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"Wealth is not the fruit of labor but the result of organized, protected robbery."

- Frantz Fanon

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Women's Group Sponsors Daddy-Daughter Dance at HBG

The Huntsville chapter of the National Hook-Up of Black Women, Inc. (NHBW) will hold the Daddy/Daughter Dance on Friday, August 30, at the Huntsville Botanical Garden Grand Room (\$25).

NHBW is a national, nonprofit 501c3 organiza-

tion established in 1974 to improve the lives of women and their families through support of the arts, culture, health wellness, education, and human service programs. For additional information, contact Eleanor Burks, president, at (256) 746-7293.

AAMU English Professors Compile Top 100 Reading List for 2020

The Top of the Hill Literary Society at Alabama A&M University has announced its 2019-2020 "Top 100" Reading List.

"The group finished an awesome inaugural year and has developed a reading list that includes a few titles from the previous year with many additional authors and genres," says Marlyn Thomas, chair of the Society. "The group is excited to continue its mission 'to encourage and promote the reading and discussion of literature within the AAMU community,' by challenging it to read titles throughout the academic year and over the

breaks."

Inspired by The Great American Read and The Big Read national literacy programs, the Society was formed in spring 2018 as one answer to engage the campus community during a widespread period of underfunding of the liberal arts.

Members include Professors Gatsinzi Basinyinzi, Cheryl Carpenter (co-chair), Jessica Temple, Judith Hayes, Theresa Wesels, Tracy Golston, Charlotte Teague, Linda Woods and Johnnie Hargrove.

Visit "News" on the AAMU website at www.aamu.edu.



Wellness Fair Scheduled for Calhoun

The 19th Annual North Alabama Health & Wellness Fair will be held on the Huntsville campus of Calhoun Community College from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday, September 28.

The activity will host free medical screenings, healthy living seminars and other healthy activities. Spanish interpreters will be

available, as well as healthy snacks and door prizes.

The event is being sponsored by 100 Black Men of Greater Huntsville, Asha Kiran, The Links, LULAC, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and Calhoun Community College.

The Health & Wellness Fair is free and open to the public.

The Valley Will Observe India Festival

The India Festival - Ray of Hope event will be held Saturday, August 31, from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at the Von Braun Center North Hall.

The India Festival is a cultural event to support a non-profit community-serving organization, Asha Kiran.

India Festival showcases the heritage, culture, fashions, arts, cuisine, handicrafts, and merchandise of India.

The cultural event aims to promote the cultural richness and diversity in Tennessee Valley through a wide range of entertainment programs, educational activities and much more in this day-long event.

The festival features keynote speaker Arun M. Gandhi, grandson of the late Mahatma Gandhi, who was known for non-violence and peaceful resolution to political conflicts.



The late Mahatma Gandhi was a source of inspiration to world leaders such as the late Nelson

Mandela of South Africa and the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., of the United States.

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Ms. Linda Burruss

from the Guest Editor

On Sunday, August 11, 2019 a "Conversation" at First Presbyterian Church included panelist: Rev. Dr. Tara Bulger, Reverend Travis Collins, Reverend Dexter, Reverend Dr. Ellin Jimmerson, Cleveland Wilson, Rev. T Michael Goldsmith, and Yalitza LaFontaine.



United Against Hate

In our darkest times, we look to our community and faith leaders for guidance. Please join us at this necessary community forum addressing how people of faith and faith leaders can combat ideologies of hate and violence.

Sunday, August 11th
Forum 4:00-5:30 PM
Refreshments 5:30-6:00
First Presbyterian Church
307 Gates Ave.
Huntsville, AL 35801

Conversation Comments ...

- Ignorance is not a sin but the willingness to embrace and perpetuate it is a sin.
- There is an epidemic of despondency and loneliness in this country leading to people looking for affirmation by scapegoating individuals and communities. They believe their happiness is dependent on the hate of another person or group.
- We need to identify in order to repair people who are damaged.
- We have domesticated God. We want God to have traits that are more advantageous or desirable to our own needs. Maybe you're terrified that if your eyes are opened to see everything in the light of truth, the reality is that you will have to change.

• People are disillusioned because the church is not radical enough beyond the four walls on Sunday. Make your church uncomfortable.

• Call out lies. We have to have people engage in critical thinking and provide correct history.

• Have you benefited from the stewardship of privilege? Many of us have privilege we did not earn. We need to leverage our privilege for the benefit of those who do not have it.

• Politicians repackage Jesus into what suits their agendas.



- Linda Burruss

Memo to Nancy Pelosi:

“Neither History nor Success Need You” - According to Ants and African Americans Read Proverbs 6:6-8

Congress' August recess began with 118 of the 235 House Democrats having called for President Trump's impeachment - 23 since the Robert Mueller July 24th testimony -

And all without their leader, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi.

While that occurrence might befuddle some, a quick review of entomology and human history confirm not only this lack of novelty, but also its apparent successes.

King Solomon advised:

“Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider her ways and be wise, Which, having no captain, Overseer or ruler, Provides her supplies in the summer, And gathers her food in the harvest” Proverbs 6:6-8, NJKV.

Ditto 20th-century African Americans, . . .

In her book, *The Warmth of Other Suns*, Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Isabel Wilkerson revealed one of human history's greatest and least chronicled mass migrations: from 1915-1970, an estimated six million African Americans freed themselves - from the Jim Crow South to eastern, midwestern and western U.S. - also without a leader.

Yes with no Moses, Martin (King), Marcus (Garvey), Malcolm (X), Medger (Evers) or (Elijah) Muhammad!

. . . Et al

Wilkerson: “The actions of the people in this book were both universal and distinctly American. Their migration was a response to an economic and social structure not of their making. They did what humans have done for centuries when life became untenable - what the pilgrims did under the tyranny of the British rule . . . what the Irish did when there was nothing to eat, what the European Jews did during the spread of Nazism . . . They did what human beings looking for freedom, throughout history, have often done. They left.”

When people are seeking a better life, they exit tyranny and don't need the coaxing or directing of a leader.

Just the un-seen hand of a loving God.

tim allston is the author of the free book, 7 Steps to Manage Ego Problems: The How-to Guide for “Someone Else,” free and downloadable now at www.GetEgoHelpNow.org.

RJF Scholarship Recipient Completes HCC Internship

Justin Fletcher, a 2019 recipient of the Rosetta James Foundation Scholarship Award, recently completed his summer internship with the Huntsville City Council (HCC), under City Council President Devyn S. Keith, councilman for District 1. Fletcher culminated his internship with a presentation at the HCC August 8 meeting. Fletcher's summer research delved into how the City of Huntsville could better integrate the growing local

Hispanic and Latino community into city government and public service.

A rising senior political science major at Alabama A&M University, Fletcher's research captivated the attention of all councilmembers as each provided their respective feedback.

Fletcher holds a 3.9 grade point average at AAMU and has also been recognized with a scholarship from the AAMU Huntsville Progressive Alumni Chapter. Fletcher is a com-



(From l-r): Thomas Nunez, City of Huntsville Planning Department Manager; Justin Fletcher, Huntsville City Council intern; Councilman Devyn Keith, Huntsville City Council. (Photo submitted by Gary T. Whitley, Jr.)

munity advocate, a native of Madison County and an active member of the Delta Gamma

Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated

Educator Becomes 2020 Einstein Fellow



Amara L. Alexander has been named one of nine K-12 Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) educators across the nation to serve as a 2019-2020 Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellow.

The Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship Program provides a unique opportunity for accomplished K-12 STEM educators to apply their extensive classroom knowledge and experiences to their host offices to inform federal STEM education efforts.

Einstein Fellows will gain an understanding of the role of the federal government in the U.S. education enterprise, knowledge of resources available to students and educators, and broader perspectives

on national education issues that can be applied to the classroom or to leadership positions in their districts or elsewhere.

The Delta Sigma Theta member will serve 11 months at the Library of Congress with the Learning and Innova-

tion Office in the Library's John Adams Building.

In 2016, Alexander was named the Milken Educator of the year for the state of Alabama and received a \$25,000 stipend for the honor. She has taught in the elementary school systems in Madison,

Ala., as a 6th grade science teacher and in Chattanooga, Tenn., as a STEM teacher at Woodmore Elementary School.

Alexander has aspirations to one day serve as the United States Secretary of Education.

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Valley Deaths

- Nelms Memorial Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MS. LORINE NANCE (b. 1949) was held Tuesday, August 13, at Little Flock Primitive Baptist Church with Elder Dennis Green officiating.

Funeral service for MR. DORNELLE D. FRAZIER (b. 1973) was held Saturday, August 10, at New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor Ricky Sykes officiating.

Funeral service for MR. WILLIE GENE JACKSON (b. 1946) (of Conyers, Ga., and formerly of Huntsville, Ala.) was held Wednesday, August 7, at Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church (Auburn, Ala.) with The Reverend Walter Jones officiating.

Funeral service for MR. COY LEE FLETCHER (b. 1949) was held Tuesday, August 6, at Pine Grove Missionary Baptist Church (Harvest, Ala.).

- Royal Funeral Home -

Funeral service for DEACON JAMES ARTHUR SANDIFER, SR., will be 12 noon, Saturday, August 17, at the New Hope Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America (28520 SW Wall Street, Madison, AL 35756) with Reverend Earnestine Gordon officiating.

Funeral service for MS. KAREN LYNNE DAVIS (b. 1965) will be 12:00 noon, Friday, August 16, 2019 at the Northwest Church of Christ (5008 Pulaski Pike NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Brother Timmy T. Smith officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. MARY WRIGHT HUFF MOBLEY (b. 1918) was held Sunday, August 11, at the C.T. Richards Chapel in the Moseley Complex of Oakwood University with Dr. Craig Newborn as eulogist.

Funeral service was held for MR. ROBERT BERNARD SUMMERS, I, (b. 1961) on Sunday, August 11, at the Royal Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral service for MRS. BARBARA ANN ROBINSON STEVE (b. 1958) was held Saturday, August 10, at Royal Funeral Home Chapel.

- Serenity Funeral Home -

MRS. PEARLIE "MAE" HARRIS (b. 1936) passed away on, Tuesday, August 6, 2019. Service arrangements are incomplete and will be announced at a later date by Serenity Funeral Home, located at 2505 University Drive NW, Huntsville, Ala.

Champion Game Plan for Life

by Preston Brown

KEEPING YOUR CONFIDENCE AFTER A LOSS

Hebrews 10:35 tells us "So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded."

You know, I believe that anytime we face a crisis situation in our lives, it's not unusual for us to lose our confidence. And, when we lose our confidence, we lose our capability of doing what God has called us to do.

In this scripture, the writer of Hebrews is telling us, "not to throw away our confidence." He is saying, "don't focus on the crisis, but focus on Christ."

Don't focus on your circumstances, but focus

on the one who can save you from your circumstances. You see, one of the things that we all need to realize is that you can lose a lot of things in this



life, but don't lose your confidence.

I remember losing my mother while I was in training camp for the New England Patriots. But I kept my confidence and still made the team that year. I lost my wife Linda of thirty years, but I kept my confidence and

went back to work, and began to preach God's word at the 8:30 praise and worship service at Lakeside United Methodist Church.

I also wrote a daily devotional--"A Champion Game Plan For Life." You see, you may lose a lot of things in life, but if you keep your confidence, God will show you a new day, a new life, and a new direction.

So don't "throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded."

Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters. And, make sure you purchase a copy of my book, "A Champion Game Plan For Life" on www.amazon.com.



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Washington in One Minute



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

1. The House and Senate are in recess until September 9.

2. This week, President Trump is at the Trump National Golf Club in Bedminster, N.J., for a working vacation. On Tuesday, he traveled to Monaca, Pa., (for a trip postponed from last week) to visit the multi-billion dollar Shell Chemicals ethane cracker plant that is under construction in western Pennsylvania, which will

convert natural gas liquids into plastic pellets to be used in manufacturing. On Thursday, he will travel to Manchester, NH for a campaign rally at the 12,000-seat Southern New Hampshire University Arena.

3. The Washington Post reported that last Friday – in the wake of the deadly mass shootings in El Paso and Dayton – senior White House officials held a meeting with representatives from Amazon, Facebook, Google, Microsoft and Twitter to discuss creating

tools that might anticipate mass shootings or predict attackers by scanning social media posts, photos and videos. White House officials asked the tech companies to submit their own recommendations in the coming weeks. In related news, over the past week Politico and CNN have reported that the Trump Administration is working on an executive order to combat perceived anti-conservative bias on social media platforms. The current draft of the order, called “Protecting Americans from Online

Censorship,” would require the Federal Communications Commission to develop regulations clarifying under what circumstances internet social media platforms are protected by the law when moderating content.

4. Marketwatch.com reported on Sunday that Goldman Sachs sent a note to clients predicting that a trade deal with China will likely not happen until after the 2020 presidential election, causing a minus 0.6% to the economy, up from earlier estimates of -0.2%. Its 4Q growth forecast is down to 1.8%, and it warned that fears of a recession in 2020 are growing.

5. The Trump administration is abandoning its appeal of a court ruling earlier this year that struck down Education Secretary Betsy DeVos’ attempts to delay Obama-era rules for online colleges.

6. On Friday, the Justice Department moved to dismiss its appeal that was

pending before the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. The appeal had challenged a lower court’s April ruling, which is now forcing the Trump administration to implement the Obama-era standards for how state regulators must oversee online college programs. Secretary DeVos’ decision to end her appeal comes after she called on the plaintiffs—the National Education Association, the nation’s largest teachers union, and its California affiliate—to drop the case. DeVos had publicly blamed the NEA’s lawsuit for jeopardizing federal financial aid to tens of thousands of students in California last month.

7. Last Friday, USA Today reported that 9 of the Democratic presidential

candidates had qualified for the 3rd Debate to be held at Texas Southern University in Houston on September 12 (and September 13, if necessary): Biden, Sanders, Warren, Harris, Booker, Klobuchar, Buttigieg, O’Rourke, and Yang. In the third round of presidential debates, candidates will need to both reach 2% in four polls and acquire donations from 130,000 unique donors. ABC and Univision are hosting the debate.

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Scientist Gets Circle of Excellence Award

Dr. Ruth Jones was awarded the Circle of Excellence Award from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff National Alumni Association for her achievements in Science/Technology.

Jones was the first female to receive a Bachelor of Science in Physics from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and the second African



American female to receive a Ph.D. in physics in the state of Alabama.

The UAPB National Alumni Association Summer Conference was held in Las Vegas, Nev., on August 1-4, 2019.

Dr. Jones is a 1994 graduate of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and proud member of the Huntsville Alumnae Chapter

of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

DLC Accepting Applications for 12th Cohort

Applications are being accepted for Cohort XII of the Diversity Leadership Colloquium until August 27. Classes will begin September 3 and end October 22, running 6-9 p.m. every Tuesday evening. Graduation will be held on October 29.

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MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

NAACP Holds Voting Rights Vigil

The Huntsville Madison County NAACP Branch held a "Vigil for Voting Rights" on August 6 at Big Spring Park.

The statewide event called upon the local community to join the Huntsville NAACP and American Civil Liberties Union-Alabama to support the Voting Rights Act and to engage Congress to pass the Voting Rights Advancement Act.

"This is important because congress should pass the voting rights advancement act that allows all America equal excess to the ballot box," stated Jerry Burnet, Huntsville NAACP President. For more information, call Jerry Burnet, President, at (256) 655-9330.

Huntsville City Council Meetings



Huntsville City Council's regular meetings are held in the City Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. Council work sessions are also held in the Chambers of the Municipal Building on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. People can sign up for notices of Council meetings and special sessions online at <https://signup.e2ma.net/signup/1825550/1780821/>

For more information, call (256) 427-5011.

Called 2 Preach

by Pastor/Founder Michael D. Rice
Grace Gethsemane Mission Church

Gravitas of Grace

The word gravitas lends itself very well to the concept of grace because of its multiplicity of meanings. Note the list: dignity, seriousness, solemnity of manner, sobriety, authority and weightiness.

Grace properly appreciated and appropriated will always give those who embrace it, a life of gravitas.

Meditation upon this sacred subject in a masticated style will indeed supply food for the soul that will result in stanzas and statements; choruses and compositions of praise and worship.

Take the word dignity, for instance. It was dignity that was given to the woman at the well, and the Gadarene graveyard dweller who was found clothed and in his right mind. Dignity lost; dignity regained.

what Peter displayed as his self-confident boasting melted in the presence of His Master as he received the gracious benefit of the penetrating probe of the thrice-asked question concerning his love of Jesus.

Sobriety? What is more sobering than the lesson learned in Romans 7:18, that there is nothing good that dwells in the flesh? It was



grace's gravitas that gave Paul the authority and weightiness to boast of his work, compared to those "super apostles" who were trying to impress the Corinthians with their so-called superior knowledge

and enlightenment.

My prayer is, "Lord mark my life and ministry with the gravitas of grace."

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Spotlight on Our Elders ... Featuring

Mrs. Ollye B. Conley

As President of Delta Omega Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Ollye B. Conley led in the sponsorship of the first Black Heritage Stamp presentation at the Huntsville Museum of Art, honoring Soror Zora Neale Hurston. She also spearheaded the unveiling of each Black Heritage Stamp thereafter.

Conley was much honored for her educational efforts and numerous successes in the field of education and education administration. The 100 Black Men of Greater Huntsville organization was among the impressive list of organizations bestowing honors to Conley.

The educational administrator further distinguished herself as a sought-after speaker and motivator for several churches and civic organizations in Huntsville and surrounding areas.

She served as the past director of the Bo Mathews Center of Excellence, offering help to students in the field of education throughout northwest Huntsville.



Her numerous organizational affiliations and positions included: principal, Huntsville City Schools (the first African American female since the end of segregation era policies); member, Huntsville Principal Association; member, Alabama Historic Project, Maple Hill Cemetery, Incorporated; 5th District

Co-Chair, Huntsville Bicentennial; past president and regional director, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.; member, Conley Chapel CME Church, Huntsville, Ala.; and many others.

Although she retired, Conley participates in numerous church, civic and educational activities.

Deltas Now Accepting GEMS Scholarship Applications

The Huntsville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is accepting applications for new members for its 2019-2020 Delta Growing and Empowering Myself Successfully (GEMS) program.

GEMS is an expansion of the Dr. Betty Shabazz Delta Academy designed

for adolescent girls ages 14-18 in grades 9-12.

To learn more about Delta GEMS, visit the chapter website or contact

Delta GEMS Chair, LaToya Dorsey at huntsvilledelta-gems@gmail.com.

The deadline for applications in August 23.

"In this country American means white. Everybody else has to hyphenate."

- Toni Morrison

the
miranda
show



Miranda is a graduate of Lawrence County High School.

LogiCore Corporation is a defense contractor specializing in Technical Support Services that include, Logistics, Cyber Security, and Engineering Support Services. Miranda's vision for The Miranda Show is to share her experiences, as well as shine a spotlight on the entrepreneurial spirit and ecosystem in North Alabama.

The show airs on WAFF channel 48, immediately following the evening news on Sundays and available via ROKU and AMAZON.

the
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This is a new local televised conversation focused on entrepreneurs, innovators, and leaders in Alabama. "Our purpose is to shine a spotlight on the evolving entrepreneurial spirit and ecosystem in North Alabama, and continue to develop leaders and entrepreneurs, while building upon the foundation of lessons learned and the wisdom of others".

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Audiences: Students, Entrepreneurs, Startups, People with an interest in strong leadership

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The premiere season of the show will highlight interviews with Madison Mayor Paul Finley, Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle; and business leaders including Amanda Howard, Tracy Jones, and Deborah Barnhardt, to name a few.

If you are interested in being a guest or sponsoring an episode, please email media@themirandashow.com