

# NWB CE NEWS

"They'll know we  
are Christians by  
our love."

July - August, 2020

## THE BISHOP SPEAKS

### **Dearest Beloved:**

**Greetings in Jesus Name! I trust that all is well with you and your family as we experience one of the most deadly and serious times in our nation's history. However, I still hear God saying, "If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. II Chronicles 7:14.**

**To me, the coronavirus epidemic is God's reminder to the world that**

**HE is still in charge and that all of our help comes from Him. I believe that God is warning the world, that His patience is running out, and He's giving mankind another chance to set their house in order.**

**Don't lose faith and don't give up. Remember, I Corinthians 10:26, "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof." GOD STILL HAS IT ALL IN CONTROL.**

**I'm praying for you. Please pray for me and for those non-repentant people whom God is giving another chance.**

**Practice safety and be obedient and patient. THIS TOO WILL PASS!**

**With Love, Care and Concern**

***Bishop J. Ervin Reddick***

**The YPCL Convention  
scheduled to be  
held  
July 28 - 31, 2020  
has been cancelled.**

**Moses H. Ramsey  
President**

**Churches will receive  
correspondence from  
Deacon Moses.**

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# Know Your Risk During Covid-19

On a scale of 1 to 10 with the higher the number - the higher the risk, how risky is:

- Opening the mail -1
- Getting restaurant takeout -2
- Pumping gasoline -2
- Playing tennis - 2
- Going camping - 2
- Grocery shopping - 3
- Going for a walk, run, or bike ride with others - 3
- Playing golf - 3
- Staying at a hotel for two nights - 4
- Sitting in a doctor's waiting room - 4
- Going to a library or museum - 4
- Eating in a restaurant (outside) - 4
- Walking in a busy downtown - 4
- Spending an hour at a playground - 4
- Having dinner at someone else's house - 5
- Attending a backyard barbecue - 5
- Going to a beach - 5
- Shopping at a mall - 5
- Sending kids to school, camp, or day care - 6
- Working a week in an office building - 6
- Swimming in a public pool - 6
- Visiting an elderly relative or friend in their home - 6
- Going to a hair salon or barbershop - 7
- Eating in a restaurant (inside) - 7
- Attending a wedding or funeral - 7
- Traveling by plane - 7
- Playing basketball - 7
- Playing football - 7
- Hugging or shaking hands when greeting a friend - 7
- Eating at a buffet - 8
- Working out at a gym - 8
- Going to an amusement park – 8
- Going to a movie theater or a large music concert - 8
- Going to a sports stadium or going to a bar - 9
- Attending a religious service with 500+ worshipers - 9

Texas Medical Association. Ranked by physicians from the TMA COVID-19 Task Force and the TMA Committee on Infectious Diseases.

Please assume that participants in these activities are following currently recommended safety protocols when possible.

# Jaylen Xavier Joyner



## 2020 J. E. Reddick Scholar

We are proud to present Jaylen Xavier Joyner to the Northwest B Conference of the United American Free Will Baptist Denomination, Inc., as the 2020 J. E. Reddick Scholar. We have seen Jaylen around NWB for many years participating in different programs as he represented his local church.

Jaylen is a member of St. Mary UAFWB Church in the Jason community. "Since I was a child, I have consistently attended St. Mary. I have served as an usher since allowed to serve and as a member of the musical ensemble where I played the

trombone. I enjoy fellowshiping with my family and friends and ministering through music to spread the words of Christ," stated Jaylen. Jaylen also represented St. Mary as an oratorical speaker at his church. He was selected to represent his church at the district union level where he won and represented District Union 2 at the Oratorical program during the 2016 NWB Christian Education Unity Day.

"I have had the honor of knowing Jaylen for more than 17 years in my capacity as Pastor of the St. Mary FWB Church and worked closely with him," stated Pastor Blow. "His character is of the highest. He is bright, articulate, and straightforward. Not only is he concerned about being actively involved and supportive of the church but serves as a positive role model for the young people," Pastor Blow continued.

Geraldine Williams, President of St. Mary's Ushers Ministry said "Jaylen has always been receptive to coaching and guidance. He works extremely well with team members and is eager to serve." She added, "he always performs his duties in a kind, thoughtful and professional manner. He is respectful of others and always serve with a smile." "Ushering is one of my favorite things to do at my church," stated Jaylen. "When you usher, you have the privilege

of serving, greeting, and witnessing the great work of the Holy Spirit," he added.

From 2016-2019, Jaylen served as a member of the NWB Bible Quiz Bowl Team.

"I remember the first year he joined our team, he was so impressive that he was chosen by Elder Jimmie Graham and myself to serve as team captain," stated Elder David Sutton. "He is a respectful young man with Christian values, demonstrates good character and is well disciplined. Jaylen displays early leadership skills that I believe will advance him to exceed his peers," Coach Sutton added. Jaylen said "participating in the Bible Quiz Bowl helped me understand the many Bible characters and other teachings. These steps in my Christian journey have helped to shape the person I am and continues to strengthen my faith."



*Jaylen Joyner, team captain, is shown (back row second from right) with the 2017 NWB Bible Quiz Bowl Team and Coaches Elders Jimmie Graham and David Sutton following the team's third consecutive win during the Festival of Thanksgiving Quiz Bowl sponsored by the UAFWB General Department of Christian Education.*

A graduate of North Lenoir High School in LaGrange, NC, Jaylen's priority is academic excellence. He served as a member of the high school concert band and marching band from 2016 - graduation and the jazz band from 2018 - graduation. He was a member of the high school junior varsity basketball team for three years.

This Fall, Jaylen plans to attend North Carolina Central University in Durham, NC to major in Criminal Justice with a concentration in Psychology. He auditioned and was chosen to be a member of NCCU's Marching and Symphonic Band as well. He desires to become a member of the FBI and become a field agent one day. He wants to serve and protect people who can not or do not have the proper resources to help themselves. Jaylen said, "I also plan to make a significant contribution to my community and church after obtaining my college degree. I want to contribute to adding an adequately trained security team throughout the denomination as we serve and protect generations of families seeking a safe environment to worship."

Jaylen is the son of Greta Suggs and the grandson of James and Martha Joyner.

Jaylen was unanimously selected by the J. E. Reddick Scholarship Committee as the 2020 J. E. Reddick Scholar. "In addition to his character

and many accomplishments, the two areas that stood out were (1) his grade point average, and, (2) his involvement with his local church, district, and conference," said Mother Jean P. Whitfield. Please pray for this young man as he endeavors to make our world a better place.

Jaylen is humbled to join the rank of other J. E. Reddick Scholars:

April Davis  
Jerusalem - 2012

Ronald Christopher Moore  
Hines Chapel - 2015

Jonathan Core  
Taylor's Chapel - 2016

Danneka Sutton  
Holly Grove - 2017

Daryl Miles  
Jerusalem - 2017

Jayla Michelle Moore  
St. Peter - 2018

Justice Yalon Jones  
Woods Chapel - 2019

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**J. E. Reddick Scholarship Committee**

Elder Antonio Blow  
Elder Dr. Isaac Burnett, Jr.  
Eldress Selma Corbitt  
Eldress Michelle Gooding  
Deacon Moses Ramsey  
Elder Dexter Waters  
Mother Jean P. Whitfield

## Cooper named Assistant Principal at North Drive



On February 3, 2020, the then Wayne County Public Schools Superintendent Michael Dunsmoore appointed Trammonnieo Cooper Assistant Principal of North Drive Elementary School. She transitioned from the School Improvement Coach of Eastern Wayne Elementary School.

Trammonnieo is a faithful member of Gospel Friendship UAFWB Church and serves as the NWB District Union II Christian Education Director. "We are so proud of Trammonnieo and this accomplishment", stated Mother Jean P. Whitfield, NWB Conference CE Director.

**Bishop J. E. Reddick and the entire Northwest “B” Conference are proud to spotlight and give honor to our 2020 Graduates!!!**



**Kiana Blount**  
2020 graduate of North Lenoir High School

Kiana is a member of Mt. Calvary and plans to attend college on-line to be an IT computer data analyst.

**Graduates, we are praying for you!**

**Myles Bradley**  
2020 graduate of South Central High School

Myles is a member of Greater Mt. Zion.



**Verlene C. Foster**  
2020 graduate of South Lenoir High School

Verlene is a member of Rockford Chapel.

**Keniyah Becton**  
2020 graduate of Kinston High School

Keniyah is a member of Macedonia and plans to attend N. C. A & T University and major in psychology with a minor in family and consumer sciences.



**Tyanna Goodlin**  
2020 graduate of North Lenoir High School

Tyanna is a member of Rockford Chapel and plans to attend Lenoir Community College for two years and then transfer of East Carolina University.

**JeLisa Hines**  
2020 graduate of Green Central High School

JeLisa is a member of St. Mary and she plans to attend Lenoir Community College.

**Sh’Niya Howard**  
2020 graduate of Pitt County Schools Early College.

Sh’Niya is a member of Greater Mt. Zion and is an aspiring dentist.



**Tyhyme Kazmele Rodwell**  
2020 graduate of Southern Wayne High School

Tyhyme is a member of Stanley Chapel and plans to enter the work force and the military later.



**Willie Parrish**  
2020 graduate of Southern Wayne High School

Willie is a member of St. Mark and plans to attend Wayne Community College.

*“It’s only when you hitch yourself up to something bigger than yourself that you realize your true potential.”*

- Barak Obama



**Monterio Simmons, Jr.**  
2020 graduate of North Duplin High School

Monterio is a member of Piney Green and plans to attend the University of Mt. Olive.



**Makayla Wallace**  
2020 graduate of Eastern Wayne High School

Makayla is a member of Thompson Chapel and plans to attend Wayne Community College two years and then complete her undergraduate degree in Accounting and Finance at Fayetteville State University. Her goal is to become a Certified Public Accountant and possibly start her own accounting firm.

**Camron Uzzell**  
2020 graduate of Kinston High School

Camron is a member of Herring Grove and plans to enter the U. S. Armed Forces.



**Other graduates will be presented in our next newsletter!**

**Sieate Davis**  
Associate in Arts



**Sieate Bianca Davis**  
2020 graduate of Lenoir Community College with an Associate degree in Arts. She is a member of Gospel Friendship and plans to attend East Carolina University to major in Psychology.



**Nya Houston**  
2020 graduate of East Carolina University with a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting. She is a member of St. Mark and plans to get an amazing accountant position and build her two businesses.



**Ashley Murray**  
2020 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She is a member of Best Chapel, Green and will be working as a Registered Nurse, BSN, at Alamance Regional Medical Center in Burlington.



**Lameshia Stukes**  
2020 graduate of Central Carolina Community College with an Associate degree in Business Administration. She is a member of St. Mark.



**Tomeeka Spruill**  
2020 graduate of North Carolina State University with a Master of Science in Communication. Tomeeka is a member of Woods Chapel.



**Tia Glaspie**  
2020 graduate of Johnson C. Smith University with a Master of Science in Social Work. Tia is a member of St. Mark.

**Congratulations to all GRADUATES!!!**

# NWB Churches are Creative with Worship Services



The coronavirus pandemic caused a shutdown in the way we normally worship in our church facilities. Across the United States and other countries, we have seen the impact the pandemic has on the faith community.

Pastors and church leaders in the Northwest B Conference prayerfully considered the worship options that would work best for their congregation and community. The worship services are varied and were developed based on the needs and demographics of the local church and community and in accordance with guidance from the CDC and in compliance with the recommendations of the

North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.

The list that follows are strategies developed to allow the local churches to continue to feed their flock and carry on the mission of winning souls for Christ as well as maintain contact with parishoners.

During times, like these, there seemed to be a greater need to preach the Gospel and provide support and encouragement.



This list represents about **46%** of the churches in the Northwest B Conference. We express our appreciation to the contributors for this information. Sharing practices and ideas may benefit us all.

(A)

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and worship at 11 a.m. each Sunday via Zoom.

(B)

Worship service on Facebook Live.

(C)

Drive-Up worship service on Sunday mornings (Concerns due to hot weather).

(D)

Initially: Facebook and YouTube.

Currently: Drive-Up on Sunday mornings.

Bible Study by Conference Call.

(E)

Initially: Facebook and Conference Call  
Currently: Drive-Up with AM radio frequency and posting on Facebook for Sunday morning worship.

Educational sessions on the coronavirus pandemic with members and community via Conference Call.

(F)

Sunday Worship at 10 a.m. and Bible Study on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. via On-line and Conference call and posted on YouTube afterwards.



**(G)**

Sunday morning worship on Facebook.

**(H)**

Sunday Worship and Bible Study in church building. Limit attendance, requires masks and social distancing. Sunday School via Facebook.

**(I)**

Sunday Worship, Bible Study, and Morning Prayer via Google Meet.

**(J)**

Sunday Worship in church building. Limit attendance, social distancing, and masks required.

Sunday School via Conference Call.

**(K)**

Sunday Worship at 10:30 a.m. and Bible Study on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. via Conference Call.

**(L)**

Sunday Worship at 11 a.m. and Evangelism training on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. via Conference Call.

**(M)**

Sunday Worship and Bible Study on Facebook and via Conference Call

**(N)**

Pastor and 9 members attend the church and participate in Facebook live for an abbreviated service.

Bible Study via Zoom. Youth access UB David website via Zoom, too.

**(O)**

Drive Up services.

**(P)**

Service recorded and put on church web page.

**(Q)**

Drive Up services. Sometimes indoors with limited attendance, masks and social distancing. All recorded sermons are shared on YouTube.

Adult Bible Study via Conference Call. Youth Bible Study via Zoom.

**(R)**

Drive Up services and Conference Call.

Bible Study via Free Conference Call.

**(S)**

Worship services, Bible Study and meetings via Free Conference Call, however church doors are open for limited attendance passing screening. Mask and social distancing required. Abbreviated services.

**(T)**

Worship services and Bible Study via Conference Call.

**(U)**

Worship services and Bible Study via Free Conference Call.

*"If Christ is in you,  
it is easy to  
represent Him."*

*- Jamaal McKoy  
2020 Oratorical Presenter*

**Just a Thought  
Just a Thought**

**It seems we expect  
so much of the  
Lord but are not  
willing to give or  
do much for Him!**

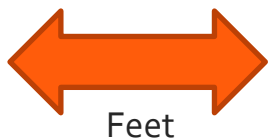
# SAFE REOPENING PROCEDURES

## TIPS TO KEEP YOUR PLACE OF WORSHIP AND MEMBERS SAFE

### BEST PRACTICES



Wash hands often with soap and water. Use sanitizer (at least 60% alcohol or above) when soap and water are not readily available.



Stay at least 6 feet from other people. Space out chairs in the sanctuary or ensure members keep 6 feet between themselves in a pew chair.



Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when you are around others to decrease the risk of exposure



Clean and disinfect frequently used surfaces daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, counter-tops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.

### YOUR ROLE AS A PLACE OF WORSHIP

Space out chairs in the sanctuary or ensure members keep 6 feet between themselves in a pew chair.

Provide sanitizer stations in appropriate designations inside the facility.

Create a no-touch technique for collecting offering and providing communion services to members.

Install door push bars to decrease hand contact among members. If not feasible, place hand sanitizer by all entrances and exits of the facility.

### YOUR ROLE AS A MEMBER

Look for hand sanitizer stations around your place of worship. During communion services or offerings, limit your touching of collection pans.

Limit your touch to door handles and ensure that hand sanitizer is nearby to disinfect your hands.

Courtesy of Lenoir County Health Dept.

### Questions or Comments?

Contact  
Mother Jean P. Whitfield

919.440.8256 or  
[ejwhitfield2002@gmail.com](mailto:ejwhitfield2002@gmail.com)

### Attention Veterans

Veterans are asked to lead communities in social distancing during the Covid-19 crisis. It is what is needed to keep our fellow veterans safe and defeat this virus.

For the latest VA updates on COVID-19, visit [www.va.gov/coronavirus](http://www.va.gov/coronavirus).

# **NWB Christian Education Recognizes our Lay Persons**

Churches in NWB presented  
the following  
individuals as their

## **“LayPerson of the Year”**

during our 2020 Annual CE  
Unity Day.

**Antioch**  
Sister Eva Edmondson

**Central Heights**  
Sister Diwanda Hutchins

**Chara Ministries**  
Sister Faye Brown

**Emmanuel Hill**  
Sister Cynthia Fields

**Goldsboro Chapel**  
Brother Coy Coley

**Greater St. John**  
Sister Felicia Baldwin

**Herring Grove**  
Brother Melvin Joyner

**Holly Grove**  
Brother Miles Brown

**Hull Road**  
Brother David Waters

**Jerusalem**  
Brother Odis Parks  
Posthumously

**Mt. Calvary**  
Sister Mary Isler

**New Vision**  
Sister Letitia Garner

**Revelation Mission**  
Brother William Hewett

**Rockford**  
Sister Niesha Parks

**St. James**  
Sister Shameka Griffin

**St. Mark**  
Sister Stephanie Smith

**St. Mary**  
Sister Joyce Whitaker

**St. Matthew**  
Sister Dorothy Gardner

**Shady Grove**  
Sister Joyce Chamberlain

**Smith Chapel**  
Sister Charlene Pearsall

**Stanley Chapel**  
Brother Dewey Armwood

**Woods Chapel**  
Sister Edna Artis

Lay persons are vital to a church and signifies the potential for continued growth of the church. Lay persons attend their church regularly and are accountable to it for its financial obligation as a member in good standing. They befriend unbelievers and witness to them. They bring others to Christ and/or church. They attend Sunday School, Bible Study/Prayer

Meeting and other meetings of the church. They support the auxiliary programs of the church. Pastors, deacons, mothers, and other church officers do not qualify for this recognition.

**AUGUST IS LAYPERSON  
MONTH**



## **LOCKDOWN IS A TIME TO:**

L-isten to God’s voice and reflect.

O-bey His word and His teachings.

C-all on Jesus name and be calmed.

K-now what is the purpose of all this.

D-well in His presence. Do not panic.

O-ffer a prayer for everyone’s safety.

W-ait and be patient. This too shall pass over.

N-urture our personal relationship with Him.

**GOD BLESS US ALL!**

# Mindful Coping and Communication in Caregiving (MC3)

Mindful coping and communication skills may be helpful to those under high stress and may improve health, the care you provide, and communication within the family.

You can participate in 8 weekly phone calls that will focus on mindfulness skills and caregiving resources as a way to reduce stress and help family communication.



## Who is Eligible?

- Family Caregivers, who:
  - Are at least 18 years old
  - Provide regular care to a family member
    - who is African American or Black
    - has Alzheimer's disease or dementia
    - lives in Wayne or Lenoir County

- Have another family member who can join in the weekly phone calls

## What is Involved?

- Two visits with study staff (in-person or over the phone)
- 8 weekly, 1-hour, telephone sessions with other family caregivers and a trained instructor
- One Saturday retreat (in-person or over the phone)

### If you participate in the study, you will:

- Obtain strategies and skills focused on improved health and family communication
- Receive a Caregiving Resource Guide
- Receive up to \$100 for participating in study surveys

## Interested? Contact:

- Phone: (919) 370-6744
- Email: [mc3@med.unc.edu](mailto:mc3@med.unc.edu)

### Ask for the MC3 Study!

Program on Integrative Medicine  
UNC School of Medicine  
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

## Sessions led by Trained Mindfulness Instructor



Kessonga Giscombé, MS, L.Ac  
Mindfulness Instructor  
UNC Program on Integrative Medicine



*“This study is for African American caregivers of persons with dementia or Alzheimer’s, with the goal of improving stress and family communication within families,” stated Chanee Lynch, MPH, Research Specialist, UNC School of Medicine Dept. Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation Program on Integrative Medicine Chapel Hill, NC*