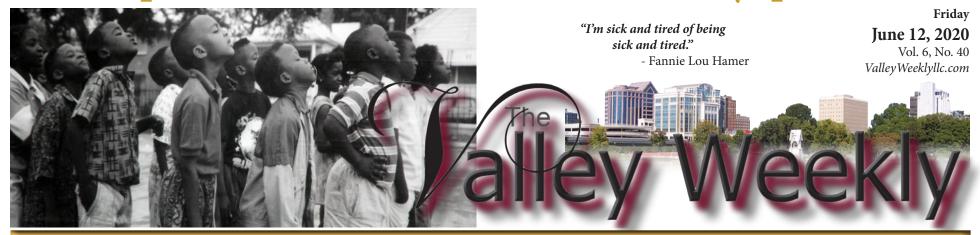
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# Valley Can't Escape Emotions, Nat'l Protests from Injustices





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

1. The Senate is in session this week. The House has no votes scheduled on the floor, but held several committee hearings, including a House Judiciary Committee hearing Wednesday on "Policing Practices and Law Enforcement," at which Philonise Floyd, the brother of George Floyd, will testify. The Senate will take up an Internal Revenue Service reform bill and legislation to permanently fund the Land and Water Conservation Fund at \$900 million per annum, which uses oil and gas revenue to fund conservation programs such as securing land for national parks. The Senate Armed Services Committee will begin a series of markups of the FY2021 defense authorization bill.

2. On Monday, House and Senate Democrats, led by

Congressional Black Caucus Chair Karen Bass (D-CA), were expected to introduce sweeping racial justice legislation in response to the ongoing massive protests around the country and the world on the killing of George Floyd by Minneapolis police. The bill reportedly bans police chokeholds, limit qualified immunity for police officers, create a national police misconduct registry, end the use of no-knock warrants in drug cases, and make lynching a federal crime. 3. Last Thursday, President

Trump issued an emergency executive order directing federal agencies, including the Department of Transportation and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, to expedite federal infrastructure projects by waiving environmental regulations in view of the emergency caused by the COVID-19 outbreak. Federal agencies must report

within 30 days with a list of projects they have expedited under this order. On Sunday, he ordered 4,900 National Guard troops to begin leaving D.C. (Washington Mayor Muriel Bowser had objected to the deployment of the National Guard in the city without her request and had sent a letter to the President last week demanding that he remove the troops.) On Monday, the President hosted a roundtable discussion with law enforcement personnel at the White House.

- 4. On Tuesday, the House **Energy and Commerce Environment and Climate** Change Subcommittee held a virtual hearing on "Pollution and Pandemics: COVID-19's Disproportionate Impact on Environmental Justice Communities." The hearing assessed the relationship between disproportionate exposures to environmental pollution and disproportionate effects of the 2019 coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.
- 5. On Thursday, the Senate Judiciary Committee voted on broad subpoena authority as part of Committee Chair Lindsey Graham's (R-SC) investigation into Operation "Crossfire Hurricane," the FBI's investigation into Russian election interference and the Trump campaign, and the subsequent Mueller investi-

gation. Graham announced last month that he would force a vote on the ability to subpoena dozens of officials, including former FBI Director James Comey and former national security adviser Susan Rice, for the committee's probe of whether the FBI investigation was politically motivated to discredit the Trump Administration.

6. Last week, the Republican National Committee voted to allow the official business of the GOP National Convention to continue in Charlotte, N.C., starting on August 24, while also deploying site selection teams to several cities that might serve as alternate sites for President Trump to give his nomination acceptance speech, including Jacksonville, Nashville, Dallas, Phoenix, New Orleans and

Savannah. President Trump has objected to potential restrictions on the number of attendees at the Charlotte Spectrum Center site.

7. As the U.S. Supreme Court's 2019-2020 term comes to an end this month, the court over the next 2 weeks will be issuing decisions on abortion, Electoral College procedures, LGBT rights in the workplace, the deportation status of nearly 700,000 young undocumented immigrants and the fate of President Trump's tax returns.

8. A new NBC News/ Wall Street Journal poll released on Sunday found that 80% of registered voters say they feel that things are generally out of control in the country. 59% of all voters - including 54% of whites, 65% of Latinos and 78% of

African Americans — said they're more troubled by George Floyd's death and the actions of police versus 27% who said they're more concerned about the protests over Floyd's death, some of which turned violent. The poll also found that by 51% to 40% voters prefer to have Democrats in control of Congress and favor Joe Biden over Donald Trump by 49% to 42% (unchanged since the April poll). The poll of 1,000 registered voters on May 28-June 2 has a margin of error of + 3.1%.

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# **Free Extension Youth Webinars Scheduled for Ages 16-25**

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Goal Digger participants will engage in hands-on learning activities to:

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The Series will be held on the following dates and

Every Tuesday from June 16-July 14-10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



Every Wednesday from June 10-July 8—2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

How to Register: Register online at www.aces.edu/ go/FLIPGoalDiggers. The Zoom meeting number/ link will be provided after registering online.

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### **Perspectives on EGO-holism**

### Coming November 3rd: Harvesting the Wheat and the Tares

Jesus: Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn" - Matthew 13:30.

Ever wonder why Jesus knowingly befriended Judas as one of his 12 disciples, knowing that Judas would later arrange Jesus' crucifixion and death?

In his parable of the wheat and the tares, Jesus cautioned that both must be allowed to grow together, as they are initially indistinguishable until harvest time.

And just as Judas distinguished and ultimately killed himself, those tares in our lives too will ultimately expose themselves and be bundled and burned.

#### The Seeds of Choice

From birth, each of us was gifted with free choice for both good and evil. Our inherent sinful nature defaults us toward

Yet God offers us lovingly the option of becoming fruitful and nourishing (wheat) to others.

As we grow intellectually, physically, spiritually and socially as did Jesus (Luke 2:52), we choose to become either wheat (fruitful, productive) or tares (destructive). There are no other options, no middleof-the-road waffling.



Researchers say that

humans entertain two million thoughts daily, from which 30,000 to 35,000 everyday decisions are made - either wheator tares-oriented.

Sooner or later, each planted seed will demonstrate its quality, whether for good or for evil.

### When, then, is Harvest Time?

Sowers harvest in the fall after sufficient time has been allowed for sowing, planting, growing, and finally reaping

For eligible U.S. citizens, that harvesting time will occur also in the fall season - more specifically, November 3rd, when state and national elections (i.e., reaping and harvesting what's been sown) will occur.

### **Tools for Effective Harvesting**

In order to harvest effectively in November, you and I will need to use proper tools (prior voter registration), the right field (polling places), and a knowledge of how to distinguish the wheat from the tares.

The Holy Bible offers a fool-proof roadmap on how to sow, plant, grow, harvest as well as how to destroy - both in our general lives, and specifically on November 3rd.

tim allston is the author of the free book, 7 Steps to Manage Ego Problems: The How-to Guide for "Someone Else," free and downloadable now at www.GetEgoHelpNow.org.

# Called **2**Preach

by Pastor/Founder Michael D. Rice Grace Gethsemane Mission Church

### The Expectations of Citizenry

Acts 16:36-39

Citizenship in a nation based on laws is meant to be beneficial to those who live in that nation. However, there are times when the *expectations* of citizenry and the *experiences* differ. Such was the case for Paul and Silas when they were wrongfully accused and imprisoned for what those in power called



"teaching customs that were illegal" according to Roman law. Prior to being put in prison, the city officials ordered that they be stripped and severely beaten. This was an example of "public humiliation" that has become far too familiar in our nation. If Paul and Silas were alive today, they more than likely would join in with the peaceful protestors in "pushing back" against the hypocrisy and insensitivity of those in power. I say this because that is exactly what they did when they were



"The Soiling of Old Glory" (Boston - 1976) by Stanley Forman

released from prison after God's providential and powerful intervention. After discovering that they were Roman citizens and after reflecting upon how

they had been mistreated, those in power sought to simply release Paul and Silas privately. But Paul and Silas' expectation of citizenry, that is, "equal protection under the law," did not match their experience. They demanded that they be "publicly" released, since they had been "publicly" beaten. That is essentially what is going on in our nation today, even as I write this. Citizens are saying now, like Paul and Silas did then, we have expectations of citizenry that do not match our experiences.

Spotlight on Our Elders ... Featuring

### Dr. Arthur Walker

Dr. Arthur L. Walker is a former president of the 6,000-student Motlow State Community College in Moore County, Tenn. During his 18year tenure with the college, he progressively advanced through the academic ranks from instructor to becoming the first African-American to hold the position of president. Walker moved Motlow College forward in areas of student access, capital projects, and fundraising. He spearheaded a \$2.3 million fundraising drive to construct the first free-standing building for the Motlow College Smyrna Teaching Center, a building that was named in his honor in October 2017. As Director of the

Fayetteville Center, Dr. Walker facilitated the construction of the Fayetteville Center and the Sundquist Center for Advanced Technologies, all while directing enrollment growth, program development, marketing and community relations. Prior to his tenure at Motlow College, Walker served 26 years in the U.S. Air Force (USAF), including two tours in Alabama. After retiring from Motlow College in 2006, Walker launched a third career: president of his own company—Empowerment Concepts, Inc.—a professional development firm. In this capacity, he consulted and provided training for a wide variety of organizations. Walker earned his associate



degree at Okaloosa-Walton Junior College (FL), bachelor's at Athens State University, master's at Troy University, and doctorate at the University of Memphis. Dr. Walker is married to Rosa Rice Walker, a retired school teacher. They have one adult daughter, Angela, and are members of Saint John AME Church in Huntsville.



JUNE 12 - BARBARA C. HARRIS was an American Episcopal bishop, the first woman ordained in the Anglican Communion. She was consecrated suffragan bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts on February 11, 1989.

- BlackinTime.info



"Cleverness is not wisdom."
- Euripides

# **Champion Game Plan for Life**

n tor Life by Preston Brown

"LET GO AND LET GOD"

Job 2:10 says, "Shall we accept good from God and not trouble?"

We have all come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord. But sometimes our faith is "tied" to the way that we want things to happen, not the way that God wants them to happen. For example, these past few months have been unbearable for so many people. Things like financial unrest due to the Coronavirus that has resulted in an unprecedented shut down of our country. Because of this we have economical, emotional and social unrest. It seems that we are in a "perfect storm" with no help in sight.

So what is the answer? Well it all begins and ends with God.
Because now more than ever we need to not only put our faith in God, but we need to allow our faith to grow in these difficult times.

When we read this scripture, we find that Job realized that in this life things don't always work out the way that we wont them to. So by faith he had to wait on God's timing. In other words he had to learn to "Let go and let God". The same can be said for all of us. We all have to accept the good as well as the bad, knowing and being fully persuaded that God is in charge of it all, to bring



about necessary changes. I'm sure that everyone wanted this year 2020 to be better, and it can be if we

allow new standards to be put in place that will help us all become stronger, wiser, and better. Our answer to life's problems is to put our faith in God's plan. When we do, we will make it. No matter what circumstance we find ourselves in, don't let your faith be "tied" to the way that you want things to happen. Just remember we need to "Let Go and Let God".

Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters.

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## **Calendar of Events**

### June 11

\$5 After 5 Huntsville Museum of Art

### June 13-14

Step Back in Time Burritt Museum Visit burrittonthemountain.com 1:30-2:30 p.m.

### June 20

Step Back in Time Burritt Museum Visit burrittonthemountain.com 1:30-2:30 p.m.

### June 25

"Newsies" IMPHuntsville Lee High School 7:30-10:30 p.m.

### June 25-26

Summer Meetings Board of Trustees Alabama A&M University

### July 18-19

5th Annual Huntsville Comic & Pop Culture Expo Von Braun Center South Hall

#### July 29

Last Day to Register for Huntsville Virtual Academy

### August 6

The Price Is Right Live Von Braun Center Concert Hall 8-11 p.m.

### September 19

Escape To Margaritaville Von Braun Center Mark C. Smith Concert Hall

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# Valley Deaths

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Public viewing for MRS. IRANETTE DANIELS HAWKINS (b. 1959) was held Friday, June 5, from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. at Nelms Memorial Funeral Home.

Graveside service for MR. WILLIE RODGERS (b. 1935) was held Thursday, June 4, at Meadowlawn Garden of Peace with Pastor Theodis Acklin as officiant.

Graveside service for MR. EUGENE MAYFIELD (b. 1936) was held Monday, June 1, in Valley View Memorial Gardens with Pastor Melvin Jones officiating.

### ROYAL FUNERAL HOME - 4315 Oakwood Avenue -Huntsville, AL 35810 - (256) 534-8481

Graveside service for MR. JESSIE JAMES LANIER (b. 1948) was held Sunday, June 7, 2020 at New Hope Community Cemetery (28520 Wall Street Madison, Ala.) with Pastor Burgess Ewing officiating.

Graveside service for MRS. SHIRLEY HICKS FORD (b. 1947) was held Saturday, June 6, at the Valhalla Memory Gardens (698 Winchester Road Huntsville, Ala.) with Dr. O. Wendell Davis officiating.

Graveside service for MR. STEVEN DWAINE SMITH (b. 1959) was held Saturday, June 6, at Strong Cemetery (303 Robert Strong Road Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor James Strong officiating.

Graveside service for MR. MONTARIOUS RYAN ROOKS (b. 1991) was held Friday, June 5, at Thatch-Mann Cemetery (1801 West Hobbs Street Athens, Ala.) with Pastor Willie Mangruen officiating.

Memorial service for MRS. BERTHA BURNETT BRYSON (b. 1938) was held Friday, June 5, at the Royal Chapel of Memories with Bishop Derrick Whitlow officiating.

Graveside service for MS. BELINDA MARIE IVEY (b. 1978) was held Thursday, June 4, at the Madison Memory Gardens (100 Hughes Road Madison, Ala.) with Elder Dr. Terrell Harris, Jr., officiating.

SERENITY FUNERAL HOME - 2505 University Drive NW - Huntsville, AL 35816 - (256) 539-9693

Arrangements will be announced at a later date for MR. ROMEO BROWN, JR.

# Racism Deemed a Public Health Crisis

by BlackDoctor.org
City to city across
the United States there
are protests, walk-outs,
and rallies all to protest
the senseless killing of
unarmed black men
and women. But the
true reason stems from
ongoing racism.

The following statement was released by the American Public Health Association following the death of George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis police on May 25.

"I can't breathe."
With those last
words, George Floyd, an
unarmed, handcuffed
black man, died this
week after being pinned
down by a white Minneapolis police officer, an
atrocious action that has
sparked outrage throughout
the nation.

We raise our voices, too, horrified, stunned and angered.

We are appalled but are not surprised by the despicable way Floyd was killed. We weep for the man, his family and a country that continues to allow this to happen. We also join in the chorus for justice and ring the alarm to all Americans. Racism is a longstanding systemic structure in this country that must be dismantled, through brutally honest conversations, policy changes and practices.

Racism attacks people's physical and mental health. And racism is an ongoing public health crisis that needs our attention now!

We see discrimination every day in all aspects of life, including housing, edu-



cation, the criminal justice system and employment.

And it is amplified during this pandemic as communi-

ties of color face inequities in everything from a greater burden of COVID-19 cases to less access to testing, treatment and care.

Americans cannot be silent about this.

As Martin Luther King, Jr. observed, "The ultimate tragedy is not the oppression and cruelty by the bad people but the silence over that by the good people."

We refuse to be silent, and we call for you to join us in our advocacy for a healthier nation. At the American Public Health Association, every moment of our waking hours is poured into finding better, more healthful lives for all, so everyone has a chance to breathe. It's our life-blood.





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# **HCS Launching Virtual School in August**



Huntsville City Schools (HCS) will launch Huntsville Virtual Academy, a fully online learning experience for students, beginning in August.

The virtual school curriculum is available for students in grades K - 12. Learning will occur remotely off campus, and HCS will provide academic supports for students.

Students will be able to access learning materials anywhere at any time in the online environment. The program will offer each





and schedule.

While students must

attend Huntsville Virtual

Academy, HCS will provide

Academy is available to all

students who are zoned for

HCS. Families must enroll

their student in HCS and

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devices for students.

Huntsville Virtual





line course syllabi. Students may participate in athletics (subject to guidelines from the Alabama High School Athletics Association) and extracurricular activities at their zoned school.

Students who graduate from Huntsville Virtual Academy will receive a HCS diploma and be invited to participate in graduation ceremonies with their zoned school. Huntsville Virtual Academy students are eligible for honors designations at graduations.

Families who are new to the district may begin the enrollment process by visiting huntsvillecityschools.org. Families already enrolled in HCS may complete the registration process for Huntsville Virtual Academy on the district website.

Registration will be open Friday, June 5, 2020 through July 29, 2020. Learn more about Huntsville Virtual Academy by visiting huntsvillecityschools.org/hva.



### **Program Aims for Better Decisions Among Youth**

Alabama Cooperative Extension works to encourage today's youth to build strong decision-making skills through Alabama 4-H Health Rocks! \*. These skills can help guide youth away from risky behaviors, such as alcohol, tobacco and drug use.

This program helps youth build life skills that lead to healthy lifestyle choices. It also encourages youth and adults to form partnerships to develop and implement community strategies that reduce smoking and other substance abuses.

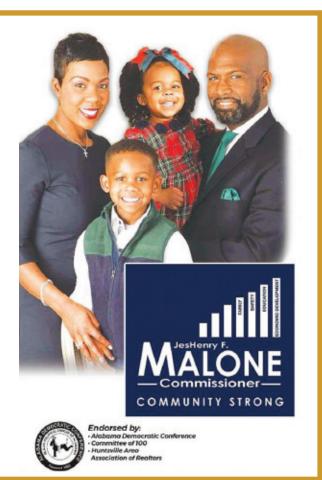
To learn more about Alabama Extension's Health Rocks!<sup>®</sup> program, contact Angela Williams, an Alabama Extension 4-H youth development specialist, at (256) 372-5713.

# JesHenry Malone Commissioner District

### As Commissioner, JesHenry Malone:

- · Secured the funding for the first road built in 20 years in District 6 and will continue to fight for our fair share for roads and infrastructure.
- · Is working to recruit additional industries to the North Huntsville Industrial Park to provide jobs for our community.
- Will continue to fight to move our commission forward and to keep our streets safe and lower our crime.
- Moved our county forward by helping to bring Mazda Toyota to our county.
- · Will continue to fight for our quality of life including our schools and recreation.
- Will continue to support Alabama A&M University, Oakwood University and University of Alabama Huntsville.
- Led the effort for the new service center to be located in District 6.

**TUESDAY** JULY 14th!



# From the Best of the Week's Social Media Posts



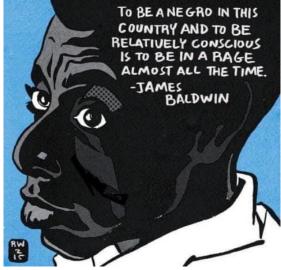


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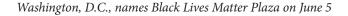
If a SMALL percentage of looting RIOTERS discredits the ENTIRE movement, then what does a SMALL percentage of BAD COPS do?



It's not a matter of Black vs White It's a matter of









Ryan and I'm a #WhiteHouse reporter my work address is now: 1600 #BlackLivesMatter Plaza, NW - Washington, DC!

And oh by the way, President

@realDonaldTrump now resides
at: 1600 Black Lives Matter Plaza,
NW - Washington, DC!

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When George Floyd called for his Mother, every Black Mother in America heard him and it collectively broke their hearts ... \$\frac{\psi}{2}\$



