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*- Pope Francis*

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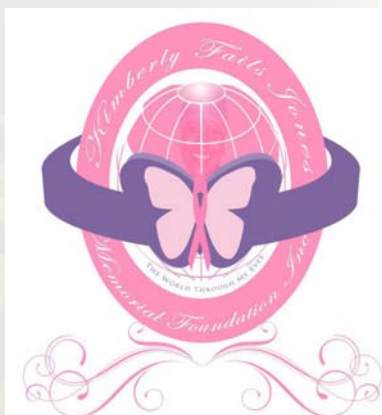
Friday, October 2, 2015

## 5th Annual Celebration of Breast Cancer Survivors Event Scheduled

The 5th Annual Celebration of Breast Cancer Survivors Event will be held Friday, October 9, at the Huntsville Marriott at 7 p.m. The program will honor breast cancer and other cancer survivors.

A very good evening has been planned by the Kimberly Fails Jones Memorial Foundation. The community is invited to attend and to enjoy the festivities, as well as join in the celebration of survivors. Their activity will include a guest speaker, entertainment, food and vendors.

The Kimberly Fails Jones (KFJ) Memorial Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that



provides services and support to breast cancer patients in financial need in the Huntsville and surrounding areas. It offers general medical guidance, assistance

with obtaining medical equipment and access to a list of local resources for personal assistance.

KFJ also offers educational services and programs that promote cancer awareness and preventative measures. The KFJ Foundation operates by a Board of Directors and is funded by community and corporate donations.

Individuals interested in tickets should call (256) 852-2311 for additional information or visit the website at [www.kfjfoundation.com](http://www.kfjfoundation.com). Kimberly's father, William D. Fails is president of the KFJ Memorial Foundation.



**IMPACT:** Bryant Bank recently presented a \$25,000 check to the UAH Rise School. The gift will be used to help fund a future infant/toddler outdoor play area. Pictured (l-r, standing) Robert Altenkirch (UAH President), Beth Quick (Dean COE), and bank officers Ken Watson (President), Chris Lindsey (Senior Vice President) and Mike Johnston (Commercial Banking Officer).

## Focusing on the **CAN** in Cancer

*"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."*

~Philippians 4:13

Receiving the life altering news that you have cancer, regardless to the type, can be one of the worst kinds of news one can receive. Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in women, after lung cancer, with gender and age being the most common risk factors.

The American Cancer society predicts that approximately 1 in 8 U.S. women (about 12 %) will develop breast cancer during the course of her lifetime. Unfortunately, 231,840 women and 2,350 men are estimated to have their lives shat-

tered with the diagnosis of breast cancer in 2015.

To God is the glory! I am a two-time breast cancer survivor and have been cancer-free for 14 years. Being a survivor of breast cancer conjures up an array of emotions, including fear of it recurring, joy, relief, heartfelt gratitude, a heightened sense of purpose and an overwhelming sense of responsibility to live each day to the fullest.

Since there is no sure way to prevent breast cancer, we can focus on strategies to reduce the risk. Such as diet and weight control, exercise, genetic testing and developing a positive "I CAN" attitude. In the

words of Charles Swindoll, "life is 10% of what happens to us and 90% of how we react to it." Hence, if you think you can beat breast cancer, and believe in a God who says all things are possible, if you believe, then you have a fighting chance to do so.

I am thriving after breast cancer because I chose to focus on what I could do as I endured the trials and tribulations of the devastating reality. Following are some ways to stay focused on the CAN in cancer.

1. Develop an "I can" attitude. As a valuable American, I can conquer breast cancer.
2. Pray without ceasing that God will bless you to triumph over this

terrible malady.

3. Study God's Holy word regularly and obey His commands. Proverbs 3:5-6 offers comforting assurance that I can trust in and lean on Almighty God. Without His strength, I just could not grasp how I could get breast cancer the second time, when I had struggled with it already, as well as a form of muscular dystrophy since age 19.
4. Learn all you can about breast cancer and your treatment regimen.
5. Ask your medical team to explain anything you do not understand.
6. Read inspirational stories and books.
7. Establish a strong support system.

Surround yourself with positive, optimistic family and friends whose love, nurturance and care will not only boost you emotionally, but encourage you to keep on keeping on.

8. Deal with the present. Keep things in perspective and take things as they come.
9. Reach out and help someone else. It's amazing how good it feels when you lend a helping hand and bring a smile to someone's face.
10. Don't give up. Instead, look up to God from whom all our help comes.

Written by  
Dr. Margaret J. Kelly



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# From the Editor

## Homecoming 2015!

So, I missed homecoming this year. On top of that, I missed my 40th high school class reunion in July. Yes, I planned to return and 'hang-out' with classmates from high school and college. Days before the high school reunion, Bill had a medical procedure and his recovery was longer than expected. Last fall, I committed to conducting a program

evaluation in Central Ohio, Bill and I committed to visiting our 89-year-old mother, and to attend the release of Wil Haygood's new biography on Thurgood Marshall, "Showdown!" Stuff happens, commitments are made and priorities change. Sometimes we just can't make it happen as planned. My elders used to say, "It beez that way sometimes."

So, I write this editorial from Ohio--a homecoming for me. After leaving AAMU in 1979, I moved to Columbus to attend graduate school at Ohio State University; ended up staying there after graduating the next year to pursue a doctorate. During my studies, I met Bill at a local church. We started dating in February '81, he proposed to marry in June, and we actually married in December. So, I missed one homecoming to go to another.

When my Aunt Catherine Willis and former Ohio Wesleyan University Upward Bound student Monnette Glason discovered that we were coming to Columbus, they started the e-mail, text and social media 'thing' on FaceBook. On Monday, we will have a 'homecoming' get-together with alumni of the OWU Upward Bound program that I directed from 1984 to 1988. So, in a few days, we will have visited with Mom Huston and Richard, who is Bill's only sibling, Aunt Catherine, some of my former students, along with *Washington Post* writer and author Wil Haygood and friends. The book release will be held at the MLKing Arts Complex, and it will be dedicated to one of Bill's childhood friends, Michael Coleman, the Mayor of Columbus. At one time, Michael's father was Bill's physician, and his mother worked with Dad Huston. Ah, homecoming!

In route to Columbus, we had the wonderful opportunity to stop in Cincinnati to see my great-nephew, Miles Jackson, play some football at Mason High School. Miles is the son of my nephew and his wife, Guido and Kara Harris Jackson. Had a brief 'homecoming' with their family, including our former pastor and his wife, Dr. Forrest and Jackie Harris--the Nashville connection. Guido is a graduate of AAMU, so all of us missed that homecoming.

Prior to leaving, we were able to visit with my great-neice, Justis McKinney, and four of her friends from Tennessee State University, who came down on Friday afternoon for homecoming! Justis grew up in Huntsville with her grandmother, my sister Mary, and finished high school in Atlanta, where her mother lives. She always wanted to attend TSU and that's what she did. Last year, she was on the TSU homecoming court as Miss Freshman and this year she is a representative to the Student Government. Ah, homecoming!

I stayed up some last week, primarily watching Pope Francis on TV. How scintillating! I have said in the past, "the more we get together, the happier we'll be." As a former academic, I have been taking notes. More to come from those notes when I have time to "get it together."

So, best wishes to everyone I missed at Homecoming and to everyone who missed me.

Until next week ...



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*Dorothy*



# Huntsville Happenings

by Gary T. Whitley, Jr.



*Huntsville Alphas Gather to Celebrate the 94th Birthday of Living Legend, Dr. Henry Bradford, Jr.*

The brothers of the Delta Theta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, gathered recently to celebrate the 94th birthday of the last living chapter charter member, Dr.

Henry Bradford, Jr. Celebrating his 94th birthday on Saturday, September 19th, Dr. Bradford shared Sunday dinner with his Alpha brothers at his fa-



vorite Sunday dinner restaurant, Landry's Seafood.

After nearly seven decades of leadership, service, and dedication to the uplifting of humanity, Dr. Bradford is still actively serving in the Huntsville community. Brought to Huntsville in the fall of 1947 to serve as Chair of the Music Department at Alabama A&M, with his lovely bride, Mrs. Nell Lane Bradford, he also served as professor of music, university chaplain, and pastor of Church Street CPCA; all positions to which he has been awarded emeritus status.

Dr. Bradford, along with 12 other Alpha brothers who were distinguished in their various professions and prominent members in the local Huntsville community, founded the Delta Theta Lambda Chapter in Huntsville for col-

lege alumni and the Delta Gamma chapter at Alabama A&M (College) University for matriculating undergraduate students on April 13, 1948.

"Dr. Bradford has served has one of the finest representations of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity as he established the gold standard

for success and par-excellence for all to follow," says Mr. Robert H. Drake, President, Delta Theta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated. In the community, Dr. Bradford has served on the Board of Directors for Harris Home for Children, and still serves on the board for the North Alabama Center for Educational Excellence. Lauded with numerous awards, accolades, honors, recognitions, and citations for his many decades of public service, Dr. Bradford is a recipient of the Rosetta James Foundation "Honoring Our Elder's" Award.

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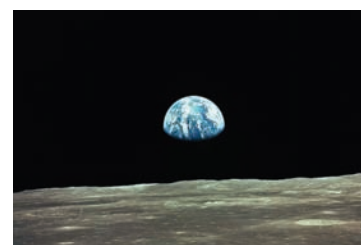
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Nowadays, TV is also using its platform which reaches millions of viewers to bring awareness to social issues and injustices. When your business or product reaches a broad audience, it's best that you use that platform to improve society and the lives of others.

TV isn't just entertaining and

informing, it is also enlightening. It's shedding light on issues such as diversity, discrimination, gay rights, incarceration injustices, police brutality, sexism, racism, and more. Issues that have been silenced, ignored, shamed and overlooked are now being brought to the lights, camera, and action.

Most times success comes with a platform or the ability to address social concerns and charitable causes that you support. TV definitely has a large platform with "96.7% of American households owning a television set," according to Nielsen. Although content has surely changed throughout the years, television is still used today to entertain, educate, inform and enlighten.

by Amoi Savage

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Well, the Huntsville Metro Track Club (HMTTC) will be sponsoring a bus to the Magic City Classic from Huntsville, Ala., on October 31. HMTTC will leave Huntsville at 10 a.m. from the parking lot of the At Home Store (formerly K-Mart) parking lot on North Parkway. HMTTC will return immediately after the game is over.

The bus will drop passengers at the East Gate entry to Legion Field, where they can immediately enter the stadium entrance, and it will pick them up at the same place. Ticket prices are \$40 round-trip. Passengers must purchase their own tickets to the game. The deadline for purchasing tickets is October 6, 2015.

Interested individuals can send cash, check or money orders to Huntsville Metro Track Club, 119 Maverick Drive, Harvest, AL 35749.

For more information, contact Dr. Joseph Henderson, head coach, at josephshenderson7@gmail.com, (256) 683-5648 or contact assistant coach Melissa Brabson, melissabrabson4@gmail.com or call at (865) 386-7448.



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## First SDA Inspirational Choir to Observe 40th

The First SDA Church Inspirational Choir under the direction of Cleveland T. Wilson, invite the community to experience an amazing weekend as the Choir celebrates its 40th anniversary. The celebration begins on Thursday, October 22, with the Black Tie Gala. Tickets for the gala are \$35, and tables can be reserved and purchased. The celebration continues with a night full of praise and worship on Saturday, October 24, at 6:30 p.m. at the

First Seventh-day Church, 1303 Evangel Drive. Current and former choir members will sing the songs that the choir has sung over the past 40 years. The concert is free of charge. Don't miss out on these wonderful, once in a lifetime events.

For more information about the event or to purchase tickets for the gala, please visit [www.40yearsofInspiration.com](http://www.40yearsofInspiration.com) or contact Productions by Danita Jones at (256) 812-1689.

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# Calendar of Events

## October 2

Concerts on the Dock  
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Lowe Mill, 6-9 p.m.

## October 3

Annual Health and Wellness Fair  
Alabama A&M University  
Elmore Building

## October 4

Huntsville Feminist Chorus  
(Free)  
Huntsville Public Library  
2 p.m.

## October 9

Concerts on the Dock  
Fall Series (Free)  
Lowe Mill, 6-9 p.m.

## October 24

Second Harvest Banquet

Sponsor: Lakeside UM Church  
Speaker: Rev. Donald F. Smith,  
Center Grove UM Church  
Tickets, \$40; (256) 536-9400  
(Transportation provided from  
church)

Ernest Knight Center/AAMU  
6 p.m.

## October 28

3rd Annual Community Health

Fair  
Millet Activity Center  
Oakwood University  
11 a.m.-3 p.m.

## October 31

Walk to Defeat ALS  
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technology  
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lowing the walk*  
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## GHS Site of City's Master Plan Open House

Grissom High School of Huntsville is relocating in 2016, creating a once-in-a-generation opportunity to create a "town center" for South Huntsville.

What are the best uses for the existing building and grounds?

Join the BIG Picture and the City of Huntsville on October

13 at 6 p.m. in the Grissom High School cafeteria for an open house, where the current plans for the school property will be available.

Watch future online newsletters and the BIG Picture website for more information..

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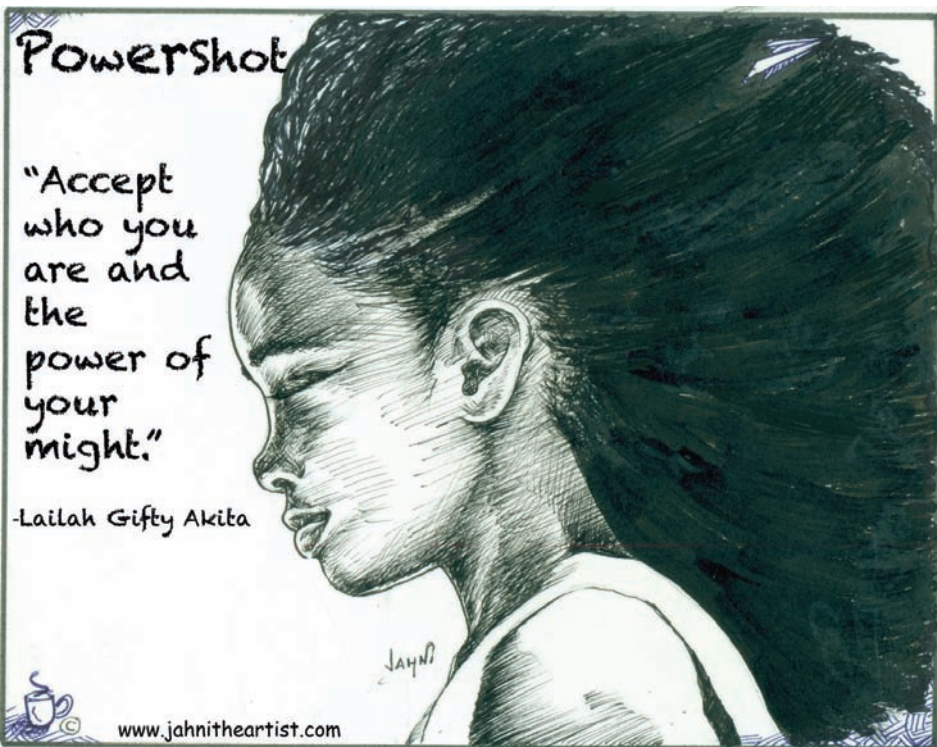
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## Chamber's Annual Outting at Ditto Landing



The Chamber's Annual Outting was held on September 22 at Ditto Landing. It was a great networking event designed to celebrate Space and Defense community relationships.

The gathering featured an evening of fresh, Gulf seafood, live music and fel-

lowship on the banks of the Tennessee River.

More than 300 government agency leaders and staff, community business and elected leaders attended.



## Attorney to Address Extension Aging Conference

The Alabama Cooperative Extension System's Urban Affairs and New Nontraditional Programs unit at Alabama A&M University will host its 14th Successful Aging Initiative in Madison County on Thursday, October 8, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. The event will be held at Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, 315 Winchester Road in Huntsville. The theme this year is "PLAN!"

The featured conference speaker is Attorney Cassandra Adams, director of the Cumberland Law School Community Mediation Center and Public Interest Programs. The Center provides free and confidential mediation services, while the Public Interest Programs develop and coordinate pro bono and public interest activities such as free senior citizen legal clinics, general assistance legal clinics, and

other community service activities.

The Successful Aging Initiative is a free one-day conference that is open to the public and designed to address issues impacting Alabama's Baby Boomers and older adults. Participants obtain easy-to-understand information and resources that enable them to make informed decisions, to maintain independence, to play active roles in society, and to improve their quality of life. Older adults and family members, caregivers, and individuals who serve seniors should plan to attend.

A hot lunch will be provided in addition to free health screenings, door prizes, and other giveaways. Visit [www.aces.edu/urban](http://www.aces.edu/urban) to register by Friday, October 2. Group registration is highly encouraged. For more info, call (256) 372-4947.

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## Washington in 60 Seconds

1. **GOV'T SHUTDOWN MORE LIKELY.** Attempts at compromise on the defunding of Planned Parenthood appeared to founder last week, with GOP conservatives rejecting the idea of using a budget reconciliation bill to strip \$528 million in federal funds from the organization (and thereby keeping the controversial language out of the temporary funding bill to keep the federal government open thru December 2015). President Obama has vowed to veto any bill that defunds the group, making the chances of a federal government shutdown on October 1 increasingly likely. The House passed a stand-alone bill on Friday, which would impose a 1-year moratorium on all federal funding for Planned Parenthood, while the organization's activities are investigated.

### 2. IRAN NUCLEAR DEAL

**SURVIVES ANOTHER VOTE.** On Friday, the Senate for the 2nd time failed to break the filibuster on a resolution to cancel the President's Iran Nuclear Deal on a vote of 56 yeas to 42 nays (60 votes were needed).

3. **SHORT CONGRESSIONAL WEEK.** The Yom Kippur holiday combined with the visit of Pope Francis to Washington – including his address to a Joint Meeting of Congress on last Thursday at 9:45 a.m. – insured that the week would be a light legislative week. The Senate returns to consideration of a bill to prohibit abortions after 20 weeks and to require diligent care to save the life of a baby born alive during an abortion. The House will take up a bill to streamline the environmental review and permitting process to limit the review to 4.5 years and a 180-day window to file suit.

4. **THE PRESIDENT AND THE POPE.** On Wednesday at 9:15 a.m., President Obama hosted a welcoming ceremony for Pope Francis on the South Lawn of the White House.

5. **SMART CITIES INITIATIVE.** President Obama announced a new "Smart Cities" Initiative that will invest over \$160 million in federal research and leverage more than 25 new technology collaborations to help local communities tackle key challenges, such as reducing traffic congestion, fighting crime, fostering economic growth, managing the effects of a changing climate, and improving the delivery of city services. Read more here: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2015/09/14/fact-sheet-administration-announces-new-smart-cities-initiative-help>.

5. **2016 PRESIDENTIAL WATCH.** Wednesday's 3-hour GOP Debate averaged 23.1 million viewers, making it the most-watched program in CNN's history. It had slightly lower ratings than Fox's 2-hour debate 1 month ago, which averaged 24 million viewers.  
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