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"It is one of the blessings of this world that few people see visions and dream dreams."
- Zora Neale Hurston

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VICTORY: Alabama A&M University Head Football Coach Connell Maynor, his family, University officials, and Magic City Classic sponsors celebrate the Bulldogs' impressive 27-10 win over the Montgomery-based Hornets of Alabama State University. The gridiron victory was the culmination of a week-long series of events that included a choral contest, STEM event, kickoff luncheon, sponsor receptions, team luncheon, text contest, concerts and phenomenal tailgating. See more images from the Classic week on Page 3. (Photos by Jerome Saintjones)

AAMU Hosting High School and Community College Day

Alabama A&M University will hold its High School & Community College Day 2018 on Saturday, November 10, at the T.M. Elmore Building on the AAMU campus, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

The activity will offer onsite acceptance, campus tours and scholarships, choir and band auditions, as well as free lunch and admission to the Bulldog football game.

Entertainment will be provided by the Marching Maroon and White Band, and several Greek-letter organizations will perform in a much-anticipated step show.

Community college students attending must provide an unofficial copy of transcript at the November 10 check-in.

For additional information, visit www.aamu.edu or call the Office of Admissions at (256) 372-5245.

HIA Plans Diwali 2018

Huntsville India Association (HIA) is pleased to announce the biggest and most exciting event of the year – Diwali 2018, on Saturday, November 17, in the auditorium of Columbia High School in Huntsville from 4-8 p.m.

This year's theme is "Happy Diwali!" HIA has formed "a wonderful blend of performances, ranging from dances, skits to musical performances and more," according to organizers.

The cultural event will start at 4 p.m. followed by dinner. The program is expected to end at approximately 6 p.m.

Tickets: HIA Members: Adults - \$10, Children (Ages 7 and below) - \$5; non-members: Adults - \$15, Children (Ages 7 and below) - \$10; Children 2 and under: Free.

For more information, visit [Facebook.com/HuntsvilleIndiaAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/HuntsvilleIndiaAssociation) or hiaweb.org.



Deltas, MOW Target Hunger

The Huntsville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and Meals on Wheels are joining forces to strengthen and sustain the Valley community.

In an effort to eliminate food insecurity among senior citizens, the Deltas and Meals on Wheels will participate in a live remote broadcast on WHRP-FM 94.1.

The groups will join on-air radio personality Toni Ter-

rell on Saturday, December 1, at the Huntsville/Madison County Senior Center, located at 2200 Drake Avenue, SW, Huntsville, Ala., from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

The Delta effort is another way local organizations are working together to ensure that "no senior goes hunger."

Valley residents are also being encouraged to "Rise Up" to alleviate hunger among the elderly.



Fellowship Presbyterian to Celebrate 58th Anniversary

Rev. Dr. Sandra M. Coleman, presiding elder, Birmingham District, North Alabama Conference, Alabama-Florida, Episcopal District African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, will speak during the 58th Anniversary

Celebration of Fellowship Presbyterian Church USA. The event will be held on Sunday, November 11, at 10 a.m. Rev. Gregory J. Bentley serves as pastor.

Family Movie Night will be Friday, Nov. 10, at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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Champion Game Plan for Life

by Preston Brown

Philippians 4:19 says, "And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus."

You know, I believe when God speaks of meeting needs, it is not about material needs, or the need to be prosperous. I believe that when God meets our needs, it is designed to direct us toward his good and perfect will for our lives. I also believe that God will meet our needs with a need. In other words, when I felt the need to be comforted, God met that need by providing me with someone that needed comforting. When I felt the need for prayer, God met that need by



providing me with someone that I needed to pray for. And, when I was standing in the need of a blessing, God met that need by providing me with someone that I could be a blessing to.

You see, God is in the business of meeting needs with needs. Everything that He does is designed to meet our needs. But so often we have the wrong expectations for having our needs met. And, perhaps it's because our motivations are all wrong. For example, when we expect our needs to be supplied by "worldly" resources, we will always come up short. It will rob you of your joy because you "expected" God to bless you. But I heard

someone say that "when our joy is low, entitlement is high." It comes from not thanking God for what we already have.

God knows our "real needs." They come from a heart that wants to please God. They don't come from the desires of this world. So once we get our hearts right, that will affect our motivation for whatever needs that we want God to supply ... Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters.

Also, make sure you purchase my book "A Champion Game Plan For Life" at amazon.com or BarnesandNobles.com This will make an excellent "stocking stuffer" for Christmas ... Order yours today! See me on Youtube: <https://youtu.be/he22vsMHxhA>

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC CITY OF HUNTSVILLE

The City of Huntsville's Community Development Department will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, November 19, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. to receive input for the 2019 Action Plan Program Year (7/1/18 to 6/30/19). The meeting will be held at the Showers Center, 4600 Blue Spring Road, Huntsville, AL 35810. The City of Huntsville does not discriminate on the basis of 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.



The Fellowship of Faith



Church Anniversary

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Sunday, November 4th
8am - Madison Campus - 132 Maple St.
10am - Huntsville Campus - 3703 N. Memorial Pkwy
Featuring Guest Speaker - Pastor Eric Johnson
Galilee Baptist Church - Louisville, KY



Tuesday, November 6th @ 7:00pm
Madison Campus - 132 Maple St.
Featuring Guest Speaker
Pastor Larry Davidson
Hopewell M. B. Church - New Market, AL



Wednesday, November 7th @ 6:30pm
Huntsville Campus - 3703 N. Memorial Pkwy
Featuring Guest Speaker - Bishop Daniel Richardson
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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 19 novembre 2018, en 6:00 P.M. para recibir la entrada para el plan 2019 de acción programe el año (7/1/18 a 6/30/19). La reunión se tiendra au centre de douches, 4600 Blue Spring Road Huntsville, AL 35810. 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.



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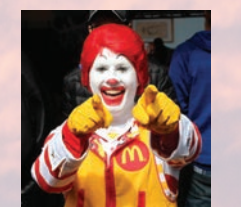
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Saturday, October 25-27, 2018
Birmingham, Alabama



The Valley Weekly Calendar of Events

November 1-4

"The Wall That Heals"
Replica of Vietnam Veterans Memorial
Huntsville, Ala.

November 4

Church CPCA Anniversary Service at 9:30 a.m.;
Guest Preacher:
Reverend Chantaye Knotts,
Staff Minister for Christian Education and Discipleship Training at First Missionary Baptist Church Church
Dedication Service at 2:00 p.m.;
Special Guest Church:
Madkins Chapel CPCA Family, Guest Preacher:
Reverend Endia J. Scruggs.

November 6

General Election
VOTE!

November 10

High School Senior Day
Alabama A&M University
T.M. Elmore Building
8 a.m.

Alabama A&M vs. Grambling Football Game
Louis Crews Stadium
1 p.m.

November 13

Alabama A&M Women's Basketball vs. Tennessee State
Elmore Gymnasium
11 a.m.

Jamal's Helping Hands, Inc., to Hold Event

Jamal's Helping Hands, Inc., will host a brunch to raise funds in support of its mission. The First Annual Celebration of Caretakers will be held Saturday, December 8, 2018, at the DoubleTree Suites by Hilton, 6000 Memorial

Parkway South, SW, Huntsville, Ala. Persons may support this cause by giving individually, as a group or becoming a corporate sponsor. Donations can be made by visiting the website www.jamalshelpinghands.org or by mail. (Checks

should be made payable to Jamal's Helping Hands, Inc., P.O. Box 554, Madison, AL 35758).

For inclusion in the program, all sponsorships to include payments, must be received no later than December 1, 2018.

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.

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

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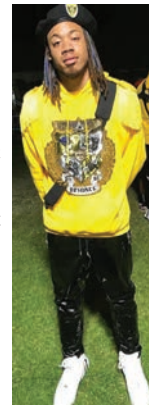
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MATTHEW ASHRAF: Former HBCU Student Talks Performing with Beyoncé, School and Making Music

by Reggie Allen



Matthew Ashraf had no idea that he would participate in 2018's most talked about concert. He was just doing his job.

Ashraf, 26, is a member of Drumline Live, an international touring company modeled after the aesthetic of Historically Black Colleges and University marching bands. At some point, the music director of a then anonymous singer approached CEO Don P. Roberts, seeking performers for an undisclosed event. Accustomed to the hustle and bustle of things, Ashraf didn't think anything of it. A job was a job.

"It was kind of [a] 'Hey, you're musicians, show up and take care of the gig like professionals like we always do,'" Ashraf explained.

The mystery artist? Beyoncé Giselle Knowles-Carter. The undisclosed location? Indio, California.

Last April, the 36-year-old made history as the first black woman to headline the Coachella Music Festival. Initially scheduled to perform the two-weekend hurrah in 2017, she dropped out after announcing that she was pregnant with twins.

Days prior to the concert, close sources reported that the singer hired over 100 performers for her historic set, leaving fans to wonder what she had up her sleeve. The multi-Grammy winner didn't disappoint, bringing out husband Jay Z, sister Solange and a brief reunion of Destiny's Child. The first of the two performances were streamed on YouTube for those unable to afford the steep ticket and airfare to the Golden State.

It's one thing to watch it from the comfort of your couch. Heck, it's even one thing to have been in the audience. But, how does it feel when you get to perform onstage alongside Queen Bey?

"It doesn't hit you until you see the artist playing the music,"

said Ashraf. "It doesn't really hit you there. Somebody can tell you that, but you don't start feeling it until you [actually] see or meet the artist or start playing the music. Seeing the show come together, that's when it really hits you."

The two-hour performance, which fans cleverly dubbed Beychella, featured a full-blown homage to the rich culture of HBCUs. Backed by a marching band, the performance was filled with everything from an energetic dance line to an onstage neophyte presentation.

For Ashraf, the historical set hit a soft spot. It brought back memories from his days at Alabama A&M University, where he performed in the school's Maroon and White marching band. But he wasn't alone. The performance featured droves of students from Florida A&M, North Carolina A&T, Prairie View A&M and other prominent HBCUs.

"A lot of the things that we've done before were part of the show and we even had some input on some things," Ashraf said. "It was very authentic, because we are all from HBCUs. We all came together and collectively created the show."

Growing up in a religious household of singers, the Georgia native discovered his love of music through song. However, it was joining the school band that exposed him to some of his favorite genres of music, including jazz.

"Being in the marching band was great," Ashraf said of his time at the HBCU. "When I joined the marching band in high school, I wasn't ever really planning on going to college and marching, so it was like going into a marching band with 200-plus people and constantly traveling weekly, getting to see the country and then as a younger kid. It was amazing experience."

Now a student at Georgia State,

the multi-faceted artist isn't in any rush to walk across the stage. Instead, Ashraf admitted that he's enjoying the college experience in conjunction with his tenure with Drumline Live.

Outside of touring, the 26-year-old works in Atlanta as singer, songwriter and producer under the moniker Mayday Muse. After leaving AAMU, he used the ample free time to hone his craft-- making music. A jack-of-all-trades, Ashraf said he finds joy in not just creating music, but helping others. He hopes to one day open a studio for creatives to thrive.

As an artist, he's still making music with a few secret projects in the works. Like many, working with Queen Bey had an after effect on his work ethic. Despite the "reported" 11-hour rehearsals, Ashraf has nothing but respect for the "Crazy in Love" artist's hustle. He even said that he could take a note or two from her level of hard work.

"I learned a lot from just being around her team," said Ashraf. "Hvver work ethic is amazing, it's so involved and very, very inspiring to see how much detail goes into these productions. Just be very thorough with your work, and it'll show. This show to me, not because I was in or even if I wasn't in it, was her best show and I think most of the world agrees, so it shows you just how hard she and her team actually work."

For the aspiring singer, he's only looking up. The once-in-a-lifetime experience is just a cultivation of his work, and he's hoping that there's more to come.

"It's all levels and moving up upwards. It started with me singing as a kid to performing with Beyoncé."

Valley Deaths

Valhalla Funeral Home and Memory Gardens

Funeral service for MRS. DORIS ANNETTE THOMAS WESLEY (b. 1938) will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, November 2, at The Episcopal Church of the Nativity with Rev. Dr. Basye Holland-Shuey officiating.

- Nelms Memorial Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MR. RALPH P. FORD was held Friday, October 26, at Union Hill Primitive Baptist Church with Rev. Dr. Oscar L. Montgomery officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. MILDRED TODD (b. 1930) will be held at First Seventh-day Adventist Church Friday, November 2, with Senior Pastor Debleaire Snell officiating.

Funeral service for MR. CHARLES BARNARD (b. 1945) and MRS. SHIRLEY L. DERRICK (b. 1957) will be announced at a later date.

- Royal Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MRS. BERTHA MAE BASS (b. 1949) will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, November 3, at St. Bartley Primitive Baptist Church (3020 Belafonte Avenue, Huntsville, Ala.) with Elder Mario Ford officiating.

Funeral service was held for MR. JOE WILLIE HARRIS Wednesday, October 31, at Union Hill Primitive Baptist Church (2115 Winchester Road N.W., Huntsville, Ala.) with Dr. Oscar Montgomery officiating.

Funeral service was held Tuesday, October 30, for MR. BURKS ALLEN WOODS (b. 1953) at Saint Mark Baptist Church (6475 Moores Mill Road, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Jeremiah Chester officiating.

Memorial service for MRS. JERALD S. JAMAR was held Saturday, October 27, at the New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church (2562 Bob Wade Lane, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Ricky L. Sykes officiating.

Memorial service for MRS. EDNA ROBINSON (b. 1918) was held Saturday, October 27, 2018, at the First Missionary Baptist Church (3509 Blue Spring Road, Huntsville, Ala) with Reverend G.W. Lindsey, Jr., officiating.

Funeral service MRS. GERTIS E. FORDJOUR-JOHNSON (b. 1944) was held Monday, October 22, at Burns Seventh Day Adventist Church (10125 E. Warren Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48214).

- Serenity Funeral Home -

Funeral service for BABY K'ARIYHA HONEY was held on Wednesday, October 24, at 12 p.m. at Serenity Funeral Home Chapel (2505 University Drive, NW, Huntsville, Ala.).

Funeral service for MR. MATTHEW BRIAN ADDERLEY (b. 1986) was held on Tuesday, October 16, at 11 a.m. at Oakwood University Church (5500 Adventist Blvd NW Huntsville, Ala.) with Dr. Carlton P. Byrd officiating.

TFOFC Hosts Book Signing for Healed Author

The Women's Ministry of The Fellowship of Faith Church hosted a book signing for Sister Yolanda D. Turner.

Turner's "Morning Glory" is a 52 week devotional that features bible verses and a daily study outline to aid the reader in digging deeper into God's word, along with a personal story of application from the author's own experiences.

According to Turner, after diligently pursuing God's heart, He "healed her from terminal illness, saved her

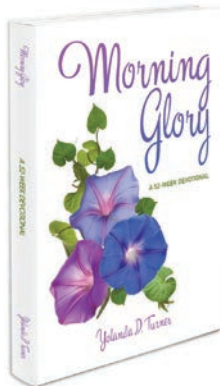
from abusive relationships and delivered her from depressing, low self-esteem, shame, rejection and betrayal."

A recent interview with Turner can be accessed at <https://youtu.be/b0K-vtTojJA>.

Interested readers can contact Sister Turner at yblala63@gmail.com, www.morning-glorydevotional.com or on amazon.com.

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by Dorothy Huston



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

The Voice, the Spirit and the Angels

Matthew 3:17 and 4:1, 6, 11; and Luke 4:14

Jesus was familiar with all three: the voice, the Spirit and the angels. After all, He was present in the beginning when God said, "Let there be." He was present as the Spirit of God "moved upon the face of the waters."

The angels' perpetual and antiphonal praise in heaven was His version of Surround Sound. It is of little wonder then that as He heard the voice of the Father say, "This is My Son in whom I am well pleased," He knew that it was the affirmation needed for what lay ahead of Him in the wilderness.

As He followed the leading of the Spirit into the wilderness for His test, He went in with affirmation, acceptance and approval already residing

in His heart. As that trilogy of tests came before Him, He was able to access the words that the Spirit had dictated to the Old Testament writers that He

quoted; and He did so with confidence and introduced with demon scattering certainty as He proclaimed: "It is written."

Then those angels that the devil tried so cleverly to disguise as simply "foot fixers" (Matthew 4:6,11), were dispatched to Him to "minister" to Him after the tests were over. He departed from that experience, Luke tells us, "in the power

of the Spirit. It is "still" written and those same three, the voice, Spirit and angels, are still available to the children of God.



Lowes Chapel United Methodist Church

Lowes Chapel United Methodist Church is seeking to fill the position of Full-Time Church Musician/Choir Director. The successful candidate must be able to read music as well as "play by ear" and direct all types of Church music. All interested candidates should submit a resume to: Pastor/Parish Relations Committee, loweschapel@yahoo.com, Lowes Chapel United Methodist Church, 460 Sanderson Street, Huntsville, AL 35805 - CLOSING DATE FOR RESUMES IS NOVEMBER 30, 2018 - For more information please contact the church at 256-895-9104



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Millennial Thought

by Josh Alex Baker

Connected But Unavailable

Success! After nearly an hour of attempting to connect to the wi-fi in my apartment, I finally saw the glorious, glowing word I had been waiting for appear across my screen: connected. As impatient as I had grown, this moment made it worth it. In all honesty, having to wait made it even more worth it. I was finally seeing the fruit of my efforts materialize.

So, you can imagine my dismay when these words followed: internet unavailable.

What?! How could this possibly be? How was I con-

nected with an internet that was unavailable? While there was no immediate resolution for this dilemma, it presented an invaluable lesson.

How many forces in our lives have we connected to that are unavailable? How many relationships have we continued for the sake of appearance or comfort? In the pursuit of living a deliberate life, we must seriously look at such interactions in which we are simply lingering.

And at a point in time, there very well might have been an existing availability. As I was connected to the wi-fi for which the internet

was unavailable, I could only reminisce on all the times it was available. While it is simply human nature to focus on what "was", we are potentially robbing ourselves of the beauty of what can be.

We must ask ourselves what possible benefit comes from connecting to unavailable sources. Sure, there is an illusion of progress. However, we are only creating a breeding ground for lack of fulfillment, complacency, and stagnation.

Today and forevermore, make the conscientious effort to connect to energies that are available. Your future life thanks you.

Native to the Valley area, Josh Alex Baker is a senior social work major at Alabama A&M University.

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