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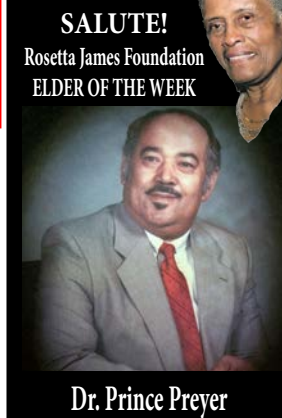
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ELDER OF THE WEEK

Dr. Prince Preyer

"Maturity is reached the day we don't have to be lied to about anything." - Frank Yerby



SPECIAL AWARDEES: The Huntsville Progressive Alumni Chapter of the Alabama A&M University Alumni Association, Inc., recently awarded 11 local leaders in as many distinct categories. Honorees included (seated, l-r) Dr. Elizabeth (Beth) Richardson, Lillian Henderson, Vanessa Williams, Dr. Barbara Cady; (standing, l-r) Curtis Summerville, Rev. Tramaine Snodgrass, Ronald Simon, Michael Ford, Greg Boyd and Rev. Dr. Julius Scruggs. (Photos, p. 8)

Drake, Miles Sign MOU to Boost Student Success

Miles College and Drake State Community & Technical College have partnered to create scholarship opportunities and pathways to earning a bachelor's degree. The institutions' presidents signed an articulation agreement last week at Miles College.

The agreement has four components, including a collaborative and seamless transfer process, scholarship eligibility, reverse transfer credit, and student



services.

"Drake State and Miles College give students from underserved and marginalized communities a chance to succeed," said Drake State President Patricia Sims (3rd, left). "We are honoring our commitment to equitably level the playing field while encouraging students to pursue their educational goals beyond an associate degree. No more barriers. This agreement enables students to seamlessly transfer credits between two Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)."

Drake State students will be considered for admission to Miles College after earning an Associate of

Arts or Associate of Science with up to a maximum of 64 semester hours transferring. Additionally, Drake State students must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0. The new partnership will provide reciprocal privileges for using Miles College's Library Resource Center, College, and Career Center and admission to athletic events. There are also opportunities for advising from both Drake State and Miles College.

"As we continue to create these meaningful partnerships I am excited for the future of our students and Miles College," said Bobbie Knight, J.D., president of Miles College.

Countdown Begins to Film Festival

The Southern Fried Film Festival is an international film festival celebrating the beauty of cinema in Huntsville, Alabama from June 8-11, 2023.

On Thursday, June 8, the Opening Night Film, *The Longest Goodbye*, will be held at The INTUITIVE Planetarium at the US Space and Rocket

Center. Former astronaut Cady Coleman, her son, James Simpson, director Ido Mizrahy, and producer Valda Witt are scheduled to attend.

From Friday, June 9, to Sunday, June 11, SFFF will screen films at Studio Theatre at Lowe Mill, host panels and live music at Lowe Mill. **TICKETS**

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The Valley Weekly Washington One Minute



by Ron Hamm

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

1. CONGRESS. The House and Senate are in session this week. The House reconvened Monday and took on the “war on gas stoves” issue this week, taking up a bill to cancel a Biden Administration rule that sets energy conservation standards that the GOP claims would remove some gas stoves from stores and a separate bill to prohibit the use of federal funds to ban the devices. The Senate met on Tuesday with a cloture vote that evening on the nomination of David Crane to be an Under

Secretary of Energy.

2. THE WHITE HOUSE. Last Saturday, President Biden signed the Fiscal Responsibility Act, which averted a default on the U.S. government and raised the national debt ceiling through early 2025. On Sunday afternoon, according to The Washington Post, the President was playing golf with his brother Jimmy at the golf course at Joint Base Andrews in Maryland when NOARD scrambled 2 F-16 jets stationed at Andrews to intercept a private jet that had crossed into D.C. airspace without authorization. The fighter

jets were authorized to fly at supersonic speeds, which caused a loud sonic boom around 3:10 p.m. EDT over D.C. and parts of Maryland and Virginia.

On Thursday, the President was scheduled to host British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak at the White House and, on Friday, he and the First Lady travel to North Carolina for two stops in the state: the first in Rocky Mount, where they will discuss workforce training programs, and then on to Fayetteville for a stop at the newly renamed Fort Liberty, where they will meet with service members and their families and deliver remarks in support of the First Lady’s initiative to support military families.

3. SUPREME COURT. The Court will continue to issue decisions from its current docket this week, as it moves to wrap up its 2022-23 term. This month, the Court will

issue its final rulings from this term, including a case on whether the Colorado graphic design firm 303 Creative can withhold services on religious grounds from gay couples wanting to post wedding websites, a case whether Native American children can be forcibly removed from their families by child welfare agencies and placed in non-Native homes, a case on the affirmative action admissions policies at Harvard and the University of North Carolina, a case on President Biden’s student loan forgiveness plan, and a case on racial gerrymandering in Alabama.

4. MAY JOBS REPORT. Last Friday, the Labor Department announced that payrolls in the public and private sector increased by 339,000 in May, significantly better than the predicted 190,000 jobs and marking the 29th straight month of positive job growth. The unemployment

rate rose to 3.7% in May against the estimate for 3.5%, even though the labor force participation rate was unchanged. The jobless rate was the highest since October 2022, though still near the lowest since 1969.

5. LABOR/WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT. On June 7, Acting U.S. Labor Secretary Julie Su testified before the House Education and the Workforce Committee on Department of Labor programs and policies and its budget request for Fiscal Year 2024.

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Scenes from Legacy Center Annual Celebrity Kickball Tournament

Saturday, June 3, 2023 - Calvary Hill Community -Photos by J. Saintjones



Spiritual Game Plan

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THE REASON FOR THE TRIAL

James 1:2-4 says, "Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."

How many of you want more strength? How many of you want more victory in your lives? How many of you want more patience? I'm sure that all of us want these things for our lives. Let me ask this question: How many of you want tribulations in your life, which

can sometimes mean great suffering? I would venture to say that none of us would want this. However, we need to realize that the trials we go through allow us to gain strength. The trials we go through allow us to walk in victory. The trials we go through allow us to have more patience. There is a reason for the trials that we go through.

In our scripture, the writer James does an excellent job explaining these reasons. The first reason for our trials is so that we learn to be **joyful** in all situations and have gladness of heart, even in our trials. The next reason is **growth**. We grow in our faith, whenever we endure trials. All of us grow

when we are under stress. Psalms 4:1 says, "Thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress." When we look back over our lives, when was it that we grew the most? I would venture to say it was under distress.

No one truly knows his or her own strength until he or she endures tests and trials. The next reason for our trials is that we gain **wisdom**—but not just any wisdom. There is wisdom that only comes from God through our prayers. Knowledge and wisdom are similar. However, remember that knowledge comes by study, but wisdom comes by trials and tests.

The final reason for our trials is **completeness**. We need to realize that God does not flunk us when we don't pass the test. God simply re-enrolls us in class so

that we will become mature and complete, not lacking in anything (James 1:4).

Furthermore, would you like to fly on an airplane that has never been tested? I'm sure the answer is no because if it hasn't been tested then it can't be trusted. However, we serve a God we can trust even when we go through our tests and trials. Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters.

May God grant you spiritual success in learning to trust him when you are going through problems in your life.

Question: Have you ever had a problem in your life that you felt was too big for God to handle? Make sure you purchase a copy of my books A Champion Game Plan For Life or Spiritual Game Plans For A Successful Life on amazon.com or Westbow Books ...enjoy!




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Funeral service for MRS. DYUNA ANNETTE MORRIS COLE (b. 1965) was held Sunday, June 4, in the Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Elder Billy Jones, eulogist.

Funeral service for MOTHER EDDIE MAE KELLY (b. 1929) was Sunday, June 4, at Little Flock Primitive Baptist Church (599 Brock Road ~ Brownsboro, Ala.) with Elder Brandon Nance officiating.

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Funeral service for MOTHER ROSIE M. FOWLKS CRUTCHER will be 2:30 p.m., Saturday, June 10, at the Royal Chapel of Memories (4315 Oakwood Avenue, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Leon Willis officiating.

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

Funeral service for ELDER PASTOR WILLIE LEE GREEN (b. 1942) was held Sunday, June 4, at the Round Island Creek Mission Center (13829 Lucas Ferry Road, Athens, Ala.) with Pastor Tavaris Townsend officiating.



Funeral service for MR. KEVIN LEE FORD, JR., (b. 2003) was held Saturday, June 3, at the Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church (315 Winchester Road NE, Huntsville, Ala.) with Paster O. Wendell Davis officiating.

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Funeral service for MR. CURTIS FULTZ (b. 1963) was held Sunday, May 28, at Restoration Church (5810 Wall Triana Hwy., Madison, Ala.)

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VALLEY EVENTS

HAPPENINGS, ACTIVITIES & MORE!

June 7
Comedian
Christian Johnson
Stand Up Live
Huntsville, Ala.

Cowboys & Cowgirls
(Western Attire, 21+)
Meadow Creek Farm
9306 Pulaski Pike
Toney, Ala.
4-10 p.m.

June 8-11
Southern Fried Film
Festival
southernfriedfilmfestival.
org

June 13
Huntsville Police Advi-
sory Council
5:30-7 p.m.

June 9
8th Annual Black Restau-
rant Week
Huntsville 2023

June 14 & 15
Soul Connections ... A
Speed Dating Experience
3311 Bob Wallace Avenue
SW, Ste. 101
Huntsville, Ala.
5:30 p.m.

June 9-11
Huntsvegas Tattoo Expo
Von Braun Center

June 10
Second Chance Minis-
tries
"Love of Music Gala"
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The Alpha Ensemble, Ms.
Lettye Boyd, Mrs. Nell
Lane Bradford, Mrs. Bren-
da 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
Ernest L. Knight Center
Alabama A&M Univer-
sity
6 p.m.

June 17
14th Annual White Linen
Brunch
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Alabama A&M Univer-
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(256) 714-8170
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teenth Celebration
Lakeside United Method-
ist Church
Meridian Street
Huntsville, Ala.
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June 19
"Oh, Freedom!"
Vision Excellence Com-
pany & Madison County
District 6

June 11
Giddy Up, Get Down

(A community discussion
drawing from the historical
context of Juneteenth) "Can't
Stop Now - How to Get to
Equal"
10 a.m.-12 noon
Robert "Bob" Harrison Well-
ness and Advocacy Center
6156 Pulaski Pike
Huntsville, Ala.

June 22-24
Comedian
Erik Griffin
Stand Up Live
Huntsville, Ala.

June 23
Jazz in the Garden
J.F. Drake State Commu-
nity and Technical College
Huntsville, Ala.

June 24
Surviving Sisterhood Sum-
mit
Huntsville, Ala.
10 a.m.-5 p.m.
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June 28
ILLENIUUM @ Orion Am-
phitheater (\$58)
7 p.m.

June 29
RuPaul's Drag Race Werq
the World Tour
Mark C. Smith Concert
Hall
8 p.m.

July 7-8
Comedian
Ms. Pat
Stand Up Live
Huntsville, Ala.

August 19
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"Never be limited by other people's limited imaginations."

- Mae Jemison

Evaluations ...

Have you ever taken the time to give yourself a midterm? I know; no one wants to talk about those. However, this is a good thing!

Have you ever looked at where you were going, stopped, and assessed how far you've come? From that point, either replanned your steps based on the pros and cons and said, "That plan and path still works for me," or redirect yourself to do something different so you could reach the actual outcome you were striving for?

These evaluations are *essential*.

Everyone needs to assess what they are doing and where they are going. You can't point yourself aimlessly in a direction and keep heading there based on what life hands you *and* expect to hit your target. You've got to stop and look at what you've done.

How have you handled it? Does it work for you? Decide what you need to change; add or subtract. Figure out if there is another skill set required. Do you need the help of another individual to get through this phase? Has someone's time lapsed, and

Millennial Moment

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by Gloria B. Caldwell



is it time to let them go during this phase?

Evaluate people. Evaluations are an excellent understanding of how well you're doing.

Pause, be honest, don't beat yourself up; access and keep going, or redirect. Don't Quit! Redirect!

You've got this!

God loves you, and so do I.

He has given you a gift; open it.

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"All business is personal ... Make your friends before you need them."

- Robert L. Johnson

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Be Thankful For What You've Got!

Exodus 4:2: Then the Lord said to him, "What is that in your hand?" "A staff," he replied.

Remember hearing this chorus line in a 1973 R&B hit:

*"Diamond in the back, sunroof top,
Diggin' the scene with the gangsta lean, Woo-hoo . . .!"*

The song's title is less remembered, but carried an even greater message: be thankful for what you've got!

We often hunger for the unattainable, when we should instead be thankful for what we have readily available to us, and then use it to its fullest potential.

One of the most powerful tools you and I possess is the English language.

I once considered translating my new book, *Where Jump Shots Meet Jesus*, into foreign languages.

This book overlaps the Bible and NBA basketball, two of the most successful international outreach initiatives.

While the Bible's Christianity is the world's largest religion, the NBA is one of the most internationally outreached major sports leagues, How does the NBA impact society and the sports industry? - JGuru.

Wondering how I too could reach the world brought me back to the above Bible text, "What is that in your hand?"

God asked Moses this question when he made excuses for why he could not lead the enslaved Israelites out of 400 years of Egyptian slavery, God then commanded him to throw his shepherd's staff on the ground and God turned it into a snake.

When God commanded Moses to pick it back up, and it then returned to its original staff, Moses immediately got the message: God will bless you with what you have when you glorify him.

Translating my book into other popular languages may be nice, far-reaching, and ego-gratifying, but it will not be as impacting as the language "in my own hand," English, which is:

- The world's most widely spoken language; and
- While Chinese has the most native speakers, there are currently more people learning English as their second language than there are native mother-tongue English speakers like you and me!

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The next time you wish to pursue a far-reaching idea or initiative, ask yourself as God asked Moses, "What's in your hand?"

And then surprise yourself with the most available resources currently at your disposal!



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**ALL FOR
 THE FAMILY**
 Children from Low SES Can Excel

Children with low socioeconomic status (SES) and absence of parents tend to have lower academic achievement than their peers with high socioeconomic status, as has been widely demonstrated. Nevertheless, there is a group of students beating the odds and realizing high academic excellence. These students are referred to as **ACADEMICALLY RESILIENT** students.

A number of protective factors have been identified to accelerate high academic performance among these students:

1. Motivation internalization
2. Motivation orientation
3. Motivational expectations
4. Academic emotions
5. Parental expectations
6. Teacher-student relationship
7. Spiritual involvement
8. Positive family dynamics

Following is almost a miracle about a low SES family that lived in a two-room, shot-gun house in Walco-Sylacauga, Alabama. The father was a blue-collar, low-income worker. He abandoned the family with a sickly wife/mother and five children, ages seven months to nine years old. As a female-headed

household living below the poverty level, the family experienced all of the typical trials and tribulations: little food to feed the family,

no wood nor coal to keep the house warm, no car, TV, radio, nor resources to keep clothes clean, as well as being looked down on by many. Sadly, the 30-year-old mother died, leaving five devastated and helpless children.

In addition to these devastating conditions, the 30-year-old mother died, leaving five frightened and helpless children without parents and homeless. The oldest was 11 and the youngest two. The youngest never knew her parents.

Inspiring and God-fearing grandparents (also low income), neighbors, teachers and friends, created an enriching and nurturing environment that made these



Dr. Margaret J. Kelly

students very resilient. They persevered to overcome seemingly insurmountable obstacles and achieved and succeeded at high levels, in spite of ...

I am proud to say that two of the five children earned the Ph.D. degree with high honors. The oldest--Dr. Margaret Jeanette McKenzie Kelly--and the youngest--Dr. Vernessa Ann McKenzie Edwards, who graduated summa cum laude in physics.

To God be the glory!

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This Sunday's Lectionary



Sunday, June 11, 2023

Second Sunday

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(Track 2, Year A)

First Lesson:

Hosea 5:15 - 6:6

Psalm 50:7-15

Second Lesson:

Romans 4:13-25

GOSPEL:

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

JUNE 9 - T. D. JAKES is a pastor, author and filmmaker. He is the pastor of *The Potter's House*, a non-denominational American megachurch. Jakes's church services and evangelistic sermons are broadcast on *The Potter's Touch*, which airs on *Lightsource.com*, the *Trinity Broadcasting Network*, *Black Entertainment Television*, the *Daystar Television Network* and *The Word Network*. Other aspects of Jakes's ministry include the annual festival *MegaFest* which draws more than 300,000 people, the annual women's conference *Woman Thou Art Loosed*, and gospel music recordings.

- BlackCelebrityBirthdays.com



"Art must discover and reveal the beauty which prejudice and caricature have overlaid."

- Alain Locke

ON THIS DAY

Harlem Renaissance philosopher educator and writer Alain LeRoy Locke, the first black Rhodes scholar, died on this day in New York City in 1954.

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

Dr. Prince Preyer

Dr. Prince Preyer, Jr., is a native of Monroeville, Ala., but he is well-known throughout Huntsville and Madison County as a longtime educator and politician. He served 46 years in the field of education and public service. He received his B.S. degree in agriculture in 1958 from Alabama A&M University, his M.S. degree in agriculture from Tuskegee Institute (University) in 1971 and his Ph.D. from Iowa State University in 1976.

Dr. Preyer served 12 years in secondary education, then joined Alabama A&M University and served 20 years (from 1970-1990) as a professor and eventually as chairperson for the Department of Agribusiness. After he completed his time at Alabama A&M University, Dr. Preyer, became the first African American elected to the Madison County Commission. He served four terms (16 years) as representative for Madison County Commission District 6. He officially retired from public service but continued to be a powerful advocate for social justice, equal education and was passionate about enhancing the political and philosophical concept that holds that all people should have equal access to wealth, health, well-being, justice, and opportunity.

While serving as County Commissioner, Dr. Preyer was instrumental in starting several social programs

which addressed the needs of youth minorities at risk. He understood the grantsmanship language and was successful obtaining funding for District 6 through Federal Grants totaling over 13 million dollars. These programs helped to enhance and strengthen the various social programs. Most notably the Coalition on At-Risk Minority Males (COARMM), which focused on working with youth and their parents. COARMM significantly eradicated teenage high school dropout, pregnancy, use of tobacco, alcohol and drugs abuse, gangs and juvenile violence.

Dr. Preyer was extremely helpful in starting the Phoenix Program, a 10-week program for nonviolent teen offenders and their families. The resolution worked to build a diverse alliance of educators, ministers, law enforcement and county officials, business leaders and parents who could exchange and provide opportunities for Madison County. The Annual Job Fair was a successful program that assisted over 5000 youth in Madison County to find summer jobs over several years. The Community Harvest



Program in his district grows fields of free vegetables available to thousands of residents in Madison County who are willing to pick their own food. This came about as the local public sought assistance with purchases of products and groceries.

Under COARMM, the 100 Black Men of America Greater Huntsville Chapter was established in 1999. Today the 100 is a strong sustainable chapter celebrating 20 years of commitment to the intellectual development of youth focusing on the chapter's four cornerstones: Mentoring, Education, Economic Development, and Health and Wellness.

Dr. Preyer has received many awards for his humanitarian services from Madison County, the State of Alabama and indeed recognitions throughout the United States of America.

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Scenes from Annual North Alabama Sickle Cell Walk

Saturday, June 3, 2023 - Downtown Huntsville -Photos by J. Saintjones

