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Believe it or not, that's the state our Country is currently in. If you watch the news, you may have heard this yourself, and it's sad but true. What this means is that across the United States and other parts of the world, the number of COVID cases are going up among the unvaccinated population. Not only that, but most of those now dying from COVID are said to be the Young Adult population, those in their 20's and 30's who have not been vaccinated. Recent news reports have indicated the number of states across the U.S are showing a drastic shift in positive COVID cases, all because there is a population that for whatever reason refuse to get vaccinated or they're still on the fence about whether they will do so.

This is such disturbing news on so many levels. If you're like me, you most likely have family members that refuse to get vaccinated. And, if you're like me, you are feeling bewildered by their lack of concern for not only their lives but for the lives of others. Especially if they have children! It just boggles my mind why anyone with an ounce of sense would refuse to get a vaccination that can save their life. Why anyone would play "Russian Roulette" with COVID is beyond comprehension. Why anyone would rather sit back and wait to potentially be infected with a deadly virus opposed to getting a shot that

can save them from said virus is beyond comprehension. What are they thinking!!! God help them! The even sadder part of this is that there's a new variant of the virus that is said to be more deadly than the original Coronavirus. And yet, they still refuse to believe they can be infected and possibly die. How STUPID!

The new variant is known as the delta variant, and it is spreading fast across the U.S. So much so, Los Angeles has already reverted to mandating masks. It's said that of all the variants of COVID-19, the delta variant is the one that Americans should be most worried about. Why is that? It's said that persons can be infected within five minutes of encountering someone infected with this strain. It's said to be more contagious than the other virus strains. It's a proven fact that unvaccinated people are more at risk than before and not to mention, it is spreading at an alarming rate in local unvaccinated communities. It's said that the delta variant will make you sicker and hospitalization is inevitable, and not to mention the potential for death. While there is still a lot to be learned about the delta variant, it's nothing to take lightly. Whether it's the original strain or the delta strain, the fact remains that COVID has not left the building. It is still here and is still killing people of all ages, colors, genders, etc. COVID does not care who you are, where you

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Security Ministry Summer Gathering

On Saturday July 10th, the New Beginnings Christian Fellowship Security ministry was able to come together for food, fun and fellowship. It was our first gathering since 2019 and what a joyous time we had, there was great food (a lot of it), laughter and Denzel even made an appearance.

On a sadder note, but joyous at the same time, we bid farewell to our Sister Beatrice Enser, a long-standing member of our team who will be leaving us and moving to North Carolina to begin the next chapter of her life with her soon to be new husband. Beatrice was presented with a beautiful plaque and words of appreciation for her service and dedication. We wish Beatrice well on this new journey and the path that God has placed her on!

The words on the plaque state," In Honor of Beatrice Enser...We appreciate and thank you for your dedication and service to the New Beginnings Christian Fellowship Security Team. While we are saddened to see you leave, we wish you well on this new journey in your life. Make memories at every moment. July 2021"

A special "thank you" to Minister Janice Spinks and Bobby Clements for hosting us in their beautiful home!











NBCF's Security Gets an Upgrade

The new metal detectors at the front entrances to the NBCF campus are a much needed addition to the security of our church. While some may find it an inconvenient spectacle, we can/should all agree it is nevertheless long over due. Given the up rise in hate crimes, random acts of violence, etc., it should be a very welcome addition to the safety and security of the church. So, while we may not like having our purses checked and going through a metal detector as we attend worship, let us find a sense of peace in knowing that we are safer. As the saying goes, "it's better to be safe than sorry." Let us thank the Security Ministry Team for being proactive and not waiting until something happened before making this much needed move. And, let us all be watchful and vigilant as worship each Sunday...and, "if you see something, say something."







The Security Team respectfully request that you adhere to the following guidelines as it relates to the metal detectors.

Magnetometer 101

On May 30, 2021, Magnetometers (metal detectors) were introduced at NBCF. These machines, complete with temperature scanners have been employed to add another layer of screening and security for our members and guests.

In order to help expedite processing and entrance into the building we offer the following guidance:

- ALL persons entering the campus will be inspected upon entry into the building. This includes bags, purses, backpacks, totes, etc.,
- All persons and bags will be re-inspected upon re-entry should you leave out.
- Before entering the building, all loose items should be placed in purses, other bags or the trays provided.
- It is not necessary to take items such as keys or phones out of bags and place in the trays. The idea is to segregate items from your person so they do not go through the detectors.
- It is best to consolidate items to streamline the physical inspection process.
- Items deemed prohibited by the Security ministry, will

Magnetometer 101

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not be allowed into the building. These items include firearms, pepper spray/mace, knives, blades of any type, etc.

- This is not an all-inclusive list and the security team will exercise discretion in making a determination on admissibility of certain items.
- Having a State Concealed Pistol Permit (CPL) does not authorize persons to carry firearms on the NBCF campus unless you are a member of the Security Team, authorized to carry while on duty. Also authorized for CPL are responding or contracted Law Enforcement Officers.
- Please advise a Security Team member if you have a certified medical reason restricting you from going through the detectors. Examples are pacemakers and Cardioverter Defibrillators (ICDs). In these situations,



you may be screened via an alternative method.

If you have metal implants in your body, please advise a security team member of this and the location of the implant. You will still process through the detector with the expectation that it will alarm if any metal is detected. In the event of an alarm and at the discretion of the security team, you may have a secondary screening with a metal detection wand.
NOTE: All medical implants do not alarm, it depends on the type of metal.

A Pandemic of the Unvaccinated

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live, what your religious affiliation is or what. If you are not vaccinated, it can kill you too!

There have been millions of people vaccinated with little to no impact. To my knowledge, no one has died from getting vaccinated, while thousands have died because of not being vaccinated. The vaccination is your best protection against COVID-19 and the delta variant. This pandemic is a preventable pandemic! But it will only get worse if those of you who refuse to get vaccinated do not roll up your sleeve and get the shot! It's said that not even half of Americans have been vaccinated. This is simply unacceptable people! The data has proven that the vaccine works! When I ask unvaccinated family and friends why they won't get vaccinated, the reasons make less sense than them not getting vaccinated. For instance, "I'm just not there yet" "I don't trust it...it came out to soon" "We don't know what's in that vial" "I just don't like getting shots." "I never got the flu shot, so I'm not getting this one either." "I just don't want to do it." Does any of this make sense to you? I think not! It just breaks my heart to hear such dumb reasons for not protecting yourself from something that can kill you!

I beseech you my unvaccinated brothers and sisters by the mercy of God to get in line and get your shot! Stop listening to social media conspiracy theories! Stop listening to people that don't know what they're talking about! Stop being selfish and thinking only of yourself! Stop putting other people's lives at risk! Stop playing Russian Roulette with your one and only life! Unless you have a medical reason for not getting vaccinated, any other reason for not doing so is nothing less then STU-PID! STUPID! STUPID!

It's a God given fact that we are all going to die from something, but do you really want to die from something that you could have prevented? Really, that's how you want to be remembered? As someone who died from STUPID? As someone who had a promising future but threw it all away simply because you refused to get a shot. How dumb of you! Just like Smokey the Bear said, "Only You Can Prevent Forest Fires"...well, I say, "Only You Can Prevent This Pandemic From Getting Worse."



July 21st & 27th

August 3rd, 10th & 17th
(Dates Also Available At Other Locations)
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www.aarth.org
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Vaccine Clinics In Partnership With Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center Seattle Cancer Care Alliance & African Americans Reach & Teach Health Ministry

Congratulations to the 2021 Scholarship Awardees

This year NBCF was truly blessed to be able to award scholarships of \$93,000.00. This matches what was awarded in the previous year, which is noteworthy considering the challenges faced due to the COVID pandemic. We pray for God's blessings and academic success on each of the scholarship recipients. As you enter the coming school year, let Jesus lead you all the way!

NBCF Scholarship Awards		
Scholar	School Attending	
Karissa Braxton	University of Washington	
Min. Alexander Booker	Seattle Pacific University	
Aryn Spencer	Bethune Cookman University	
Bryin Thomas	Morehouse College	
Delores Mack	University of Washington	
Elisabeth Smith	University of Washington	
Ebony White	Seattle Pacific University	
Sydney Madden	Georgia State University	
Mia Ewing	Seattle Pacific University	
Daniel Nzanga	Seattle University	
Kaylynn Miller	Howard University	
Matthew Gray	Seattle University	
Lylia Nichols	Gonzaga University	
Min. Cerise Barton	Emory University	
Nile Hunter	Seattle Central College	
Rev. Victoria Carr-Ware	Seattle University	
Sydney Coleman	Howard University	
C. LeMuel Pope	North Carolina State A & T	
LaTasha Reed	University of Washington Tacoma	
Stirling Yeadon	University of Washington	
Simone Madden	Spelman College	
Nia Lawson	University of Puget Sound	
Ronee Jones	Central Washington University	

Legacy Scholarship Awards		
Scholar	Legacy	
Delores Mack	Chaleia Gill	
Aryn Spencer	Dana Jones Walker	
Daniel Nzanga	Mary Ann Ramirez	
Bryin Thomas	Warren Davidson	
Bryin Thomas	Stephan Stewart, II	
Karissa Braxton	Tate Family	
Min. Alexander Booker	Tate Family	
Matthew Gray	Tate Family	
Lylia Nichols	Tate Family	
Min. Cerise Barton	Tate Family	
Rev. Victoria Carr-Ware	Tate Family	
Kaylynn Miller	Wallace Sherwood, Esq.	

Congratulations Scholars!



RiseUp Community Development Corporation 2021 Scholarships Awarded





Selena Nguyen University of Washington

Bethelhem Temesgen Howard University

Steve Shannon Servillano University of Washington

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BLACK LIVES MATTER.

NBCF will be joining with many other area churches and social justice organizations to post memorial placards to people of color killed by King and Pierce County police.

Watch for the invitation to select and place a placard yourself following church service on a Sunday in August.

942 people have been shot and killed by police in the past year in the United States.

Source: The Washington Post

Congratulations to the Class of 2021

High School Diploma





















Associate's Degree





Professional Certification



Bachelor's Degree









Complete Dietetic Internship Dietetic Registration Exam

Master of Science Degree Science and Business Management

Head of Partnership at Yoke Corporation

Georgetown University





Master's Degree





Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed,

Proverbs 16:3





MWA Welcomes a New Choir Director



If you attended worship service on Father's Day, you witnesed the Men's Chorus under the direction of the new Ministry Lead (Darriel Menefee) tear up the church!

Darriel and his wife Dr. Victoria Menefee are new members and we welcome them to the NBCF family. Many thanks to Darriel for sharing his gifts with us. We look

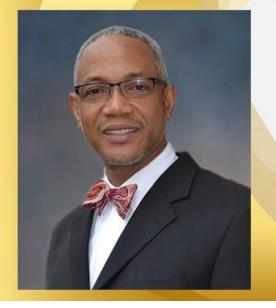
forward to many more fantastic ministry moments from the Brothas!





MANOPAUSE





Save the Date!
October 29-31, 2021

Featured Presenter:
Reverend Martin L. Espinosa
Ray of Hope Church
Nashville, TN



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ABOUT ANY NBCF
MINISTRY VISIT THE
INFORMATION BOOTH

Educational Empowerment ~ Drive Thru Graduation

The Educational Empowerment Ministry concluded our 2020-21 Ministry Year with the June Graduate Recognition Celebration. This year 23 Graduates were honored for completing the requirement necessary to graduate the following academic environments: High School (10), College/University (7), Graduate School (5) and Professional Certifications (1). On the evening of Thursday, June 10th, Educational Empowerment Ministry Celebrations began with our 2021 Graduate Recognition Car Parade. The car parade occurred in the NBCF Parking lot. This year, we invited all NBCF Ministries to join in this festive event. In addition to receiving a customized Graduate Recognition "Swag Bag" Care Packages (including a personalized Bible, commemorative engraved writing pen's Celebrating the Class of 2021, Framed Pictures, and other Celebration goodies), the graduates also received celebratory gifts and encouragements from the Ministries that were in attendance i.e. (Music and Worship Arts, Greeting, Usher's, FRESH, and Outreach). Finally, the Graduates received some of that notorious "NBCF Photo Paparazzi" attention at the Class of 2021 Photo Shoot area where our Media Services Photographers captured their achievement with family members and other Class of 2021 Graduates.

As the Class of 2021 Graduate Recognition Playlist (composed by Bryan Thomas-Dixon) added to the celebratory vibe with an inspirational set of selections, we reached the event's high point with a powerful prayer of celebration and encouragement given by Minister Janice Spinks-Clements. Our well attended event celebrated our Class of 2021 Graduates and ministered to all who were present. On the following Sunday, we formally recognized each graduate with a visual presentation that was incorporated into the 8:00AM and 10:30AM worship services. Seeing each Graduate's achievement is a collective reminder of God's faithful, nurturing, and protective presence in the lives of God's Lifelong-Learners... each and every-one of us.

New Beginning's Class of 2021 Graduates, each, demonstrated two defining traits that is consistent with each Class of Scholars that we celebrate. Every member of this year's NBCF Graduate Recognitions embodied these two characteristics. First, they demonstrated a belief in God's capacity to manifest the educational training they would submit themselves to pursuing. They invested in their faith to pursue their goals. Next, our Class of 2021 Graduate honorees, - emboldened by their faith and their community - were willing to submit themselves to the process of receiving systematic instruction and training. They have completed educational processes focused on preparing them to apply their knowledge, judgement, and values to transform our be-

loved community. The Class of 2021 is yet another visual reminder from God that #FaithandEducation are the twin pillars of empowering God's transformational change in the world as Christians.

This year of ministry has been a blessing to behold. Thank you NBCF Community for your investment of time, talent, and treasure to the work of Ministry. Thank you, Educational Empowerment Ministry workers, for being faithful to the unique work of our ministry. Thank you, Media Services Ministry and Church Administration, for helping us to navigate each project that Educational Empowerment undertook. Thank you, Deacon Tonya Smith, for your leadership and advocacy as our Congregational Development Department Lead. Frankie White. Ron Bennett, Latraia Daniel, Angela Pope, Linda Sagares, thank you for your commitment and your sharing of time and talent this year. During July, the Educational Empowerment Ministry is excited to reflect, renew, and retool for the next crop of Lifelong-Learners. The relationships that we've forged this year will inspire us to pursue that which is not visible but is definitely attainable with our investment of faith and our willingness to submit to the work that has been planned for our 2021-22 Ministry year.

If you are looking for a Ministry to serve in, please know that your talent and time are welcome at Educational Empowerment. We are a ministry that is focused on encouraging, supporting, and sharing God's love of #LifelongLearning, email EducationalEmpowerment@thenbcf.org or contact (Call/Text) Owen Lawson at 253.293.4897.

Be blessed. <u>Be great today NBCF Family... It's what God</u> <u>created you "TO DO!"</u>























NBCF's Sunday Funday Was All That & More!

Sunday Funday greatly exceeded our planning expectations with the turn out, but we should have known that if you say, Food, Fun and Dancing, NBCF will surely show up and show out. It was our first "in-person" service for our youth in 15 months and they came in great numbers to participate. Everyone cooperated with the extended security measures to keep everyone safe, including the seperate entrance for families with children who have yet to be vaccinated due to national guidelines and age restrictions. The service for the adults ended with a special prayer by First Lady Shelia and all of the children, fully masked, in the sanctuary. Special thanks to the small group of "Voices of Angels" and Whitney Mason, their director, for the special song they learned for the day and to our Students Ministry led by LaDonna Perkins for all of their hard work and preparation in making the day beautiful for the young people. Pastor wanted to make sure that it was a day the kids would never forget.



After service everyone came outside to tables set up in the parking lot, music and the chance to learn how to ride the SWRV boards, to which some of the adults declared immediately were more suitable for the kids. Deacon Sarah made sure to get her ride in. We had excellent food from Jemil's Big Easy. Our DJ, Sean Connor, a.k.a DJ Kwel W.I.P helped set the mood while everyone hung out, talked, played cards or dominos and just had a great time seeing each other after 15 months. Pastor promised we will make up for the catfish at a later event. Thanks to our Set Up and Break Down Team and everyone who volunteered to make the event a success.





















NBCF Member Spotlight Meet Chef Adunni

Taste Tutor LLC is a company providing cooking classes, culinary consultation services, and seasoning blend sales. NBCF Member Adunni Ogunlanoh, is a food scientist and trained chef. She created Taste Tutor to highlight cuisines from Africa and the Diaspora to teach about the influences and synergies of the black food experience all over the world. Taste Tutor strives to share the art, science, nutrition, and culture of food by helping you build amazing flavors!! Check out TheTasteTutor.com for more information and follow on Instagram for free recipes, tips, and inspiration! While Adunni says she is no longer catering events (she has catered a few for NBCF and oh my goodness is her food beyond scrumptous) - she is now cooking on Youtube videos, sharing delicious recipes and has her own line of seasoning. She has graciously shared some of her recipes...check her out and learn some new cooking techniques and add some new dishes to your menu!

Find These Featured Recipes at: www.TasteTutor.com



Gumbo (Southern)



Creole Rasta Pasta (Fusion)



Brown Stew Chicken (Caribbean)



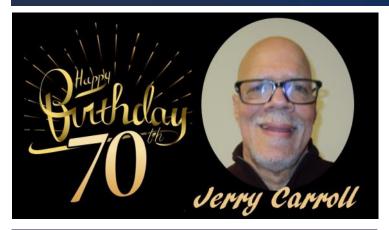
Suya (Nigerian)





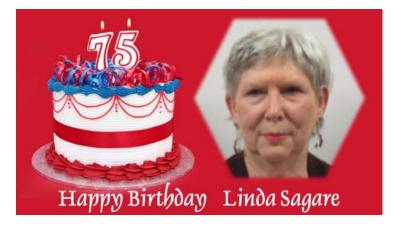


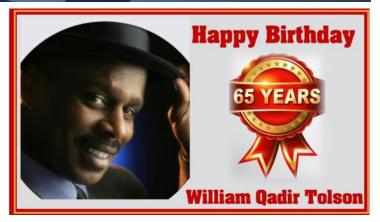
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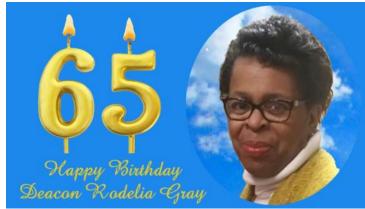




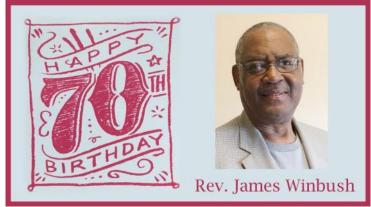




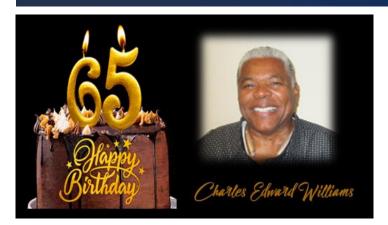


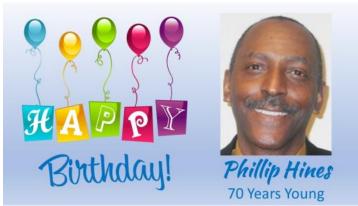




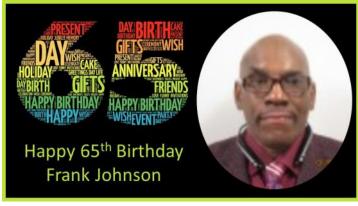


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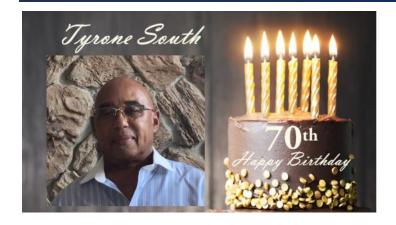








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Got A Milestone Birthday or Anniversary Coming Up?

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



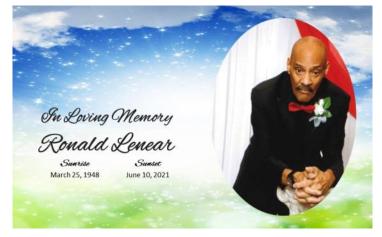






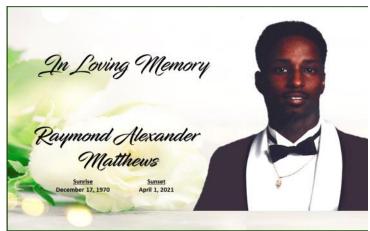


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National Day of Prayer

The New Beginnings Christian Fellowship Intercessory Prayer Ministry participated in National Day of Prayer, May 6th, 2021.

The Prayer Theme: Revive Us, Oh Lord Scripture: Psalm 119:126

"It is time for you to act Lord, your law is being broken".

The Intercessory Prayer Ministry shared some break through prayers, scriptures and songs that blessed all that participated.

The Prayer Ministry continues to be available 24 Hours a Day via

phone (206) 723-3336 and online via prayer@thenbcf.org. We are always ready to pray for or with you!



Humbly submitted, Deacon Phyllis

PLEASE JOIN US EVERY TUESDAY FOR PRAYER VIA ZOOM:

From 6-6:45pm

Link from the NBCF Website: www.TheNBCF.org
Meeting ID: 925 7453 2258 Passcode: 728338



Seniors Celebrate Soul Food Potluck

On a beautiful sunny Wednesday afternoon the Senior Connections Ministry and the seniors of NBCF gathered for its "Annual Soul Food Potluck". The tables were lined with fried catfish, hush puppies, candied yams, greens (collard/turnips), cabbage, green beans, mac n cheese, corn bread muffins, potato salad, green salad, fried chicken, corn bread dressing and numerous other worthy dishes. The dessert tables, had peach cobbler, pear cobbler, ice cream, sweet potato pie, rum cake, pound cake, watermelon and so much more it was truly a feast. We had a raffle with prizes and the finally was the "electric slide". Fun, fun was had by all so don't miss the next one.

Connie Bown, Chair Senior Advisory Committee.







Seniors Stay Connected



Day Connections Every Wednesday At Noon

Were Staying Connected With Weekly ZOOM Calls And Keep In Touch With Each Other By E-mail And Phone

To Be Included Call: (702) 321-1561 Or E-mail: GastonGear @ live.Com

TO JOIN THE DAY CONNECTIONS ZOOM SESSION

Use the following link each Wednesday 12:00 noon to 1:00 P.M.

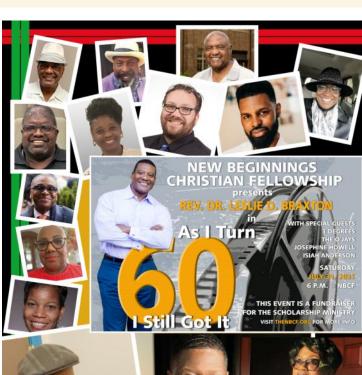
https://ministrelife.zoom.us/j/93607521942? pwd=WnVzb3FkL3RhZIJJaWY2RDU0T1NwUT09

Also connect with many services and workshops offered by AARTH (African American Reach and Teach Health Ministry), just call Ann Branch 702 -321-1561.

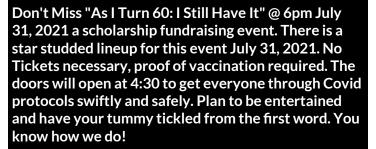




August 1, 2021









Welcome To Our Newest Members

April, 2021

Brandy Lucas
Michael Langdon
Tara Rose
Priscilla Bellnavis
Angela Vinson
Amaya Vinson
Anizha Vinson

Phyllis Joseph

May, 2021

Samuel Miller Darriel Menefee Dr. Victoria Menefee Lynette Young Gana Manus Brion Hall



June, 2021

Eboni LoCure (Illinois) Michael Muse

Up-Coming Events		
July 2021		
31	Now that I'm 60- Scholarship Event	
August 2021 Membership UpDate Month		
1	NBCF 16th Anniversary Sunday	
3	Primary Election Day- Ballots Due	
8	Send Off Sunday	
29	Catfish Sunday	
September 2021		
25-26	SHIFT Conference	
October 2021		
29-31	Man-O-Pause Men's Renewal	
November 2021		
11	Veteran's Day	
25	Thanksgiving Day	
December 2021		
31	NBCF New Year's Eve Celebration	
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All Events Are Subject To Change Please Check For Up-Dates Often



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