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ELDER OF THE WEEK

Mother Pearl Harris

"It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it." — Aristotle

Madison City Schools Selects Superintendent

Last week, Madison City School's interim superintendent was selected unanimously by the board to head the nearly 14,000-student system.

Eric Terrell has served the Madison City School System for more than 20 years in capacities ranging from teacher to former principal of Discovery Middle School.



GHIMF to Host Public Candidates Forum

The Greater Huntsville Interdenominational Ministerial Fellowship (GHIMF) will host a free candidates forum on Sunday, August 9, at 4 p.m. at Progressive Union Missionary Baptist Church. The event will be the first of its kind in Madison County, bringing together nine Black candidates appearing on local or state ballots and emphasizing the power of Black voices in this election cycle.

The purpose of the event is to educate the public on who is running, what office each candidate is seeking, and what that office does, giving voters direct access to the people asking for their vote.

The forum will feature candidates for local offices, including county superintendent and judge, as well as state offices, including state auditor, public service commissioner, state

school board, state house, and state senate. Each candidate will introduce themselves and explain the responsibilities of the office they are running for, followed by a moderated question-and-answer session drawn from questions submitted by attendees.

"This forum is needed because our community deserves to know who is asking for their vote and what these offices actually

do," said Rev. Mario Ford, president of GHIMF. "Bringing Black candidates on the Madison County ballot together in one room, in one afternoon, has never been done before. It's historic to have this kind of representation in our local government, and getting to know these candidates is paramount."

Dexter Strong is the principal organizer of the forum and has stressed voter turnout.

Drake, Trenholm Receive NSF Grant

Drake State Community & Technical College, in partnership with Trenholm State Community College and Lawson State Community College, has been awarded a \$500,000 National Science Foundation (NSF) grant for a project named the Semiconductor Exposure, Exploration, and Development (SEED): Collaborative to Broaden Participation in STEM Education.

The grant award period runs from October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2029.

This landmark award highlights the collective strength of three of Alabama's Historically Black Community Colleges as they work together to identify innovative strategies that expand access to

STEM education and prepare students for emerging opportunities in the semiconductor and advanced technology sectors.

The SEED Collaborative aims to create new pathways for student engagement, exploration, and career development in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), while strengthening institutional capacity to support workforce needs in

one of the nation's fastest-growing industries.

This NSF investment reinforces the importance of realigning and elevating applied science pathways to meet the nation's growing advanced manufacturing needs.

This investment also recognizes the applied sciences as a vital connector across traditional STEM disciplines, strengthening both workforce preparation and scientific

discovery by fostering interdisciplinary approaches that translate theory into innovation within the semiconductor and advanced technology sectors.

"This award reflects a shared commitment among our institutions to broaden participation in STEM education and create transformative opportunities for students," said Dr. Patricia Sims, president of Drake State Community & Technical College.

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Here are the top issues and events in Washington, D.C., for this week:

1. CONGRESS. The Senate has one last week of session before it adjourns until Sept 14, while the House is already on week #2 of its 5-week recess. Yesterday (Sunday), the Senate Appropriations Committee released a stopgap spending bill (known as a “continuing resolution”) that generally maintains spending at FY2026 levels through Dec. 11 when the new federal fiscal year begins on Oct. 1 (the House passed a stopgap 2 weeks ago through Dec. 4). Notably, the Senate measure contains language to halt a pending OMB grants termination rulemaking that would grant binding authority to all 41 federal grant-making agencies to cancel grant awards at any time if they are inconsistent with evolving agency priorities, program goals, or the broader national interest. The CR also fails to provide \$1 billion requested by the White House for a new “Trump Class” battleship. Last week, the Senate Judiciary Committee canceled a scheduled vote on Todd Blanche’s nomination to be Attorney General due to opposition led by GOP Sens. Cornyn (TX) and Tillis (NC) to the \$1.8 billion anti-weaponization fund and the tax immunity deal for the President, his family, and his businesses that The New York Times estimates could save them over \$100 million in potential tax penalties and liabilities stemming from past filings (breaking news: last night, the Justice Dept sent documents disavowing the

fund and clarifying that the President’s immunity deal would only apply to past tax returns and would not prevent future audits.

2. EXECUTIVE BRANCH. The President is demanding that Senate Majority Leader John Thune (R-SD) cancel the Senate’s upcoming August recess until it passes the SAVE America Act, the strict proof-of-citizenship voting bill. Last Saturday night, the President announced that he was canceling planned strikes against Iran because he says a new peace deal is imminent.

3. SUPREME COURT. The Supreme Court has ended its 2025-26 term and will reconvene for the 2026-27 term on Monday, October 5. Last Monday, the White House asked the Supreme Court to allow it to fully implement an executive order that seeks to impose additional restrictions on mail-in voting, after the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 1st Circuit denied the government’s request to intervene in a lower court’s June 25 order prohibiting the federal govern-

ment from implementing the mail-in ballot and state citizenship list provisions for the Nov. 3, 2026, elections in the 23 states and D.C. that had filed the lawsuit.

4. EDUCATION. The Senate HELP Committee (Health, Education, Labor and Pensions) voted 21-1 on July 30, 2026, to advance the College Transparency Act (S. 2511) out of committee, sponsored by Sens. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) and Bill Cassidy (R-LA). The bill would repeal the current federal ban on student-level data collection and create a new database within the National Center for Education Statistics to track completion rates, post-graduation earnings, net price, and student debt by school and by major. It has broad, bipartisan-adjacent backing from more than 70 organizations. Opposition comes mainly from conservative groups, who frame it as expanded government surveillance of student data. The next step

is a full Senate floor vote, but that’s considered unlikely soon given the August recess and a crowded legislative calendar. A companion bill (H.R. 4806) sits in the House, where the Education Committee hasn’t scheduled a hearing.

5. ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI). On July 29, the Senate HELP Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety, chaired by Sen. Jim Banks (R-IN), held a hearing on the bipartisan AI Workforce PREPARE Act,

which would direct the Labor Department to hire AI experts, launch an AI Workforce Research Hub, and require employers to disclose when AI contributes to mass layoffs. Witnesses largely downplayed fears of mass unemployment, instead noting slower entry-level hiring and warning that AI is more likely to “hollow out” the midlevel roles workers rely on to build skills and advance. Panelists broadly backed the bill but called for standardized data definitions to better link AI adoption to

hiring and wage outcomes. Ranking Member Sen. Hickenlooper (D-CO) also signaled forthcoming legislation to fund regional partnerships among educators, industry, and training providers for AI-era credentialing and apprenticeships.

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Opening Doors to History: How One Huntsville Evening Connected Two Remarkable Legacies

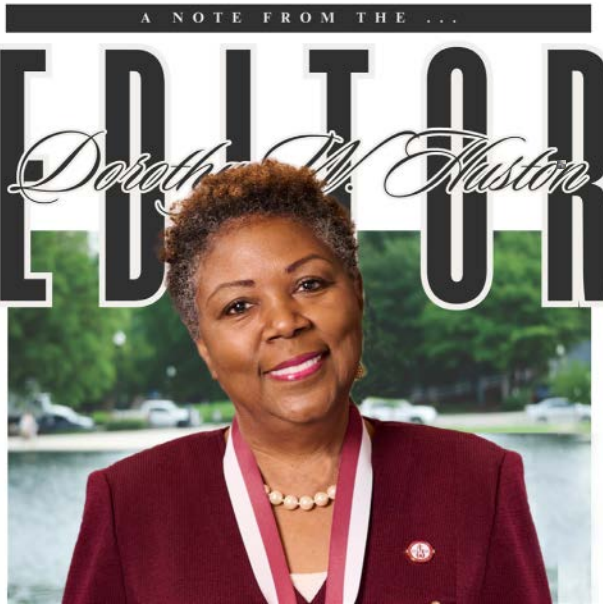
One of the greatest gifts a community can offer is the opportunity to discover something new about its own history while strengthening connections with institutions that have shaped generations of leaders. Such an opportunity recently unfolded in Huntsville when Cathy and Bill Stender graciously opened the doors of their historic home, Poplar Grove, to welcome Dr. Sandeep Mazumder, the

leadership, and lifelong relationships. For many who attended, the evening offered two delightful discoveries. The first was Poplar Grove itself. Although many Huntsville residents pass by historic properties every day, few know the remarkable stories they hold. Poplar Grove stands as a reminder that our city’s rich architectural and cultural heritage deserves to be preserved, celebrated,

located just about 100 miles from Huntsville in Northwest Georgia. Founded in 1902 by the visionary Martha Berry, the college was established on the belief that education should develop the “head, heart, and hands,” combining academic excellence with meaningful work, leadership, character, and service. That philosophy continues to define Berry College today and has inspired generations of graduates to lead lives of purpose.

For Cathy Stender, a proud member of Berry’s Class of 1977, hosting the college’s newest president was more than an alumni gathering. It was a heartfelt expression of gratitude for an institution that helped shape her life and an opportunity to introduce fellow Huntsvillians to the enduring mission of her alma mater. It was also a reminder that alumni never truly leave the institutions that helped form them; they carry those values into their communities, their careers, and their service to others.

The evening also welcomed Berry College’s ninth president, Dr. Sandeep Mazumder, whose leadership embraces Martha Berry’s enduring vision of educating students to become leaders



who strengthen their communities through integrity, service, and compassion.

Events like this remind us that higher education is about far more than classrooms and degrees. Colleges and universities create lifelong communities that transcend state lines and generations. They inspire graduates to become ambassadors for learning, hospitality, and civic engagement wherever life takes them.

Perhaps the greatest lesson from this memorable evening is that remarkable stories often exist much closer to home than we realize. Hidden behind the gates of historic homes, within the traditions of distinguished colleges, and in

the lives of generous people like Cathy and Bill Stender are opportunities to learn, connect, and grow.

Communities become stronger when history is shared, friendships are cultivated, and education is celebrated. By opening both their home and their hearts, Cathy and Bill Stender did more than host a reception—they created an evening that honored the past, celebrated the present, and inspired the future.

That is how legacies are built—one open door, one meaningful conversation, and one act of hospitality at a time.

Until next week ...

Dorothy



new president of Berry College, for an elegant evening of fellowship and conversation. Joining the Stenders as hosts were Berry College alumni Margie Tomlinson (‘76) and Wesley (‘01) and Meghan Crunkleton, creating a warm gathering that celebrated education,

and shared. Opening such a treasured home to guests reflected a generosity of spirit that transformed an ordinary reception into an unforgettable experience.

The second discovery was Berry College—one of the South’s most distinctive liberal arts institutions,

AUGUST 7 - JALEN HURTS - Jalen Alexander Hurts is an American football quarterback for the Oklahoma Sooners. He previously played for the Alabama Crimson Tide. Jalen Hurts’ parents are Pamela and Averion Hurts. Hurts has two siblings: a younger sister, Kynneddy, and an older brother, Averion, named after their father. Jalen’s brother, Averion, was the starting quarterback for Texas Southern University and is now a youth football coach. Hurts’ parents still attend his football games every week.

- BlackCelebrityBirthdays.org



Spiritual Game Plan

Valley Weekly
PRESTON BROWN'S

Today's Spiritual Game Plan: "Roses Among Thorns"

Philippians 4:8 says, "Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable, if anything is excellent or praiseworthy think about such things."

Someone once wrote that "Some people complain because God put thorns on roses, while others praise Him for putting roses among thorns."

We are living in a time where, if we are not careful, it will become increasingly easy to see the bad things going on in our lives and harder to recognize all the good things. I realize that there is perhaps a reason for this. In the United States, there seems to be so many things that separate us. We are separated by our race, by our political stance, and by our social status. It's enough to make you lose your mind and ask, "When will it all end?" The answer is this: it doesn't end. However, there is hope. Our hope is in Jesus. Our hope is in our ability to ask Jesus to change the way we feel about the things that we cannot control. Our

hope is in looking at life the same way that Jesus looks at us, which is through the lens of love and forgiveness. That's when real change will come.

Real change only comes through the renewing of our minds. That's why the apostle Paul was right when he said, "If anything is excellent or praiseworthy, think about such things."

For most of us, it's easier to be bitter, but much harder to be better, because being better requires more effort on our part. It's easier to be angry and stay angry than it is to love and forgive one another. Remember that being angry only leads to hate, and you can never rise above the thoughts that you have in your head unless you replace these thoughts with better ones.



My hope for all of us is this. As we experience things that cause us to be bitter, let us view life through the lens of love and forgiveness and remember to "praise God for putting roses among thorns."

May God grant you spiritual success in seeing roses among thorns.
Question: Do you see

the glass of water as half-empty or half-full?

Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters, and make sure you purchase a copy of my books, *Spiritual Game Plans for A Successful Life* and *A Champion Game Plan for Life*, at amazon.com.

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Funeral service for **MR. HARVEY FOOTE IV** (b. 1973) will be Saturday, August 8, at St. Rebecca P. B. Church, 330 Grimwood Road, Hazel Green, Ala., at 12 noon.

Funeral services for **MRS. ARLEAN MEADOWS** (b. 1931); **MS. MILDRED A. SCRUGGS** (b. 1942) and **MR. ROBERT TOWNSEND** (b. 1933) are incomplete and will be announced at a later date.

Funeral service for **MR. GLENN BINFORD** (b. 1965) was Saturday, August 1, at Lakewood Church of Christ, 2813 Mastin Lake Road NE, Huntsville, Ala.

Celebration of Life for **MS. REBECCA JAMERSON** (b. 1940) was Wednesday, July 29, at Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral service for **MRS. HATTIE S. JORDAN** (b. 1925) was Saturday, July 25, at Nelms Memorial Funeral Home.

Funeral service for **MRS. LUCILLE JORDAN** (b. 1953) was Saturday, July 25, at Nelms Memorial Funeral Home with Pastor Phil Ford officiating.

Public viewings for **MS. MILDRED A. SCRUGGS** (b. 1942) were held Wednesday, July 22, and Thursday, July 23.

Funeral service for **MRS. MARY MCDONALD** (b. 1952) was Sunday, July 19, at Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church, 292 Cemetery Road, New Market, Ala.

Funeral service for **MR. ROBERT EARL TOWNSEND** (b. 1933) was Saturday, July 18, at St. James Primitive Baptist Church with Rev. Joe L. Hereford, eulogist, and Elder Patrick Arrington officiating.

Funeral service for **MR. REGINALD LAVELL RANDOLPH** (b. 1976) was Friday, July 17, at Pine Grove Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. Lance Kelly officiating and Pastor Dr. C. Jermaine Turner as eulogist.

Funeral service for **MS. TAMARA RECHELLE ANDERSON** (b. 1977) was Thursday, July 16, at Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church in Harvest, Ala., with Pastor Jackie Wilson officiating and Pastor Emeritus Annias Green as eulogist.

Funeral service for **MS. JEANETTE SANDERS** (b. 1952) was Friday, July 10, at Nelms Memorial Funeral Home with Pastor Larry Davidson, Jr. officiating.

The Three Hardest Words in Leadership

Organizations don't lose trust because they make mistakes.

They lose trust because leaders refuse to admit them.

In Tuesday, July 21. New Jersey Governor Mikie Sherrill provided a refreshing leadership lesson.

After her administration discovered that a software error had mistakenly placed approximately 6,600 non-citizens on the state's voter rolls, she did not deny the problem, minimize it, or hide it.

Instead, she publicly acknowledged it, ordered the voter rolls corrected, initiated an investigation, and committed to replacing the vendor responsible.

Whether you agree with her politically is beside the point.

The leadership principle deserves our attention.

In my forthcoming book, 7 Steps to Transform Your Leadership, Managing Ego for Success, I introduce what I call the T-O-P Model:

Target the problem.

Identify it honestly instead of pretending it doesn't exist.

Own the problem.

Responsibility is not weakness. It is the first sign of mature leadership.

Proceed to solve the problem.

Words restore confidence only when they are followed by action.

The Ego Path

Ego takes a different path.

It denies.

It deflects.

It blames.

It spins.

Healthy leadership doesn't waste energy protecting an image. It spends its energy solving the problem.

The public is remarkably forgiving of honest mistakes.

What it struggles to forgive is denial.

The Three Hardest Words in Leadership

Perhaps the three hardest words in leadership are not "I was wrong."

Perhaps they are:

"We found it."

"We own it."

"We're fixing it."

That is the difference between protecting an ego and protecting the public trust.

Tim Allston

Leadership Player-Coach and Four-time Amazon Best-Selling Author, "Leading from the Middle"

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Millennial Moment

by Gloria B. Caldwell

TREES OF LIFE: The Still Tree ...

The show is over.

The lights are off.

The audience is gone.

The costume you wore so well all week is on the floor and it's just you now. No performance. No composure. No carefully constructed version of yourself that everyone else gets to see.

Just you. And the dark. And the quiet.

And no peace.

I watched a tree during that storm that was remarkably still. While everything around it was whipping and bending and losing branches — this one was calm. What did it have that the others didn't?



It wasn't size. It wasn't location. It was connected to something the wind couldn't touch.

That's the whole series right there.

You can address your fragility. You can build your foundation. You can identify your weak spots and shore

up every gap. And still come home to a dark house with no peace — because you have been trying to go it alone. Managing your storm. Maintaining your image. Running your life like God is a last resort instead of a first response.

There is no peace without Him. Not real peace. Not the kind that holds when the lights go out and nobody is watching and it's just you and the truth of where you actually are.

The still tree wasn't performing stillness. It was connected to the source.

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6 p.m.

August 7-9

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August 8

Celebration of Life for Mrs. Nell Lane Bradford
Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church
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Rev. Dr. O. Wendell Davis,
Pastor | Rev. Dr. Mitchell M.
Walker, Sr., Officiant
12 Noon

August 9

Sundays on the Greenway
Tennessee Valley River Greenway | 4-5 p.m.

August 15

Huntsville Tea Fest
Annabella at Cedar Glen
www.huntsvilleteafestival.com
Huntsville, Ala. | 2-9 p.m.

August 17

"Throw Your Rope Across the Fence"
Career Mentoring and Networking Ministry Meeting
First Missionary Baptist Church
3509 Blue Spring Road NW
Huntsville, Ala. | 1-3 p.m.

August 18

Concert
Goo Goo Dolls
The Orion Amphitheater
Huntsville, Ala. | 7:30 p.m.

August 22

Concert
Parker McCollum
The Orion Amphitheater
Huntsville, Ala. | 7:30 p.m.

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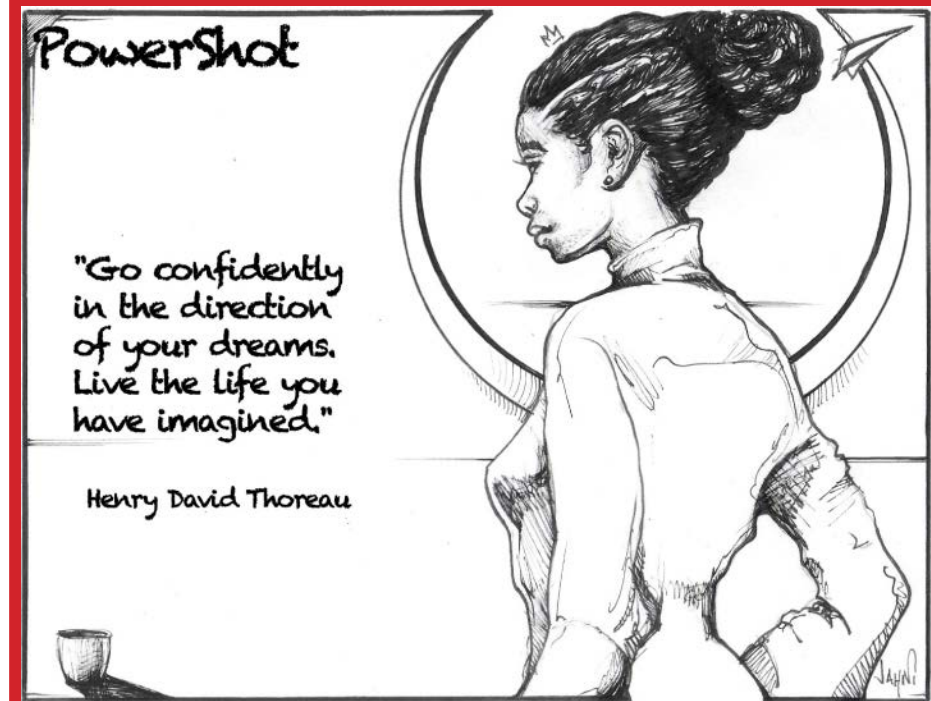
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9:30-11:30 a.m.

September 11

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Mother Pearl Harris

Lady Hattie Pearl Harris is a native of Forest, Mississippi, where she was the fifth of 10 children born to Mr. Henry Jones and the late Mother Annie Mae Jones. She graduated from East Scott High School in Lake, Mississippi. She is a licensed evangelist in the Church of God In Christ (COGIC).

Dr. Harris serves faithfully in various capacities in her local church, as well as on the district and jurisdictional levels. She has served diligently and faithfully in the gospel ministry for 31 years with her loving husband of 41 years—founder and pastor of True Light Church of God In Christ (Blessed Hope Ministry), Superintendent Dr. Terrell Harris, Jr.

Dr. Harris is the proud and blessed mother of three wonderful children—Apostle Derek T. Harris (Renee'), Trudy Harris Moore (Charles) and Mark Christopher Harris, all truly miracles from God. God graciously fulfilled Psalm 113:19 in her life: "He maketh the barren woman to keep house, to be a joyful mother of children. Praise ye the Lord." She

is also blessed with four beautiful grandchildren. In November 1972, Dr. Harris received Jesus Christ as her personal Savior and was later baptized and filled with the precious gift of the Holy Ghost. Dr. Harris believes in fasting and prayer, and she has a victorious testimony that prayer changes things. A loving, kind, caring and God-fearing woman, she has been anointed by God to teach the unadulterated word of God in power and to minister to young, hurting women.

She is founder of "Personal Touch Ministry," which is divinely designed to bring healing, deliverance, restoration and hope to young women whose lives have been changed by neglect, rejection, divorce, depression, emotional hurt, poor self-esteem, brokenness, loneliness, abuse, guilt, as well as from suffering silently through the disappointments of unfulfilled potential and unrealized dreams and aspirations.

Dr. Harris is a conference and seminar speaker and teacher, as well as a facilitator, counselor, encourager, motivational speaker, administrator and organizer. A retired educator, Dr. Harris was an elementary teacher, principal, curriculum specialist for federal programs,



and conflict resolution trainer. She is president of the Ministers Wives Guild on the local and district level. Dr. Harris is the executive director of O. L. Meadows School of Ministry, main campus, Birmingham, Alabama, and former president of the Jurisdictional Sunshine Band. She is the recipient of many awards and accommodations.

She holds an Associate of Arts degree, B.S., M.E., Certification in Administration and Supervision, Certificate in Theology, and an earned Ph.D. degree in biblical counseling.

Dr. Harris graciously embraces Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me."

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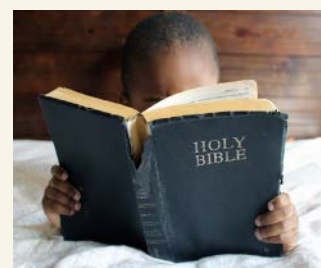
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Sunday, August 9, 2026
Eleventh Sunday
after Pentecost



(Track 2, Year A)

First Lesson:

1 Kings 19:9-18

Psalms 85:8-13

Second Lesson:

Romans 10:5-15

GOSPEL:

Matthew 14:22-33



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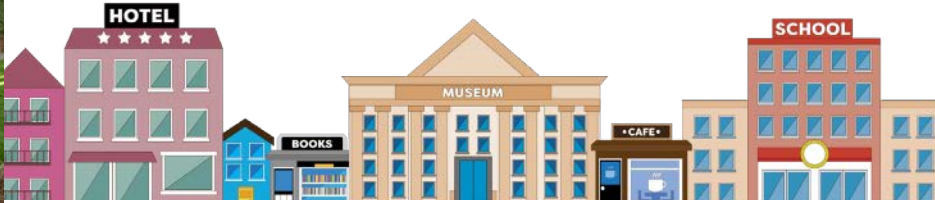
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Bill & Cathy Stender Host College President at Their Home

- Dr. Sandeep Mazumder -

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AUNT IRMA MAKES IT PLAIN ...

Renting Our Way Through Life

My grandmother used to say, “Baby, if you have to keep asking permission to use it, it probably isn’t yours.”

She never imagined smartphones, streaming music, or heated seats that might require a monthly subscription. Yet her words seem strangely appropriate today.

Every generation is shaped by its defining moments. Baby Boomers grew up believing that ownership was the cornerstone of the American Dream. You bought a house, drove it until the wheels nearly fell off, owned your records, your books, your tools, and hopefully retired with a paid-off mortgage. Ownership represented security.

Then came the Millennials.

They entered adulthood just as the Great Recession shattered confidence in jobs, banks, and housing. Before they had fully recovered, COVID reminded them that the world could change overnight. Their lesson wasn’t “buy more.” It was “stay flexible.”

Businesses noticed.

Music became a subscription. Software became a subscription. Movies became a subscription. Automakers began exploring subscriptions for features once included in the purchase price.



Developers filled skylines with apartment complexes designed for renters rather than homeowners.

None of these ideas is inherently bad. Streaming music is remarkably convenient. Renting can make sense for students, young professionals, retirees, and families who need mobility. Flexibility has real value.

But Aunt Irma wonders whether we’ve quietly crossed an invisible line.

There is a profound difference between paying for access and building ownership.

The monthly payment for an apartment helps pay

the property taxes—but it also helps someone else build equity. The payment for a streaming service buys entertainment—but no asset. The fee for software provides useful tools—but nothing to pass on to your children.

Little by little, we may be teaching ourselves that it is normal to pay forever and own very little.

The question isn’t whether subscriptions are good or bad. It’s whether they begin to replace every meaningful opportunity for ordinary families to accumulate wealth.

The American middle

class was built not merely on income but on ownership—homes, businesses, retirement investments, and sometimes a family farm or a small storefront. Those assets appreciated over time and became the foundation for the next generation.

If fewer people own appreciating assets, who benefits from the rising value? Increasingly, it may be corporations, investment funds, and institutional landlords.

Perhaps the challenge for younger generations is not to reject subscriptions



altogether but to be intentional. Rent convenience when it makes sense. But own something that grows while you sleep.

Because one day, your grandchildren may not re-

member which streaming service you used or what features your car unlocked.

They’ll remember what you left them.

And that’s a subscription worth canceling.

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