

THE EPISTLE

"You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men.." 2 Corinthians 3:2



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GOD is Our Passion. Serving **People** is Our **Mission**.

The mission of the Nineteenth Street Baptist Church is to profoundly *experience*, joyfully *celebrate*, and meaningfully *share* God's grace.

We do this through Christ-centered **worship**, **biblical instruction**, **prayer**, **nurturing fellowship**, and **caring acts** that are reflective of our love for God and one another.

We, through the power of the Holy Spirit, proclaim the Gospel and Jesus Christ to all people while supporting the work of missions in our church, our community, our country, and the world.

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Rocket Science or Godly Science?

By Rev. Jerry C. Cheatham Jr.



In his book *No Man Left Behind*, Patrick Morley states that Men's Ministry is rocket science. While the process is simple enough, men themselves are quite complex.

For this reason, strong Men's Ministry is important.

A well-implemented ministry to men will identify, develop, and release the unique gifts men have to offer into the life and service of the church. It will call men out of their spiritual passivity and equip every one of them for Godly influence at home, work, church, and in society. Rather than adding an extra burden to our church leadership, an equipped Men's Ministry will train men who can, in turn, train others.

A lot of men feel isolated, even in today's times. Studies have shown that men over the age of 30 have very few friends. They have colleagues, work buddies, golf partners, and maybe a friend or two. Sadly, for most men in our culture, male friendship seems to be a thing of their distance past.

Men need mentoring in current issues, trends, and needs—such as identity, friendships, and, most of all, the awareness of God's call. Men need to learn how to seek God and learn a discipling process, they need to know marriage and family skills, how to be mentors, and how to be spiritual leaders at home, along with stewardship skills. All of these lessons should be taught as part of a strong Men's Ministry.

How do we react to Patrick Morley's statement that a Men's Ministry is rocket science? We say, "No, it's not; but it is "Godly science." ❖

Rev. Cheatham is Nineteenth Street's Minister of Visitation. He is responsible for special outreach to the sick and/or shut-in of the church. He also is chaplain for the Progressive Adults Ministry, co-chair of the Lenten Service Ministry, and advisor for the Men's Ministry. A long-time member of Nineteenth Street, Rev. Cheatham was ordained in 1996. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Industrial Arts from Tennessee State University and completed his ministerial training at Washington Baptist Seminary and Washington Saturday College School of Religion at Howard University. He also attended William and Mary College while serving in the U.S. Air Force as a Military Police Officer.

Pastor Roberts on the Air

Tune into the Coach Butch McAdams Show on Sunday, November 15, 12:30 p.m. to hear Pastor Darryl Roberts talk about Nineteenth Street ministries and initiatives.

Listen live on radio stations WOL (1450 AM) and MAGIC (95.9 FM) or listen to live radio streaming on a computer or cellphone device by going to www.woldcnews.com. ❖



16th Street Candlelight Vigil for Hope, Justice and Peace

Monday, November 2, 5:30 p.m.

Nineteenth Street is a sponsoring church of an **Election Eve Vigil** to shine a light for a just, peaceable, livable future for all. The standing vigil will take place Monday, November 2, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. along 16th Street from the White House to Silver Spring. People from all religious communities and neighbors are invited to join in bearing witness to the love that grounds us as people of faith and good will.

To participate:

- Wear a mask and stay 6 feet apart.
- Come to Nineteenth Street or any convenient point along 16th Street NW before 5:30 p.m. Or, gather (6 feet apart) at major intersections along 16th Street (e.g., Upshur Street, Colorado Avenue, Alaska Avenue, Kalmia Road).
- Bring candles (real or battery operated), lanterns, flashlights, cell phones, etc.
- Bring boldly painted signs on cardboard expressing your prayers/hopes for our country. **Do not bring campaign signs for any candidate.**
- Bring your family, neighbors, and friends!

Contact the church office for more information.

Vote Tuesday, November 3!

Have a plan and a back-up plan; be prepared to stay until your vote is cast.

If you already voted by mail, track your ballot to confirm it was received and accepted:

- D.C. Board of Elections: <https://votedc.ballottrax.net/voter>
- Maryland Board of Elections: <https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch>
- Virginia Board of Elections: <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/vote-absentee-by-mail/index.html>



Leading Through a Pandemic, Plus Ways to Be a Blessing to Others

By Trustee Donza M. Poole

The Board of Trustees has continued to carry out its mission—managing the church’s finances, physical assets, and church personnel—during the more than seven months of the pandemic. I recently asked Trustee Chairman Franklin Smith about his experiences as a board leader during this unprecedented time. Here is what he wrote:



Undoubtedly, COVID-19 has challenged all of us and has had some crippling effects on several entities. It is even more challenging when you are in a leadership role. As Pastor Roberts has continued to try to serve our membership and address their needs, there are certain essential tasks that must be in place for this to occur.

The church needs to be cleaned, communication with members must be compiled and distributed, bills must be paid, staff supervision is required, contractors need to be supervised, payroll submitted, tithes and offerings accounted for and properly credited, and the church properly secured, etc. As a leader, you are required to assume the responsibility for ensuring that these and other essential tasks are executed. The comparison that comes to mind is being a captain of a ship and, as its leader, being the last person to disembark when there is an emergency. One clearly knows that it may not be in his/her best personal interest to be the last to leave, but it is

understood that more is expected when one is in a leadership position.

I have found myself in this situation during the pandemic. Although I have tried to be as careful and as safe as possible by praying, adhering to the CDC Guidelines and other precautionary measures as much as possible, I do realize that, at times, I may have put myself, as well as my family, in harm’s way. Leadership dictates that you continue to lead during the good times as well as the bad times, the safe situations and the unsafe, the pleasant and the unpleasant conditions, and lead through all circumstances in between.

I am fortunate to be the chairman of a board that has not questioned every decision that I’ve had to make for our church without an approval vote from the board. On the other hand, I see it as my responsibility to be prudent in my decision-making. So, as we move forward during this pandemic, I continue to foster good decision-making for the absolute best for our physical church facility and for the members we serve. Technology has become our best ally. These times have made it mandatory that we learn to use it and use it often and frequently. These are the times that have tried men’s souls, and I can testify that Nineteenth Street has risen to the occasion and will continue to sprint until we meet face to face.

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Contractors Complete Work on Wheelchair Ramp

Construction on the wheelchair accessible ramp and street lane to the Crittenden Street church entrance was completed last month. Trustee Patrick Cooper deserves much of the credit for seeing this project through, despite encountering unexpected delays. Adding the ramp makes the church more accessible to those arriving by car and using wheelchairs or walkers because they no longer will have to navigate a curb to reach the sidewalk. A street lane was also added to allow people to more safely exit a vehicle without being in traffic.

Ways to Be a Blessing to Others

Each month during the pandemic, when the Board reviews church finances, we are reminded of how steadfast and generous the church family has been in giving their tithes and offerings. Even during these uncertain times, the church has been able to meet its operational needs and support church ministries, local nonprofits, and individuals in need.

In times like these, many are looking for charitable causes to support in addition to their tithes and general offerings. As we

enter the month of Thanksgiving, we highlight a few church ministries and causes that could benefit from your support:

- **Church School Annual Thanksgiving Project:** The Church School is accepting donations to provide gift cards for complete Thanksgiving meals to 50 families in need through November 26. Designate your gift for the Thanksgiving Project. See page 7 of this issue or view the Weekly Announcements on the church website for details.
- **Toys for Tots:** The Missionary Society is collecting donations for the annual Marine Corps Toys for Tots campaign. Financial contributions are being accepted through December 3. See page 11 for more details.
- **Progressive Adults Love Pal Program:** With the suspension of theater productions during the pandemic, Progressive Adults are not able to use theater outings to raise money for the Love Pal Program. Participants in the program receive bi-monthly stipends and supportive messages while attending undergraduate programs. The Love Pal Program has benefitted over 500 students. To donate to this cause, designate your contribution for Love Pal.
- **Food & Friends:** Food & Friends is a local nonprofit that helps meet the food needs of people living with HIV/AIDS, cancer, and other life-challenging illnesses in our region. Nineteenth Street partners with Food & Friends as a distribution site for food delivered to recipients in our neighborhood. Visit their [website](#) for more information and to donate.
- **Capital Area Food Bank:** This is an organization that helps supply the church's Food Pantry, now closed temporarily. The Capital Area Food Bank is a leader in providing food to address hunger and food insecurity in the region. Demand for its services has increased during the pandemic. Visit their [website](#) for more information and to donate. ❖

Support Our Thanksgiving Project

By Robin Williams

The Church School continues to accept donations for its Annual Thanksgiving Project. Our goal is to provide **50** families in need with Giant Food gift cards to help with the purchase of their Thanksgiving meals.

In Matthew 25:40, Christ tells us that what we do for the “least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.” Inasmuch as this is true, please join the Church School as we invest in aiding individuals with the resources to be blessed this Thanksgiving.

We are requesting assistance from our church family and ministries to help us reach our goal. Donations are being accepted now through November 26. You may donate through Givelify, Pay Pal, or a check mailed to the church office. Please be sure to note the donation is for the ***Church School Thanksgiving Project.***

For further information, please email one of the following contacts.

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- Karen Sidney-Drumgold: karen.drumgold@gmail.com
- Robin Williams: robinwilliams1114@gmail.com ❖

Christian Mite Society... 153 Years Strong

By Hilda Douglas, President, Christian Mite Society

The Christian Mite Society will observe our 153rd anniversary on Sunday, November 8. Our theme will be “Trusting God: Leaning on His Strength” and the scripture is Proverbs 3:5-6, “Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways submit.”

Christian Mite Sunday always falls near Veteran’s Day, so our service will again include a salute to them. Last year, we developed a slide show with pictures of the veterans of our church. We will update the slide show this year and run it before and after the worship service.

We are soliciting pictures of any church veteran (living, deceased, male or female) NOT submitted last year. Be sure to include the name, branch, years of service, and other details of interest. We especially invite new members to submit their pictures. Send your scanned photo and identifying information to ChristianMite@19thstreetbc.org no later than November 3.

Please join us on Sunday, November 8, when the Christian Mite Society celebrates our veterans and 153 years of service. ❖



Elmer T. Brooks



Hilda Douglas



Gary Datcher

Anniversary Interview with Deaconess Eleanor Banks

Janyce Jefferson, a co-chair of the 181st Anniversary Committee, interviewed Deaconess Eleanor T. Banks, our most senior church member (99 years young!). Deaconess Banks shared these memories of her life and years at Nineteenth Street during their talk.

I was born January 3, 1921, in Cleveland, Ohio, the first girl in a family of five boys. We soon moved to Youngstown, Ohio, where I was educated in the public schools. I graduated from East High School as a great typist. There was little advancement there, so in 1945 I took my clerical skills to Washington, D.C. to accept a wartime appointment with the Coast Guard as a Clerk Typist GS-2!

I met and married Mr. Banks, a kind, hard-working, self-made man, who had his feelings about organized religion and rarely joined me for church, but he made sure I was there, rain or shine, every Sunday. In the winter, he made extra sure that the car was warmed to take me from 55th Street SE to 19th and I Streets NW. We later had two children, Jeffrey and Adrienne. They were educated in Washington and later built careers in fashion and in the corrections system.

I joined Nineteenth Street in 1951, a few years after the passing of Rev. Walter Brooks in the early years of Rev. Jerry A. Moore. The Sunday service was held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. or a little after. There were no women in the pulpit, until later when women became associate ministers. The dress code was Sunday Go to Meeting



with most women wearing hats, gloves, and stockings, and men wearing suits, jackets, ties, and hats.

I became a deaconess a few years after joining the church. I've seen more and more women being assigned to the Deaconess Board and later become a part of the governing structure. Women have always sung in the choir along with men. The weekly prayer meeting on Thursday nights offered prayer and encouraged those with personal problems to come out. Many people came directly from work, usually one parent, alternating weeks. A light repast was served. Children were always welcomed but not expected because it was a school night.

I remember Sunday baptismal services. After the baptisms, the deaconesses would put the wet baptismal robes and wet towels in an empty tub and take them home to hand launder! Deaconesses were there to help people undress/dress, once out of the water, handing off a big towel and clean underwear (smile). On Communion Sundays, there were two deaconesses

and one deacon who traveled with an entire Communion kit of glasses, bottles of juice, and wafers to serve Communion to home-bound members. As deaconesses, we were also the maids in many ways for many of the rituals.

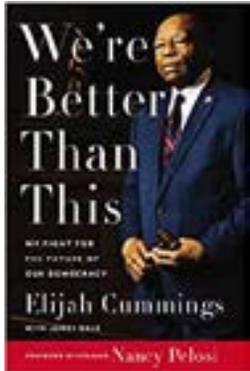
Along with the Deaconess Board, my favorite ministries were serving in the Sunday School administration for 10 to 12 years and the Pastor's Aid Club. We would bring members without transportation to church. I brought Sister Juanita Hamilton for over 15 years, and she became one of my dearest friends. ❖



Page-turner Book Reviews

By Deacon Johnnie Love

We're Better Than This: My Fight for the Future of Our Democracy by Elijah Cummings



This book is both a “Page-turner” and must-read for every African American as well as every citizen genuinely interested in justice and maintaining our democratic way of life. The book is part memoir and part call to action. It will move you to understand what it means to have a moral compass. I can remember a few years ago when U.S. Rep. Cummings visited Nineteenth Street and spoke during our Sunday worship service. His remarks let us know that he was up for the challenge.

“We’re Better Than This” comes from a comment Cummings made when he presided over the controversial hearings concerning children in immigration camps.

Elijah Cummings dedicated thirty-plus years of his life to public service. He served for sixteen years as speaker pro-tem in the Maryland House of Delegates and served twelve consecutive terms in the U.S. House of Representatives, where he served as the House Oversight Committee’s ranking member and chair. Cummings’ work as a servant of the people in his congressional district of Baltimore as well as his love and commitment to the citizens of Baltimore are to be commended.

Cummings based his leadership tenets on the inherent values passed down to him from his parents. Lack of opportunity

prohibited his parents from receiving an education, but they were gifted with wisdom and guided by the Holy Spirit.

As chair of the Oversight Committee, Cummings felt that his responsibility of conducting oversight of the executive branch was mandated by law and the Constitution’s guiding principles; to hold the administration accountable. He tells of the battle he fought with Donald Trump and the many blatant acts of lack of transparency, withholding of records, documents, and defying subpoenas. For two years Cummings watched Donald Trump attack people and institutions but what he hated most was his denigration of Baltimore.

Cummings identified twelve social issues that various congressional committees’ work encompassed and that he had the responsibility of overseeing. He operated on the assumption that: “he did not look for cover-ups, nor did he look for conspiracies or plots.” He said he looked for “allies and common ground. That was who he was and how he was raised.” They were the guiding principles he had used and carried with him throughout his work in the Maryland General Assembly and in the U.S. Congress.

In the last chapter, Cummings expressed that the weight of the Oversight Committee took a toll on his body and health. He died on October 17, 2019. He literally worked until his last day. Completing the book fell to his wife, Dr. Maya Rockey Moore Cummings, and family, in collaboration with James Dale. Again, this book is a definite “Page-turner!” ❖

Congratulations to....



Denée Barr who participated in a groundbreaking film project, “A Different Kind of Song: The March of Black Women and the Unsung Stories of Black Women Composers.” The film is a virtual music concert that creatively tells the story of Black suffragettes, like Ida B. Wells, Mary Church Terrell, Mary Talbert, and Adella Hunt Logan.

Denée Barr narrates the film, which features guest performers soprano Ayanna Freelon accompanied by Dr. Samuel Springer, and pianist Janée Cherie Johnson. The hosts of the virtual concert are the Coalition

for African Americans in the Performing Arts (CAAPA) and the Museum of Howard County History at the Howard County Historical Society in Ellicott City, Maryland, where the concert was filmed. This virtual concert will livestream simultaneously on Sunday, November 1, from 4 to 5 p.m. on [CAAPA Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#). For more information visit the websites www.4caapa.org and www.hchsm.org.

Denée Barr is the granddaughter of historic Nineteenth Street members, Leslie and Quincy Meeks. ❖

Dr. Daniel Woolridge on his insightful and educational presentation, “Pushing for Diversity: The Curious Case of California and Affirmative Action.” The October 8 webinar was co-hosted by Benioff Children’s Hospital’s Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Committee and the University of California, San Francisco Pediatric Residency Diversity Committee. It was held on “Grand Rounds,” a part of the hospital’s medical education platform. The presentation addressed the effects of the state’s affirmative action policies on the lack of diversity and access to adequate health care in the Black and Brown communities from an historical perspective.

We encourage the church family, especially young people thinking about going into medicine, to view the presentation on [YouTube](#).

Daniel Woolridge, MD, MPH, MS, is a son of Nineteenth Street. His proud parents are Randy and Carolyn Woolridge. ❖



Yoga and Technology Workshops Continue

By Oretha Chandler

The Senior Ministry yoga and technology workshops conducted by Three and A Half Acres Yoga are continuing through December on every other Saturday from 1 to 2 p.m. The holistic workshops are designed for chair-based yoga; however, a mat may be used if desired.

Each yoga workshop will be followed by a D.C. Public Library 30-minute session to brush up on your technology skills. It is not too late to join this informative, free series. [Register here](#).

November 7 – Gentle Yoga/Google Drive

November 21 – Gentle Yoga/Google Docs

December 5 – Gentle Yoga/Google Slides

December 19 – Gentle Yoga/Google Forms and Google Sheet

For more information about the upcoming workshops, contact Oretha Chandler at Oretha.chandler@verizon.net. ❖



Support Toys for Tots in 2020

By Patricia Thomas

The Missionary Society is again heading up our annual church-wide support for the Marine Toys for Tots program. This year is different, though. We are asking church members to make financial donations, rather than bring toys to the church.

Collection begins on November 1 and will end on December 3, 2020. The Marines will come to the church on Sunday, December 6, to pick up our donations from Rev. Roberts.

To support this project, please send a check payable to **Toys for Tots** and write in *Missionary Society* on the memo line. You may also donate using one of the church's online giving options (Givelify, CashApp, PayPal), but be sure to specify that the donation is for the Toys for Tots project.

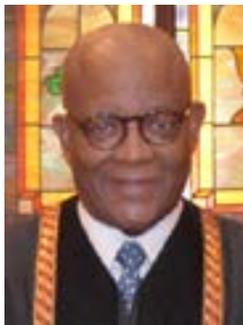
Patricia Thomas is chair of the Toys for Tots Program for the Missionary Society. ❖



Church Clerk June Jackson, Patricia Thomas, and Rosemary Mills Massey, president of the Missionary Society, with toys collected in 2014.

A Sacrifice of Thanksgiving

Rev. Reginald Townsend, Associate Minister



God is God. There is none like Him, and He doesn't have to hound us to make His point or gain our attention. He may allow trouble to come as the result of sin or as a way to teach us more about Him. But the Father also understands that if we never experienced times of adversity, we would miss the very essence and the most important aspects of His love. God's ability to work in our lives in

the various ways we need Him most delivers us from spiritual bondage. He helps us rely on His faultless wisdom and power and teaches us that nothing can touch our lives apart from His everlasting divine purposes.

The Apostle Paul reminds us that we are to "Rejoice always, pray continually, while giving thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for us in Christ Jesus" (1 Thess 5:16-18). Sometimes, it's hard to thank God in the midst of difficult and challenging circumstances because we don't know why He does what He does. But, I've learned to thank Him in all seasons and situations.

I must confess that I don't know why a man or woman could not say *thank you*. As I analyze the inability to say *thank you*, it may be that some people are unaware that they ought to say it. They don't ever worry about why things happen or what causes things to be. They're unaware of the obligation to say *thank you*. That may have been the problem with the ten lepers who Jesus cleansed (Luke 17:11-19). Nine went on their way, and only one came back to say, thank you. I have learned to thank Him when I feel beaten, and I thank Him when I am victorious. I have learned to thank Him in all things. The Word informs us that, in

everything, we should thank God, in the good times and the bad.

We can still be thankful for God's presence in seeing us through distress, death, pain, suffering, and sorrow. The deaths of more than 224,000 Americans did not start at the hands of God but were allowed through the neglect of men with malevolent intent. Therefore, we must pray without ceasing, and we must also vote. Many say the election on November 3, 2020, could be the most important election of our lifetime. Encourage your neighbors and all eligible members of your family to vote. We don't know who the next president will be, but we do know that God knows, and His will shall be done. So, don't worry, just stay strong in the Word and pray.

No matter what our circumstances today, we are to pray without ceasing, and believe that a change will come. For in Him is our hope, in Him is our pardon, in Him is our peace, in Him is our confidence, and in Him is our victory. "Thank you, Jesus!" ❖

Access LIVESTREAM on YouTube or Facebook:

YouTube at <https://everyblessing.org/live-streaming>

Facebook Live at <https://facebook.com/nineteenth.street.399>

**Access the PRAYER MEETING AND PRAYER CALL at
605-472-5349, access code 348952#**

**Access the CHURCH SCHOOL ADULT CLASS CALL at
712-770-5572, access code 577559#**

Contact organizers for access to ZOOM programs

The Gift of Rachel

By Deaconess Evangeline Fultz Stevens

I recently received a gift from my brother, Jimmy, and my daughter, Lori. They've been concerned about me being alone since the passing of my beloved husband. Their gift was not one that I expected nor felt would help me handle the void I've been experiencing in my life. Jimmy and Lori decided I needed a puppy.

I was still figuring out how to restructure my life, and it was unlikely that a puppy would make that any easier. The day after Lori and I had driven to Danville, Virginia, to pick up the black and white combination Maltese and Yorkie dog from Jimmy, the puppy had won me over.

In the most unexpected way, God had answered my prayers. She was tiny and dependent, looking to me for everything she needed. Quickly, I recognized, we needed each other. When picking a name for her, I looked for connections to my husband—things he loved and were a part of him. I named her Rachel de Faison Fultz Stevens. Rachel was a favorite name of my husband's, and he was born in Faison, North Carolina.

Initially, I didn't think I had the time, desire, or energy to raise a puppy. And, in the beginning, it was a big adjustment. With Rachel, my day starts with an early morning walk so that she can go outside to handle her business. In the beginning, these morning duties irritated me. Rachel was slow and very particular. But I quickly came to see them as a blessing. No longer are our early morning walks a chore.

I look forward to going out into the dawn of morning and seeing the sun come up. The quietness of early light gives me time to

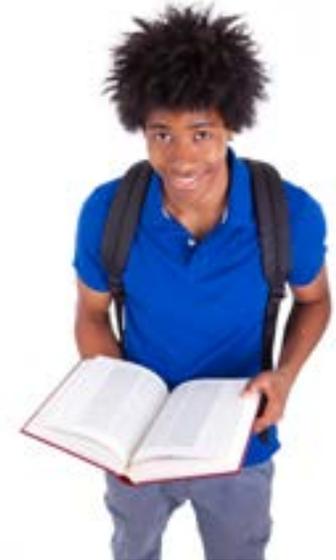
thank God and be grateful for granting me another day. In the evening, it's the same routine. While walking Rachel, it gives me another quiet moment to thank God for giving me another day to experience his glory from sunup to sundown. It fills me with grace and gratitude. For those times of meditation, I thank Rachel.

Between our walks, Rachel keeps me on my toes. I'm getting more exercise from walking and running around in the backyard with her. Caring for Rachel requires that I manage my time with her in mind. I cannot go to the store and run errands, and when I go out, I don't stay very long. But all the changes are balanced out with the ways she reminds me of my husband and how she comforts me when I am sad. She sleeps soundly and can't wait to get up early in the morning, just like he did. And, just like him, she has her day planned to bring happiness and love to my heart.

There are days when Rachel senses my sadness and grief, and despite her lively spirit, she simply allows me to hold her. She knows when I need stillness and lays by my foot or puts her head on my shoulder. This overly friendly and excitable furry baby offers me so many silly moments of laughter.

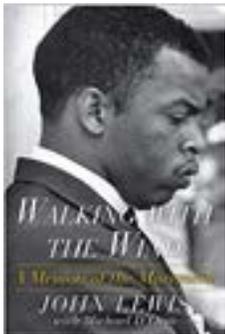
The Bible states that Rachel was the second daughter of Laban, the beloved second wife of Joseph. Rachel is described in Genesis 29:17 as being "beautiful in form and beautiful in look," and that she was divinely guided, and deeply loved, so is my Rachel. ❖





Page-turner Book Review for Boys

By Deacon Johnnie Love



In *Walking with the Wind*, U.S. Rep. John Lewis tells of his work as a leader in the American Civil Rights Movement. He was chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and played a key role in the struggle to end segregation. Despite more than 40 arrests, physical attacks, and serious injuries, Lewis remained a devoted advocate of the philosophy of nonviolence.

Lewis and US. Rep. Elijah Cummings were close friends as they worked together in the U.S. House of Representatives. Cummings stated in his book *We're Better Than This* that people frequently could not tell him from John Lewis. Perhaps it could have been because they both had bald heads and wore them proudly.

John Lewis wrote several books about his journey in life in the battle for American Civil Rights. The resources are plentiful

as you go online to access them. This book is a “Page-turner” because he shares the story of his early struggles and achievements and what it took to become a servant of the people. I must admit, this review comes from a combination of my personal knowledge and Amazon’s summary of John Lewis and Michael D’orso’s biographical work. I was able to listen to John Lewis tell of his story in other Amazon resources.

His story is one that you just might be able to relate to because he tells of his humble beginnings, coupled with his strong desire to excel. Teen boys: I encourage you to read about John Lewis. His life is an excellent example of what can be accomplished when you put your heart and soul into your desire to achieve. The late Edward M. Kennedy (1991) said of Lewis, “John tells it like it was...Lewis spent most of his life walking against the wind of the times, but he was surely walking with the wind of history.” ❖



Sing it twice while you wash your hands!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Chelsea R. Jordan	11/2	Tenise Wilson	11/5	James Wilson	11/17
Rosemary Mills Massey	11/2	Ruby Hookfin	11/6	Thomas W. Black	11/18
Renee C. Sprow	11/2	Laverne Johnson	11/6	Judy C. Dillon	11/19
Virgil M. M. Peters	11/3	Deaconess Margarette C. Blakemore	11/7	Denise P. Johnson	11/19
Diane Wendy Morris	11/4	Ann Chisolm	11/7	Angela Griffin	11/20
Patrick W. Cooper	11/5	Doris E. Harris	11/10	Robert V. Conley Jr.	11/21
Garrett Cypress	11/5	Tami Brown	11/14	Thelma Embrack	11/21
Evelyn C. Sellers	11/5	Virgie Harris-Bovelle	11/14	Deacon Johnnieque B. Love	11/22
		Juran D. Moore II	11/14	Oran Woolcock	11/22
		Kenneth L. Saunders	11/14	Mary Valentine	11/27
		Ronnea Simpkins	11/14	Jacqueline Y. Ellison	11/28
		Robin M. Williams	11/14	Deacon Leon C. Pierce Sr.	11/29
		Azar-Adriano Alvin Evans	11/17	Victor Rogers	11/30



Please notify the church office of additions or corrections.

November Calendar

Sunday, November 1

Corporate Fast and Daily Prayer Call, 7 a.m.
Church School, Adult Class, conference call, 9-9:40 a.m.
Worship Service, Bring Your Own Elements Communion, livestream 10 a.m.
Youth Church, Zoom, 11:30 a.m.
Church School, Pre-K to Age 10, Zoom, 1 p.m.

Monday, November 2

Corporate Fast and Daily Prayer Call, 7 a.m.
Candlelight Vigil for Hope, Justice & Peace, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 3 – Election Day

Corporate Fast and Daily Prayer, conference call, 7 a.m.

Wednesday, November 4

Prayer Call, led by Deaconesses, Noon-12:15 p.m.
Music Ministry Choir Connection Call, Zoom, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 5 – Prayer Meeting Call, led by Deacons, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Friday, November 6 – Women’s Ministry Bible Study, Zoom, 7 p.m.

Sunday, November 8

Church School, Adult Class, Conference Call. 9-9:40 a.m.
Christian Mite Sunday Worship Service, livestream, 10 a.m.
Youth Church, Zoom, 11:30 a.m.
Tweens and Teens Sunday School, Zoom, Noon
Church School, Pre-K to Age 10, Zoom, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, November 10

Praying Through the Pandemic Prayer Call, Clergy, 6:30 a.m.
Grace for Living Bible Study, Rev. Roberts, livestream, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, November 11 – Veteran’s Day Holiday

Prayer Call, led by Deaconesses, Noon-12:15 p.m.
Music Ministry Choir Connection Call, Zoom, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 12 – Prayer Meeting Call, Rev. Reginald Townsend preaching, led by Deacons, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Friday, November 13 – Young Adult Ministry, “Quarantine & Chill” with Rev. Harris, Zoom, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 15

Church School, Adult Class, Conference Call. 9-9:40 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service, livestream, 10 a.m.
Youth Church, Zoom, 11:30 a.m.
Church School, Pre-K to Age 10, Zoom, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, November 17

Praying Through the Pandemic Prayer Call, led by Clergy, 6:30-6:45 a.m.
Grace for Living Bible Study, Rev. Roberts, livestream, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, November 18

Prayer Call, led by Deaconesses, Noon-12:15 p.m.
Music Ministry Choir Connection Call, Zoom, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 19 – Prayer Meeting Call, led by Deacons, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Friday, November 20 – Women’s Ministry Bible Study, Zoom, 7p.m.

Sunday, November 22

Church School, Adult Class, Conference Call. 9-9:40 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service, livestream, 10 a.m.
Youth Church, Zoom, 11:30 a.m.
Tweens and Teens Sunday School, Zoom, Noon
Church School, Pre-K to Age 10, Zoom, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, November 24

Praying Through the Pandemic Prayer Call, led by Clergy, 6:30-6:45 a.m.
Grace for Living Bible Study, Rev. Roberts, livestream, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, November 25 – Prayer Call, led by Deaconesses, Noon-12:15 p.m.

Thursday, November 26 – **Happy Thanksgiving**, Worship Service, livestream, 10 a.m.

Sunday, November 29

Church School, Adult Class, Conference Call. 9-9:40 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service, livestream, 10 a.m.
Youth Church, Zoom, 11:30 a.m.
Church School, Pre-K to Age 10, Zoom, 1 p.m.

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