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2020: "A Year Like No Other"

2020 began pretty much like any other year. For New Beginnings that meant gathering off-campus and rocking in the New Year as only we do! We packed into the ball room at the new Grand Hyatt Hotel on Lake Washington and turned the clock all the way back to the roaring 20's. Faith and fun were merged in perfect harmony as the saints prayerfully and playfully said goodbye to 2019 and hello to 2020. None of us could have known on that night that we were enjoying the calm before the storm.

The calm continued into the earliest weeks of 2020 as New Beginnings once again organized and hosted the Evergreen Baptist Association's annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration. The Mass Choir (under the direction Rev. Sam Townsend) was amazing. And the guest preacher had the same last name as mine! The Rev. Dr. Brad Braxton, former Rhodes Scholar, and the founding Pastor of the Open Church in Baltimore, challenged the Evergreen family to pursue God's Justice, "On Purpose"!

However, on January 26th the nation was shocked by the tragic death of NBA legend, Kobe Bryant and 8 others aboard his private helicopter, including his thirteen year-



Senior Pastor
Rev. Dr. Leslie D. Braxton

old daughter, Gianna. This was perhaps the first omen that 2020 was going to be a year like no other. A year of great sadness and full of sorrow not only for our nation, but for the entire world.

The calm officially ended and the storm began in earnest in late January and early February when a strange new and deadly virus was blamed for several deaths in Washington State nursing homes in Everett and Kirkland. Within weeks we were all familiar with the terms Coronavirus, Covid-19 novel Corona virus, and worst of all,

PANDEMIC!

An unseen enemy was amongst us. It was no ordinary flu. It was far more contagious, and far more deadly. And the older and sicker you already are the more potentially lethal this unseen killer is. The Center for Disease Control informed us early on that our only means of protecting ourselves and each other from the corona virus was to practice social distancing. They told us to stay at least 6 feet apart from each other; to avoid large gatherings; to wash our hands continually; to **sanitize**

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surfaces constantly; and last (but not least) to **WEAR A MASK!**

By March, life as we knew it had changed. Schools were closed. Businesses closed their doors. Employers allowed employees to work from home when possible. Bars, malls, gyms, and movie theatres were all forced to shut down. Restaurants became take out only. Retailers operated on-line only. And believe it or not, Churches also closed their doors, "if" they were responsible.

New Beginnings was amongst the earliest local churches to suspend our in-person worship and on-site ministry activity. Our sanctuary became a production studio for our weekly Live-streamed Sunday worship services and new on-line programming such as, *"Conversations with the Pastor"*. Strict new safety and sanitation protocols were set in place for the Ministers, the musicians, and the Media Services team to mitigate against the spread of the virus while continuing to provide the congregation and the community with weekly worship experiences, via the internet, that they now needed more than ever.

We quickly adjusted to the crises at hand and moved all weekly programming to on-line status only. Our children's and youth programming including, AWANA, Children's Church, FRESH, Vacation Bible School – on-line! Our adult programming – Bible Study, Connections, Intercessory Prayer, Celebrate Recovery, Men and Women's discussion Groups – all on-line! All Ministry planning meetings, Board of Directors Meetings, and weekly Staff Meetings were held on-line. Even Pastoral Counseling sessions, Marriage Counseling sessions, and conflict mediations were held on-line. We even established on-line fitness classes to help the saints fight their own personal battle of the bulge! Prior to the Pandemic many folks only knew Zoom as that sweet slow jam from Lionel Richie and the Commodores back in the day. But not now. New Beginnings became a virtual Church overnight.

Meanwhile, as the pandemic tightened its grip into the spring of the year, millions of jobs were lost, 10's of millions of school age children were now home during the day without access to the breakfast and lunch programs that they were normally provided at school. The Pandemic soon gave rise to a hunger crisis throughout the nation, the likes of which has not been seen since the Great Depression.

However, New Beginnings once again swung into ac-



tion. In April we began a drive-thru free lunch program in partnership the Helping Hands. New Beginnings Choirs, Ushers, and Greeters (whose normal ministry service had been suspended due to Covid restrictions) masked up, spread out, and became a ready volunteer pool for the Church's expanded Feeding Ministries. Students, families, the homeless, seniors, and whoever just showed up, we fed them all! We turned no one away. And to our pleasant surprise, some of those who were blessed by the programs in turn volunteered to serve in the programs so that they too could be a blessing to others.

The summer of 2020 was long and hot, in more ways than one. In May the entire world stood in disbelief as it viewed over and over again the horrific video of the murder of 46 year-old George Floyd by Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin. Officer Chauvin mercilessly weaponized his knees on the neck of the already handcuffed and already subdued Floyd, who repeatedly pleaded for his life and even cried for his already deceased mother as his life was slowly choked away by Minneapolis' finest.

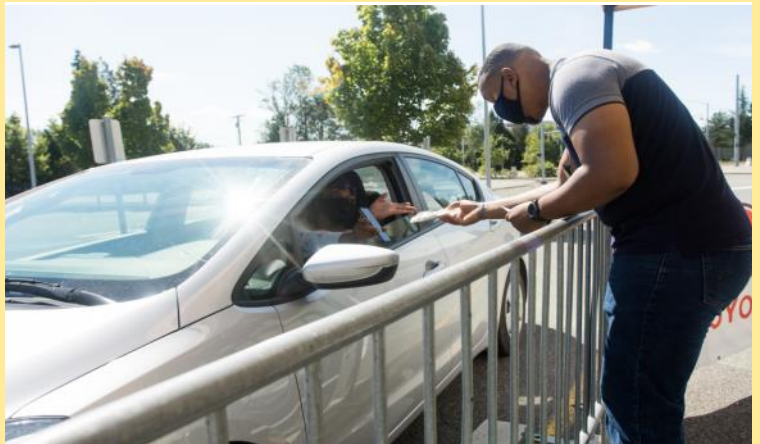
Floyd's alleged crime? Allegedly he was in possession of a counterfeit \$20 bill. America's original and chronic pandemic was exposed again – RACISM. Only this time, most of America was home all day every day to see the same video repeatedly. We had already seen the video of the hunting and killing of Ahmoud Arberry by father-and-son white vigilantes in February. We were already outraged by the late-night murder of Breonna Taylor by Louisville police officers in March. Enough was finally enough! Americans of all races and backgrounds poured into the streets of America to protest the continual assault on Black bodies.

Protests for racial justice erupted in the streets of every state in America and in over 100 foreign cities across the world. **"BLACK LIVES MATTER"** became the new international anthem of oppressed and marginalize people around the world. Only this time most of the people marching did not look like us! Perhaps it took a pandemic to force our nation to reckon with **its first and worst sickness.**

Here in Seattle protests for police reform and racial justice started off peaceful. But the movement was

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NBCF's 15 Year Anniversary Service Held in "Drive-In" Fashion at the ShowWare Center







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soon overshadowed by the side shows of anarchists and looters. The political maleficence of a duplicitous mayor and a capitulating City Counsel allowed the local situation to spiral completely out of hand. Perhaps the worst part of it all was that Seattle lost the Best thing we had going toward meaningful police reform – that is Carmen Best, the first African American female Police Chief in Seattle's history. Chief Best resigned her post in protest to the Seattle City Council slashing her personal salary and her command staff budget. So much for Seattle "enlightenment".

While political fires burned in the streets, forest fires burned up the Western coast, clouding our normally sunny summer skies and causing us all to say, "I can't breathe". Yet, even through all this New Beginnings continued to feed, continued to worship, continued to celebrate our graduates, and continued to find creative ways to continue to offer meaningful children's programming even through the pandemic.

In 2020, we had to learn to serve while we cried. The infections and deaths kept mounting. And the best amongst us kept leaving. In July we lost the man who encouraged us to seek "good trouble" (John Lewis). In August we lost our forever "Black Panther" (Chadwick Bozeman). And in September we lost the Notorious RBG (Ruth Bader Ginsburg), a true trailblazer for Women's rights.

But none of this stopped New Beginnings. The harder things got, the more determined we became to find new ways to exalt the name of Jesus, to support our Congregation, and to meet the needs of our Community, which we were getting to know better than we ever had before.

In August we had our grandest Anniversary service yet – in the parking lot of the SHOWARE center: on the big stage and under the big screen! The Good Lord blessed us with a beautiful sun-splashed day to gather en masse for the first time since the Pandemic began. Oh what a time we had! We sang, shouted, danced, and honked our horns for the whole neighborhood to hear! And after we worshipped in the morning we came back in the afternoon and evening to enjoy the drive-in movie. That is how we roll at New Beginnings!

In September, our Young Adult Ministry **SHIFTed** once again despite the pandemic. They brought together the absolute brightest and best of their generation and lit up the "digisphere" with the **SHIFT Conference 2020**. No pandemic paralysis here baby!

As we moved deeper into the fall of 2020, New Beginning's creativity went into overdrive. Halloween became a tailgate event. The Annual Scholarship Banquet had to be cancelled due to the pandemic. "**BUT**" it was replaced by a Thanksgiving Day telethon that brought an illustrious array of elite talent from across the country into all of our living rooms via the "disphere" again. But Thanksgiving Day began with New Beginnings Outreach volunteers distributing hot meals and food vouchers to hungry souls who drove thru or walked up to the portico. Oh, and if you thought the pandemic could cancel Christmas, NOTTA! CANDY CANE LANE to the rescue!

The Gospel of John opens with the words, "*the light shined in the darkness, and the darkness could not consume it*" (John 1:5). Perhaps that could be New Beginnings collective testimony for 2020. It was dark. Sickness, death, recession, hunger, police shootings of unarmed Black people, social conflict, and a divisive presidential election. But through it all we came together again and again and figured it out. How to worship safely. How to grow the body of Christ virtually. How to check-on and check-in with each without being physically present. How to support our members through the death of their loved ones. How marry the young, celebrate our graduates, support our students, and how to serve our community in the middle of a pandemic. It may have been dark, but sometimes it takes a little darkness to let your light truly shine.

Well, we made it. Despite all, we are still here. Trump's on his way out. Biden and Kamala are on their way in. Vaccines are being distributed. 2020 is now a testimony in the rear-view mirror.

2021, WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG?!

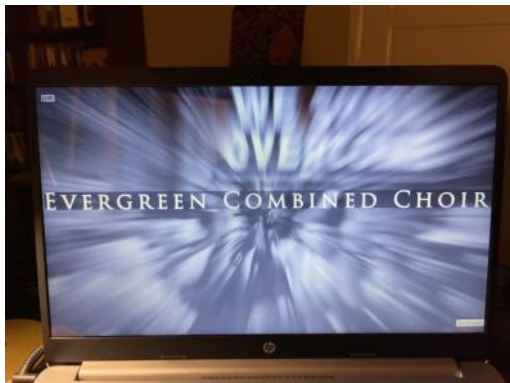


Evergreen Association of American Baptist Churches MLK Jr Day Celebration Goes Virtual

COVID couldn't even stop this event from taking place! With much strategic planning the execution of the virtual MLK Jr Day Celebration was just as powerful as if it had been performed entirely live. While there were some live segments of the evening most of the program was pre-recorded. The Evergreen Unity Choir couldn't even be stopped! What an amazing virtual collaboration of the various churches as they came together - under the direction of Rev. Sam Townsend - to lend their voices to the program. And what a timely and relevant word from the keynote speaker, Dr. Marvin McMickle as he centered his comments around the infamous words of Charles Dickens from A Tale of Two Cities, "It was the best of times and it was the worst of times....simultaneously, while one thing was going on, something else was going on...the worst of times, the



best of times..." No doubt our country experienced this very thing amid the insurrection at our nations capitol, happening alongside a runoff election for two Senate seats where both candidates were ultimately victorious and made history in both respects. If you missed the program, don't despair, you can view it on Facebook via the NBCF page. Many thanks to everyone that participated in culminating this event.



2021 Nominations
Corporate Officers & Pastoral Appointments

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chairperson

Rev. Dr. Leslie D. Braxton
(Senior Pastor)

Vice-Chairperson

Deacon Lydia Reynolds-Jones
(Deacon Ministry Chair)

One Year Terms

Joseph Yeadon
Jim Gill
Andres Montgomery

Cynthia Maccotan
Terrance Wilson
Vanessa Isom

Rache Boston
Joseph Todd
Dennis Williams, Jr.

Raynard Grant
Brandon Bynum
Deacon Jerry Reed
Sarita Williams

Corporate Secretary

Yulanda Lawson

Corporate Treasurer

Mary Reed

DEPARTMENT HEADS

(Appointed by Sr. Pastor)

Congregational Care

Deacon Lydia Reynold-Jones
Deacon Sarah Gray, Vice-Chair

Adult Discipleship

Rev. Pamela Taylor-South

Children & Youth

Sis. Ladonna Perkins

Operations

Deac. Clarence Williams, staff

Music & Worship Arts

Rev. Sam Townsend, Jr., staff

Outreach

Deacon Stephen Gray

Congregational Development

Deacon Tonya Smith

Media Services

Bro. Kevin Meeks, staff

Note: Staff persons are hired per the written personnel policies and procedures and NOT elected through the established election procedures.

PASTORAL NOMINATIONS: STANDING COMMITTEES

Membership

Rev. Pamela South (New Members)
Mary Reed (Treasurer)
Shelia Braxton (at-large)
Deacon Sarah Gray (Deacons)

Finance

Mary Reed (Treasurer)
Dennis Williams, Jr. (BOD)
James Gill (BOD)
Joseph Yeadon (BOD)

Nominating

Connie Bown
Rev. Pamela South
Deacon Sarah Gray
Mary Reed, Treasurer

Budget

Deacon Lydia Reynolds Jones
Jim Gill (BOD)
Mary Reed (Treasurer)
Pastor Leslie D. Braxton

Pastoral Relations

Deacon Barbara Bryant
Deacon Stephen Gray
Deacon Tonya Smith
Deacon Beverley Ervin
Deacon Mark Oliver
Deacon Ron Haley

Human Resource

Cynthia Maccotan
Andres Montgomery
Sarita Williams
Andre Nellums

MINISTRY DEPARTMENT NOMINATIONS

(Appointed by Department Heads)

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

DEPARTMENT CHAIR	(Deacon Lydia Reynolds-Jones, Chair)
Shepherds	Deacon Rivian Smith
Intercessory Prayer	Deacon Phyllis Ames
Baptism	Deacon Rodelia Gray
Sick Visitation	Deacon Charesetta McDowell
Benevolence	Deacon Ernestine Robinson
Lords Supper	Deacon Sarah Gray

CHILDREN & YOUTH

DEPARTMENT HEAD	(LaDonna Perkins*)
Students Coordinator	LaDonna Perkins*
Assistant Coordinator	Deacon Stephen Gray

CHURCH SCHOOL

Early Childhood Center	Minister Sharon Brown
Elementary Superintendent.....	Patricia Davis
Elementary Assistant Superintendent.....	Vacant
Children's Worship Service	Robbie Twiggs
Middle & High School Supervisor.....	Jason Nelson
Middle & High School Asst. Supervisor	Vacant
Youth Worship Service	Minister Alex Booker

PROGRAMS

Awana.....	Christina Humburgs
FRESH Youth Ministry	Minister Alex Booker
Vacation Bible Camp.....	LaDonna Perkins*

Church School Registrar.....	Migela Evans
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DISCIPLESHIP

DEPARTMENT HEAD	(Rev. Pamela South)*
New Members.....	Rev. Pamela South
Adult Bible Study Minister.....	Minister Sharon Brown
Leadership Development	Pastor Braxton*
Teacher Training.....	Open
Care Callers.....	Venia Bowman

CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

DEPARTMENT HEAD	(Deacon Tonya Smith)
Senior Ministry.....	Connie Bown
Couples Ministry	Open
Educational Empowerment	Owen Lawson
Scholarship Ministry	Yulanda Lawson
Fitness.....	Victor Tolbert
Health & Wellness Ministry.....	Joycelyn Thomas
Fellowship Ministry.....	Deacon Tonya Smith*
Sisters In Spirit	Deacon LaTasha Reed
Young Adults.....	Karissa Braxton

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Ministry Department Nominations

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MUSIC & WORSHIP ARTS

DEPARTMENT HEAD.....	(Rev. Sam L. Townsend, Jr.)*
Psalmist Choir Director.....	Rev. Sam L. Townsend, Jr.*
Psalmist Praise & Worship Leader.....	Rev. Sam L. Townsend, Jr.*
Mass Choir Director.....	Rev. Sam L. Townsend, Jr.*
Heritage Singers Director.....	Rev. Sam L. Townsend, Jr.*
Band Director.....	Vacant
Men's Choir Director.....	Dotcy Isom*
Women's Choir Director.....	Deneen Grant*
Young Adult Ensemble Director.....	Zhane Condly-Perez*
New Genesis Youth Choir Director.....	Zhane Condly-Perez*
Young Adult Choir Director.....	Zhane Condly-Perez*
Voices of Angels Choir Director.....	Whitney Mason*
Faithfulaires Coordinator.....	Roosevelt Franklin *
Vessels of His Praise Dance Director.....	Vacant
Drama Ministry Coordinator.....	Vacant

MISSIONS & OUTREACH

DEPARTMENT HEAD (Deacon Steve Gray)	
Connections.....	Deacon Delores Mack & Jesse Hayes
Feeding & Homeless.....	Deacon Stephen Gray
Celebrate Recovery.....	Deacon Beverly Ervin
Global Discipleship Co-Leaders.....	Pamela Woods Minister Janice Spinks-Clements

OPERATIONS

DEPARTMENT HEAD.....	(Deacon Clarence Williams)*
Food Service.....	Vacant
Wedding Coordinator.....	Rhonda Wilkerson*
Greeters.....	Cynthia Coleman
Information.....	Minister Janice Spinks-Clements
Parking.....	Perry Wilkerson
Security.....	Deacon Derrick Harris
Set-up/Breakdown.....	James Clements
Transportation.....	Frank Lowe
Emergency Response Team.....	Iseasa Comb
Ushers.....	Angela Lee-Pope
Creative Interior Design.....	Jacque Lacy

MEDIA SERVICES

DEPARTMENT HEAD.....	(Kevin Meeks)*
Audio& Visual.....	Herb Thompson
Photography.....	Vacant
Social Media.....	David Ellis



The Security Ministry has been present anytime the NBCF building has been open and has staffed every event at NBCF from March through present, to include:

- Summer lunch distribution and preparation
- All funerals and memorial services
- All Sunday live streaming services
- 2020 Graduate recognition and drive-through
- Awana end of year observance and drive-thru
- Vacation Bible School and outdoor service
- Tribute to Sister Debbie Jackson, the "High Priestess of Finance."
- Trunk or Treat
- COVID Testing
- Candy Cane Lane
- New Year's Eve Prayer and Candle Lighting
- New Year's Eve live streaming service

Compassion Weekend

NBCF shows compassion by providing a check to Compassion International for the 40 children being sponsored through the church.



Where is Minister Cerise Barton?



You didn't hear!!!! She has moved to Atlanta, GA to attend seminary at Emory/Candler School of Theology in pursuit of a Master of Divinity. We are truly going to miss her presence here at NBCF and wish her nothing but blessings upon blessings, upon blessings in her academic endeavors. Let us keep her lifted in prayer as she lets God Lead Her All The Way!!! We Love You Cerise!



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March 17th and April 2nd
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Kent, WA 98031

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15 Tips For Staying Safe During Times of Civil Unrest

It can happen completely out of the blue, but usually there a lot of very unhappy people complaining very loudly before a group reaches the point of civil unrest. The problem is, you never know what will trigger it to boil over, when it will happen, or where it will be. These 15 tips will help you stay safe, especially if you happen to be at the wrong place at the wrong time.

Stay Informed

1. Stay informed of local events and international headlines. **You can't afford to ignore what is happening.**
2. If you find out about a rabble-rousing group, you can get on their email list and / or follow them on Twitter and Facebook. They will usually publicize their activities, giving you a heads up of where to NOT be.

When it Actually Hits the Fan Around You

3. Don't assume that you will be singled out for protection by LEOs (Law Enforcement Officers). They will almost certainly have their hands full already.
4. Don't expect sympathy just because you are caught in the middle – even if your kids are with you, even if you're handicapped.
5. **Blend in, if you can**, until you can get out. If they're wearing shemaghs, you wear a shemagh. If they're carrying a sign, you carry a sign. Whatever they're chanting, you chant. If they look angry, you look angry. Blend in just long enough to work your way to the edge of the crowd and then leave.

Reaching Safety

6. **If you are the "wrong" nationality or race, get out quick.** Even a peaceful demonstration can become violent and your appearance can, and probably will make you a target.
7. **Fact: The larger the group of people, the lower the overall IQ.** They will not be thinking rationally about their actions or possible consequences. They also have the cloak of anonymity. This is a scary combination.
8. If you can't get out, take cover, hide, but be prepared to defend yourself and your loved ones. If they can't see you, they can't hurt you.
9. **If in the middle of a mob**, work your way to the outer edges and make your escape. By the way, if you are wearing uncomfortable shoes, you might just want to re-think that as a habit.
10. Do not get caught against a wall or fence. You'll be



trapped and possibly injured or killed.

11. Take cover, stay indoors as long as possible. However, if you hear breaking glass or smell smoke, you can probably assume your location is no longer safe.

Habits to Develop NOW

12. Get in the habit of EDC: Everyday Carry. These are items you automatically put in your pockets when you leave the house, along with your keys and wallets. Since a purse can easily become lost or stolen, you may have to adjust your wardrobe. Think escape first, defense second.

A couple of items for EDC to consider that relate to this topic:

- a. \$50+ in cash, smaller bills
- b. A knife with a larger blade or a "tactical pen" (Know how to use these.)
- c. "Industrial strength" pepper spray – although, if you or a family member has asthma, this can debilitate you as well as an attacker
- d. A police scanner app (free!) to avoid areas with problems

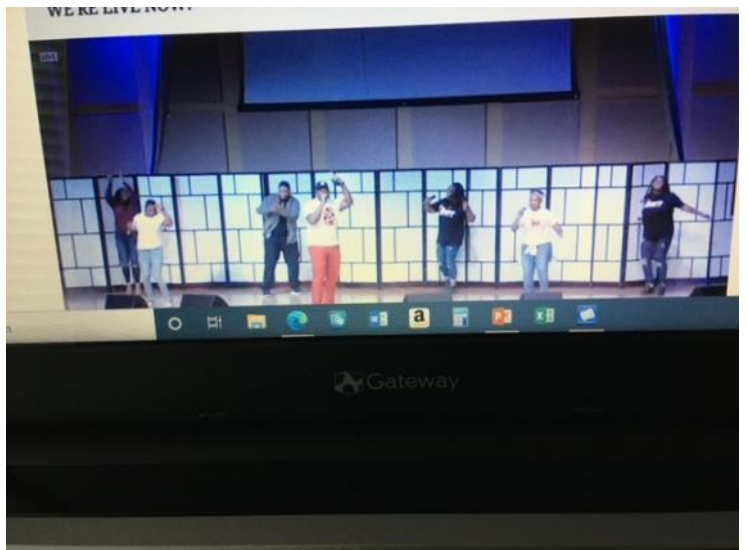
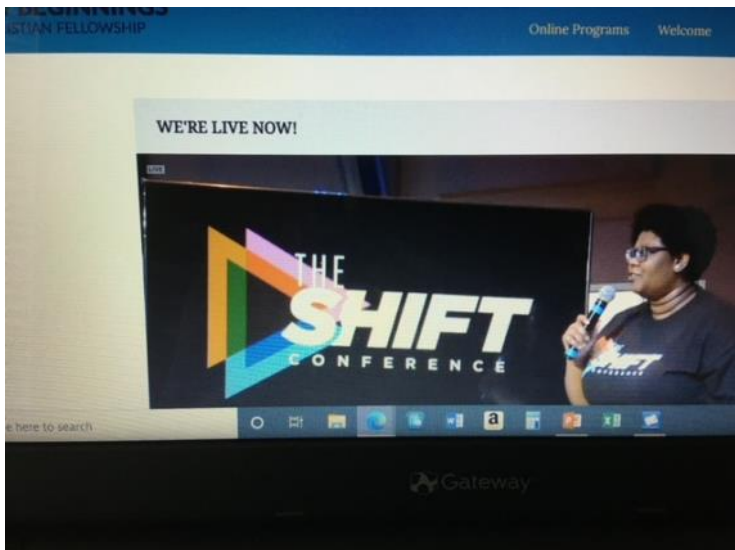
14. Stay up to date with controversial issues, especially hot-button issues in your home area. These can trigger random violence as well as organized protests, which can become violent.

15. Improve your "situational awareness." This means to know what is going on around you so you can spot danger and move away more quickly. If things go badly, situational awareness can help you stay focused on your primary goal: staying alive and safe.

If you go back and re-read these tips, most are things even little kids can learn to some degree. If your whole family knows that they need to get to the edge of a crowd to escape (#9 above) in advance, it will make coordination in an actual emergency much easier.

SHIFT 2020

The SHIFT Conference even Shifted to a Virtual Setting!
Many thanks to *all* who served and participated in the conference.



Adult Bible Study

NBCF is proud to announce Min. Sharon Brown as the Adult Bible Study lead, replacing Rev Derick Harris.

Min. Sharon joined New Beginnings in 2009 and has faithfully served in several ministries including Middle/High Church School, Connections, Early Childcare (ECC), and Intercessory Prayer. You may have already seen Sharon serving in Adult Bible Study as a teacher, teacher's aide, or administrator over the past several years..

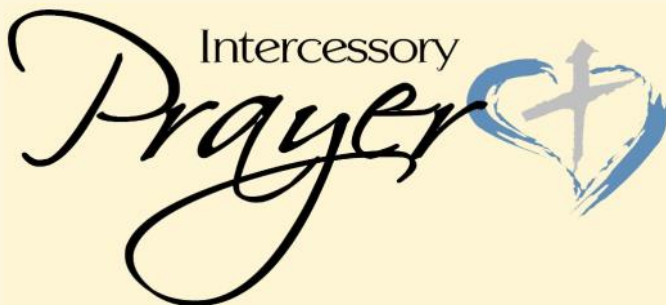
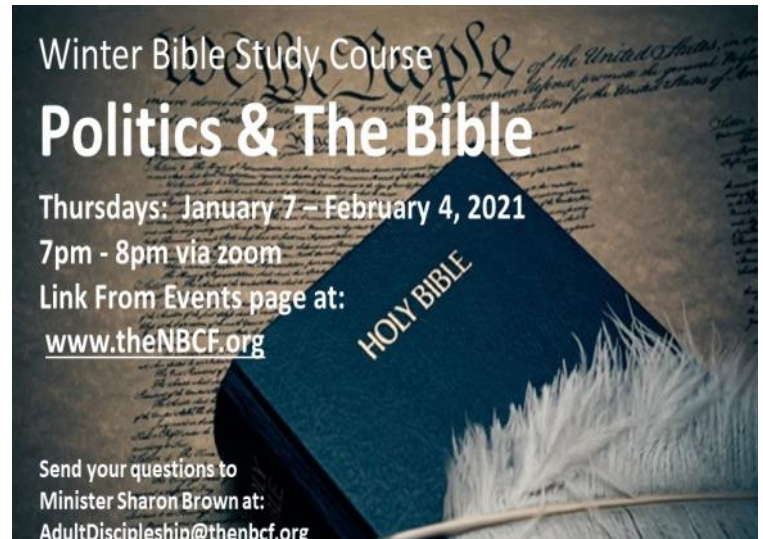
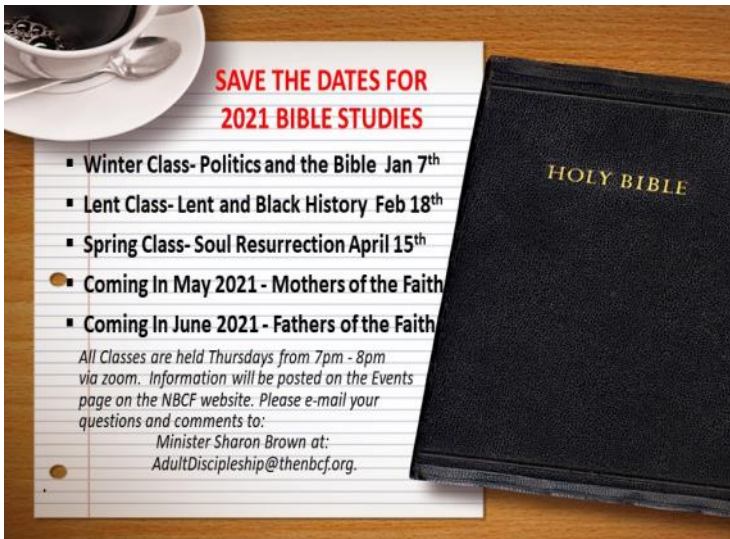
Sharon became a licensed minister in 2017 and will be receiving her Master of Divinity from Seattle Pacific University in June. She is looking forward to sharing her administrative skills and theological knowledge in this new role. However, Sharon says that she is most excited to share her passion for God and God's Word as she learns and grows with other Christian disciples.

Please join us in welcoming Min. Sharon in this new role. She has planned an exciting lineup of classes for 2021 and is looking forward to your participation.

Classes are held Thursdays from 7pm - 8pm via zoom. Information will be posted under Events on the NBCF website. Please send your questions and comments to Sharon at adulthooddiscipleship@thenbcf.org.



Minister Sharon Brown



Join Zoom Meetings

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/92574532258?pwd=cExUdUJpRnljTitwMTk1bVh3ZmRGdz09>

Meeting ID: 925 7453 2258

Passcode: 728338

Happy New Year NBCF Family,

The Intercessory Prayer Ministry in New Beginnings Christian Fellowship fashion joined Zoom on April 21, 2020 to ensure Members and Guest we are still connected. We continue to be available for prayer via 24 Hour Prayer Line (206) 723-3336 or email: prayer@thenbcf.org. We are pleased to announce every Tuesday we have prayer from 6-6:45pm join us via Zoom:

Continued Blessing,

Phyllis

Deacon Phyllis Ames

Scholarship Ministry




Congratulations
Kai Horton

Graduating From
Interlake High School

Degree
International Baccalaureate Diploma

Future Plans
Study Dance Theatre at
AMD College & Conservatory
of the Performing Arts
Los Angeles, California



Congratulations
Jaeden Thomas

Graduating From
Franklin High School

Degree
Diploma

Future Plans
Attending
Seattle Central Community College



Congratulations
Jahlil Thomas

Graduating From
Interagency SW High School

Degree
Diploma

Future Plans
Attending
South Seattle Community College



Congratulations
Nile Hunter

Graduating From
Garfield High School &
Seattle Central College's Running Start

Degree
Diploma & Associate of Arts Degrees

Future Plans
Continue at Seattle Central College
towards a Bachelor's Degree in
Communication



Congratulations
Simone Madden

Graduating From
Fife High School

Degree
Diploma

Future Plans
Attending
Spelman College
Double Major Political Science & Economics




Congratulations
Tyler Todd

Graduating From
Renton High School

Degree
International Baccalaureate Diploma

Future Plans
Attending
University of Washington
Direct Admission into
Computer Science Program



Congratulations
Gjianni White

Graduating From
Thomas Jefferson High School

Degree
International Baccalaureate Diploma

Future Plans
Attending
Howard University
WA, DC



Congratulations
Najairae Sims

Graduating From
Garfield High School

Degree
Diploma

Future Plans
College for
Ultrasound Technician Training



Congratulations
Tatiana McDaniel

Graduating From
Foster High School

Degree
International Baccalaureate Diploma

Future Plans
Attending
Central Washington University
Pursuing a Bachelors Degree in Psychology



Congratulations
Antonio Mellon

Graduating From
Mount Tahoma High School

Degree
Diploma

Future Plans
Continue My Education
at the College Level



Congratulations
Pamela Woods

Graduating From
Highline College

Degree
Certificate
Hospitality & Tourism Management

Future Plans
Starting an event planning
and consulting business



*From Your
New Beginnings Christian Fellowship Family!*




Congratulations
Sydney Horton

Graduating From
Spelman College

Degree
Bachelor of Arts
Psychology

Future Plans
Working as a Senior HR Associate
at Amazon in Georgia



Congratulations
Kennedy Coleman

Graduating From
University of Washington

Degree
Bachelor of Science
Information Technology

Future Plans
Continuing my current work while
exploring career opportunities in my field



Congratulations
Jemma Yeadon

Graduating From
University of Notre Dame

Degree
Bachelor of Science
Neuroscience

Future Plans
Masters of Science in
Business Management
Georgetown University




Congratulations
Scott Callahan

Graduating From
Western Washington University

Degree
Masters
Business Administration



CONNECTIONS

Small Group Fellowship
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There's a Group For Everyone!

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Need a group? Contact connections@thenbcf.org

**Invite Your Friends & Family Across The Country To Join Us
For Sunday Worship At 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM**



Other Weekly Virtual Programming

Tuesdays
MiXXed Fit 6:30 PM

Wednesdays
Senior Fitness 12 PM
Conversations With the Pastor 5 PM
Awana for Kids 6:00 PM
Connections & Celebrate Recovery 7 PM

Thursdays
Adult Bible Study 7 PM
FRESH Youth 7 PM

Saturdays
MiXXed Fit 9 AM
Yoga 10 AM

Visit our Website to link to these events
www.TheNBCF.org

Scholarship Ministry

Like many other ministries in 2020, the Scholarship Ministry found innovative and creative ways to fulfill its' mission despite the impact of the pandemic. Our scholarship application process moved completely on-line, and our traditional Scholarship Sunday event was replaced with a virtual scholarship reception. Even the annual scholarship fundraiser looked different, as NBCF hosted its first ever Scholarship Telethon on Thanksgiving Day. To God be the glory!

Thank You For Your Continued Support of our Scholars

Ways to Give:

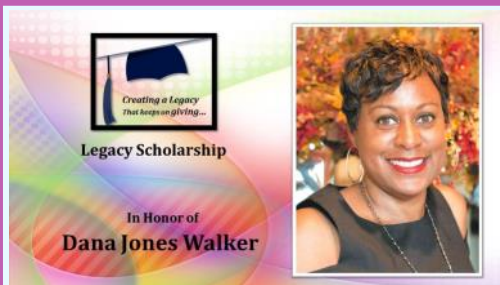
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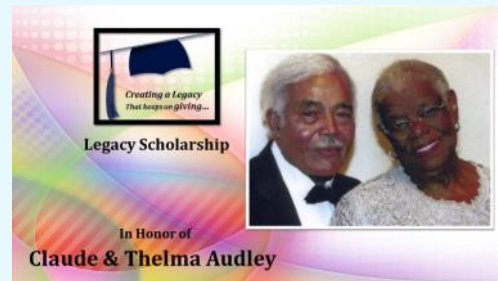
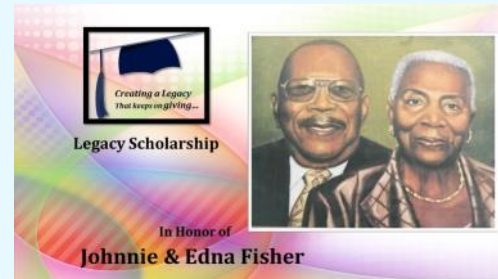
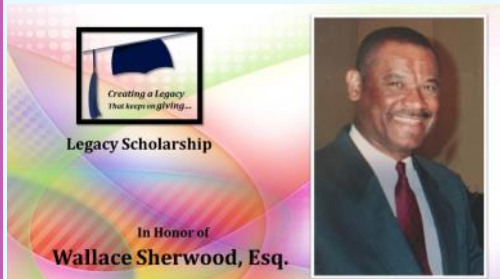
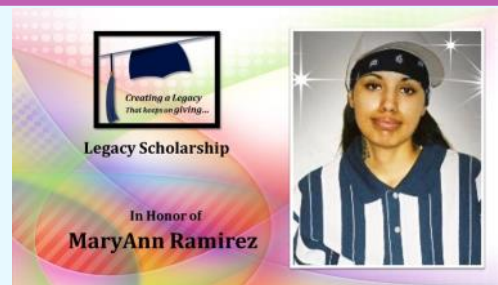
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Through the collective generosity of individual donors and Legacy Scholarships, NBCF continues to demonstrate its commitment to investing in the education of our young leaders. On behalf of our scholars, thank you for your continued support.

With a grateful heart,

Yulanda Lawson

Yulanda Lawson
Scholarship Chair



North End CONNECTIONS Group Shows Compassion Toward the Homeless Community

The North End Connections group realized the cold season is very present and our hearts were pricked knowing many of our brothers and sisters are on the streets without shelter or consistent food sources.

The plan was to create homeless care packages of food, clothing and hygiene items. Once the budget was set, the generous donations from the group began to flow in and amounted to about \$437!! With these resources, 54 bags of 3 pairs of socks, a pair of gloves & hand sanitizer were packaged. In addition, 62 packages of a sandwich, chips, cookies, breakfast

bars, fruit snacks & bottled water were assembled.

After researching, the organization to which we donated was the Everett Gospel Mission men's homeless shelter. We delivered on Monday, November 9th. The shelter was very thankful and planned to distribute the packages that evening for dinner.

We would love to put forth the same effort for a women and children's shelter in the area during the spring time of 2021!

Please enjoy some pictures of the packages!



**MINISTRY
VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

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Senior Ministry News



Along with regular calling to check on each other through out this past year during the challenges of this pandemic. We sent out cards of encouragement with scriptures to some 88 seniors to let them know their church and senior ministry was thinking about them and praying for them. The response was wonderful as our seniors

were so happy to receive these cards and know they were thought of.

Another blessing came to our seniors as Owen Larson chair of Educational Empowerment Ministry called to check in on me and what we were doing and how he

could be of help to our seniors. I told him about what I was doing with the cards and he wanted to help send some too and we worked out a schedule so he could send some cards. So some of our seniors received a double dose of cards.



Connie Bown

Our ministries working together with God's love and our prayer is to do more in 2021.

Connie

Connie Bown
Chair Senior Advisory Council

“Girlfriends Check-In Fellowship”

The Girlfriends Check-In Fellowship arose out of a real concern for the brothers in the church, some of whom were expressing rage, panic attacks and other symptoms denoting a need for celebrate recovery to put together a forum to "address the needs of the total person". Thus came The Shade Tree.

Upon hearing this, women began to express the same needs to have a forum to address supporting the men of the church, their sons and husbands, and their extended families. Thus began Girlfriend Check In.

We meet approximately twice per month and have discovered any other benefits. This experience has addressed the needs of women to remain connected, support each other, pray for each other, talk about the topics on everyone's mind, and get in a good belly laugh!!!!

**Via Zoom Meeting
@ 6:30 PM**

**Log In at:
www.theNBCF.org**

**For more information
e-mail: Beverly851@msn.com**

Scheduled Dates

**February 5
February 19
March 5
March 19
April 2
April 16
April 30**

NBCF Outreach Feeds The Multitude

Following the example of Jesus, the NBCF Homeless Feeding Ministry showed up and showed out in 2020. Individuals and families that have been hard hit by the COVID pandemic found a little bit of relief at New Beginnings. Through our partnerships with Microsoft and the Sammamish YWCA, our drive through lunch program distributed nearly 30,000 lunches to our neighbors in Kent and Renton. This program ended on May 25th, and NBCF provided nearly 10,000 more lunches to our community thru July 2020.

The Homeless Feeding ministry also provided about 1,000 "Big Mama" First Saturday meals to homeless men and women at the former Renton Chamber of Commerce building.

Outreach has many things going as we work for God's glory, Homeless Feeding, Global Discipleship, Connections and Celebrate Recovery are all in the Outreach Family.

In August we gathered under the porte cochere to thank ALL the many volunteers that made the sacrifice to come out and help assemble and distribute the lunches and meals. We could not have done any of this without your assistance. Know that you are truly appreciated!!!

If you are interested in serving with the Outreach Ministry, reach out to us at Outreach@thenbcf.org



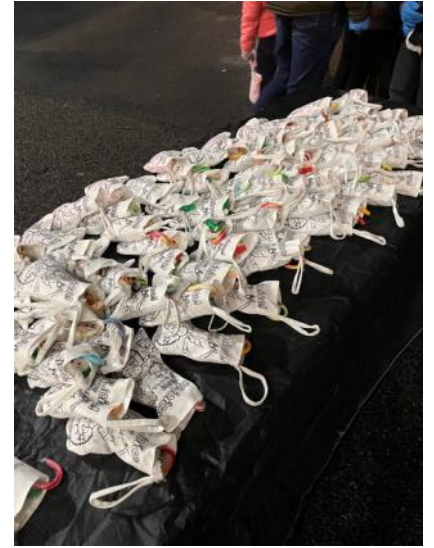
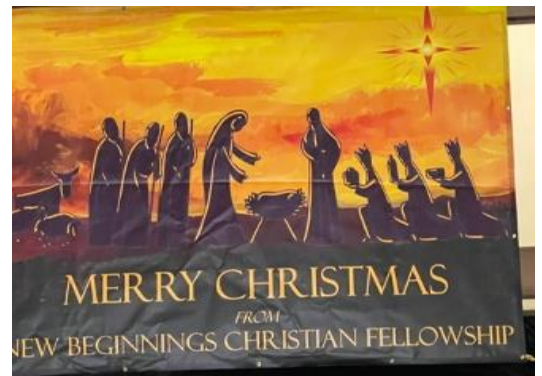


NBCF Outreach Ministry



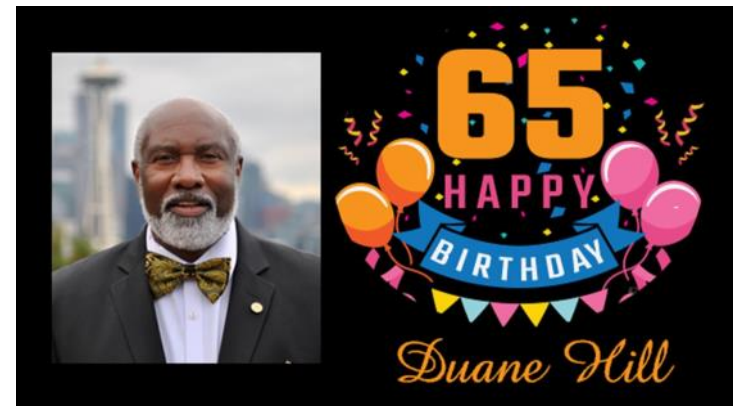
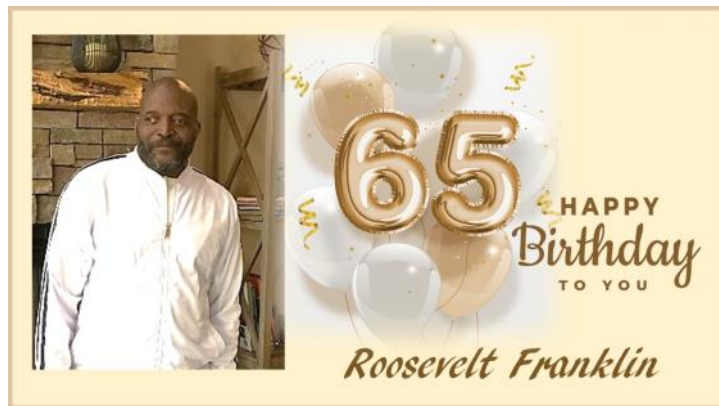
Candy Cane Lane

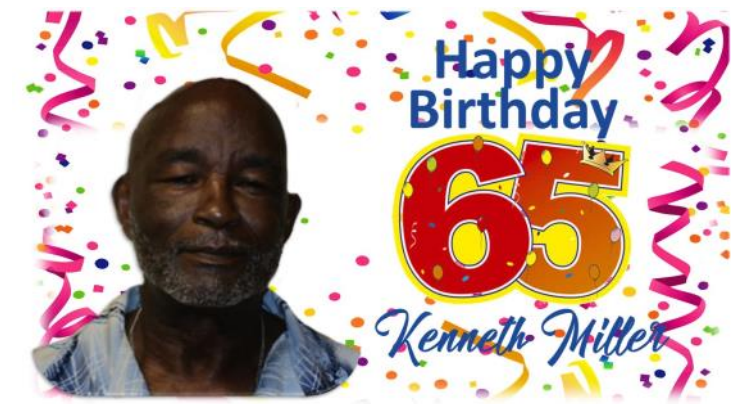
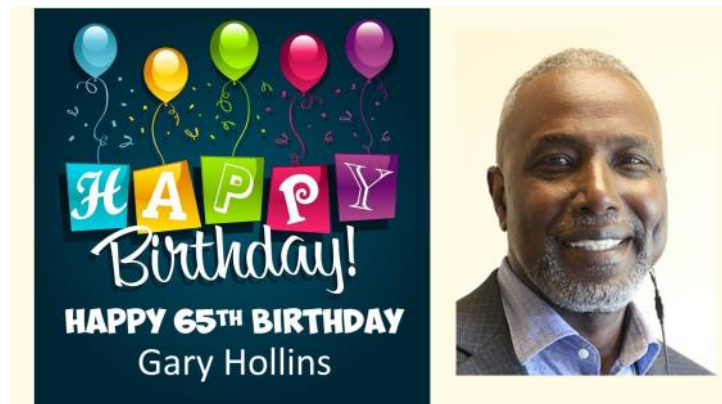
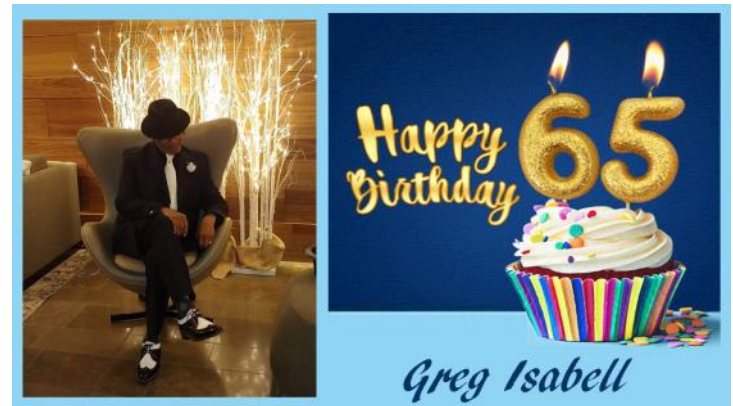
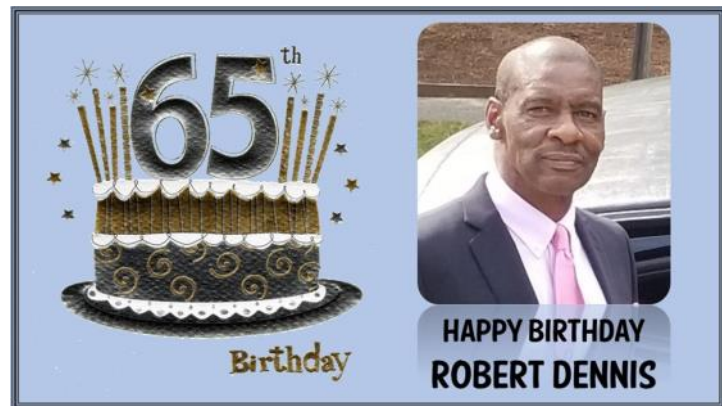
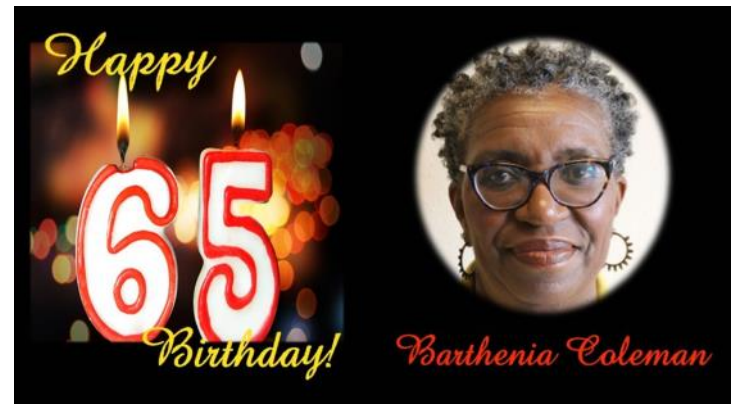
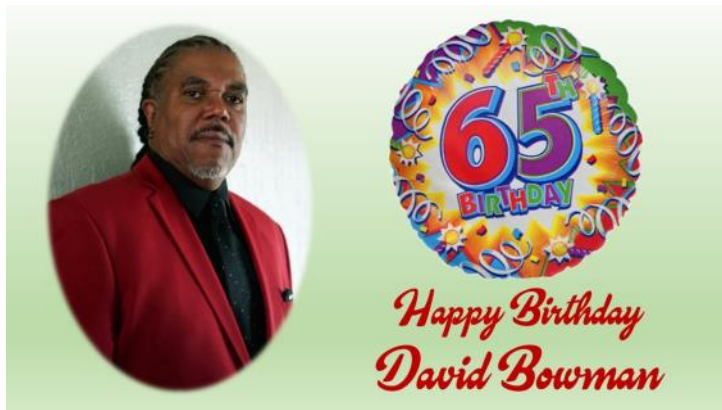
Many thanks to everyone that braved the cold to help with Candy Cane Lane, which was held on two separate evenings in December. It was such a joy to see families from near and far drive through to pick up a toy/bag of candy for the kids, some hot apple cider, take pictures, play in snow - there was a snow machine - and enjoy music by the NBCF Carolers. Another successful first for NBCF! And a SUPER shout out to those who took time to shop for all those toys...whew!!!

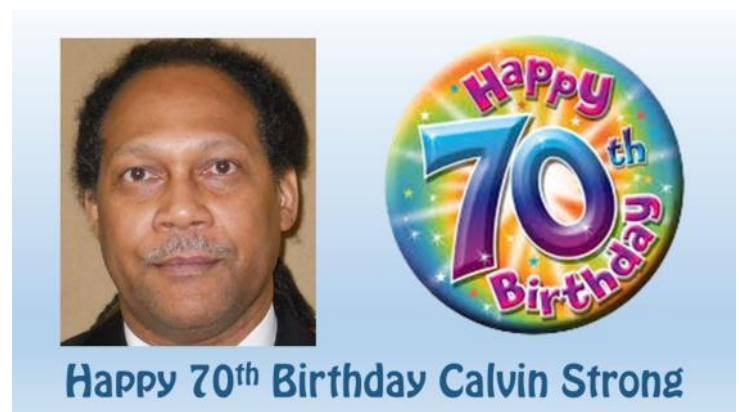
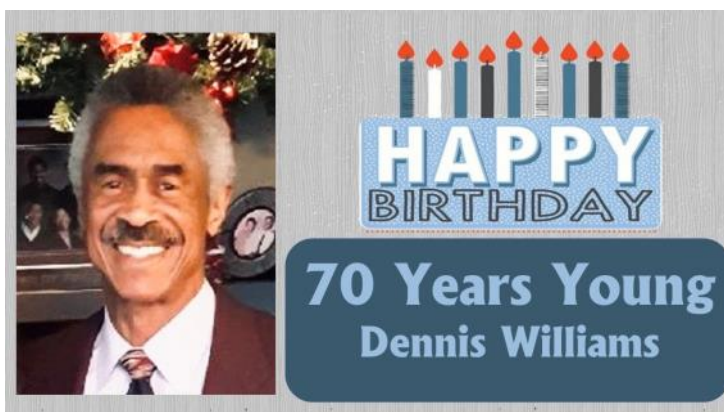
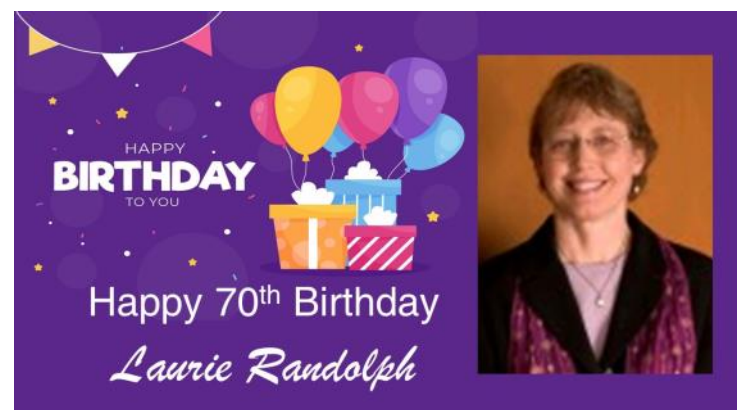
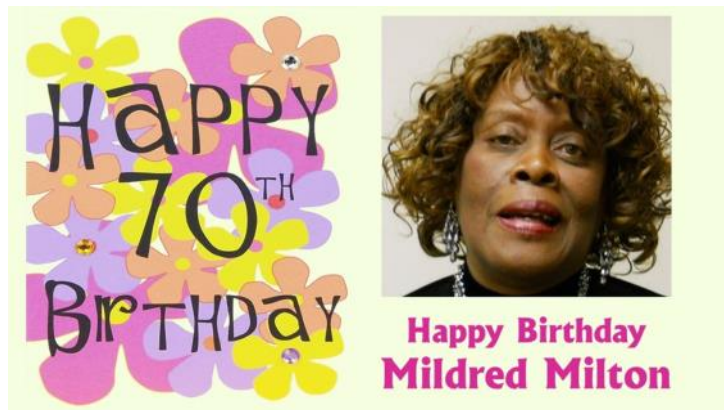
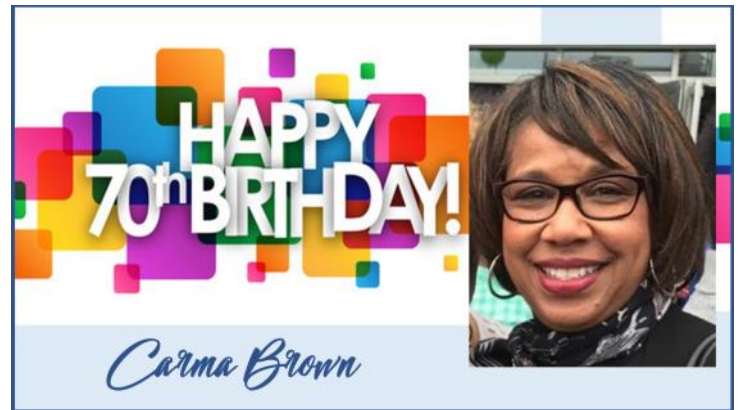
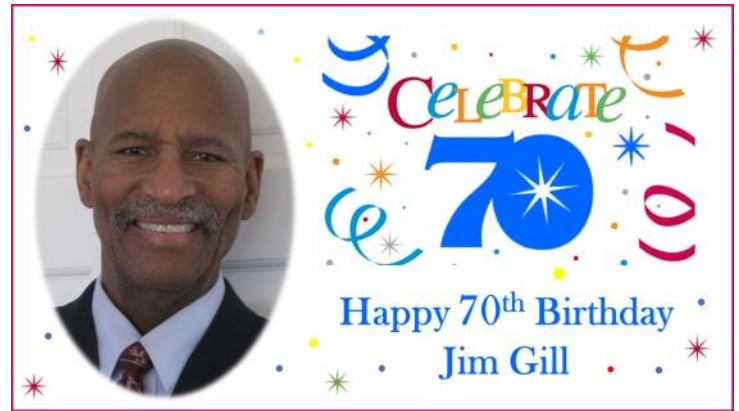


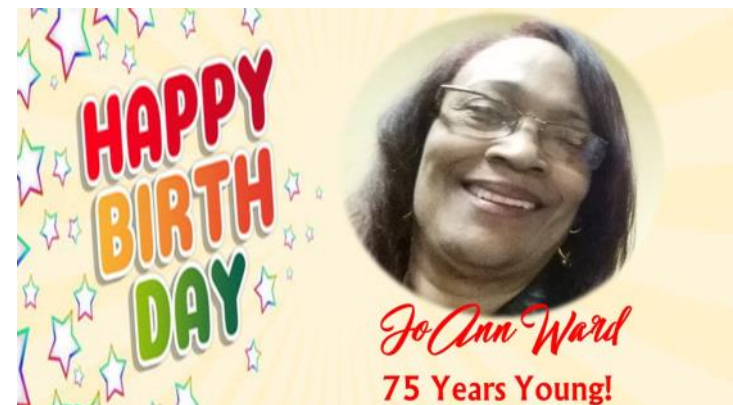
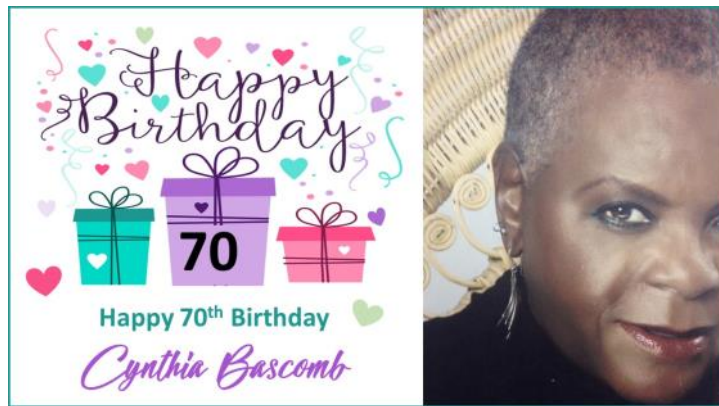
2020 Milestones

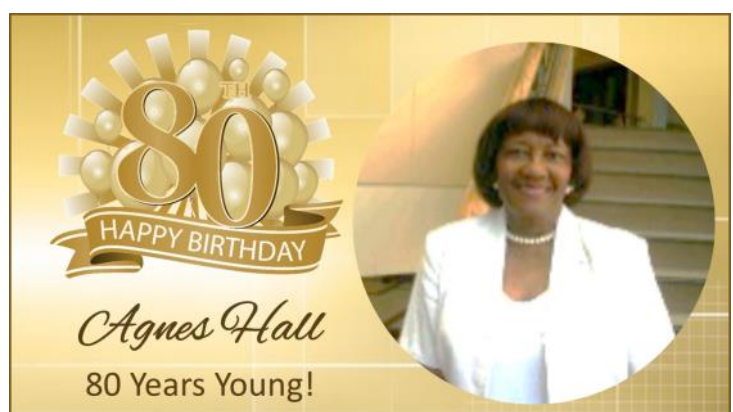
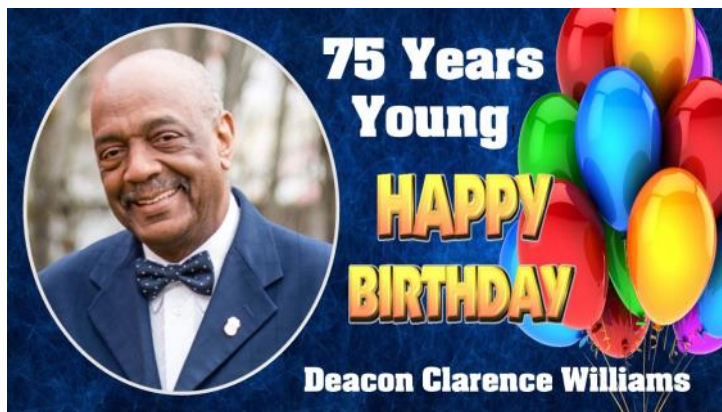
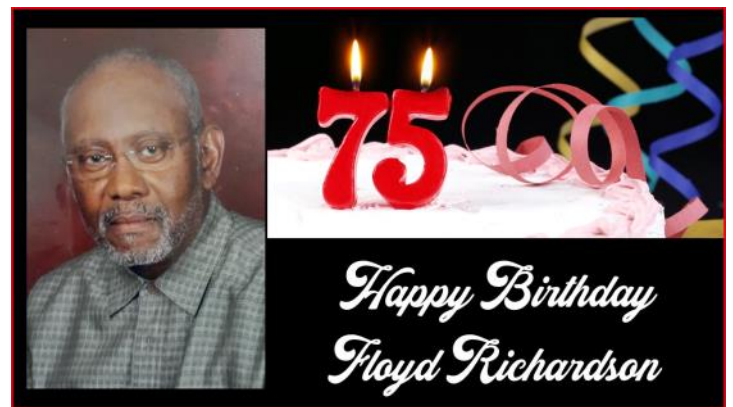
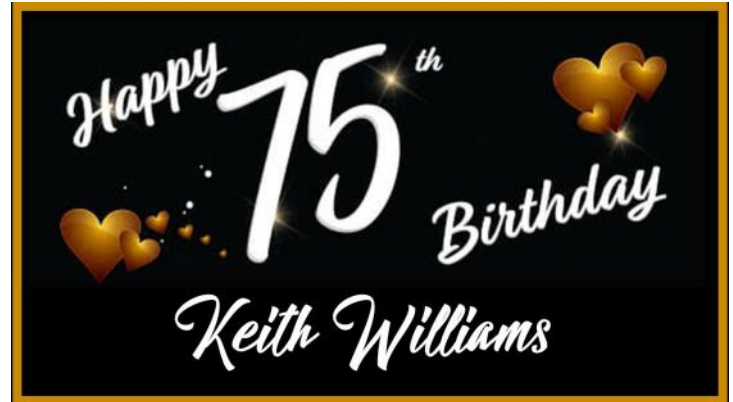
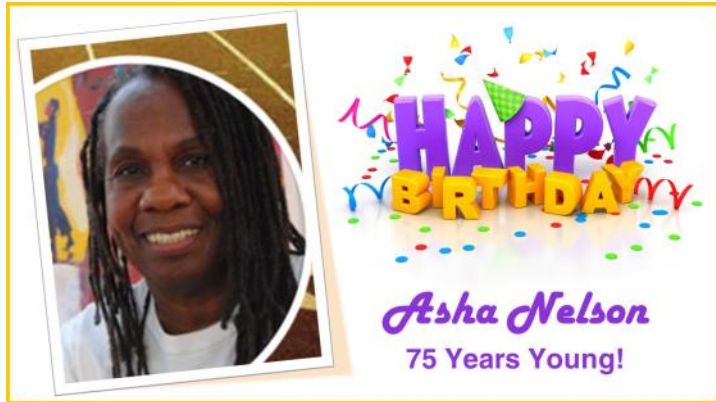
Yes, 2020 was filled with a great deal of challenges but amid it all, there was much to be celebrated. We present to you those who married in 2020, celebrated milestone birthdays/anniversaries, and birthed new babies. Congratulations to you all...we pray God's continued blessings on your families.





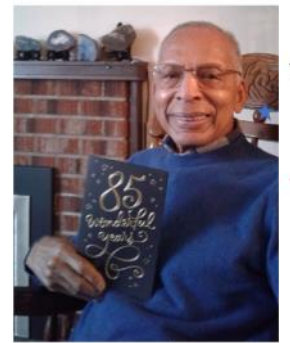
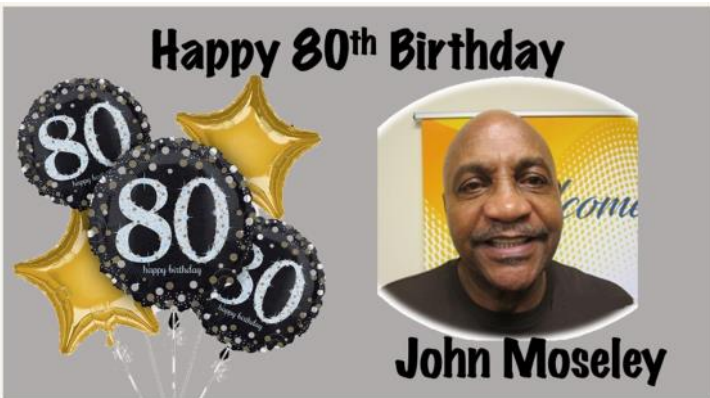




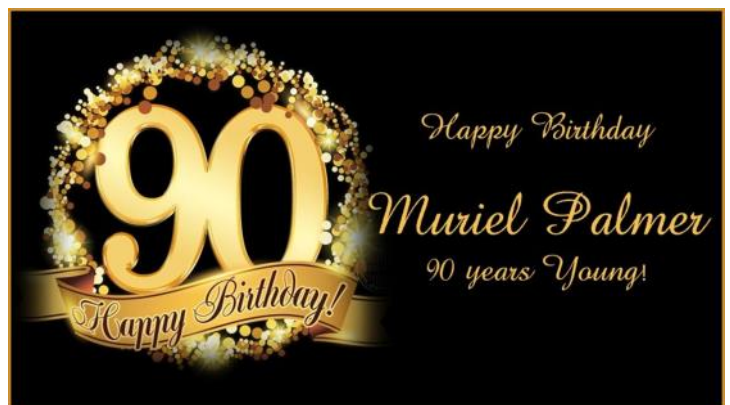
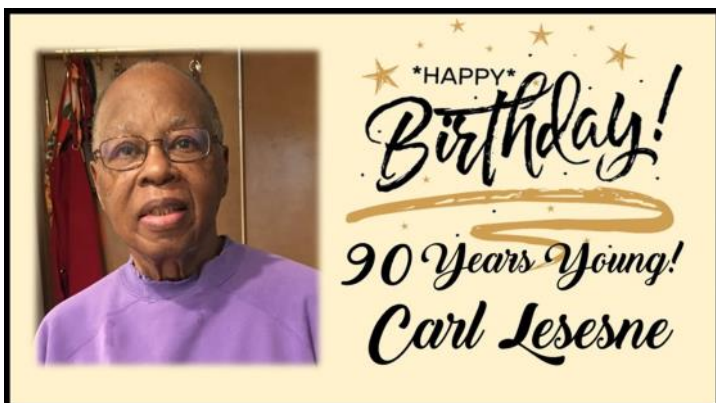




Happy Birthday
Loyce Jones
85 Years Young!

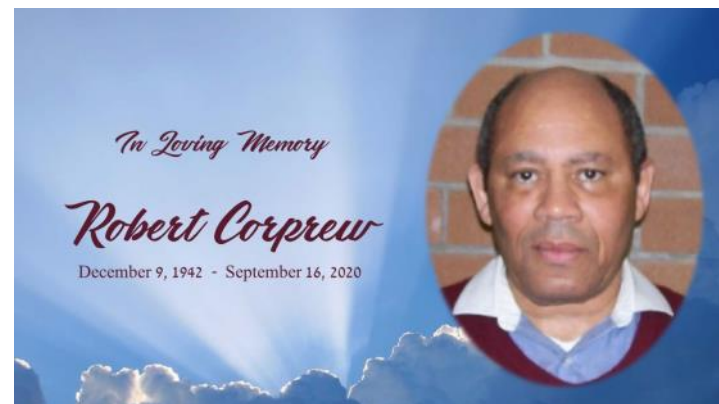
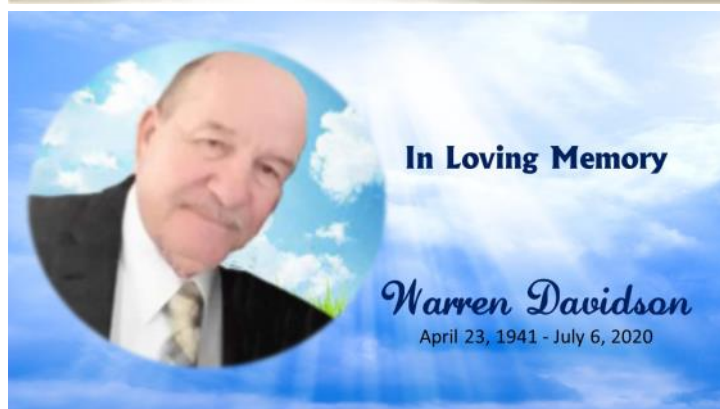
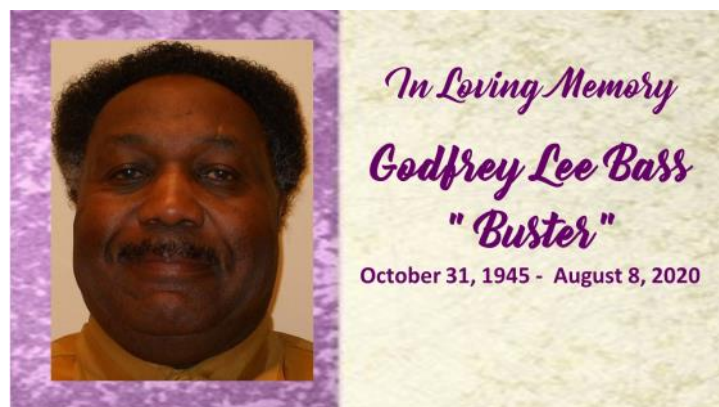


Beverly Gayton



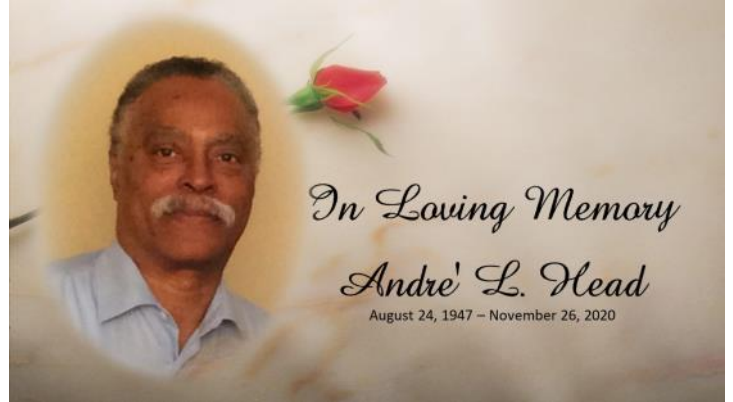
In Memoriam

While we rejoiced with those who celebrated in 2020, we also mourned with those that lost family members. Our love and prayers continue to go out to the families of those who lost loved ones. Please know that your loss is our loss and we love you all dearly. We pray that God will fill your families hearts with precious memories, peace and comfort. May the memories of your loved one be a blessing and may they Rest In Paradise. **#GoneButNeverForgotten**





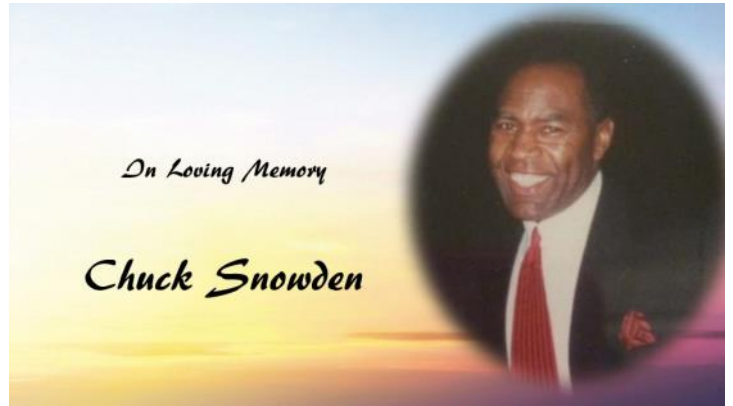
In Loving Memory
Danielle Zari Dennis
11/28/1993 - 11/05/2020



In Loving Memory
Andre' L. Head
August 24, 1947 - November 26, 2020



In Loving Memory
Doris L. Mitchell
March 8, 1937 - December 4, 2020



In Loving Memory
Chuck Snowden

Weddings



Congratulations
Phil & Andre Hines



Congratulations
Jacqueline & Alex Booker



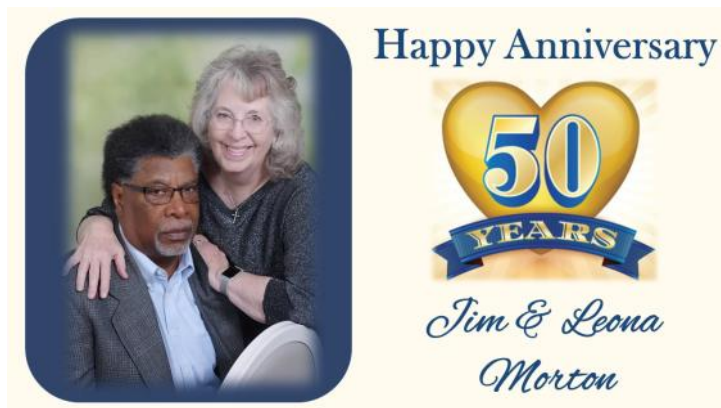
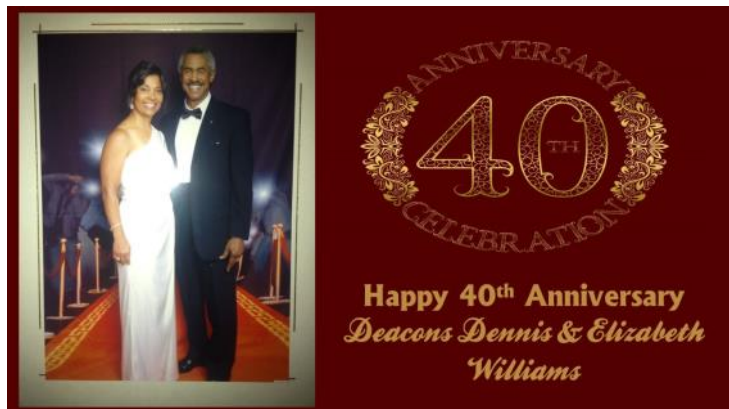
Congratulations
Zhane' & Josie Perez



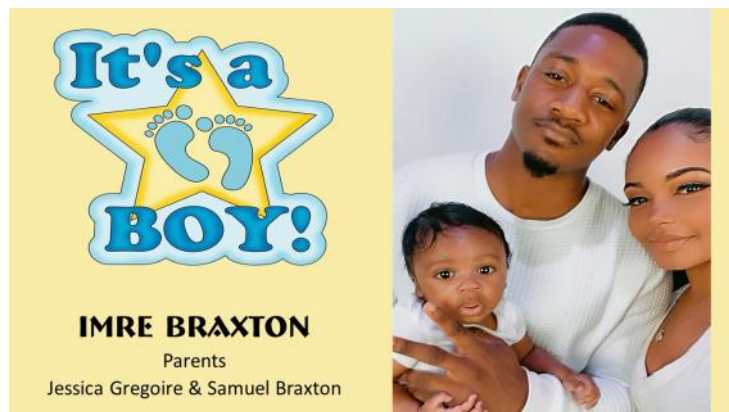
Congratulations

Lesina & Tamika Hill

Milestone Anniversaries



Births





Uzochukwu Chi Zheng
Parents
Zen and Jamila Zheng



it's a BOY
Nikolai Hood
Parents
Jalycea Pearson & Lorenzo Hood

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2nd & 4th Sundays 10-10:30am

Youth Worship Service
3rd Sundays 10-11:30am

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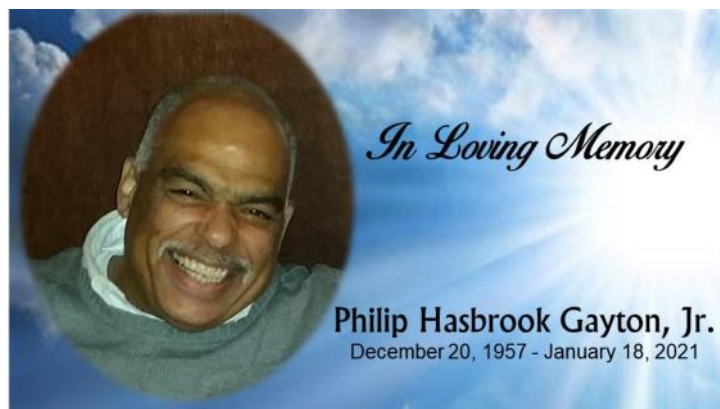
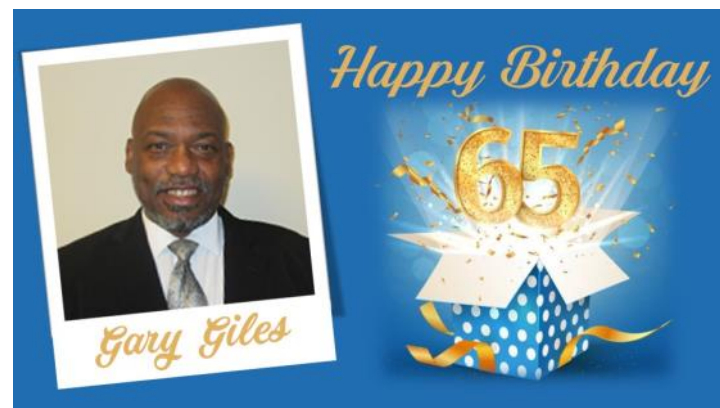
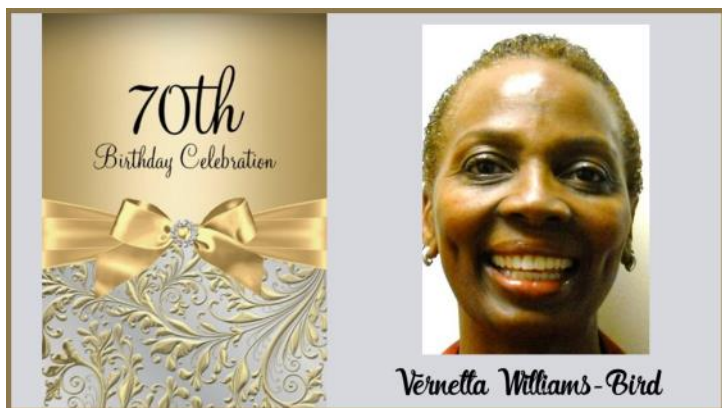
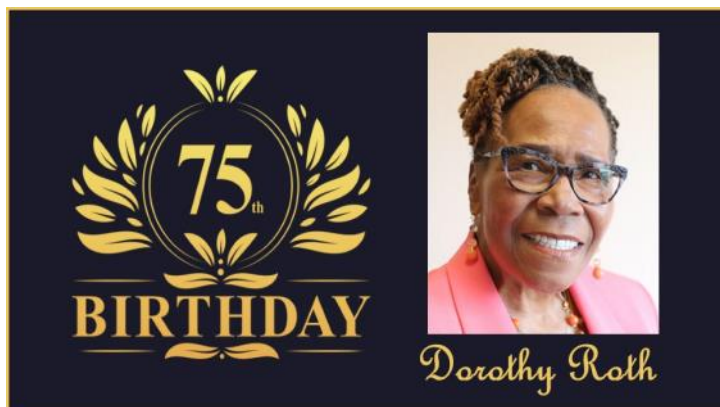
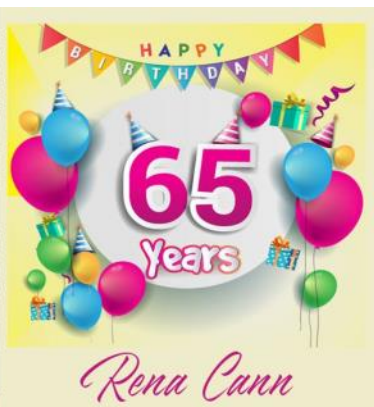
- Dive deeper into the scriptures.
- Uncover what God is calling you to be.
- Connect & build lasting relationships.

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MEMBER NEWS

January & February 2021



Welcome To Our 2020 New Members

January

Gary Giles
Lillie Ly
Monique Blockman
Thaderine MacFarlane

February

Ebony Thomas
Jonathan Smith
Jerry Carroll
Shatara Hamilton

March

Kelvin Avery
Robert Graham
Leirda Jackson
Pauline Robinson
Tony Blueford
Samuel Blueford
Erik Chichester
Pshala Chickester
Alexis Donahue
Aneeka Ferrell
Janice McDowell
Gregg Formerette
Wairnola Rhodriguez
Ricky Barquet
John Hicks

April

Earl Brown
Nancy Neighbors
Desaani Bascomb
Leandra Bascomb
Nicole Wilson
Tim Wilson
Keara Garcia-Stubbs
Ken Sumiuoshi
Opokug Odoru
Jo'Anna Fry
Theola Ross

May

Devon Bivens
Jennifer Weiss
William Knowles
Amorita Herron
Erica Curtis
Andre Curtis
Michelle Williams
Epiphany Nick Johnson
Jesse Johnson
Christina Russell
Eliza Francis

June

Meriah Harvey
Daniel Fulce

Paulette Cranshaw
Kim Henley
Nefateria Bolin
Eva Mickles

July

Katherine Hudson
Nathaniel Tillman
Ronald Holland
Deirdra Lyles
George Lyles

August

Brian Casey
Natalie Walters-Casey
Jason Perry
Patricia Collins
Leslie Raymond
Gwen Ford

September

Natalie Caulkins
Angela Layne

October

Charles Ray Martin
Kisha Gibson
Corrin McCorvey
Gwen Parker
Taylor Verville
Brendan Hailey

November

Michelle Green
Jafari Green
Jourdan Keith

December

No Class

January

Cheryl Matthews
Vince Coby
Delena Coby
Choice Coby
Dagmar Crosby
Cheryl Matthews
Josie Perez

Up-Coming Events

February 2021

17	Ash Wednesday
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March 2021

14	Daylight Savings Time
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28	Palm Sunday
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April 2021

2	Good Friday
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4	Easter Sunday
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All Events Are Subject To Change Please Check For Up-Dates Often



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