

# The Rising Star News

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## Should We Only Listen to the Bible for Guidance?

While the Bible does provide good insight into navigating the complications of life, it is not the sole source for our guidance. Yes, we should read and absorb what the Bible says, but we must be careful to not just relying on our own reading and interpretations for guidance. Doing so can potentially lead to taking Scripture out of context, which can create confusion, making haphazard life decisions and operating from a pretext. Thus, in addition to reading and "listening" to what the Bible says, it's equally important that we participate in church service and bible study classes where we can learn how to not only interpret Scripture but gain a better understanding of what the text says. As life-long learners, we must be open to availing ourselves to the wise counsel of those who have spent time and money studying the Bible, which includes how to interpret and apply the text to everyday life experiences.

The church also bears a great responsibility in our interpretation and application of Scripture. This includes ensuring there are bible study classes, small group sessions, relevant and timely ministry programs and biblically sound preaching that enhances our understanding of God's Word. Aligning ourselves with other Christians,

enduring and sharing some of the same struggles is also key to our understanding and interpretation of Scripture. It's often said that experience is the best teacher; where best than the church - among a community of believers - to witness how God has blessed others through not only his Word but how others interpret and internalize it. Further, when we interpret Scripture we bring to it our life experiences and cultural traditions, which can affect our ability to interpret and apply what's being read. While life may be complicated, interpretation of Scripture can be equally complicated and requires thoughtful attention. In the sense that we must be willing to wrestle with Scripture and not be afraid to question what it says, not afraid to have a conversation directly with God about our assumptions, confusions and inability to understand. Questioning the Bible helps in our understanding and shapes our interpretation of what the author is trying to convey



Minister Janice Spinks  
Editor

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## NBCF Hosts Evergreen Association's MLK Day Service

This year's program was nothing less than amazing! From start to finish, participants were inspired on many levels. The Evergreen Mass Choir, under the direction of NBCF's own Rev. Sam Townsend, featuring soloist, Lady Kenisha Blackman was nothing less than spectacular. Keeping in line with the theme, "Restoring the Pursuit of a More Perfect Union," each individual that spoke reminded the audience to pursue justice, love one another and conquer hate via love. The keynote speaker for the evening, Rev. Dr. Marvin McMickle, stirred the pot even more as he challenged the audience on many levels. While we couldn't capture everything he said, we did get the jist of it. Following is a (paraphrased) snippet of his message, "Be a Witness," from Acts 1:6-8.

The audience was challenged to know the difference between Justice and "Just-us" and to ensure we make Justice for all people. Further, we are to be a witness for the Lord, which involves, 1) seeing something; paying attention to what's going on around us...2) saying something about what we've seen. As he noted, this is where most of us fall away....by not saying anything - if you see it, you ought to say something...3) the Greek word for witness is martyria...Jesus says if you see something and say something, you must be prepared to suffer something - being a tireless person for Justice requires sacrifice, suffering and struggle...if you don't want to lose anything, you won't gain much - Jesus is asking us to be a martyria for the cause of Justice - that's why Martin Luther King died - silence is not the way to fight the devil - someone has to speak...wherever church folk don't want to go, (be it Judea, Samaria, or to the ends of the earth) that's



where God will send us - he stretches us and causes us to get out of our comfort zones...it's good for us to be together on MLK Day, among like minded Christians, but will we love Martin as much the day after the celebration? Dr. McMickle noted he took a peak in God's hymn book and could not find "God Bless America" anywhere...but, what is in God's hymn book is, "God's got the whole World in his hands" ...Our charge is to be God's witness no matter where he sends us, be it our home town or other parts of the world; and as we go, we should sing God's favorite song.

Thank you one and all for your attendance and let us all be mindful that we are called to be a witness for Jesus, not just on MLK Day but everyday.





*Pray always and not faint...* Luke 18:1



# It's Time To Pray!

## Come Pray With Us

### NBCF Intercessory Prayer Ministry

#### The Last Saturday of Each Month

#### 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

#### In the Early Childhood Center

**Pray For The Church ~ Pray For The World ~ Pray For God's People**

### CONNECTIONS NEEDS YOU!

The Connections Ministry is one of the longest standing ministries here at NBCF! Originally designed to 1) help the new member get connected to the church body, 2) provide fellowship for members in their local neighborhood, and 3) foster spiritual growth and relationships within the NBCF family. The Connections Ministry is by no means, an exclusive group to NBCF members! However, we are indeed a ministry that outreaches and aims to touch and grow all of God's children. We believe in the "open chair" policy where each connection member is encouraged to invite someone new to the group weekly. I invite YOU! The following Connections groups are looking to expand their family:

- Kent Station, led by Catherine Robertson
- Auburn, led by Deacon Lydia Reynolds-Jones
- Fircrest/Tacoma, led by Whitney & Andrew Mason
- Puyallup, led by Jamila & Zen Zheng
- Young Adults, led by Elisabeth Smith & Aaron Malveaux

Please email [connections@thenbcf.org](mailto:connections@thenbcf.org) to get con-

nected in this exciting ministry of fellowship! All Connections Ministry groups have reconvened as of Wednesday, January 16th at 11:00 am (Daytime/Senior group) and 7:00 pm for all other local groups.

Happy New Year,

*Delores*

Deacon Delores Mack

Connections Ministry Chair

The graphic features a teal background with yellow and white geometric shapes. On the left, the text 'CONNECTIONS MINISTRY' is in white, and 'WEDNESDAYS' is in white on a black rectangular background. On the right, there are three yellow person icons, each with a horizontal bar below it. The first icon is labeled '11:00 AM' and has two bullet points: 'Daytime group at NBCF' and 'Senior's Ministry'. The second icon is labeled '7:00 PM' and has two bullet points: 'In-home groups' and 'Young Adults meet at Starbucks in Renton on Rainier Ave.'. The third icon is labeled 'SIGN UP TODAY' and has two bullet points: 'Table sit in the Narthex' and 'Connections@thenbcf.org'.

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so that we may properly apply the Word to our individual lives and circumstances.

Listen to the Bible yes, but part of listening involves talking back to it, raising key questions and paying attention (listening) to God for answers. We must sit still long enough for God to speak to our hearts and answer those questions we raise. If we are going to “listen” to what the Bible says, we must be willing to relinquish our preconceived notions about what we think it says and any preconceived notions that everything in the Bible is to be taken literally, which is not the case. This is where personal devotion becomes paramount to our interpretation and understanding of Scripture. This is the time to sit in stillness to commune with God. It’s in our personal devotional time where we can truly wrestle with the text and raise questions such as, how is this text applicable to my life? God, what message are you trying to convey through this text? Or, how can this text give me the strength I need to carry on? Whatever we are wres-

tling with in relation to the Word can and should be addressed directly with God in the quietness of communing with him one-on-one.

Lastly, if we only listen to what the Bible says, we are likely to miss-interpret the Scriptures, which will only lead to an even further complicated, confusing journey on the road to life. Listening to only what the Bible says can potentially have you all messed up not knowing who or what to believe. Therefore, we must be open to wise counsel and one key Scripture that reminds us of this is Proverbs 4:7, which tells us, “Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore, get wisdom: and with all your getting get understanding.” Everyone sees, hears and interprets things differently. We all have our own biases and it’s good to discuss and share those differences with other Christians, which in turn helps in our gaining a better understanding of God’s Word.

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### NBCF Security Team Fellowship

What a great team! Not only do they come together to keep us safe each Sunday and during special events, they take time out during the holidays for a time of food, fun and fellowship. Many thanks goes out to this team of men and women who give of their time to make sure we worship in a safe environment. Many thanks to Charles for hosting this event.



## NBCF Veterans Day Reception 2018

Sunday, November 11, 2018, the New Beginnings Senior Ministry was given the opportunity to honor eight (8) veterans with a Quilt of Valor. The recipients were Irma Evans, Cecelia Johnson, Carl Lesesne, Henry Moore, Jr., John Marvin Pargoud, Karen Rector, Charles E. Smith, and Willie James Washington. These recipients represent all branches of the US Military.

The Quilt of Valor is a program designed to demonstrate gratitude to veterans and sincerely say thanks so much for their service.



# MEMBER NEWS

## Pamela Woods Hangs Up Her Badge

After a long and varied career with the US Customs Service/Customs and Border Protection, Pamela retired on Friday February 2, 2019. Pamela started her career January 15, 1980 as a student trainee, Import Specialist in Buffalo, NY. While employed, she worked as a "summer" inspector and sought a Bachelor's degree in Political Science at Buffalo State College. Upon graduation, Pamela became a fulltime Customs Inspector in January of 1982. She has served as a Customs Inspector, Supervisory Inspector, Chief Customs Inspector and Chief Customs and Border Protection Officer, after 9-11. She worked several detail assignments in Los Angeles, the Bahamas and Vancouver, Canada. She worked the land border at Buffalo/Niagara Falls, Chicago, and two tours, for a total of ten years, under the auspices of the U.S. State Department in Toronto, Canada. Pamela relocated to Seattle in April of 2000, as a new supervisor, for what was thought to be a 2 - 3 years assignment, but God obviously had different plans. In 2008, after 26 years as a Federal Officer, Pamela left the uniformed position for a civilian position with the agency, to care for her elderly grandmother. As a civilian Pamela has held the positions of Supervisory Mission Support Specialist, Law Enforcement Explorer coordinator and Program Manager.

Pamela notes her career has been extremely rewarding, and she thanks God every day that she had the support of her agency to be able to "switch horses in the middle of the road" to provide care for her grandmother, Mother Farris Jones.



## Loria Yeadon



Loria Yeadon has been appointed to the position of President and CEO of the YMCA of Greater Seattle. Loria will be the first woman and the first person of color to serve as CEO in the 143-year history of the YMCA of Greater Seattle. Loria will also be the third woman and the only woman of color to lead one of the largest 20 YMCAs in the United States. Congratulations to Loria!

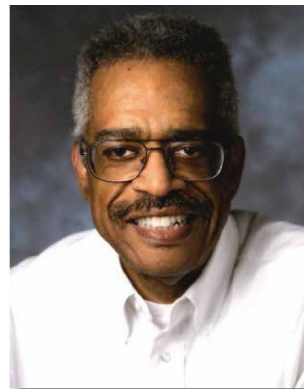
## Deacon Frank Lowe

### Tops in Ops



### 2019 RETIREMENT

#### Frank Lowe # 4235 "Group 1"



Frank was hired at Metro as a part-time transit operator on November 28, 1978. He was promoted to full-time transit operator on May 9, 1979. He worked out of South Base, Jefferson Base (old 1906 trolley base), Central Base and Ryerson Base (old facility). In June 1982, he applied for the position of first-line supervisor and was promoted in March 1983, working as a service supervisor. In December 1984 Frank qualified as a transit coordinator on the old voice radio system in the Exchange Building. He has been part of three major radio upgrade projects. In April 1990, Frank qualified in the Training Unit and was a part of the Tunnel Training Project, Breda Training Project, and the Waterfront Street Car, as well as being a classroom instructor for part-time transit operators. He also participated with a group of employees to restore retired transit coaches, in the Metro Employees' Historical Vehicle Association.

He says he will always remember the Seahawks' Victory Parade, WTO, Husky football and the far too many construction projects impacting our service area.

Frank will miss all of the people he has worked with, including his colleagues in Vehicle Maintenance, Power & Facilities, and all of the police and fire departments and local utilities.

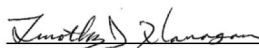
Finally, he will miss the early morning commute from Lake City to the Transit Control Center. Early mornings are so beautiful.

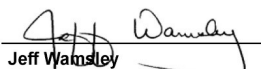
Thank you Frank, for your forty years of dedicated service.

His last day on duty will be Friday, January 11th.

*Please join us in wishing him a happy retirement!*

**Thursday, January 10th, 1200 - 1500 at the Transit Control Center**

  
Tim Flanagan  
Director Bus Operations

  
Jeff Wamsley  
Superintendent  
Transit Control Center

# MEMBER NEWS

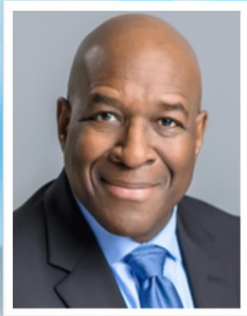


Happy **80<sup>th</sup>**  
**BIRTHDAY!**  
Birthday

**John Pargoud**  
80 Years Young!



*Happy Anniversary*  
*Crystal and Sherman Brown*



**George Frost**  
70 Years Young!



HAPPY 65<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY  
ANDRE DANIEL



*Connie Boun - 80 Years Young*



*Happy 65<sup>th</sup> Birthday*  
*Marilyn Young*



Happy Birthday  
**Lilly Collins**  
95 Years Young



*Happy Birthday*  
**70**  
*Barbara Cann*  
70 Years Young



# MEMBER NEWS

## Dedicating To God



*Lila Denise Elaine  
Mason*

Born August 16, 2018  
In Tacoma, Washington

### Parents

Whitney Xavia Mason  
& Andrew Marque Mason

### God Parents

Jenniell Manswell  
Stephanie Jordan  
Serrita Daniels

## Dedicating To God



*Ellis Hayden Reed-Hill*

Born March 31, 2018  
In Covington, Louisiana

### Parents

Sheena Nicole Reed-Hill  
& Michael Jerome Hill

### God Parents

Kyle G. Twaites  
C.J. Gaffney & Janique Parrott-Gaffney

*Just  
Married*



*Gloria Roberts & Ronald Lenear*

December 15, 2018

## Congratulations

*Morgan & Sabrina McClain*

January 17, 2019

*Just  
Married*



*In Loving Memory*

*Marva Smith Simon*

Home Going Service  
Friday, December 14, 2018  
11:00 AM



*In Loving Memory*

*Linda Burgess-Duncan*

Home Going Service  
Saturday - November 24, 2018  
10:00 AM  
At the NBCF Worship & Family Life Center



*In Loving Memory*

*Betty Ewing*

July 9, 1938 - December 4, 2018

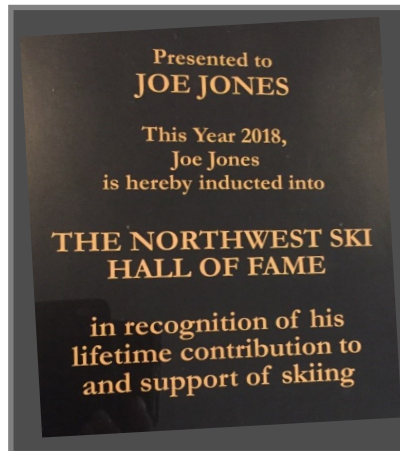


*Congratulations!*

## Deacon Joe Jones

Congratulations! to our own Deacon Joe Jones who was recently honored with special tributes as he was inducted into the Northwest Ski Hall of Fame, 2018.

Yay! Way to go Deacon Joe!



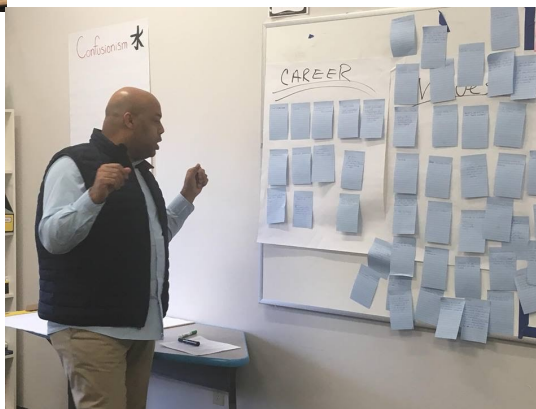
## Educational Empowerment Jumpstarts January

If you missed Jumpstart-Your-January, you missed dynamic speakers; outstanding, resourceful information and most importantly sincere fellowship! We want to thank you our guest speakers for making our event do what it do...Erin Jones, Building Relationships And Networking - Academic Game-planning, Andre Nellams, Career Exploration and Ruth Kaneko, Managing Money

Thank you to all of our attendees that took the time out of their Saturday to participate with the NBCF Educational Empowerment Ministry. We look forward to serving with you at our next event. You won't want to miss it! March Madness - Quality Over Quantity.



EDUCATION IS *Power*  
*Knowledge* IS FREEDOM



## Young Adults Cast Their Vision

In Vision Party with Coach Kathei!  
 Amazing opportunity to sit, be guided and ask God what He wants for and from me in this season. More than just pictures of what I want in my life!  
 #GameChanger #Focus



# THE IN-VISION EXPERIENCE

CAST YOUR VISION FOR 2019

**01** **2** **6** **19**  
 11 AM - 2 PM

HOSTED BY  
**KATHEI MCCOY**

@LUTHER'S TABLE - 419 S 2ND ST #1, RENTON, WA 98057

FREE! / ALL MATERIALS PROVIDED / FOOD AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE



## Call Him Professor Townsend!

Well, you can call me PROFESSOR Townsend, literally. "Your gifts (work, commitment, skill, competence, work, social capacity, temperament, trust, track record....) will make room for you." And THAT will be part of what I teach AS I TEACH music students at SPU this fall. Honored to fill the shoes of Dr Stephen Michael Newby for the Fall/Winter quarter. Excited for the journey ahead...

Congratulations Rev. Sam and best wishes!



Engaging the culture, changing the world®



*Family Game Night*  
*Saturday 02/09/2019*

*5:00-9:00 PM*

*Heads Up!*  
*Family Feud*  
*Dominos*  
*Spades*  
*Bid Whist*  
*Board Games*  
*Video Games & more....*



*Group Games, Food & Fellowship*  
*In The Worship & Family Life Center*  
*Fun for The WHOLE Family!*

# NEW YEAR NEW YOU



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	SATURDAY
		GROUP TRAINING Coach Vic 6:00 to 6:45pm		MIXED FIT Lailani & Deidre 9:00 to 9:45am
ADULT BASKETBALL 6:00 to 9:00pm	WEIGHT ROOM 5:30 to 8:00pm	WEIGHT ROOM 6:00 to 8:00pm	WEIGHT ROOM 5:30 to 8:00pm	YOGA Denay & Shay 10:00 to 10:45am

How can we help YOU get there in 2019?  
fitness@nbcf.org

# MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ANY NBCF MINISTRY VISIT THE INFORMATION BOOTH

## NEW GENESIS Youth Choir



**Rehearsals**  
1st 2nd & 4th Saturdays

**Time**  
11:30-12:30 PM

**Location**  
Youth Sanctuary

For more information contact: Zhane Condly  
Email: sing2heal@gmail.com  
253-227-6676

## Join Us For



**Games** **Group Sessions** **Book Time**

**Thursdays**  
7:00 – 8:30 PM

Registration Fee:  
\$40 per child or  
\$30 per child for 3 or more

For More Information Contact:  
Christina Humburgs, Club Commander at: Awana@thenbcf.org



## happy birthday

### Got A Milestone Birthday or Anniversary Coming Up?

If you have a Milestone Birthday (65 years and older at 5 year increments) and or a Milestone Anniversary (40 years with 5 year increments) and want to be recognized, The NBCF Senior Ministry would like to celebrate and honor you! This means your picture will be displayed on the media screen during Sunday Worship Services and will be included in the quarterly newsletter).

Please submit you Milestone Birthdays and Anniversaries and contact information to the Senior Ministry at: [seniorministry@thenbcf.org](mailto:seniorministry@thenbcf.org).

New Beginnings Christian Fellowship – 19300- 108th Ave SE, Kent, WA 98031

# THURSDAYS THRILLING



Something for the whole family!

- 6:00pm Chew & Chat (\$5 Dinner)
- 6:45pm Adult Bible Study/New Members
- 7:00pm AWANA/FRESH
- 7:45pm Worship & Word Service

## Santa Comes to NBCF

Christmas Sunday at NBCF included a time of fellowship and a visit from good ole St. Nick who bringing joy to children and adults who lined up to take pictures with him. Pastor Braxton and Deacon Clements even had requests for Santa. Hmm, not sure why Santa had to lay hands on Pastor though. Our resident Elf Jacque ensured everything ran smoothly. Thank you one and all for your presence at this event.



# Awana Newsletter

## Winter/Spring 2019

### 2019 Awana Games:

Ms. Rosalind Williams is our club's Games Co-Director by night and a lawyer by day. She joined the Awana team three years ago, and steadily served as a parent volunteer before becoming the current Games Co-Director with Qayden Smith. The two of them have worked together to provide a fun atmosphere for the game time segment of our club night. Ms. Rosalind has been instrumental in coordinating efforts to have our clubbers participate in the Awana Games 2019 with clubs from around the region. The games will be held on Saturday February 23rd, at the Kitsap Sun Pavilion on the Kitsap County Fairgrounds in Bremerton.



### Upcoming Events:

#### **Missions Month:**

Missions Month is simply a focused time of teaching, connecting and empowering our kids to experience the life of a missionary. This year we are going to experience the Great Escape!! Kids will step into the shoes of a refugee family who is escaping from danger to a place of safety – both physically and spiritually.

**Parent Meeting:** 2/21/19

**Awana Store Open:** 2/28/19

Your kids have worked hard to learn their verses and live the Fruits of the Spirit. In doing so, they have earned “Awana Dollars” and will be able to exchange them at the Awana Store.

#### Need for Volunteers:

Working with the Clubbers is a rewarding and fulfilling experience for everyone involved. There is not a warmer moment than seeing a child understand, recite, and live out the Word of God!! Due to that enriching experience, there has been an overly abundant increase in the number of participating Clubbers over the last few years. We are asking for volunteers to help assist with the development of the Clubbers as they progress on their Christian journey. A little from a few turns into many!



## Spotlight on A Senior

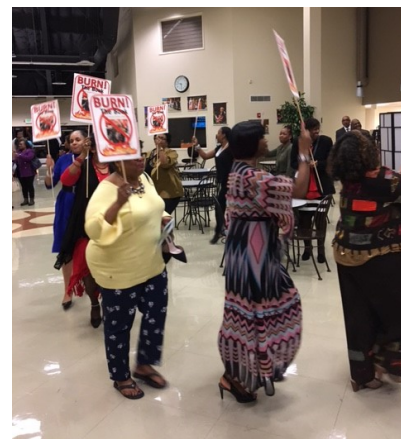
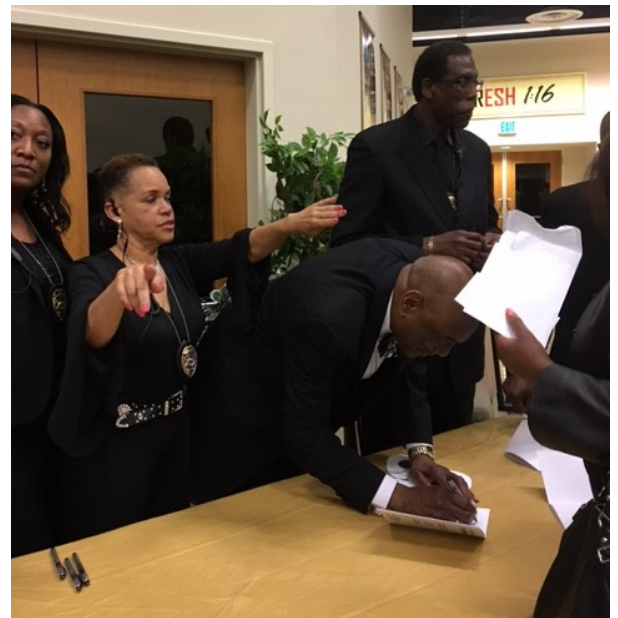
There were many amazing events and programs held during 2018 in the life of NBCF. One of the most amazing was the program sponsored by the Senior Ministry as they launched the first "Spotlight On A Senior" event. We were *totally* remiss in not highlighting this event at the time it happened but as they say, "better late than never," right?

The first honoree for "Spotlight On A Senior," was none other than Deacon Clarence Williams, aka our own resident "Denzel Washington." How he came to be called Denzel still remains a mystery...but hey, it's his fantasy, soooo.... The theme for the evening was, "Giving Him What He Deserves." And he definitely got just that! The evening was such a joy as participants listened to several individuals roast Clarence...it goes without saying that the laughter was off charts as person after person shared hilarious stories about Clarence and roasted him real good!

The highlight of the evening however came at the end of the event when several ladies gathered to protest his book titled, "The Book," which he wrote for the fellas giving some really whack relationship advise. The ladies were in such an uproar that the entire Security Team were running around acting like secret service agents to protect Clarence because the ladies were ready to take him out...especially as people stood in line for him to autograph the book! Ok, not really, but it made for a really great spectacle....the entire evening was a lot of fun and the ladies protest was a great way to end the evening and was really the ultimate roast of the evening!

Congratulations to Deacon Clarence for receiving such an honor, which was well deserved.

We look forward to seeing who will be our 2019 "Spotlight on A Senior." Stay tuned!!!



# Welcome To Our Newest Members

## October, 2018

Arlene Hargis  
Bre Mills  
DuBois McDavis  
Frances Teresa Williams  
Jada Bell  
Jerome Rhett  
Ladaska Burton  
Marquis Daniels

Aubrey Scott  
Beatrice Rice  
Brenda Douglas  
Charles Conner  
Charles Wright, Jr.  
David Ellis  
Deanna Grace  
Ebony Peterson  
Josiah Parchman  
Marsaiah Campbell  
Olu Folarin  
Randle Parchman  
Sadria Wright  
Stephanie Wright

## December, 2018

Class was In Recess

**New Members Class**  
**Sunday**  
**9:45 AM**



## November, 2018

Aaron Parchman  
Anthony Jefferson  
Antonia Henderson

## Up-Coming Events

### February

9	Family Game Night
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### March

6	Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 PM
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14	Lent Bible Study Begins
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17	Women's History Month Emphasis
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### April

18	Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 PM
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19	Good Friday (Office Closed)
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21	Easter Sunday
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22-26	NBCF Spring Break
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24	Seniors Feast After The Fast
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### May

12	Mother's Day
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### Save The Dates

July 19-21	Vacation Bible Camp
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July 26-28	S.H.I.F.T
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August 10	SummerFest
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*All Events Are Subject To Change Please Check For Up-Dates Often*



## NEW BEGINNINGS

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Mail: PO Box 940  
Renton, WA 98057  
Phone: (425) 282-6220  
Fax: (253) 398-2019

### 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

Link From Our Home Page: [www.thenbcf.org](http://www.thenbcf.org)

### Thrilling Thursdays

Chew & Chat 6:00 PM

F.R.E.S.H. 7:00 PM

for Middle & High School Youth

New Members Class 6:45 PM

Adult Bible Study 6:45 PM

Mid Week Worship 7:45 PM

Awana 7:00 PM

Ages 2 Years-5<sup>th</sup> Grade



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