

Christian Education News

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

MARCH – APRIL 2021

Dear Northwest "B" Conference Family

Although we are witnessing and experiencing things never before seen in our life time, we must still acknowledge that, *"God is good, His mercy is still everlasting and He is worthy to be praised."* I have never known church doors to be closed due to an epidemic.

I have never seen people, other than medical staff, wearing face mask for safety and protection. I have never known restaurants, schools, and other social gathering places to shut down and the death of more than a half million people in this nation due to a world-wide virus. But during it all, *"God has kept us, we are still here."*

I must confess that I have struggled greatly with our not being able to assemble and fellowship at our conferences, conventions, unions, and other annual gatherings, but what encourages me is that I know, it will not be this way always. I am also reminded of the scriptures that tell us *"weeping may endure for a night but joy cometh in the morning."* *"I will never leave thee nor forsake thee, I will be with thee always, even until the end."*

LET US KEEP THE FAITH.

Thanks for your prayers, consideration, and support, and in 2021, let us go forward together to achieve our objectives and goals. Let us support our programs and

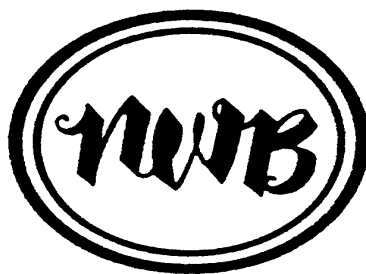
services to the best of our ability.

**KEEP ON PRAYING
BECAUSE WITH GOD, ALL
THINGS ARE POSSIBLE,
TO THOSE WHO BELIEVE.**

**I LOVE MY
CONFERENCE FAMILY!**

**With Love, Care, and
Concern**

**Bishop J. Ervin Reddick
Annual Bishop of the
Northwest "B" Conference
and
General Bishop of the
United American Free Will
Baptist Denomination, Inc.**



Northwest B Conference Family

More Words from our Bishop, Dr. J. E. Reddick

"As God's chosen people, holy and dearly beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience."

Colossians 3:12

I have set some goals for 2021 and I ask that each of you consider these and join me.

1. Start each day with prayer.
2. Face life's battles with the Word.
3. Know God for yourself.
4. Be a shining light for others.
5. Honor, respect, and uplift others.

Our 2021 Annual Conference Workers

Youth - Adult - Spirits

One of the most outstanding programs and services of our Annual Conference is that of aiding and assisting our YOUTH to further their education beyond high school. Each year, approved applicants receive a monetary donation from the Conference made possible by these Annual Conference Workers.

We are aware of the coronavirus pandemic and the effect that it has had on soliciting and programming for support. However, we ask that each church and every member, who will, give these workers as much support as possible in order that this program might continue with success.

Special Notice

Because of the uncertainty of the coronavirus pandemic, ALL semi-annual and annual programs, dates, and places will be announced through mail or otherwise.

Please pray for and support EACH activity and program.

2021 Black History Essay

The NWB CONFERENCE 2021 BLACK HISTORY ESSAY topic "OVERCOMING CHALLENGES TO EMERGE VICTORIOUSLY" focused on Kamala Devi Harris, the first female Vice President and the highest-ranking female elected official in U.S. history. Harris is also the first Asian-American and the first African-American Vice President. As a youth, Kamala would visit her father. This visit was painful because the neighborhood children were not allowed to play with her because she was Black. Although sad, this act of racism did not damage her self-confidence, and she emerged victoriously and is now the Vice president of the United States.

Our youth were challenged to write about challenges they had to overcome that allowed them to emerge victoriously.

Participants

Elementary School

Xavier Anderson, Jerusalem
Zoey Bryant, Holly Grove

Middle School

Brianna Campbell, Hull Road
Zacchaeus Jones, Holly Grove
Peyton Wilson, Holly Grove
Caleb Worsley, St. Peter

High School

Morgan Gaskill, Hull Road
Shamiya Mewborn, Mt. Calvary
Charon Worsley, St. Peter

Winners



Elementary School

Xavier Anderson
Jerusalem
Pastor Anthony Davis, Sr.
District 4



Middle School

Payton Wilson
Holly Grove
Pastor Cirlistar Briggs
District 4



High School

Morgan Gaskill
Hull Road
Pastor Wandra Williams
District I

"All of the youth did a spendid job this year with their essays. We are so proud of them and their efforts to accept challenges during difficult times. The pandemic had an affect on the number of participants this year, but it certainly did not have a negative impact on the quality of their work. Congratulatio to each of you," stated Dr. Coley.

Dr. Sandra Gail Coley serves as the Associate Director of NWB CE and Black History Essay Coordinator

Newsletter Staff

Mother Lisa Core
Sister Marsha Higgins
Mother Jean P. Whitfield

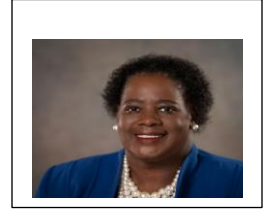
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Mother Whitfield

NWB Christian Education

29th Annual Unity Day



Eldress Dr. Coley

It has been said that unusual times call for unusual measures. We are thankful to our Lord, Jesus Christ, that He allowed NWB Christian Education to meet the challenges brought on by the coronavirus with their annual Unity Day on February 6, 2021. Unlike previous years, it was not held at the Tabernacle, but through Zoom's webinar platform that was technically guided by Brother Lee Williams of Antioch.

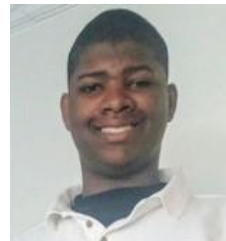
The approximately seventy-minute program went on without a hitch in presenting what we consider the purpose of Christian Education; that being (1) to teach that men may be brought into fellowship with God, (2) to teach that those thus brought into fellowship can be built up, and (3) to teach that after you are brought into fellowship and built up, you can become teachers. The theme "Evangelism" was pronounced in the welcome and prayer given by the Associate Conference Director, Eldress Dr. Sandra Coley, and in the greetings given by Mother Jean P. Whitfield, Conference Director. The kickoff was followed by a profound skit written and directed by Deacon Lenston Whitfield and presented by Matthew 28:19,20 Drama Team of Jerusalem along with participants from other NWB and surrounding churches. The title, "Winning Souls for Christ", gave opportunities for our conference leaders, portrayed by other adults and youths, to voice their agreement with the calling for all Christians to evangelize. How else are we to grow as Christians, to strengthen this Army of the Lord, to build the Kingdom of God on the earth, unless we share our story of salvation with others.



Mother Marjorie Fuller of Mt. Calvary portrayed Eldress Audrey Swinson, Home Mission Convention President



Danneka Sutton of Holly Grove portrayed Eldress Dr. Sandra Coley, Associate Christian Education Director



Devan Hayes of Greater Church portrayed Deacon William Turner Ushers Convention President



Tonia Coley of Goldsboro Chapel portrayed Mother Jean P. Whitfield Christian Education Director



Zoey Bryant of Holly Grove portrayed Sister Annie Ramsey District I CE Director



Kristen Chapman of Jerusalem portrayed Sister Beverly Bell District 3 CE Director



Xavier Anderson of Jerusalem portrayed Deacon Garry Jones, Sunday School School Conv. President



Hunter Brown of Smith Chapel portrayed Deacon Moses Ramsey YPCL Conv. President



Zacchaeus Jones of Holly Grove portrayed Bishop J. E. Reddick



Mother Linda Fisher of Jerusalem portrayed Sister Armentria Mewborn District 4 CE Director



Sister Aquaris Anderson of Jerusalem portrayed Mother Lisa Core District 5 CE Director



Sister April Davis of Jerusalem portrayed Sister Trammonnieo Cooper District 2 CE Director



Eldress Lorraine Gist of Central Heights portrayed Mother Thelma Reddick General Christian Education



Deacon Lenston Whitfield Writer/Director

Echoes from the District Union Elders



The skit ended with Sister Marri Nicole Fryar singing "Thank You" by Mary Mary

Evangelism



Elder Cirlistar Briggs District 1 "The Great Commission" Matthew 28:19,20



Elder Dr. Isaac Burnett District 2 "We are Ambassadors" II Corinthians 5:20



Asst. District Elder James Collins, District 3 "Dressed to Witness" Ephesians 6:11

Remarks By



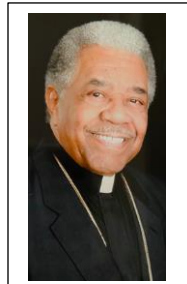
Assistant to the Bishop Elder Antonio Blow District 4, "Power to Witness" Acts 1:8



Elder Gregory Messick General Christian Education

Bishop J. E. Reddick

General & Annual Bishop



Elder Charlie Howell, II District 5 "Outcomes of Witnessing"

COVID-19 AND VACCINE



Sonia Joyner, MSN, RN

The Covid-19 pandemic which has claimed millions of lives worldwide has been one of the scariest and most stressful periods of our time. Since African-Americans are at greater risk for serious illness and death from Covid-19, it is extremely important that we as individuals do everything we can to protect ourselves and our families. As a registered nurse whose daily work focuses on community health, I would like to share several things that we all can do to better protect ourselves against Covid-19.

First, become more knowledgeable about Covid-19 and obtain information from reputable sources such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), U.S

Department of Health and Human Services, and National Institutes of Health, just to name a few. Obtaining information from social media may not always be accurate. Covid-19 is defined as a potentially severe, primarily respiratory illness caused by a coronavirus that is characterized by fever, coughing and shortness of breath. It may also cause damage to major organs such as the heart or kidneys. Symptoms include fever, cough, headaches, fatigue, muscle aches and loss of smell or taste and usually appear 2 to 14 days after being exposed to the virus.

Secondly, establish a relationship with a doctor if you do not currently have one. It is so important to have a doctor so you can discuss any concerns that you have about Covid-19, treatments and the vaccines.

Your doctor will know your medical history and help you to decide if receiving the Covid-19 vaccine is appropriate.

Thirdly, get vaccinated when it is your turn to do so. Covid-19 vaccines teach our immune system how to recognize and fight the virus that causes Covid-19. It takes our bodies about 2 weeks to build immunity against the virus that causes Covid-19 after receiving the second dose of the 2 dose series or 1 dose of the single vaccine series. The current vaccines available for administration in the United States are Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson's Janssen. Pfizer-

BioNTech and Moderna are mRNA vaccines. They direct the body's cells to make a piece of the virus called a spiked protein that teaches our immune system to make antibodies against the protein. If you encounter the virus later, the antibodies will protect you. Johnson & Johnson's Janssen is a viral vector vaccine. A viral vector vaccine uses a harmless version of a different virus called a "vector" to deliver information to the body that helps protect you. The vaccine teaches your body how to make copies of the spike proteins. If you are exposed to the Covid-19 virus the body will recognize it and fight it off.

Here are a few myths about the Covid-19 vaccines that you may have read along with the correct information.

1. The Covid -19 vaccine can make me sick with Covid-19.
NO- the current vaccines that we have for Covid-19 do not contain a live virus that can cause Covid-19 so the vaccine cannot make you sick.
2. After I get my Covid-19 vaccine will I test positive for Covid-19 on a viral test?
No. None of the vaccines currently being administered will make you test positive on a viral test which are given to see if you have a current infection.
3. I don't need a Covid-19 vaccine if I have already had Covid-19 and recovered.
False. Even if you have had Covid-19 and recovered it is recommended that you get a

vaccine because experts don't know how long you are protected from getting sick again.

4. Covid-19 will alter my DNA. False. Covid-19 vaccines don't change or interact with our DNA at all.

Finally, continue to wear a mask, practice social distancing (wait 6 feet apart), wash your hands, cover coughs and sneezes, clean and disinfect and monitor your health daily. We all play an important part to keep ourselves safe and protect our family, friends and neighbors during this pandemic.

I strongly encourage each of you to talk with your doctor about getting vaccinated for Covid-19 if you have any questions or concerns.

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Monthly Focus Guidelines

April is

**Free Will Baptist
Training Month**

Training could include information
from the Holy Bible and the
Book of Discipline.

FEMA COVID-19 FUNERAL ASSISTANCE

Excerpts below are from [fema.gov](https://www.fema.gov)
website.

Fraud Alert: We have received reports of scammers reaching out to people offering to register them for funeral assistance. FEMA has not sent any such notifications and we do not contact people prior to them registering for assistance.

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought overwhelming grief to many families. At FEMA, our mission is to help people before, during and after disasters. We are dedicated to helping ease some of the financial stress and burden caused by the virus. Under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, FEMA will provide financial assistance for COVID-19-related funeral expenses incurred after January 20, 2020.

FEMA will begin accepting applications for Funeral Assistance on Monday, April 12, 2021 through our dedicated call center. If you had COVID-19 funeral expenses, we encourage you to keep and gather documentation. Types of information should include: (1) an official death certificate that attributes the death directly or indirectly to COVID-19 and shows that the death occurred in the United States, including the U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia, (2) funeral expenses documents (receipts, funeral home contract, etc.) that includes the applicant's name, the deceased person's name, the amount of funeral expenses, and the dates the funeral expenses happened, (3) proof of funds received from other sources specifically for use toward funeral costs. We are not able to duplicate benefits received from burial or funeral insurance, financial assistance received from voluntary agencies, government agencies, or other sources.

(Refer to the website of [fema.gov](https://www.fema.gov) for more information)

A MESSAGE



Eldress Katena and Elder Ricky
Coor

Believers! Don't wait until the battle is over 🙌 shout now! You know in the end we win, Right (Rev.20)?? CHRIST rose from the dead (1Cor.15:1-11) BELIEVERS will rise from the dead (1Cor.15:12-34;55)! A constant reminder to self., We're not fighting for victory (1Cor.15:57), we're fighting from victory (58). We adore the baby Jesus, but without the birth there is no life, without life there is no death, without the death, no resurrection. God is infinite, ushering in HIS SON humble Lamb 🐑, and now a reigning victorious Lion 🦁! **Allow the Lamb to reign in your life!**

(Eldress Katena and Elder Ricky Coor are in ministry at Greater St. John with Pastor William Mitchell, Jr.)



**United American Free Will Baptist
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General Christian Education Department

Elder Gregory S. Messick, Director

To: To All Conferences, Departments, Churches, Officers, and Members
 From: Elder Gregory S. Messick, Director
 Date: April 1, 2021
 Subject: Bishop J. E. Reddick's Birthday Celebration

To God Be the Glory for the Great Things God has done! It is an honor and privilege to be able to greet you in the matchless name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The purpose of this communication is to present our plans to celebrate and honor our General Bishop on his upcoming 86th Birthday. We have planned a **"Drive Thru Parade"** in his honor which will take place the Saturday after his birthday at the General Tabernacle. Please take note of the date, time, and location where we will assemble.

Date:	Saturday, April 24, 2021
Time:	11:15 AM
Meeting Location:	Antioch UAFWB Church (820 Lincoln Street, Kinston NC)

The pandemic and resulting Stay at Home orders prevented us from celebrating Bishop Reddick's 85th Birthday last year. However, this year, we want to show Bishop Reddick the same love, care, and concern that he has shown to us throughout his tenure. We are asking for your presence and your gifts of love on that day. I'm sure that Bishop would love to see each of you 😊.

We are aware that we will have some that will not be able to make it due to the distance and timing. We encourage anyone that would like to be a blessing to Bishop Reddick to mail your gifts of love directly to him at: **Bishop J. E. Reddick, PO Box 305, Kinston, NC 28501.**

Please feel free to reach out to me if I may be of any additional assistance.

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