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JULY - AUGUST 2021

## NWB Annual Conference

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. None of us know what tomorrow holds but we know who holds tomorrow. With that in mind and in keeping with the desire of our dear Bishop, Dr. J. E. Reddick, we are planning the Annual Conference this year with a modified schedule. Whether the conference is in-person or virtual will be determined later and based on the recommendations of the CDC and our governor. This is the basic plan. More information to come. We ask that you **KEEP ON PRAYING!**  
Conference Planning Committee

**152<sup>nd</sup> Annual Session of the Northwest "B" Conference**  
United American Free Will Baptist Denomination, Inc.  
Thursday, November 4 – Sunday, November 7, 2021

*Theme: "Touching God by Praying Together"*

*II Chronicles 7:14 and Matthew 18:20*

*Conference Song: Let Us Have a Little Talk with Jesus"*

Thursday, Nov. 4 at 11 a.m. **OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE ANNUAL SESSION.** Recognition of Deacons and Mothers. 3 p.m. Workshop and Business Session. 7:30 p.m. **Program of Welcome & Information.** Recognition of Ushers, Home Mission, and Eldress Fellowship.

Friday, November 5 at 11 a.m. **Worship Service.** Recognition of District Unions, Conventions, and Churches. 3 p.m. Business Session. 7:30 p.m. **Christian Education and Christian Fellowship Evening.**

Saturday, November 6 at 11 a.m. **NWB Celebrating our Youth.** Lunch. 3 p.m. Youth Contestants Parade, Conference Workers Processional, and Spirits of 2021 Reporting.

Sunday, November 7 at 9:45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. **Worship Service.** Recognition of Pastors, Elders, Eldresses, and Trustees. Expressing our love for our Bishop.

# It's Prayer Time

<i>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</i>	<i>For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. Matthew 18:20</i>	<i>Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. Mark 11:24</i>
<i>Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. Philippians 4:6</i>	<i>Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. James 5:16</i>	<i>And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it. John 14:13-14</i>
<i>But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou has shut the door, pray to thy Father which is in secret, and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee only. Matthew 6:6</i>	<i>Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth, and he that knocketh it shall be opened. Matthew 7:7-8</i>	<i>Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. James 5:14-15</i>

*Holy Bible, King James Version*

History has been changed time after time because of prayer. It could be altered and changed again if people went to their knees believing in prayer. What a glorious thing it would be if millions of Americans would avail themselves of the greatest privilege this side of heaven - Jesus Christ died to make communion and communication with the Father possible. He told us of the joy in heaven when one sinner turns from sin to God, and in his heart breathes this simple prayer, "God be merciful to me, a sinner."

Today we have learned to harness the power of the atom, but very few of us have learned how to develop fully the power of prayer. We have not yet learned that a man can be more powerful when on his knees than behind the most powerful weapons that can be developed. We have not learned that a nation is more powerful when it unites in earnest prayer to God than when its resources are channeled into defensive weapons.

We have not discovered that the answer to our problems can be through contact with God. When the disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray, He answered their request by giving them His model petition - "The Lord's Prayer." However, the Lord's Prayer was only the beginning of His sacred instruction. Because He practiced what He preached, His whole life was a series of lessons on prevailing prayer. Part of the song "What a Friend we have in Jesus", frames it this way - "O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, All because we do not carry - Everything to God in prayer!" Have you learned these lessons? Just have a little talk with your Father in heaven, then see how He works it out.

Just a Little Talk with Jesus - Psalm 143:1

Now let us have a little talk with Jesus, let us tell Him all about our troubles,  
He will hear our faintest cry, and He will answer by and by;  
Now when you feel a little prayer wheel turning, and you know a little fire is burning,  
You will find a little talk with Jesus makes it right.



**Zechariah Boyd** is a graduate of North Lenoir High School and plans to enter the workforce and later go back to school to earn a certificate in welding. He is a member of Holly Grove Church.



**Jaden Cooper, J. E. REDDICK SCHOLAR,** is a graduate of Wayne Country Day School and plans to attend Columbia University in New York and pursue a degree that will get

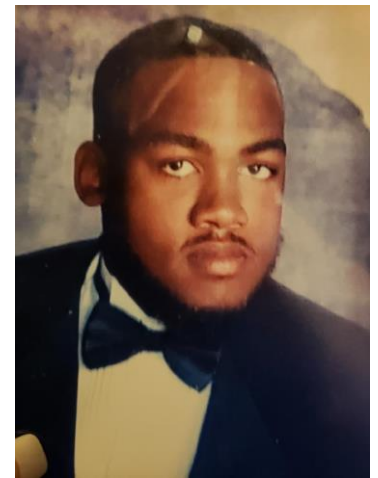
him in a medical school with the goal of becoming an oncologist.

**Congratulations  
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that are  
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*Always remember to  
"Put God First"*



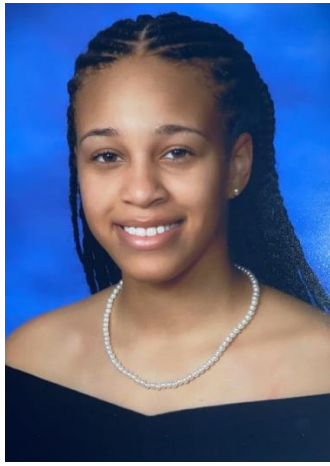
**Imari Flowers** is a graduate of Spring Creek High School and plans to attend North Carolina A & T University and major in psychology. She is a member of Smith Chapel Church. *2021 Lynwood Allen Robinson Memorial Scholarship Recipient*



**Jordan Houston** is a graduate of Southern Wayne High School and plans to enroll in Wayne Community College's Truck Driver School. He is a member of St. Mark Church.



**Justin Houston** is a graduate of Southern Wayne High School and is enrolled in Wayne Community College's Auto Mechanics Program. He is a member of St. Mark Church.



**Ty'Lisha Maye** is a graduate of Southern Wayne High School and plans to attend Winston-Salem State University and major in Psychology. She is a member of St. Mark Church.



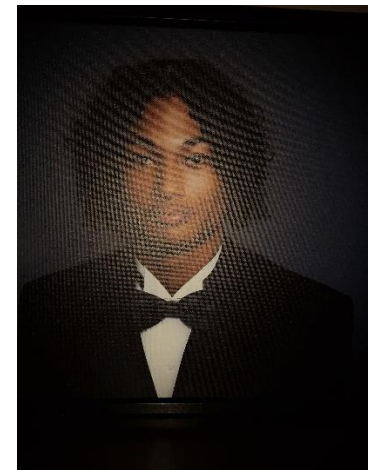
**Charlie Murray, III** is a graduate of Wakefield High School and plans to attend the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and major in Business Administration. He is a member of Best Chapel Greene Church.



**Destiny Jones** is a graduate of Eastern Wayne High School and plans to attend Johnston Community College and major in Nursing. She is a member of Goldsboro Chapel Church.



**Jamaal McKoy, J. E. REDDICK SCHOLAR,** is a graduate of Eastern Wayne High School and plans to attend Elizabeth City State University and major in Technical Engineering. He is a member of St. Mary Church.



**Jeremy Murray** is a graduate of Greene Central High School and plans to attend Pitt Community College and transfer to pursue a degree in physical therapy. He is a member of Best Chapel Greene Church.



### **Giovanni Nelson**

is a graduate of Wayne Engineering School and plans to attend North Carolina State University and major in Human Biology.

She is a member of Vision of Faith Church.

(Read more on Miss Nelson at the end of this article)



### **Sahia Shirley**

is a graduate of Goldsboro High School and plans to attend Winston-Salem State University and major in nursing.

She is a member of Goldsboro Chapel Church.



### **Zechariah Truzy**

is a graduate of Spring Creek High School and plans to attend the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and major in Business Administration.

He is a member of Smith Chapel Church.



### **Alyiah Shackelford**

is a graduate of Greene Central High School and plans to attend Lenoir Community College and transfer to pursue a degree in psychiatry. She is a member of Best Chapel Greene Church.



### **Akyla Stukes**

is a graduate of Southern Wayne High School and plans to attend college and major in Business, Fashion, and Cosmetology. She is a member of St. Mark Church.

## **More on Giovanni Nelson**

Earlier this year, the Wayne County Board of Education spotlighted Giovanni Nelson, an engineering senior who earned the Park Scholarship, a prestigious scholarship, to attend North Carolina State University.

The Park Scholarship pays expenses for four years of study at North Carolina State University, and is valued at about \$112,000 for North Carolina residents and \$203,000 for out-of-state residents. The scholarship pays for tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, travel, and personal expenses. Park Scholars are also

are given a computer stipend and receive grants to fund professional and personal enrichment experiences, such as research projects, service activities, and conferences in the United States and abroad. Approximately 40 scholarships are given out nationwide each year.

During her high school career, Giovanni has been a NC Coastal Pines Girl Scout. She earned a Silver Award in 2017 and is currently working to earn a Gold Award. She has served as a community volunteer and has served on both the Goldsboro City Mayor's Youth Council and the NC Child Advocacy Council. She is an active member of Vision of Faith Free Will Baptist Church serving as a youth leader and a member of the youth choir and dance team.

It is worth noting in 2012, when Ms. Nelson was in the fourth grade, she received a \$20,000 scholarship to Appalachian State University. During that time, the unique scholarship was awarded annually to a minority WCPS student who earned the highest score on the third grade end-of-grade math assessment.

While Ms. Nelson will not become a mountaineer, she is looking forward to joining the NC State University Wolfpack and plans to major in Biology. Her long term plans are to go to medical school for pediatric oncology.

Giovanni is the daughter of Ryan Nelson (GHS Principal) and NaTale Nelson (BPS Principal)

Her mother, NaTale, serves as the Christian Education Director for Vision of Faith.  
Elder Dexter Waters, Pastor

## Fordham to preach Initial Sermon



**Mother Ethel Fordham will be preaching her initial sermon on August 22, 2021 at 5:00 at Post Oak FWB Church. She has been a member of Post Oak FWB church for 55 years where she serves as Secretary of the Mother Board and assist in the Music Ministry. Elder Charlie Howell, Jr, Pastor**

# Covid-19 Vaccines

**Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna COVID-19 Vaccines Likely Provide "Vast Majority" of Recipients with Long-Term Immunity, Researchers Say**

The New York Times (6/28, Mandavilli) reports a new study published in Nature has found the COVID-19 vaccines from Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna "set off a persistent immune reaction in the body that may protect against the coronavirus for years, scientists reported on Monday."

Researchers gathered samples from the lymph nodes of 14 recruits at five different points following the first dose, finding "the number of memory cells that recognized the coronavirus had not declined" 15 weeks later. The Times adds, "The results suggest that a vast majority of vaccinated people will be protected over the long term."

In a separate article, the New York Times (6/28, Mandavilli, Zimmer, Robbins) says the study adds to other research suggesting that "widely used vaccines will continue to protect people against the coronavirus for long periods, possibly for years, and can be adapted to fortify the immune system still further if needed."

## Friends of NWB CE

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THESE NAMES WERE INADVERTENTLY  
MISSED FROM THE LIST IN THE LAST  
ISSUE OF CE NEWS.

## Encouragement Corner

1 Samuel 16:7: "But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart."

God is more concerned with our inner condition than our outward appearance. We may not have a great many skills, but we can all have integrity of heart. So, what is integrity of heart? Integrity of heart is an honest and sincere heart. Many people have said that the greatest ability is dependability. When you tell someone you will do something, can they depend on your doing it? Are you so full of integrity you will stay up late, go in early, or do without in order to keep your word? For the Christian honesty is not the best policy, it is the ONLY policy. Are you known as a person of integrity? Do you keep your word? God looks for integrity, not intentions.



Eldress Katena and Elder Ricky  
Coor

The Greatest Man in History... Jesus; had no servants, yet they called Him MASTER(Lk17:12-13), had no degree, yet they called Him TEACHER(Jn13:13), had no medicines, yet they called Him HEALER(Mk2:17). He had no army, yet kings feared Him. He won no military battles, yet He conquered the world. He did not live in a castle, yet they called Him LORD. He ruled no nations, yet they called Him KING. He committed no crime, yet they crucified Him(Jn18:28-40). He was buried in a tomb, yet He lives today(Mt27:32-56). (Lyle C Rollings III). Lord help me/us to strengthen our relationships with you, in Jesus name I pray, Amen!!

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

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## August is Lay Members' Month

August is the month in which churches in the United American Free Will Baptist Denomination, Inc. recognize lay members and select a Lay Member of the Year. This individual is usually selected by church leadership and is awarded with a certificate and the title "Lay Member of the Year".

In the NWB Conference, the local Christian Education Director is responsible for forwarding the name of the Lay Member of the Year to the Annual Christian Education Department for recognition.

The criteria for selecting the Lay Member of the Year include:  
...Bringing others to Christ and church.

...Attending Sunday school, Bible study, prayer meeting, and other meetings called by the pastor on behalf of the church.

...Supporting auxiliary programs.  
...Befriending non-church persons and witnessing.

...Attending your church regularly and is accountable to it for its financial obligation as a member in good standing.

Nominations should be in writing.  
\*Exclude officers of the church from nomination.

# 4 Things You Can Do About Rising Inflation

In June, the Consumer Price Index, which measures the change in the prices of a broad range of goods and services over time, rose 5.4% from a year earlier, marking the sharpest increase in inflation since 2008.<sup>1</sup> Whether prices are rising at the gas pump or grocery store, inflation decreases your purchasing power, meaning you pay more money for the same things. While experts debate whether recent increases are a signal that we're entering a period of sustained higher prices—or if inflation will be temporary—there are ways to help manage the impact on your purchasing power.

## Why it's different this time

It's important to note that the price hikes we're seeing now are different from those seen at the beginning of the pandemic, which were largely due to shortages and panic buying. In fact, a rise in inflation was expected this year as the economy picked up steam, business restrictions eased, and consumer demand surged. While ongoing supply chain disruptions and pent-up

consumer demand may continue to drive prices upward in the coming months, the Federal Reserve (the Fed), which sets U.S. monetary policy, expects steep rises to be transitory and inflation to remain within its 2% target over the long term, into 2022 and 2023.<sup>2</sup> However, there is no guarantee that the Fed will be successful in keeping inflation in check. Conditions could change based on direction of the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as other market, economic, and geopolitical factors. So what can you do to help protect your income from the eroding effects of inflation? Consider the following steps:

**Review your budget and spending habits.** Cutting back on certain discretionary expenses can free up more money to help pay for essential expenses where prices may be rising for food, healthcare, clothing, or transportation.

**Follow a plan.** The financial planning process takes inflation and other market and economic factors into account when modeling different strategies and scenarios. Planning can help ensure you have a flexible strategy in place that's aligned with your income and spending goals that can be adjusted as market and economic conditions change over time.

**Put excess cash to work.** If you have cash on the sidelines that you don't need for current

expenses or to shore up emergency savings, consider investing it, so it can work harder for you.

**Check your portfolio asset allocation.** A portfolio allocation that's too conservative may not generate the income you need. For example, if your portfolio earned 4% over the course of a year when inflation was at 5.4% for the same period, you could no longer afford the same basket of goods. Consider if it makes sense to allocate a larger percentage of portfolio assets to growth-oriented investments, which can provide a hedge against inflation over the long term.

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<https://www.bls.gov/news.release/cpi.nro.htm>

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[https://www.federalreserve.gov/moneypolicy/files/20210709\\_mprfullreport](https://www.federalreserve.gov/moneypolicy/files/20210709_mprfullreport)



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