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 ELDER OF THE WEEK

Mother Hazel Hawk

"There is nothing new under the sun, but there are new suns." - Octavia Butler

The Valley Mourns Loss of Administrator and Advocate

Members throughout the Tennessee Valley and beyond met at Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church on Tuesday, March 1, to pay tribute to Wilbert L. Brown. Brown was a long-time educational administrator in the Huntsville City School system. Moreover, he was an active member of Union Chapel for some 50 years.



Brown was born in Mt. Clemons, Michigan, but later moved to Alabama and graduated, second in his class, from the Robert Russa Moton High School in Tallassee, Ala. At Moton, he served as president of his sophomore, junior, and senior classes, as well as served as the SGA President during his senior year. After graduation, he enrolled at Alabama A&M University, where he majored in secondary education with a concentration in English and minored in sociology. He later received his Master of Science degree in supervision and administration, also from AAMU.

Brown began his teaching career at Johnson High

School, where he taught English, and after two years, he was named Director of Student Activities. In 1986, he became the assistant principal at the Academy for Academics and Arts, Huntsville City Schools' first Magnet School. His

leadership skills continued to shine when he took over the administrative helm of West Mastin Lake Elementary School in 1991. Many teachers and parents have said that his years at West Mastin Lake were two of the school's most progressive years. Following four years at Davis Hills Middle School, Wilbert was called back to continue the leadership at the magnet school, where he served as principal for fourteen years until his retirement from public schools. He has also served as an adjunct professor at his alma mater.

Brown's leadership skills were also seen in the community where he consistently gave hours and hours of his time helping the youth of the community through the various organizations that he claimed member-



ship. In Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., he served as the local chapter's Director of Education Activities, and he served as chair of the Delta Theta Lambda Education Foundation. Under his leadership, the foundation has awarded more than \$250,000 in scholarships to local and area youth, sponsors the annual MLK Jr. Unity Breakfast, developed and organized the ALPHAS Mentoring Program for males entering 9th grade, and the list goes on and on.

Brown probably spent more time with Union Chapel M. B. Church than most of the other community involvement. In addition to chairing the Union Chapel Christian Academy Foundation; he served



as a member of the Trustee Ministry; chaired the Fellowship Ministry, which organizes the Church Anniversary activities; chaired the Education Assistance Ministry; and he was a member of the church announcements and welcome ministry.

His community involvement continued in Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, where he was a charter member of Epsilon Kappa Boule', and on the campus of AAMU, he served on the Advisory Board for the Youth Motivation Task Force.

Haley to Receive NAACP's Game Changer Award

Patricia Haley of the Patricia Haley Charity has been selected to receive the 2022 Alabama State Conference NAACP Game Changer Award.



Haley was recently notified of the honor by Madison County Commissioner Violet Edwards. Haley heads a non-profit 501(c)3 organization established to assist patients "who have become financially distressed as a result of their courageous fight against

cancer." All services are offered to patients within the Tennessee Valley area free of charge.

Haley will receive the honor at the Bridge Crossing Gala on Friday, March 4, at the Embassy Suites Hotel, located at 300 Tallapoosa Street in Montgomery, Ala., at 7 p.m.

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Washington in One Minute



Here are the happenings in Washington, D.C., this week:

1. ON THE FLOOR. The House and Senate are in session this week. The Senate attempted to end filibusters Monday on a bill to protect the right to access abortion procedures throughout the U.S. (approved by the House in September) and the U.S. Postal Service Reform bill (approved by the House earlier this month). The House, among other items, debated an anti-lynching bill and legislation to combat methamphetamine use (approved by the Senate last year). The most urgent activity on Capitol Hill this week will be working to get the Fiscal Year 2022 omnibus appropriations bill ready for floor action so that it can be approved by both bodies before the current stopgap measure keeping the federal government open expires on March 11. It is expected that the omnibus may include billions for a Ukraine assistance package and more Covid relief. Senators got a classified briefing on Ukraine from Secretary of State Blinken, Defense Secretary Austin, Homeland Security Secretary Mayorkas and other officials today at 7:15 p.m.

2. THE WHITE HOUSE. President Biden gave his first State of the Union address Tuesday at 9:00 p.m. EST. On Wednesday, the President and First Lady Dr. Jill Biden traveled to Superior, Wis., (a port city on the NW tip of Wisconsin across the bay from Duluth, Minn.), to tout the benefits of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Last Saturday, the Biden Administration announced that the U.S. and Europe had agreed to disconnect the largest Russian banks from the international financial SWIFT operating system and that the U.S. was sending an additional \$350 million in immediate assistance to Ukraine, bringing the total to over \$1 billion in the past year. Last Friday, the President nominated Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson, who currently sits on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, to be the first African American woman to sit on the Supreme Court. Her courtesy visits with Senators start this morning with a 10:00 a.m. meeting with Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY).

3. CDC MASK RULE. Last Friday, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control recommended that most Americans can now stop wearing masks and no longer need

to social distance or avoid crowded indoor spaces. The recommendations, which are no longer based on the number of cases in a community, instead direct counties to consider 3 measures to assess risk of the virus: (1) new Covid-related hospital admissions over the previous week, (2) the percentage of hospital beds occupied by Covid patients, and (3) new coronavirus cases per 100,000 people over the previous week. The guidance to stop using masks is focused on those areas (covering about 70% of the U.S. population) where the risk is currently low or medium. For high-risk areas, the CDC recommends the continued wearing of masks in indoor spaces.

4. SUPREME COURT. On Monday, the Supreme Court heard arguments in *West Virginia v. EPA*, a case pertaining to the Obama-era 2015 Clean Power Plan, which established guidelines for states to limit carbon dioxide emissions from power plants. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit vacated both the Trump Administration's decision to repeal the Clean Power Plan and the Affordable Clean Energy rule that the Trump Administration issued in its place.

The Biden Administration is currently working to issue a new rule. On Tuesday, the court heard the case of *Ruan vs. U.S.*, in which an Alabama doctor, Dr. Xiulu Ruan - sentenced to 21 years in jail in 2017 for running a massive opioid "pill mill" - can assert a defense of good faith to his

conviction of violating the Controlled Substances Act in his prescription of pain relief.

6. METHAMPHETAMINE. This week, the House will take up legislation under suspension of the rules that would direct the Office of National Drug Control Policy to create an emerging threat response plan for methamphetamine under Methamphetamine Response Act of 2021, S. 854. The measure would designate meth as an "emerging drug threat"

under the laws governing ONDCP, which applies to drugs with new or increased use, or a rapid expansion in supply or demand. The Senate passed the measure by voice vote on December 13.

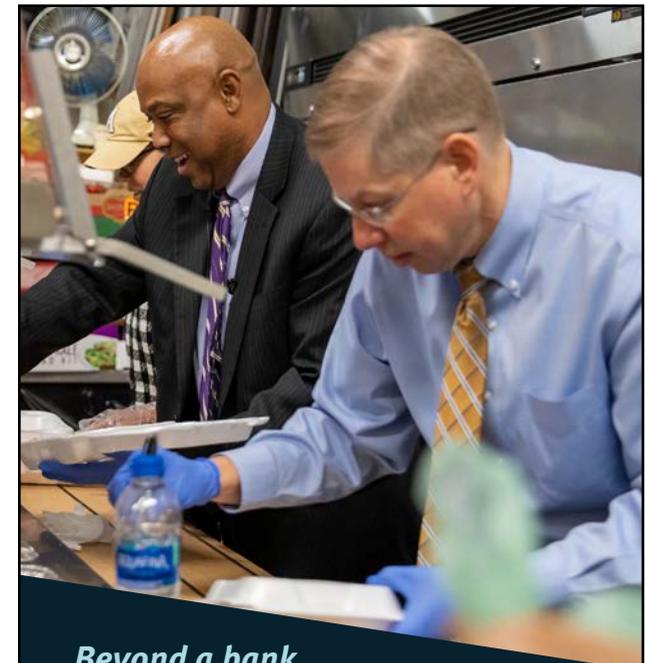
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Funeral service for MRS. FLORENCE A. OLUGBODE (b.1948) will be Saturday, March 5, at 10 a.m. at Redeemed Christian Church of God (4906 Blue Spring Road NW, Huntsville, Ala.).

Memorial celebration for MR. EZE ABUWALI (b. 1959) was held Saturday, February 26, at the Outcast MC Clubhouse (1158 Wall Triana Hwy SW, Madison, Ala.).

Graveside service for MR. MAURICE ALAN CAMPBELL (b. 1967) was held Saturday, February 26, at Meadowlawn Garden of Peace.

Graveside service for MR. JIMMY BATTLE (b. 1935) was held Friday, February 25, at Valley View Memorial Gardens with Pastor Theodis Ackin officiating.

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Funeral service for MRS. CATHERINE D. FREEMAN (b. 1956) was held Thursday, March 3, at the Center Grove United Methodist Church (185 Plummer Road, Huntsville, Ala.) with Reverend Dr. Emra Jackson officiating.

Funeral service for MR. WILBERT LOUIS BROWN was held Tuesday, March 1, at Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church (315 Winchester Rd NE, Huntsville, Ala.) with Reverend Dr. O. Wendell Davis officiating.

Funeral service for MOTHER AMANDA LEE SMITH FRANKLIN-DANCY (b. 1941) was held Monday, February 28, at Saint Andrew Primitive Baptist Church (1393 Swancott Road, Madison, Ala.) with Pastor Brandon Nance officiating.

Funeral service for MR. HERMAN LEE PINCHEON (b. 1936) was held Friday, February 25, at the Northwest Church of Christ (5008 Pulaski Pike NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Brother John Branch officiating.

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Funeral service for MR. JaSHAWN DOUGLAS will be announced by Serenity Funeral Home at a later date.

Funeral service for MR. JOHN DAVID SANDERS (b. 1942) was held Monday, February 21, at Meadowlawn Garden of Peace (450 Mt. Lebanon Rd., Toney, Ala.)

THE VALLEY WEEKLY
VALLEY EVENTS
HAPPENINGS, ACTIVITIES & MORE!

March 4
“Stickwork” by Patrick Dougherty
(Included with Garden Admission)
Huntsville Botanical Garden

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THE VALLEY WEEKLY
CHAMPION GAME PLAN
PRESTON BROWN

“GOD IS IN CONTROL”

Mark 4:39 says Jesus got up, rebuked the wind and said to the wind, “Quiet. Be still.” Then the wind died down and was completely calm.

When we read this scripture, we should see that the disciples thought they were headed for destruction, but they forgot one important thing: Jesus was with them.

So often when we experience difficult times, we also forget that Jesus is with us. You see, the disciples had to remember that although the wind was blowing the boat all around, God was still in control. Just like today, even though our country appears to be out of control when it comes to agreeing on anything, God is still in control. The grace of God doesn’t always prevent the consequences of our actions; it just provides us a way out. Life can come at you fast and sometimes there is nothing that we can do to get ourselves out of the “mess” that we get ourselves into. We just need to continue to have faith and know that God is in control.

Now, the devil will try to convince us that if we were following Jesus, we wouldn’t be having all this trouble. Just like we find in our scripture reading with the disciples. When they got in the boat, to follow Jesus, they had no idea that a storm was about to happen. Just like us and the coronavirus -- no one saw this coming. But remember, Faith doesn’t prevent us from being “snake bitten” or having problems. Our faith gives us the ability to shake it off and understand the new revelation and new direction that God has for our lives ... Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters, and make sure you purchase a copy of my book, “A CHAMPION GAME PLAN FOR LIFE,” at amazon.com.




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Occupying over 100,000 square feet of exhibit space in the South Hall of the

Von Braun Center and featuring over 200 companies, the Show is the one-stop source for information, products and services for your home!

Fri., March 4th: 1-5pm
Sat. March 5th: 10am-6pm
Sun., March 6th: 12-5pm

HBC Introduces "Stickwork" by Dougherty

"Stickwork" by Patrick Dougherty has captivated audiences around the world with its whimsical architecture and immersive designs made entirely from natural materials.

Now, this novel art form is coming to the Huntsville Botanical Garden with

a brand new installation of massive scale. Tucked away in the Garden and built from locally sourced sapling branches, the giant sculpture will twist and turn to create an interactive installation for visitors to explore freely.

Like a portal to another

world, Stickwork will offer guests of all ages a chance to play, imagine, and find inspiration in nature.

Stickwork will be open every day during regular Garden hours beginning March 4, 2022, and the experience is included with Garden admission.



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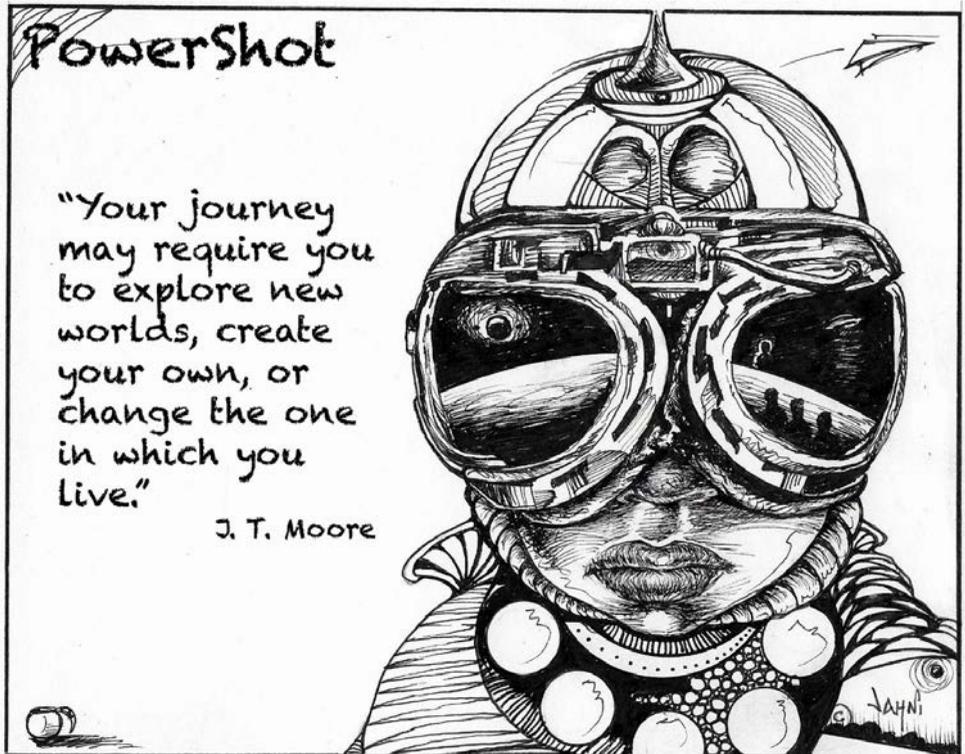
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*"I want them to see my soul,
and that is colorless."*

- Marian Anderson



Celebrating Current Black Achievements During 2022's Black History Month

February 2022 featured landmark guilty verdicts for civil rights and hate crime violations against George Floyd and Ahmaud Arbery, respectively; more African-Americans winning in the Winter Olympics; and President Biden's choice of federal judge Ketanji Brown Jackson as the first African-American woman to sit on the US Supreme Court.



While it is important to celebrate African-Americans' past achievements during February's Black History Month, it's also necessary to honor the current achievements.

Historically, the foregone conclusion had been the improbability of white men being found guilty of murdering African-Americans.

The old stereotype that "black and cold don't mix" is melting away with more African-Americans competing in and winning Winter Olympic medals.

"I hope I can be an example," speed skating gold medalist Erin Jackson told the Guardian newspaper in Jackson and Meyers Taylor have made history in Beijing for Black Americans | Winter Olympics Beijing 2022. "I would love to see more people of color in all the winter sports. It helps to have some visibility



out there, to be able to see other people like you doing something maybe you'd never thought about doing before."

Jackson's previous statement about being an example may also ring true for Ketanji Brown Jackson, President Biden's choice for the US Supreme Court.

In 2020, candidate Joe Biden committed to naming the first African-American woman to the nation's highest court. And with Justice Breyer announced retirement, the vacancy is being created for President Biden to fulfill his commitment and fill that seat.

These three noted Black achievements represent unprecedented gifts to American social justice, international athletics, and judicial trailblazing.

This is what God was prophesying to Isaiah when he declared in Isaiah 43:19, "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."



Therefore, you and I must be ready to perceive, embrace, and enlarge such opportunities.

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
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A New Generation Of Service

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- BlackCelebrityBirthdays.com

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"I'm so used to being misunderstood."

- Jamaica Kincaid

THE VALLEY WEEKLY

CALLED 2 PREACH

REV. MICHAEL RICE

Hallelujah, a Holophrasis

(hah-LAH-fre-sis)
Psalm 150

I am proud to say that my becoming a wordsmith can be traced back to my mother who in her lifetime was an English teacher and a lover of crossword puzzles. Each day that the paper came to the house, she could be seen turning to the puzzle and working on it until she solved it. I don't do crossword puzzles



but I am more of a “collector” of words, a *verbi-vore* (a recently learned word). Another recently learned word is this word *holophrasis*, which means *the expression of a whole phrase in a single word*. An example of this is the word ‘howdy,’ which means “how do you do.”

Well I guess you are not surprised that my black-Baptist-preacher-Spirit-led imagination took me to the word Hallelujah, a single word that is the expression of the phrase, *praise the LORD or praise ye Yah*. Found twenty four times in the Old Testament, it is a Hebrew word consisting of the words *hallel*, the word for praise and *jah*, or Yah, Yaweh, God's covenant



name. *Hallel* is defined as *praise that is loud and animated*. That explains David's multiple use of it in Psalm 150. If praise was analogous to an ice cream

cone, David would say that the LORD deserves several scoops. Protocol calls for *anything* that will make a *sound*, makes *anyplace* a *sanctuary*, and indictment

of *anyone* who is breathing yet remains *silent*. Three words or one; it doesn't matter. Praise the LORD!

Noted Entrepreneur Talks with AAMU Business Students

The College of Business and Public Affairs at Alabama A&M University, in conjunction with the Office of the President, held “Millionaire Moves,” a day-long invitation-only session on Thursday, February 24, in the Clyde Foster Auditorium.

Dr. William F. Pickard, executive chairman and founder of Global Automotive Alliance (GAA) Manufacturing and Supply Chain Management, joined a panel discussion with invited students. As part of his 45-year entrepreneurial career, Pickard is co-managing partner of MGM Grand Detroit Casino; CEO, Bearwood Management Company; and co-owner of five black-owned newspapers.

During a panel discussion with AAMU business students, Pickard offered advice and answered questions prompted by his book, *Millionaire Moves*.

The LaGrange, Ga., native emphasized the importance of having a vision and a close network of friends.

The subsequent 12:45 p.m. luncheon featured Brigitte Braddock, director of GAA's Environmental Health and Safety unit.

Program participants included Dr. Amin U. Sarkar, interim dean and professor of economics; Dr. Bonnie Banks, assistant professor of accounting;



Danielle Barnes, director, DBE Program; Yvette S. Clayton, director, Career Development Services; Andrea Hawkins, interim chair, Department of

Management, Marketing and Logistics; Aretha Hill, interim chair, MBA Programs; Teresa Merriweather Orok, director, Center for Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Economic Development; Dr. Qian Shen, chair, Department of Accounting and Finance; and Rashida Dore-Wilson, Director, Experiential Learning Opportunity.

For additional information about future events, contact joyce.jenkins@aamu.edu.

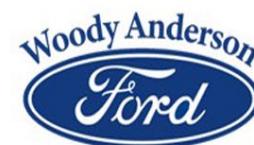


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Rosetta James Foundation "Spotlight on Our Elders" ... Featuring

Mother Hazel Hawk

For many decades, Hazel Lullean Ford Hawk has contributed services to the community in a multitude of ways ranging from feeding the hungry, to caring for the young and elderly. Born as Hazel Lullean Ford on October 1, 1933, Hazel Hawk was the eldest of 14 children. Her large family, rooted in rural Alabama, contributed heavily to Hazel's early first love for feeding people. During Hazel's first attempt to cook at the young age of 3 years old, she set out to independently fry fish. The effort ended in her burning her hair and receiving an old-fashioned whipping. Little did many know, this chain of events was the start of Hazel's passions for feeding, educating and caring for the community.

Hazel first attended New Market Elementary/Middle School and then Council Training High School. She later studied at Alverton-Draughon College of Huntsville from 1976-1977, where she studied business administration. She went on to work a combined 32 years managing food operations for the Madison County school system at Farmer's Capital School (now Lynn Fanning Elementary) and for Kroger, retiring in 1990.

Throughout her career, Hazel fed thousands of people. However, her work did not stop there. Hazel began feeding the elderly and those who were less fortunate out of her

own home, often harvesting many of her own crops for the efforts. She created soulful plates throughout the year, especially during the Holidays.

As early as the 70's, Hazel began regularly visiting and caring for the sick and shut-in. From 2000-2003, Hazel provided nursing care to seniors with varying levels of disabilities at Agape Village Nursing Home. There she was recognized for her ability to bring joy and uplift those who weren't well.

When Hazel wasn't visiting the elderly; she was making an impact with the youth. For more than 20 years, Hazel was heavily involved in offering not-for-profit child care services. She co-managed a home daycare from 1990-2001, where she helped numerous parents who could not always afford to pay regular childcare fees. Hazel opened her doors by mentoring, educating and caring for youth. She was heavily involved with the Boys and Girls Club of Huntsville and also taught as a substitute teacher for the Huntsville City School system after retirement. As an advocate for the Voting Rights Act, Hazel worked with the late District 1 City Councilman Richard Showers to get citizens registered and ready to vote. Hazel's civic duties also included participating in clothing drives for the needy, 4-H club and AARP membership.

Following retirement, Hazel



had the chance to travel the world. Places visited include: Jerusalem (the Holy Land), Haiti, Germany, Paris, London, Hawaii and Washington D.C. just to name a few.

Hazel was an active member of the religious organization Order of the Eastern Star from 1961-1989. To date, Hazel has been a member of Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, under the leadership of Dr. O. Wendell Davis, since 1991, where she was active in the Mothers' Ministry and Senior Adult Ministry (S.A.M.). She served as co-chairperson of the nationally known Grandparents' Day Program, where she moderated Union Chapel's event to celebrate the connections between generations.

Hazel married her biggest supporter, the late Arthur "Jake" Hawk. From that union, came her main support system: 7 children, 22 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren, 4 great-great grandchildren and 2 God children.

THE VALLEY WEEKLY ALL FOR THE FAMILY Older Americans & Love

Love, romance and marriage have no age limit. The elder population (age 65+) was approximately 54 million (16.5 %) of the U.S. population according to the latest census report. Many widows, widowers, divorced and never-married individuals do not want to spend the last years of their lives alone. They desire a companion to share meals, attend events, watch favorite television shows, travel, etc. Hence, many are considering tying the knot for the first (second, third) ... time.

CAUTION! Before saying "I do," seriously consider:

1. Finances. Review credit histories and scores. Will you have a joint and individual bank accounts? Where will you live, how will finances

allocated for children and others be handled?

2. Updating your tax-filing information. Internal Revenue Service advises newlyweds to make sure that the name on their tax return matches the name on file with the Social Service Administration.

3. Estate plans. Update wills to ensure that final wishes are executed. Review beneficiaries on life insurance policies, retirement accounts and other investment funds. A pre-nuptial agreement should also be considered.

4. Update records with the Social Security Administration. Benefits received from an ex-spouse will be terminated when you remarry. If you remarry after age 60, you can still receive widows' and widowers' benefits.

5. Review Medicaid benefits. Check eligibility rules to determine how benefits will



Dr. Margaret J. Kelly

be affected if you marry.

~Think About It~

Our hearts don't lose their capacity to love as they age. However, if you are seriously considering marrying later in life, it's critical that you clearly examine and determine how your finances will be managed.

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This Sunday's Lectionary

(Track 2 - Year C)



Sunday, March 6, 2022
First Sunday in Lent

Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalm 91:1-2; 9-16
Romans 10:8b-13
Luke 4:1-13



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Taylor's Chapel Celebrates 118th Church Anniversary

February 20, 2022



Organized in February, 1904 by Reverend William (Will) Taylor, Taylor's Chapel is located at 3100 Stringfield Road, NW, Huntsville, Alabama, and members celebrated the 118th Church Anniversary on Sunday, February 20, 2022.

Since the church was founded in February, Black History Month, the church anniversary celebrations always have themes that honor the longevity of the church's contributions to the



Huntsville community, the surrounding communities, the State of Alabama and the nation. Former church shepherds, deceased congregants, descendants and present-day congregants are also honored.

Reverend William Taylor, Reverend Oscar Hamlett, Reverend Arthur Tibbs, and Reverend James Lane, Sr., are shepherds who have led the congregation in years past and today time finds the membership searching for a new

shepherd to this historical black congregation and add many more chapters to the rich church history.

Reverend Dr. C. Jermaine Turner, Pastor of Pine Grove M. B. Church, Harvest, Alabama, was the guest speaker.

Deacon Tony Yarbrough of Blackmon Chapel CPCA, Huntsville, Alabama, was the Guest Deacon.

Soloists were Sisters Cynthia Russell and Verneda White-Hughes and Brother James Kelly, Jr. of Taylor's Chapel; Sister Sharon Bone Kelly of St. James P. B. Church, Huntsville, Alabama and Minister Mark Bone of Judah Temple of Praise,

Nashville, Tennessee.

Reverend Dr. C. Jermaine Turner's message topic was, "The Power of Faith", taken from Daniel 3:16.

Other program participants from Taylor's Chapel were Elder Allen Sanders, Jr., Associate Minister, Deacon Robert C, Bullard, Trustee Board Chairman, and Mother Annie B. Scruggs Leslie, Mother's Board President.

Church Anniversary Program Committee Members, all descendants of deceased congregants, were Mother Louise Craighead Jasper, Mother Georgia Mae Garner-Ford and Mother Annie B. Scruggs Leslie.

Services were witnessed

in-person at the church sanctuary on Stringfield Road, via Taylor's Chapel, Huntsville - Facebook Live, and the church teleconference call line.

Submitted by
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HUNTSVILLE AREA MPO Public Meeting Notice

Huntsville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Meetings

The Citizens Advisory Committee of the Huntsville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization will meet Monday, March 14, 2022 at 5:00 pm on the 7TH FLOOR. The Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board meets on Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 4:00 pm on the 1ST floor of Huntsville City Hall located at 308 Fountain Circle, unless otherwise noted on the Huntsville-Area MPO website at www.huntsvillempo.org. To review items on the agenda for this meeting visit: <http://www.huntsvillempo.org/plans-and-reports/> For all other information on these meetings visit: <http://www.huntsvillempo.org/about/meetings-and-agendas/>



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