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"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest." - Benjamin Franklin

PLANNERS: Growth Won't Nab Quality of Life

Now that Huntsville has captured the top spot as the state municipality with the largest population in Alabama at 215,006 inhabitants, as seemingly unbound growth continues, a few may begin to worry about quality of life.

A recent report by HuntsvilleAL.gov's Adam Smith suggests that city planners have things well under control. According to Smith's Aug 20 article, "Much of the City's blue-

print for smart growth is outlined in *The BIG Picture*, a comprehensive master plan developed by

are outlined within the plan's principles and policies, including alternative transportation modes and mixed-use development."

In other words, although planners are doing a terrific job when it comes to industry retail and residential recruitment, they are still keeping an eye on "expanding and improving existing infrastructure." For



City planners and public stakeholders. Several smart growth-centric initiatives

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AAMU Receives Its Largest Individual Gift

Alabama A&M University officials announced August 18 that an "anonymous, young alum" donated \$2.2 million. The actual gift amount totals \$2,187,518.75, which is twice reflective of the institution's founding year of 1875.

"This is the most significant and impactful gift in the history of Alabama A&M University. When

one of our very own alumni makes such a substantial investment to the institution, it serves as affirmation that the University has made significant progress and that it continues to move in the right direction," said President Andrew Hugine, Jr.

The gift represents the largest donation from an individual and/or alum to AAMU in its almost cen-

tury and a half of existence.

"This gift is personal to me," said the donor. "This is my university, and it has afforded me opportunities beyond what I could have ever imagined ... I challenge [other alumni] to do the same. In return, I do not want any recognition or anything named after me, because 'Service Is Sovereignty.'"

Scouts to Host Whitney Young Awards Banquet

Scouts BSA is sponsoring the Annual Whitney M. Young Awards Banquet Friday, August 27, 6 p.m., at the Jackson Center, 6001 Moquin Drive, Cummings Research Park. The banquet is a major program of the Scouts BSA ScoutReach Program and is designed primarily to recognize prominent scouting supporters and community leaders in the Northern Area of the Greater Alabama Council. Several citizens of Madison and adjacent counties will be recognized at the Banquet.

This year's guest speaker is General Edward M. Daly, 20th Commanding General of the U.S. Army Materiel Command (AMC). General Daly assumed command of the AMC July 2, 2020. He served three years as the Deputy Commanding General of AMC in his previous assignment and managed the day-to-day operations of the Army's logistics enterprise. In addition, he served as the Senior Commander of Redstone Arsenal, Alabama.

Gen. Edward M. Daly to Speak

General Daly was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Ordnance Corps upon his graduation from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1987. He earned Master's Degrees in Business Administration from Gonzaga University, and in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College.

His awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meri-



torious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement

Medal, Combat Action Badge, and Parachutist Badge.

The Whitney M. Young Awards program banquet is open to the public. Tickets and tables are available. For additional information, contact Scouts Service Center, 2211 Drake Avenue SW., Huntsville, Ala., at (256) 883-7071.

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Washington in One Minute



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

1) **ON THE FLOOR.** The Senate is not in session. The House returned Monday to vote on the \$3.5 trillion FY 2022 federal budget resolution that was passed by the Senate 2 weeks ago, as well as the John Lewis Voting Rights Act and 12 bills on the Suspension Calendar.

2) **THE WHITE HOUSE.** The President canceled a planned weekend in Delaware, staying at the White House to focus on the situation in Afghanistan, where the Administration announced that as of Saturday the U.S. had evacuated 17,000 people within the past week (and on Sunday, Secretary of State Blinken added another 8,000 to the tally within a span of 24 hours). On Sunday, the Defense Department activated the Civil Reserve Air Fleet and requested that U.S. commercial airlines supply 18 aircraft to transport U.S. and Afghan personnel from temporary havens and interim staging bases (and will not fly into Kabul).

According to Politico, a tent city is being erected at New Jersey's Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, one of several U.S. bases Pentagon officials are looking at to receive Afghan refugees. This week, Vice President Harris is visiting Singapore and Vietnam on her 2nd official overseas trip, and on Friday will stop in San Francisco for an event in support of California Governor Gavin Newsom, who is facing a Sept. 14 recall vote.

On Thursday, the President will host a meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennet at the White House.

3) **PFIZER VACCINE APPROVAL.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) granted full licensure for the Pfizer-BioNTech Covid 2-dose vaccine Monday for people 16 years and older, which was the first Covid vaccine to gain full approval.

According to The New York Times, the approval is expected to pave the way for a series of vaccination requirements by public and private organizations who were awaiting final regulatory action before putting in effect mandates.

The Pentagon this month said it planned to make Covid vaccinations mandatory for the country's 1.3 million active-duty troops no later than the middle of September, or sooner if the FDA acts earlier. Once it obtains the approval, Pfizer is planning to quickly ask the FDA to approve a 3rd dose as a booster shot.

The Biden administration on last Wednesday announced that fully vaccinated adults should prepare to get booster shots 8 months after they received their second doses, beginning Sept. 20. Pfizer is expected to finish submitting data that it says shows a third shot is safe and effective this week. Regulators are still reviewing Moderna's application for full approval for its vaccine and a decision could come in the next few weeks.

4) **AFGHANISTAN HEARINGS.** Last week, House Foreign

Affairs Committee Chair Gregory Meeks (D-NY) invited Secretary of State Blinken and Secretary of Defense Austin to testify at a hearing as early as this week to apprise Congress of the situation unfolding in Afghanistan. In the Senate, Senate Intelligence Committee Chair Mark Warner (D-VA) intends to hold hearings on why the U.S. wasn't better prepared for the sudden collapse of the Afghan government.

5) **CLOSED BORDER EXTENSION.** Last Friday, the Department of Homeland Security extended the closure of its land borders with Canada and Mexico to non-essential travel until at least Sept. 21. The U.S. has continued to extend the restrictions on Canada and Mexico on a monthly basis since March 2020, when they were imposed to address the spread of Covid. Canada opened its border to the U.S. for vaccinated persons in July.

The U.S. land border restrictions do not bar U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents from returning to the United States.

6) **EVICTIION BAN.** Last Friday, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit declined to block the Biden Administration's new eviction moratorium – announced by the Centers for Disease Control on Aug. 3 – in a case brought by the National Association of Realtors, which then immediately petitioned the U.S. Supreme Court to block the ban. Chief Justice John Roberts gave the Biden Administration until noon Monday to respond.

The high court, in a 5-4 decision on June 29, allowed the previous eviction moratorium to continue until its expiration July 31, but Justice Brett Kavanaugh — the deciding vote on sparing the ban — warned in his concurring opinion that the CDC had gone beyond its

legal power and that the ban's imminent expiration was what motivated him to let it stand temporarily.

7) **EDUCATION.** On Sunday, Education Secretary Miguel Cardona reiterated that the Biden Administration will support school districts that oppose their states' anti-mask mandates and that they do not have to get the green light from their governors to use federal coronavirus aid.

Secretary Cardona also stood firm on using the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights to investigate policies like rules barring mask mandates.

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CHAMPION GAME PLAN

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"GETTING YOUR PASSION BACK"

In Psalms 51:10, David writes: "Create in me a pure heart and renew a steadfast spirit in me."

Do you still have passion for what God has called you to do?

No matter what your position is, we all need passion, because if you have a real passion for something you will continue to do it, no matter what your circumstance may be.

Now, even the best can lose their passion if they don't practice the purpose that God has for their life.

For example, when David ran to the battle lines to defeat the mighty Goliath, he had passion. But a decade later, when he was in the "palace," he had lost his passion.

Remember, the bible tells us in 2 Samuel 11, "When kings normally go off to war, David stayed home." And, while he was

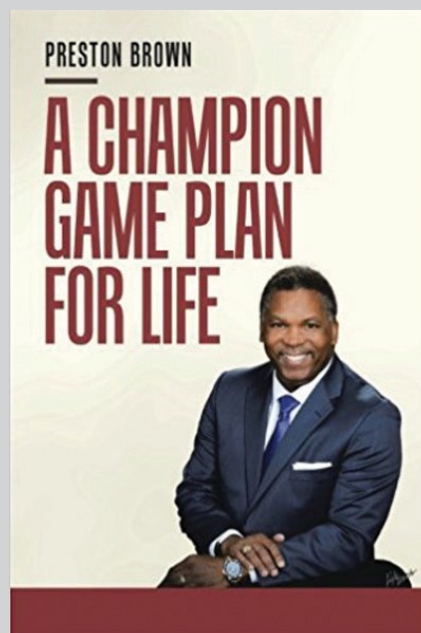
at home, he got in trouble with Bathsheba. After going through all of that drama, David needed his passion back.

So, when David wrote the 51st psalm, he was confessing to God that he had a pure passion when he first started, but now he had allowed some things to come into his life that had taken his passion away.

You know, it is important for us to realize that we may have to walk away from some things to get our passion back and rediscover the purpose that God has for our lives ... Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters.



Make sure you purchase your copy of my book "A Champion Game Plan For Life" at amazon.com



AKAs Present Over \$1.5 Million to HBCUs

Local members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, recently presented AAMU with a \$50,000 financial endowment. The endowment is part of the sorority's nationwide effort to support historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs).

In partnership with the AKA Educational Advancement Foundation, the Sorority has presented unrestricted endowment funds to HBCUs across the country, totaling \$1.6 Million (<https://www.diverseeducation.com/news-roundup/article/15113592/aka-sorority-contributes-16-million-to-hbcus>).

The AKA Educational Advancement Foundation presented unrestricted endowment funds in the amount of \$50,000 to the following HBCUs: Alabama A&M University, Alabama State University,

Bethune-Cookman University, Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science, Claflin University, Clark Atlanta University, Clinton College, Florida A&M University, Hampton University, Howard University, Interdenominational Theological Center, Jackson State University, Johnson C. Smith University, Meharry Medical College, Morehouse College, Morehouse School of Medicine, Morgan State University, Morris College, North Carolina A&T State University, Prairie View A&M University, Simmons College of Kentucky, Southwestern Christian College, Spelman College, Texas Southern University, Tuskegee University, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, University of the District of Columbia, University of the Virgin Islands, Virginia State

University, Virginia Union University, Winston-Salem State University, and Xavier University of Louisiana. Receiving endowments of \$12,500 were Bishop State Community College, Coahoma Community College, and Shorter College.

(Pictured l-r) Dr. Cheryl Davis, president, Epsilon Gamma Omega Chapter; Valencia Wilson, member, Gamma Mu Chapter; Dr. Archie Tucker, vice president, Marketing, Communication and Advancement; RaeVin Johnson, Gamma Mu Chapter president; Dr. Andrew Hugine, Jr.; Tonneshia M. Lewis, president, Rho Chi Omega Chapter (Madison, Ala.); and Kim Davis, grants coordinator/interim director of development, Marketing, Communication and Advancement.



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A New Generation Of Service

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

- Nelson Mandela

Tips for Easing the Transition to In-Person Back-to-School Days

(BPT) - As most working American parents and students prepare to return to in-person work and school, after a year plus of remote work and virtual learning, it begs the question for parents: How prepared are you to handle not only back to school, but also back to after school?

The impact felt from COVID-19 - whether it was a change in family dynamics of a parent or caretaker's health, employment status or housing situation - were profound. This past year, youth were faced with limited peer and leader interactions due to virtual schooling, restricted extracurricular opportunities and minimal socialization.

According to a survey conducted by Boys & Girls Clubs of America, 75% of parents report that after-school time actually causes as much or more stress than in-school time. On top of that, layer the emotional impact of COVID-19 and it makes for a nerve-wracking start to the school year.

As we look to return to in-person learning, it's imperative that we understand the social and emotional development associated with the 2021-2022 school year. Boys & Girls Clubs of America, an expert in youth development, is determined to send kids and teens back to school better than ever and offers these tips to help take the stress out of back-to-school season for parents this year.

Emphasize the importance of emotional

development. Thanks to a multi-year partnership with Kohl's, Boys & Girls Clubs of America is implementing programming at Clubs nationwide to promote and empower social and emotional development. After a stressful school day, kids and teens need mentors and trusted adults they can turn to in order to feel supported and better learn to cope with any challenges that may have come up during the day. Working parents aren't always readily available right after school to talk to their child, so utilizing affordable after-school programs can alleviate stress for parents, knowing their child is with trained, trusted adults and mentors.

Create a safe space. Each day 11 million children and teens leave school with no place to go, increasing their risk of being unsupervised, unguided and unsafe in communities across the country, according to a 2014 Afterschool Alliance study. And, since juvenile crime escalates during the hours of 3-7 p.m. according to the U.S. Department of Justice, parents have cause for concern about how their children spend their time during these critical hours. Parents can stay focused at work and have peace of mind that their kids are safe and on a path to success when they know their child has arrangements for supervised, after-school care with trustworthy adult leaders.

Get active, get healthy.



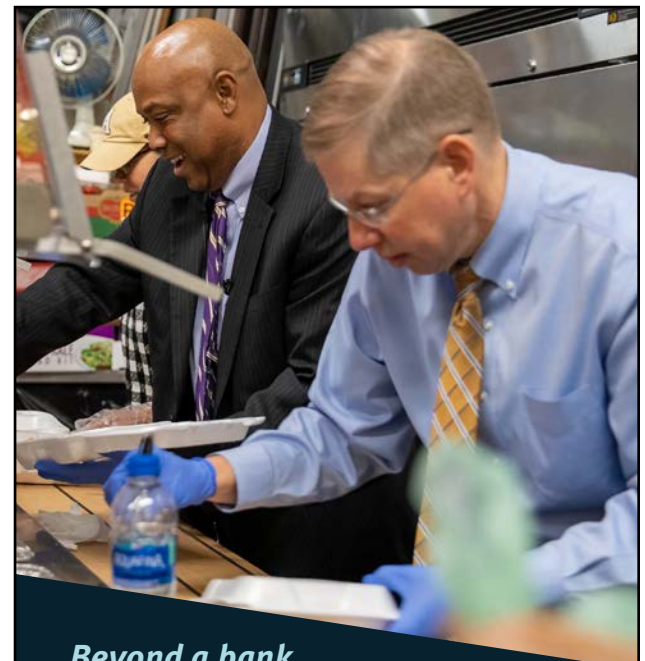
Increased screen time, more snacking and fewer outdoor activities among kids and teens became prevalent during the pandemic. In 2017-2018, obesity affected 14.4 million children and adolescents between the ages of two to 19 years old, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Fast forward to 2021 and pediatricians aren't yet clear on how the pandemic has influenced the prevalence of obesity among kids. However, many note they've seen an increase in body mass index (BMI) among children. Physical activity and nutrition education are paramount now more than ever. After-school time offers the chance for young people to take part in sports and fitness activities that not only burn off pent-up energy but allow youth to build their self-esteem, reduce anxiety and learn good sportsmanship. Also, having kids help with snack or dinner preparation not only offers an extra hand in the kitchen but also teaches healthy cooking and eating habits.

Plan for consistent homework time. The pandemic-related learning loss is a huge stress for many parents. As parents and their children prepare to catch up after a year of virtual learning, keeping up with homework is a priority. According to Boys & Girls Clubs of America's survey, nearly 60% of parents find it difficult to ensure their children are on a path to a successful school year. By making and sticking to a plan for how and when to tackle homework each day, parents and kids can make the most of after-school time. Whether it's at home with support from a parent or guardian, at a tutoring facility or at a community organization with academic programming, such as a local Boys & Girls Club, setting aside a specific time and place for homework will avoid headaches for parents and children alike.

Focus on safe socializing. After more than a year of virtual learning, children and teens are itching to be with their friends again. Alternatively, some may

also have some social anxiety when it comes to larger group settings. Either way, after-school time provides an opportunity for youth to interact with friends, build relationships, reengage with peer relationships and work on their social skills. Ensure your kids and teens have a balanced after-school routine that consists of time spent working on academics and time with friends.

Boys & Girls Clubs of America developed these tips based on the successful programs offered at their 4,700+ Clubs nationwide and supported by national partners like Kohl's. However, any parent or caregiver looking to help their kids during the transition from virtual to in-person learning is encouraged to use these insights as a guide for a successful back-to-school season.



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Perspectives on
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Current News

by tim allston

Lessons Learned from The Rise and Fall of Andrew Cuomo - the "Democrats' Donald Trump" (Part 1 of 2)

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo's August 10th resignation illustrates that how we can rise also becomes how we can fall.

Leadership often emerges from finding a void and filling it. In the earliest stages of the U.S. COVID-19 crisis, Trump's administration fumbled its responses. Cuomo then led a group of five governors in responding immediately. This saved thousands of American lives.

Cuomo's 111 daily press briefings were worldwide must-see TV. He received an International Emmy Founder's Award. Crown Publishing Group paid him a \$5M advance for authoring *American Crisis: Leadership Lessons from the COVID-19*.

New York State, the nation's first COVID-19 epicenter, showed early recovering strides with public health protections for such vulnerable populations as the elderly. That "Matilda Bill" executive order Cuomo named after New York's former First Lady, his 88-year old mother.

Operationally, Cuomo was flanked by three female public servants: Attorney General Letitia James, Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul, and his longtime top aide Ms. Melissa DeRosa - the state's silver-mettle leaders for this national silver-mettle leader! Cuomo became the Crisis Communicator-in-Chief for many Americans - including me.

Yes, I sipped the "Cuomo Kool-Aid"

My research for my e/p/aBook *U.S. Coronavirus Crisis and The Rise of the Silver-Mettle Leaders* led me to identify six Cuomo characteristics parallel to Jesus Christ, <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B08JR5TDQJ>. And, yes, at one point, that book's first draft cover featured Cuomo leading those five governors.

But What Happened?

How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! Isaiah 14:12

In this passage, Isaiah introduced Lucifer-turned-Satan. Before God fired and evicted him from heaven, Lucifer had been heaven's top angel and its minister of music - that is, during the morning of his career.

In the morning of the U.S. coronavirus crisis, the failed White House response allowed Andrew Cuomo to seize the national spotlight. and led states' governors (the country's silver-mettle leaders) in saving thousands of lives, . . .

. . . And yet both Cuomo's rise and fall hold valuable take-aways for each of us today.

(Next Week: Part 2 of 2, The Fall)

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OAKWOOD WELLNESS DAY: During this year's New Student Wellness Day, Oakwood University students participated in free biometric screenings of blood pressure, BMI, Hemoglobin A1C, and lipid profiles. A similar Health Fair for returning students and employees was held a week later. All University safety mandates were followed to ensure safety. In addition to receiving their preliminary biometric screening results, students also received customized t-shirts, hats, masks, STANDOUT® principles educational literature, and healthy snacks. In a few weeks, participants will receive a free complete "health transcript" of their health status, and personal biometric results will be available for all who were screened.

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Spiritual Pragmatism Without Pride

Philippians 2:12-13

A pragmatist is defined as a person who takes a practical approach to problems and is concerned primarily with the success or failure of his or her actions. Given that, it is safe to say that the Apostle Paul was indeed a pragmatist. All his epistles

are filled with exhortations that require *spiritual pragmatism*. He did not deal with abstract theories about spirituality and as the definition states he was *concerned primarily with the success or failure of his actions*. When he wrote to the Philippian church, he spoke of the importance of being obedient (spiritual

pragmatism), especially during his absence. This is what he meant when he said, “*work out (not for) your own salvation.*” This is how the sin of *pride* slips into the door. There are far too many who be-

lieve that they are working for their salvation and are proud of their accomplishments. This is how Paul put an end to that. First he said that salvation is to be worked out in “fear and trembling.” Then comes

the ‘pride slayer,’ “*For it is God who works in both the desire and the power to that which pleases Him.*” That eliminates pride altogether because it is all God. As the hymnwriter wrote, “*Nothing*” in my

hand I bring, simply to His cross I cling.” Every believer is called to be a *spiritual pragmatist*. Paul gives us the perfect balance between the *necessity of pragmatism and the negation of pride*.



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September 3

ROTC Golf Tournament
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Rosetta James Foundation "Spotlight on Our Elders" ... Featuring

Mrs. Maureen Davis Cathey

Mrs. Maureen Horton Davis Cathey has been making her impact on the Tennessee Valley community for decades. The personification of pause and grace, she has maintained a youthful spirit that is still a welcome presence among family, friends and the community at large.

For numerous years that encompassed generations of Alabama A&M University students, faculty and staff, Mrs. Cathey served her beloved Alabama A&M University as a supervisor of student accounting in the Business Office. Her illustrious decades of service to mankind also covers some 19 years as a phenomenal volunteer at the information desk at Huntsville Hospital. For some 12 years she served in the children's department in

the then-popular Parisian store located in former Madison Square Mall.

Mrs. Cathey has been affiliated with several local associations and organizations, including the Alabama A&M University National Alumni Association; charter member, Gamma Mu Chapter (1949), Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; treasurer, Progressive Homemakers Club; and Grammateus (Recording Secretary) Epsilon Gamma Omega Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., (Gold Soror, 71 years). Moreover, Mrs. Cathey is a steadfast member of Lakeside United Methodist Church, where she has attended and served for some 79 years.

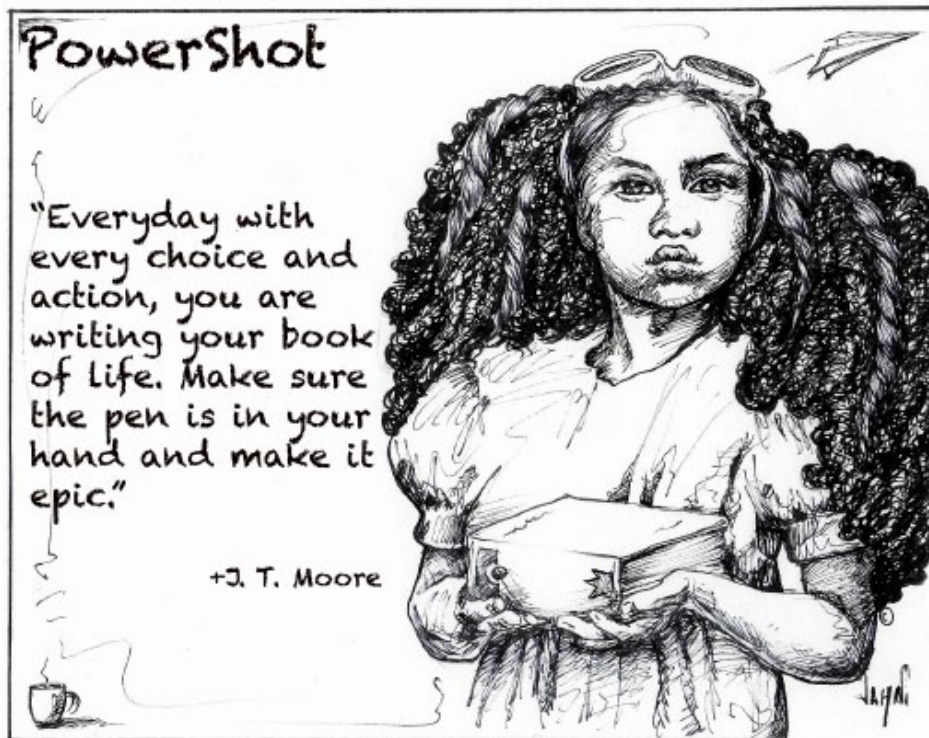
She has been tirelessly involved in several ministries at Lakeside, including the Finance



Committee; the Women's Society of Christian Service; and member, Henry Binford Jordan Circle.

She is the mother of five: Jerry A. Davis III of Huntsville, Ala., Maurice Davis of Knoxville, Tenn.; Donza Cathey Friende of Winston-Salem, N.C.; the late Cynthia Lynne Davis of Huntsville, Ala.; and the late actor Reginald E. Cathey, Jr., of New York City.

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Graveside service for MINISTER SALLIE R. SALES (b. 1950) was held Saturday, August 21, at Faith Memorial Park (8100 Highway 20 West, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor "TK" Tiwarai Kufarimai officiating.

Graveside service for MR. JOHN "Woot" WASHINGTON, JR., (b. 1952) was held Saturday, August 21, at the Berkley Community Cemetery.

Funeral service for MS. CATINA DOUGLAS (b. 1958) was held Saturday, August 21, at Gamble Funeral Home (1311 South Liberty Street, Hopkinsville, Ky.) with Rev. Norris Mills officiating.

Graveside service for MR. DENNIS JAMES SANDERS (b. 1962) was held Friday, August 13, at Valley View Memorial Gardens.

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Graveside service for MR. BENJAMIN RAY "Ben Ray" HARRELL (b. 1947) was held Wednesday, August 25, at Valhalla Memory Garden (698 Winchester Road, Huntsville, Ala.) with Rev. Dr. Oscar Montgomery officiating.

Graveside service for MRS. ELIZABETH SMITH (b. 1934) will be held Saturday, April 28, at Valhalla Memory Gardens (698 Winchester Road, Huntsville, Ala.) with Dr. H. Wendell Thompson.

Funeral service for MR. MAURICE HAMPTON (b. 1956) was held Saturday, August 21, at Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Church (6378 Pulaski Pike NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Dr. Bobby Hampton.

Funeral service was held for MRS. WILLIE MAE BURNEY (b. 1918) was held Saturday, August 21, at Saint Mark Baptist Church (6475 Moores Mill Road, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Jeremiah Chester officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. FRANCES MAE GREEN (b. 1946) was held Thursday, August 19, at the Round Island Creek Mission Center (13829 Lucas Ferry Road, Athens, Ala.) with Pastor Tavaris Townsend officiating.

Graveside service for MR. BILLY BERNARD POWERS (b. 1959) was held Monday, August 16, at the Valhalla Memory Gardens, 698 Winchester Road, Huntsville, Ala., with Dr. Floyd Rogers officiating.

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Graveside service for MS. MARY COLLIER (b. 1950) was held Wednesday, August 18, at Berkley Cemetery in Gurley, Ala.

Funeral service for MS. NAKIAH JAMESON JIMERSON (b. 2000) was held Sunday, August 22, at Serenity Funeral Home.



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