

# The Valley Weekly

"The reason they knew who I was  
is because I told them."

- Ursula Burns

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## 36th Annual Beautillion Ball Scheduled

The Fun-Set Social and Charity Club will host the 36th Annual Beautillion Ball on Saturday, November 16, at 7 p.m. at the Von Braun Center North Hall.

The Beautillion Ball will culminate an intensive, four-month program that offers workshops, mentoring opportunities, social enrichment and community service. This year, a total of 38 young, African American men will be introduced, representing high schools in Limestone, Madison and Morgan counties.

The Beautillion Ball showcases the accomplishments of these young men and recognizes their academic, essay and leadership achievements.

The first event was held in 1979. Fun-Set is a 501(c)(3) organization comprised of 29 dedicated, professional women who believe in supporting the community and have shown support by donating to local and national charitable organizations.

To support the Beautillion Ball by purchasing tickets to the event and/or by purchasing advertisement in the program book, contact Ms. Glenda Fowler, ticket chairman at mazziel73@yahoo.com. For more information, visit <http://funsetsocialandcharityclub.org>.

## Local Businessman Added to ABA Hall of Fame

Greatly influenced by the first black-owned and operated radio station in Huntsville, Ala., Hundley Batts, Sr., not only rushed to purchase his first radio as a boy, but also was well on his way to becoming a leader in the broadcast industry.

That station was owned by Leroy and Viola Garrett, who took a liking to Batts and fed his enthusiasm with the radio station's operation.

In 1965, Batts launched his career in the insurance business, but kept in contact with the Garretts. In 1987, after Mr.

Garrett died, Mrs. Garrett sold WEUP to Batts and his wife, the late Dr. Virginia Caples.

The Alabama Broadcasters Association inducted Batts into its 2019 Hall of Fame.

The Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce awarded Batts their highest recognition, the 2010 Distinguished Service Award.

His list of memberships and accomplishments over the years includes recognition as a Small Business Executive of the Year and Mentor of the Year.



Beyond Normal Lecture Series at Alabama A&M  
Featuring NFL Notable **MICHAEL VICKS**  
Thursday, August 22 (Read More Page 8)  
Knight Center - 12:30 p.m.



## UWOC Observes Anniversary

United Women of Color honors its first anniversary through a celebration of good food, music, and an awards presentation on Friday, August 23, 2019 at the Huntsville West complex, located at 3001 9th Avenue, Huntsville, Ala.

The celebration will begin at 5:30 p.m. and end

at 7:30 p.m.

UWOC invests in the civic, social and financial well-being of women, girls and families.

For additional information, contact Angela Curry at (256) 527-1013, e-mail [theunitedwoc@gmail.com](mailto:theunitedwoc@gmail.com) or visit [www.unitedwoc.org](http://www.unitedwoc.org).



**BEAUTILLION KICKOFF:** Sponsored by the Fun-Set Charity and Social Club, the kickoff for the annual Beautillion program season was held Sunday, August 11, at the Marriott. (Photo by Anthony Gibson)

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# Washington in One Minute



Here are the top issues in Washington, D.C., for this week:

1. The House and Senate are in recess until September 9.

2. On Sunday afternoon, President and Mrs. Trump returned to the White House after spending 9 days at their Bedminster, N.J., golf resort.

On Tuesday, the President hosted a meeting with Romanian President Klaus Iohannis at the White House (the meeting marked the 30th anniversary of the fall of communism and the 15th year of Romania's membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization). On Wednesday, the President traveled to Louisville, Ky., to address

the American Veterans 75th National Convention and hold a roundtable and fundraiser. On Thursday, the president awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom to 91-year-old former Boston Celtics point guard Bob Cousy.

3. On Monday, The Washington Post reported that erstwhile Trump critic former Vice President Dick Cheney and his daughter Rep. Liz Cheney (R-WY) will appear at a lunch fundraiser in Jackson, Wy., in support of President Trump's 2020 reelection campaign and the Republican National Committee. The event will also feature special guests Ivanka Trump and Jared Kushner, along with acting White House chief of staff

Mick Mulvaney. The event is part of House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy's (R-CA) big GOP donor fundraising weekend in Jackson Hole.

4. On Friday – also in Jackson, Wy. – Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell spoke to kick off the Fed's annual Jackson Hole Symposium, and markets will be waiting breathlessly to hear if more interest rate cuts are on the horizon. The Fed also released the minutes of its July meeting on Wednesday afternoon, and it is expected to detail discussions around its decision to cut interest rates last month for the first time in more than a decade.

5. On Sunday, White House chief economist Larry Kudlow confirmed

on the Fox News Sunday program that, at the President's direction, the Trump Administration will explore purchasing the country of Greenland, which is currently a self-governing part of the Kingdom of Denmark and the world's largest island – despite a tweet last Friday from Greenland's Ministry of Foreign Affairs that the island is not for sale. President and Mrs. Trump will make a state visit to Denmark on September 2-3.

6. Politico reported on Sunday that the National Republican Congressional Committee (NRCC) raised \$4.09 million in July and has \$24 million on hand, which is higher than their 2015 and 2017 totals, but not as good as the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC),

which raised \$7 million in July and has \$28 million on hand. This was big news in D.C., as many people had wondered whether a significant July DCCC staff shakeup – reportedly over the lack of diversity in the DCCC's senior ranks – would impact its fundraising. On Thursday, DCCC Chair Cheri Bustos (R-IL) announced a new advisory council that will conduct the search for the new DCCC executive director.

7. The Trump administration has appointed Robert Cameron, an executive at one of the nation's largest student loan servicing businesses to serve as the new top student loan official at the CFPB. It was announced on Friday that Mr. Cameron will become the next private education loan

ombudsman. Until recently, he was deputy chief counsel and vice president of enterprise compliance at the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Authority, which operates FedLoan Servicing. The CFPB supervises and regulates large student loan servicers like PHEAA under the Dodd-Frank Act. Cameron is taking over a unit at the CFPB that was sharply critical of his former employer in 2017 for bungling payments of borrowers who were supposed to be on track for loan forgiveness.

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## DLC Accepting Applications for 12th Cohort



Applications are being accepted for Cohort XII of the Diversity Leadership Colloquium until August 27.

Classes will begin September 3 and end October 22, running 6-9 p.m. every Tuesday evening. Graduation

will be held on October 29.

Applications are available online at [www.diversityleadershipcolloquium.com](http://www.diversityleadershipcolloquium.com). Questions should be emailed to Mrs. Georgia Valrie at [gvalrie1971@gmail.com](mailto:gvalrie1971@gmail.com) or call (256) 656-4698.

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## Celebrate the Region: 256 Day Set for North Alabama

North Alabama is a region of the United States rich in history, beautiful landscapes, progressive opportunities, a mix of complex cultures, enabling the citizens in the area to engage in a world class quality of life.

There is a vibration being generated on the surface layer of red dirt, creating a buzz being heard all around the globe, making this year the perfect time to stop, take a deep breath, and look at ourselves in the mirror.

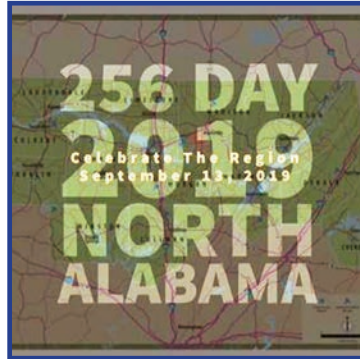
Hopefully, the reflection looking back at us deserves a celebration for being great citizens of North Alabama.

This year, on September 13, 2019, the region will celebrate "256 Day North Alabama"--a day to celebrate and acknowledge the residents, businesses, and services that power our day to day lives.

Why September 13 some may ask? Well, it's the 256th day of the year, representing the '256' area code. So, from the river that sings in The Shoals, to the launchpad known as the Rocket City, to the beautiful views atop Mt. Cheaha, the 256 is certainly a special place to be proud of.

For more information, please contact Codie Gopher at [codieglobalmanagement@gmail.com](mailto:codieglobalmanagement@gmail.com) or follow him at @codieglobal on Instagram.

by *Codie L. Gopher*



## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC CITY OF HUNTSVILLE

The City of Huntsville's Community Development Department will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 9, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. to receive input for the **2020-2025 Consolidated Plan, the Analysis of Impediments and the 2020 Action Plan Program Year** (7/1/19 to 6/30/20). The meeting will be held at Council Chambers-Municipal Building, 308 Fountain Circle, Huntsville, Alabama 35801. The City of Huntsville does not discriminate based on disability for the admission or access to its programs or activities. If you have any questions, or will need special accommodations, please call Turkessa C. Lacey - Community Development Department prior to the Public Hearing at 256-427-5400; TTY: 256-427-7092.

## AVISO A LA CIUDAD PÚBLICA DE HUNTSVILLE

La ciudad del departamento del desarrollo de la comunidad de Huntsville llevará a cabo una audiencia pública Lundi 9 septembre 2019, en 6:00 P.M. para recibir la entrada pour l'horizon 2020-2025 consolidée Plan, l'analyse des obstacles et l'année de programme de Plan d'Action 2020 (7/1/19 a 6/30/20). La réunion se tiendra au centre de douches, Conseil Municipal-chambres bâtiment 308 fontaine cercle, Huntsville, Alabama 35801. La ciudad de Huntsville no discrimina en base de la inhabilidad para la admisión ni tiene acceso a sus programas o actividades. Si usted tiene cualesquiera preguntas, o necesita comodidades especiales, llame por favor Turkessa C. De encaje - departamento del desarrollo de la comunidad antes de la audiencia pública en 256-427-5400; TTY: 256-427-7092.



## AAMU Holds Ribbon Cutting for Women's Residence Hall

After some \$4 million in renovations and upgrades, Alabama A&M University officially opened the modified Emily Thigoen Hall, named after a beloved woman who served as Dean of Women and other important capacities.

Program participants included AAMU President Andrew Hugine, Jr.; Dr. Gary Crosby, vice president for student affairs, cabinet member Angela Debro and her mother Cora; and governmental representatives from the U.S. Department of Education.

For additional information and photographs, visit [www.aamu.edu](http://www.aamu.edu).

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Mastin Lake Road/University Drive)

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Spotlight on Our Elders ... Featuring

## Mrs. Odell Pearson Booker

Mrs. Odell Pearson Booker was the owner of Odell's Beauty Shop. This productive and rewarding venture gave her the ability to act decisively without the fear of losing her job. And, act she did! She participated in the push for voter registration and was a constant sit-in participant countless times turned away and arrested many times for her involvement in demonstrations and sit-ins. Mrs. Booker was such a consistent participant that when an agreement to desegregate the lunch counters was finally reached, the manager at the Huntsville Walgreen met her at the door to welcome her. She believed so strongly in civil rights that she wanted to be an example and thus took her child with her during her community activities.

Even while she was actively involved in numerous activities, she nonetheless offered support to others.

As a civic and community activist, she was one of the beauticians instrumental in assisting local civil rights activists with their causes to open local public facilities in 1962 to people of color. Also, she was one of the individuals to file a federal lawsuit to desegregate the Huntsville Public Schools. As a result of her actions and others, four students desegregated Huntsville Public Schools in September 1963. Her daughter, Veronica, was one of the four students, enrolling at Risson Middle School in northeast Huntsville.

Mrs. Booker's long list of professional and community affiliations include Daugh-



ters of Elks (former District Deputy); Eastern Star; local entrepreneur; First Missionary Baptist Church; and the NAACP (life member). She played a significantly involved role in the seminal events of the civil rights era throughout the 1960s. Mrs. Booker was married to Mr. Van Pearson, and from this union was blessed one daughter, Veronica. Later, she married the late Dr. William E. Booker.

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## Saoirse Kennedy Hill's Tragedy: The Second Wave of Kennedy Public Service?

Read Romans 15:4

### Call it "Kennedy Public Service 2.0"

For decades, the Kennedys were branded "America's First Family of Public Service": one U.S. president; four U.S. Senate and House members; three U.S. ambassadors; one lieutenant governor; three state legislators; one mayor, and . . .

. . . Now and in response to publicized bouts of mental illness and related drug addictions, a new Kennedy generation has given voice to a new brand of public service and ego-holism recovering step #6: the healing's in the revealing.



"She died too soon, . . . but . . ."

On August 1

Saoirse Kennedy Hill, granddaughter of the late senator Robert and Ethel Kennedy, died from a suspected drug overdose.

In his August 9 USA Today op-ed, "My cousin was brave about mental illness" Patrick J. Kennedy, the late senator Ted and Joan Kennedy's youngest child, applauded his 22-year old cousin who "was open about her struggles with mental illness even as a teenager - imploring the faculty and students at her school to learn how to tell the truth about these illnesses and the impact on their lives, because silence 'leaves people feeling even more alone.'"

. . . And Patrick would know.

On Sunday, October 4, 2015, CBS-TV's "60 Minutes" began its 48th season with Patrick breaking the Kennedy family code of silence by exposing his alcohol/drug addictions and mental health problems from his memoir, "A Common Struggle: A Personal Journey through the Past and Future of Mental Illness and Addiction".

Dubbed by interviewer Lesley Stahl as "the poster child for addictions," the 48-year old recovering addict illustrated ego-holism recovering's TOP model:

- **Target the problem** - "It's a conspiracy of silence, not only for the person who is suffering, but for everyone else who's forced to interact with that person. That's why they call this a family disease";

- **Own the problem** "I am an addict. I'll always be an addict. But I'm an addict in recovery. I count my days. It's one day at a time."; and then

- **Proceed** to get professional help.

Q: From whose near-identical addiction pain and consequences can you and I learn, to avoid such pain and death?

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](http://www.GetEgoHelpNow.org).

## Champion Game Plan for Life

by Preston Brown

### “PERCEPTION IS EVERYTHING”

1 Samuel 17:45 says, David said to Goliath, “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defiled.”

It has been said that “perception is everything.” So, the way we see things will affect the way that we react to them. For example, what do you do when you are faced with a situation that appears to be too much for you to handle and everything looks like a “giant”? But if we believe in the power of God, we should know that there is no problem too big for God. When we look at this scripture, we

can read for ourselves that Goliath was a Giant Problem that someone had to deal with. According to the text, Goliath had been defiling the entire Israelite Army for 40 days. But the worst thing of all was that they put up with it. No one was willing to challenge Goliath until David came along. You see David didn't look at Goliath the same way that these soldiers looked at him. David had a different perspective of the situation and he realized that the “battle” was in God's hands and not in the hands of a shepherd with a rock and a slingshot. And this message is for all of us, when we are facing difficult times. We need to know where our help comes from. So many times we allow the devil to expose our weaknesses in such a way that we are unaware of



the strength that we have. I believe our strength comes from the wisdom that we get from God. I heard someone say that “everyone else looked at Goliath and said he's too big to kill,” but David looked at Goliath and said “he's too big to miss.” You see perception is everything ... Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters. And make sure you purchase a copy of my book--“A Champion Game Plan For Life” at amazon.com.

## The Valley Weekly Calendar of Events

### August 22

Speaker:  
Kim Caudle Lewis, CEO  
PROJECTXYZ, Inc.  
Alabama A&M University  
College of Business  
and Public Affairs - Clyde  
Foster Auditorium  
5:30 p.m.

### August 24

Back 2 School Revival  
Oakwood University  
Church  
Back 2 School Revival  
Oakwood University  
Church

Musical Guest:  
Anthony Brown and Group  
Therapy - 11 a.m.

“Ergonomic Gardening”  
*Healthy Gardening Posture  
& How to Plant Your Seeds  
Injury Free*  
Huntsville Botanical Garden  
Non-Members, \$5  
1-2:30 p.m.

### September 1

14th Annual Caribbean  
Day at the Park  
Stoner Field Park  
3715 Bragg Street NW

Huntsville, Ala.  
11 a.m.-7 p.m.  
(256) 361-9745

### September 2

Labor Day

### September 4

People Powered Fair Maps  
Tele Town Hall Meeting  
2 p.m. and 5 p.m.  
<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/9102504223989902859>

### September 13

256 Day Celebration



**BIRTHDAY - AUGUST 23 - DR. JAMES SHOBER - Dr. James Shober was born in Winston Salem, North Carolina, in 1853. He became the first Black physician to practice in the state of North Carolina.**

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# Valley Deaths

## - Nelms Memorial Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MRS. EDNA B. FLETCHER (b. 1936) will be Saturday, August 24, at 2 p.m. at Phillips Tabernacle Primitive Baptist Church (930 Balch Road ~ Madison, Ala.).

A memorial service was held Saturday, August 17, for MRS. WILLIE M. DRAPER ELLIOTT (b. 1924) at Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral service for RET. 1SG DELBERT ANDERSON COTTON (b. 1940) was held Friday, August 16, at Valhalla Funeral Home with Elder Dennis Green officiating.

Funeral service for MS. LORINE NANCE (b. 1949) was held Tuesday, August 13, at Little Flock Primitive Baptist Church with Elder Dennis Green officiating.

## - Royal Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MS. KAREN LYNNE DAVIS (b. 1965) will be 12:00 noon, Friday, August 23, at the Northwest Church of Christ (5008 Pulaski Pike NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Brother Timmy T. Smith officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. SUSIE MAE POWERS AKINS (b. 1943) was held Wednesday, August 21, at Saint John African Methodist Episcopal Church (229 Church Street NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Maurice Wright officiating.

Funeral service MRS. MARY S. PONDS (b. 1934) was held Sunday, August 18, at the Main Post Chapel (4580 Scales Avenue, Columbia, S.C.). Mrs. Ponds is the mother of Mrs. Sandy (Ronald) Watkins of Harvest, Ala.

Funeral service for MRS. JAMES ETTA LEWIS (b. 1956) was held Saturday, August 17, at Saint Paul United Methodist Church (620 Sixth Street Madison, Ala.) with Dr. Tiwirai Kufarimai officiating.

Memorial service for MR. JEFFERY JEROME MCGHEE (b. 1957) was held Saturday, August 17, at the Royal Chapel of Memories (4315 Oakwood Avenue NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Bishop Ava Farr officiating.

## - Serenity Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MR. ROBERT "RAW HIDE" MATTHEWS (b. 1948) will be held on Saturday, August 24, at 1 p.m. at St. James P.B. Church located at 1093 Fairbanks Street Huntsville, Ala. with Pastor Richard Malone officiating.

Funeral service for MS. RENITA WILLIAMS (b. 1972) were held Monday, August 19, at the Serenity Funeral Home, 2505 University Drive, NW, Huntsville, Ala.

# Many Life Tips for the Fall Can Be Gained from Military

(BPT) - Seeking tips on how to handle a stressful industry?

Ashley and Andy Williams of HGTV's "Flip or Flop Fort Worth" are well acquainted with stressful work. The two military veterans, who were stationed overseas in Baghdad, are now running a real estate business in Texas.

"There are few things more demanding than the rigors and demands of the military, and there always seems to be more responsibilities than time or resources, but nonetheless, the job needs to get done," said Andy. "Those are the exact skills that we use in our current role as designers, real estate entrepreneurs, veteran advocates and parents."

The Williamses offer the following tips, gained from their military background and real estate experience:

1) Start with supplies: "Most days in our family start early and end late," Ashley said. "The key to managing it all is like how we operated in the military - remaining organized, well-supplied and strategic. Whether we're researching a new project, designing one of our completed homes or running around with the kids, we always ensure we are well-supplied with healthy snacks like almonds."

2) Organization is optimal: "In addition to being well-supplied, organization is key. We take the time needed to make sure our kids have their taekwondo uniforms or sports gear packed (depending on which day of the week it is). We also properly coordinate our daily schedules," said Andy. "As our day-to-day is constantly changing, we must be



prepared for the inevitable business opportunity or impromptu project demand. Whether it is a project manager or contractor calling for an on-the-spot decision, or a supplier texting us during our morning runs - flexibility and adaptability are requirements for staying on-schedule and keeping each real estate and design project

on target and under budget."

3) Strategic snacking: "Lastly, we must remain strategic in what we're doing and where we're placing our energy," Ashley said. "Being able to mentally focus on each decision and task, as well as having the physical energy to move at a frantic pace, is paramount. It's not uncommon for us to leave a

meeting in Dallas and have a call scheduled during our 40-minute drive to pick up the kids, and then on to the next event. During a day like that, which is most days, there is no stopping for lunch. This is where our weekly meal planning must be on point. It is also why in between calls in the car or waiting for our next appointment, we always make time to power up with almonds, which are a convenient, portable snack to have handy on-the-go."

Efficiency and productivity are a way of life for Ashley and Andy. "It's not just what we do - it is who we are," said Ashley. "It allows us to be successful, happy and continue to thrive in our fast-paced lives as parents and real estate entrepreneurs."



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## Ribbon Cutting Held for AAMU's Thigpen Hall

Former female residents of Thigpen Hall on the Alabama A&M University campus were able to participate August 19 in a ribbon cutting ceremony observing the building's many improvements and features.

In 1936, Placidia Emily Thigpen, a graduate of Hampton Institute and the University of Iowa, became Supervisor of Education at AAMU.

She was named Dean of Women at AAMU in 1944, and she served in that capacity until 1951.

Thigpen was a "profound believer in tradition and symbolism ... and was the epitome of dignity at all times."

## Huntsville City Council Meetings



Huntsville City Council's regular meetings are held in the City Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. Council work sessions are also held in the Chambers of the Municipal Building on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. People can sign up for notices of Council meetings and special sessions online at <https://signup.e2ma.net/signup/1825550/1780821/>

For more information, call (256) 427-5011.

## Called Preach

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

### Aver or Averted

Acts 1:6, 8, 11

In the stated verses, we see both Jesus and the two men in white apparel giving instructions to the disciples. Those instructions are still just as relevant for modern day disciples. First of all, they were told by Jesus to receive the unction of the Holy Spirit. Jesus promised and promoted the Spirit as the One who would come and give power that supernaturally transforms His disciples into witnesses that have been subpoenaed to fill the world with the Good News; that is, to aver, or declare, that Good News.

The two men in white apparel had the task of helping the disciples to realize the urgency of what they had

The disciples asked, "Will You at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?" Jesus corrected them by telling them to trust the Father who controls both times and seasons. Wanting prayers answered in a certain way at a certain time can produce disappointment when God does not answer according



to that desire. The enemy is a master at using disappointment to avert the saints from passionately proclaiming the position and power of the

One who sits on the throne where He rules and will one day return. In the meantime, let's not be averted, let's be an averrer of the Gospel.

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# FMBC to Host 139th Anniversary

First Missionary Baptist Church (FMBC) in Huntsville, Alabama invites all of its present and past members, visitors and friends to celebrate of its 139th Church Anniversary and Homecoming on August 25, with the theme "From Generation to Generation: Singing a Continuous Song



## FMBC

**First Missionary Baptist Church**

of Praise."

The guest preacher will be The Reverend Dr. J. Lawrence Turner, pastor of the Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church in Memphis, Tenn. The worship times are 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. with Sunday School

FMBC church family.

For more information, please visit our website at [www.fmbc.org](http://www.fmbc.org) or call the church office at (256) 852-4318.

beginning at 9:45 a.m.

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Alabama A&M University's popular Beyond Normal Lecture Series will feature former NFL quarterback Michael Vick, who played 13 seasons, mostly for the Atlanta Falcons and Philadel-

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