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"The higher we are placed, the more humbly we should walk." - Cicero

Final Phase of Apollo Park Underway

Huntsville City Council approved plans to proceed with a \$7.9 million construction contract with Lambert Contracting to complete the final phase of Apollo Park at MidCity District.

When finished in late 2024, the 20-acre park will feel similar to downtown's Big Spring Park. It will feature two lagoons suitable for canoeing and kayaking, walking paths, swaths of open green space, trees and landscaping.

A partnership with Arts Huntsville and the National Fitness Campaign will provide a Fitness Court® at the park with original artwork from world-famous artist Jean-Michel Basquiat.

"This park represents the City's commitment to offer recreational options for our residents in every part of Huntsville," said Mayor Tommy Battle. "We look forward to its completion and delivering this beautiful recreation space to the community."

Phase I of the project was completed in 2017.



Artist Completes Third Project for Google Fiber

Talented local artist, collector and art educator John "Jahni" Moore, who has penned The Valley Weekly's "PowerShot" series for several years, has finished another career milestone.

Moore recently completed the "Inner Connections" mural for Google Fiber, his third such project for the operation.

On Wednesday, July 26, Google Fiber representatives held an opening reception at Huntsville's MidCity area.

It was during this festive backdrop that Moore presented "Inner Connections," a 29x14-foot work of art adorning the lobby of Google Fiber's new location.

The Huntsvillian received degrees from

Alabama A&M University and The Art Institute of Chicago, where he earned the MFA in studio arts. His public work appears throughout Huntsville.

Drake Students Join White House HBCU Scholars

The U.S. Department of Education has announced the 2023 class of the White House Initiative on Advancing Educational Equity, Excellence and Economic Opportunity through Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) Scholars. J. F. Drake State Community and Technical College students Makahla Riley (top) and Eddie Tolbert (bottom) were recognized for their accomplishments in academics, leadership, and civic engagement. The two were among 102 undergraduate, graduate, and professional students from 29 different states and countries noted for their successes.

Tolbert is majoring in com-



puter information systems, while Riley currently studies business administration. Currently enrolled at 70 of HBCUs, this group of scholars were selected from a competitive pool of over 300 applicants.

"We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Makahla, Eddie, and all the 2023 HBCU Scholars on their well-deserved recognition, and we eagerly look forward to witnessing the positive impact they will make as they raise the bar for excellence and innovation," said Drake State President Patricia Sims.

For more information, contact Daniel Owen at daniel.owen@drakes-tate.edu.



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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 have started their 6-week summer recess and will reconvene after Labor Day.

Last week, the Senate passed its version of the \$886 billion FY2024 defense authorization bill on a bipartisan 86-11 vote and managed to fend off controversial amendments, such as ones that would have restricted abortion access and transgender health care services and cut off military assistance to Ukraine.

This was in sharp contrast to the House-approved bill, which now contains language to close the Pentagon's diversity training offices, end military health coverage for gender transition treatments, and block the Pentagon from offering time off and travel reimbursement to service members needing to travel out of state to obtain an abortion.

The House last week managed to pass only one (1) of the 12 FY2024

appropriations bills – Military Construction/VA – by a slim 8-vote margin, before the House Leadership sent everyone home a day early after it hit a roadblock on the Agriculture appropriations bill due in part to the bill's restriction on the distribution of the abortion drug mifepristone.

2. THE WHITE HOUSE. President Biden is on vacation this week at his house in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware.

3. SUPREME COURT. The United States Supreme Court is adjourned until Monday, October 2, when it will begin its new term.

4. THE ECONOMY. Last week, the Commerce Department announced that the nation's gross domestic product (GDP) increased at an annual rate of 2.4% in the second quarter of 2023, up from the first quarter's 2.0% and beating economists' 2Q expectations of a 1.8% increase.

In further economic news, consumer spend-

ing rose by 0.5% in June, while inflation continued its downward trend to an annualized 3% in June, down from 3.8% in May.

5. HIGHER EDUCATION. On July 26, the Department of Education (ED) hosted a day-long summit exploring the ways in which higher education can promote diversity, ensure equal opportunity, and reduce barriers for students entering postsecondary education.

The event happened soon after the U.S. Supreme Court's (SCOTUS) ruling on race conscious admissions practices, which leaders from the administration have said "rolled back decades of progress" and will make college

diversity efforts more challenging. Prior to the summit, the Education Department said it will work with the Department of Justice (DOJ) on new guidance detailing how colleges can consider race in admissions and provide a path forward to creating a more inclusive higher education system. That guidance is expected to be released in mid-August.

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Memorial service for MS. ADRIANA MCCANTS (b. 1992) will be on Saturday, August 19, at 11 a.m. at the Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel.

Graveside service for MRS. LINDA W. MONTAGUE (b. 1952) was held Sunday, July 30, at Meadowlawn Garden of Peace.

Funeral service for MRS. SIRETHA H. JOHNSON (b. 1955) was held Saturday, July 29, at Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Johnny Jones officiating.

Funeral service for MS. INDIA L. "TASHA" WATKINS (b. 1985) was held Friday, July 21, at Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Richmond Malone officiating.

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Memorial service for MRS. RUTH ANN BROWN WHITLOW (b. 1939) will be 3 p.m., Sunday, August 6, at the New Life Seventh-day Adventist Church (3912 Pulaski Pike NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Nelson Stokes officiating.

Funeral service for SUFFRAGAN BISHOP JOHNNY LEROY BURRELL (b. 1943) will be 12 noon, Saturday, August 5, at the Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church (315 Winchester Road NE, Huntsville, Ala.) with Bishop Sherman L. Merritt officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. SARAH TURNER CLAY (b. 1942) was held Sunday, July 30, at the Saint Bartley Primitive Baptist Church with Pastor Jaymes Mooney officiating and Pastor Eugene Turner as eulogist.

Funeral service for MR. MATTHEW DEANDRE' NORWOOD was held Saturday, July 29, at the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church (710 Dan Crutcher Road, Toney, Ala.) with Pastor Ernest L. Williams officiating.

Funeral service for MISS KENDRA LAURA FOWLKES (b. 2000) was held Saturday, July 29, at the Fellowship of Faith Church (3703 Memorial Parkway NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Troy Garner officiating and Reverend Pierre Harvey as eulogist.

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Funeral service for MR. EDDIE MCCRARY (b. 1948) will be Friday, August 4, at First Seventh Day Adventist Church (Evangel Drive) at 11 a.m.

Valley Weekly
Spiritual Game Plan
PRESTON BROWN'S



CREATED BY GOD FOR GOD

Ecclesiastes 12:13 says, "Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man."

We were all created by God for His pleasure. When He created us, He also created inside of us a special need that only He can satisfy. Whenever we feel empty inside or feel loneliness, sadness, or depression, it could be because of a need that cannot be satisfied with money, sex, or drugs. It could be a need that cannot be satisfied by cheering on your favorite team, or a need that your



significant other cannot satisfy. We were made for God and we were made to worship Him only. The problem we have is when we do not worship God, we end up substituting it for other things, like social media or our relationships with other people. For example, being in love is a wonderful thing. However, without a relationship with God, there will always be a struggle to satisfy that other person. People don't always satisfy you; only God can. Only God can fill the void caused by broken promises that lead to discouragement and disappointments. Only God can fill the void of loneliness,

sadness, and depression.

Since we were created by God for God, let us all allow Him to be in charge of everything that we do. You will discover a life that is not only satisfying to you and for you but also pleasing to God.

May God grant you spiritual success in finding the very best that he has to offer for your life.

Question: *Do you allow God to be in charge of everything that you do?*

Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters, and make sure you purchase a copy of my books, *Spiritual Game Plans For A Successful Life* and *A Champion Game Plan for Life* at amazon.com, Westbow Books or--if you have a PayPal account--email me at prestonbrown81@gmail.com, and I will send you an autographed copy.



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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.

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 UAH Project Space
 2211 Seminole Drive
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 5-7 p.m.

August 3-5

Huntsville Botox Party
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August 4-6

Concert
 “Ain’t Too Proud”
 The Life and Times of the
 Temptations”
 Mark C. Smith Concert
 Hall
 Von Braun Center
 Huntsville, Ala.

August 5

Village at Providence
 Farmers Market
 9 a.m.

Alabama Association for
 the Arts
 2nd Annual Black Tie Gala
<https://www.blacktiegalahsv.com/>
 Stone Event Center
 7-11 p.m.

August 6

The Market at MidCity
 The Camp
 12 noon

August 10

“Designing an Edible
 Garden”
 Huntsville Botanical Garden
 6 p.m.

August 10-12

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August 12

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 Around the Curtain Children’s Theatre
 9 a.m.

August 18-19

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August 19

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Shakespeare in the Garden
 “A Midsummer Night’s
 Dream”
 Huntsville Botanical Garden

7:30 p.m.

August 23

Brad Williams
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August 27

Learning Expo 2023
 The Orion Amphitheater
 MidCity
 Huntsville, Ala.
 1 p.m.

August 30

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September 7

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 7 p.m.

September 9

Bulldog Football vs. Lane
 College
 Louis Crews Stadium
 Alabama A&M University
 6 p.m.

September 15

NEACA Fall Craft Show
 Von Braun Center
 9 a.m.

September 21

Bulldog Football vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff
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 Alabama A&M University
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**“Perhaps to lose a sense of where you are implies the danger
 of losing a sense of who you are.”**

- Ralph Ellison

Then Do It Afraid! ...

Millennial Moment

by Gloria B. Caldwell

Scaredy Cat ...

Hey You!! What are you afraid of? Scaredy cat!!

I remember, in my day in age, kids used to call you that when you were afraid to try something, or they were trying to coerce you into doing something you didn't want to do. So, in order to get you to attempt it, they would taunt you by calling you a "Scaredy Cat!" Which was normally followed by the, "No, I'm not!" Then your attempt to do it. Most of the time, it was something you had no business doing; however, what I loved about it was the fact that it would push you to your limits on some things you had no business being afraid of!

So, here I am, now ... 40 years later ... calling you out. Scaredy Cat!! What are you afraid of? Failure? Looking like a loser? Being told no? What is it that won't allow you to push past your mental block to step out and start that business, non-profit, write that book, produce that song, start that workout program ... whatever it is you fear? What are you looking for, to keep you from being

afraid? Perfection? Well, that's never going to happen for any of us ... so what next, money? That will come. Someone to do it with you? Start, the people God have put in place will fall in! Do it!! Scaredy Cat!! Do it!

If you fail ... so what? ... Fix it, and try again. If God gave it to you ... it's for you to do! There is a way; figure it out! Study those who are in a similar field,

network, find your niche, what would set you apart ... and do it!!

Don't spend the rest of your life, wishing, hoping, and coveting what the next person is doing. Get out here and shine! Guess what? You're perfectly YOU!!! There's your perfection! So now, get to work! Don't be afraid ... and if you still are ... Do it afraid! You're not alone! Let's do it together, afraid, bold ... with faith!! I believe in YOU!!! Mark 9:23: "Jesus said to him, 'If you can believe? All things are possible for one who believes.'"

Zoie: Emerging Leader and Political Changemaker

(Courtesy of Speakin' Out News)

Zoie Roberson is a recent 19-year-old University of Massachusetts Boston graduate from Huntsville, Ala. She graduated Summa Cum Laude with a political science degree. As an early graduate, Roberson began college at a very young age.

She was only 13 when she started dual enrolling at the University of Alabama in Huntsville, completing two years by the end of high school at the College Academy of Jemison High School.

"Since I could remember, I've always been an early starter," says Roberson. "I was the kid who adults would tell, 'Be a child for once.' I've always been full of ideas and full of ambition to achieve those ideas despite my circumstances. However, starting early does not always mean starting easy, but it does teach perseverance to overcome obstacles."

Roberson is an aspiring attorney and seeks to make her way into politics.



"With the interconnectedness of our world, and our nation's growing diversity, change is inevitable," says Roberson. "Legislative change is imperative in order to behold a nation that is more equitable and inclusive for minority groups." Further, she believes that "adequate representation" is a basis for effective legislative change.

"It's important that leaders seek to connect and develop

a deep understanding about all those they represent—talk with them, learn about them, socialize with them, or even learn their language," she says.

Roberson emphasizes language learning, even beyond the conventional sense, as a way to understand others; in fact, she loves learning languages to connect with others, including Spanish and Hindi, and has even been learning



My (Belated) Birthday Gifts to You: SOAK, then ESCAPE!

"Look! I'm doing a new thing; now it sprouts up; don't you recognize it? I'm making a way in the desert, paths in the wilderness." - Isaiah 43:19

Here, the prophet Isaiah announces God's willingness to take our deserted wilderness lives and blaze upon them brand-new pathways.

New pathways to do new things can occur at milestones such as a new day or a birthday celebration. Each such milestone offers a renewed opportunity to refresh, revive and recommit.

Celebrating my 69th birthday on July 13th made me refresh, revive and recommit to SOAK and ESCAPE.



SOAK. Soak means "to boil an object more slowly" or "submerge an item more deeply." By merging the two definitions into one acronym, SOAK challenges me in this new birth year to:

Stew Over information, conversations, and people more deeply and with greater patience, in order to Add more Knowledge through better active listening, reading, writing and speaking.

For me the greatest, most portable, and most practical role model of SOAKing remains Jesus Christ. And following his teachings, I will now recommit to

ESCAPE. Ordinarily, "to escape" means to get away from the norm. A mentor once shared with me a very do-able acronym for ESCAPE in my quest to follow Jesus more closely:

- **E**xamples of Christ I can follow;
- **S**ins to avoid or confess;
- **C**ommands I should obey;
- **A**dmonitions I should remember;
- **P**romises I can claim; and
- **E**ncouragements I can share.

What about your SOAK and your ESCAPE? Let each new day become your "new thing" milestone to refresh, revive and recommit.

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The Family Life Cycle

A family member may witness the developmental stages that the typical family goes through from childhood to retirement years.

These stages are called the family life cycle. This includes the following: single adult life, newly married adult, childbearing adults, preschool-age children, school-age children, teenage years, launching center, middle-age adults and retirement or senior adults.

It must be noted, however, that some families do

not follow the conventional family life-cycle.

While being single is the most common life-style for

individuals in their early twenties, many remain single through their retirement years, or become single again after being married and raising children, due to the death of a spouse or divorce.

All adults experience some aspect of these stages where he/she lives and with those who live with him/her (e.g. homemaking-cooking, cleaning and home maintenance). Additionally, many parents 65 and older experience at least one of the following situations:

- *Sandwich Generation:* Raising their own child, supporting their adult child, and/or an elderly parent who lives in the same house. Reputable researchers found that 48% supported their adult children in the past year, and 28% are the primary source of income for their grown children.



Dr. Margaret J. Kelly

- *Empty Nest:* All the children have left home. This stage can conjure up many positive and negative emotions for the parent(s).

- *Boomerang kids:* Adult children return home to live with parents after living independently.

Finally, despite the number of reasons cited for not getting married and having children, MARRIAGE remains the most common living arrangement for adults.

In what stage are you in the family life cycle?

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“The most dangerous creation of any society is the man who has nothing to lose.”

- James Baldwin

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AUGUST 4 - BARACK OBAMA - Barack Hussein Obama II is an American attorney and politician who served as the 44th president of the United States from 2009 to 2017. A member of the Democratic Party, he was the first African American to be elected to the presidency. He previously served as a U.S. senator from Illinois from 2005 to 2008 and an Illinois state senator from 1997 to 2004. Obama was born in Honolulu, Hawaii. After graduating from Columbia University in 1983, he worked as a community organizer in Chicago. In 1988, he enrolled in Harvard Law School.



- BlackCelebrityBirthdays.org



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

Col. (Ret.) James O. Heyward

A native of Sumter, S.C., James O. Heyward, Sr., was a career Army officer who retired from active service in 1983 with the rank of Colonel. Col. Ret.) Heyward served in key command and staff positions in the United States and overseas, amassing a diverse background of extensive experience in planning, management and operations to include training, logistics, resource management, counseling and investigative work. His last military assignment was Professor of Military Science at Alabama A&M University (AAMU).

Since his retirement, he held the position of Director of Admissions at AAMU from 1984 to 1997. In this position, he was responsible for directing and coordinating the University's recruitment effort and administering the academic scholarship program. He formulated, recommended and implemented recruitment and admissions policies—all crucial to a stable enrollment of quality students. During his work in higher education, he held key po-



sitions in the Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers on the state and national levels, and was affiliated with other professional educators organizations.

Some of Col. (Ret.) Heyward's significant past military assignments were Commander, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command Field Element, Fort Monroe, Virginia; coordinating world-wide liaison network in the United States and five foreign countries; Deputy Commander, U.S. Army Military Community, Baumholder, Germany; and many others.

Heyward holds a B.S. degree from South Carolina State University and an M.A. from Shipensburg State University.

He graduated from the Armed Forces Staff College and the U.S. Army Personnel Management for Executives Program. In 1979, he was inducted into the South Carolina State University Army ROTC Hall of Fame. In 1996, he received the South Carolina State University Distinguished Alumni Award.

Heyward was also a former paratrooper and received numerous military awards and citations, including the Legion of Merit. Heyward has remained active in community activities.

He was a member and past president of the local graduate chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; member of Epsilon Kappa Boule, Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity; holds membership in the Royal College of Papal Knights in the Americas; and he was a former member of several organizations and boards.

Col. (Ret.) Heyward is married to the former Willie Mae Thompson, and they have two sons and two grandsons.

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Sunday, August 6, 2023

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(Track 2, Year A)

First Lesson:
Exodus 34:29-35
Psalm 99
Second Lesson:
2 Peter 1:13-21
GOSPEL:
Luke 9:28-36

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The Circle of Remembrance



Parents throughout the nation have always wanted their children to receive a quality education. However, it was sometimes difficult to accomplish in the nineteenth and middle twentieth centuries. Frequently, the counties and cities did not have school buildings and very few teachers. Students attended school in churches and Masonic Halls. The academic school year varied based on location. The farmers' school year was scheduled to accommodate working on the farm, such as, gathering crops, chopping and picking cotton. Some schools in the city also had a short school year.

The *Huntsville Gazette* and *The Journal* newspapers published many articles congratulating the teachers and sharing school openings and closing exercises. The following schools located in Huntsville/Madison County were included in their publications during the latter part of the nineteenth century.

The City Council re-elected the teachers for the African-American school in Huntsville for the year 1885. They were: Charles Hendley, principal; Miss Susie P. Mastin and Mr. T. S. Cooper, assistants.

The 1889 opening of the **State Normal School** was outstanding. They opened with twice the enrollment of the previous year. New instructors were employed to meet the student's instructional needs.

They were: Miss Carrie L. Fambro, assistant principal and teacher of English Literature; Miss Lizzie S. Manley, music; and Miss Emma B. Derrick, preparatory classes.

The Central Academy placed this article in the *Huntsville Gazette*:

The Fall Term Will Open Sept. 7th 1891. Tuition and board required in advance. Only a limited number of small children can be accommodated. Applicants must be able to read, write and work the fundamental rules in Arithmetic.

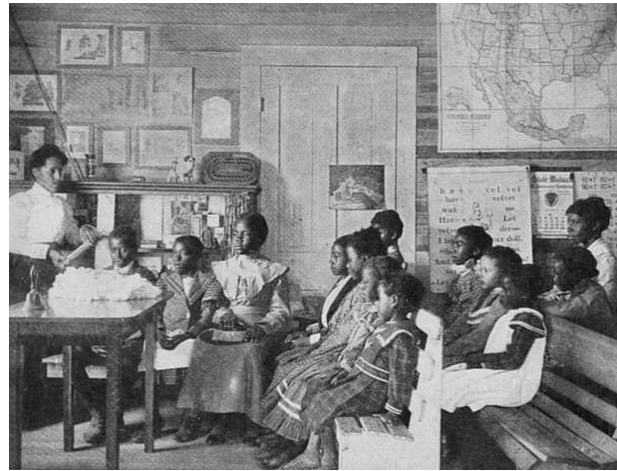
A. W. McKinney
Principal

In October of 1893, the fall session of the city school opened in the Masonic Hall at **Davis Grove**. They had a large enrollment. Principal Rev. J. F. Humphrey was very excited about the new school year. Teachers were Miss Gertie Mc Gill, Miss Clara B. Fackler and Miss M. L. Clay.

The school in **Gurley**, taught by Mr. J. A. Rice, opened in 1899 with 39 students. He expected to double that number in a few days. The community fully supported the school. They supplemented the public school fund to provide greater educational opportunities for the students.

Rev. William H. Gaston, principal and associate pastor of St. Bartley Primitive Baptist Church, stated that his **Independent Day and**

Night School would open



September 4, 1893. This would be a nine months session at the Baptist Church.

Other schools in Madison County during 1883 were the **Union School** in the Seay neighborhood. Mr. Francis Davis was the teacher. Dr. Lee R. Fearn was teaching at **Cedar Grove School**. **Beaver Dam School** was taught by Miss Tommie Darwin, and Mrs. Edith Davis opened summer school in **Meridianville**. Professor J. P. Rice took charge of the school in **Cluttsville** in 1885. He had good attendance. Miss Fannie Mosely was in charge of the school in **Madison Station** in 1887 and Prof. R. M. Lowe opened the school in **Triana** in 1889.

Mr. John Bone was a strong advocate for education. Excerpts from his school address, delivered at the **Bone School** on August 26, 1881, are listed below:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

What a sight do we see here today. Something that way back in slavery our poor darkened minds never dreamed of beholding- a Negro schoolhouse, a Negro teacher, and Negro children under the protecting aegis

of this great free country, taught in the rudiments of an English education. And

here now you have witnessed something of the capabilities of this prescribed race, to be taught the arts and sciences and led in the paths of learning. We are capable of education, and thank God for it. He has endowed us with good comprehensive faculties, our children inherit the same, and if we only improve the opportunity at our command, we cannot fail to leave the grand impress of our minds upon the institutions of the country and age. Then let us be up and doing while it is called today, improve every moment, and induce these young people to do the same, and show the world that we are what God intended us to be, a high-minded, honorable and intelligent race of human beings.

Let us take Mr. Bone's advice to heart and think of ways we can support our young people in school, community and church activities. Working together, we can make this the best school year in the history of civilization. According to Mr. Bone in 1881, 142 years ago, God has given us the skills, intellect and love for humankind that we need to help our young people. We simply need to use them.

If you have a school story that you would like to share, please send it to William Hampton, Circle of Remembrance, ttwmusic@aol.com.

Caption: Historic photo of late 1800s black classroom based on Tuskegee model.

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