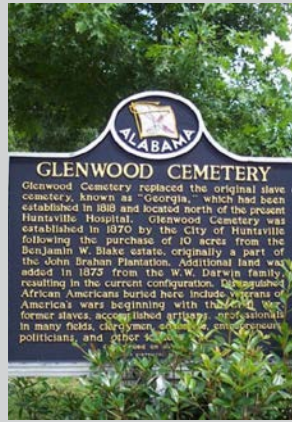
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Glenwood Cemetery is located on Hall Avenue. It was established in 1870, and it is the oldest existing African American cemetery in Huntsville, Alabama. It is the ancestral burial grounds of former enslaved people and their descendants. The cemetery holds much of the 19th century history and culture of African Americans in this city. Therefore, it is imperative that this sacred place is preserved for future generations to learn of their existence and contributions to the building of Huntsville and Madison County. We must document and institutionalize their history and tell their stories.

If you have not visited Glenwood, then I suggest



that you do. Walk through the Cemetery and feel the presence of the ancestors. Imagine how difficult life was for them, and still they persevered. Hear their voices as they encourage this generation to follow the golden rule

and keep the faith. Remember their sacrifices, resilience and spirituality as we experience the joy of celebrating the lives of ordinary people whose shoulders we stand on today.

The following people were born during slavery. They are buried in Glenwood Cemetery. *Let's celebrate them!*

Squire Taylor was born in 1834. He was said to have been one of the pioneer African Americans in Madison County. He passed away at his home on the lower end of Madison Street in July, 1923. In addition to his wife and ten children, three generations survived him.

Riley Rice was born in 1832. He lived in Huntsville most of his life. He passed

away in 1924 at his home on Church Street, shortly after celebrating his ninety second birthday.

John Kemp was born in 1830. He died at his residence on Pump Street, May 19, 1895. Attorney J. J. Kemp was his son. He was a member of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. **George Bierne** was born in 1808. George worked for the Bierne family of this city. He died in 1906 at age one hundred and eight years old.

Charles D. Coleman was born in 1845. His parents were Charles and Susan Miller Coleman. He married Amanda Coleman. Charles and Amanda lived on Oak Avenue, across from St. Bartley Primitive Church. He was a trustee at St. John M. E. (A. M. E.) Church during Dr. William Hooper Councill's tenure. Charles died on April 11, 1924.

Imagine Charles' mother, Susan Miller Coleman. Ac-

ording to her great, granddaughters, she was born in the early 1800s. She died on May 6, 1920. Birth records showed her age as 104; however, the family said she was 116 years old. She died at 11 a. m. and was attended by Dr. Burgess E. Scruggs, the first licensed African American physician in this state. Susan married Charles Coleman, Senior. He was born in Brunswick County, Virginia. Charles Sr. came to Huntsville during the 1830's as an enslaved person. Their children were; Corenna, John Wesley, Mollie, Charles D., Hyson and Freling.

Susan was a laundress. She washed and ironed clothes for many prominent families in this city until she lost her eyesight. Her family stated that at age 100, she regained her eyesight and her beautiful white hair turned black again.

Think of Susan when you wash your clothes. Visualize her with an aluminum tub

full of water and a washboard vigorously rubbing the garments up and down until they were sparkling clean. She might have used soap that she had made, or a bar of Octagon soap that she had purchased and a bottle of bluing to ensure their cleanliness. Following this ritual, she would use clothes pins to place each garment on the line in perfect order. On a sunny day with a blue sky, the clothes would dry to perfection with a wonderful fragrance. On days when there was a little breeze blowing, the clothes would dance on the line, as if marching in cadence with the wind. Charles' mother Susan would then know that her job was well done!

What is *your* family history? What are their stories? Please send them to **The Circle of Remembrance** at ttwmusic@aol.com. Let us give life to them by telling their stories.

The Ivy Center of Huntsville Sets Annual White Linen Brunch

The Ivy Center of Huntsville/Madison County Foundation, Inc. will sponsor its 14th White Linen Brunch, the annual fundraiser, on Saturday, June 17, 2023 at 10 a.m.

The event will be held at the Ernest L. Knight Reception Center on the campus of historic Alabama A&M University.

Our yearly brunch supports a wide range of community causes, including generous support of organizations, such as the Sickle Cell Foundation of North Alabama, Boys and Girls Clubs of North Alabama and Operation Making a Difference.

Since its inception, the Ivy Center Foundation has supported a host of

community-based organizations and honored a number of outstanding citizens for their servant leadership across various sectors.

While the work of the Ivy Center Foundation persisted through the Covid-19 pandemic, this year's White Linen Brunch will mark a highly anticipated return of the signature fundraising event following a three-year hiatus.

Moreover, organizers will again honor a diversity of outstanding civic, social, educational, and business leaders in recognition of their stellar contributions to the community of Greater Huntsville.

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Additionally, The Ivy Center will award our Evangeline Herndon Spillman Single-Parent Scholarship to deserving single parents to further their education.

In commemoration of the 14th Anniversary of the White Linen Brunch, the public is invited to what promises to be a very meaningful and celebratory affair.

Tickets may be purchased for \$60 each. A reserved table for ten (10) may be purchased for

only \$700.

Alternatively, persons may purchase tickets or ads electronically via the online store at <https://ivcf.memberclicks.net/icf-store>.

In addition to purchasing tickets and ads through the online store, persons can also purchase tickets or ads via mail at The Ivy Center of Huntsville/Madison County Foundation, Inc. P. O. Box 17587, Huntsville, AL 35810.

Contributions are tax-deductible, and all proceeds from the event support the Foundation's many endeavors to enhance the community through programs and activities.