

# The Valley Weekly

“Inevitable is not the same as immediate—and love does not mandate forgiveness.”

– N. K. Jemisin

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## IMS Celebrating 50th Anniversary of Community Support

The Huntsville-based Interfaith Mission Service (IMS) is celebrating 50 years of “Bringing Faiths Together.”

To celebrate the past as well as to imagine the future, say organizers, IMS is going all out for

its annual Celebration and Awards Dinner on Tuesday, September 24, at the UAH Conference/Training Center Exhibit Hall at 6 p.m.

Rabbi Rami Shapiro will speak on “The Future of Faith.” Community award

recipients for 2019 include Peter Meister, Rosa Ortiz, AAUW and Real Fathers Making a Difference.

For more information, visit [www.interfaithmissionservice.org](http://www.interfaithmissionservice.org); call (256) 536-2401; or e-mail [ims@knology.net](mailto:ims@knology.net).

## Fourth ‘Jazz in the Park’ Scheduled

The fourth Jazz in the Park event will be held September 22 at Big Spring Park East, Downtown Huntsville, at 5 p.m.

The concert headliner will be Jeffery Smith, while the activity will be opened

by the Rocket City Jazz Orchestra. In the event of rain, the event will be moved to the Public Safety Complex (former Johnson High) on Pueblo Drive.

The concert is totally free and open to the

public, sponsored by the City of Huntsville, Lexus of Huntsville, Redstone Federal Credit Union, Alabama A&M University, Bryant Bank, Drake State, WZDX, WJAB, WHRP and Bankston Mobile Homes.

## A&M Day Party 2.0 to Benefit Retention

One Alabama A&M University Homecoming event will allow supporters to party with a purpose. Day Party 2.0, set for Friday, Oct. 4, near the Stadium, will feature Lacey Case, Juvenile and Willie Clayton (\$30). Proceeds will benefit student retention via scholarships. Visit [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com) or call (256) 372-8344.

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## Nobel Laureate to Speak at AAMU

The annual Putcha Venkateswarlu Memorial Lecture at Alabama A&M University, widely known as the Nobel Laureate lecture, will be held on Tuesday, September 24, at the Dawson Building Auditorium at 3 p.m.

The 2019 presenter is Dr. Venkatraman Ramakrishnan of the University of Cambridge. He was awarded the Nobel Prize in 2009 in chemistry, along with Thomas A. Steitz and Ada Yonath “for studies of the structure and function of the ribosome.” He currently serves as president of the Royal Society in London, England.

The scientist will speak on “The Quest for the Structure of the Ribosome, the Machine that Reads Our Genes.”

A reception will follow in the Clyde Foster auditorium at 5 p.m.

## Black Chamber to Host Annual Business Conference and Expo

The North Alabama African-American Chamber of Commerce (NAAACC) is celebrating its 25th anniversary.

NAAACC will host the 24th Annual Business Opportunity Conference & Expo on Friday, September 20, at the Doubletree Suites, located at 6000 Memorial Parkway, SW, Huntsville, Ala., from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

The theme will center around “Passion, Productivity, Perseverance, Business Success.” The conference agenda includes a one-hour exhibit setup beginning at 7:30 a.m. Attendees will be welcomed by NAAACC officials at 8:30 a.m., and the general session will start at 8:45 a.m. Other activities include the awards luncheon at 12 noon; business break-out sessions from 1:35-4:30 p.m.; and vendor exhibits.

The awards luncheon speaker will be Fitzgerald Washington, secretary



Washington

of the Department of Labor, State of Alabama. Washington has served as a past Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama, where he helped create the Minority Business Council. Other community involvement includes the Druid City Business League, Black Warrior Council Board, BB&T Bank Advisory Board, Board of Visitors for the University of Alabama College of Continuing Studies, and DCH Health Systems Foundation Board of Directors.

“He is happiest, be he king or peasant, who finds peace in his home.”

– Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

# Washington in One Minute



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

1. The House and Senate are in session this week. The House will vote on a continuing resolution to keep the federal government open through late November 2019 when the new fiscal year begins on October 1 (to date none of the 12 annual FY2020 appropriations bills have been sent to the President for his signature) and, among other bills, vote on legislation to ban pre-dispute arbitration requirements, commonly found in employment agreements, corporate contracts, and even the apps one downloads on a smart phone. The Senate will continue work on the FY2020 appropriations bills and this week took up in committee the FY2020 Transportation/HUD, Agriculture, and Financial Services appropriations bills. Last week, the Senate Appropriations Committee approved the FY2020 Energy & Water and Defense appropriations bills, but abruptly yanked the

Labor/HHS/Education and State/Foreign Operations bills when it became clear that Senate Democrats intended to offer amendments pertaining to abortion services.

2. On Monday, President Trump presented the Presidential Medal of Freedom to ex-Yankees relief pitcher Mariano Rivera; met with Bahrain's Crown Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa; and then departed for an evening campaign rally in Rio Rancho, NM (near Albuquerque). On Tuesday and Wednesday, he traveled to California for a series of fundraisers, starting with a Wednesday lunch event in Palo Alto, an evening event in Beverly Hills and, on Thursday, an event in San Diego. On Friday, he hosted an official visit and state dinner for Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison and his wife, Jenny (only the 2nd state dinner of the Trump Presidency).

3. On Tuesday and Wednesday, the Federal Reserve's Federal Open Market Committee was expected to cut interest

rates by another quarter point at its September meeting.

4. On Thursday, Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) began a three-day college tour through North and South Carolina, including stops at three historically black colleges and universities — North Carolina A&T State University, Benedict College and South Carolina State Univer-

sity. The tour also included public events at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Winthrop University. He discussed his plan to cancel all student loan debt and make public colleges and universities tuition-free. Those joining him included national campaign co-chairs former Ohio Sen. Nina Turner and Ben Cohen of Ben & Jerry's, and national surrogates rapper Killer Mike, activist Phillip Agnew, actor Danny Glover, and professors Dr. Cornel West and Dr. Adolph Reed Jr.

5. Last Thursday, the House Judiciary Committee voted along party lines to approve a resolution defining the rules of the panel's impeachment investigation, the first vote the committee has taken related to the potential impeachment of President Trump. The resolution, which does not need to be approved by the full House, gives Judiciary Committee Chair Jerrold Nadler (D-NY) the ability to deem committee hearings as impeachment hearings, allows staff to question

witnesses at those hearings for an hour after members conclude, gives the President's lawyers the ability to respond in writing to public testimony, and allows the committee to collect information in a closed setting.

6. Also last Thursday, the Trump Administration finalized a regulation repealing the Obama-era "Waters of the United States" rule that was at the time of its promulga-

tion in 2015 purported to be a clarification of federal water jurisdiction, but came to be seen as an overly-burdensome expansion of the definition of "waters of the United States" under the Clean Water Act.

Many farmers and businesses complained that the Obama rule expanded the federal jurisdiction to seasonal streams, ponds, ditches, and even low spots in fields that are dry through most of the year.

There were also complaints that landowners could be fined \$50,000 per day for violating the rule.

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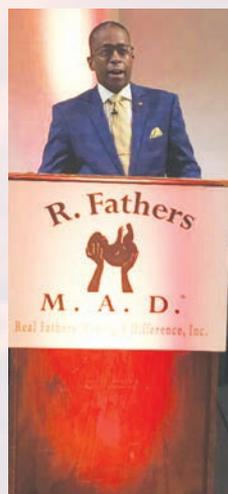
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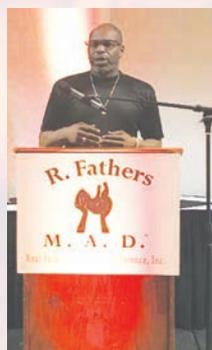
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Mastin Lake Road/University Drive)

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## DLC Cohort XII Member Publishes Book

A member of the ever-expanding Tennessee Valley Diversity Leadership Colloquium (DLC) has published a thoughtful self-improvement book.

*Organic Authenticity: Be Ready, Be Bold, Be Fearless* by Gentry C. Simmons is a

book that encourages the reader to be ready for a life well-deserved, to blaze paths, and the approach life's circumstances with fearlessness.

Simmons serves as community services manager at Madison County Commission, District Six. Prior to joining the Commission, she served as the program director of Pathways to Employment GED at Dearborn YMCA



in Mobile, Ala. Other work experience includes adjunct instructor, Department of English and Foreign Languages, Alabama A&M University (AAMU); literature instructor, AAMU University Upward Bound; adjunct instructor, Oakwood University; and language arts teacher, Madison City Public School and Lawrence County School Districts.

She earned the B.S. degree in English and history and the M.S. in English education from Alabama A&M University, and the M. A. degree human services executive leadership from Liberty University.

*Organic Authenticity* is available at amazon.com.

## AKAs Issue Call to Action Honoring Nat'l Voter Registration Day

The International Connection Committee calls on members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® to recognize National Voter Registration Day on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 by continuing to implement the sorority's 2018-2022 voter engagement campaign, AKAs L.E.A.D. (Learn, Empower, Advocate and Decide).

The AKAs L.E.A.D. campaign charges Sorors and chapters to ensure that we learn the issues impacting elections, empower citizens to exercise their right to vote, advocate for voter protection laws, and decide elections by increasing voter turnout through

voter education, registration, and mobilization events. Below, please find suggestions to assist with planning voter engagement initiatives:

Register Chapter Members: Help Sorors verify that they are registered to vote and plan to register 100% of chapter members before the state's deadline; Partner with Undergraduate Chapters: Collaborate with sponsored undergraduate chapters to develop plans to mobilize undergraduates on college campuses to register to vote;

Canvass the Community: Host canvassing activities to walk in targeted



## Tips for Late-Summer Gardening

(BPT) - Summer may be winding down, but a new opportunity to garden is just beginning. Plenty of vegetables and flowers can be grown successfully in late summer and into fall, so it's a great time to refresh with plants that either thrive in slightly cooler weather or are easy to bring indoors once the temperatures start to drop. **Savor the flavors of fresh grown herbs.** With Pesto Party basil from Burpee Plants, you can have your own actual pesto party! Bring the basil indoors when there is danger of frost and keep the plant handy in a sunny spot in the kitchen so you can simply snip off leaves as you're

cooking and entertaining. Just be sure to leave some foliage on the plant so it will continue to grow.

**Enjoy seasonal, fresh from the garden vegetables.**

Kale Storm from Burpee is not only tasty, but it's lovely to look at in your garden with its purple, green and blue-tinged leaves. It can be planted either in the ground or also works well in a decorative patio or porch planter for those with limited space.

**Like a bit of variety in your salad?**

Burpee's Gourmet Blend offers a long harvest range, and it includes five different types of lettuces in one plant for a truly varied and delicious salad selection.

**Add color and a festive look to your porch, patio or garden.** Available in a variety of autumnal hues, Cool Wave Pansies are a great choice to brighten outdoor space for the season.

To get some colorful perennials thriving in your garden, late summer is a great time to grow flowers like fragrant Lavender, frilly Dianthus or pollinator favorite Echinacea.

Don't give up on gardening just because summer is coming to a close. There's time to plant and enjoy the most colorful - and delicious - season of the year. Visit burpeehomegardens.com and wave-rave.com.

zations) and promote April 1, 2020 as Census Day.

National Voter Registration Day is a national holiday celebrating our democracy and the right to vote. AKA must not only ensure that our members and communities are registered to vote in upcoming local, state and federal elections, but we must also promote the importance of participating in the 2020 Census., Sorors, now is the time to respond to the urgency of this moment, uphold the sorority's legacy of social activism and ensure that AKAs L.E.A.D!

Resources for Voter Engagement Action Plans

There are many organizations that provide resources, tips and guidelines for voter registration activities. Check out some of these resources to develop voter and census engagement plans:

When We All Vote: <https://www.whenweallvote.org/>

United States Census 2020: <https://2020census.gov/en>

NAACP Website: <http://www.naacp.org/pages/civic-engagement-resources>

League of Women Voters Website: <http://lww.org/issues/educating-and-engaging-voters>

## Champion Game Plan for Life

by Preston Brown

### HAVING A CLEAR VISION FOR YOUR LIFE

In Mark's gospel, chapter 10:50-52, it says, *Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him. The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see." "Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.*

Do you have a vision for your life and can you explain your vision? Whatever your answer is, just remember that when we begin to "partner" with God, our vision will become clear, because there is something that God wants to "stir up" in all of us and make the vision that we have come alive.

As we look at this scripture, blind Bartimaeus realized that he was about to get the opportunity of a life time,

because Jesus was coming by. So he wasn't about to just sit there quietly. He decided to shout his request out loud:

"Son of David, have mercy on me" (Mark 10:48). So because of this, Jesus stopped for this one man and

healed him. Jesus stopped because everyone else was trying to push him aside. You see, it was his faith that Jesus was interested in. He wasn't interested in his perfection, he was interested in his participation.

Participation is the thing that attracts the presence of God into our lives. It is our participation that helps us with the vision that we have for our lives.

Having a clear vision for your life begins with the question, "what do you want God to do for you?" When we look at our scripture we see that Bartimaeus just wanted to see. So, I

believe that your vision for your life starts with seeing all the possibilities that God can do for you and through you. Because up until this point in our lives, we have seen what we can do in our own



strength. But now is the time to see what God can do for us. Ephesians 3:20 says, *Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us ...* Just remember, when we let go and let God do what he can do for us, amazing things will begin to happen ... Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters.

Make sure you purchase a copy of my book, "A Champion Game Plan For Life" at amazon.com.

## The Valley Weekly Calendar of Events

**Thru October 31**  
Tuskegee Photographer  
P.H. Polk Exhibit  
State Black Archives  
Alabama A&M University  
Wilson Building  
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**September 22**  
Theresa Caputo  
TV Personality/Medium  
TLC's "Long Island Me-

dium"  
Von Braun Center - 3 p.m.

**September 28**  
19th Annual North Alabama Health & Wellness Fair  
Calhoun Community College/Huntsville Campus  
8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. (Free)

**October 4**

Day Party 2.0  
Alabama A&M University  
*Featuring Lacey, Case, Juvenile and Willie Clayton*  
(Between Stadium and North Police Precinct)-\$30  
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**October 6**  
Asha Kiran  
"Human Chain"

### Spotlight on Our Elders ... Featuring

## Dr. Katie W. Byrd

Dr. Katie W. Byrd has led a life replete with extensive community volunteerism and leadership for more than four decades.

Her diligent service as a Sunday School teacher spanned more than 40 years and her affiliation with worthwhile organizations and associations is legendary.

Dr. Byrd rendered service to The Normal Historic District Preservation Association at Alabama A&M University; The Mary M. Chambers Heritage Trail (AAMU); The Links Incorporated, Greater Huntsville Chapter; Delta Sigma Sorority, Incorporated; The Harris Home for Children and its Foundation; and many others.

An exemplary and revered leader, Dr. Byrd served as Board President of the Harris

Home for Children, and she served on the Board for six three-year terms. Other leadership examples are manifested by her affiliation with the Community Action Agency, for which she served as Board President and devoted two three-year terms; the United Way of Madison County, serving as Secretary to the Board and Chair of Planning and Allocations (8 years); and state recorder for the Alabama Women's Political Caucus, State Recorder. Dr. Byrd was vice president of the Madison County Women's Political Caucus; vice president and co-founder of the Alabama New South Coalition, Huntsville Chapter; and vice president, Madison County Democratic Executive Committee, District 19. She conducted and/or participated



in more than 25 voter registration campaigns.

Professionally, Dr. Byrd devoted 25 years to executive leadership in federal government administration and management. Her contributions to higher education were achieved through faculty assignments at The Pennsylvania State University, Alabama A&M University and Oakwood University.

## How Can You Make Your Money Last During Retirement?

Like many people, you might be concerned about having enough money to cover your retirement years. What can you do to help alleviate these fears?

Your first move is to create a retirement income strategy. As part of this strategy, you'll need to ask yourself a few key questions.

First, how much of your overall retirement income will come from your investment portfolio, including your IRA and 401(k)? These accounts are important, but you don't want to rely exclusively on them, as their value will fluctuate.

Second, how much can you afford to withdraw from your portfolio each year? Since this withdrawal rate is a key factor in how long your money will last, you'll want to make sure you don't take out too much, especially during the early years of your retirement.

And third, how many sources of income can you count on? You'll have Social Security, but you may require another income stream.

Answering these questions can help you create a strategy to ensure your retirement income will last – for as long as you need it.

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## Perspectives on EGO-holism by tim allston

9-12-19 Black-on-Black Love: Hampton University Offers Free Enrollment, Room & Board to University of the Bahamas Students Displaced by Hurricane Dorian (Part 1)  
Read Matthew 25:40-45

### WHAT?

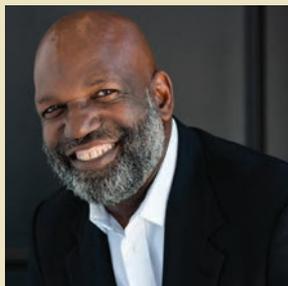
In an effort to help those students and families affected by Hurricane Dorian, HU entered into an agreement with the University of the Bahamas-North to allow displaced students to continue their education on HU's campus.

### WHY?

"I think this agreement is something that can be helpful to a great number of students and families, and is part of something I've tried to do my entire career – helping people to achieve and meet their goals," said Hampton University President, Dr. William R. Harvey (Brewton, AL native).

### WHO?

Dr. Harvey and Dr. Rodney Smith, University of the Bahamas President, the former HU Administrative Vice President and Chief Planning Officer, came to this agreement after Hurricane Dorian battered the Bahamas with high winds and rain for more than two days, causing extensive damage and several deaths.



### HOW?

Students from the University of the Bahamas-North will be able to attend classes at Hampton for the fall 2019 semester, receive room and board for one semester, and will have the option to stay at Hampton once the semester is over at regular rates for tuition and fees.

### WHERE?

"Hampton has been the educational choice for many Bahamians over its long history. I am grateful to President Harvey and university leadership on this demonstration of kindness and humanity to my home in our time of need," said Lawrence Rigby, (c/o 2015), 2014-2015 Student Government Association President from Nassau, New Providence. "Young Bahamians from Abaco and Grand Bahama who are looking for the tools to rebuild their lives and our home will find them at Hampton."

For more information, please contact the HU Office of Admissions, 757-727-5328. (Adapted from HU Office of University Relations)

tim allston (HU '77, '95) 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](http://www.GetEgoHelpNow.org).



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## NAAACC Monthly Meetings

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The meeting location varies.

Contact Alfred Adams, [alfredg.adams@naaachamber.org](mailto:alfredg.adams@naaachamber.org), or call (256) 564-7574.

## 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/>

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# Called *2* Preach

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

## When Your Favor Causes Fervor

1 Samuel 16:18;  
18:5-9

Life presents us with a plethora of paradoxes.

Those who do not learn how to navigate through them often end up bitter over that which is designed to make them better.

One of those troubling paradoxes is when your favor causes fervor. In other words, when someone else

gets jealous because of how God blesses you.

Taking a page from the life of David, we see just how quickly people can turn against another, simply because, as it says in 1 Samuel 16:18, the LORD is with them.

David's story not only includes his defeat of Goliath, but also the disgust of Saul over the news that David was getting more

credit for his warrior skills than Saul.

The song that was composed to celebrate that truth, said that "Saul killed his thousands, and David his ten thousands."

Saul's previous impression with David, quickly turned to depression when it became apparent that the LORD was with him.

One lesson from this is, some people can only celebrate another's success when their success does not exceed their own.

How did David handle that? He dodged the spears but remained faithful to his assignment. God's favor does not cease simply

because it raises someone else's fervor; He remains faithful and observes the faithfulness of the one receiving His favor.

So often this is a test and preparation for a promotion. So, what is one to do when your favor causes fervor? Remain faithful.

**NEXT WEEK:** "Spiritual Gifts: Tools for Service ..."



*Conquerors live in dread of the day when they are shown to be, not superior, but simply lucky."*

- N. K. Jemisin

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## MADISON COUNTY COMMISSION PARTNERSHIP FOR MEDICATION ACCESS

SeniorRx helps seniors lower their monthly prescription drug bill by enrolling individuals in Patient Assistance Programs directly through the pharmaceutical companies. This allows individuals to receive their name-brand prescriptions for free or at a discounted cost.

### Qualifications:

- A Madison County Resident
- 55 years old or older -OR- Disabled (any age) in the 24-month Medicare waiting period -OR- Doctor has declared individual as disabled (at any age)
- Take medications daily for a chronic condition
- Have no prescription drug coverage -OR- Are in Medicare Part D Coverage Gap
- Meet pharmaceutical company maximum income requirements (differs by company)



### 2019 Federal Poverty Guidelines

250%	1/Household	\$30,350
	2/Household	\$41,150
300%	1/Household	\$36,420
	2/Household	\$49,380
400%	1/Household	\$48,560
	2/Household	\$65,840

Funding is provided by the Madison County Commission and the Alabama Department of Senior Services through the TARCOG/Area Agency on Aging

# Valley Deaths

- Nelms Memorial Funeral Home -

2501 Carmichael Avenue NW - Huntsville, AL 35816  
(256) 539-8189

Funeral service for MRS. JENNIFER BRIGGS JACOBS (b. 1961) will be Saturday, September 21, at 12 p.m. at Journey Church (9640 Meridian Street - Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Sharon Keffler officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. VIOLET ALICE ELIZABETH WILSON (b. 1929) will be held Sunday, September 15, in Bermuda. A memorial service will be held later at the Oakwood University Church (Huntsville, Ala.).

Funeral service for MR. WILLIAM EARL PINCHON (b. 1960) was held Saturday, September 14, at the Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Michael Helton officiating.

- Royal Funeral Home -

4315 Oakwood Avenue - Huntsville, AL 35810  
(256) 534-8481

Funeral service for PASTOR JOSEPH EUGENE HARRIS (b. 1942) will be held at 11 a.m., Sunday, September 22, at the Oakwood Seventh-day Adventist (5500 Adventist Boulevard) with Pastor Carlton Byrd officiating.

Memorial service for MR. RODERICK BERNARD WASHINGTON (b. 1964) will be held at 12 noon, Friday, September 20, at the Hopewell Baptist Church (2315 26th Avenue North, Birmingham, Ala.) with Reverend Steven D. Little officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. MARY ELLA THOMPSON BLANKENSHIP (b. 1944) was held Saturday, September 14, at Union Hill CP Church in America (3126 Nevel Drive NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Dr. Edward Anderson officiating.

- Serenity Funeral Home -

2505 University Drive NW - Huntsville, AL 35816  
(256) 539-9693

Funeral service was held Monday, September 16, for MR. AUSTIN MEKHI DUCKWORTH (b. 2019) at Serenity Funeral Home Chapel, 2505 University Drive NW, Huntsville, Ala.)

Funeral service for MR. DWAYNE "DADDY WAYNE" ROSS (b. 1969) was held on Saturday, September 14, at Serenity Funeral Home with Pastor C. Jermaine Turner officiating.



## UCCA Honors Education

Union Chapel Christian Academy Foundation, Inc., invites the public to attend the "Celebrate Education" on Thursday, September 26, 2019, at 7 p.m.

During this salute to education, local college presidents, Dr. John L. Clay (Huntsville Bible College), Dr. Andrew Hugine, Jr. (Alabama A&M University), Dr. Leslie N. Pollard (Oakwood University) and Dr. Patricia G. Sims (J.F. Drake State Community and Technical College), will be recognized for their outstanding achievements in education.

Mrs. Nell Lane Bradford will receive the Lifetime Achievement Award.

The evening will begin with a reception for the honorees at 6 p.m., in the Boone Lacy Fellowship Hall and will be followed by the message for the evening by Dr. Don Darius Butler of First Missionary Baptist Church. The event will be held in the main sanctuary.

Music will be provided by the University of Alabama - Birmingham (UAB) Gospel Choir.

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