

Springfield Chronicles 2021 Winter Edition

December 19, 2021



Reverend Dr. Kevin Sturdivant



We're counting down to Christmas. Counting down to the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Counting down to marking His entrance into the world. Counting down to celebrate God's greatest gift to mankind. Counting down to the chance to re-live the impact His life has had on ours. Counting down. Notice, I've said nothing about presents, toys, or trinkets. That's because what we celebrate is not just an event, it is a Person.

Fred Hammond said it this way,

"Manger-born but on a tree,

You died to save humanity,

You are the Living Word."

Keep this in mind as you count down. I promise it will help reduce the stress some of us feel around this time of year. Let the love, joy, and peace that Christ brings reign in your heart this time of year!

If we focus in the right place, we'll understand that Jesus is the reason for the season. In all that you do, now and always – KEEP JESUS FIRST. As you do, you'll be living out the words of one of my favorite Christmas songs,

"Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills the every where,

Go tell it on the mountain,

That Jesus Christ is born."

Merry Christmas



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Once again, I greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ! Christmas time is one of my favorite times of the year, not because I am looking to receive gifts, or trying to justify purchasing a gift for myself...because it is Christmas. Don't get me wrong, I love to give gifts, but it is always a dilemma for me in seeking gifts for others because I don't' want to give a gift just to "feel-good" about giving one. It has always been my heart's desire to give gifts that would have special meaning. I have



searched stores to see if something stood-out that would really be a blessing to the recipients. I believe I am not the only one that has experienced this.

As I have approached my senior years, the Lord has blessed me to see so many things that I have taken for granted, but now see with such a humble heart, I am emotionally moved with gratitude. The perfect gift for fallen humanity as foretold in *Isaiah 9:6 (AMP) "For to us a Child shall be born, to us a Son shall be given; And the government shall be upon His shoulder, And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."*

I am so thankful for a Mighty, Loving, Wise and Gracious Heavenly Father, who knew in His infinite wisdom, that sinful man needed a gift that would not just be for a season, but for all time. The gift of His son Jesus, true royalty, to come in such a humbling way, live among us and to teach us how to live with everlasting hope.

The Gift God gave us in His Only Begotten Son, had a purpose for us, in the beginning because Jesus said in John 10:10 (NKJV) **"I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundant-***Iy."* In my life I have received gifts from family, friends, employers, and fellow employees and have been truly thankful for all of them for two reasons; they did not have to give me anything and they were thinking of me. Once you accept our Heavenly Father's Gift of His Son "Jesus," you will also receive the gift of the abiding "Holy Spirit" that brings into your life as promised in the book of Galatians 5:22-23 (NKJV) "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law." This cannot be purchased or substituted but can be lived.

I am so thankful for the gift of Jesus Christ and the Life Instruction Manual of His Word, "The Holy Bible." We are encouraged in 2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV) "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Once we apply the instructions we were given, we find that our life is continually evolving with so much promise that whatever we may face in life, we have the Blessed Assurance of

Romans 8:28 "(*NIV*) "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

I not only pray you a most Blessed Merry Christmas, but I can assure you with confidence that if you have accepted his Perfect Gift from our Heavenly Father, you will experience the best life changing gift you could ever imagine!

As always, know that I love and appreciate you through my gift of "Jesus the Christ," my savior.

Deacon James Gibson II



The Birth of Jesus Christ

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ^[a] took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed^[b] to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

²³ "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel"

(which means, God with us). ²⁴ When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵ but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.



"JESUS is the Reason"

By Johnny Ray Moore

poet & children's author

Wintry morn, snowflakes born Firewood stacked for burning Glistening eyes, fun sleigh rides Yuletide songs for learning. Mittens here, scarves are near Coats all set for wearing In the street, snow quite deep Climate for the daring. Gifts to wrap, hugs, perhaps Precious souls to cherish Countless kin, ushered in Must not let love perish. Strangers too, thought you knew Should be free to mingle Love is blind, so unwind Happiness to sprinkle. Christmas Day, on the way Carolers a singing Shoppers race, face to face Joy bells just a ringing. Decked-out tree, all must see Hearts are full of laughter Pumpkin pie, fish to fry So much food, hereafter. Wise Men trek, neck to neck Searching for that star Endless joy, here once more Greatness from afar. In the air, I declare It's that time of season Minds are clear, lots of cheer JESUS is the Reason!!!



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WELCOME SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

Christians, come welcome this glorious season Yes, the sayings true, "Jesus is the reason", So many years went by but God kept his holy prophecy That His hand would bring the world a Savior not by man's incomplete philosophy. From Adam's fall in Genesis the 15th verse of chapter three The woman's seed would work for us a miracle, the world would not believe It happened in Bethlehem, the virgin Mary did conceive. By the power of the Holy Ghost, a baby called Emmanuel God with us, who'd also be in us, the angels couldn't wait to tell. They told it first to the shepherds, but the Word was already released To kings and men of great knowledge following a star from the east. Oh yes, welcome the joy this season that will always bring No pandemic, evil, or tragedy will prevent songs thousands of churches sing Joy to the Word, Hark the Herald Angels and Oh Holy Night Even the devils tremble and fall back, filled with trembling just about out of sight We thank God the Father for giving His creation another chance for eternal life So we'd become, this foundation, the church, the pure and triumphant wife Of Jesus, the babe, the man, creator and ruler of everything Oh, praise Him, children of God's salvation, the Magnificent King! Merry Christmas Springfield Baptist, we've been blessed this year, Show your faith, embrace your love, Christmas 2021 is Here. I love this family called Springfield Baptist. Thank you for loving me. Sister Betty Smith





Trailblazer Interview – Veronica Scott (Histor-E-Buff")

What sparked your interest in becoming a historian?

I was curious about historical events as a child in school especially during Black History Week, which later became Black History Month in 1976. I would also listen to my family members talk about family, local and nation events that would raise my curiosity.

As a student at UNC-Charlotte my interest in our history and heritage was truly peaked. My college best friend, the now Rev. Carolyn Briggs, urged me to take some of the Black Studies courses being offered. As fate would have it, the second semester of my freshman year found me attending those classes mesmerized, yet frustrated, and angry, because this intriguingly valuable information had been suppressed, concealed, untold, and/or under-told during my twelve years of grade school.

Upon my Dad's death in 1999, we discovered packed away in boxes and suitcases, a wealth of family, local and national historical documents, and mementos. It was then that I really prize and collect bioteciael pieces for my percented family collection.

started to intensely research, organize, and collect historical pieces for my personal family collection.

How long have you been SBC Historian?

I've served on the History Committee, now Ministry, since around 2014. I was asked to serve by the late Rev. Daniel Sanders due to some research info that I had discovered about Springfield and had shared with him. As time went on, I was selected to serve as Vice-Chair and later, in my current role of Chair. In 2016, I had the great privilege and honor to serve as the Chairperson of Springfield's 150th Homecoming Celebration. I was given a vision by God of what that should look like and was blessed with a wonderful team of fellow SF members with great ideas and enthusiasm to bring it to fruition. It has been and continues to be exciting for me to learn of, be a part of and share Springfield's ever-evolving unique history. I believe that it's important that we capture our history as it develops through documentation, photos, videos, books, and interviews with our older members for future generations to access as we today learn of Springfield glorious past.

Have you ever witnessed history in the making?

One of the last babies born in Raleigh's historic St. Agnes Hospital in December of 1960. It closed in April 1961 after Blacks were formally treated and/or admitted to the former Wake Memorial Hospital (WakeMed). When I was 2 ½ years old, my father, Abe Scott, Jr. participated the August 28, 1963 March on Washington (MOW). There was a photo of Daddy playing checkers that sat in the living room for years. I didn't learn until I was in my 20's that it was taken the night before the MOW. My Mother, Lillie Ruth Griffis Scott was the owner/operator of Scott's Grill, one East Martin Street, in the Thompson/Hunter Community of South Raleigh during the early 1960's, when segregation was still alive and well and our people couldn't eat at many of the White owned eating establishments. Momma's sister, Lucille was the owner/operator of The Crossroads Inn, a small motel and restaurant that served the Black community in the historical South Park Community on the former Old Smithfield Road, now Martin Luther King Boulevard.

As a student at St. Aug's, my oldest sister, Peggy participated in the sit-in marches at Woolworth's in Downtown Raleigh, in 1960, the year I was born. My sister, Chyrle, was one of the first Black students to integrate and graduate from Enloe High School as well as being the first Black to star in the leading role of the Senior class play. I served as a *"Teen Baker Backer" campaigner for former Sheriff John H. Baker in his successful quest to become Wake County's first Black Sheriff since Reconstruction in 1976. In May 1990, I was the last member to join Springfield in the church across the street, which now functions as the Community Center. I also was amongst the first new members to receive the Right-Hand of Fellowship in the new sanctuary, which currently serves as the James A. Gibson Fellowship Hall. Served as Team Captain for both Springfield's inaugural Women's and Coed Softball Teams. I played first base. We also fielded Men's and Children's teams. The Children won several trophies for their outstanding play. We played at the former athletic field belonging to Ebenezer Baptist Church on Rock Quarry Road near Battlefield Road. Participated in the first (1st) MLK Day March and Celebration activities in the Raleigh area.*

Any fun fact you'd like to share?

February was chosen to celebrate Black History Week/Month as a tribute to President Abe Lincoln and Frederick Douglass' Birthdays, not because it's the shortest month of the year. The raising of fingers still used in some of today's modern-day churches as a gesture of being excused stemmed from slavery. The raising of one finger signaled to the slave master that the slave was going outside to urinate, better known as "doing Number One (1)." The raising of two fingers, indicated that the slave would be defecating or "doing Number Two (2)." These two gestures were used so that the slave master could gauge about how long the slave would be gone. If it took any longer, then the slave would be suspected of running away. Please help me spread the knowledge, so we can stop blindly carrying out this ritual.



A Glimpse of a Picture Journey

Through The Eyes of A Histor-E-Buff











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NEW CAES SCHOLARSHIP HONORS CHARLES WHITAKER '68 FOR HIS LIFETIME OF WORK IN AGRICUL-TURE

The newest scholarship offered by College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences honors an N.C. A&T graduate who has worked with farms and farmers for more than half a century.

The Charles Whitaker Sr. Endowed Scholarship will support CAES students with demonstrated financial need and a GPA of 3.0 or better. The first scholarship could be awarded as soon as next fall.

The scholarship was a birthday surprise from the family of Charles Whitaker Sr., who turned 78 on Oct. 27. Whitaker said seeing his name on an A&T scholarship means a lot to him.



Kimberly Davis (left), CAES director of development with Charles Whitaker on Oct. 23, 2021, the date when Whitaker's family gave him an early birthday present of an endowed CAES scholarship.

"It signals to me that somebody has seen my desire to help our young people and get them interested in pursuing an education in a field that's going to be the most important field in the world," Whitaker said. With climate change, increasing pollution and shrinking water tables worldwide, he added, "there will be more demands on agriculture in the years ahead than we've ever known."

The scholarship is named for Whitaker, a Garner native who earned his bachelor's degree in agricultural technology from A&T in 1968. Starting with a summer college internship, Whitaker worked for 38 years with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. His first permanent post was as a soil conservationist in Kentucky before returning to North Carolina and climbing up through the USDA ranks.

Whitaker's USDA career took him all over the country. His family lived in Leitchfield, Kentucky; Greenville, Rockingham (twice) and Aberdeen, N.C.; and Washington, D.C. He visited agricultural operations in 48 states — all but Alaska and Hawaii — as well as Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Whitaker retired from the USDA in 2003 as acting director of the department's outreach office (now the Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement). But he wasn't through with agriculture. Two years later and after moving to Raleigh, where he lives today, Whitaker launched the Whitaker Small Farm Group Inc. Whitaker is president and CEO of the nonprofit, which is funded by USDA grants and provides outreach, training and technical assistance to minority and limited-resource farmers throughout eastern North Carolina. The group also assists new farmers and military veterans.

Whitaker's nonprofit provides a number of services. One of them is estate planning to ensure that minority farmers can pass their land down to their heirs. That's crucial, Whitaker said, because Black farmers now represent only about 2 percent of all U.S. farmers today.

"I want to continue to try to the best of my ability and my organization's ability to make some type of stoppage in farms being lost by minority and limited-resource farmers," Whitaker said.

Though Whitaker left Greensboro more than five decades ago, he has kept in touch with A&T. He belonged to the alumni association, cheered on the Aggies in football and made it back to campus for many homecomings.

He also has collaborated with several CAES professors and researchers through his work with his nonprofit. These included a former CAES dean, the late Daniel Godfrey, Ph.D.; former interim dean Donald McDowell, Ph.D.; and professors Osei Yeboah, Ph.D., and Paula Faulkner, Ph.D. A former A&T research associate, Victor Ofori-Boadu, helped Whitaker submit his first grant proposal and remains a crucial member of the farm group's team.

The \$25,000 scholarship endowment was established by Elaine Whitaker, Whitaker's wife of 54 years, and the couple's three adult children: Mark Whitaker, who lives in Largo, Maryland; and Charles Whitaker Jr. of Raleigh.

Marion Whitaker said the family wanted to recognize her father's contributions to agriculture and the university.

"He was always promoting A&T and helping kids identify scholarship opportunities at A&T," she said. "He has helped a lot of kids go to school at A&T. He has been a great supporter of the university, and he always talks about how much A&T has meant to him."



Kimberly Davis, director of development for CAES, said the college is delighted to receive this donation.

"This endowed scholarship not only will benefit deserving students who may need additional financial support, but also will honor Mr. Whitaker's legacy in perpetuity for his contributions to agriculture and N.C. A&T," Davis said.

Elaine and Charles Whitaker in 2019

Source : North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University CAES News

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Ted and Merl begin a life-long

love story. This is a story they can joyously share with their four children, nine grandchildren, and precious great grandson. However, none of this would have been possible without our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

In 2010, Ted & Merl moved to North Carolina. As Merl always asks her family and friends, "What could be better than to live in North Carolina God's country?"

After searching for a church home for a year, the Holy Spirit led Ted & Merl to Springfield Baptist Church. The Lord will always put you in a position to better serve him when the life that you live and the unselfish service you give is apparent to all you meet and greet.



Mr. and Mrs. Ted Wilmore

Ted retired from Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance Company in

2009. But it's difficult to keep a hard working family man still. So in 2011, he returned to the workforce with Nationwide Insurance Company until this present time. God needed a man who is quick to listen and slow to speak but gives a kind word with a genuine smile. Ted faithfully serves on the Personnel Committee at Springfield Baptist Church.

Merl worked for 35 years in broadcasting in charge of commercial advertising and programs. God was only preparing her for his service. Over twenty-five years ago she established Women Encouraging Women Ministries, touching lives across the country. Their success is due to their allegiance to God and each other. As the Lord allowed Merl's beacon of light to continuously shine in Springfield, the late Reverend Daniel Sanders saw her dedication and knowledge of God's word, she was appointed as one of the Senior Sunday School teachers, vice chair of the women's ministry, circle of care, compassionate ministry and a vacation bible school teacher. Merl is a true servant and it is a challenge for her to "say no" when asked to serve. She counts it all an honor and a privilege to participate in the various ministries of the church and to help others in need.

Ted and Merl both live very active lives together and apart. Ted enjoys watching sports and playing golf. Merl enjoys shopping and cooking. They both enjoy spending time with family and friends, watching a good movie together and a nice road trip. Above all, the most important part is at the dawning of each new morning and at the close of each day, they pray and thank God for his many blessings and for keeping them.

Ted's Song: "He Touched Me"

Pearls of Wisdom: "If you can speak you can influence, if you can influence you can change lives." Robert Brown

Favorite Scripture: Romans 8:28 "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

Merl's Song: "May the Life I Live Speak for Me"

Pearls of Wisdom: "Do not worry about anything, but pray about everything."

Favorite Scripture: "I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth." Ps. 34:1



Saint Interrogator



Denise Winters

Denise Winters is a native of Louisburg, North Carolina. She is a wife (John) and mother of 3 daughters: Essence, Monghany, and Dynasty. Denise and her family joined Springfield Baptist Church in 2001. Shortly afterward Denise started working with the Usher Ministry serving as vice president for 6 years and later she was appointed President and has fulfilled this role for the past 10 years. She thoroughly enjoys serving the Lord and greeting SBC's members and friends with a smiling face on Sunday mornings, pre-pandemic. She believes that "For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand, I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness" Psalms 84:10.

In 1984, Denise graduated from Shaw University and earned her bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education. For the past 35 years she worked in Health and

Human Services where her passion was helping others and working with young people. One of her greatest moments was when she went to Ghana with other members from the church to do missionary work. While there she taught bible study to the young children, lived in their village and got to learn more about her African roots. When she is not working or in church she spends her time volunteering with local community groups. For the past 10 years she has volunteered with Meal on Wheels and Wake County Board of Elections where she encouraged people in her community to vote. She also assisted in getting hundreds of North Carolinians registered for the COVID-19 vaccination.

Denise loves spending time with her family, reading God's word, exercising and interior decorating. Denise's favorite scripture is Jeremiah 17:7 "Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is."



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Keysheen we appreciate you sharing your journey with us. Thank you for inspiring the next generation of entrepreneurs among us!

I always had the idea to open a Shaved Ice stand that was for our community since high school. During the Pandemic I was furloughed from my job, and I began to conduct research on the idea with all the time I had. I discovered that there are no Black Owned Shaved Ice stands, and the only Shaved Ice stand that was in Raleigh relocated out of town. I realized that there was a perfect opportunity in the market for me and formed my business on August 10, 2020 at about 2am. It was a blessing for me. Being furloughed was a blessing in disguise. It was a giant leap of faith for me to start a business. However, stepping out on faith was the best thing I could have done. I have had a very successful first year even in the midst of COVID. Without God I definitely would have not been able to have a successful first year. If it were not for my family's help I would NOT have been successful as well. My family invested in me. My family believed in my idea and vision. My family jumped in and helped with no hesitation. They helped me work all of my events. They help me promote, and they help me stay innovative. I first thank The Lord, and then my family for my success. I also thank every single person who has had a hand in my success, my customers, anyone who told me about an event, anyone who told a friend about my business. I couldn't be successful without them.



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Parent: Sis. Kittrell Hinton

Aunt: Sis. Cynthia Hinton











Ewarja Hinton '21MED fell in love with education several years ago as a teacher assistant for an elementary school class. Now, as a supervisor, she has earned her Master of Education in train-

ing and development to create training programs to help her employees better learn and prepare for their own careers.

Learn more about Ewarja Hinton

 Hometown: Raleigh, North Carolina

 Area of Study: M.Ed. in Training and Development

 Activities: Young Adult Ministry leader at Springfield Baptist

 Church, interview prep, resume review, arts and crafts, event planning and traveling.



Ewarja Hinton

Why did you choose the NC State College of Education?

In search of an online program, I chose NC State for several reasons. First, the program provided the convenience I needed, being a 100 % online platform. Also, a coworker of mine was highlighted on the website. I reached out to him to learn more about his experience in the Master of Training and Development degree program, and he provided rave reviews. Lastly, I did not want to be left out of the Pack. Both of my brothers and my sister-in-law all graduated from NC State.

Why did you choose your area of study?

Learning taught by talented instructors who are passionate professionals helps improve employee retention. Training and development has always been my passion. I wanted a more in-depth understanding of adult learning theories, how to improve human performance, how to properly design training programs and to gain the knowledge required to be successful.

What do you hope to accomplish in your field after graduation?

I hope to successfully implement the different authoring tools needed to create training programs. My hope is that I have become a better supervisor as a result of completing this program. Lastly, in the Methods and Techniques of Training and Development course, we created a training program. Creating an actual training course in an area my employees have struggled with throughout my career provided me the certitude I needed to help revamp our training department. I hope to help transform the way we train our employees to increase productivity and performance, leading to higher employee retention and helping them prepare for the next level.

What's your next step? What do you have planned after graduation?

I plan to continue my studies and receive my certificate in human resources. Eventually, I plan to open my own consulting firm, assisting local businesses with the different learning and development skills needed to attract top talent, strengthen internal weakness, increase employees' skills, boost morale and increase customer satisfaction.

How has the College of Education prepared you for that next step?

It takes work and determination to achieve an advanced degree. It's a good sign to employers when employees take the initiative to increase our knowledge. Throughout this program, I gained knowledge, skills and experience to help me both personally and professionally. My soft skills in areas such as communication, decision-making, creativity, teamwork, critical thinking and problem-solving have increased significantly. I have increased my self-confidence as a professional. Learning about performance improvement plans, how to properly write a project plan, how to determine the difference between skill and will and so on has helped increase my confidence as a professional. Vast confidence can lead to greater career advancement.

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Do you have a favorite memory from your time in the College of Education?

In our society, we do not always hear or see about acts of kindness. Right before the pandemic, I had major surgery. This surgery fell in the middle of the semester, and during that time, I was assigned a group project. One of my group members, Christie Long, reached out to me several times to check on me and asked if there was anything I needed during that time. She will probably never know how much I appreciate her kindness for taking time out of her busy schedule to think of me and offer a hand to practically a stranger.

Tell us about an experience you had with the College of Education that had the biggest impact on you or your career.

[Adjunct Assistant Professor] Pooneh Lari is the first person who came to mind when answering this question. I can admit I struggled a bit in the beginning of her of course. We scheduled a meeting via Zoom, and she explained everything I needed to know to complete the assignment. She did not stop there. She followed up with me throughout the semester and provided me with the tools needed to be successful in her course. I would be remiss if I did not shout out Dr. [Whitney] White and Dr. [Donna] Petherbridge, who were also very instrumental in my success throughout this program.

Why did you choose education?

Several years ago, I worked as a teacher assistant in a first/second grade combination class. From the moment I walked into the classroom, I fell in love with education. I worked with three students daily to increase their vocabulary, word pronunciation and the speed in which they read. Witnessing their eyes light up week after week and telling them they passed was priceless. Hard work and determination always pay off in the end.

Source—North Carolina State University College of Education News-written by Janine Bowen

Parent: Sis. Kittrell Hinton

Aunt: Sis. Cynthia Hinton

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Erin Ray graduated December 10, 2021, from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro with a B.S. in Consumer Apparel and retail Studies and a minor in Dance. Erin is the daughter of Bro. Eric and Sis. Jackie Ray.







The National Society of High School Scholars



June 9, 2021

Dear Makaila:

Congratulations! Based on your outstanding academic achievement at Millbrook High School, you have been selected for membership in the National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS), where NSHSS Educator of Distinction, Ryne Jones, has been recognized as a distinguished faculty member. Your hard work has placed you among a select group of students and has earned you this invitation to join other outstanding high school scholars in recognition of your dedication to excellence.

Please join me in congratulating Makaila! This summer Makaila was selected to be a member of the National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS). Additionally, as of November 12, 2021, Makaila has been accepted to (16) universities. All the universities have offered Makaila scholarships with one university offering a 4 year award. We look forward to the great things that God will continue to do in her life. One of our future doctors.

Submitted by: Min. Adrienne Keller (grandparent)

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Hang On-Kierra Sheard

Be Ye Steadfast—Florida Mass Choir—soloist Dolores Cain(1982)

We Are Not Ashamed of the Gospel-Andrae' Crouch

Residue-Jason Nelson

God's Grace—Luther Barnes and the Restoration Worship Center Choir

We're Blessed—Fred Hammond

This Joy That I Have-Shirley Caesar

Wisdom from Springfield's Small But Mighty Members

Who is God to you?

- Daniel: My Friend
- Ayden: My Holy Father, He protects me and loves me.

Why is having a relationship with him important?

- Daniel: He made us and He loves us, so we should love him.
- Ayden: So I won't do the wrong things.

How do you show others your love for God?

- Daniel: Reading the Bible, Going to learn the Word of God, Praising God and Going to church.
- Ayden: By praising Him.

Do you have a favorite scripture? If so, what is it and why?

- Daniel: Philippians 4:13 (I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me).
- Ayden: Matthew 6:9-13 (The Lord's Prayer)

Parents : Rev. Nolan and Sis. Jamie Davis





AYDEN & DANIEL DAVIS 3rd Grade / 4th Grade



AND A CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM ...

As we navigate in this new space the Children's ministry has continued to come up with new ways to keep the children engaged and excited about learning about Jesus. While there have not been any in person visits the children were able to celebrate the season. Check out some of the fun we had from Freeze Dance to Traveling w/Jesus All the Time. But learning how to decorate our tree and why we even celebrate Jesus's birthday was fun also.

The Ministry's continues to focus on:

1-Continue Striving for the salvation of the children

2- Using Bible lessons & stories that point to the Gospel of Jesus Christ to give children more in- depth view of God's redemption plan for our lives.

3- The children will get an understanding of who we are in Christ and how we can always be ready to face any situation.

We need your support in bringing your children whether it is online or in person so we can continue to spread the Gospel to the world.

And if you are interested in being a part of teaching our children or have ideas feel free to share. You truly will be blessed beyond belief.

For more details please visit our website or email children@springfieldbaptistchurch.com

SBC Children's Celebrating God's Greatest Gifts



The Christian Christmas Tree



Luke 2:10-11

Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Make sure as you decorate your tree that you don't forget to decorate your Christian Tree !

Traveling w/ Jesus All the Time



Mary and Joseph traveled while Mary was pregnant with Jesus, so Jesus was with them. We need Jesus All the Time, even when we travel this holiday season. The kids shared what things they needed in their suitcase from Jesus, not material things but those items that last

Newsworthy: timely. important. interesting.

12-Year Old Boy Makes History, Publishes Book About Black Superhero



Julius Faison

Nationwide — Julius Faison, a 12-year-old African American boy from New York City, enjoys reading adventurous books so much that he has written his own book about a Black superhero. When the pandemic struck and he transitioned to virtual learning, he and his mom began working on creative storytelling to further develop writing skills. One story led to the publication of his first book, *Jewels and Stella: The Secret*, which tells the story of Jewels, also a 12-year-old boy, his friends, and his pet bird who are fighting evil to save the world.

Julius attends Durham Nativity School and lives in North Carolina with his mom, dad, brother and a host of animals, including Stella, their pet parrot. In addition to reading, he enjoys playing soccer, chess, gaming, and spending time with his family.

"It was exciting to publish this book. To be honest, when my mom said the story could turn into a book, I was skeptical but I knew she had published before. Each day we added to the story and we worked with a team to bring the book to a reality through Kindle Direct Publishing. When the actual finished book was delivered to our house, I was very proud because of my accomplishment but also because the superhero is Black. I love Greek mythology and usually, the characters are not Black so it is nice to see a character on the cover with brown skin! I plan to donate some of the profit from the sales of my book to my school, Durham Nativity which is a boys' school with predominantly Black and Latinx boys. I also plan to save and invest in new soccer equipment and in coding technology. My dream is for the book to be made into an animated movie produced by a Black company like Tyler Perry productions!"

About Jewels and Stella: The Secret

When immersed in an online video game, a sixth-grade Black boy named Jewels Washington receives a call from a stranger. The stranger then reveals that he hacked his way into Jewel's computer to have a conversation with him. But the things that the stranger tells him leave him completely perplexed and he is forced to question the nature of things around him.

Later, while returning from a school soccer match, Jewels, his younger brother, and his best friend get attacked by several mysterious people. Their eyes and skin glowed red in the dark. As they faced certain death against the inhuman-looking monsters, a strange flying object saves them and vanishes. Slowly mysteries around Jewel's apparent peaceful life begin unfolding, revealing the unthinkable truth behind his strange blackouts and the secrets of his parents. But the real question is, could he ever hope to protect himself and the people he cares about from his schoolmate who declares himself as a powerful warrior from another planet? Read along as Jewels demonstrates his bravery to alter the very fate of mankind from extraterrestrial threats!

Jewels and Stella: The Secret is now available on Amazon.

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Source: BlackNews.com Parents: Bro. Wayne Faison Sr. and Sis. Tomeico Faison *Note—spacing for the above may appear different than the original version of the article.



The vaccination drive is personal for Walmart's Clark

RALEIGH, N.C. — Walmart pharmacy area manager Faith Clark watched her mother die from COVID-19 weeks before the vaccine was released. "She was going to be the first person in line," says Clark. "Because I saw what happened in an ICU room with a patient battling COVID, I vowed to vaccinate as many people as I can and share my mom's story. I love giving COVID vaccines, because everyone has their own reason why they chose to get vaccinated."

The pandemic has changed her pharmacies' operations to care for patients better while protecting them and team members. The first year of the outbreak, Walmart offered senior citizens the opportunity to come at 6 a.m. every Tuesday to shop and get their medications and vaccines with fewer people in the stores. It also offered the option to patients to receive medications via mail and curbside pickup.

"The pandemic also allowed us to be more sensitive to our patients," Clark comments. "Many people were confined to their homes, and sometimes the pharmacy staff was their only interaction. My staff has been amazing during this unprecedented time. Many demands have been placed on all pharmacies, but at the end of the day we have an obligation to serve. Between filling prescriptions, counseling, talking with a nurse or doctor, calling the insurance, making O-T-C recommendations, and

administering vaccines, it can get overwhelming; however, my motto is 'One patient, one prescription at a time.'"

The public response to Walmart offering COVID vaccines has been nothing short of amazing, she says. When Walmart offered vaccines by appointment only, the slots filled up within minutes. Now that it gladly accepts walk-ins, "it's a daily constant flow. We have vaccinated families of seven at one time. which is awesome. I have seen burdens and fears lifted after giving vaccines. I have seen people cry because they finally got their shot. I spoke to people who were on the fence initially and convinced them to get vaccinated, which comes from trust we have built with our patients. That's why it's important for me to have that relationship with each one of my patients."

Patient care is Clark's first priority, always. Walmart encourages each health care professional to work at the top of their license. This has included training pharmacy technicians to administer vaccines where allowed, giving pharmacists more time to focus on direct patient care.

And Walmart Wellness Day offers free blood pressure, glucose and cholesterol screenings. "This effort benefits many who do not know their numbers and don't visit a doctor regularly," Clark says. "I've had success stories from these events. Also, we love all of our associates and want them in good health as well, so we have associate COVID-19 and flu vaccination clinics."

Moreover, Clark has been a volunteer on a state and local level administering vaccines. "I was so fortunate to have vaccine clinics for my church and the surrounding communities. Also, a group of us on the local COVID-19 strike team traveled to Meals-On-Wheels recipients' homes and administered vaccines in the comfort of their home. This experience was the most impactful."

At Walmart, pharmacies also offer MTM. "I call patients and ask why they haven't had their metformin filled and remind them the medicine won't work if they don't take it. They may say, 'I took it for a few days and stopped and tried it again, but my stomach gets upset every time.' That's when I provide education and counseling to limit the GI effects. We may also contact a prescriber to ask if they'd like to prescribe a 90day supply of medication for a patient for better patient compliance or adding a statin drug for a diabetic."

For patients, medication counseling is vital. "For example, a doctor may tell you to take a medication three times a day but doesn't know that you are a bus driver," says Clark. "If the medication is sedating, to the extent the bus driver shouldn't drive, for example, pharmacists can communicate back with the prescriber on whether there is an alternative. We love helping people understand their medications and facilitating solutions in collaboration with prescribers." Generally, patients' health care teams consist of doctors, nurses, medical assistants and insurance companies, she notes. "Communication is the key, because it takes all parts for a patient to have the best health care."

And Clark's absolute favorite part of her job is the interaction with people — the relationships. The public may not see all of those, because oftentimes the work with a prescriber or an insurance company is done behind the scenes to facilitate a seamless patient experience.

Clark knew she wanted to be in the medical profession for as long as she can remember, having watched the movie Outbreak and seen many family members battle diabetes and heart disease. But in her last year of college when her professor asked what career she had chosen, she didn't have a clue.

"My professor, Mr. Gilbert Tripp, asked me what I thought about going to pharmacy school," Clark recalls. She subsequently was accepted into the Pharm.D. program at Campbell University, which she entered in August 1999. She started as a pharmacy technician with Walmart before moving into a pharmacy internship. "My first few years as a pharmacist I traveled to many stores



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as a floater, and in a short time I was given the opportunity to be pharmacist in charge. It was during that time I was recognized for my managerial skills and my ability to spark change." Today, she is not only a pharmacy manager but also a pharmacy area manager.

Her mentor at Walmart, and "cheerleader, the one who pushes me daily and sees my potential, is Ronnie Willard. He has been my health and wellness market director all of my nearly 22 years with the company. He listens when I need to vent, he corrects me when needed, he allows me to manage my pharmacy, and he trusts me to cover our market in his absence."

MAMA'S CULINARY SKILLS PASSED DOWN

Wyoma's fascination with cooking stems from a long tenure that first began in her mother's kitchen when she was only 12 years old. Learning to cook hot homemade buttermilk biscuits for her father was important as she became indoctrinated to meeting her parents' high "culinary expectations." Barely tall enough to reach the stove top was a problem her late mother, Emma Jones Jacobs, resolved by having her young daughter stand on a wooden milk crate. Realizing that her mother needed help to support a family of fourteen siblings, she did all she could.

Wyoma participates weekly in the Riverfront Market in Wilmington, North Carolina, where you can find many of her specialty jams, canned jellies, pickle vegetables, canned fruits, and a variety of baked goods. Many of the jams



she markets are made using fresh herbs, spices, like clove, cardamom, cinnamon, basil, thyme, and various types of hot peppers.

Many of her creations have won multiple North Carolina State Fair and Market ribbons along the east coast. Loving cooking competitions is a joy because Wyoma enjoys hearing the wonderful comments from customers who are experiencing any of her items for the first time.

This year Wyoma won 9 ribbons at the North Carolina State Fair in the culinary; cake and canned section, baking cake, canning jams, pickle vegetables and fruit. To compete in one hundred North Carolina counties and to win a ribbon is an honor, but to win blue ribbons is a "high-time!

Always trying to make life count, cooking is one of her favorite skills to master. Some of the jams she has created are cranberry butter, blueberry lemon, rhubarb, peach bellini, blackberry, habanero gold, jalapeno, four berry, pineapple, fresh basil, mango, apple butter, watermelon and many, many more. Wyoma loves to create jams using peppers because the sweet and spicy make your food "taste amazing."

Keep watching, and one day you may see Wyoma on a television show cooking many of her most scrumptious, best award-winning food.



In October of this year on a Tuesday morning around 5:40am, I received a call from my son-n-law, and he said Clareas is in trouble. I ask what trouble, he stated she is having a heart attack and he has called 911. I immediately got out of bed and began to gather my emotions, fears, and thoughts. I started singing a song we sang in my home church that past Sunday. Many of you know my spiritual gift is not singing, but I love to try. At this time, I did not care if I hit the right tune, was on key or sounded good. I knew that I needed God to help and hear me to save my child. My son-n-law called back and said mom the paramedics started chest compressions and used the deliberator. My child had left this world, but to God. He said po



deliberator. My child had left this world, but to God, He said not so.

She was too sick to ride by ambulance to NHMH, she had to be airlifted to the hospital by helicopter. All the time, she was in the air, I was singing and praying and getting myself ready to leave my home and rush to Wilmington, NC. My spouse drove me, and I continue to pray and call on my mother to help me carried my daughter through this ordeal. She went out again while in the air and paramedics had to bring her back again, this time it was crucial and very serious. The paramedics were talking to the doctors at the hospital who was waiting on my child to arrive at the hospital. The nurses were instructed to have every piece of equipment ready to hook up. The worse was told and that things were very, very serious, the doctors began to work on her with inserting IV's, inserting other equipment to help her heartbeat.

I knew that God was in control because He has carried me through wars and many storms, Lord, I began to start quoting scriptures that I had learned years ago, like Psalms 91, the Lord is my rock, Proverbs 3:4-5, quotes like who can stand before God with clean hands and a pure heart, I am above and not beneath, the head and not the tail, the Lord is my shepherd, I ask God to save my child and whatever the outcome will be I am going to still praise Him. I got to the hospital, and she was in ICU. Many tubes were being inserted because she was still in a fragile circumstance. When I walked in that room my daughter was alive, no strokes, no paralysis, no memory loss, and no brain dead. She said mommy I made it by the Grace of God. I replied, yes you did, all our ancestors bombarded heaven with prayer to save you and guess what, God answered our prayers.

I just want to say, it's important to praise God every time you have an opportunity to praise Him and that's every day, minute, and hour. All I know is that God still performs miracles even in the air. My daughter is home, healing, and in complete control under the care of Jesus. I want to thank ALL my church family who called, sent cards, prayed with me for healing and a renewed life for my child. She is a miracle and one day she will tell her testimony of how God brought her through this crisis. I will always love you and will always pray for restoration of any circumstance in your life. WON'T GOD DO IT!

Sincerely yours,

Donald & Wyoma Moses

Generational Health

Portion Control for Such a Time as This

It is that time of year again...the fall with winter quickly approaching. And what accompanies the season is lots of fun, family and food! As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ and fellowship with parties, dinners and many sweet treats, Proverbs 23:20-21 ESV comes to mind which states, "Be not among drunkards or among gluttonous eaters of meat, for the drunkard and the glutton will come to poverty and slumber will clothe them with rags." Glutton is simply overindulging; eating or drinking too much and refusing to step away from the second serving of our favorite foods. Motive and moderation are two words that can change the outcome of our lives both spiritually and physically. A helpful tip to harness the glutton stallion is eating smaller portions. This can be accomplished by a few simple "handy" items.

- 1. Eat from a smaller plate
- Use your plate as a portion guide Vegetables/salad – ½ a plate Protein – ¼ a plate Carbs – ¼ a plate
- 3. Use your hand as a serving guide

Vegetables/salad – a fist-sized portion for women; two for men

Protein – a palm-sized serving for women; two for men

Carbs - one cupped-hand portion for women; two for men

High fat foods (butter, oils, nuts) - one thumb-sized portion for women; two for men

- 4. When eating out, split a meal with someone or take half home for another meal.
- 5. Drink a glass of water 30 minutes before a meal
- 6. Eat slow



Generational Wealth

SBC Economic Empowerment Ministry

Tis the Season

For those dealing with tight budgets, the Christmas season can bring feelings of stress and "not enough" instead of PEACE and GOODWILL. Buying gifts on credit and promising yourself that you'll pay off the debt "as soon as possible" only makes a stressful financial situation worse when the payoff promise is broken.

Here are a few tips to help you avoid the regret of after-Christmas bills and will provide you with GREAT JOY after the holiday season.

- Make a budget. Predetermine how much you will spend on Christmas. Pray about your decision and then stick to it.
- Watch out for the "little things". Factor in the unusual expenses such as special meals, wrapping paper, etc. The little things could blow your budget
- **Share your blessings!** Commit to giving a portion of your Christmas budget to someone in need. The pandemic has taken a toll on many, so make an unwavering effort to be bless another family. Angel trees are an excellent way to share.
- Plan ahead. This task will allow you to avoid last minute expenses which could be costly.

Remember what really matters. Focus on the gift of Christ and teach your children, other family members, coworkers and friends the true meaning of Christmas. Be sure to safely spend time with those you love and look for ways to lift someone's spirits who may be having a hard time during this glorious season.



The Economic Empowerment Ministry

closed out a productive year with a Door Décor Competition. There were 6 entries submitted for judging and the tough responsibility fell on 3 judges. On Monday, November 29 the fun and fellowship began! Each participant had 2 minutes or less to explain their door based upon the theme of their choice. There were a few guidelines that were given to the participants which served as a rubric for the judges. The door themes and the selected door type varied but Jesus being the reason for the season was unanimous.

First place winner was Jackie Holloway Second place winner was Vanya Elliott Third place winner was Wyoma Moses



Jackie Holloway

Shelia Hall





Vanya Elliott

Elizabeth Gallati





Wyoma Moses

The Dawkins



SBC Coat Drive: Blessed to be a Blessing

Thank you Springfield Baptist Church for a successful coat drive! On November 5, 2021 the SBC Education Volunteer Committee delivered over 90 coats to East Garner Elementary School to be distributed to children in need. East Garner Elementary School is the school that SBC has adopted and supports throughout the school year. Between the dates of September 11th and October 2nd, the members of Springfield donated 93 brand new coats to be given to the children at EGES! The students and the administration were very grateful and thanked Springfield for all that they did and continue to do. Many students received coats the same day they were delivered! The Education Volunteer Committee would like to first of all, thank God for laying this mission on the hearts of the committee members. We would also like to share our appreciation for the wonderful members of Springfield, the custodial staff, and Pastor Sturdivant for continuing to show up and show out every time we ask for your support. We also want to thank our Coat Drive coordinator, Sister Margaret Herder-Hill for her efforts in leading a successful coat drive!



I was shivering and you gave me clothes. -Matthew 25:36(MSG)



Website & Text-to-give Reminders

Reopening Information

Found on the homepage (third blue box). Within this section, you will find useful information regarding our COVID-19 protocols as well as the COVID-19 Screening Form. If you download the form and pre-fill it, remember to leave the temperature spot blank until you are checked-in.

Online Documents

Did you know there are several forms and documents available to you on the website? Looking for the latest Bible Study Handout? What about the form to host a Zoom Meeting for your ministry? These and more are found on the Homepage under Online Documents.



• Bible Study Handouts

- Requisition Request Form
- Zoom Meeting Request Form
- Sunday School Class Form
- SBC Business Directory

Using Text-to-Give

If you want to use your mobile phone to give, please do the following steps.

If you are using Text-to-Give for the first time, and have not previously set-up an online giving account, please do the following:

- 1. Open the text message feature on your phone
- 2. Type in the phone number 919-584-9070
- 3. Text "Give"
- 4. Press send

If this is your first time, the system will send you instructions to complete your giving, including selecting the fund you want to give to, dollar amount and financial information.

Returning givers will complete steps 1 and 2 above. Then instead of texting "give" the returning giver will simply type in the dollar amount they desire to give and press send.

If desired, the returning giver can also use keywords to designate where the funds are allocated. To use a keyword, complete steps 1 and 2 above. Then type the dollar amount you want to give and add a keyword behind it. Example: "5 SundaySchool" will contribute \$5.00 to Sunday School.

Below are the current keywords. If you ever need a reminder, simply follow steps 1 and 2, then type in "keywords" and the list will automatically be texted to you.

- Tithes
- Offerings
- General
- SundaySchool
- BuildingPledge

Missions

Special

- ChildrensDayWomensDay
- ManaDau
- MensDay

FamilyDay

- YoungAdultDay
- YouthDay
- SeniorsDay
- Homecoming
- EducationScholarship
- Youth
 - Revival
- Other

GriefShare Is Zooming



GRIEF

If you have lost a loved one, **GriefShare** is a safe place where you can come and tell your story, cry, laugh and not feel guilty or be judged by others. God will meet you there with **His presenc**e, **His Word** and **His people**. Matthew 5:4 Jesus says, "Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted."

Since March 2020, God has blessed us to host six 13-Week Cycles ministering to approximately 30 people. Our next cycle will begin January 20, 2022 and end April 14, 2022. Members and non-members are welcome to join at any time during the cycle.

What Some of the Participants Had to Say

The facilitators were excellent. They were good listeners and kept us on time and professionally targeted us to the next segment of the lesson......Glenda Murray

It has helped me deal with several losses these past 5 months which were my mom, stepdad and three very good friends. I am still grieving but I have peace, hope, joy in spite of my sadness..... Susan Broadwell

Discussing the loss of my husband and listening to others allowed me to realize that God is not partial, we all will experience loss......Carolyn Mingo

I've learned to trust God more with my emotions. I am more able to share with others facing a loss...... Tori Lee

We invite you to come and fellowship with us on Thursdays from 6-7PM via Zoom. If you are a Springfield member, please call or text Shirley Bowden at (919) 665-8164 before registering at <u>www.griefshare.org</u> to receive instructions on how to get the required workbook.



"Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you"

1Thes. 5:17-18

We ae grateful for the powerful teaching and focus on "prayer this year," taught and presented by our Pastor.

As we are soon to see the close of another year, we, the Prayer Ministry of Springfield Baptist Church give God praise, glory, and honor as he has allowed us to continue to "stand in the gap" and make petition through intercession for our Pastor, his family, church leadership, ministries, our church congregation, and much more.

We have experienced virtual prayer, group prayer, individual prayer throughout the year. Let us hold fast to the scripture noted above and let us continue "to pray without ceasing, and in everything give thanks."

> Blessings and may all have a Merry Christmas, Prayer Ministry of Springfield Baptist Church Dr. Vivian Short, Chair Rev. Donald King, Vice-Chair and Ministry Members











From the Newsletter Ministry

We, the Newsletter Ministry wish all of our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We are thankful for your readership and we look forward to all that 2022 will bring!!

To celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ from us to you here are a few of our fav Christmas songs...you know the ones that signal that Christmas is HERE!!

- Silent Night by the Temptations
- O' Holy Night
- Mary Did You Know
- **Emmanuel**—Norman Hutchins
- Johnny Jesus is the Reason for the Season by Kirk Franklin & Family
- A Very Maverick Christmas (featuring Maverick City Gospel Choir)
- The 12 Days of Christmas by Keith Wonderboy Johnson
- How Great Thou Art by Pentatonix featuring Jennifer Hudson













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