

Christian Education News

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are Christians by
our love."

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A Message from the Reddick Family to our NWB Conference Family

When experiencing challenges and uncertainties, a frequent response we receive from Bishop would be, "Let's pray about it," "Let's take it to the altar," "Let's talk to the Lord about it." He would often share with us about the power of

prayer, God's miraculous power, and admonish us not to grow weary, but to take our cares and burdens to the Lord. His lifestyle is one of prayer.

Since Sunday, June 6th, all of those conversations and what he has modeled have been of great encouragement and motivation to us. Not only do we believe in the power of prayer, but we have also experienced and witnessed God's miraculous works. We are asking God to perform **ANOTHER MIRACLE** and we declare and decree that our beloved Bishop will testify about how Jehovah Rapha has done it **AGAIN!!**

It encourages us when we hear that people are praying all over America for Bishop's healing.

It gives us strength and warms our hearts to know that the leadership, commitment, care, and concern he has demonstrated through the years have made such an impact that people would **TAKE** the time to be intentional about petitioning our Heavenly Father for healing and total restoration.

We pray that God meets each one of you in your time of need and that He blesses you with good health, joy and peace.

As Bishop Reddick has said many times "Keep on praying because with God, all things are possible, to those who believe."

From the bottom of our hearts....Thank you for your **CONTINUED** prayers!!



Recognizing Mothers

When God created woman, he was working late on the 6th day. An angel came by and asked, "Why spend so much time on her?" The Lord answered, "Have you seen all the specifications I have to meet to shape her? She must function in all kinds of situations, cure herself when sick and have the ability to work 18 hours a day. She must be able to embrace several kids at the same time, have a hug that can heal anything, from a bruised knee to a broken heart, and she must do all this with only two hands." The angel was impressed. "Just two hands, impossible! And this is the standard model?" The Angel came closer and touched the woman. "But you have made her so soft, Lord." "She is soft," said the Lord, "but I have made her strong; you can't imagine what she can endure and overcome."

"Can she think?" the Angel asked. The Lord answered, "Not only can she think; she can also reason and negotiate." The Angel touched her cheeks, "Lord, it seems this creation is leaking. You have put too many burdens on her!" "She is not leaking, it is a tear," the Lord corrected the Angel. "What is it for?" asked the Angel. The Lord said, "Tears are her way of expressing her grief, her doubts, her love, her loneliness, her suffering and her pride." This made a big impression on the Angel. "Lord, you are a genius, you thought of everything. A woman is indeed marvelous!" The Lord agreed, "Truly she is. She has the strength to amaze a man. She can handle trouble and carry heavy burdens. She holds happiness, love, and opinions. "She smiles when she feels like screaming. She sings when she feels like crying, cries when she's happy and laughs when she's afraid. "She fights for what she believes in. Her love is unconditional. Her heart is broken when a loved one dies but she finds the strength to get on with life." The Angel asked, "So she is a perfect being?" The Lord replied: "No. She has just one drawback: she often forgets what she is worth."

Recognizing Fathers

God took the strength of a
 mountain,
 The majesty of a tree,
 The warmth of a summer sun,
 The calm of a quiet sea,
 The generous soul of nature,
 The comforting arm of night,
 The wisdom of the ages,
 The power of the eagle's flight,
 The joy of a morning in spring,
 The faith of a mustard seed,
 The patience of eternity,
 The depth of a family need,
 Then God combined these qualities,
 When there was nothing more to
 add,
 He knew his masterpiece was
 complete,
 And so, He called him **Dad**.

Anonymous

Congratulations to

Jaden Cooper & Jamaal McKoy

2021 J. E. Reddick Scholars



Jaden Cooper plans to enter Columbia University in New York, NY this fall in pursuit of a degree that will get him in a medical school with the goal of becoming an oncologist.

A member of Gospel Friendship UAFWB Church where his grandmother, Eldress Virginia Jones is the pastor, Jaden has well served his family, community, and church. At Gospel Friendship he serves as musician (playing the drums and piano for eight years), praise dancer with the Sons of David, sings in the choir, ushers, and attends YPCL and Sunday School.

Jaden is a graduate of Wayne Country Day School where he was a member of the debate club, diversity club, F.C.A., and recognized as one of the school's best basketball players. It was because of his GPA and mastery of basketball that he was sought by and signed with Columbia University. "I was drawn to Columbia not only for basketball but for how the Ivy League school can set me up for life after basketball", commented Jaden.

In his community this past year, he put together a cancer community fundraiser in honor of his mother. In all, they raised \$10,000 to donate to the local oncology center.

At NWB, we have seen Jaden during the annual conference as he danced with the Sons of David during FAME.

Jaden says that he is a proud child of God and keeps Him first in everything he does. He is thankful for his countless blessings and for his phenomenal support system. He is the son of Jimmy and Trammoneio Cooper.



Jamaal McKoy plans to enter Elizabeth City State University in Elizabeth City, NC this fall in pursuit of a degree in engineering with the goal of becoming an Amtrak engineer.

Jamaal is a proud member of St. Mary UAFWB Church in the Jason community where his pastor is Elder Antonio Blow. There he serves in many roles; namely, choir member, participant in Christmas plays, member of the instrumental ensemble, participant in the battle of the grills, performer in the puppet ministry and oratorical speaker.

He is a graduate of Eastern Wayne High School where he was active in the marching band, ran track, participated in Relay for Life club, swimming, and played baseball. Jamaal took Karate classes and holds a 2nd degree Black belt.

"I spend most of my free time with my grandfather, Willard Carmon", stated Jamaal. "Since my father passed away thirteen years ago, my grandfather has helped me through countless issues in my life. During the summer, I spend about five hours each workday cutting grass with him," he added. He enjoys cooking and discovering new recipes to improve his culinary skills.

Often seen at NWB, Jamaal participated in the Christian Education Oratorical Series four years, winning first place twice. Jamaal said he loves going to church with his family and keeping God first in all that he does. "God's work in my life helped me overcome," stated Jamaal. He is the son of Iris and the late James McKoy.



God Said It and I Believe It

God said it and I believe it! Psalms 91:1-3. "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most-High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. Surely, he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence."

I am writing this article to encourage everyone to remain hopeful as our country navigates through the complexities of bringing COVID-19 to an end. Psalms 91:3 declares unto us a promise we can stand on. The Lord shall deliver us from the noisome pestilence.

The psalmist begins with "He that dwelleth...". It did not say he who dwelt, or he who will dwell. No, the Word is in the present tense. If you have not made the decision to "dwell" with him, it is not too late. Decide now to live a life with God, being led by the Holy Spirit, and thereby receiving God's protection and peace. When you "dwell" with God, you are not immune from evil and pestilences. However, you will experience living in the fullness of what the word 'dwells' mean to your life. According to its original tongue, which in this text is Hebrew, "yashab" means to sit down, settle, remain, and inhabit. How comforting it is to know God is providing protection and making us be at peace. It is this knowledge that makes trusting God easy. God is our shelter and stronghold against any danger or trouble that might come up against us, including COVID-19, the deadly disease that came and shut down the normalcy of life as we knew it. For clarification when praying regarding COVID-19, I had to get an understanding of the word "noisome". Academics led me to look at the word and think "noise" as a root word, but the etymology of the word revealed that "noi/noy" comes from the word annoyance. COVID-19 has been an annoyance in my life. It once dominated the media 24/7.

Merriam Webster Dictionary:

Pestilence: a deadly and overwhelming disease that affects an entire community. The Black Plague, a disease that killed over thirty percent of Europe's population, was certainly a pestilence.

World Health Organization (WHO):

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is an infectious disease caused by a newly discovered coronavirus.

As our country prepares to open various places that were shut down during the pandemic, let us remember to stay focused on God. Remain prayerful, hopeful, and wise to the leading of the Holy Spirit as we accept the fact that things may never be the same as we knew them; but GOD WILL NEVER CHANGE. God's Word will not return to Him void – God will deliver us and though everything will not be the same, rest assured everything will be alright. God said it and I believe it.

Happy 100th Birthday

Mother Armelia Ashford



On Saturday, June 19, 2021, Mother Armelia Ashford's 100th birthday was celebrated by her church family at Saint Mark Free Will Baptist Church, where she has been a member since she was a child. "The impact she's made on the church has been unimaginable. She always has a beautiful smile," said Pastor Merwyn Smith of Saint Mark FWB Church. This and many other kind words were spoken by Smith when asked to comment on Ashford's impact on the church. Mother Ashford is the oldest living usher in St. Mark Church and the Northwest B Conference where she ushered until age 94. She continues to serve on the Mother Board.

"She told me the other day that she thinks of everyone in the church as her children," stated Pastor Smith. Her niece Velma said, "She has made a big impact in my spiritual life and my life in general because she always sets a good example."

The party was an opportunity for Mother Ashford to see friends and family that she hasn't seen in a long time due to the pandemic. "I think it's a nice thing to celebrate a little bit because I want to see all my old friends, I'd like to see them very much," commented Mother Ashford.

In response to a question about long life, Mother Ashford commented, "The secret to life is found in prayer. God will answer prayer, just give him your heart. Live for Jesus and He will answer your prayers. What I ask him to do for me, he has done it so far. Just give it to him and just wait on it. Don't rush it. What I want it to be, may not be what he wants it to be, but I know this, he will answer prayer."

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 Revelation Mission
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 Stanley Chapel
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 Taylor Chapel
 Thompson Chapel
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 Deacon Lenzy Frederick
 Marri Nicole Fryar*
 Deacon Billie Gooding
 Deacon Elijah Gooding
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 Pastor Michelle Gooding
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 Deacon Charlie Holloway
 Mother Linda Howard
 Pastor Charlie Howell
 Deacon Jerry Howell
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 Deacon Garry Jones
 Iris Jones-Nelson
 Mother Carrie Kornegay
 Elma B. Lee
 Deacon James Lewis
 Elder Jimmie Lewis
 Mother Carrie Lynch
 Linda Mathis
 Pastor Aurelius Mayes
 Marsha Mayo***
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 Thomas Parks, Sr.
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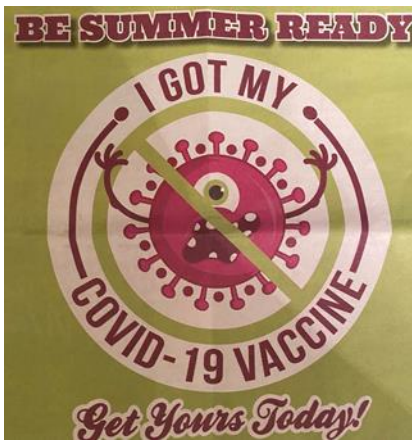
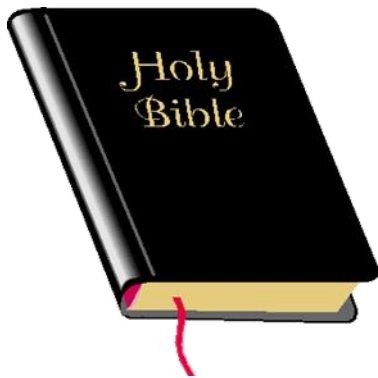
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you will have help
when
you are sick.



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Be Grateful

"That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God." Colossians 1:10

There is a story about a street vendor who sold bagels for 50 cents. Each day for a month a jogger would run past and threw a couple quarters into the bucket, but did not take a bagel. One particular day as he was jogging by, the vendor stopped him. The runner asked, "You probably want to know why I put money in but never take a bagel, don't you?" "No," The vendor replied. "I just wanted to tell you that the bagels have gone up to 60 cents." Too often we treat God the same way. Not only are we ungrateful for what He has given us, but we also want more. Somehow we feel that God owes us good health, a comfortable life, and material blessings. God does not owe us anything, yet He gives us everything. The Psalmist said, "This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." That should be enough.

Each day, whether good or bad, is one more gift from our God. Our grateful response should be to live to please Him. Thank you God for today and thank you for my loved one reading this. May your day be filled with blessings and thanksgiving. Love you bunches!



Eldress Katena and Elder Ricky Coor

Some say: "Time heals all wounds." As good as it sounds, it's far from the truth. **ALL OF US** are dealing with some form of hurt or pain, be it physical, emotional, or spiritual. ("Many are the afflictions of the righteous..." Psalm 34:19). We encourage ourselves and you to use time to seek after the true healer of all wounds, Christ the Redeemer; not father time, but Father God! (Ps 147:3 "He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds"; Matt. 11:28-30 "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden....."; 1 Peter 2:24 "... by whose stripes ye were healed"; Mark 1:15 "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.") Waiting on time might cause us to miss out on our healing!

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

Maury Chapel & Mount Calvary FWB Churches Present:

"The effectual fervent prayer of the
righteous availeth much!"

-James 5:16

JULY 14, 2021 @ 7:00PM

Prayer Vigil for Bishop J.E. Reddick



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