

**THE BISHOP SPEAKS**

**Dearest Beloved:**

**“The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?”**

**Psalms 27:1**

**“And the blood shall be to you for a token upon thy house where ye are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you. When I smite the land of Egypt.”**

**Exodus 12:13**

**“Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.”**

**Hebrews 13:8**

**Just Believe...God didn't bring you this far to leave you now. Whatever you are going through or feeling in your life, just know that...**

**Help  
Is  
On  
The  
Way!**

**“Be still, and know that I Am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.”**

**Psalms 46:10-11**

**During this Coronavirus Pandemic, let us  
PRAY, BELIEVE,  
and OBEY.**

**With Love, Care, and Concern**

**J. Ervin Reddick, D.D.**

**Annual Bishop**

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## *We Honor all Frontline and other Essential Workers during this Coronavirus Pandemic and Offer this Prayer*

*Our Father in Heaven, we come before you in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. We Glorify your Name because you are God and there is none other like you. Forgive us Lord for anything that we may have done that was not pleasing to you or things we failed to do that would have brought Glory to your name. We thank you for your mercy and all blessings.*

*Father, we pray now for so many individuals, who on a daily basis, provide care and attention to the needs of others. Father, we pray for your divine protections of the nurses, doctors, nursing assistants, therapists, and other providers of care. Father, we pray that as they go about their daily occupation of caring for others, that your divine protection cover them. Provide an Individualized Holy Quarantine every minute of every day.*

*Father, we also ask for your protection of those who work in our grocery stores that we might have food to eat, our garbage collectors, police officers, firemen, and other essential workers whom we often take for granted.*

*Holy Father, we pray for our teachers, school principals, and other workers involved in the education of our children. We ask that you give them direction as they experience teaching methods not common to them. We pray for the parents who are caring for their children and providing support at home like never before. We thank you for your provision of patience and understanding.*

*Now Father, we thank you for all provisions and for answering this prayer. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

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### **Beware of Scams**

Here are some proactive measures you can take to help avoid becoming a victim of scams.

1. Be wary of any email, text, phone call or social media request for money or other personal identifiable information.
2. Never send money to someone else in the hope of receiving something from them. The scam artist may call this a deposit, an advance, or a processing fee. This is always a sign of a scam.
3. Never give your personal or financial information over the phone.

Now is a great time to witness.

As the coronavirus spreads, let us spread the Gospel.



*6 feet apart*

# NWB Pastors Fellowship



*Shown from Left to right: Pastors Clifton Jones, Jr., Leslie Capers, Juanita Whitfield, and Dexter Waters.*

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! The Pastors Fellowship was a vision that was given to our Bishop Reddick. I believe the vision was given to the Bishop because he knows and understand the needs of a Pastor.



*Shown from left to right: Pastors Antonio Blow, Bishop Reddick, Edna Hall, and Isaac Burnett, Jr.*

Pastors have the responsibility of giving out all they have to their congregation. The Pastor is asked to be there for the people when they are under stress, during their sickness, during their times of loss and even just when they are hurting.



*Shown from left to right: Pastors Leo Deans, Merwyn Smith, and Bishop Joe Dixon.*



*Shown from left to right: Pastors James E. Powell, Anthony Mitchell, Virginia Best, and Willie Burns.*

We understand that we are held to a higher standard, however many forget that the Pastors are still humans. They hurt, they get tired, and they need to have someone they can draw from. Therefore, the Pastors Fellowship was created to provide Pastors with additional support from each other.

I am honored to be appointed by the Bishop as the first President of the Northwest B Conference Pastors Fellowship. I am extremely grateful for Pastor Juanita Whitfield who is serving as the secretary and Pastor Leslie Capers, our chaplain. Both have been an absolute pleasure to work with because they have a love for God and all His people.



*Shown from left to right: Pastors Jacob Pickett, Rachel Barrett, Dalphine Hart, and Wandra Williams.*



*Shown from left to right: Pastors Charlie Howell, William Ingram, Walter Cannon, and Aaron L. Jarman.*

The first Pastors Fellowship meeting was held on March 14, 2020 and it was successful. This is just the beginning. The breakfast and the response were very good! We are planning and praying that everything we do will be directed and blessed by God.

I ask that each of you keep our Pastors Fellowship in prayer as a group and continue to lift your own Pastor up in prayer! We need your prayers. Pastors are giving of themselves so you can be lifted.

With Excitement and Determination!

Pastor Dexter Waters, President  
NWB Pastors Fellowship



# Elder Randy Bullock New Pastor of Union Grove



Elder Bullock is shown above with his wife, Linda Dupree Bullock.

Northwest "B" Conference welcomes Elder Randy Bullock who was elected as the pastor of Union Grove UAFWB Church in September 2019.

Elder Bullock was born the tenth of twelve siblings in Pitt County and graduated from Farmville Central High School in the Class of 1978. He accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior in 1991 under Pastor W. H. Joyner at Moyes Chapel UAFWB Church in Farmville, NC. He preached his initial sermon in 2001 and completed two years of Biblical Studies at the Higher Learning Bible Institute in Wilson under the direction of Bishop Robert Gorham. He was ordained

an Elder in the UAFWB Denomination in November 2003.

They are proud parents of one son, Bartrell and one daughter, Britney and grandparents of four grandsons – Jalon, Bryson, Kamon, and Brenton. "My greatest earthly possessions are my wife and family", said Pastor Bullock.

His hobbies include reading, sports, and classic cars. He is employed with Crown, Inc. in Kinston. He and his family reside in Greenville, NC.

## May 10 is Mother's Day



### Bless Our Mothers: A Mother's Day Prayer

*Dear Lord,  
today we pray for mothers--  
our own mothers, and mothers  
everywhere, who have made such  
a major contribution to the good  
qualities we have.*

*Sometimes through genetics,  
more often through great effort  
and patient instruction, and who*

*have done their best to gently  
polish away our rough edges.*

*Lord, please bless our mothers  
for the endless hours of time they  
spent and the boundless energy  
they invested in us.*

*Bless our mothers for their  
sacrifices on our behalf  
as they often gave up or deferred  
their own dreams  
so that we could have ours.*

*Bless our mothers for always  
being there for us,  
for being the person we know we  
can turn to when we need  
comfort, encouragement, or just a  
hug.*

*Bless our mothers for making a  
home for us where we could feel  
safe, where we felt we belonged.*

*Most of all, Lord, bless our  
mothers for their unconditional  
love, for loving us  
no matter what,  
and for frequently showing love  
in ways that make us feel valued  
and cherished.*

*Lord, please bless our mothers  
mightily.*

*Strengthen them, soothe them,  
wrap them in Your infinite love  
and shower them with blessings  
too numerous to count,  
too magnificent  
to describe.*

*We love them, admire them,  
respect them, and we wish that  
you would give them back  
many times the good  
they gave to us.  
In Jesus' name we pray.  
Amen.*

**By Joanna Fuchs**

# 2020

## Friends of NWB Christian Education

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being a Friend”*

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Post Oak  
Revelation Mission  
Rockford Chapel  
Shady Grove

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Smith Chapel  
Stanley Chapel  
St. James  
St. Mark  
St. Mary  
St. Matthew  
St. Peter  
Union Grove  
Woods Chapel

### Individuals

Eldress Dr. Yvonna Gooding-Abbott  
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Mother Demetressa Hamm  
Elder Michael Hamm  
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Marsha Higgins\*  
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Marchelle Horner  
Mother Linda Howard  
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Pastor Veronica Jackson  
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Iris Jones-Nelson  
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Deacon James Lewis  
Elder Jimmie Lewis  
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 Nathaniel Waters  
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 Mother Pattie Wooten

## Mission/Purpose of the Christian Education Department

Our Lord's last command, "Go....and teach", made Christian Education mandatory. Implicit in His command are three aims:

1. To teach that men may be brought into fellowship with God.
2. To teach that those thus brought into fellowship can be built up.
3. To teach that after you are brought into fellowship and built up, you can become teachers.

True Christian Education is not something of interest to a few people engaged in a particular movement belonging to some organization. No single group of people has a monopoly upon Christian truth. The term "Christian" is rightfully applied to any and every person, church, denomination, organization, institution, and movement that is true to the plain, simple teachings of the Bible.

*(Excerpts from the United American Free Will Baptist Denomination, Inc. Christian Education Handbook, 2003)*

Friends of Northwest "B" Christian Education are churches and individuals who have a yearning to see in others and experience within themselves, spiritual growth that unifies the Body of Christ. Friends support the Christian Education ministry with their prayers, participation, and finance.

"Thank you  
 for  
 Being A  
 Friend"

# 150th Anniversary of the 15th Amendment is in 2020

Feb. 3, 1870  
15th  
Amendment Ratified

March 30, 1870  
15th Amendment Adopted

Oct. 19, 1870  
First African Americans Elected to  
the U.S. House of Representatives

Dec. 12, 1870  
J. Rainey First African-American in  
the U.S. House of Representatives

What is the 15th Amendment?

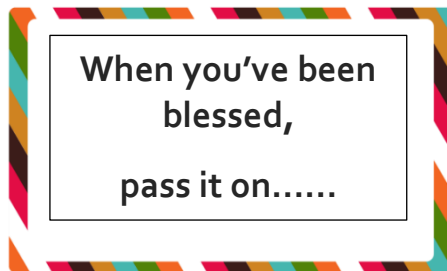
The 15th Amendment — the third and final amendment to the U.S. Constitution during the Reconstruction Era — was adopted to protect the freedoms outlined in the 13th and 14th Amendments.

“The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.” (U.S. Constitution. Amendment XV, Section 1. 1870.)

In 1870, two years after the 14th Amendment was ratified, Congress and the states responded to another round of racial violence in the South by providing additional constitutional protection for the Black electorate.

The 15th Amendment declared that the right of U.S. citizens to vote could “not be abridged or denied” by any state” on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.” The 14th and 15th Amendments — sporadically enforced until 1876 (the end of Reconstruction), then rarely enforced until 1954 (the Brown v. Board of Education school desegregation decision by the Supreme Court) — provided the legal foundation for the civil rights movement of the 1950s, 1960s, and 1970s. They are part of the enduring constitutional legacy of Reconstruction.

In 1857, when Judge Roger Taney announced the Dred Scott decision and dismissed the very notion of legal and even human rights for African Americans, who could have imagined that in a little more than a decade the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments would change the U.S. Constitution? Radical Reconstruction did that and much more. With the passage of the Reconstruction Acts of 1867, Congress opened up new possibilities for U.S. democracy. Over the next nine years, African Americans, poor whites, and others rose to the democratic challenge in the South.



## “Meet Greta Davis” Post Oak Christian Education Director



Greta Patricia Davis was born and raised in Brooklyn, NY. She has two sons, Donald Willingham a resident of Kinston NC and Darius Willingham a U.S. Airmen of 9 years. Greta has been employed with Electrolux for 24 years.

As a member of Post Oak Free Will Baptist Church for 9 years she wears many hats. Her responsibilities include: member of the board of trustees, usher board, kitchen committee and cheer corner. .Now Greta has taken on the role of CE Director. She is anxious to represent Post Oak and her pastor, Elder Charlie Howell, II.



# 2020 Black History Essays

Twenty-five young people in NWB submitted essays of 250 words or more this year in response to the annual Black History Essay program directed by Eldress Dr. Sandra Gail Coley.

This year's topic was:

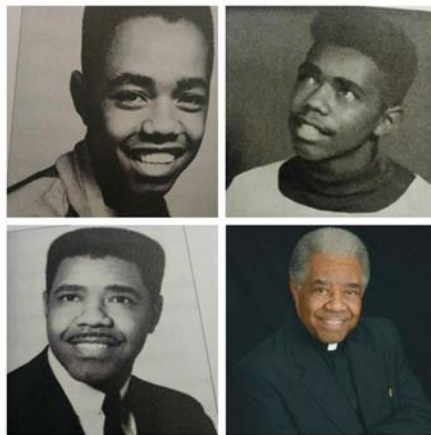
**"As a youth, how are you representing Christ in the home, in the church, and in the community?"**

(2 Corinthians 5:20)

Inspired by the life of our Annual and General Bishop, Dr. Johnnie E. Reddick and reflections from the book, "A Man Named Johnnie", writers were asked to express how they represent Christ. The following excerpt from the book was to be used as a guide.

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*"By the age of eight, my association with the church had become common knowledge among my classmates. They referred to me as 'The little preacher'. At about the age of twelve, I gathered about six of my neighborhood friends and told them I had to preach."*



His life, as a young person, was an example of Christianity, faithfulness, and commitment to the work of the church.

Our winners are:

**Jayden Freeman**

Best Chapel Greene  
District I  
Elementary School

**Tamia Sykes**

St. Mary  
District II  
Middle School

**Shamiya Mewborn**

Mt. Calvary  
District IV  
High School

"Being an ambassador is being a representative", stated Dr. Coley. "We are blessed to have young representatives of Christ assuring us of a continued legacy and Christian leadership for many years to come", she added.

## Verses to Remember

Luke 21:25-28  
(NIV)

*"There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."*

**For many of us,  
what happened to  
the saying**

**"I'm so busy"?**

**Questions or Comments?**

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