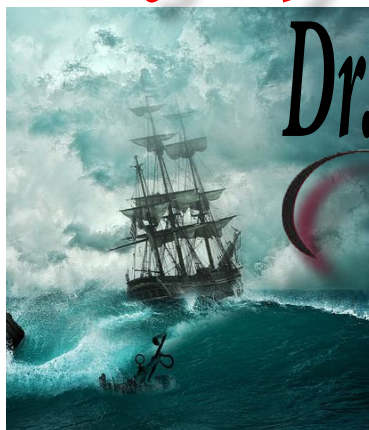


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"The tragedy of this life is not failure, but low aim." - Benjamin E. Mays

NHBA to Host "JUNETEENTH" Celebration

The North Huntsville Business Association (NHBA) is hosting its "JUNETEENTH" celebration on Saturday, June 11, at the Bob Harrison Wellness and Advocacy Center, 6156 Pulaski Pike NW, Huntsville, Ala., from 2-7 p.m. The



public is invited.

The North Huntsville

Business Association (NHBA) is a non-profit organization promoting a positive and informed business environment for its members to achieve cultural, civic, social, economic and business goals, and actively contribute to the North Huntsville Community.

The family-friendly event will provide games and giveaways for children. Free food will be provided to first 500 people, beginning at 4 p.m.

NOTE: No weapons nor alcohol allowed.

Among the food vendors will be Shark's Seafood



and Chicken, and Bo's Best Wings.

In addition to viewing an antique car show, attendees will hear live musical entertainment from Private Property R&B band, Kesha N the Crew, along with jazz and other performances.

Gates will open at 2 p.m. All persons are urged to bring their own lawn chairs.

HCS Lists Summer Learning Meal Sites

According to Huntsville City Schools, breakfast and lunch meals will be served for students enrolled in the summer learning programs at the school sites listed below.

Dates Served: Monday, June 6, 2022 – Thursday, June 30, 2022

- Closed Monday, June 20, 2022 for Juneteenth
- Closed Monday, July 4, 2022 for Independence Day

Days Served: Monday-Thursday

Times Served: Breakfast

at 7:30AM, Lunch at 11:30 a.m.

School Sites: Academy for Academics & Arts Elem./ Middle, Chaffee Elementary, Chapman Elem./ Middle, Columbia High, Grissom High, Huntsville High, Jemison High/McNair Jr. High, Lakewood Elementary, Lee/New Century High, Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary, Providence Elementary, Ridgecrest Elementary, Rolling Hills Elementary, Sonnie Hereford Elementary, and Whitesburg Elem./ Middle.



And ... They're off! Hundreds participated in the North Alabama Sickle Cell Foundation, Inc. annual Walk-a-Thon downtown on June 4. (See more photos, Page 8).

AAMU Holds Name Unveiling for Residence Hall

Alabama A&M University held the name unveiling of the Andrew and Abbiegail Hugine Living Learning Complex on Thursday, June 2.

The University broke ground in mid-August 2016 on the much-anticipated residence hall, which houses 580 students at its Meridian Street site adjacent to the Student Health and Wellness Center. The \$30 million state-of-the-art structure features a complete building automation system that monitors occupancy through motion sensors, reducing the amount of energy used through the HVAC system when rooms are not occupied. Additionally, the residence hall has motion sensors in hallways and rooms, enabling both to dim when there is no activity. Thus, lighting in rooms automatically cuts off when the rooms are not in use.

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The Hugines served AAMU in the capacities of President and First Lady from July 2009 through December 2021.

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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 and gun control legislation will dominate the agenda for both bodies. Last Thursday, despite the recess, the House Judiciary Committee marked up a package of gun control measures – the Protecting Our Kids Act – that will be taken up on the House floor this week. The bill would raise the age limit to purchase semi-automatic rifles to 21 years old, impose a ban on new high-capacity magazines, create a new federal firearms offense for gun trafficking and straw purchases, ban bump stocks and require background check and serial number requirements for ghost guns. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) announced last Wednesday that the House also would take up an assault weapons ban. In the Senate, a bipartisan group of 9 Senators is working to compile a package of gun reforms that may include tightening background check laws and providing

grants to incentivize states to pass red flag laws.

2. **THE WHITE HOUSE.** On Monday First Lady Jill Biden hosted a ceremony at the White House to unveil a new U.S. stamp honoring former First Lady Nancy Reagan. On Tuesday, the President and First Lady travelled to Los Angeles to host the 9th Summit of the Americas June 8-10, which this year has the theme of “Building a Sustainable, Resilient, and Equitable Future.”

3. **SUPREME COURT.** The Supreme Court will issue decisions in 33 cases this month, as its 2021-22 term comes to an end. Decisions to be released include whether the court will uphold the right to an abortion, whether to restrict the Environmental Protection Agency’s power to tackle climate change, whether to force the Biden Administration to keep a Trump-era asylum policy, whether to strike down a New York law requiring a special justification to get a concealed-carry gun permit, and whether to give public-school teachers and staff more freedom to pray openly on

campus.

4. **MAY JOBS REPORT.** Last Friday, the Labor Department reported that the U.S. added 390,000 jobs in May, which was 40,000 more than economists had predicted. Businesses had 11.4 million jobs open in April (compared to 11.9 million openings in March), which is about 2 open jobs for each of the 6 million unemployed Americans.

5. **COVID VACCINES.** On Tuesday, the Food and Drug Administration’s Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee met to discuss an emergency use authorization request by Novavax for its Covid-19 vaccine for people 18 years and older, which would be the 4th vaccine to hit the market.

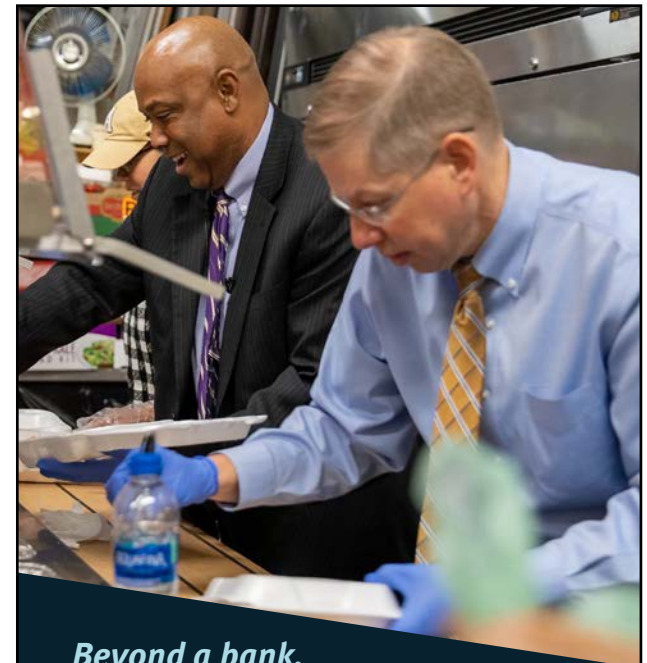
6. **JANUARY 6 COMMITTEE TELEVISED HEARINGS.** On Thursday night (June 9), the House January 6 Select Committee (consisting of 7 Democrats and 2 Republicans) began its televised hearings on the attack on the U.S. Capitol. The committee has conducted more than 1,000 interviews, collected more than 100,000 documents, and issued 99 subpoenas for witness testimony and document production. Congress has voted to pursue contempt of Congress charges for 4 subpoenaed witnesses who have not complied. Navarro was indicted by a grand jury last week; Bannon is set to go on trial in July on two counts of contempt, and the Justice Department last week declined to pursue contempt

charges for Scavino and Meadows. The committee has also subpoenaed 5 sitting GOP House Members, including the Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-CA).

7. **STUDENT LOANS.** On June 1, the U.S. Department of Education announced it is discharging \$5.8 billion in student loans held by borrowers who attended Corinthian Colleges, a for-profit chain that collapsed in 2015. All 560,000 borrowers with outstanding loans will receive discharges under the borrower defense to repayment rule, which allows students who’ve been defrauded by their colleges to have their education debt forgiven. The

Education Department said the action is the single largest loan discharge in its history. Borrowers who attended the chain from its founding in 1995 through its closure in 2015 will receive relief even if they have not filed for a borrower defense discharge. The Biden administration has forgiven approximately \$25 billion in student debt since January 2021.

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June 10
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June 11
Juneteenth Celebration
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Bob Harrison Wellness and Advocacy Center
6156 Pulaski Pike NW
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June 16
The Black Crowes
Presenting:
“Shake Your Money Maker”
The Orion Amphitheater
Amphitheater Drive
Huntsville, Ala.
7:30-11 p.m.

June 17
Movies in the Park
Alabama Constitution Hall Park
7:30 a.m.

June 17-18
Family Campout in the Garden
Huntsville Botanical Garden
4747 Bob Wallace Avenue SW

2-7 p.m.
Free

June 24
Movies in the Park
Alabama Constitution Hall Park
7:30 a.m.

June 27-July 1
Outdoor Scientist
Ages 4-11
Huntsville Botanical Garden
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Huntsville, Ala.

July 7-17
The World Games
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Funeral service for MS. LILLIE R. CARR (b. 1953) was held Saturday, May 21, at Pentecostal Lighthouse Church with Elder Reginal Burrell officiating.

Graveside service for MRS. EDITH A. WILLIAMS DON-ALDSON (b. 1938) was held Friday, May 20, 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.

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Funeral service for MASTER MESSIAH LATREY HOBBS (b. 2012) will be 1 p.m., Saturday, June 11, at Lakewood Baptist Church, 2101 Mastin Lake Road, Huntsville, Ala., with Pastor Phil Ford officiating.

Funeral service for DEACON CHARLES ALFRED CURRY (b. 1946) was held Tuesday, June 7, at the First Missionary Baptist Church (3509 Blue Spring Road NW, Huntsville, Ala., with Dr. Don Darius Butler officiating and Dr. Julius R. Scruggs as eulogist.

Funeral service for MRS. NANNIE BELL JOINER (b. 1937) was held Sunday, June 5, in the C.T. Richards Chapel - Moseley Complex on the campus of Oakwood University, 5500 Adventist Boulevard, Huntsville, Ala., with Pastor Debleaire Snell officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. ANNIE BELL RAINEY (b. 1923) was held Saturday, June 4, at the New Hope Cemetery (28520 Wall Street, Madison, Ala.) with Pastor Burgess Ewing officiating.

Memorial service for MRS. URSULA PRIME BENN (b. 1929) was held Friday, June 3, at Oakwood University Seventh-day Adventist Church (5500 Adventist Boulevard, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pasto Debleaire Snell officiating and Dr. Peter Prime as eulogist.

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Funeral service for MR. ROY LEE BROWN (b. 1956) was held Saturday, June 4, at Serenity Funeral Home.


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“SAFETY IN THE STORMS OF LIFE”

Psalm 91:1 says, *Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the almighty.*
You know, when we look at the seat belts in a car, we don’t necessarily notice how nice they look or what kind of fabric they are made of. We look at them and value them for the security that they provide. So when we put our seatbelts on we expect them to protect us in the case of an accident.
This is how it should be in our spiritual lives. When we put our hope and trust in God, it allows us to be

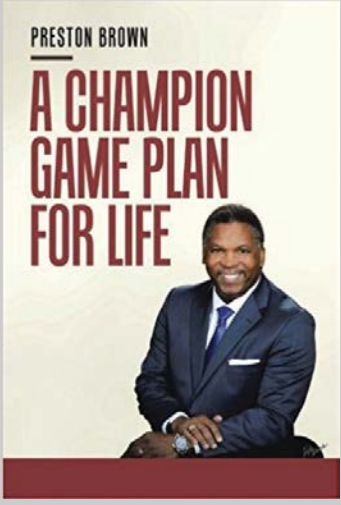


secure in knowing that God will take care of us. So when the storms of life are raging, we can have this blessed assurance that God is with us and He will be that bridge over troubled waters. But

we have to remember that He didn’t say that He would save us from the storms, because--let’s face it--we live in a fallen world with evil people. However, He *did* say that He would be with us in the storm.

So, let us always remember that no matter what we are going through, Jesus is with us.

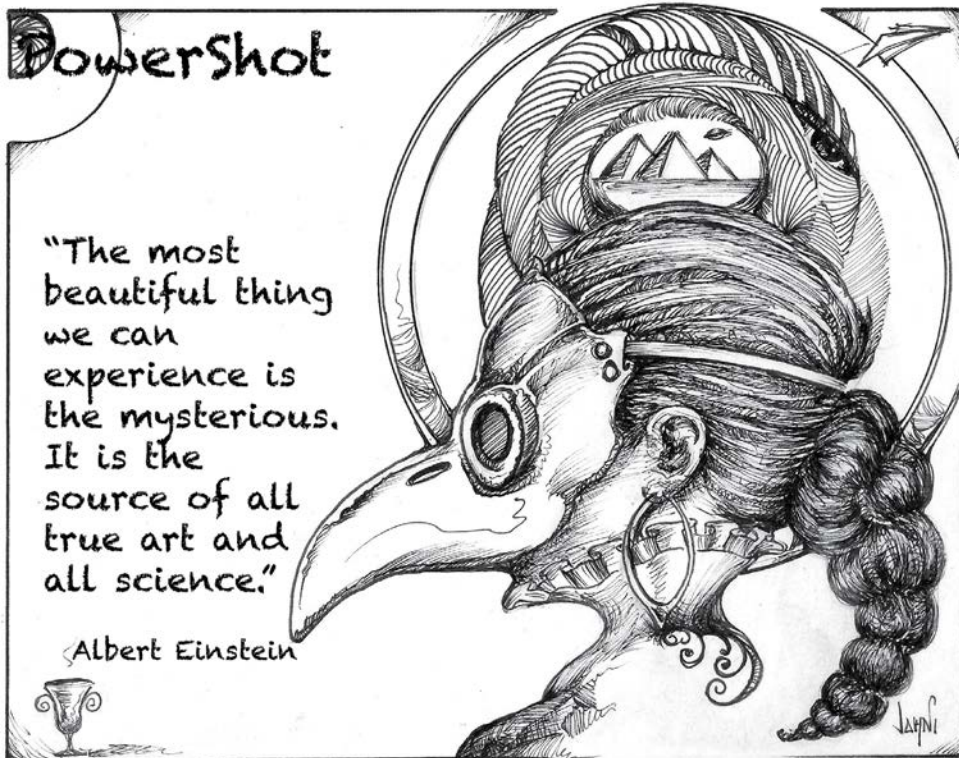
He said, *“I will never leave you nor forsake you,”* and



that should provide us with the security that we need in this problematic world.

You see, when God sent His one and only son to die upon a cross for the whole world, He became our shelter in the time of a storm. He became our security in the midst of trouble. All we have to do is accept Him and believe in Him, and he will bring security, as well as comfort, to our lives.

So, it’s time to “buckle up” with God and dwell in the shelter of the Most High and let Him provide the peace and the security that we need for our lives ... Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters, and make sure you purchase your copy of my book, “A CHAMPION GAME PLAN FOR LIFE”, on amazon.com.



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ALL FOR THE FAMILY

Who Is a True Friend?

Proverbs 17:17 assures us that "A friend loves at all times."

A true friend is an amazing gift from God. One who knows your rough edges--*your struggles, fears, weaknesses and loves you any way you are*--is absolutely priceless! Americans on an average have about three true friends.

Friends and acquaintances are not the same. An acquaintance is a person you know, someone you may invite to a party or converse with when you meet up together, but you do not plan to get together, and is *not* a close friend. You are more emotionally attached to a *casual* friend. You make plans to do things together sometimes. However, a *true* friend is one with whom you communicate regularly,



Dr. Margaret J. Kelly

engage in many activities--such as visiting each other and spending special times with your families, going on trips together, sharing a strong bond with mutual affection.

Some Traits of a True Friend

- Honest
- Trustworthy
- Generally, very dependable

- Encourages you to strive for the best
- Listens actively
- Emotionally available
- Expresses empathy for others
- Has similar interests
- Shows up and stands by you during tough times
- Is reciprocal
- Will let you know when you hurt him/her
- Will tactfully tell you when you veer in the wrong direction
- Can tell when you are hiding something
- Shares and keeps your darkest secrets

If you have two or three true friends, praise God! If you are a true friend to someone, to God be the glory!

Sources:
American Psychological Association, meriam-webster.com, pediaa.com and socialself.com

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.

JUNE 10 - FAITH EVANS - Other than her recording career, Evans is most known as the widow of New York rapper Christopher "The Notorious B.I.G." Wallace, whom she married on August 4, 1994. She became the first female artist to contract with Sean "Puff Daddy" Combs' Bad Boy Entertainment recording company in 1994, for which she released three platinum-certified studio albums. -BlackCelebrityBirthdays.com



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Goal Achieved? Milestone Reached? Now, Celebrate the Process.

Then he spoke to the children of Israel, saying: "When your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, 'What are these stones?' then you shall let your children know, saying, 'Israel crossed over this Jordan on dry land'" - Joshua 4:21,22.

Much like Moses' parting of the Red Sea 40 years earlier, Joshua here commanded a stone monument be erected to celebrate Israel's achieving its goal and reaching its milestone.

The Israelites had traveled from Egypt and their 400-year enslavement there to now enter God's Promised Land, Canaan.

More importantly, this monument would remind future generations of God's blessings and humans' achieving goals and reaching milestones.

At similar intervals in our lives, you and I must pause and celebrate goals achieved and milestones reached.

In an unprecedented eight-day marathon to end May, our family celebrated five monuments of achieving goals and milestones:

My sister Dawn Allston-Hovis' 70th birthday dinner (May 22nd);

Her step-son Antonio Hovis' Sparkman High School graduation and dinner (24th);

Our daughter Morgann Allston's Huntsville Christian Academy graduation (26th);

Morgann's graduation celebration/"college reveal" dinner (28th); and

Mom Zeola Germany Allston's 95th birthday dinner (29th).

Each academic and chronological milestone referenced above resulted from pursuing, achieving, and then celebrating an accomplished goal. For example:

- Dawn's 70th represented the Bible's "threescore and ten" benchmark (Psalms 90:10), considered "being the number of years in a full lifetime of traditionally-expected duration" (Wiktionary);
- Antonio's diploma was part of the 59% of Black males who graduate high school - sadly, the lowest of any population in the country, Increase Graduation Rates Among African American Males - Southern Regional Education Board;
- Conversely, Morgann's valedictorian designation evidenced her #1 academic class ranking (P.S. she chose Troy University in Troy, Alabama); and with
- Mom's 95th birthday, she joined fellow 95-ers Harry Belafonte, Pope Benedict XVI, and Black soprano pioneer Leontyne Price!

While your goals or milestones may not be as cherished or squeezed within such an eight-day marathon, still each goal achieved and milestone reached needs to be commemorated and used as a goal to be pursued. And achieved. And celebrated.

Start today pursuing your next goal, whether large or small. Then, convert it from a ceiling of accomplishment into a launchpad for the next blastoff! And celebration.



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Visible & Verifiable Examples

1 Corinthians 11:1; Acts 3:10-12

The words, "Imitate me" from a lesser man's lips would sound very naive and narcissistic. However, from Paul's lips they were neither. He didn't just say, "Imitate me," he added a qualifier, "as I imitate Christ." In other words, leaders must provide potential followers with *visible and verifiable examples* that



warrant following. Jesus Christ is the only One who can provide that for any leader who desires to be an authentic servant leadership. This is critical because both leader and follower possess the propensity toward operating in the flesh. Followers have to be careful not to become "cliquish" when it comes to certain leaders such as what the Corinthians did with Paul, Apollos, and Peter. Followers also have the tendency to give credit to leaders for things that only God can do. When a leader is used by God and blesses His people in miraculous ways, they must do as Peter and John did when God used them in the healing of a paralyzed beggar. Instead



of taking the credit for it, Peter used it as an opportunity to lift up Jesus.

Paul did the same when he told the Corinthians that he planted and Apollos

watered, but it was God who gave the increase. I once heard someone say taking credit for God's work is like receiving mail in one's mailbox that

belongs to someone else. When that happens, put it back in the mailbox and put the flag up.

This Sunday's Lectionary



Sunday, June 12, 2022

First Sunday After Pentecost (Trinity Sunday)

(Track 2 - Year C)

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

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

Rev. Dr. Terrell Harris



Rev. Dr. Terrell Harris, Jr., is the senior pastor and founder of the True Light Church of God In Christ. He was appointed as District Superintendent of the Huntsville, Ala., Church of God In Christ. Pastor Harris is the oldest son born to the union of the late Mr. Terrell Harris, Sr., and the late Mrs. Unareed Burton Harris. He was blessed to be born into a family of nine children, five (5) sisters and four (4) brothers. He is happily married to Dr. Hattie Jones Harris, and they will celebrate 55 years of marriage in December 2022. To this union three children were born: Apostle Derek Terrell Harris, Trudy Harris Moore, and Mark Christopher Harris. Rev. Dr. Harris is the very proud grandfather of three grand-children—Chelsea, Kentiara and Christopher. Superintendent Harris is saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Spirit. He loves the Lord and the Lord's people.

Dr. Harris received his Master of Divinity and doctorate degrees from the international Seminary, Orlando, Fla. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics,

with emphasis in computer science from Jackson State University in Jackson, Miss. Since that time, he has taken graduate courses in the field of computer science at Alabama A&M University, Normal, Ala. He has also received a diploma in pastoral theology from the C.H. Mason System of Bible College, Huntsville Campus.

Dr. Harris has been a faithful worker in the Church since accepting the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal savior. He began his walk with God by faithfully attending the Sunday School, where he was later appointed as Sunday School superintendent. He was a faithful deacon, minister and ordained elder. He is currently president of the Department of Education - Huntsville District, Former

Dean and teacher of the O.L. Meadows School of Ministry (OLMSOM), formally the C.H. Mason System of Bible Colleges - Huntsville Campus; superintendent of the Huntsville District; and Jurisdictional General Board Member for Alabama Jurisdiction #1. He further serves as the Pastor of the True Light Church of God In Christ, Huntsville, Ala., which he founded. He retired from the Computer Science Corporation (CSC) as a computer scientist on January 2, 2003, and now enjoys full-time employment for the Lord.

Dr. Harris' character is one of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship. His sound and wise godly counseling brings forth deliverance to people from their everyday issues of life. His current work includes a local cable television ministry entitled, "The Blessed Hope Ministry," through which the congregation, community and city are blessed. Superintendent Harris is a great man and is an example of the Gospel that he preaches.

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Morgan Saintjones, Executive Director



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The Annual N. Ala. Sickle Cell Walk

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