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Mr. Allie Swann

"Nothing in the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity." - Martin Luther King, Jr.



... With a Little Help from Our Friends: Chanda Crutcher (r), Board President at The Legacy Center, with her husband Darrell. The duo met at the Huntsville-based Legacy Center, where they joined some 50 student volunteers from Whitesburg Baptist Church, coordinated by Center executive director Morgan Saintjones. The helpful volunteers assisted in the delivery of soup and cleaning supplies to residents of Johnson Towers. They also performed landscaping and painting projects at the Legacy Center and Johnson Towers assigned to them by Legacy Center staffers on Saturday, January 29.

REVIEW: Huntsville Continues Growth Trajectory

Recently released data from the City of Huntsville's Long-Range Planning Division notes Huntsville continued its trajectory of growth in 2021.

The 2021 Huntsville Development Review, a yearly compilation of construction and real estate data published by the City, is now available for the public to review. Data was obtained from City records and the North Alabama Multiple Listing Service (NALMLS), according to huntsvilleal.gov.

The document shows significant increases in residential building permits, certificates of occupancy, additions and alterations, in addition to sizeable increase in multifamily construction. Mayor Tommy Battle stated that the report capsulizes Huntsville's dramatic growth.

"From day one, we've set ourselves apart by focusing on smart, manageable growth. We will continue our focus on achieving and handling

our growth in infrastructure, housing, jobs and quality of life," said Mayor Battle.

Among the highlights from the Huntsville Development Review:

62.8% – year-over-year increase in residential building permits

76.7% – year-over-year increase in residential certificates of occupancy

37.4% – year-over-year increase in permits to add or make improvements to existing single-family structures

4,731 – number of multifamily units approved by Huntsville Planning Commission

4,198 – number of single-family residential units sold in the Huntsville city limits in 2021

\$138.38 – average price per square foot for a single-family home

15 – average number of days on market for homes sold in 2021

708 – number of nonresidential (commercial, office, industrial, etc.) building permits issued in 2021

2,772 – number of housing units added in Huntsville since 2020



OUC Welcomes New Pastor

Elder Debleaire Snell accepted the call of the South Central Conference, and he was installed as the 22nd Pastor of the Oakwood University Church on January 22, 2022. Pastor Snell follows Dr. Carlton P. Byrd, who accepted a call to the Southwest Region Conference in May 2021.

South Central Conference officials Elder Benjamin Jones, president, Elder Larry Bailey, Executive Secretary of the Conference, and Mrs. Sonja Crayton, Chief Financial Officer, led the installation service, welcoming the Pastor Snell and his family to the Oakwood University Church.

Serving the South Central Conference since 1999, Pastor Snell has pastored the Salem SDA Church in Columbus, MS; Lee Memorial SDA Church in West Point, MS; Lima Drive SDA Church in Lexington, KY; and in 2010 as Senior Pastor of the First SDA Church of Huntsville, Alabama. Pastor Snell married the love of his life, the former Gianna Norman of Nashville, TN, and they are the parents of three gifted miracle children, Jadon, Brooke and Braydon.

Pastor Snell has also been named as the Breath of Life Ministries Speaker/Director-elect in July. His inaugural sermon as pastor was entitled "Looks Can Be Deceiving."

(Above photo by Joseph Booth)

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TVW Black History Month Special! *Introducing ...* **DR. DANIEL K. WIMS**

The Twelfth President of Alabama A&M University

Dr. Daniel K. Wims is the 12th President of Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University (AAMU). Prior to his ascension to the presidency on January 1, 2022, he served the institution for more than a decade as its Provost and Vice-President for Academic Affairs and Research, and Professor of Agricultural Sciences.

Other key academic posts held include Vice-President for Academic Affairs and Professor Agricultural Sciences at Fort Valley State University, where he also served as Executive Vice-President. From 2004-2006, Wims was responsible for the daily coordination of activities for numerous units, including financial aid, admissions/recruitment, scholarship/abatement, campus security, health and counseling, career placement, and other areas for South Carolina State University in Orangeburg, South Carolina.

Moreover, as Director of the Division of Agricultural Sciences and Associate Professor at Florida A&M University from 2000-2004, Dr. Wims administered the multifaceted aspects of the division, which encompassed nine academic programs, along with their respective faculty, staff and students. The educational administrator has also performed key academic duties



for Alcorn State University, Lorman, Mississippi, 1998-2000; and Southern University and A&M College, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 1995-1998.

In his administrative role as Provost of AAMU, Wims provided the leadership that ultimately led to the accreditation of the College of Business and Public Affairs by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). He also ensured the continuing national accreditation status of several key academic programs.

Under his leadership, AAMU made significant strides in online, off-site

and distance learning platforms; achieved top three rankings in the production of African-American graduates in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) disciplines; became a leading producer of doctoral candidates in physics; implemented more than 20 undergraduate and graduate program concentrations ranging from cyber security and artificial intelligence to logistics and supply chain management.

Wims also ably coordinated the transition of operations for academics and research during the global COVID-19 pandemic, which mandated innova-

tion throughout American higher education. From 2012-2020, grants and contracts received through research and sponsored programs exceeded goals by more than \$2 million annually.

Dr. Wims earned the Bachelor of Science degree in agronomy in June 1987 at Fort Valley State University and the Master of Science degree in agricultural extension from The Ohio State University in 1989. In August 1994, he received the Ph.D. degree from the University of Maryland-College Park. A graduate of Harvard University's Institute for Management and Leadership in Educa-

tion, Dr. Wims is also a product of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities Millennium Program and Hampton University's Executive Leadership Development Program. He has also completed several other professional development endeavors through the Interdenominational Theological Center; the American Council on Education; and the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities.

The administrator has been a primary or co-primary investigator on external funding amounting to nearly \$5 million for various colleges and universities since 1995. A gifted orator, Wims also has delivered scores of presentations on American agriculture; the plight of farming among African Americans; black land loss; black males in the United States; African Methodism; and numerous other topics.

President Wims' administration will continue to develop implementable strategies reflecting the University's core values: student centeredness, excellence, integrity, engagement, customer service, global outreach, diversity and accountability. He also will ensure the preservation of AAMU's cultural heritage and integrity as a Historically Black College and University (HBCU) and a traditional 1890 land-grant institution.



From the Editor



Ahhh ... It's February and Black History Month!

For almost two years, we have been talking about who and *what* matters. Many of the conversations centered around the murder of a 46 year-old man, George Floyd, on May 5, 2020. Derek Chauvin, a Minneapolis police officer arrested Mr. Floyd for allegedly using a counterfeit \$20 bill. Video from the scene showed Chauvin's knee on Floyd's neck for over nine minutes. This is just one of many outrageously, shamefully violent events in our recent past that has pushed America back into a time in history that most of us remember but have no desire to re-live.

From there, we proffer that Black Lives Matter, Blue Lives Matter and *all* lives matter. Some of us, along with our neighbors, family and friends, put blue lights on our front porches, bumper stickers on our cars, and political jargon on social media. When we see, hear and are fed this daily, some of us begin to believe what we see and hear, regardless of the merit. But, if we truly believe that black lives matter (and blue lives matter also), we should be able to agree that all lives do indeed matter regardless of race, employment status, socio-economic status, gender, and ability or disability. The madness we are enduring takes some of us to a place we don't want to go.

Black History should be celebrated each day, just as we celebrate all of the other things that make America great. America's historians should be promoting the contributions of African-Americans, Native American, Asian Americans, Latino Americans, Spanish Americans, Indigenous people, and other groups of people who toiled and sweated to make us who we are. Our history, our roots, our champions and role models have deliberately been segregated into places and spaces, perpetuated via local, state, and federal laws, including zoning, public housing, tax exemptions, and the like. In 2022, we are *still* talking about the 'first' this or the 'first' that in a country that is almost 250 years old.

Just last week, a panel of federal judges struck down Alabama's Congressional Maps and ordered the State to try it again. The maps that were submitted drew in only one congressional district with a majority of black voters. The judges ruled that due to the black population making 27 percent of the State's population, we should have at least two minority districts in Alabama. Finally, the judges indicated that black voters have less opportunity than the rest of Alabamians to elect their choice of congressional representatives.

How long will it take us to reconcile that our diversity is what makes us powerful? It is so much more than just black and white! Our diversity is the foundation of our strength as Americans. We should not be tone-deaf or complicit about the things that impact our lives each day. One day, I hope we will be able to use our strength as civilized people to treat each other with dignity and respect. If you can't treat people who are different from you with dignity and respect, you need to get out of the way!

When you have a few minutes, take a look at this YouTube video with Lt. Gen. Jay Silveria's 2017 speech to cadets, faculty and staff at the United States Air Force Academy. His talk is my gift to you: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hkUrnHT1VvI>.

Until next time ...

Dorothy



Thru February 27
 "Sweetness and Light: Children in Illustration"
 Huntsville Museum of Art
 300 Church Street
 Huntsville, Ala.

February 2
 "Simon and Garfunkel Story"
 Mark C. Smith Concert Hall
 Von Braun Center
 7:30 p.m.

February 4
 "Dog Days at the Garden"
 Huntsville Botanical Garden
 9 a.m.

Master Artist Workshop
 with Alan Shuptrine
 Huntsville Museum of Art
 9 a.m.

February 5
 Celebrating Black History Month at Burritt on the Mountain

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 Huntsville Botanical Garden
 9 a.m.

Master Artist Workshop
 with Alan Shuptrine
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 9 a.m.

February 10-March 1
 Mardi Gras at MidCity
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February 27
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Funeral service for REVEREND WILLIE EARL BROOKS (b. 1960) was held Tuesday, February 1, at the Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Gary Battles officiating.

Graveside service for MR. ARTHUR HILLIAN (b. 1971) was held Saturday, January 29, at Oakwood Memorial Gardens.

Graveside service for the REVEREND LARNELL MCCOMB JONES (b. 1938) was held Tuesday, January 25, at Valley View Memorial Gardens in Meridianville, Ala.

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Funeral service for MRS. HAZEL HARDY BRANDON (b. 1924) was held Sunday, January 30, at Royal Chapel of Memories with Pastor Alexander Lampkin officiating.

Graveside service for MR. LEROY GREEN (b. 1954) was held Sunday, January 30, in the Meadowlawn Garden of Peace with Apostle Phyllis Morton officiating.

Funeral service for MR. JOE READUS (b. 1951) was held Saturday, January 29, at the Union Hill Primitive Baptist Church (2115 Winchester Rd. NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Elder Oscar L. Montgomery, Sr., officiating.

An informal memorial per request of MS. MICHELLE RENEE NICOLE WOODS (b. 1952) was held at the home of the deceased, hosted by daughter Shannon, on Friday, January 27.

Funeral service for MRS. EVIE ANN BELL (b. 1938) was held Tuesday, January 25, at the Royal Chapel of Memories with Pastor Henry Brown officiating.

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Funeral service for MRS. MARLENE SINOUS (b. 1942) will be held Sunday, February 6, at Oakwood University Church, 5500 Adventist Blvd., Huntsville, Ala., at 10 a.m.

Funeral service will be announced at a later date for LESLIE LINDSEY (b. 1965) and BABY JIYA MONAE PETTY.

Local Pastor Qualifies for U.S. Senate Democratic Primary



you in the United.”

Local citizens have been helped by God’s grace to survive and get through “the troubling and taxing pandemic” at state and national levels, Boyd said.

In the upcoming weeks, Boyd said he will endeavor to visit each of Alabama’s 67 counties to gather input from the state’s citizenry on issues that need to be addressed.

Boyd previously ran for office in the 2017 U.S. Senate special election that saw Doug Jones become the first Democrat to win statewide since Lucy Baxley became president of the Alabama Public Service Commission in 2008.

Boyd also ran for U.S. House in 2016 and was the Democratic nominee

for Lieutenant Governor in 2018. He also served as chairman of the Lauderdale County Democratic Executive Committee.

Boyd serves as the pastor of the 161-year-old St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church in Florence. He is married to Vida Boyd. They have three children and live in Hoover.



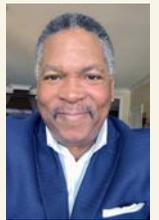
A local minister has qualified to run in the Democratic primaries for the position of U.S. Senator.

Dr. Will Boyd said his reasons for running have remained largely un-chained.

“I have a great love for the people of Alabama, and I really believe there are so many critical issues that need to be addressed,” he said. “I believe I am the best person to solve those issues, working alongside

rejoices.

The message that is revealed here is, God places great value on one repenting sinner, therefore clarifying



his mission that He came to seek and save sinners

So whenever you feel like you are lost and have nowhere to turn, because of past mistakes, please know that you have a friend in Jesus that is waiting

to turn your life around so you can also say, “I once was lost but now I’m found.” ... Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters!

Make sure you purchase a copy of my book, *A Champion Game Plan for Life*, at amazon.com or prestonbrownministries.com

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JESUS SAVES

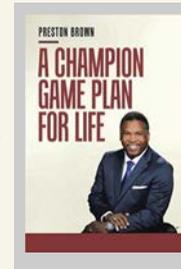
Luke 15:7 says, “I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.”

You know, one of the things that I love most about Jesus is that He meets us where we are, but He refuses to leave us there. He meets us in our sinful ways and says, “Go and sin no more.”

The main theme in the book of Luke is that Jesus came to seek and save the lost. And, He was especially

sensitive to those who were hurting, because He knew that hurting people hurt other people. That’s why He had no problem eating with sinners and tax collectors.

In this scripture, the writer Luke talks about the love that God has for sinners, and he explains them in the form of “lost things.” First, a lost sheep. Then a lost coin. And then a lost son. In all of these stories, the “lost” are found. And, when it happens, everyone



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Your Prayer Breakfast's "Daily Bread" (Part 2 of 3)

Last week we discussed that prayer needs to be our country's "national breakfast" more now than ever.

Some will rightfully ask how and where to start. Jesus answered that same question for his disciples, by saying, "Give us this day our daily bread," Luke 11:3.

Prayer is our daily bread, enhanced by our practicing it on a daily basis.

The Bible places greater emphasis on days and daily preparations than on years and yearly preparations.

For example, the Bible references "year" or "years" 324 times but uses day or days 1,431 times - a four to one ratio.

But there's an additional benefit of days being bundled into 40-day periods.

The Bible records that God typically used 40-day periods of praying, fasting, and preparation to accomplish special missions. For example:

To rid the world of sin and re-start fresh, God used Noah's Ark and the Great Flood of 40 days;

To prepare Jesus for his world-changing ministry, he was tested in a wilderness for 40 days; and

After being resurrected on Easter Sunday Jesus spent 40 days preparing his disciples to introduce the world to Christianity.

The disciples' 40-day "boot camp" with Jesus worked. From there, they established Christianity, and today its approximately 2.4 billion followers comprise the world's largest religion.

That 40-day period of prayer also worked for:

Moses on Mt. Sinai with God;

Jonah cleaning up the City of Nineveh - and himself, too; and

The 12 Israelite spies investigating Canaan, God's Promised Land for his formerly enslaved Children of Israel.

I use frequently 40-day periods of prayer, fasting, and preparation before tackling large projects.

Today, could you use that type of 40-day period in your life?

Next week, we'll conclude with a few powerful examples of prayer to get results.

Top Three Causes of Cancer

According to Otis Brawley, M.D., the Chief Medical Officer at the American Cancer Society, two-thirds of cancer cases in the U.S. develop from preventable causes. Other

than those who have a genetic predisposition, and those who have environmental exposures, most people should not feel helpless in this fight.

The problem with Americans today is that they are lazy. Yes, I said it - LAZY.

There are really just three simple, sustainable habits that will help most people avoid the most feared medical condition - CANCER.

Three Most Common Cancers Among Women

1. Breast cancer

First among women of all races and Hispanic* origin populations. Second among white,



black, Asian/Pacific Islander, and American Indian/Alaska Native women.

2. Lung cancer

First among white, black, Asian/Pacific Islander, and American Indian/Alaska Native women.

Second among Hispanic* women. Second among white, black, and American Indian/Alaska Native women.

Third among Asian/Pacific Islander and Hispanic* women.

3. Colorectal cancer

Second among Asian/Pacific Islander and Hispanic* women. Third among white, black, and American Indian/Alaska Native women.

- BlackDoctor.org

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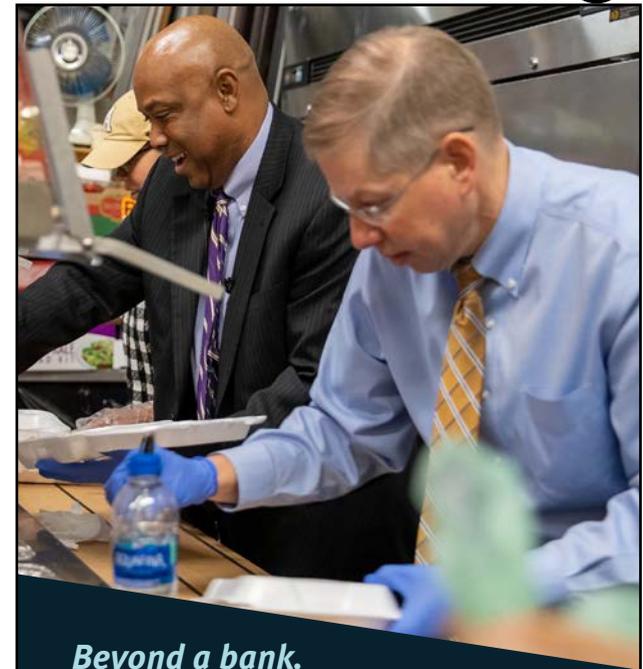
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God's Search Warrant



Psalm 139:23-24

Search warrants are necessary if law enforcement personnel desire to search one's home or vehicle or person to find evidence of criminal wrongdoing. Police and other law enforcement authorities cannot just enter a person's home or vehicle and start looking for things. Judges or magistrates must issue them and there must be

what is known as probable cause to justify it.

Detailed within the warrant are the areas of the home that can be searched such as a bedroom, a safe, or a computer. These represent places where evidence can be hidden.

The Psalmist was aware of the judicial jurisdiction given to everyone of God's creations in the form of freewill, and because of that he knew that he would have to be the one who issued the search warrant to God.

The first place that he wanted God to search was his heart. The reason that he wanted God to start in his heart was because he knew how easy it was for evidence to be hidden



there. He also recognized that because he was not even aware of all the evidence that was in his heart, he did not seek to expound on anything but expect

God to find something incriminating and to expel it when it was found.

That's the sign of a mature saint. They issue the search warrant themselves

because they truly want God to be the head of their lives (vs 24).

Have you issued your search warrant yet?

AAMU Signs MOU with Sandia National Labs

A lingering mandate to diversify the nation's pipeline of talented men and women in science and engineering has led to a five-year memorandum of understanding between Alabama A&M University and Sandia National Laboratories.

Government and University officials joined forces at AAMU Wednesday, January 26, for a series of discussions, presentations and tours,



culminating with the signing of the MOU and subsequent handshake by AAMU President Daniel K. Wims and

Albuquerque, N.M.-based Sandia's Steven E. Gianoulakis, senior manager of Autonomy and Unmanned Systems.

Dr. Zhengtao Deng, interim dean, and faculty and staff of the College of Engineering, Technology and Physical

Sciences, hosted the session. Deng says the partnership will open the door for increased research between Sandia and AAMU. The overall goal, however, is the ultimate creation of a robust and deliberate partnership via collaboration between the national laboratories and a historically black college/university (HBCU).

Throughout the course of the agreement, both parties

should see increased percentages of underrepresented minorities enrolling in STEM majors; expanded opportunities for research partnerships and external collaborations; and additional hires of underrepresented minorities at Sandia.

Caption: AAMU-SANDIA MOU: Pictured (l-r): Dr. Andrew Scott, professor, electrical engineering and computer science, and interim director of AAMU-RISE (contracting entity);

Emily Ahr, strategy and program development, Sandia National Laboratories; Dr. Padmaja Guggilla, interim chairperson, AAMU Department of Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics; Steven E. Gianoulakis, senior manager, Autonomy and Unmanned Systems, Sandia; Dr. Daniel K. Wims, president, Alabama A&M University; Dr. Ed Pearson, assistant professor, computer science/cybersecurity; Dr. Zhengtao Deng, interim dean, AAMU College of Engineering, Technology and Physical Sciences.



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Rosetta James Foundation "Spotlight on Our Elders" ... Featuring

Mr. Allie Swann

A native Mississippian, Allie Swann was born in rural Macon, Mississippi, on a farm owned by his grandfather and father.

He earned his bachelor's degree from Mississippi State University in 1958 in accounting and economics.

The retired financial officer at NASA-Marshall Space Flight Center followed up his 35-year stint with the agency with productive community involvement.

He also proudly served in the United States Army for two years and later earned the Master of Administrative Science degree from the University of Alabama in Huntsville.

While in the Army, he played a trombone in the prestigious Army Band.

He first came to Huntsville to conduct an audit of Redstone Federal Credit Union as an auditor for the

Bureau of Federal Credit Unions. While here, some of his fraternity brothers from Mississippi State's Lambda Chi Alpha encouraged him to consider a move here, which he did.

Swann has served as a volunteer in numerous community organizations and agencies through the years. More recently, he has been a board member and treasurer of Interfaith Mission Services; an adjunct professor of accounting at the University of Alabama in Huntsville; and as a volunteer at Trinity United Methodist Church, First Stop, and the Burritt Museum.

Swann and his lovely wife, Linda, have five grown children, two sons and three daughters. All are Huntsville residents except one daughter in Nashville. Moreover, the Swanns have been blessed with 12 beautiful grandchildren. In addition to his community service, Swann has long enjoyed woodworking, determined to make each grandchild a piece of furniture as his special gift. An avid reader of history and political books, Swann has travelled all over the United States and to Europe, Canada and Mexico.



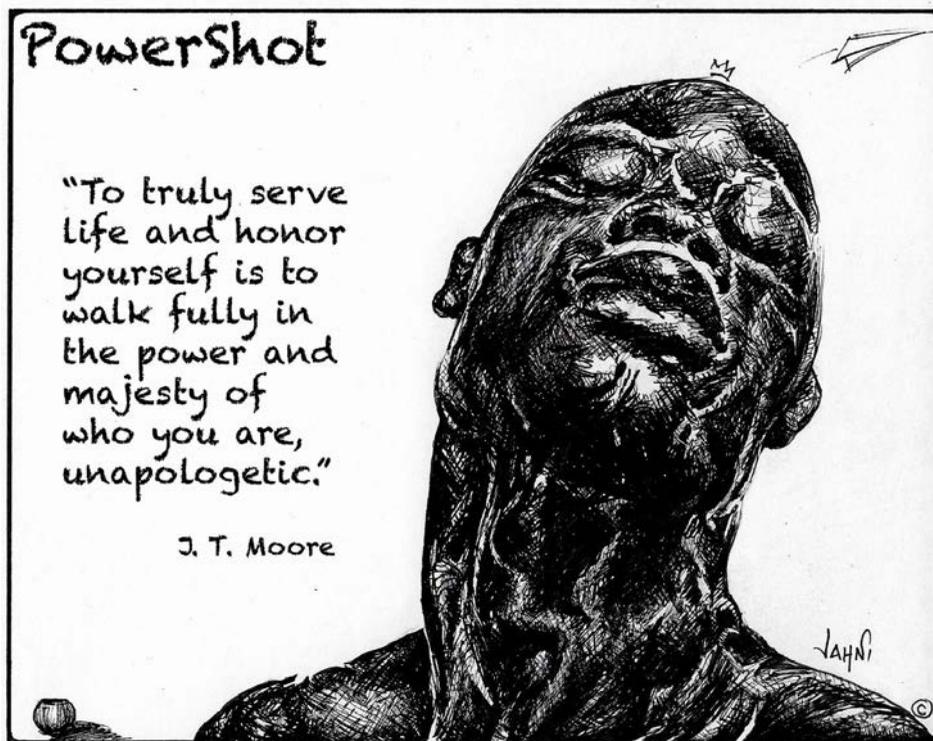
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PowerShot

"To truly serve life and honor yourself is to walk fully in the power and majesty of who you are, unapologetic."

J. T. Moore



FEBRUARY 4 - ROSA PARKS - Born in Tuskegee, Ala., Rosa Louise McCauley Parks was an American activist in the civil rights movement best known for her pivotal role in the Montgomery Bus Boycott. The U. S. Congress has called her "the first lady of civil rights" and "the mother of the freedom movement". - BlackCelebrityBirthdays.com



Celebrate History

February 5th • 10am-4pm

Celebrate African American Heritage at Burritt on the Mountain

10:30 am – Learn about Dr. Gladys West, the history of GPS technology and how to use a GPS device to find a geocache.

11:30 am – From Photos to Quilts Discussion with Artist Tiavalyla Befecadu

1:00 pm – "A Place Called Oakwood: A historical look at a small university campus in Huntsville" by Raymond King the Director of Student Activities

2:00 pm – Rosenwald School Activities and History

3:00 pm – Learn about Dr. Gladys West, the history of GPS technology and how to use a GPS device to find a geocache.



burrittonthemountain.com



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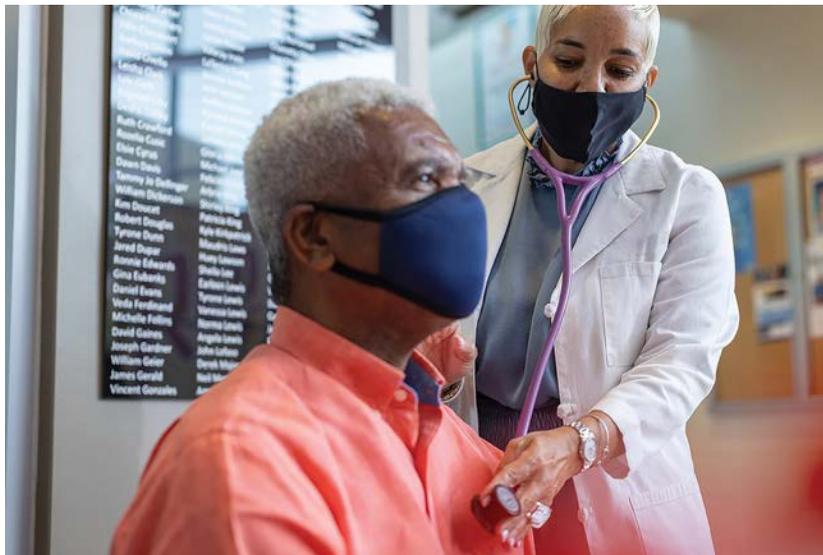
(BPT) - Have you ever been put on a treatment that just didn't work for you?

Most people like to think that our doctors will always know what treatment will work best. It turns out that all the things that make people different - DNA, age, gender, race, living conditions - can mean "trial and error" to find a treatment that works for individuals.

The problem isn't because health care providers are overlooking data and research about what treatments might work best for you. Often, the knowledge simply doesn't exist. That's because many groups have been left out of research in the past. The result is less

information about the health needs of women, Black, Hispanic, LGBTQ+ and Asian-American patients, and people with multiple conditions.

That can leave your health care provider making best guesses, based on what worked for other patients who may not share the factors that make you unique. Those differences can mean treatments come with extra side effects or might not work at all. For example, because of certain genes, a commonly prescribed blood thinner, clopidogrel, does not work in about 50% of people



with Asian ancestry.

To learn why a treatment works better in one patient than another, scientists need data - lots of data. The National Institutes of Health's All of Us Research Program is well on its way to fill that need by inviting one million people to help build one of the largest and most diverse medical databases in existence. Participants choose what types of data they contribute, and whether they would like to receive information about their DNA, free of charge.

"We know that 'one-size-fits-all' medicine fails too many people," said Joshua Denny, M.D., M.S., Chief Executive Officer of the NIH program. "The more than 400,000 people who have already joined the program are making it possible for researchers to better solve many medical mysteries, diagnose faster, prevent better and treat more accurately."

Protected by privacy and security safeguards, the data equips registered

M.D., M.S., Senior Advisor to All of Us, is a practicing endocrinologist and has seen firsthand the challenges of managing patients with diabetes.

"There are so many factors that can impact what treatment will get the best results for a patient, including genetic variations," says Ramirez. "All of Us goes beyond finding the DNA information and allows researchers to study diabetes therapy in relation to participants' electronic health records, environment and lifestyle.

That combination of data shared through All of Us changes the game and opens doors to answering questions more quickly."

The participants who join the research program can help make sure scientists like Ramirez won't be slowed down by the lack of data when they search for answers to the health issues that affect your family or your community.

To learn how you can become a participant and contribute to the effort to better understand how health needs differ from person to person, including your own, visit allofus.health/precisionmed.

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