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FAITH
— **OVER** —
FEAR

When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. Psalm 56:3

Worshipping, Serving, Living, and Being Amid the COVID-19 Pandemic

It goes without saying the Coronavirus Pandemic has caused us to worship, serve, live, work, learn and exist counterintuitively in the world today. None of us would have ever imagined that the entire world would be caught up in a pandemic such as this. Sure, there have been other pandemics, like the second measles outbreak (1981-1991), Whooping cough (2010, 2014), HIV/AIDS (1980's) etc...There have even been other Coronavirus' like SARS and MERS (2003). Now the third Coronavirus, COVID-19 is said to have risen above the flu pandemic of 1918...leaving the world in a lurch - a vulnerable and unsupported position.

This virus is called a novel virus because it is just that, a novelty. Which means, it is something new, something that has not been seen before, nor does it resemble anything else. Which is why there is no vaccine or cure for it! That's the main reason it's wreaking havoc on our world. This virus has literally attached itself to at least 200+ countries and territories. To date there have been over 6.9 million confirmed Coronavirus cases, well over 400K deaths (over 110K and counting in the US alone) and over 1.2 million that have recovered. Praise God for those that made it through! But

for those that did not make it, our hearts go out to the families, especially the many that died alone, without their loved ones by their side. May God comfort them and keep them in perfect peace.

Let's rewind to December 2019 when we were going about our day to day activities without a care in the world, literally. Then all of sudden, come January 2020, we started hearing about this Coronavirus that was spreading across China and we still paid no attention because after all, it was not in our country. But lo and behold, toward the end of January, someone in the US was reported to have contracted the virus after returning from Wuhan, China. From there it was like the virus just started spreading across the world like a wildfire, turning our world upside down. By the way, it's called COVID-19 because it was discovered in 2019.

Fast forward to the end of February, life as we knew it - before the COVID-19 pandemic - was altered in a way no one could have ever thought or imagined. State after state started issuing "stay at home" and "social distancing" orders, businesses were closed (hair/nail salons, gyms, movie theaters, shopping malls/retail stores etc.

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etc, etc.) many restaurants closed - with the exception of some that stayed open with take-out only and not to mention schools at every level were closed. You name it, the doors were shut! Thousands of companies left wondering what to do, thousands of employees left wondering what to do, parents were left to figure out how to home school their children, etc. and even our government was scrambling, wondering what to do. Unfortunately, they - the government - still haven't figured out what to do. Help us God!

The Church also found itself faced with closing its doors to congregants, wondering how they would continue serving and ministering to the multitude. Well, in true "making it do what it do fashion," NBCF rose to the occasion and without hesitation, began exclusive on-line worship services that started the third Sunday in March. And let's not forget we had to hold Easter Worship Service on-line...something that has never happened in any of our lifetime. As the weeks went on and it became clear the stay at home order would be extended, NBCF shifted all of its programs to on-line. We are still having weekly Bible Study, Awana, FRESH, and Fitness classes, Connections, Celebrate Recovery, Conversations with the Pastor...pretty much everything we did in-house is now being conducted on-line! We knew how to adapt because we were already utilizing technology to reach our members. Though the sanctuary may be empty each Sunday, our spirits are still being fed! And speaking of being fed, our Outreach Ministry has been busy passing out free lunches to the community. We are so thankful for everyone that has rolled up their sleeves to ensure our church and community are being served. To God be the glory for the great things he has done!

As we adjust to this "new normal" God is giving us a unique opportunity to make some personal adjustments as well. Even when this pandemic is over, life is still going to be different. There will be continued changes from here on out. Let's be diligent in taking care of our one and only selves - and our families - because if we don't, no one else will. I recently heard someone on the news say, "don't die of stupid"... meaning, don't listen to people that aren't medical professionals, don't listen to TV personalities that don't have a clue or people in the street spouting a bunch of nonsense and please don't listen to "45" because he's about to get us all killed! Anyone that would tell people to drink disinfectant....I'm at a loss for words. That's got to be the dumbest thing anyone could say, let alone the POTUS! I also heard another saying, "don't be a corona Jerk" that is, don't go against what your city/state officials are telling you to do. If there is a stay at home order in place, you'd do yourself and your family a world

of good by following those orders, which includes wearing a mask when you go out. This virus is serious and is no respecter of persons...it's killing everybody! And not to mention its being said that African Americans are dying at a higher rate. Don't die of Stupid!

Yes, life as we knew it before COVID-19 will be altered for quite some time. We literally have no idea when this pandemic is going to come to a head. We have no idea when there will be a cure and or a vaccine. We have no idea if there will be another wave of the virus come this fall....we just don't know! But one thing we should know is that even in this, GOD is still in control...GOD still sits on the throne!...GOD still has the whole world in his hands!...GOD can and will make a way out of no way! These are very trying times for us ALL....We are ALL in this together. Life right now is challenging for us ALL. But there lies hope in Jesus! When we're feeling hopeless, we can call on Jesus! When we feel like we can't go on, we can call on Jesus!...He can give us the strength we need to carry on. Jesus can carry us through these trying times. Jesus is the light when our days seem dark. Call on Jesus and let him be your guiding light. After all, our hope is built on nothing less than Jesus blood and His righteousness! As we go through these next few weeks of staying put, let us reflect on our lives and seek the Lord while he may be found. Jesus is waiting for all of us who are weary and burdened to come unto to him so he can give us rest.

It's said a picture is worth a thousand words. To show just how things have been altered in the life of our Church, we've put together a montage of before and after - COVID - pictures that show the vastness of how the Coronavirus pandemic has impacted us as a congregation. Even when we are able to return to Church, things will forever be altered in how we interact with one another. Nevertheless, we will continue to worship and serve God in spirit, in truth and with our whole hearts! I pray that you all are staying healthy and safe. We may be apart, but we're still together.

Be Blessed
Min. Janice Spinks
Editor
Rising Star Newsletter



Worship and Service Before COVID-19

Leadership Retreat



And the people stayed home. And read books, and listened, and rested, and exercised, and made art, and played games, and learned new ways of being, and were still. And listened more deeply. Some meditated, some prayed, some danced. Some met their shadows. And the people began to think differently.

And the people healed. And, in the absence of people living in ignorant, dangerous, mindless, and heartless ways, the earth began to heal. And when the danger passed, and the people joined together again, they grieved their losses, and made new choices, and dreamed new images, and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully, as they had been healed.

**AND THE
PEOPLE
STAYED HOME**

Kitty O'Meara



kcpubhealth



**PLEASE PROTECT
ONE ANOTHER FROM
COVID-19**



**Wear a face covering and keep 6 feet apart
from others in public spaces.**



Fit masks snugly but comfortably against the side of the face



Use the ties or ear loops to take your mask on and off



Face coverings should have multiple layers



Make sure you can breathe while wearing the face covering



Wash and dry cloth coverings daily



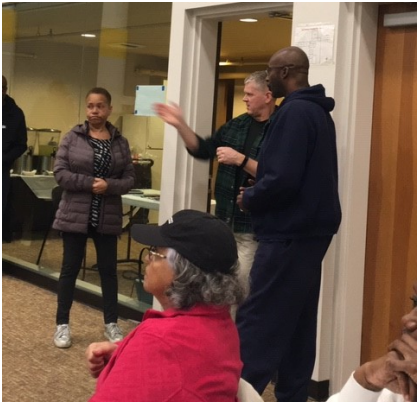
Children should only wear them with adult supervision

For more information:
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Seattle & King County



Security Training



Evergreen MLK Program



Special Guest Preacher
Rev. Dr. Brad Braxton
 Pastor- The Open Church of Maryland
 Interim Director of Diversity
 St. Luke's School, New York, NY



Global Discipleship



Our New Normal Worshipping & Serving Amid COVID-19



Helping Hands Feeding Program

HELPING HANDS
MEALS
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PICK-UP

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WEDNESDAY
& FRIDAY
12:30-2:30 PM

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WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!





Our Male Chorus, under the direction of Bro. Dotcy Isom, engaged in a very powerful time of inspiration, encouragement, and recommitment to the Ministry of Music. *When men gather to sing... they pray.* #MWALive



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Awana Drive Thru Celebration





Music & Worship Arts



During one of our MWA Live sessions, we held a contest for the best Zoom background.

Congratulations are in order to our Most Creative Zoom Background Winners!

- 1st Place Winner - Sis. Jacque Lacey
Prize: \$30 gift card for dinner delivery
- 2nd Place Winner – Sis. Nikki Brooks
Prize: \$15 gift card wherever
- 3rd Place Winners (Tie)
Sis. Ramona Shyne and Bro. Michael Ware
Prize: \$5 Starbucks gift card



Calling all 2020 NBCF Graduates

If you graduated from HS or College in 2020, we want to celebrate you!

Saturday June 20th 12pm-1pm

Wear your cap/gown or school colors and join the Graduation Parade at the New Beginnings Christian Fellowship parking lot

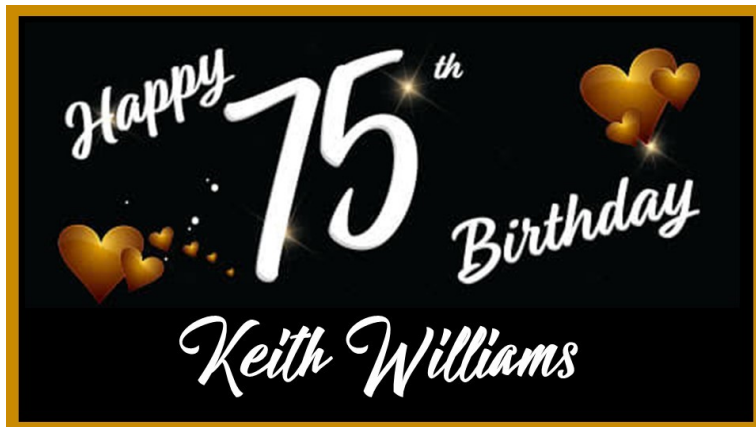
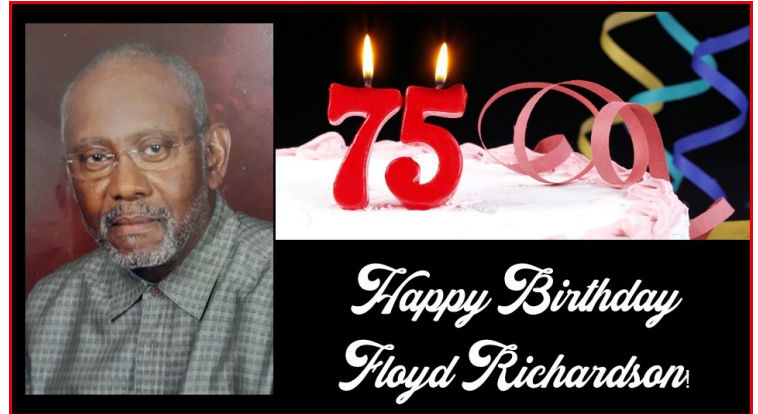
Social Distance Photo booth, Swag Bags, Music and More!

For More information please contact educationalempowerment@TheNBCF.org

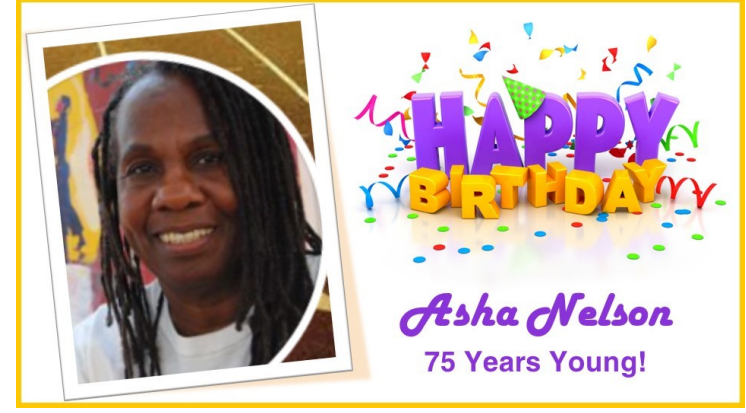
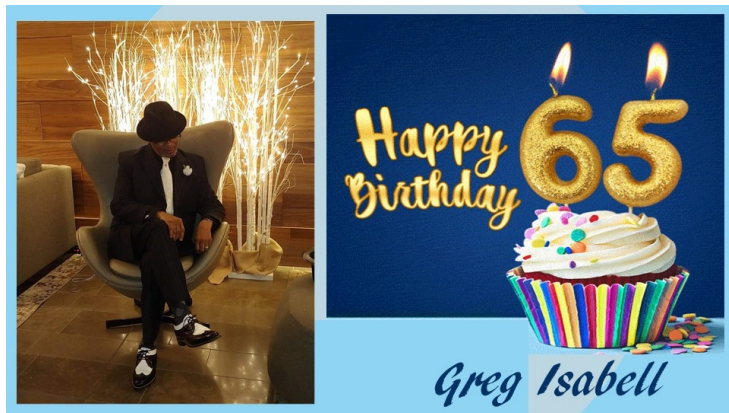
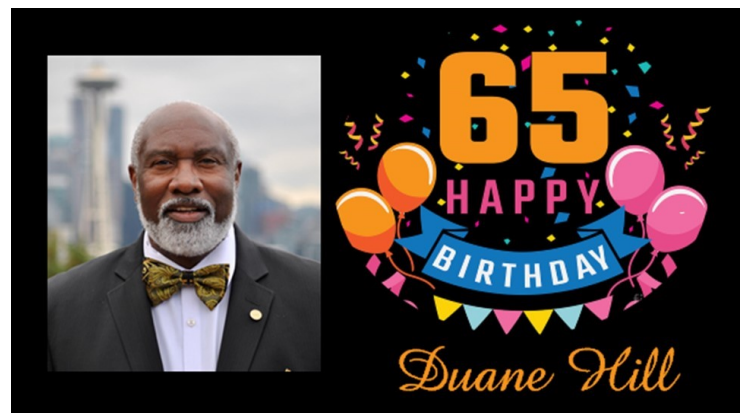
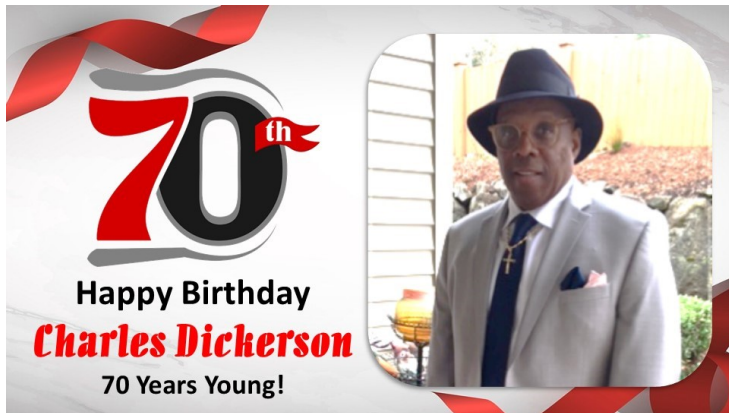




MEMBER NEWS



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Happy Birthday



*Shelia Guy Snowden
70 Years Young!*



Happy Birthday
Joyce Jones

85 Years Young!



Happy
70th
Birthday

*Gloria Roberts Lenear
70 Years Young!*



65TH
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*Happy Birthday
Delores Netter*



HAPPY
Birthday!
*90 Years Young!
Carl Lesesne*



JEROME POLITE

80 Years Young!



Happy
75th
Birthday
Jeanette Bass



Happy
Birthday
70
Kenneth Miller

MEMBER NEWS

Milestone Birthday Wishes



*Happy Birthday
Dr. Anita Connell*

Happy Anniversary



*Jim & Leona
Morton*



Happy 70th Birthday
Jim Gill



Happy 40th Anniversary
*Deacons Dennis & Elizabeth
Williams*



Shirley Kelsie



Happy Anniversary
Ernest & Marilyn Young



Congratulations to Dotcy on His Retirement!

After a more than 30 year career with JPMorgan Chase, Starbucks (which is how he and Vanessa came to the Pacific NW) and T-Mobile, Dotcy is ready to join Vanessa in retirement. (She retired nearly two years ago after a long career as a speech-language pathologist).

They plan to spend more time with their children, grandchildren, and visit other family members. Let's keep Dotcy and Vanessa in our prayers as they embark on this new chapter in their lives.



Scholarship Sunday

July 14, 2019



I can still remember posing for this picture on Scholarship Sunday. What a day of celebration, and excitement. None of those smiling faces could have predicted that eight months later they would be social distancing, taking classes online, and rearranging their plans for the next few months. And yet, here we are. Over the last four weeks, my emotions have been all over the place – sad, angry, frustrated, disappointed, and sometimes afraid. But it only takes the rising of the sun, or the chirping of the birds to remind me that God is still in control. Even now! And that brings me hope.

Keep the faith, Family. He's able!

Yulanda Lawson

Yulanda Lawson
Scholarship Ministry

Lifetime Security Team Member Award Presented to Team Member Warren Davison

Every so often a person comes into our lives that shows the true meaning of sacrifice and service. For us in the New Beginnings Christian Fellowship Security Ministry, that person is Warren Davidson. Since joining the Security Team, he has showed an impeccable commitment to service. When assigned to work, Warren was always on time and prepared for duty. When confronted with a request or challenge, Warren words were "What do I need to do". When Warren went on a medical leave of absence, he still expressed a desire to serve the church, to be on post, to Protect and Serve. Warren was never known to say he couldn't or wouldn't do what was asked of him. Honoring Warren with this distinction is a reflection of our appreciation for his dedication to service. We are proud to say that Warren is and always will be a valued member of the New Beginnings Security Team. It was a pleasure to honor Warren in this way and at this time.

Thank you Warren for your service and dedication to upholding the Mission, Vision and Values of New Beginnings Christian Fellowship and the Security Team.

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10



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MWA LIVE! Comfort My People, Says Your God! (Isaiah 40:1 NIV)

Submitted by Sister Sharon Hunter

During this time of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the NBCF Music & Worship Arts Ministry has continued to come together through the use of technology, meeting virtually on Tuesday nights beginning March 24 for a time of fellowship called MWA Live!

Special Guest – The Spirit of Prayer

At our first session on March 24, Rev. Sam Townsend, Jr., Minister of Music & Worship Arts, advised the ministry that our special guest for the evening would be The Spirit of Prayer. He had been on a call earlier in the day with Dr. Judith Christie McAllister, Minister of Music for the International Church of God in Christ (COGIC), whose music we regularly sing at NBCF, along with Evangelist Vandalyn Kennedy, International Evangelist and Director of the COGIC Youth Choir. Rev. Sam had the ministry listen to Evangelist Kennedy's prayer where she encouraged the people of God to not only pray, but to get low and bend ourselves in humility during this critical time. We need to be prayer warriors and intercessors.

Evangelist Kennedy shared that God wants to deal with us as His people--not just the Coronavirus (COVID-19)--before He can heal the land, as the Lord decrees in 2 Chronicles 7:14. We must deal with our wickedness by putting down every idol of ministry, assignment, program, event, and gathering. We must throw these things down--and turn our eyes and hearts back to God. Our hearts must be with God as much as our mouths say that we are. We need to be repentant with contrite hearts so that a fresh work can happen within us--not just within the land. If we don't ever gather again, we should pray that God works a work in us for His good pleasure--entering into every crack of our being, and eliminating every agenda that is not of Him: title agendas, political agendas, religious agendas, personal agendas, secret sins, disobedience, rebellion, manipulation, and control. We must ask God to move us, shake us, and help us. He is a present help in a time of trouble! He will be our help so that we will be in the right position to decree and declare what He would have us to do.

Service to God and Others

At our session on March 31, Rev. Sam encouraged the ministry to let the Holy Spirit lead us, and to keep our minds, prayers, and thoughts active as we ask God to show us what He is trying to do through us during this season. He led the ministry through a song that says:

Lord, we set the stage for You

With our worship and our praise
So You can do as You choose
And our desire is that Your will be done
And our response is here we are

Rev. Sam shared that during this season, we are not just relaxing and getting the rest that we need. We should be creative in how we look after one another. We should also prepare our hearts for the way of the Lord so that when He lets this season pass, we are prepared for the victory and triumph that is to come! God is telling us to prepare the way through our spirits. The next time any of us have the opportunity to minister—whether via live stream, at the bus stop, or a phone call—our flesh should be out of the way and the only thing that should be present is the Holy Spirit. As the Levites, the Lord has given us His anointing and strength to guide the people to Him--the only true and living God!

None of us should want to come out of this pandemic the same. We should want our spirits, our outlooks, and our behaviors to be different. Reach out and let people know that you love them and are praying for them.

Special Guest - Supervisor Jacky Clark Chisholm

We were introduced to our special guest for the evening—the eldest of legendary Gospel music royalty and Grammy-award winning Clark Sisters—Supervisor Jacky Clark Chisholm!

Rev. Sam shared that he had met Supervisor Jacky almost 35 years ago. She was the first of the Clark Sisters that he had a conversation with during a book signing in Seattle. She was looking at postcards in a Bible bookstore and Rev. Sam purchased the postcards for her in exchange for her saying his name on the stage -- but she didn't! However, 2-3 years ago when Rev. Sam was

deathly ill, and God restored his health, he went to the Gospel Workshop of America and Supervisor Jacky was the first person to welcome him. She invited him



Jacky Clark Chisholm

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back into the life that he had missed so much! Supervisor Jacky shared that the good thing about God is that He covers us even when we don't think He's covering us. She said she was honored to join our MWA Live! because she loves Rev. Sam so much!

Recommendations During the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Supervisor Jacky is a nurse by profession, and she wanted to reinforce that the Coronavirus (COVID-19) is real. People don't, however, take the virus as seriously as they should. A pandemic is very difficult to control when people don't follow the guidelines they are asked to follow. She encouraged the ministry to use hand sanitizer only up to three (3) times per day. After that it loses its effectiveness, so hand washing for the remainder of the day should be achieved by using soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Be sure to clean the tips of your fingers, fingernail areas, and palms well. The virus can stay on surfaces for hours, so make sure to keep surfaces clean. She recommends that your face be covered and you wear gloves when you go to the grocery store. Keep at least 6 feet away from others, wash off the cart, and don't touch the hands of others. If you begin to cough, self-isolate yourself. Protect yourself and your family members as well. We cannot be ignorant of the enemy's devices.

The Word of God: Preparation For His Will

During this pandemic, Supervisor Jacky encouraged the ministry to get into the Word of God. She is using this time to work on messages that she will take with her to the Dominican Republic. When she meets with the women there, she wants to give them something of substance. It is up to her to teach them about Christ. You never know where God is trying to take you. It's not always about money or about a position. Anyone who wants to be a leader must first be a servant. If you aren't good at serving with humility, you won't make a good leader. God is preparing you for something greater, so you can't be caught up with how you want to be seen or have people treat you.

When working in ministry, there are so many obstacles. Supervisor Jacky advised that we must seek the Lord in whatever we are doing. When we know that God is covering us, we need to get into His Word and understand where we are in our lives. She

shared that she recently lost her husband, and that prayer, reading the Word of God, and letting Him shine big in her life helped her through this difficult time.

Supervisor Jacky asked the ministry to pray to cover their family, loved ones, and people who are dear to them. They should also take care of themselves. She shared that she pulled out her exercise tape and got her VCR ready to work out. She also went walking the day before. She advised that we need to cover our mouths when walking outside, as well as wear a mask when having in-person conversations with others.

Supervisor Jacky shared that regardless of our denominations, we are all in ministry serving the same God. We must listen for His direction in our lives. For 17 years she worked with the International COGIC Youth Choir. She let God move her into a whole new position. At first, she felt like she was being thrown away because her sisters were doing big things. However, you must be careful because you never know who is looking at you and watching your light. Bishop Blake was watching her and made note that she was always genuine, kind, and loving. He asked her to be his Supervisor, and she didn't know anything about the role. You don't know what door God is opening and setting you up for.

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.



Senior Ministry News

NBCF Quilters

When Pastor was so ill this fall. Someone said to us, well, how about a quilt? So in 3 days, using our stash of fabrics we had on hand, Cheryl and I pulled this together. And we gave it to Clarence to pass along to Pastor. It was our delight to do it.

Just as NBCF Quilters were getting some momentum it was recommended that we "Holy Distance-in". But some members (and other NBCF members who sew) have been making masks. Before we were forced to take a break, though, some quilt tops were finished. As we were beginning to organize, we hadn't even had a meeting of anybody other than Cheryl Tolbert and I,

Grace and peace,

Marcia

Rev. Dr. Marcia J Patton Ph.D.



To Our Seniors

As we pray and take a look at our lives and what is going on today it is a good time reconnect. This would be a good time to make contact with family and friends you haven't talked to in a long time. Check in on them and let them know you are thinking of them and praying for them. Bring some joy to them and yourself.

God wants you to be prayerful, thankful and to Bless his Holy Name and Stay Home and Be Safe.

Love you all.

Connie Bown
Chair Senior Advisory Council.

Getting ready for a walk in my neighborhood! And thanks to Sister Annie for the masks!



My New Normal! I came home wearing a mask and gloves to protect my family from the Virus. My granddaughter didn't know what to make of it!

Blessings,
Deacon Dennis Williams



Taxpayers Should Be Aware of Coronavirus Related Scams

The IRS recently published the following information to alert taxpayers of potential scammers in relation to stimulus payments.

COVID Tax Tip 2020-42, April 16, 2020

Taxpayers should be on the lookout for IRS impersonation calls, texts and email phishing attempts about the coronavirus or COVID-19 Economic Impact Payments. These scams can lead to tax-related fraud and identity theft.

Here's what taxpayers should know:

The IRS will not call, email or text you to verify or request your financial, banking or personal information.

Watch out for websites and social media attempts to request money or personal information. The official website is IRS.gov.

Don't open surprise emails that look like they're coming from the IRS or click on attachments or links.

Taxpayers should not provide personal or financial information or engage with potential scammers online or over the phone.

Forward suspicious emails to phishing@irs.gov, then delete.

Go to IRS.gov for the most up-to-date information.

Here's what people should know about the Economic Impact Payments:

The IRS will automatically deposit Economic Impact Payments into the bank account taxpayers provided on their 2019 or 2018 tax return for a direct deposit of their tax refund.

Those without a direct deposit account on file may be able to provide their banking information online through a new secure tool, Get My Payment..

Anyone who is eligible for an Economic Impact Payment and doesn't provide direct deposit information will receive a payment mailed to the last address the IRS has on file.

The IRS does not charge a fee to issue the payment.

Scammers may:

Ask an individual to sign over their Economic Impact Payment check to them.

Ask for verification of personal or banking information.

Suggest that they can get someone tax refund or Economic Impact Payment faster by working on their behalf.

Issue a bogus check, often in an odd amount, then tell a person to call a number or verify information online in order to cash it.

Official IRS information about the COVID-19 pandemic and Economic Impact Payments can be found on the Coronavirus Tax Relief page on IRS.gov. The IRS encourages people to share this information with family and friends. Many people who normally don't normally file a tax return may not realize they're eligible for an Economic Impact Payment.

Sisters In Spirit



The shrinking of our world due to COVID-19 may make you feel a little isolated and uneasy, there is a brighter side of this pandemic that we as believers of Christ can hold onto.

We know God is with us. We know He loves us. He promises in Deuteronomy 31:6 that He will never leave us. He calls us to be strong and courageous no matter what we face in the days ahead. We don't know what our future or the future of our loved ones, here on earth will look like, but we do know our destiny. We know heaven is real, and God is love. We're praying for every one of you.

God is good even when life is hard. We will make it through this. Together.

The Ladies of SIS

Opinion

Police harassment of my youth and executive career haunts me still.

By: Dotcy Isom III

One week ago, following the video of George Floyd's murder, I posted on Twitter: "Again ... I'm exhausted."

Like many this weekend, I watched the news and social media outlets, saddened. Yet I'm more saddened by the fundamental lack of recognition of its root cause: Racism, created by centuries of slavery, nurtured by dehumanizing coded language and imagery that reinforces irrational fear of Black men, perpetuated by practices and customs that continue to oppress Black people long after immoral laws were changed.

Protests and civil unrest begin after events like Floyd's execution — again. Breonna Taylor shot eight times and killed in her own home by police serving a "no knock" warrant — again. Atatiana Jefferson shot and killed through her bedroom window by unannounced police — again. Ahmaud Arbery chased, cornered and murdered by armed white men in February, who were not arrested or charged until a video emerged in May — again.

But for phone video and social media, these could easily have been swept away. Eric Garner, Tamir Rice, Walter Scott — the roll call is too long. (Need more? Read NPR's "A Decade of Watching Black People Die.")

Then, in the usual sleight of hand, focus is drawn to the subsequent violence and looting, as if perpetuated by legitimate protesters of unjust, targeted acts of aggression. "Why can't they protest peacefully?" "They're hurting their own cause ..." many say.

The reality is most of the looting is by bad actors with other motivations that take advantage of the unrest. Moreover, the reality is peaceful, nonviolent acts of protest. Think Colin Kaepernick, Tommie Smith and John Carlos, even Muhammad Ali, yet they were also met with derision and contempt by those who would obfuscate the core issue by focusing on the protest itself, whatever its form.

There is a huge, historical problem with policing of

Black and brown people in America. As a young adult in Chicago, I was pulled over, stopped and frisked, pockets emptied more times than I can remember. Occasionally the seat cushions were pulled from my car and the trunk emptied. Then, I was left on the side of a road to put it back together. I was scared and helpless.

I naively thought that as a maturing adult it would stop. It didn't. Even while I was a T-Mobile executive, my wife and I were followed by the police until we reached our destination, and the white colleague we were visiting waved to them that she (so by extension now we) were OK. She never realized what was happening. Only a few years ago, after walking into a shop in Bellevue (where I reside), police rushed in after me and demanded my ID and wanted to know why I was there. The shopkeeper said I was a regular customer. Then they said I fit the description of a suspect. A 50-year-old, well-dressed Black man? Yeah, right. If the shopkeeper hadn't known me ...

Even in retirement, those are things I think about every time I leave my home until I arrive at my destination. The stress-levels of driving, jogging, walking and just *being* Black are immeasurable. If you don't have a frame of reference, don't assume you can even imagine what that's like. Don't castigate or talk about protests and even riots by inauthentically referencing Martin Luther King Jr.'s nonviolent message when you haven't read or heard the whole of his truth. In his 1967 speech, "[The Other America](#)," Dr. King said: "America must see that riots do not develop out of thin air. Certain conditions continue to exist in our society which must be condemned as vigorously as we condemn riots ... And as long as America postpones justice, we stand in the position of having these recurrences of violence and riots over and over again. So-

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cial justice and progress are the absolute guarantors of riot prevention.”

So, what can you do? Drive the progress. Go beyond town halls, forums and open dialogues. As leaders, look around and consider the decisions you have and will make. When you look at your direct report teams and don't see Black and brown people, make up your mind to immediately change that and promote some. Give them the same privilege: Looking past their imperfections just as you have others; give them the opportunity to fail just as you have others; directly coach, mentor, sponsor them as vigorously as you have others (even if you don't hang out with them after work or on weekends as you do others); believe that they have that indescribable “it factor” as others

have; finally, trust them to be able to handle a role two to three times larger than their prior one as you have others. In actuality, these are the same opportunities that you've been given, too.

Edmund Burke wrote in 1770: “The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men [people] to do nothing.” It's even truer today. It's time for you good people with the position and power to do more. It's time to go beyond the words and walk the talk.

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There is incredible power and potential in prayer. Through prayer, we invite the God of the Universe into a situation and into our lives. Prayer changes things, but even more prayer changes us and the way we experience life circumstances. The disciples said to Jesus, "Lord, teach us to pray." Jesus taught that prayer should be more like a discipline — something we spend time on and take seriously. Something we practice and develop. As we grow in our prayer life, we become more alive and more engaged with what God is doing. None of us are perfect at prayer, but as we take steps to grow spiritually in our prayer life, the impact is incredible. God will move mountains and God will transform us into people of love, joy, peace and faith through prayer. Let's become people of prayer and a church of prayer together.

We are inviting every leader of our community to join us as we seek to answer the call and the question of our time. The question posed in 2 Chronicles 7:14, what could God do "if His people....will pray?" 2 Chronicles 7:14(NIV) "if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

Well, let's find out what God will do in this season together! We are going to gather every Tuesday from 6pm to 6:30pm on Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/92574532258> Meeting ID: 925 7453 2258

Will YOU join us?



NBCF Students News

The Students Department has some exciting news! You can now find information for the Students Department on the church's website! Under our tab, you can find Sunday School videos for ECC and k-12th grade resources to use during this virtual time. We plan to expand upon this site and continue to use it once we are back to in person programming. As always, we miss you and your kids, and pray you all are well!

<https://thenbcf.org/get-connected/ministries/student-resources/>

LaDonna Perkins
Students Ministry Coordinator-Interim



Attention Class of 2020
If you are graduating from High School, College or Vocational School we'd like to know!
2020 Graduate Celebration
June 28, 2020
Please complete the Graduate Information form available online now
Deadline to submit your information is June 7, 2020



2020 Scholarships
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www.thenbcf.org
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Midnight June 14, 2020

Welcome To Our Newest Members

January 2020

Monique Blockman
Gary Giles
Lillie LY
Thaderine Macfarlane

February 2020

Jerry Carroll
Shatara Hamilton
Jonathan Smith
Ebony Thomas

March 2020

Kelvin Avery
Ricky Barquet
Samuel Blueford
Tony Blueford
Erik Chickster
Pshala Chickster
Alexis Donahue
Aneeka Ferrall
Gregg Formerette
Robert Graham
John Hicks
Leirda Jackson
Janice McDowell
Pauline Robinson
Wairnola Rhodriquez

April 2020

Sheree Bascomb
Earl Brown
Joanna Fry
Nancy Neighbors
Opokuq Oduro
Theola Ross
Keara Garcia-Stubbs
Ken Sumiuoshi
Nichole Wilson
Tim Wilson

May 2020

Devon Bivens
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Erica Curtis
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Amorita Herron
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William Knowles
Christina Russell
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Link From Our Home Page: 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
Awana 7:00 PM
Ages 2 Years—5th Grade

Up-Coming Events

June 2020

14	Father's Day Scholarship Application Deadline
20	Drive-Thru Graduation Celebration
28	Graduate Sunday

July 2020

12	Scholarship Sunday
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August 2020

2	NBCF 15 th Anniversary Celebration!
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All Events Are Subject To Change Please Check For Up-Dates Often



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