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# GRADUATE EDITION

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strength

NEHEMIAH 8:10



Springfield Chronicles

# THE STURDIVANT COLUMN



## “A Message for Tomorrow”

“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?” - Matthew 6:25-26

How often do we hear the phrase “the world as we know it has changed”? It is tossed around so often, that we rarely internalize it’s meaning. You may say, “of course the world is changing.. Time changes, and with it comes something new with every passing second”.

Graduates - I hate to deal in clichés but, the world as we know it has changed and is changing.

You are graduating at a time of great social upheaval in the world. There are wars raging around the world, tensions rising here at home, and another election looming which, for many of you, may be the first in which you are able to cast a ballot. It may seem like the deck is stacked up against you today - but I want to encourage you.

Though times are changing - God remains the same.  
Though the odds seem to be against you - the Lord will make a way.  
Though tomorrow is filled with mystery - God reins there as well.

Jesus reminds us in Matthew 6:25-34 - that we have no need to worry about what tomorrow will bring. As the lord provides for the birds of the air, and creatures of the ground - so too will he provide for you.

As you embark on this new phase of your journey, remember to keep Christ at the center. Trust in him always and He will keep you!

Congratulations!

Rev. Dr. Kevin D. Sturdivant, Senior Pastor







## January 2024

Carter Evans  
Angela Newell  
Ashlin Evans  
Heather Fairley  
Maurice Fairley Jr.  
Kathleen Merritt-Tucker

## February 2024

Toni Stewart  
Jasmine Nalls  
James Jeffries  
Rosalind Jeffries  
Devin Smith  
Denise Smith  
Skylar Scott  
Candace Holley  
Jordan Holley  
Kabriya Baldwin  
Loraine Smith

## March 2024

Casi Brown  
Ebony Allen  
Mark Allen  
LaTonya Badger

## April 2024

Shari Best  
Robert Best  
Georgia Highsmith

## June 2024

Jeffery Blango  
Allison Blango  
Arnetta Greer  
Curtis Gulley  
Coffee Brown Gardner  
Al White  
Ethel White

WELCOME HOME  
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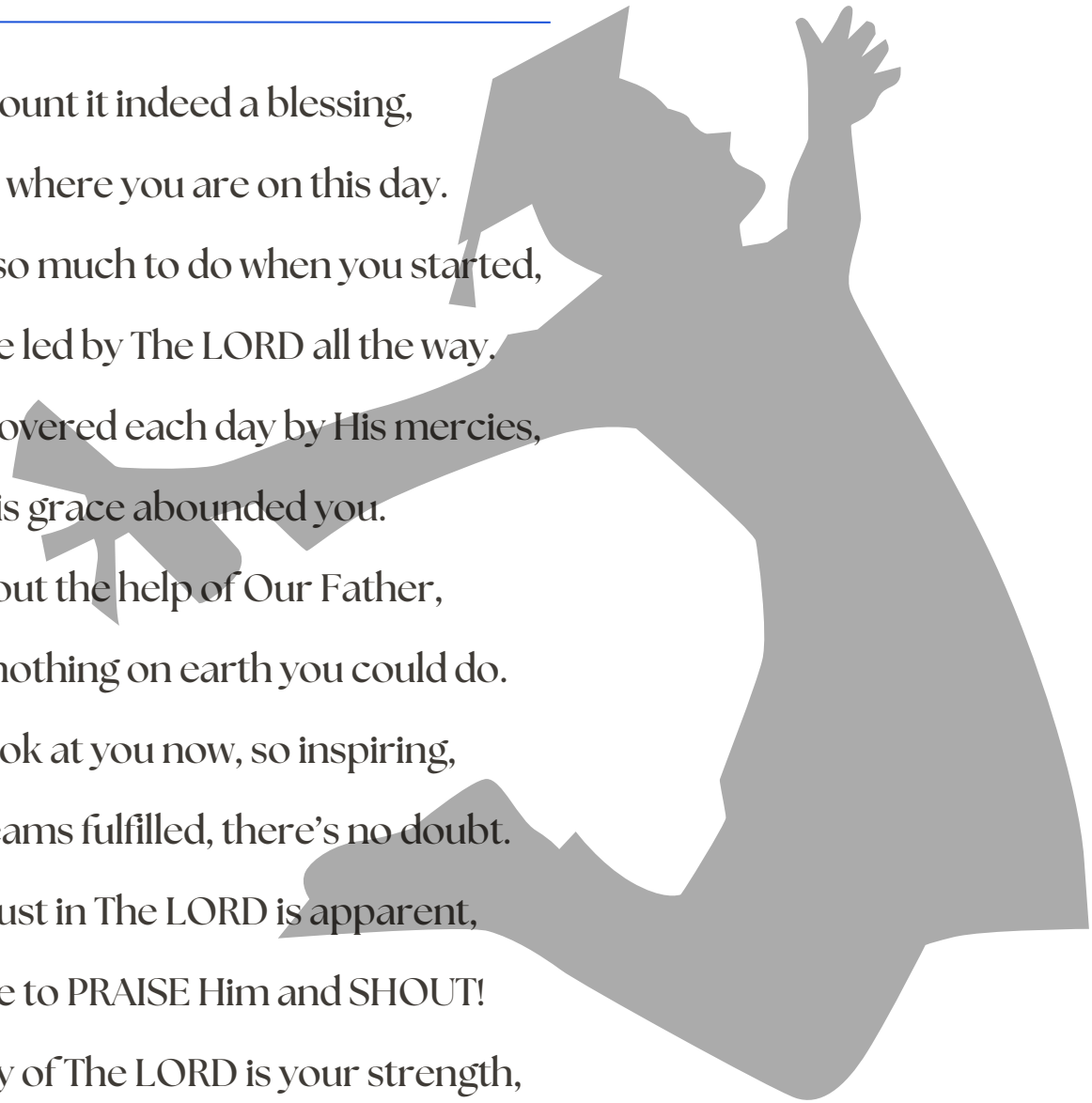


# To the Graduates

## FOR THE JOY OF THE LORD IS YOUR STRENGTH

BY JOHNNY RAY MOORE

O count it indeed a blessing,  
To be where you are on this day.  
There was so much to do when you started,  
You were led by The LORD all the way.  
You were covered each day by His mercies,  
His grace abounded you.  
Without the help of Our Father,  
There is nothing on earth you could do.  
Just look at you now, so inspiring,  
Many dreams fulfilled, there's no doubt.  
Your trust in The LORD is apparent,  
Feel free to PRAISE Him and SHOUT!  
For the joy of The LORD is your strength,  
Confess it and let it be known.  
As you journey through life in His likeness,  
Let His Light within you be shown.





## KAIYA KEYES

Kaiya graduated from Wake Women's Leadership Academy, Raleigh, NC on May 23rd. She will attend Hampton University with a full-ride academic merit scholarship and major in Finance with a minor in Mathematics. Kaiya's goal is to become a certified Actuary.

*I am most proud of: With a dual enrollment I've earned 47 credit hours in high school toward my college degree, and earned a 4.39 weighted GPA.*

**Parents:** Davon & Janelle Harris



## MORGAN MCAULEY

Morgan graduated from Hillside High School, Durham, NC on June 12th. Her plans are unknown at this time, but she is considering attending a community college or the military.

**Parent:** Patricia McAuley



## KELTON MONTAGUE JR

Kelton graduated from Wake Young Men's Leadership Academy, Raleigh, NC on May 23rd. He plans to continue his education at UNC Charlotte in Computer Science.

*I am most proud of graduating Cum Laude and being a member of the National Honors Society*

**Parents:** Kelton Montague and Ranae Tyler

**Grandparents:** Willie and Carolyn Montague



## CAMERON SMITH

Cameron graduated from Southern Wake Academy, Holly Springs NC on May 30th. He will pursue a degree in Theatre Arts and Nutrition starting at Wake Tech Community College and completing this journey at a NC university.

*I am most proud of being on the A/B honor roll my senior year for both my High school and Wake Tech courses. I participated in 3 school plays in my last 2 years of school, starred in various roles allowing me to become more expressive, creative, and operate outside my comfort zone. I achieved and maintained my 3rd Degree Black Belt in Taekwondo. With losing a parent in my sophomore year, I have tried to maintain focus and achieve goals in which my father would be proud of.*

**Parent:** Rasheda Smith





## JOSHUA STURDIVANT

Joshua graduated from Knightdale High School, Knightdale, NC on May 22nd. He will attend NC A&T in the fall majoring in Environmental Studies.

*I am most proud of Graduating Cum Laude, and receiving my Greenhand degree through FFA.*

**Parents:** Rev. Dr. Kevin Sturdivant and Rev. Tiffany Sturdivant



## ISAIAH SYKES

Isaiah graduated on June 13th, from South Garner High School, Garner, NC. He will attend University of North Carolina at Pembroke and study Computer Science.

*I am most proud of breaking a track team school record and making the A/B Honor roll.*

**Parents:** Joe and Jade Sykes

**Grandparents:** Ted and Merl Wilmore



## KATRINA TAYLOR

Katrina graduated on June 13, from South Garner High School, Garner, NC. She is going to North Carolina Agricultural and Technical University to study Journalism and Mass Communications (Multimedia Journalism) for a career as a sports commentator

*I am most proud of calling the Garner vs SG game, both basketball and football with thousands of people in attendance. And I am also most proud of getting A honor roll my senior year.*

**Parents:** Gregg and Tabitha Taylor



## BLAKE WILLIAMS

Blake graduated on June 6, from Garner Magnet High School, Garner, NC. She is applying to the nursing program at Winston Salem State University to become an aesthetic nurse, then a traveling nurse.

*I am most proud of having great parents who support all of my efforts in life. I am proud of being in the International Baccalaureate (IB) program in high school and having over 60 hours of community service hours and ending my school year with A's and B's. I am also proud of working everyday with the city of Raleigh as an after-school counselor.*

**Parents:** Warren and Antonia Davis





## ELLEN WILLIAMS

Ellen graduated on January 24, from South Garner High School, Garner, NC. She plans to study Environmental Science at NC A&T have a career in Wildlife Rehabilitation and Conservation. *I am most proud of graduating a semester early, ranked 2nd in my class with a 4.5 GPA and being one of the first women tennis players at my school to compete at the regional level.*

**Parents:** Elliott and Ashley Williams



# HIGH SCHOOL GRADS

On behalf of the children and extended family I would like to congratulate my wife, Lady T and, my son, Josh on their accomplishments. Josh, we moved here when you were going to the 8th grade and just as you were able to make friends and adjust to new surroundings, COVID hit and presented you with a completely different set of challenges. Instead of giving up, you adapted and excelled and now you are a cum laude high school graduate and a scholarship-awarded incoming freshman at A&T. We are extremely proud. Tip, when you graduated in May you put yourself on the back-burner so that Josh could be celebrated for his milestone. I want you to know we love and celebrate you too for being a twice honored Master scholar and a super dope mom and the most gifted person I know. Khara, Kris, the extended family and I are very proud of you both. Continue to go with God!!!

During her high school career Ellen has had many accomplishments as a student, athlete, and entrepreneur. We are extremely honored that God has entrusted us with this special jewel. As she prepares to continue to her journey at NC A&T in the fall, we lean into Deuteronomy 31:8. The Lord has gone before you, Ellen, and will be with you ALWAYS. There is no need to fear. Love, Dad & Mom

"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans." Proverbs 16:3 (NIV)  
Congratulations to all the recent graduates! Your hard work and dedication have brought you to this remarkable milestone. As you step into the next exciting chapter of your life, remember that the knowledge and experiences you have gained will serve as a strong foundation for your future endeavors. May your journey ahead be filled with success, happiness, and endless opportunities. The world is full of possibilities, and we cannot wait to see the incredible things you will achieve. Here is to your bright future!

*Springfield Baptist Church F & J Ministry*

The Newsletter Ministry is so proud of your hardwork and congratulate you all on your accomplishments and look forward to what God is going to do next.

*Springfield Church family has a new doctor!! We are so very proud of our son!*  
**The Madujibeyas**

Angel Olivia Mitchell has graduated, she had to overcome many challenges and obstacles. Our granddaughter always wanted to go to college, she applied 7 times to Elizabeth City University and on the 8th times the faculty said yes.

In her interview, the faculty stated that she was determined and they could not say no again. Angel entered ECSU and in the process she lost her father, they were so close and his home going she sang his favorite song. Oh did she praise God for giving her a dad. Angel had a difficult time going back to school. We prayed that God would move in her life, giving clarity, direction and a sound mine. God did what we asked and she went back to school. It was most difficult but God carried her all the way to finish line. Not only did she graduate, she graduated with honors and we were so proud of her. She is working as an intern at an attorney office. Her aspirations is to transition to NCCU for law school. Not only will

God move but he's never lost a battle, for He is able to wipe every tear away. Her mother Clareas J Allen and her grandparents (Donald & Wyoma Moses) are so proud of how God continues to keep moving in her life. Thank you Elizabeth City University for giving Angel a chance at a college degree. Go Vikings!



**Trey**, as you cherish the fruits of your hard work, I wish that success keeps following you in everything that you do. Today and always... Congratulations and Happy Graduation. We are so proud of you!  
**Mama & Dad**

Congratulations to all the recent graduates! Your hard work, dedication, and perseverance have paid off. As you step into this new chapter, may your future be filled with success, happiness, and endless possibilities. Celebrate your achievements and embrace the journey ahead!

**Personnel Ministry**



# 2024 College Grads

Jordan graduated on May 4, with a Bachelor of Arts from North Carolina State University. Her degree is in Science, Technology, and Society with concentrations in biomedicine, biology, science communication. **She is most proud of graduating Cum Laude, being Queen In You President, and Interdisciplinary Studies Ambassador.** Jordan's future plans include working for DHHS (public health) and the General Baptist Convention while applying to P.A. school.



*Jordan Byrd*



Elizabeth graduated from Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, IN with an Associate degree in Christian Ministries. Her goal is to serve the Lord all of her days.

*Elizabeth Ann Longo Galliti*

Kayla graduated on May 10th, with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree and Masters of Clinical Research from Campbell University. She is most proud of her Academy of Student Pharmacist Senior Award. Kayla's future plans is to do her PGY1 Compounding Pharmacy Residency.

**Parents: Roy, Sr. and Mara Garris**

*Kayla Garris*



Robert graduated on May 11th, with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. **He is most proud of being 2x NCAA Division I Scholar Athlete and being published in The American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics in 2022.** Robert's future short term plans are a 2-year Pharmacy Residency at UNC Medical Center and long-term plans are Specialty Pharmacy Supply Chain Consulting

**Parents: Robert and Lakeisha Gresham II**

*Robert Gresham III*



# 2024 College Grads

Jasmine graduated on May 4th, with a Masters of Social Work (MSW) from North Carolina Central University. **She is most proud of earning another degree.** Jasmine's future plans include becoming licensed.

*Jasmine Jarrett*



Taylor graduated from University of North Carolina at Charlotte, on May 11th, with a Masters of Social Work (MSW). **She is most proud of being inducted in Phi Kappa Phi.** Taylor now plans to get her PhD.

*Taylor Johnson*

Mr. Madujibeya graduated from his hospital residency in Norfolk, Virginia on June 22. He will now be work in family medicine.

**Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Madujibeya**

*Dr. Madujibeya*



Angel graduated from Elizabeth City State University, on May 4th, with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice. **She is most proud of being a member of the NC Honor Society.** Angel will now attend law school at North Carolina Central University.

**Parents: Mrs. Clareas Jacobs Allen and the Late Edward Mitchell**

**Grandparents: Mr. Donald and Mrs. Wyoma Moses**

*Angel Olivia Mitchell*



# 2024 College Grads

Kathy graduated from St Augustine University on May 4th, with a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Management. **She is most proud of graduating Summa Cum Laude.** Kathy is currently working at the Wake County Board of Elections.

*Kathy Moses*



Feyth graduated from Liberty University on May 13th, with a Master of Applied Psychology: Industrial/Organization Psychology. **She is most proud of having a 3.3 GPA.** Feyth's future plans are to start Creative Consulting & provide career readiness resources.

*Feyth Scott*

Lady Tiffany Sturdivant graduated from Saint Joseph University on May 18th, with a Master of Science in Organizational Development and Leadership degree. She intends to use her degree to expand her reach at Tiffany Sturdivant Coaching and Consulting to help support Human Resource departments, clients, and companies through coaching, training, and developing employees to reach their full potential and achieve their dreams.

*Lady Tiffany Sturdivant*



Xenia graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on May 11th, with a Bachelor of Arts in English and Comparative Literature and Communications. **She is most proud of graduating Summa Cum Laude and obtaining an internship with Macmillan Books (one of the top 5 publishing companies).** Xenia's future plans are to work as an editor of children's books and become a published author.

**Parents: Ian and Lisa Weakly**

*Xenia Weakly*



First Quarter 2024 was different ...good thing different ain't sin!

1. There is a new Chairman of the Deacon Ministry - Deacon Fred Clarke (Sis. Sharon Clarke).
2. There is a new Vice-Chairman of the Deacon Ministry - Deacon John Milner (Sis. Linda Milner).
3. There is a new Church Treasurer - Bro. Jerry Pugh
4. Sis. Cassandra Gibson preached her initial sermon and Rev. Dr. Rhonda Wright was introduced to the congregation
5. The words for worship songs grace the worship screens from time to time.
6. Deacons-In-Training: John Marshall, Orlando Dobbin, Jamiah Graham, Leo Gladney, Wade Patrick, Tramaine Young



1st Quarter 2024 was

# Different



The joy of the Lord is my strength  
Nehemiah 8:10



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## REVEREND ERIC L. WINBUSH

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### Rev. Eric L. Winbush

Reverend Eric L. Winbush, born and raised in Boston, Massachusetts, husband, father and devoted man of God who loves the Lord. He is the second oldest of six children and always referred to as his mother's "right-hand" because he was often relied upon to take charge while his parents went out to work. This led him to become a "take charge" person later on in life – both at home and on the job. He worked several jobs in various fields in Boston and later he felt that Boston did not have enough to offer him and in 1975 decided to move to New York City.

He got a job working in a NYC Police Department Training Program and worked there for several months after deciding that was not the job for him.

He took a job as a Counselor at the Department of the Aging in Harlem, NY where he assisted seniors in program enrollment, health, and recreational activities. He sometimes prayed and counseled with the seniors. They loved his jovial spirit and the time he devoted to them. He remained there for 11 years which allowed him to develop his craft in counseling and an enduring

relationship and rapport with senior citizens. With his love for sports as a young child and extra time on his hands and as a form of keeping in shape, he decided to get involved in sports at the local gym. It was then that he took a liking to the sport of Boxing which led him into becoming a professional boxer (traveling domestically and internationally). He became ranked as the #3 contender in the world in the light-heavy weight division. All of this was done part-time while working various jobs over the years.

Reverend Winbush always loved the Lord and his passion for studying the Word and spreading the Gospel drew him closer to wanting to learn and study more about God's work.

During this time of working, teaching, and training, he attended church at the invitation of a friend and co-worker and went on to become a member of the Brotherhood of the Ethiopian Coptic Orthodox Church in Harlem. After a few years, he was ordained in 1982 as an Associate Minister and became known in the boxing world of sports as the "Bible-toting boxer" because he would always have his Bible and would quote a scripture or encouraging word to others. It was then that he felt there was more in life for him to experience and accomplish on a spiritual level and a career in boxing was never his intention and was never meant to be for him. He still loved the sport but decided to start training others and focusing on the younger generation. He then met his wife Bernice and her daughter Nicole and they were married in

1985. As he grew in the ministry he came away from the part-time professional boxing and devoted more of his time to ministry, drawing closer to God and begin "fighting for the Lord" – reaching souls for Christ. He took a job working as a Court Liaison for the Department of Juvenile Justice in Harlem, NY. He worked there for several years and then landed a job as Warehouse Supervisor at Coca Cola Bottling Company in Queens, NY where he was labeled "preacher-man" and sometimes "coach". He also worked part time as an assistant basketball coach at Queensboro College in Queens, NY and at the Police Athletic League ("PAL") for their youth outreach program of Jamaica, Queens. In 1987 Reverend Winbush along with his wife Bernice and daughter Nicole discontinued their membership at the Ethiopian Coptic Orthodox Church and joined the Baptist House of Prayer under the leadership of Reverend Henry V. Harrison. He was licensed there as an Associate Minister July 28, 1987. With his love and passion for the Lord, preaching, teaching and spreading the gospel, he attended numerous seminary workshops and institutions on Christian ministry and he and his wife participated in prison ministry at the Valhalla

## Rev. Eric L. Winbush

Correction Facility in Valhalla, NY. He attended the New York School of the Bible and received a certificate of completion in 1991. On June 5, 1994, Reverend Winbush was ordained by a committee of clergy openly professing his love for the Lord and his continued commitment to God to preach, teach and spread the Word of God. During his tenure at the Baptist House of Prayer as Associate Minister, he served in many other capacities and as Catechizer in the ordination service for five newly appointed Deacons.

In January of 2019 Rev. Winbush and his wife relocated to Garner, NC after retiring from their jobs. After their 32 year membership at the Baptist House of Prayer in New York City, they joined Springfield Baptist Church in November of 2019.

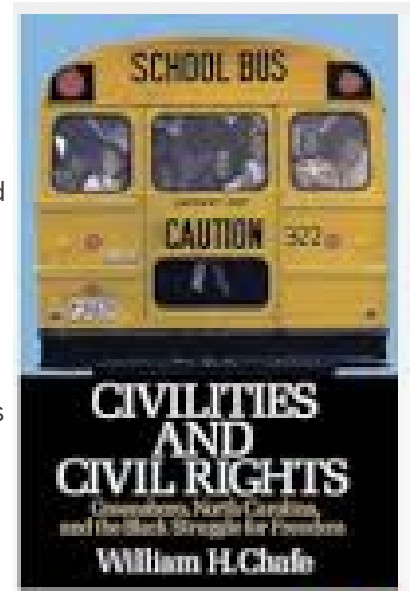
*Rev. Winbush is best known by his favorite motto "God is and I am... and I am because He is" and his famous quote of "things could better and things could be worse....but I'm thanking God for how things are.... and how things aren't." He is a man of God willing to help out in any way he can, whenever and wherever he can. His favorite scripture is Psalms 133 "Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity...."*

## Black History Among Us

Ellen Evans Phillips is a native of Greensboro, NC. The book, "Civilities and Civil Rights- Greensboro, North Carolina and the Black Struggle For Freedom"

was written in response to the unrest in our country, state and local towns in the 60's. Mrs. Dorothy Green was so tickled to see that someone she knew was a part of this book and history. And you can find Ellen Evans Phillips on page 264.

Mrs. Phillips is a retired U.S. Army. Mrs. Dorothy Green reports that Mrs. Phillips was a nurse in the military. And that is how they met because her unit used to go to Mrs. Phillips' unit to get their yearly physicals.



### **"BRING OUR PRESIDENT OUT OF EXILE"**



Ellen  
Evans  
Phillips

These two Dudley High school students, **Ellen Evans (Phillips)** and **Brenda Young** march in protest of school officials who would not permit Claude Barnes to be chosen as student body president because of his political belief. Courtesy, Greensboro Record



*Mrs. Mavis Farrar*

**Mavis Farrar** celebrated her 91st birthday this year and is still going strong. Who knew! Certainly her diligent service with the SBC Missions food distribution hasn't given her age away. The last of twelve children born to Lawrence and Maude Wray, Mavis was raised near Wake Crossroads in Raleigh, NC. She has one remaining sister who is age 93, Dorcas W. Robinson of Raleigh, NC. She graduated from DuBois High School in Wake Forest and received her Undergraduate and Graduate degrees from Virginia Union University in Richmond, VA. Mavis loves the Lord and dedicated her life to Him at an early age. After graduating from college, Mavis married her college sweetheart, Andrew Farrar. They had one daughter, Dr. Angela Farrar. Both have preceded her heavenly home-going.

Mavis remained in Virginia for more than 70 years but she never disconnected from her North Carolina family roots. She served as a public school Math teacher and Counselor for over 50 years in Virginia. She lived in Clarksville, Gretna, and Prince George, VA. Mavis served in the church with a number of ministries and most recently served at Zion Baptist Church in Petersburg, VA. She has also served in leadership positions with various community organizations in Virginia and North Carolina. One of her favorite scriptures that she tries to live by is Colossians 3:16-17.

By faith, Mavis moved back home to NC in 2020, just before the pandemic peaked. She desired to unite with a local church where she could continue to

worship, serve and grow closer to God. She began attending Springfield with her niece, Mary Yarborough. Through Pastor Sturdivant's teachings, the Lord led her to join Springfield. In March of 2021, she suffered a stroke that left her speech impaired; however, it did not affect her mind nor her desire to serve the Lord. She officially joined Springfield in July, 2022, and soon after found her place to work with the SBC Missions food distribution.

Outside of church, Mavis enjoys reading, weekly visits with family, sending cards of encouragement and watching old westerns.

*"Even though Mrs. Mavis can no longer speak, she has the energy and the strength of a 25 year old."* - Mrs. Dorothy Green

## *Congratulations Ladies!* **100 WOMEN** *in Shades of Green*

PRESENTED BY HOWELL CHAPEL CHURCH  
DAUGHTERS OF THE KINGDOM



**Carolyn Dobbin & Family**

On March 17th, Carolyn Dobbin and Tia Evans, 2 of Springfield's own were honored for their contributions in the community.



**Tia Evans & Ashlyn Evans**



# CSI CERTIFIED SAINT INTEREGATOR

*Rudolph and Jereka Berry* live in Clayton, NC. Rudolph also known as Rudy grew up in Baltimore, MD. Jereka is a native of Raleigh, NC. They have 10 children and 2 grandchildren.

Rudy and Jereka received the Right Hand of Fellowship at Springfield Baptist Church, July 23, 2023. It only took a few visits to realize that Springfield was home. Their children Skylar and Aden have since joined and are also active members.

Rudy and Jereka serve in the Couples Ministry, Food Distribution Ministry, and AJ Green Ministry. Rudy also serves in the Men's Ministry and Traffic Ministry. Jereka has served with the Women's Ministry and is a member of the Voices of Springfield.

Rudy is a tractor trailer operator and Jereka is a registered nurse. They enjoy traveling, with their favorite destination being the beach. While at home, Rudy has a love for working in the yard and Jereka has a love for plants. They both delight in cooking and listening to music.

THEIR  
FAVORITE  
SONG IS,  
"SOMETHING  
ABOUT THE  
NAME JESUS"  
PART 1 AND 2.



## RUDOLPH & JEREKA BERRY

*Their favorite scripture is Psalms 100:1-5.*

*"Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.  
Serve the LORD with gladness: Come before his  
presence with singing. Know ye that the LORD he  
is God: It is he that hath made us, and not we  
ourselves: We are his people, and the sheep of  
his pasture. Enter into his gates with  
thanksgiving, And into his courts with praise: Be  
thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the  
LORD is good: his mercy is everlasting; And his  
truth endureth to all generations."*

It was truly an unforgettable event...

REV. SANYA KING SHARES HER JOURNEY  
AND INTRODUCES A DIGNITARY

At a work event in April 2024, I had the unique opportunity to share the stage with two elected officials and the company's president for North America. These dignitaries, US Department of Energy (DOE) Secretary Jennifer Granholm and North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper, visited our office against the backdrop of the DOE unveiling its latest Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) incentives.

As part of the program, I was asked by Rich Voorberg, president, Siemens Energy, North America, to share my professional journey, which spans more than 19 years at the company. I briefly spoke about the company's growth from when I started (small and entrepreneurial in my department) to where it is today (about to break ground on its first US large power transformer facility in Charlotte, NC). The event provided an opportunity to showcase our job creation, including the Engineering Career Acceleration Program (ECAP). ECAP is an 18-month rotational program for early career engineers that I spearhead, in addition to my other responsibilities. This speech also provided a spotlight for what we're doing, related to Inclusion and Diversity, for which I am also a global lead.

It was great to share my story amongst my colleagues, dignitaries and the press. But what I was most thrilled about was introducing the US DOE Secretary Jennifer Granholm. Having followed her career for some time, I was pleased to meet her in person and invite her up to the stage. She whispered positive words in my ears as she hugged me, being elated at my introduction. She also joked to Rich, that I was coming for his job! We all laughed. It was truly an unforgettable event and a highlight of my career.



**kW ELITE REALTY**  
KELLER WILLIAMS



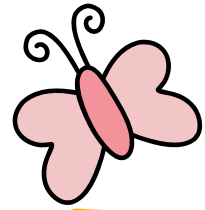
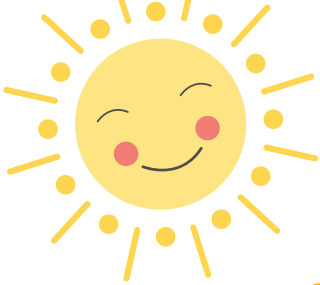
Hello, I'm

**Keysheen  
Hinton**  
REALTOR®

**Keysheen Hinton**  
MAKING DREAMS COME TRUE

Hey there! I'm Keysheen, your go-to guide in the exciting world of real estate. I am a dedicated and a passionate realtor at Keller Williams Elite Realty in North Carolina, with a passion for properties and a knack for making dreams come true.





# AND A CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM

## \* Madison Claire Neal



Who is God to you?

- Someone I can trust and won't hurt me if I do something wrong.

Why is having a relationship with Him important?

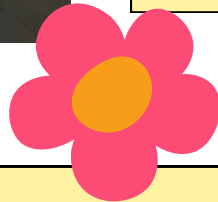
- Because I want to go to heaven, and I want Him to be proud of me for trusting Him.

How do you show others your love for God?

- I talk about Him to others.

Do you have a favorite scripture? If so, what is it and why?

- No, I don't have one yet.



*Madison is 9 years old. She is a rising 4th grader at Bugg Elementary.*

**Parents:** Monique Neal; Paul Battle

**Grandparents:** Chris and Paulette Battle  
Monica Watson; Tommy Neal Jr

## Small But Mighty







# My semester in Japan

*Xenia Weakly, pictured in Akihabara, Japan, learned through her study abroad experience that it is “all the more essential for us to learn about those who are different from ourselves.”  
(photo courtesy of Xenia Weakly)*



**Xenia  
Weakly**

I've been a member of the Springfield Baptist church for many years now. The Lord has blessed me in so many ways during my undergraduate career at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. One of which was being able to study abroad in Nagoya, Japan for the fall 2023 semester. I was approached by the Carolina Arts and Sciences Magazine to write an article about my experience and thought I'd share it with my Springfield family as well. You all have always been so supportive of me! I'd also like to give a special shout-out to the scholarship ministry who has blessed me time and time again, with their kindness and generosity. Thank you for your financial assistance and unwavering support which has enabled me to seek out opportunities like this one. Thank you to everyone who sent their love while I was abroad. And thank you to my parents Ian Weakly and Lisa LeVert Weakly who are always there for me. To God be the glory and thank you Springfield!

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When I told my friends and family I was studying abroad in Asia, their first response was often “why?” It was so far away and foreign that it seemed strange for me, a Black girl from the tiny town of Clayton, North Carolina, to want to travel there.

I had no personal connection to Asia. I was simply fascinated by the culture and customs of Japan.

**THE JOY OF THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH NEHEMIAH 8:10**

I certainly got my fair share of cultural exposure while abroad. The trains were as fast as they were punctual. The food was as delicious as it was inexpensive. Fun was everywhere all the time: Karaoke, arcades, temples, themed cafes, amusement parks. There were some aspects that admittedly took some adjustment. For such a technologically advanced country, Japan sure loves its paperwork. Political talk suddenly became taboo.

Expectations within the classroom were high, and I missed the prioritization of mental health in America.

My biggest help in navigating this unfamiliar territory? The Japanese people themselves.

Although often private, they were extremely thoughtful, considerate and hospitable. While studying at Nanzan University in Nagoya (a modest city close to Kyoto and Osaka), I took a Japanese culture class. My sensei(teacher) shed light on key aspects of the society that I struggled to understand.

During a lecture, she explained that Japan's high population and limited land mass meant that empathy became a cultural practice. From childhood, Japanese citizens are raised to always be considerate – interactions are intended to cause the least amount of inconvenience for both people. This allowed for unspoken understanding, mutual connection and smooth communication. A reflexive sensitivity to others.

I was continually fascinated by interactions with my Japanese peers and how different they were from what I was used to. Before I went abroad, I didn't think of myself as much of an American. Sure, I was a citizen, but I just happened to be born here. However, my national identity became quite clear when put into sharp contrast with others. I was a Black American, descendant of Jamaican ancestors. The way I thought, talked and interacted with the world was far from accidental. Going abroad made it clear to me just how much we are shaped by our national identities. This makes it all the more essential for us to learn about those who are different from ourselves.

This was further reinforced upon my return in speaking with the fellow Phillips Ambassadors in my cohort. Although we went to a variety of countries, something we all returned with was a deeper appreciation of our differences. There is a unique beauty in taking the time and effort to understand something beyond your bubble. Our willingness to engage with people of other cultures resulted in treasured bonds and rich relationships – its own reward.

My time abroad made me realize that I didn't need a special reason to want to go to Japan. Curiosity and a willingness to learn is more than enough. In a rapidly changing world, the only thing that remains constant are people. Reaching out – across seas, across continents, across borders – is as necessary as it is fulfilling. So the next time you find yourself asking why step outside of your comfort zone, instead ask yourself, why not? If your experience is anything like mine, you will have found it well worth the risk.

Source: [www.magazine.college.unc.edu](http://www.magazine.college.unc.edu)

APAN • JAPAN • JAPAN



# College Life

## Alexia "Lexi" Ray

Alexia "Lexi" Ray was initiated into the Psi Sigma chapter of Alpha Kappa Psi Professional Business Fraternity Inc. in the Fall of 2023. In the organization she recently became All-AKPsi Academic Team inductee for the a 2023-2024 academic year.

This prestigious team recognizes students who maintain excellence in academic standing while also making positive contributions to their campus and community.

Team members must have junior or senior full-time student status and a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher (on a 4.0 scale).



The selection process measures an applicant's ability to balance the following attributes: pursuit of a degree, development of leadership skills, interactive extracurricular participation, and sense of social responsibility.

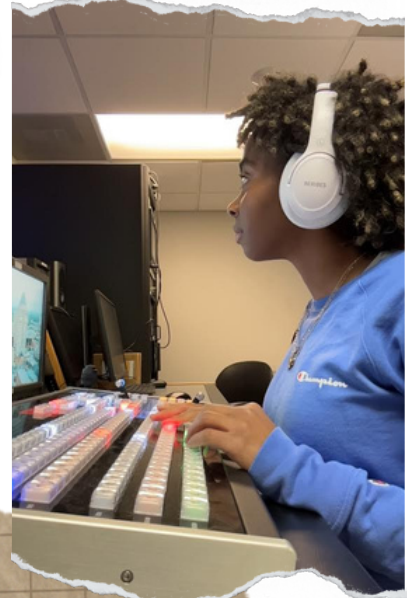
Lexi is a senior at UNC Greensboro, double majoring in Music Performance and Arts Administration. She is the daughter of Bro. Eric and Sis. Jackie Ray.

## 2024 Spotify Scholar

Congratulations to Nicole Neal, a rising junior at North Carolina A&T State University. Her financial goal is to obtain a debt-free degree in journalism.

She was recently awarded a \$10,000 scholarship and is a **2024 Spotify Scholar!**

**God is faithful!**





# LINCOLN

## BATTLE

# College Life

Battle picks up Freshman of the Year honors after posting an 18-8 overall record this season, including a 7-1 mark against league opponents. Battle, who spent the majority of the spring season at the top of the singles lineup, finished with a 16-6 record in dual matches. During the season, Battle picked up Horizon League Singles Player of the Week accolades six times, marking a league best for the year. In doubles, Battle has teamed with Devin Boyer for the entire season, owning an 18-5 overall record – with the 18 wins tied for the team lead this year and tied for ninth in the CSU Single-Season Record Book. Against league opponents the duo owns a perfect 8-0 mark, with all of their matches coming at No. 3 doubles.

Battle Named  
#HLTennis  
Freshman of the  
Year  
ITL  
(Intercollegiate  
Tennis Association)  
Rookie of the Year

Cleveland  
State 2024  
Male  
Athlete Of  
The Year!!

Battle was named the 2024  
Freshman of the Year along with  
earning a spot on the First Team  
top freshman for the entire  
Midwest Colleges

Picture courtesy of [www.csuvikings.com](http://www.csuvikings.com)



Grace Elizabeth Wyoma Jacobs has made the honor roll at NCCU, again. She works on campus and is involved with many well thought out activities that will prepare her for life and adulthood. **She is a very good granddaughter who loves to make her own way in this world.**

Grace started college at age of 17, the 1st in our family, and NCCU has done a wonderful job in keeping her on target to graduate early. She was so busy working and studying that she did not know she had made the honor roll list this past fall. Shout out to NCCU staff! Go Eagles! She is the daughter of Clareas J Allen and the granddaughter of Donald and Wyoma Moses.

## Grace Elizabeth Wyoma Jacobs

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# McKenna Gresham gets clinical experience at Columbia University



**McKenna Gresham**

McKenna Gresham, a third year Kinesiology major at Hampton University was awarded the opportunity to intern this summer with SHPEP at Columbia University Irving Medical Center in New York, NY. SHPEP, Student Health Professions Education Program, provides students interested in pursuing a career within the health professions. It focuses on the core science curriculum needed to apply to health professional schools for medicine, dentistry, nursing and physical therapy. Clinical experiences are also incorporated into the curriculum through an in-person experience in the students respective track during the in person session. McKenna is the daughter of Robert & Lakeisha Gresham.

*"The experience is immersive and it's a great networking opportunity with faculty and staff at Columbia University. The ability to shadow & work with physical therapist has been rewarding", McKenna said of the program,*

*College Life*

Mrs. Grace Bell Herring was inducted into the Golden Bronco Society at Fayetteville State University's 2024 Graduation Ceremony. The society honors graduates on the 50th Anniversary of their graduation from the university. Mrs. Herring, along with 64 members of the class of 1974, returned to lead in the class of 2024.



*Mrs. Grace Herring*



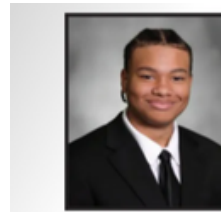
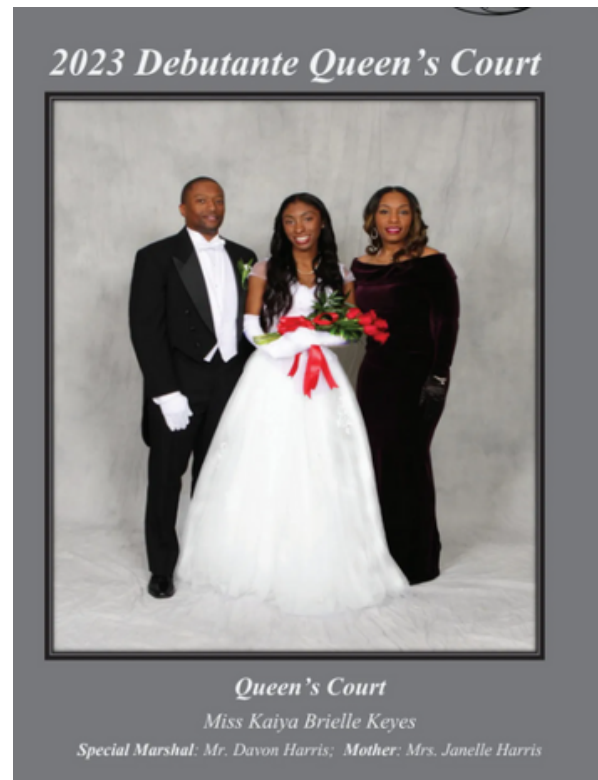
## *Keyes presented to society at the 86th Annual Debutante Ball*

Kaiya Brielle Keyes was presented to society at the 86th Annual Debutante Ball sponsored by ATO, Inc. in collaboration with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, Alpha Theta Omega Chapter. The ball was held at the Wake Chapel Church Life Enrichment Center and Kaiya was escorted by Mr. Kelton Lee Montague.

Kaiya is the daughter of Janelle and Davon Harris of Knightdale, NC. She is a 2024 Summa Cum Laude graduate of Wake Young Women's Leadership Academy in Raleigh. Kaiya served as Vice President of her school's National Honor Society, held both school and district offices in Junior Civitan International and was also active in Student Government. Throughout high school she worked two part-time jobs; as a server at Two Roosters Ice Cream in Raleigh and as a recreation assistant with the Town of Knightdale all while maintaining a 4.3968 GPA. She is a Youth Usher at Springfield Baptist Church and since 10th grade she dedicated over 150 hours to community service. In her spare time she enjoys listening to music, attending concerts and festivals, thrifting, and spending time with her friends.

Kaiya's family would like to extend a special hank you to Ms. Judy Wiggins for her support along with the members of the Springfield Baptist Church Drama Ministry and the Springfield Usher Board for their patronage during Kaiya's debutante fundraising. With the help of her Springfield Baptist Church family and supporters, Kaiya placed 3rd overall and was honored to be named to the Debutante Queen's Court.

Kaiya also received the First Place Community Service Award and Second Place Educational Excellence Award during the Debutante Ball. Kaiya received nineteen college acceptances and over half a million dollars in merit scholarship offers (full rides and full tuition) as well as several honors college admissions. Kaiya has chosen to attend Hampton University on a full ride academic merit scholarship. She will major in Finance and her goal is to become a fully certified actuary. To God be the glory!



**Mr. Kelton Lee Montague**  
*Raleigh, NC*  
Parent: Ms. Ranae Tyler  
Senior – Wake Young Men's Leadership Academy  
Career Goal: Information Technology  
Assistant Marshal for: Miss Kaiya Keyes, 2023 Queen's Court

To view the full debutante digital booklet, please visit, <https://shorturl.at/LaahU>

The joy of the Lord is my strength Nehemiah 8:10

# THE ETHANS HAVE IT

Congratulations are in order!

## ETHAN OLIVER

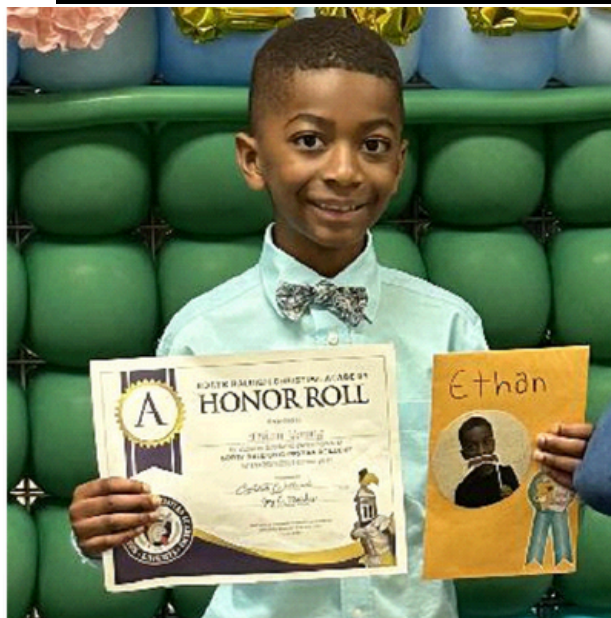
Ethan Oliver, son of Will and Melissa Oliver is a rising senior at Garner High School. Achieving AB Honor Roll status this past school year, he also showcases his passion for music as a dedicated drummer. This year Ethan has secured admission to several remarkable musical programs. This fall he will journey to California to collaborate with fellow young musicians of the Next Jazz Orchestra. This event will allow him to play at the Monterey Jazz festival with several guest artist; however, his most significant achievement lies in his acceptance into the Carnegie Hall National Youth Orchestra, (NYO Jazz). Attending master classes at SUNY Purchase College, Ethan will grace the historical stage of Carnegie Hall on July 20th. Following this he will embark on an enriching journey to Johannesburg, Durban and Cape Town, South Africa where he will perform alongside esteemed jazz professionals and local musicians. Ethan is deeply grateful for each of these amazing opportunities and his parents are truly proud of him and the hard work he has put into these competitive efforts.



the ETHANS  
have it

Ethan Young is a student at North Raleigh Christian Academy. During the 2023-2024 academic year, he was on the A Honor Roll and earned the “Wonderful Writer Award” for his class.

Parents: Bro. Tramaine Young  
and Sis. Jenell Young



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The joy of the Lord is my strength Nehemiah 8:10

# CONGRATULATIONS

Queen of the Green and White Ball AND a Middle School graduation too!



## A monologue “Not Broken”

On June 11, 2024, Erica graduated eighth grade from Carroll Magnet Middle School in Raleigh. She will be moving on to high school at Wake Early College of Information and Biotechnologies in August.

We are so proud of you!  
Mom, Dad, Granny, Uncle LJ, and Cousin Ernest

## ERICA BROWN

After a strong grassroots effort to raise donations from family and friends, Erica received a substantial scholarship towards expenses for the College or University of her choice from the National Association of University Women on April 27, 2024. Erica received the highest honor and was crowned Queen of the Green and White Ball. The evening included dinner, ballroom waltz, and a talent showcase. Erica performed a monologue entitled “Not Broken”, a poem which she wrote about a woman who became tired and weary in her work as a caretaker, but soon found strength in God.

Thank you to all who supported Erica for this occasion. Special Thanks to her sponsors, Mrs. Phyllis Barbour, Mrs. Elaine Whitaker, Mrs. Marian Brown, and Mrs. Christabelle Harlee. Congratulations Erica!

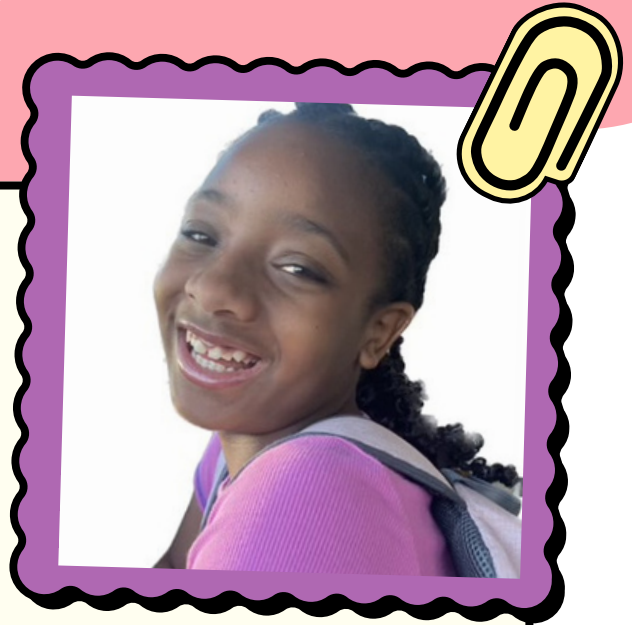


ERICA  
BROWN

# Congrats are in order

## Showcase of Stars

We are proud to announce that recently Springfield's own, Karina Adams, was chosen to participate in the 2024 Showcase of Stars. The Showcase of Stars is a major production that features the biggest and the brightest talents of Johnston County Public Schools (JCPS) Fine Art Students. Then, Karina was further awarded the prestigious opportunity to sing with the All-County Chorus in May!! She received "Outstanding Recognition" in both the Showcase of Stars AND the All County Chorus! So that is a big deal!! *Please make sure to congratulate Karina when you see her around Springfield - where she also serves on both the Children's choir AND the SBC Mass Choir!*



**Karina  
Adams**



## Science Olympiad Team

AND she is a member of the JUNIOR VARSITY Cleveland Elementary Science Olympiad team. She is 1 of the 15 students selected because of her performance during the try-outs due to her outstanding performance. Her performance highlighted her strengths in STEM concepts. Her and her team competed on March 8th and won 2nd place!

On Awards Day Karina received the following recognitions: Star Student Award, Cleveland Elementary Fellowship Award, 3rd place in Accelerated Reader Program (she was an Accelerated Reader ALL YEAR), completed LEXIA Core 5 AND Happy Numbers Map programs and MET Math MAP growth!!







**DEAR**

*Springfield Family, Members & Friends.*

To my church family, members, and friends at Springfield Baptist Church,

My name is Sandra Garris, a longtime SBC member. I am the daughter of the late Deacon Samuel and Annie B. Garris. Many members know me and my attendance at SBC, where I learned to put my trust in God. I love the Lord and I share your love for Him.

My youth was spent at SBC Sunday School, Bible School, BTU, youth choirs, revivals, and conventions. I was the chairman of the SBC Newsletter Committee for many years and enjoyed doing it. I was also a member of the SBC Voices. Currently, my health prevents me from being as active as I once was before,

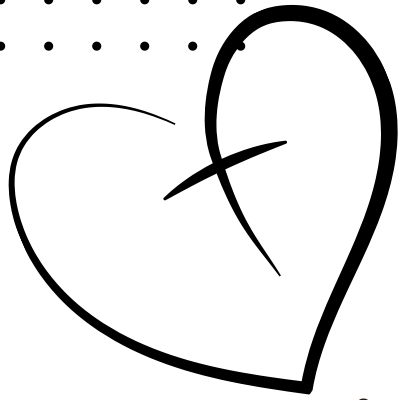
Years ago, I had one of my kidneys removed. I have been through many illnesses within the last 5 years, and I know your prayers have helped me through to this point. I am currently experiencing end-stage renal disease and I need a kidney transplant for continuance of life.

My appeal to you today is to ask if one of my SBC family might be willing to donate a kidney to me. I would have the highest of THANK YOUS to any one who will consider accepting this challenge.

I can be reached at 984-302-4051 or [samgarris@hotmail.com](mailto:samgarris@hotmail.com). Thank you for your attention, consideration, and help. May God continue to bless you and please continue to trust in God.

Sincerely,  
Sister Sandra Garris and family





Cheryl  
Alston

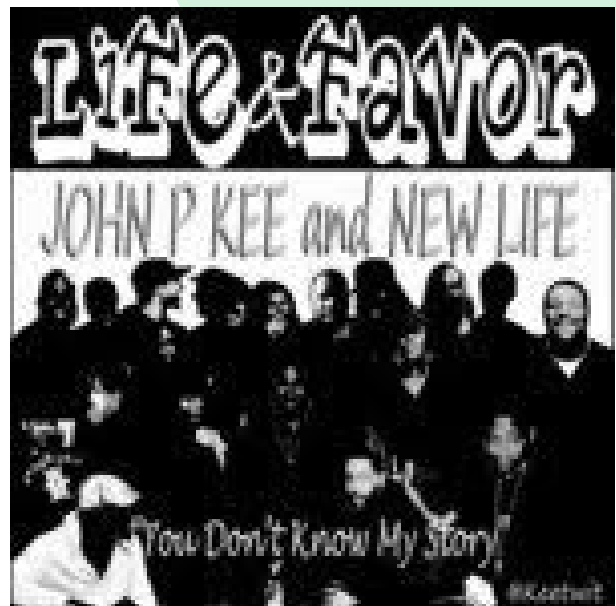
I had one of my nurses tell me how blessed I was to have survived. Her friend, however, had not because her condition wasn't discovered in time. I tell anyone I can these days that I'm grateful for God's Grace and Mercy. It has taken me through many a dark day and I thank God daily for the miracle that is my life. I'm grateful for all the love and support of my family and friends, especially my church family. It means so much to know that others care. I'm grateful most of all that God saw fit to answer my cries for health and healing so that I might be a living testimony to His goodness. You didn't know my story but I am truly a living witness of the life and favor that John P. Kee sings so marvelously about. Thank you God for your goodness, for saving a wretch like me and above all for granting me LIFE and FAVOR.

The Joy of the Lord is my strength

Nehemiah 8:10

# Life & favor

**Life and Favor** (You Don't Know My Story) is one of my favorite songs. I didn't know how much those words would mean to me until my health struggles began two years ago. If anyone had told me I would have to go through multiple surgeries, battle cancer, not once but twice and live to tell the story I wouldn't have believed it. It seemed as though every time I went for a test to treat one condition, the doctors found something else unrelated to the condition I was being treated for. I can't begin to describe the hopelessness and despair I felt so many days over the past two years. In the midst of that hopelessness and despair though I continued to ask God to save me not just because I wanted to feel better but because I wanted to be able to share my testimony with others who may be in a similar situation and who had lost faith in God's ability to provide Grace and Mercy for those who ask for it.





# JESUS TAKE THE WHEEL

Veronica Scott Johnson

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THE LORD WILL KEEP YOU FROM ALL HARM— HE WILL WATCH OVER YOUR LIFE; THE LORD WILL WATCH OVER YOUR COMING AND GOING BOTH NOW AND FOREVERMORE. PSALMS 121:7-8 (NIV)

How often do we under certain circumstances throw up our hands, roll our eyes, and jokingly or flippantly spew out the words, Jesus Take the Wheel? But on a serious side, how has this phrase served a real purpose? I can attest that this phrase has a genuine meaning. Around 5:30am on the morning of January 17, 2024, this phrase took on a larger than life meaning for me. As my husband, Ben and I were traveling back from West Virginia to move him to Raleigh, an unimaginable incident occurred. While driving in the car, I was about 1 ½ miles ahead of him as he drove the U-Haul truck. We had been chatting on the phone to keep tabs on each other. As I drove south on I-95, just about 25 miles north of Emporia VA, it happened. I drifted from the right lane leftward to the edge of the snow-covered median embankment. I had fallen asleep at the wheel and was awakened just as the car was headed down into the median toward oncoming northbound traffic. As I glared at the headlights of the oncoming cars, I screamed and called on the name of Jesus as I tried frantically to gain control of the car. Praise be to God, I didn't flip or crash; but I was able to maneuver the car and come back up the slippery embankment unto the highway where I then fishtailed for a few seconds and finally came to rest on the right shoulder of the road. Jesus had taken the wheel!!! It all happened so fast. The miraculous thing about the whole incident was that there wasn't a vehicle around me the whole time all of this took place. I could see taillights in the far distance ahead and headlights in the distance through the rearview mirror. ***Ain't God Good?***

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THE JOY OF THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH - NEHEMIAH 8:10

This has since caused me to reflect on other times when I have been spared from vehicular danger. I recall the May 5, 1998, accident in which I avoided being hit head-on by a refrigerated truck, as I drove a large delivery truck myself. I eyed the truck as it crossed the center lane headed straight for me as I was able to guide the truck to the right lane and was hit in the driver's side door. Again, I called on the name of Jesus. My truck was lifted and rolled on the right-side wheels for a few seconds. As I came down on all sets of wheels, the truck jumped the curb, running over a mailbox while coming to a rest averting going down an embankment on the right-side crashing into a duplex and coming within two feet or so from slamming into a utility pole direct center of the front driver's side. Jesus Took the Wheel! In the Spring of 1987, some five minutes after I had finished planting flowers along the front walkway of my then residence and had moved my supplies to the flower bed on the side of the house, the unexpected occurred. I heard this horrific noise and a person screaming. As I rounded the house, to my surprise, I saw my elderly neighbor frantically sitting in her new car, which was now resting on my front porch with the front bumper tapping the front door after it had traveled directly across the area I had just moved from. I yelled, "Oh God, Mrs. Mitchell" and hollered for the other neighbors to come to our aid. We removed her from the car, and I attended to and prayed with her as the neighborhood men guided the car down off the porch and back across the street into her driveway. She wasn't hurt but was badly shaken up. Jesus Took the Wheel. I flashback to my very first brush with a near death experience involving a vehicle. As an eager 4-year-old, who loved following her older sister, Chyrle, I begged to go across the street with her as she talked with one of her friends. Getting bored and restless, because she was talking too long, I darted across the street, only to freeze mid-stream as a passing car came to a squealing halt within less than a foot of running over me. My parents came running out of the house as did other neighbors and relatives I remember vividly the frightful look on the driver's face as he exited the car and hearing Momma fussing at Chyrle as she grabbed me. After all the dust had settled, I received the whooping of my life by my earthly father, but nevertheless, my Heavenly Father had spared my life that I might tell the story today. Yes, I can truly say, Jesus Has Taken the Wheel on more than one occasion during the course of my life. I'm so grateful for everyday that I can pick the daisies and not be beneath the ground pushing them up. I realize that God has a purpose for me, and I must continue to walk in it. So, when you see me smile, understand that I know the real meaning behind, ***Jesus Take the Wheel.***

# Ministry News



**P.A.C**

## Political Action Committee

### 2024 is a vital political year.

We will elect a president, a governor, state senators and congressmen along with City council members and commissioners. This SBC Political Action Committee (PAC) wants all members to be informed and knowledgeable about items on the ballot and the importance of voting.

- This year we are promoting voter registration, voter IDs and early voting.
- The last day to register for the November 5th General Election is October 9th 2024.
- *Early voting starts October 2, 2024.* We are asking for all SBC members and friends to request your early ballot.
- *We will be having a series of Civic Engagement Trainings later in June* where you can get a primer on levels of state and local government in North Carolina. From School Boards and Boards of Supervisors to State Legislature and Boards of Commissioners.

## Making Our Gateway To Springfield Cleaner

**Each fourth Saturday at 9:00am** Springfield has a very organized litter pickup effort. This is a **CHURCHWIDE** event so everyone is welcome to join in this effort to keep our roadway pristine.

### What Do I Wear?

*When you come out, please wear long pants and closed toe shoes.*

### Why Participate?

1. *Make a Difference: By picking up litter, you directly contribute to a cleaner environment.*
2. *Connect with other church members: It's a great opportunity to meet fellow members and work together.*
3. *Feel Good: There's something satisfying about transforming a litter-strewn area into a spotless one.*
4. *Students can earn "community service" hours to add to their resume' for college applications and scholarships.*

### What it looks like?

- 16 people to clean-up
- 1 person to drive the van
- Job completed in 1 hour



**Let's maintain a cleaner, more beautiful gateway to Springfield TOGETHER!**

**Thank you for caring about our community.  
See you there!**

You can't afford to not understand who's pulling the strings for the issues that matter the most.



# BICYCLE HELMET GIVEAWAY

EAST GARNER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
TO GOD BE THE GLORY



Springfield submitted an application for the 2024 North Carolina Department of Transportation Bicycle Helmet Initiative and was successfully awarded 100 helmets. In collaboration with the Springfield Education Volunteer Ministry all 100 helmets were distributed on May 23rd 2024 which was the last day of school. This effort gave Springfield the opportunity to promote safety to our adopted school by encouraging safe cycling practices, protect young riders and prevent head injuries. Research shows a helmet giveaway program increased helmet use by elementary-school students from 3% to 38%.

Sister Margie Gibson who is the chair of the Education Volunteer Ministry, along with Deacon Anthony Jenkins and Brother Isaac Jenkins distributed the helmets. Every student in each class that was visited got a helmet, to God be the Glory!



# COMPASSION IN



## SUPPORTING OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY & EACH OTHER

*I wanted to spotlight the team and shout out their added service and contributions to everyone - they're important to me!*



*President & Secretary, Jean Barnes  
Vice President, Darlene Gooding*

### **Compassion in Action!!!**

It is our responsibility to dig a little deeper to grow the ministry and help the ministry maintain our spiritual relationship with God and compassion to others. We want to keep building stronger team dynamics and engage conversations for feedback on what we should start, stop, or continue doing. We should always remember the ones before us who paved the way as we assume the torch passed on to us while embracing the future of the ministry. There is always a way to be a part of something to show compassion. We are grateful for such a great group of members who work and volunteer their time and talent to support our church and community outreach activities. God continues to add to the ministry, and know we'll do great things in the future together!

### **Care Support & Bereavement Team, Mary Kelly**

Efforts are led by **Mary Kelly** to coordinate team volunteers to assist with funeral services, repast, prepare gift baskets as needed for visitations, and mail cards to bereaved families and/or sick & shut-in members.

### **Hospitality & Fellowship, Darlene Gooding**

Efforts are led by **Darlene Gooding** to promote team cohesion, engage social interaction to carry out our mission, reward and recognition, and coordinates social outings.

### **Outreach & History, Dee Burris**

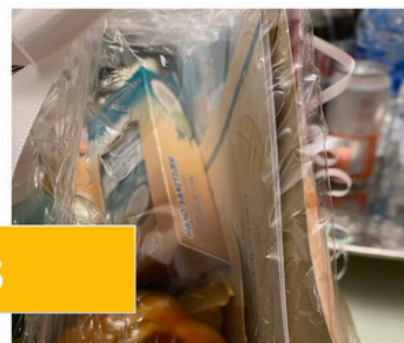
Efforts are led by **Dee Burris** to seek outreach opportunities that provide spiritual, education, and social events and activities throughout the community that will promote Godly relationships, while also maintaining accurate member contact information and historical data of Compassionate Ministry for report purposes.

### **Compassionate Team Members**

Ada Horton, Annabelle Peters, Barbara Wilson, Betty Smith, Bobbie Sanders, Carolyn Stevenson, Darlene Gooding, Deacon Robert Perry, Dee Burris, Derevana Leach, Diane Conley, Elaine Whitaker, Gloria Morgan-Young, Grace Dover, Helen Allen, Jean Barnes, Jean Hunter, Jerry Mills, Karen Thompson, Karin Graham, Mae Melvin, Margie Leach, Mary Kelly, Mavis Farrar, Merl Wilmore, Nellie Kirkman, Pamela Friday Norfolk, Shaaron Keys, Shelby Harwell, Teresa Williams, Tijuana Houston







## Visitation Care Baskets



## Caring & Sharing Hearts of Compassion

Thanks very much to the Hospitality & Fellowship Team Led by Darlene Gooding and Helen Allen to host the Super Saturday Event for New Member Orientation on Behalf of the Compassionate Ministry...Job Well Done!





# SPRINGFIELD CHILDREN 'S MINISTRY

## Celebrating Our History

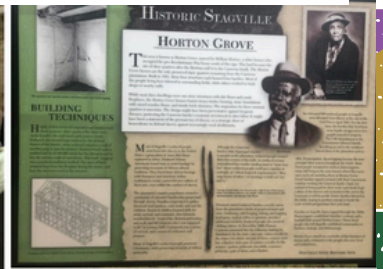
On February 17th our children had the opportunity to get a glimpse of our past at the Historic Stagville site in Durham, NC. Historic Stagville is a state historic site that includes the remnants of the largest plantation in North Carolina.

The Bennehan-Cameron family owned ~30,000 acres of land, and claimed ownership over 900 people enslaved on the property. The site has buildings constructed from the late 18th century to mid-19th century.

While the weather was not ideal for seeing all the history housed within the site, the spirit was felt and the children understood their everyday blessing.

The site is undergoing some extensive renovations led by the direction of some of the enslaved persons families.

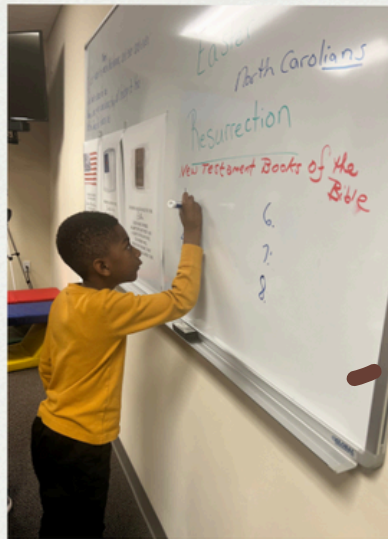
As we celebrated Black History month we remembered our rich history buried but still living in these walls and grounds and in each of us.



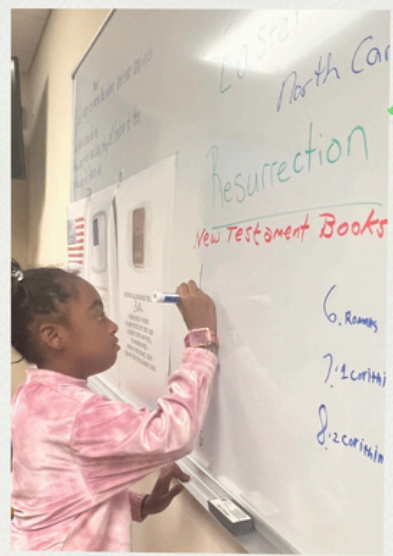
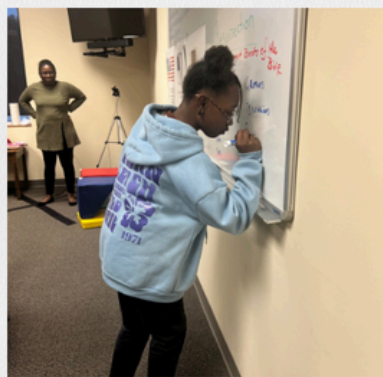
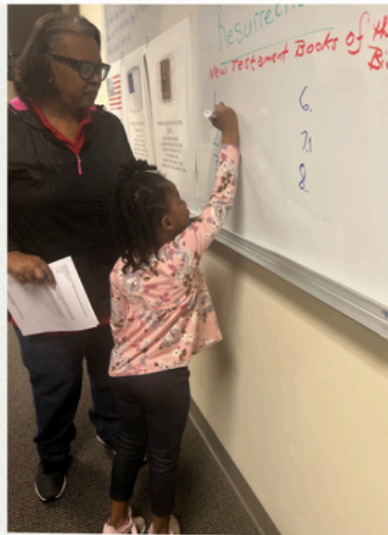


encourage and educate our children to point them to Christ. We need your support in bringing them so we can continue to spread the Gospel to the world.  
Visit us Tuesday nights from 7pm - 8pm  
For more details please visit our website or email

children@springfieldbaptistchurch.com



## SPRINGFIELD CHILDREN'S MINISTRY





# HAPPY Women's

## HISTORY MONTH FROM THE LIBRARY

MARCH WAS WOMEN'S MONTH.  
IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO CELEBRATE WITH ONE OF THESE BOOKS ABOUT  
REMARKABLE WOMEN:

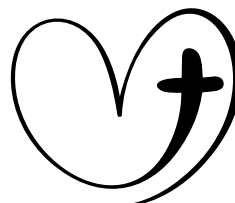
1. **A RIGHT WORTHY WOMAN/ RUTH P. WATSON**—A NOVEL BASED ON TRUE FACTS. MAGGIE LENA WALKER WAS THE FIRST BLACK WOMAN TO ESTABLISH AND PRESIDE OVER A BANK IN THE UNITED STATES.
  2. **TWELVE EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN/ JOHN MACARTHUR**—THIS BOOK OFFERS A LOOK INTO THE LIVES OF SOME OF THE BIBLE'S MOST FAITHFUL WOMEN, TEACHING MODERN BELIEVERS THAT TRUE FAITH CAN LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY.
  3. **CANE RIVER/ LALITA TADEMY**—THIS NOVEL IS BASED ON FOUR GENERATIONS OF AN AFRICAN AMERICAN FAMILY WHERE ONE FAMILY HAS RESEARCHED THEIR PAST.
  4. **IDA B. WELLS/ DENNIS FRADIN**—IDA B. WELLS HAS BEEN CALLED THE MOTHER OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT. SHE HELPED FOUND THE NAACP AND CARRIED ON A NATIONAL CAMPAIGN SPEAKING OUT AGAINST LYNCHING IN THE SOUTH.
  5. **MY CHILDHOOD UNDER FIRE/ NADJA HALILBEGOVICH**—THIS IS TWELVE YEAR OLD NADJA'S DIARY OF LIFE UNDER FIRE IN SARAJEVO.
  6. **WILMA RUDOLPH/ MAUREEN M. SMITH**—THIS BIOGRAPHY IS DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF WILMA RUDOLPH AND HER OLYMPIC TRACK AND FIELD RECORD.
  7. **LEFT TO TELL/ IMMACULEE ILIBAGIZA WITH STEVE ERWIN**—THE AUTHOR DISCOVERED GOD WHILE HIDING DURING THE RWANDAN HOLOCAUST. THIS REMARKABLE WOMAN'S JOURNEY THROUGH THE DARKNESS OF GENOCIDE WILL INSPIRE ANYONE WHOSE LIFE HAS BEEN TOUCHED BY FEAR, SUFFERING, AND LOSS.
  8. **CONDI: THE CONDOLEEZZA RICE STORY/ ANTONIA FELIX**—CONDOLEEZZA RICE WAS NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR TO PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH. AS SUCH, SHE WAS ONE OF THE MOST INFLUENTIAL WOMEN IN THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. CHECK OUT HER REMARKABLE STORY.
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COME JOIN US!  
8:30 – 9:30

## Sunday School Classroom Location



Senior Class – Fellowship Hall  
Teachers: Sis Bowden, Dec Cooper  
Dr. Hawkins, Sis Wilmore

Youth Class – DSMB, Room 234  
Teachers: Bro Davis, Sis Dobbin,  
Sis. Emerson, Sis Evans

Adult Class – DSMB, Room 182  
Teachers: Sis Aguilar, Rev Farmer, Dec Gibson,  
Bro Hinton, Bro Marshall

Children Class – DSMB, Room 242  
Teachers: Bro Dobbin, Sis Nalls,  
Sis Stokes, Sis Twitty

Young Adult Class – DSMB, Room 238  
Teachers: Rev Davis, Sis Hinton,  
Rev Turner

Economic Empowerment Class – DSMB, Room 248  
Teachers: Sis Dawkins, Sis Holloway,  
Dec Jenkins

## JULY SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

### Expressing Hope

July 7 Hope Comes in the Morning  
(Lamentations 3 : 16-24)

July 14 God is Faithful  
(Psalm 71 : 12-21)

July 21 God's Word Brings Hope  
(Psalms 119 : 73 – 80)

July 28 God Redeems Us  
(Psalms 130 : 1-8)

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## AUGUST SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

### Eternal Hope

August 4 Hope in Christian Fellowship  
(1 Thessalonians 2 : 13 – 3 : 5)

August 11 Children of God  
(1 John 3: 1 – 10)

August 18 Zealous for Good Deeds  
(Titus 1 : 1 – 3; 2 : 11 – 15)

August 25 Grace and Good Works  
(Titus 3 : 3 – 11)



# Serving Behind The Scenes

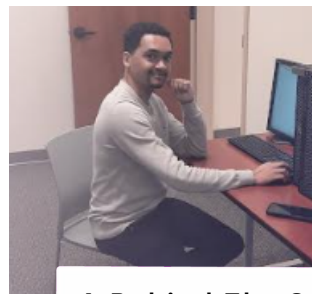
Submitted by: SBC Drama Ministry Leadership Team Chair

This article highlights our set design team which has been an integral component of our productions. They work behind the scenes in a quiet, purposeful manner, allowing the Holy Spirit to work in their work and the results are God ordained and magnificent.

If the front stage delivers the customer experience, the backstage houses the production team that crafts it and, crucially, what goes on behind the scenes is the process of preparing the production team for the task at hand. The attention given the set design makes us more relatable and engaging which connects us to the audience. The set design staff must zoom out and see where and how collaboration can happen behind the scenes to make the whole production process work.

When we all understand our roles and how they play in making the right decisions and how we rely upon each other, it benefits the entire production. At times we wonder if it is true that God works “behind the scenes”, unseen by most but there nonetheless, fulfilling His purpose and plan in so many ways. The answer is Yes. God does indeed work behind the scenes, as well as in full view of all. God is always working on our behalf. (Isaiah 45: 15) Clearly, you are a God who works behind the scenes.

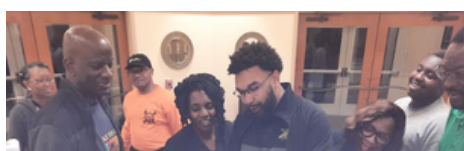
In preparing for the “Before, During, and After, Good Friday” production and all productions, the behind-the-scenes team is crucial to the production outcome. We have script writers, directors, producers, music, dance, media, set design, costume design, auditions, public relations, schedulers, purchasing of items, greeters, cuisine, several weekly rehearsals, and meetings just to name a few. As stated earlier, when we understand our role(s) and support each other’s in their role and with God working on our behalf we experience God’s favor. “We Give God the Glory”. Ask God to impress upon your heart to see if this is a ministry in which you can serve. Contact: [drama@springfieldbaptistchurch.com](mailto:drama@springfieldbaptistchurch.com)



A Behind The Scenes Look

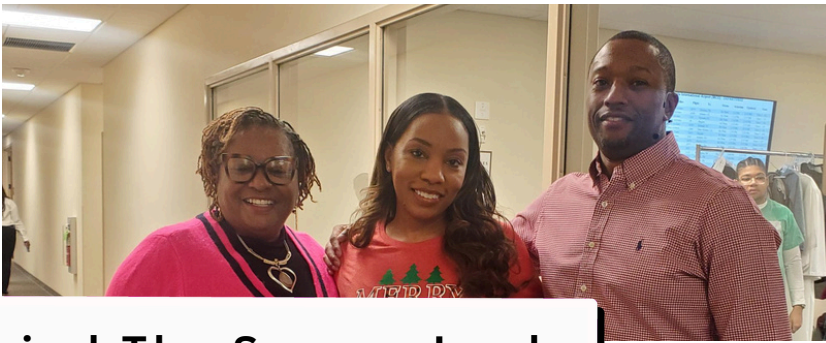


Good Friday Before, During and After



**ON BEHALF OF THE DRAMA MINISTRY LEADERSHIP TEAM WE WOULD TO GIVE A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE PASTOR REV. DR. KEVIN D. STURVIDANT AND DEACON FOR ALL OF THEIR SUPPORT!**

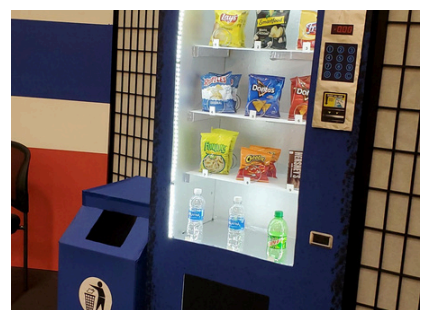
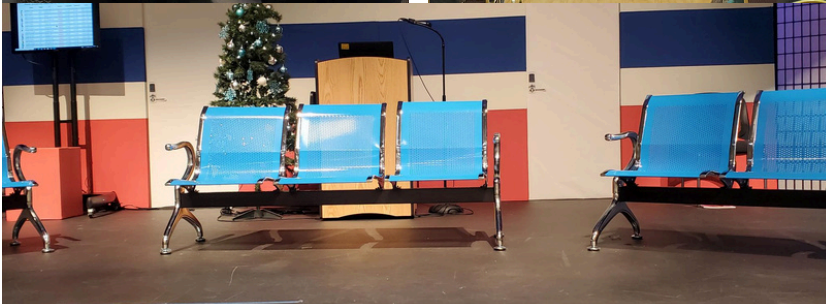
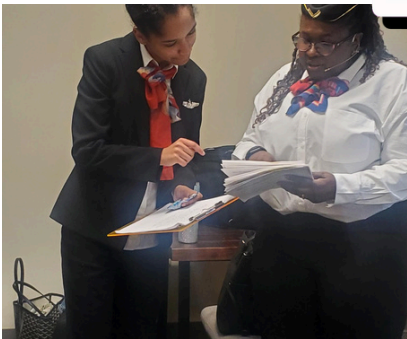




## A Behind The Scenes Look



## The Flight Before Christmas



# For His Glory Section

## Perfect Word

by Sis. Betty Smith

I could not sleep, I had to get up and run to type this word,  
The thoughts the Holy Spirit put in my head were aching to be heard.

In the beginning was the Word, Jesus the Holy Lamb of God

I feel His presence distinctly, the cursed ground becomes sacred where He trod,  
If He had not spoken the command, we would not exist.

It's been asked by prophets and kings the question, "What kind of man is this?"  
The Word became flesh on purpose just like you and me.

It had to be done that way to redeem us back to the Father so that once again we'd be free.

The Word of God is sharper than any two-edged sword,

Cutting sin out of our lives forever separating that fatal cord.

Yes, Satan wrapped his encompassing lasso of deceit and seizing all humankind,  
Until Jesus, said "It is finished!" And caused His Holy Light to Shine.

God's Word is a lamp unto my feet, a light unto my path.

Unspeakable joy resides in my heart, God pointed us away from the wrath.

How precious is the commandments of God that points us to victory.

Grace and mercy leads us daily "The Word has set us Free"

Let us hide the Word in our hearts for it is the keeping power of our salvation,  
Takes us through tribulation, keeps us from degradation and

Gives us that 'dance like David' sensation!

Oh, give thanks unto the Lord for He is Good.

Submit and surrender so we can be with Him as we should.

Now, I can lay me down to sleep... I have satisfied my quest.

Knowing that this sensation of excitement will come once

more after I have received the necessary rest.

I'll say Shalom to my Church with love that God abundantly

gives from above.

Amen

*I write about life issues for children, teenagers, and young adults. As a youth I was bullied sometimes and would find ways to avoid my in-home bully. When I was ten, we lived in a house that had an attached ladder that led up to the rooftop at the back of the house. During that summer I would stay on the roof until the sun went down to avoid the bullying.*

*I wrote this Spoken Word during the pandemic in 2020 and based on current events involving some of America's youths it is applicable. Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6*

### The Victim and the Predator

By: Lorraine (L.W.) Smith

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Being alone came easy for me,

A familiar adversity.

Plagued with new demands of isolation,

I could roll with that frustration.

You see, I am a population of one,

A victim who accommodated a school bully,  
this predator kept me on the run.

I masked my inner pain at school.  
But I never got used to being that bully's fool.

In the hallway my predator would spot me  
and with one look she got me,

Trapped in her web of narcissism to impress  
our classmates, was her chosen one to humiliate.

So, during this country's shut down,

Not being bullied is the one thing that has  
worked out for my good.

I feel safer here at home, alone in my own  
neighborhood.

I got a call three days ago,

This is a 3 part series. Come back  
next quarter for Part 2...



# HBCU DAY 2024

## WHAT DO WE HAVE HERE...

On February 18, 2024, during Black History Month we highlighted the significance of HBCU's for our community and learned that there was a connection between the Black church and HBCUs .

Our goal was to include ALL of the HBCUs that were represented on this day. However, if we missed your HBCU please email us and tell us your HBCU too !



# Lifestyle news



*Thank you to  
Mrs. Angela  
Phillips for  
submitting this  
great summer  
treat*

## Ingredients:

- 1 box graham crackers crushed
- 16 oz. cream cheese
- 16 oz. powdered sugar
- 3 to 4 large bananas peeled and sliced
- 16 oz. fresh or frozen drained if frozen
- 8 oz. crushed pineapple drained
- 16 oz. cool whip
- Chocolate and caramel for drizzling
- Maraschino cherries
- 1 cup of melted butter
- Pineapple chunk to garnish
- 1/2 cup of pecans, caramel sauce and melted chocolate

## BANANA SPLIT CAKE

Mix graham cracker crumbs and butter together in a 13 by 9 inch pan bake for 5 minutes until crust has set. Cool crust completely. Blend together cream cheese and powdered sugar until smooth. Spread over crust. Layer strawberries on top of bananas and then follow with a layer of pineapple on top of strawberries. Spread cool whip and cover completely. Garnish with maraschino cherries, and pineapple chunks. Sprinkle with chopped pecans, melted chocolate, and caramel sauce. Return to fridge for 3 to 4 hours to set, then serve. {You can also do this with a yellow cake mix.}

## DID YOU KNOW...

Bro. Clarence Dyson, owner of D&H Maintenance, a commercial cleaning and floor maintenance company has been in business for over 30 years!!

He is currently seeking part-time janitorial help.

Please contact Clarence Dyson @ [cdyson1952@yahoo.com](mailto:cdyson1952@yahoo.com) for more details.



The joy of the Lord is my strength  
Nehemiah 8:10



# SPRINGFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH 2024 – 2025 MINISTRY LEADERS

## 1--Deacon Ministry

Chairman: Dec Frederick Clarke  
Vice Chairman: Dec John Milner

## 2--Trustee Ministry

Chairman: Bro Donald Bynum  
Vice Chairman: Bro Adrian Best

## 3--Finance Ministry

Chairman: Sis Bonita Goffney  
Vice Chairman: Sis Margaret Whiting

## 4--Traffic & Safety

Chairman: Bro Jarvis Stokes  
Vice Chairman: Bro Hezekiah Purvis

## 5--Cemetery Ministry

Chairman: Bro Donald Moses  
Vice Chairman: Rev Mark Farmer

## 6--Food Ministry

Chairman: Sis Maxine Grice  
Vice Chairman: Sis Marian Griffiths

## 7--Membership Ministry

Chairman: Sis Rose Simmons  
Vice Chairman: Sis Wyoma Moses

## 8--Sunday School Ministry

Superintendent: Bro. Orlando Dobbin  
Assistant Supt: Cimeone Reeves

## 9 Vacation Bible School

Rev Clevester Hawkins & Min Dequan Isom

## 10--Christian Education Ministry

Chairman: Rev. Sanya King  
Vice Chairman: Bro Orlando Dobbin  
Rev. Clevester Hawkins

## 11--Scholarship Ministry

Chairman: Sis Lizzie Lee  
Vice Chairman: Jarvis Dawkins

## 12--Ushers Ministry

Chairman: Sis Denise Winters  
Vice chairman: Bro Sharon Hinton

## 13--Hospitality Ministry

Chairman: Sis Angela Williams  
Vice Chairman: Sis Michelle Hinton-Sharpe

## 14--Health Care Ministry

Chairperson: Sis Faith Clark  
Vice Chairperson: Sis Desiree Hunter

## 15--History Ministry

Chairman: Sis Veronica Scott Johnson  
Vice Chairman: Sis Linda McClain

## 16--Transportation Ministry

Chairman: Bro Daniel Stancil  
Vice Chairman: Sis Teresa Williams

## 17--Floral Ministry

Chairman: Dorothy Watley  
Vice Chairman: Sis Maxcine Matier

## 18--Library Ministry

Chairman: Sis Carolyn Ellis  
Vice Chairman: Sis Cheryl Walker

## 19--Ministers & Deacon Wives Ministry

Chairman: Sis Sharon Clarke  
Vice Chairman: Sis Doris Hawkins

## 20--Youth Ministry

Chairman: Min Dequan Isom  
Vice Chairman: Sis Natika Murphy

## 21--H.C. William Laymen League Ministry

Chairman: David Whatley

## 22--Missionary Union Ministry

President: Sis Shelby Harwell  
Vice President: Sis Benita Parker

## 23--F & J Avery Ministerial Ministry

Chairman: Sis Gidget Roberson  
Vice Chairman: Sis. Gwendolyn Wade

## 24--Drama Ministry

Chairman: Sis Judy Wiggins  
Vice Chairman: Sis Sandra McCullough-Cobey

## ELECT THEIR OWN OFFICERS

### 1-Annie J. Green Ministry

Chairman: Min Angela Leach  
Vice Chairman: Sis Alice Foreman

### 2-Prayer Ministry

Chairman: Sis Matroba Tarver  
Vice Chairman:

### 3-Compassionate Ministry

Chairman: Sis Jean Barnes  
Vice Chairman:

### 4-Dorcas Ministry

Chairman: Sis Cynthia Small  
Vice Chairman: Sis Delores Patrick

## PASTOR APPOINTEES

### 1--Women's Ministry

Chairperson: Rev Tiffany Sturdivant  
Vice Chairman: Sis Merldean Wilmore

### 2--Senior Citizen's Ministry

Chairman: Sis Dorothy Green  
Vice Chairman: Sis Lois Hagans  
Travel Coordinator: Sis Rose Broadnax  
Special Events Coordinator: Sis Sadie Carter

### 3--Griefshare Ministry

Chairman: Sis Shirley Bowden  
Vice Chairman:

### 4--Technology Ministry

Chairman: Bro Stefan Evans  
Vice Chairman: Bro Darrien Reeves

### 5--Media Ministry

Chairman: Bro Maurice Givens Sr  
Vice Chairman: Dec Derrick Leach

### 6--Couples Ministry

Chairman: Min Melvin & Min Teresa Turner

### 7--Personnel Ministry

Chairman: Sis Andrea Coleman

### 8--Children's Ministry

Chairman: Sis Sharon Sweeney  
Vice Chairman: Sis Elizabeth Korgar

### 9--Men's Fellowship Ministry

Chairman: Dec Robert Dobbin

### 10--Security Ministry

Chairman: Dec Timothy Whitaker  
Vice Chairman: Bro Leon Clark

### 11--Circle of Care Ministry

Chairman: Sis Cassandra Gibson  
Vice Chairman:

## 12--Newsletter Ministry

Editor: Sis Monica Neal  
Assistant Editor:

## 13--Children's Choir

Directress: Sis Maxine Grice  
Assistants: Bro Chris Bridges, Sis Derevana Leach, Sis Judy Wiggins

## 14--Economic Empowerment Ministry

Chairman: Sis Jackie Holloway  
Vice Chairman: Sis Kandaree Dawkins

## 15--Education Ministry

Chairman: Sis Margie Gibson  
Vice Chairman:

## 16--Prison Ministry

Liaison: Bro Wade Patrick  
Backup: Min Melvin Turner

## 17--Dance Ministry

Chairman: Sis Ashley Korgar  
Vice Chairman:

## 18--Anointed Hands Deaf Ministry

Chairman: Sis Margaret Herder-Hill  
Vice Chairman

## 19--Young Adults

Chairman: Sis Ashley Britton  
Vice Chairman: Bro Joshua Hill

## 20--Political Action

Chairman: Bro Benjamin Johnson

## 21--Wings

## 22--Voices of Springfield

## 23--Male Chorus

## 24--Youth Choir

## 25--Praise Team

Church Photographer: Dec Victor Gibson

Assistant Photographer: Bro Willie Foreman

Assistant Photographer: Sis. Sharon Clarke

**JOY**

Mixtape



Joy - Vashawn Mitchell  
Joy - for King + Country  
JOY - The Georgia Mass Choir  
Joy (Unspeakable) - Voices of Fire  
Center Of My Joy - Douglas Miller  
The Joy - The Belonging Co (featuring David Dennis)  
This Joy I Have - Shirley Caesar  
I've Got Joy - CeCe Winans  
Joy In The Morning - Tauren Wells, Elevation Worship

Add these songs to your Graduation Mix Tape to remind you that the joy of the Lord is your strength!

GRADUATE EDITION

# Springfield Chronicles

*The joy of the Lord is my strength Nehemiah 8:10*



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Reverend Dr. Kevin D. Sturdivant

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