

The Rising Star News

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COVID 19 What's Going On Now?

Recently NBCF's Board of Directors appointed a special committee to keep the congregation informed of the latest data concerning COVID-19 and the impact on our church's safety guidelines and practices. The intent is to inform and maintain updates to the congregation every 1st Sunday including any pertinent, relevant, and necessary changes in our safety guidelines based on findings from the King County Department of Health, Washington Department of Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and World Health Organization (WHO).

Following is the report provided on the 1st Sunday of July.

The Board of Directors have been focused on keeping our Sunday morning worship services as safe as possible by continuing our COVID-19 guidelines for church attendance. As we said last month we're learning to "Co-exist with COVID-19!" We're depending on everyone at NBCF to follow the safety measures prescribed by the CDC and state health organizations.

We hope you're enjoying the pleasures of Summer. Students are out of school and joining in on the summer camp programs. We see lots of pictures of folks on vacation, out frolicking with friends/family members in the great outdoors and participating in large outdoor/indoor gatherings and activities. While you're getting back into the swing of life, please remember all the things you need to do to keep yourselves COVID-19 safe. Like Nike's motto states, "Just do it!"

Since our presentation last month there's some good news. Vaccinations with Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna have proved safe and effective for children as young as 6 months old. COVID-19 vaccinations for all who are eligible to receive them are now more readily available through drug stores and some primary physicians' offices as well as some agencies that previously provided this service. Vaccinations are not difficult to schedule.

Let's look at the current facts for our area and compare these findings to our last report, provided on the 1st Sunday in June. As of Friday, July 1st in King County there were:

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Juneteenth Songs of Black Folk

Music of Resistance and Hope

We were warned! Sunday after Sunday, leading up to the event, Pastor Braxton informed the congregation this event would be one for the history books, that it would be spectacular, that it would be amazing, that we did not want to miss it etc. My God was he right! If you were not in attendance, you missed the absolute best Juneteenth celebration in the state of Washington, and perhaps the entire country. Those attending the event were mesmerized by the soul stirring music presented by the orchestra, the choir, and the featured soloists. It was said that the ancestors would be in the midst and indeed they were. We are certain they were beaming with pride as the songs of their plight were rendered with precision. Mere words cannot sum up just how incredible the evening was. This is one event where you truly had to be there!

As noted in the program, we were invited to go with the conductor and performers on a musical journey, where we heard everything from Negro Spirituals to Gospel, from Jazz and Rhythm and Blues to Hip Hop and Spoken Word. All of these forms of music have functioned as a tool of resistance and a source of hope for a people who have endured four centuries of white supremacy and its unrelenting assault on their minds and bodies. It was the hope that the evenings music would connect the African American struggle for freedom and justice with the struggles of other Americans who have had to fight their way in from the margins of our society, seeking the American dream of America. Juneteenth is a day of freedom, and we still believe that We Shall Overcome Someday.

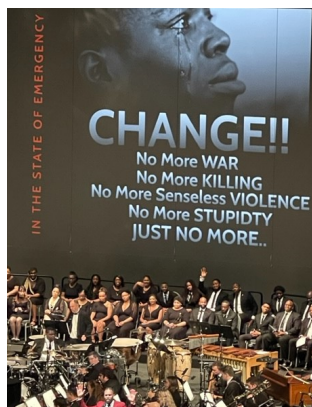
Thinking back to the days when Paul Robeson and Marion Anderson could not attend the theaters they were asked to sing at because of discrimination, it was Pastor's vision to have a Juneteenth celebration that would honor the day with a fine arts performance theme, focused on the songs of black folks. After speaking with Mayor Harrell and forming a partnership with One Seattle - Mayor Harrell's equity initiative - the vision was born. The hope is that this will become an annual event.



Let's pray that it does.

We are grateful for all who attended and all of those who donated toward the event at any sponsorship level. Thank you to Robert Nellams from the Seattle Center, Patty Mathieu and John Tangeman from McCaw Hall, Jennifer Samuels from the Mayor's office, Royal Alley-Barnes from the Office of Arts and Culture and the staff from NBCF, namely Tonya Smith, Kiya Carter, Mary Reed, Deacon Clarence Williams, Kevin Meeks, and all the volunteers who stepped up to help (Ushers, Greeters, Security, airport transportation, set up crew, etc.) Major kudos for an amazing show to all our guest performers: Darin Atwater, Bridget Bazile, Solomon Howard, James Connor, Robin Henderson and Felecia Curry, Emcees, Senator T'wina Nobles and Dir. Derrick Wheeler-Smith, our guest orchestra, and the amazing choir and last but certainly not least, our amazing conductor; Ramon Bryant-Braxton. We offer congratulations to the 2022 Lifetime Freedom Day Awardees: Norman B. Rice (Community Development & Public Service Award), Trish Millines Dzilko (Diversity in Technology Award) and Patrinell Wright (Performance Arts Excellence Award). It was an A+ performance, that was hard work and study. Seattle has never seen anything like it! Many thanks to Pastor Braxton for the vision and for bringing together such a stellar group of individuals to see it through.





COVID What's Going On?

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466,366 COVID-19 cases (an increase 29,242...or 10.6%)

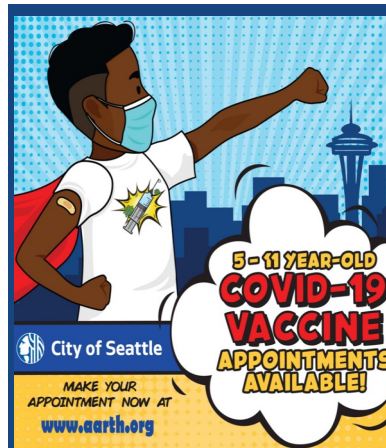
12,581 hospitalizations (an increase of 500...or 10.4%)

2,897 deaths (increase of 75...or 10.3%)

In the state of Washington, as of June 30th, 9% of the hospital beds were occupied by COVID-19 patients.

If you're keeping track of the COVID-19 reports, then you know that the CDC Covid Community Levels have listed King County in the Medium level and Tacoma-Pierce County in the Medium-to-High level. We are still in the battle with COVID!

Many of us undoubtedly know of someone who has had COVID-19. So, you know it is real!! You also know that it is possible to have a recurrence of the virus. Right?! COVID-19 rebound has been reported between 2-to-8 days after initial recovery. Even Dr. Fauci had the virus and received Paxlovid (the drug which reduces the severity of the symptoms and keeps you out of the



July 16th, 9 AM – 1 PM
August 13th, 9 AM – 1 PM
September 10th, 9 AM – 1 PM
October 8th, 9 AM – 1 PM

NEW BEGINNINGS

19300 108th Ave SE
Kent, WA 98031

Moderna / Pfizer / J & J
1st & 2nd Dose
Boosters
Pediatrics

hospital). He had a return of his symptoms after a week of recovery from his first episode! He said had he not been vaccinated he would not be alive to tell us about his experience. Vaccinations save lives!

Let us continue to stay safe using all the tools we have in the COVID-19 safety toolbox. We can coexist with COVID. Let's stay vigilant and still enjoy life, while remembering, what we can't do alone...We can do together!!

Allen Temple Baptist Church - Oakland, CA



Special Guest Preacher
Dr. Jacqueline A. Thompson
Allen Temple Senior Pastor

Fellowship Day

Worship & Cookout
July 17, 2022



COOKOUT TICKETS ON SALE NOW

\$10 Adults

\$7 Under 10 years

<https://thenbcfticketleap.com/cookout/>



Let Us PUSH! (Pray Until Something Happens)

Prayer is a conversation with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The NBCF Intercessory Prayer Ministry enjoyed another National Day of Prayer, May 5th, sharing scriptures, songs and prayer lifting up our nation. The goal for the remainder of the year is to pray for spiritual growth and safety.

The Intercessory Prayer Team is available 24 hours a day via (206) 723-3336 or e-mail prayer@thenbcf.org. You are also welcome to join us for prayer every Tuesday from 6-6:45pm via Zoom.

Save the date, October 14th from 7-10 pm for the Fall 2022 Prayer Experience via Zoom!

Submitted by Intercessory Prayer Ministry Lead

Phyllis

Deacon Phyllis Ames



For The Bible Tells Me So!

The AWANA program at New Beginnings has kept going strong throughout the pandemic with midweek online Bible study and activities for kids from kindergarten to 5th grade. AWANA stands for “Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed,” and this year instead of a typical graduation celebration as the school year ended we started a new tradition: ***For the Bible Tells Me So!***

The brainchild of Commander Emeritus **Christina Humburgs**, this special May event was a special competition including a variety of team events. Clubbers had to work together on balloon relays and races to start off the festivities, and then got to line up and race for individual hidden prizes, but that was just to get warmed up!

Each team then got together for a lineup of high-speed Bible quizzing! They identified people and places from the Old and New Testament, completed Bible verses and spelling challenges, and answered true/false and multiple-choice questions about Bible history, events, and characters as well as verses and themes from our AWANA handbooks, with each AWANA leader creating a set of challenging questions for the clubbers.

After the team event, each clubber had the opportunity to come up and read Bible verses, gifts of the Spirit, books of the Bible, and more for solo bonus points, or memorize and recite them from memory for double bonus points. Short verses were worth a few points, while longer passages like Psalm 23 or the full books of the Bible were worth even more.

AND THE WINNER IS... Combining team and individual points, our first-ever champion was **Ziel Allen**, just edging out our two runners-up who tied for second place: **Andrew Curtis** and **Zachary Heisen**! While our top three got bonus awards, we had cash prizes for every single clubber, in addition to special graduation gifts for students who put in their time and study throughout the year!



AWANA FOR 2022-2023

Our AWANA program will return with the new school year. We hope we'll be able to return to in-person activities, including restarting our **Puggles** (age 2-3) and **Cubbies** (age 4-5) clubs, but as always New Beginnings will thoughtfully consider navigating the pandemic for the safety of our families. Whether in-person or online, we would love to work with your students next year! **You can register here through the church website**, and if we are able to meet in person, we'd love to have parent volunteers to assist, even just once a month!

Thanks to our awesome AWANA staff for all that they do and to our parents and families for working together to share God's love and grow our students in the faith. See you next year!

Truth and Training (grades 3-5): AWANA Commanders Jason Nelson, Lisa Brown

Sparks (grades K-2): Vivian Grice, Gabriella Russell, Maclovio Varner, Christina Humburgs

Games, Activities, and Support: Qayden Smith, Maxine Pascal

For more information about AWANA program and/or how to become a volunteer, contact us at awana@thenbcf.org.

Note: Background checks are required for all adult volunteers.

A Few Words on “The Word”

What Folks are Saying about Adult Bible Study

NBCF's 2021-2022 Adult Bible Study (ABS) season has come to a close. It has been an exciting year of fellowship, growth and discipleship. We brought back some old favorites and introduced a few new topics. This year's classes included: *Total Forgiveness*; *Advent*; *Baptist Articles of Faith*; *Navigating Chaos*; *Christian Doctrine*; and *How to Study the Bible*.

Classes were attended by non-NBCF members; remote members; new members; long time members, seniors, young adults ... you name it, they all came out to study and discuss God's Word.

And here's what a few of them had to say....

“The NBCF Adult Bible Study is a highlight of my week. The study topics, such as our Christian Doctrine, How to Pray, Total Forgiveness, Navigating Chaos, and The Cross and the Lynching Tree, have led to meaningful discussions. Although, as a remote participant, I have yet to be in the same room as my newfound friends in Christ. Nonetheless, the people I see in boxes on the screen are so real you can feel each one's presence. Now that's even better than “thinking outside the box!”

Each of our leaders has built an atmosphere of trust that encourages the sharing of life-stories of God at work here. Their contagious enthusiasm helps us learn new tools and become more experienced disciples of Christ. All the participants are welcoming. Come feel the Love.”

Bill Tuttle

Non-NBCF participant

“Growing up, I attended Sunday School more than actual church service. I really do enjoy the variety of topics that are covered and the great discussions we have as a group. I truly enjoy attending Bible Study. Members not only learn the fundamentals of our faith but also how it applies to everyday life. There are a variety of topics covered such as achieving total forgiveness, understanding Jesus' parables, and learning about bad boys & girls in the Bible. “

Tracey Westry

NBCF Young Adult Member

“Being new to the State of Washington, like any other career move I've made, finding a church home was one of my priorities. I've been in ministry since I was six years old, so the morning worship service, however anointed and uplifting, has become second nature to me.

Bible Study, the meat and potatoes for me, is what I've grown to draw near to. I prayerfully go in expecting God to enlarge my territory through the lessons being taught.

I have to admit, I was a little skeptical because the Pastor



was not leading the studies. However, I've been TRULY blessed from the onset of my attendance in The Adult Discipleship Class. From Deacon Williams teaching on "Christian Doctrine", to now being under the tutelage of Dr. Victoria and Sister Alanah with "How to Study the Bible". I'm persuaded that I WILL go on a little further to see what the ends going to be!

Thank you, New Beginnings, for investing in God's people! I have no doubt that God is pleased and I praise Him for the growth that's taken place in my life because of your ministry!"

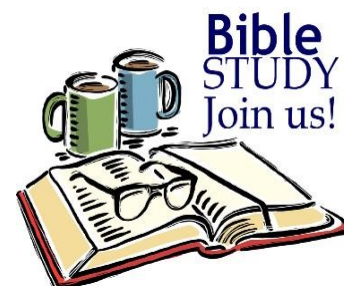
Kunteia Willis

NBCF New Member

Blessings

Sharon

Min Sharon Brown
Adult Bible Study



Adult Bible Study will be returning in the fall.

In the meantime, please mail: adultdiscipleship@thenbcf.org if you have questions or want more information on how you can get involved.

Outreach Homeless and Feeding Ministry Update

"For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat..."

The New Beginnings Outreach Homeless and Feeding Ministry is helping a lot of people in our region, which extends to the homeless population as well as those who need some extra groceries.

When we came to the church at the beginning of the year, our goal was to hopefully feed about 1,000 people per month. Our Pastor has, on many occasions, mentioned setting a goal that was too low. The goal of feeding 1,000 was obviously too low:

Our Tuesday feeding team provides 200-250 hot meals per month to individuals living unsheltered.

The Thursday senior meals team is providing 230-280 meals per month for seniors needing a meal.

The food pantry is providing groceries to families representing nearly 2,500 per month. We have recently begun providing food for a largely undocumented community and expect to feed nearly 150 persons per week.

We have begun providing cold cereal for the Renton Ecumenical Association of Church's, (REACH). This group provides breakfast to nearly 60 individuals every morning. Soon, we will be providing nearly 400 "heat and eat" meals every month for an agency in our neighborhood that's doing its part to end homelessness.

Our primary food supplier (Food Lifeline) has provided nearly 100 tons of food for our feeding programs... at no cost to New Beginnings.

A year ago, we received a grant from the Renton Community Foundation in the amount of \$5000. Just last week, we received an unsolicited \$6,500 from them. We have even received money from our food supplier...God is so good!

Many thanks go out to those who have and continue to avail themselves to assisting in our feeding programs. Words cannot express how much your time and commitment to feeding the least of these is appreciated. However, we can always use additional hands. Before you know it, we will be ramping up for the Holidays. If interested in serving with the Outreach Homeless and Feeding Ministry, please contact Deacon Steve at: outreach@thenbcf.org.

Thank you,

Steve

Deacon Steve Gray
Outreach Homeless and Feeding Ministry Lead



A Celebration of Service

Saturday May 21st, NBCF gave a heart-filled farewell to the Elder, Rev. Sam. Townsend who faithfully served as the leader of the Music & Worship Arts Department.

In her opening remarks Sharon Hunter - Music & Worship Arts Ministry administrator and MC for the occasion – set the tone for the evening with a hearty welcome proclaiming Rev. Sam to be “the one, and the only-- the man, the myth, the legend -- the preacher, the teacher, the director. The evenings event was meant to be a time for all to share how Rev. Sam influenced and impacted their lives; express profound gratitude for all his amazing work, and to reminisce about the great times many had working closely alongside him.

It was noted that Rev. Sam has distinguished himself as a world class Minister of Music, providing oversight and guidance to the 100s of people, which went beyond the walls of NBCF. His leadership at NBCF included serving children, youth, young adults, and seniors, in:

- The Psalmist Choir/Ensemble & Praise Team
- The Young Adult Ensemble,
- NuGenesis Youth Choir & Ensemble
- The Women's Choir & Ensemble
- The Men's Chorus
- Voices of Angels Children's Choir
- The Faithfulaires
- NBCF's Mass Choir
- The Evergreen Association of American Baptist Churches MLK Mass Choir
- Vessels of His Praise Dance Ministry
- Breakthru Young Adult Dance Ministry
- Smooth Conquerors Youth Step and Dance Ministry
- The Drama Ministry and the incomparable NBCF Band

Rev. Sam has worked tirelessly to deliver excellent service through the Music & Worship Arts Ministry, and has elevated the intentionality of worship at NBCF as not only a choir director but as an extraordinary Worship Leader. As a member of the Executive Staff, he served as Chief of Staff during Pastor Braxton's sabbatical. He was ordained at NBCF, elevating his role from Minister to that of Reverend. Rev. Sam's contributions have been undeniable in their alignment with NBCF's vision as a CHRIST-CENTERED MINISTRY, MAKING DISCIPLES OF ALL PEOPLE, ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF THE TOTAL PERSON THROUGH:

Spiritually Edifying Worship
Life Transforming Christian Education
Relevant and Timely Ministry Programs
Justice Advocacy and Community Development

Rev. Sam ensured that Music & Worship Arts members



knew their purpose, as well as the Word of God they sang.

At one of our Psalmist Choir rehearsals his Scripture lesson came from 1 PETER 2:9 : *“for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.”* (NIV)

Rev. Sam reminded us that we are a chosen people, and that it was not by happenstance that we were ministering together.

As a royal priesthood, we have special rights and authority, as well as a responsibility to exhibit God's holiness. Every time we sing, dance, and praise, it is to reveal Christ to people who have never met Him--not so people see us but see the glory of God that shines through us. He went on to say that we are God's special possession -- God showers us with His grace, mercy, and forgiveness, and He dispatches His angels to watch over us. When we simply call on His name, demons tremble. When we touch and agree in His name, He will do what we ask. We must be careful with this special possession—our ministry—and make sure that we use our words carefully to speak life versus death.

Rev. Sam's impact and contributions to NBCF have been undeniable. He proved himself to not only be a talented director, teaching effective song selection and vocal technique to advance the sound of each music ministry, but a man grounded in the Word of God, preaching the Gospel at rehearsals and from the pulpit, along with his father on NBCF's “Townsend Takeover Sunday.” He beseeched ministry members to truly understand the scriptural references and the meaning behind the songs they sing, to exude that understanding to the congregation.

During the pandemic, Rev. Sam kept the Music & Worship Arts Ministry connected through weekly MWA

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Live sessions, where the members had a chance to fellowship/pray together, to be encouraged through the word of God and song, as well as to simply have some fun. To ensure that MWA Ministry members felt connected, Rev. Sam implemented Praise from the Pews, where members of the congregation would be encouraged to wear the same colors as those on stage and sing along from their seats.

In her closing remarks, Sharon stated to Rev. Sam, "I pray that you remember this day and know how much you are loved. Leaders like you are rare. As the prophet Aaliyah said, you are one in a million. Although your leaving makes us sad, the sweet memories of working with you will be remembered always. With a grateful heart, and on behalf of all Music & Worship Arts members, I say thank you for all your valuable contributions. You have been a mentor and an inspiration. I know that you are going to spread smiles and light up lives wherever you go."

To commemorate the event and Rev. Sam's contributions to NBCF, he was presented with the NBCF Excellence in Ministry Service Award. While Rev. Sam will be sorely missed, we salute him for bravely walking into this new season and pray that God will continue to bless him and his family richly and abundantly.



Dr. Joycelyn Thomas Receives Distinguished Alumni Award From UW School Of Nursing

NBCF, let's join in celebrating and congratulating our own Dr. Joycelyn Thomas for receiving this distinguished honor. Not only does Joycelyn prove her commitment to health and well being in the broader community, she also plays a key role in bringing awareness to men and women's health issues within her NBCF family. As the leader of NBCF's Health and Wellness Ministry, Joycelyn has orchestrated onsite mobile mammograms, she's brought in health experts in the fields of Breast Cancer, Prostate Cancer and other health concerns. Joycelyn has also been the catalyst for the partnership with AARTH in NBCF hosting vaccine clinics, not to mention the work she did in getting onsite COVID testing when the pandemic was at its peak. We thank our Sister, Dr. Joycelyn for her unyielding dedication and commitment to the health and wellbeing of those in the Seattle community and most of all to those in her church family. Let us pray God's continued blessings on her calling/ministry.

Following is a copy of an article - written by Aaron Allen, - that appeared in the Seattle Medium Newspaper highlighting Joycelyn's accomplishment.

To celebrate National Nurses Month the University of Washington School of Nursing announced Dr. Joycelyn Thomas, President of the Mary Mahoney Professional Nurses Organization (MMPNO) – a professional organization of Black nurses in Seattle, as the recipient of its Distinguished Alumni Award and one of its Nurses of Influence.

The award honors and recognizes a graduate whose career in nursing exemplifies excellence in leadership in a professional organization, contributions to the community, excellence in clinical practice and outstanding accomplishments.

Dr. Thomas received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in 1996, Master's in Nursing degree in 2013, and Doctor of Nursing Practice in 2014; all at the University of Washington School of Nursing. Reflecting on why she chose nursing as a career, she said, "That passion or drive to help people never went away as I grew older. I had a menagerie of little wild and domestic animals and tended to each one like they were a child. That was my goal in life, to be in health care. I fashioned school and activities around this."

As an alumnus of the University of Washington School of



Nursing, Thomas continues her spirit and commitment to the school. One way Thomas accomplishes this goal is serving as a clinical preceptor, an experienced practitioner who provides supervision during clinical practice and facilitates the application of theory for students and staff learners. By doing this Thomas is paying it forward to succeeding generations of nursing students. She also gives homage to all women, Black women and women of color for the contributions they provide to make this world better.

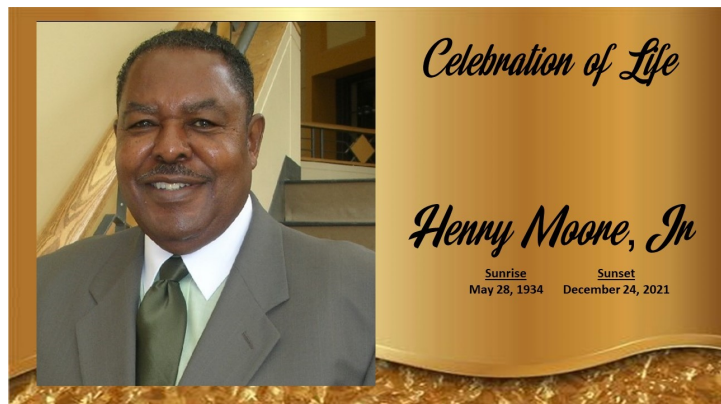
To be seen by my community is amazing," says Thomas of the award. "There are so many Black women, women of color, women in general doing things that are just amazing, you can't even imagine some of things these women are doing in the world today to move things forward in this world. To make a change, to make a difference. For me, I just feel for a lack of better word, I feel honored, but truly it's humbling and exhilarating at the same time."

One of the major accomplishments Thomas and her fellow members of MMPNO achieved during the pandemic was orchestrating the vaccinations of thousands of citizens during the pandemic. MMPNO's collaborations resulted in delivery of over 8,000 vaccinations working with Southeast Seattle Senior Center, New Beginnings Christian Church, Dunia Clinic, Center for Multicultural Health, City of Seattle, Fred Hutch, Seattle Cancer Care Alliance and African American Reach and Teach organizations.

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MEMBER NEWS

Memorials



Marriages



MEMBER NEWS

Birth Announcements

Meet Our Newest Member!

Skylar Adonis Tolbert

Born May 13, 2022
9.0 lbs 21.5 inches long

Parents
Victor & Shannon Tolbert

**Karan Zamarion
Gowtham**

Born
December 16, 2021

Parents
Gowtham Jeyabalan
&
Keara Garcia-Stubbs



Child Dedications

Dedicating to God

Amina Hope Johnson

Born 06/03/2021
Place of Birth: Enumclaw, WA

Father
Nicholas Broderick Johnson

Mother
Mia Sym'one Taylor-Johnson

God Parents
Nazari Taylor and Aaron Johnson



Dedicating to God

Nolan Charles Ware
Born January 1, 2022

Mother
Victoria Carr-Ware

Father
Michael C. Ware

God Parents
Gregory Lloyd Carr, Jr.
Meredith Christine Suttles



Dr. Joycelyn Thomas

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"The pandemic along with the social justice movement in the wake of the killing of George Floyd spurred me to action," says Thomas. "I felt energy I have not felt in years to get something done. I invested my efforts in collaborating with others, to administer vaccinations in underserved communities. It was amazing."

In addition to providing vaccinations, MMPNO awarded fourteen nursing students of African descent scholarships this year. s. It was amazing."

While Thomas is happy about her recognition, her goal is to lead by example and be an influencer and an inspiration to others.

"This honor is not for me, this honor is for my community because it highlights the work, I wouldn't have gotten this honor if I wasn't doing the work with my community," Thomas says. "I want to be an example, a resource, an inspiration. I feel that if I can be the best at what I believe in, then others will mimic or follow."

Parents, Parents, Parents! Early Childcare Center Opens!



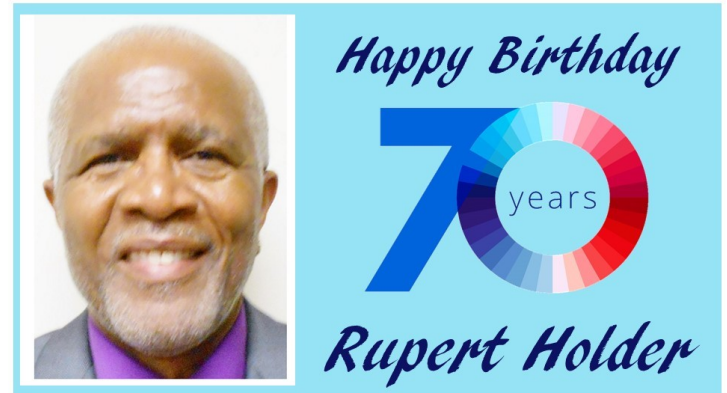
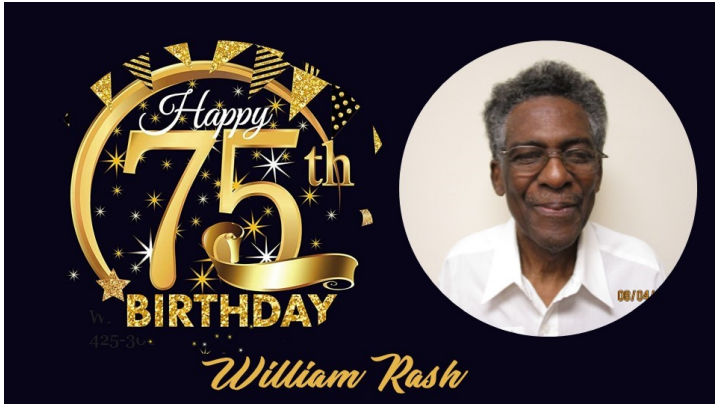
*We're looking forward to sharing
God with your little ones!*

*Early Childcare Center (ECC)
For all Kids 3 years to Pre-K
Sundays at 10:30*

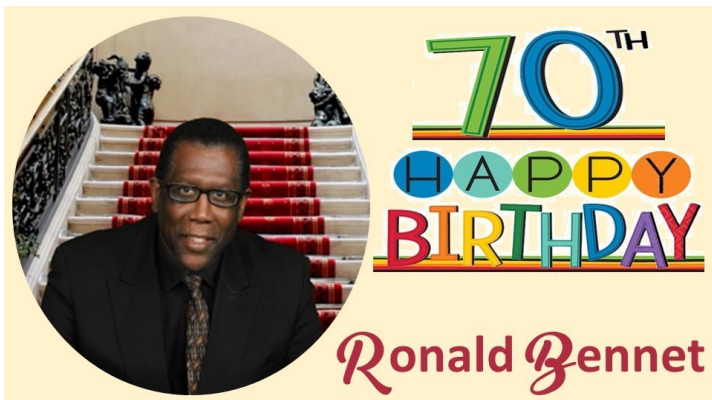
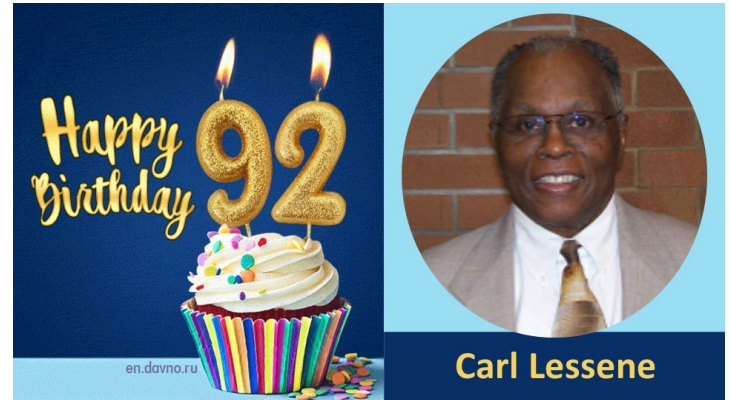
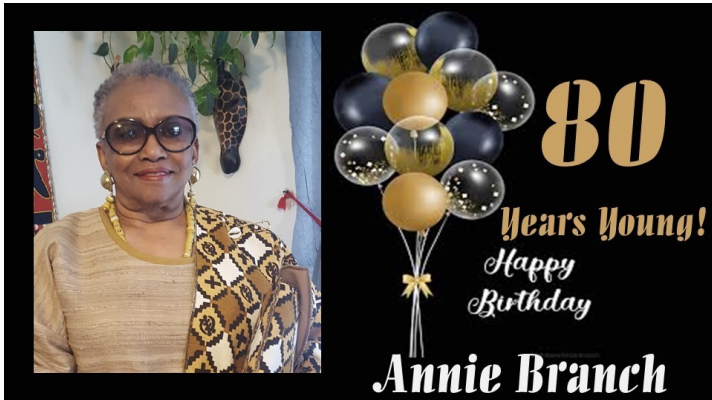
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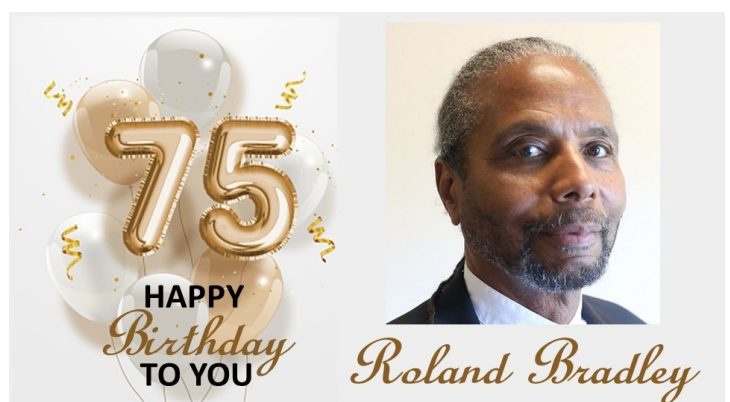
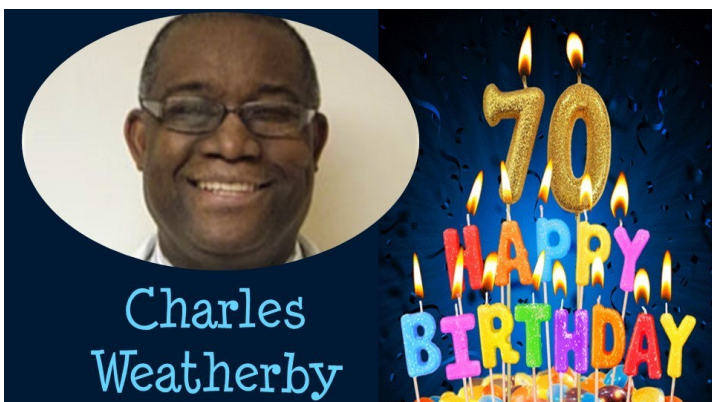
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February 2022 Milestone Birthdays!



March 2022 Milestone Birthdays!



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March 2022 MileStone Birthdays!



Happy Birthday Betty Wilkins



Andre Daye Hines

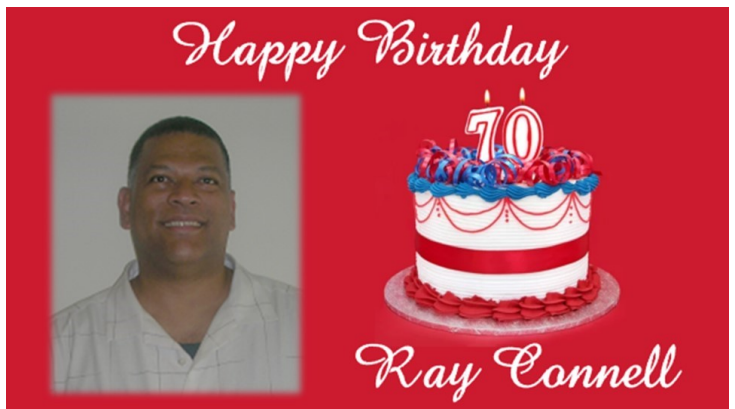
April 2022 MileStone Birthdays!



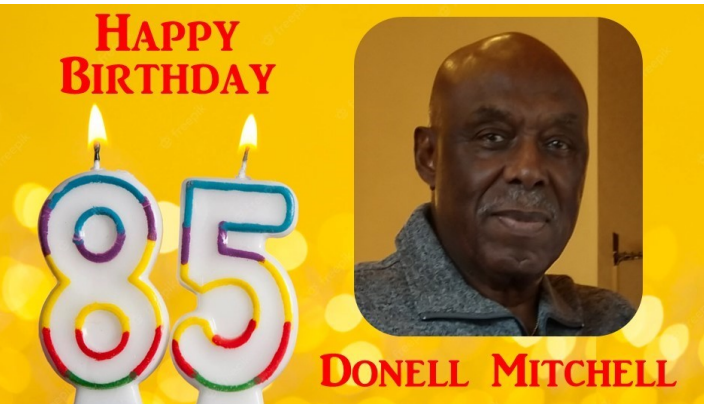
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Birthday
Catherine Robertson



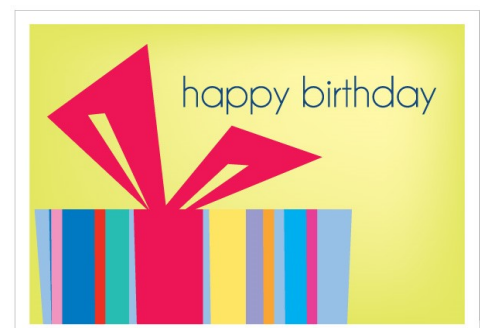
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Happy Birthday
Mary Cross



Ray Connell

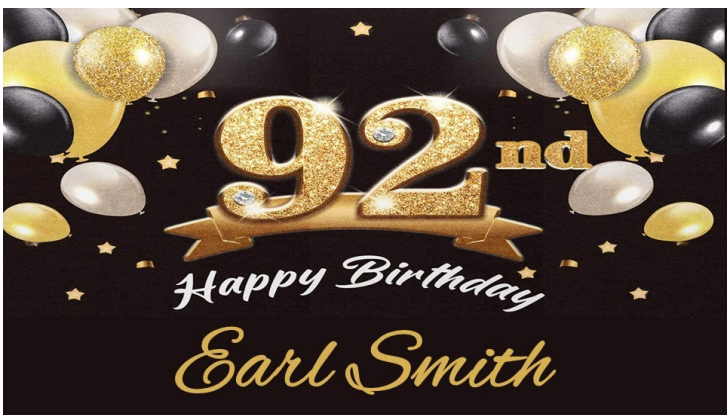


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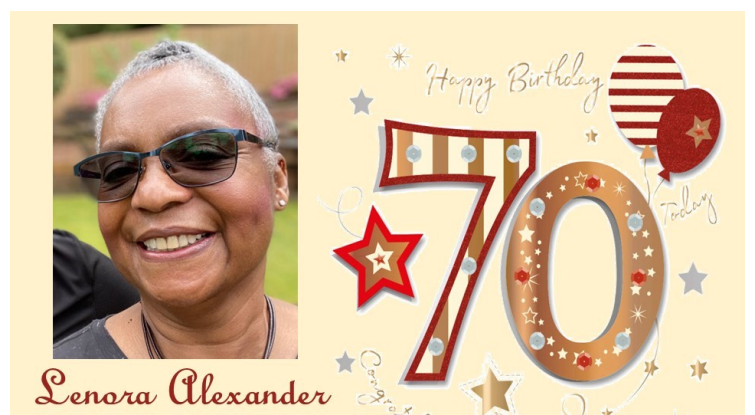


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May 2022 Milestone Birthdays!

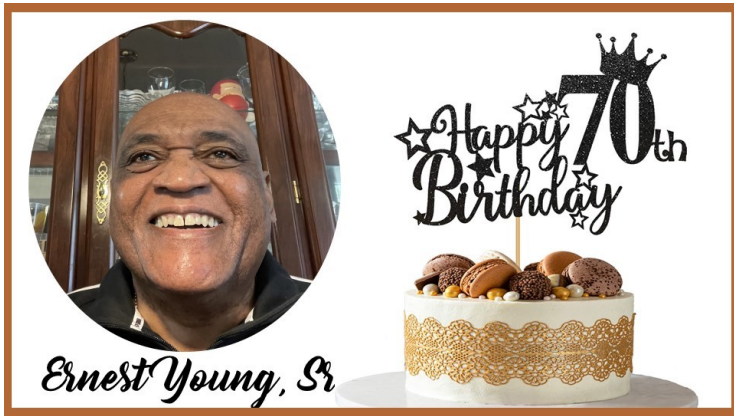


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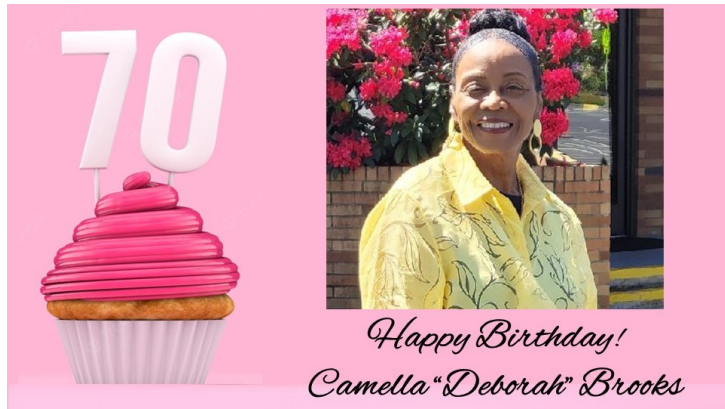


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June 2022 Milestone Birthdays



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Happy
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Birthday!

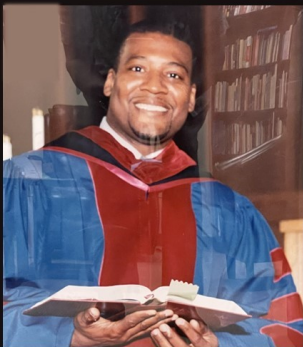
Sadie Allen

Happy Birthday to Our Oldest Living Member



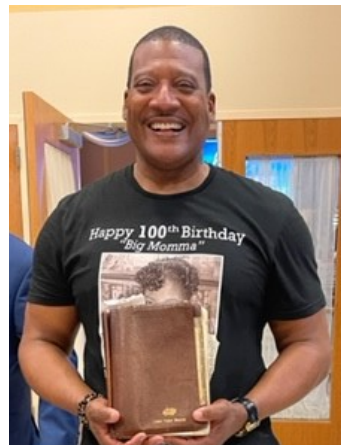
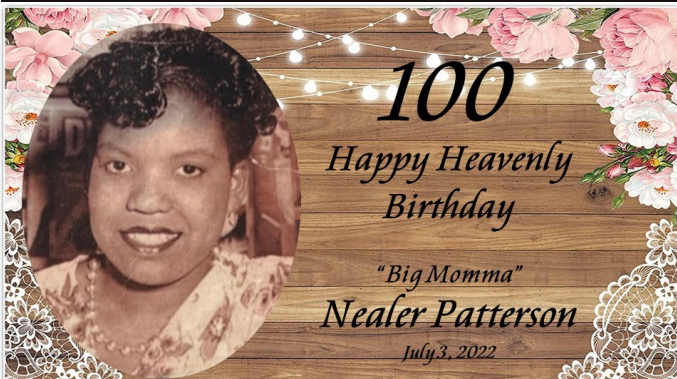
Pastor Braxton Celebrates 40 Years in Ministry!

Can you believe it? Yes, Pastor Braxton has been in ministry for 40 Years! He would probably say, "I know I don't look old enough to have been in ministry for 40 Years." Nevertheless, it's true. It was July 4, 1982, when he was licensed to preach by his Pastor Floyd D. Bullock at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Tacoma. On that day, Pastor was given a Bible by his late grandmother - aka "Big Momma" - Nealer Patterson. He still cherishes that Bible to this day. In conjunction with celebrating his 40 years in ministry, Pastor set aside time to honor his late grandmother's 100th birthday, which was July 3rd. We thank God for all He has poured into Pastor Braxton over the years and wish him many more prosperous years serving the Lord and His people. To God Be the Glory for the Great Things He Has Done in Pastor's life!



40th
Anniversary
In Ministry

Rev. Dr. Leslie D. Braxton



MEMBER NEWS

Dr. Charles and Shauna Weatherby Retire – Together!



For 40 years Dr. Weatherby served the Tacoma community as a family physician. He launched his own family practice in the early 80's and proved to be a beacon of light in the Tacoma area as he faithfully took care of the health needs of those in the community. Not only that, his wife Shauna served along side of him the entire time as his personal assistant/nurse practitioner. When the time came for Dr. Weatherby to hang up his stethoscope and lab coat for the last time, Shauna was still by his side, walking into retirement along with him. What an amazing testimony of the commitment to their marriage and community.

Let us congratulate them both as they step into this new and unfamiliar season of retirement.

It's So Hard to Say Goodbye



The Colemans

Once again NBCF prayed over and bid farewell to some of it's most faithful and committed members.

Ron and Cynthia Coleman who have been members of NBCF for most of it's 15 years have relocated to Houston, Texas. While at NBCF, both Ron and Cynthia faithfully served in God's vineyard. Cynthia held the reigns as the Greeting Ministry Lead, served on the Gender Audit Team and Ron was a faithful servant with the Security Ministry Team. We thank God for their unyielding, unwavering service to God and NBCF.

William and Carlette Morrow are relocating to Fairburn, Atlanta. The Morrows have been members of NBCF from the beginning. While at NBCF, they were faithful servants; Carlette served in the Greeting Ministry, Counting Team, Women's Choir, Bookstore and the Outreach Food Pantry. William was NBCF's original lead/director of the Drama Ministry where he directed several in house productions, he also served in the Parking, Greeting and Feeding Ministries, and the Men's Choir.

As they go, the Colemans' indicate it has been an honor worshipping with NBCF and they will miss everyone. The Morrows' want us to know if has been a true blessing being part of NBCF...they thank everyone for their friendship, prayers, and well wishes...they will miss everyone and they're looking forward to their new adventures in Georgia.

Both families will be sorely missed. Nevertheless, we pray they will be richly blessed with a church home where they can continue to worship and serve God, while cultivating new and lasting relationships with other brothers and sisters in Christ.



The Morrows

RiseUp Scholarship Fund Bowl



On Sunday, May 22nd, the RiseUp CD held its first scholarship fundraiser at the Tukwila Family Fun Center's Bowling Area. This event had been 2 years in the making. When originally scheduled, it was halted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The RiseUp Community Development Corporation (CDC) is NBCF's 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Our mission is to empower high school graduates in the community to advance the quality of their lives through obtaining a post secondary education and to support our previous recipients in making it to the finish line of graduation.

Overall, a fun time was had by all who were able to attend. The kids, and grownups alike were excited about the various raffle items they won such as: The Movie Night Basket, Cotton Candy Animals, Family Fun Center Points Tickets, A Spa Basket, A \$100 Massage Gift Certificate, Two Tickets to Jazz Alley and 3hrs of Personalized Basketball Training, just to name a few.

The RiseUp Board extends our heartfelt gratitude to all those who gave their time, talents and monetary support to assist us in this fundraising effort.

For more information on RiseUp, check out our website at RiseUp-CDC.org. If your employer does matching fund donations, please remember RiseUp CDC.

With a Grateful Heart,

Rhonda

Rhonda Wilkerson,
RiseUp CDC Chair



www.RiseUpCDC.org



Congratulations!

CLASS of 2022

High School Graduates



Congratulations!
Class of 2022

Madison Bryant

High School Diploma
Renton Prep School

Pursue a Degree in Computer Science



Congratulations!
Class of 2022

Amber Jones

High School Diploma
Auburn Riverside High School

Attending Howard University
Biology Major



Congratulations!
Class of 2022

Noah Oliver

High School Diploma
Hazen High School

Attending Northwest University
Computer Science Technology

Bachelor's Degrees



Congratulations!
Class of 2022

Ronce Jones

Bachelor of Science in Accounting
Central Washington University

Attend Master's program at
Central Washington University




Congratulations!
Class of 2022

Kaylynn Miller

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science
Howard University

Remaining in the DC area to begin her career



Congratulations!
Class of 2022

Daeshawn Wilson

Bachelor of Arts
Business Administration & Accounting
Seattle University

Join an Accounting Firm

Masters Degrees



Congratulations!
Class of 2022

Marsaiah Campbell

Master of Arts in Theology
Seattle University


Return to School for Certification as
Board Certified Behavioral Analyst



Congratulations!
Class of 2022

Delores Mack

Master of Public Health
University of Washington



Congratulations!
Class of 2022

Amber McDowell-Reese

Master of Social Work
University of Washington

Working with
WA State Department of Children,
Youth & Families (DCYF)

Doctorate Degree

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ~Romans 8:28

Dear New Beginnings Family,

It is with mixed emotions that I write to share that I am leaving New Beginnings Christian Fellowship and beginning my tenure as Senior Pastor of Queen Anne Baptist Church on August 1, 2022. In my seven years as Associate Pastor here, I have come to love and care deeply for this congregation. I have grown tremendously under Pastor Braxton's leadership, guidance, and direction, and I have learned so much from you all as well. Thank you for the patience, kindness, mercy, grace, generosity, and love that you have shown me! I wish you all the best and pray that you may continue to grow in faith, hope and love, worshipping the Lord with your whole heart, mind, body, and soul and remembering to do everything for the glory of God!

Much love,
Rev. Victoria
Rev. Dr. Victoria E. Carr-Ware



Congratulations!
Class of 2022

Victoria Carr-Ware

Doctor of Ministry
Pastoral Leadership
Seattle University School of Theology & Ministry

Putting her new degree to work!

2022 NBCF Scholars

Undergraduates



Congratulations
NBCF Scholar




Sydney Coleman
Howard University
Musical Theatre




Congratulations
NBCF Scholar



Mia Ewing
Seattle Pacific University
Physiology



Congratulations
NBCF Scholar



Amber Jones
Howard University
Biology



Congratulations
NBCF Scholar

Nia Lawson
University of Puget Sound
Politics and Government
History and African American Studies



Congratulations
NBCF Scholar



Simone Madden
Spelman College
Philosophy
(Pre Law Track)



Congratulations
NBCF Scholar

Rita Mickans
Western Governors University
Business Administration and Management



Congratulations
NBCF Scholar



Daniel Nzanga
Seattle University
Graphic Design



Congratulations
NBCF Scholar



Noah Oliver
Northwest University
Computer Science Technology



Congratulations
NBCF Scholar

Cletious LeMuel Pope
North Carolina State A&T
Mechanical Engineering



Congratulations
NBCF Scholar

Nathaniel Spears
Washington State University
Psychology & Business



Congratulations
NBCF Scholar

Aryn Spencer
Bethune-Cookman University
Mathematics
Psychology



Congratulations
NBCF Scholar

Stirling Yeadon
University of Washington
Marketing & Entrepreneurship

Graduate Students



Congratulations
NBCF Scholar

Cerise Barton
Graduate Degree Program
Emory University
Master of Divinity



Congratulations
NBCF Scholar

Karissa Braxton
Graduate Degree Program
University of Washington
Masters of Public Administration



Congratulations
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Ronee Jones
Graduate Degree Program
Central Washington University
Masters of Accounting



Congratulations
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Matthew Gray
Graduate Degree Program
Seattle Pacific University
Public Administration



Congratulations
NBCF Scholar

Janice Spinks
Graduate Degree Program
Seattle Pacific University
Master of Arts in Theology

Congratulations

2022

NBCF Scholars



New Beginnings Christian Fellowship
Legacy Scholarships



Legacy Scholarship
In Honor of
Stephan Stewart, II



Legacy Scholarship
In Honor of
The Tate Family



Legacy Scholarship
In Honor of
Chaleia Morae Gill



Danielle M. Hill



Dana Jones Walker



Mary Lee Rosborough



Legacy Scholarship
In Honor of



Legacy Scholarship
In Honor of
Wallace Sherwood, Esq.



Legacy Scholarship
In Honor of
MaryAnn Ramirez



Legacy Scholarship
In Honor of
Carmen K. Smith

New Beginnings Christian Fellowship



Guest Preacher
Rev. Dr. Maurice Watson
Metropolitan Baptist Church
Largo, MD

17TH Church Anniversary Celebration

August 7, 2022
8:00 and 10:30 AM Services

The NBCF Food Pantry



At New Beginnings Christian Fellowship
19300 108th Avenue SE

Open Every Saturday
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Free & Open to Anyone In Need

Volunteers are Needed

Provided in Partnership With
Food Lifeline, Harbor Foods and the Renton Regional Community Foundation
To Volunteer or for More Information Contact: Outreach@thenbcf.org



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When: 5-7 August
Fri 0830-1530, Sat 0900-1630, Sun 1200-1630
Location: Rainier Vista Boys and Girls Club, Seattle, WA

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Registration form on NBCF website and VBS table in Narthex

Make Waves
WHAT YOU DO TODAY CAN CHANGE THE WORLD AROUND YOU

July 15-17
Friday- Virtual
Saturday- Wild Waves
Sunday- NBCF

K-12
\$25 per child

Last day to register: July 10!

vacationbiblecamp@thenbcf.org

NBCF Church School Jesus Is Alive!

NBCF Church School was able to provide an in-person Easter Extravaganza for our youth for the first time since 2019. Easter Sunday was also the re-launch of the Early Childcare Center (ECC) and Parent Support Room (PSR) which closed in March 2020. This enabled us to minister to kids from pre-K to 12th grades as well as provide space for parents with toddlers to take a break while continuing in worship. In total we ministered to 116 kids between the two services.

As always, the focus was on Christ, but that doesn't mean we can't have fun! The children played games; did crafts, learned songs, and had their own photo booth to take pictures to commemorate the day. And of course, there was plenty of candy.

A special thanks goes out to all the teachers and helpers that volunteered to make the day special!!

Also, thanks to the families for trusting us with the care and nurturing of their precious cargo.

See the schedule below for opportunities to get your youth involved in Church School.

- Sun's at 10:30am - Early Child Care for 3yrs - Pre-K
- 3rd Sun's - 10:30 am - Elementary Church School for K - 12
- Jul 16 - 17 - Vacation Bible Camp for K - 12

Our hearts' desire is to provide safe, quality, Christ-centered ministry to our youth on a more frequent schedule. However, this means we need you. Please email students@thenbcf.org to find out how you can help.

Min. Sharon Brown

Sharon

Children's/Youth Ministry Department Head



Welcome To Our Newest Members



January, 2022

Laura Bammer
Roy Bloodsaw
Amy Bonet
Isabella
Abigail
Jerod Dryer
Alisa Emedi
Shoshana Pryor
Mariah
Min. Ben Smith
Shereen Smith
Laurel Mack Winston

February, 2022

Carla Bunn
The Chatters Family
Annika
Glemious & Matthew
Sandra Magee
Ashleigh Perrin
Amelia Pryor
Quenth Pryor

March, 2022

Jeffrey Butler
Ciara Cumberlander
Valarie Lee Williams

April, 2022

Annette Anderson
Carol Bridwell
Ariel Compton
Kate Gagnon
Traci Jones
Stacy Mitchell
Cinda Seitz
Quinta Thomas

May, 2022

J. Effah Acheampong
Moya Baylis
Naomi Byrdo
Brenda Cawthon
Muriel Clark
Kyle Gordon-Cotton
Robert Hill

Amaya Hill
Ingrid Moses
Lester Moses
Salamasina Nick
Samuel Nick, Jr.
Darnell Parker
Shoshana Pryor
Tony Pryor

June, 2022

Wamaitha Kiarie
Kiki Roper
Andreanne Mallluasiti
Monique Fickling
Cynthia Swensen



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Up-Coming Events

July 2022

15-17	Virtual Vacation Bible School
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17	Fellowship Sunday with Allen Temple Baptist Church, Oakland, CA
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August 2022

6	African American Men's Health Walk
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7	17th Church Anniversary Celebration
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14	Send-Off Sunday
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All Events Are Subject To Change Please Check For Up-Dates Often

Come Worship With Us!

At The NBCF Worship & Family Life Center

Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30 AM
Thursdays at 7:00 PM

19300 108th Avenue SE
Kent, WA 98031

Watch Us LIVE Sunday Mornings

8:00 & 10:30 AM Each Sunday
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