

WITH GOD
There is NO limit!



***Congratulations
Graduates!***

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Reverend Dr. James D. Ballard
Interim Pastor

Congratulations and Godspeed!

Your hour has finally come. You have labored long, studied adequately, and committed yourselves sufficiently to attain to the level of graduation. You have, no doubt, encountered much difficulty and overcome many obstacles along the way. These, however, are only minor obstructions. They have not prevented your present level of success. They may have slowed you down at times, but they did not stop you. They may have caused you to stumble here and there but they did not defeat you. As a matter of fact, they should have helped you. They should have taught you something about patience and endurance, and they surely should have made you stronger. For all that you have endured and all that you have achieved, I congratulate you.

I caution you, however, to be reminded that you have not ultimately triumphed. You have only commenced. The commencement exercise that commemorates your graduation does not mean that you have reached the pinnacle of success. You have only turned a corner, rounded a curve, crossed an intersection, climbed a hill, or met an intermediary challenge. After all, to "commence" means to begin. You have only arrived at a new beginning. The remainder of your lives is ahead of you.

Some of you will continue on to higher levels of education and become doctors, lawyers, scientist, engineers, teachers, and/or enter other professions that require additional academic preparation. Some of you will enter the job market immediately. Some of you will embark upon a tour of duty or even a career in military service such as the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines, or National Guard. Still others of you will launch careers in other fields of endeavor such as the Peace Corps, private business, public service, or any other media of labor where aid may be given or service may be rendered. Nevertheless, all of you will enter a new phase of life and living. The phase that you have just completed should have prepared you for the one you are about to enter. The preparation you have made, the education you have received, and the experience you have gained, should all help to prepare you for the present and equip you for the future.

Just be sure to keep your faith and trust in God, be honest and fair with other people, and be humble and true to yourselves, and everything else will fall into place and, I am confident, work out well. May the education you have received help to sustain you and may God protect and keep you.

Congratulations Graduates!



Class of
2018

Upcoming EVENTS

June 18-22	SBC Annual Vacation Bible School <i>Dinner: 5:00 - 6:15, Devotion: 6:30-7:00, Classes: 7:00 - 8:30</i>
July 1 10 am Worship	Young Adult Day
July 13—7 pm	Church Conference
July 15 10 am Worship	SBC Annual Youth Day
July 29	Empowerment Session <i>(After Morning Worship Service)</i>
August 1-3 7 pm Nightly	Annual Revival Rev. Michael R. Smith, Sr.—Revivalist
August 24 10 am Worship	Senior Citizens' Day
August 24 6:00 pm	WMBA Annual Banquet
September 15 Time TBA	Annual Church Outing and Health Fair
September 16 10 am Worship	Education Day

SPRINGFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH

2018

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

PART 2

GLOW FOR JESUS
Let your light shine

June 18 - 22, 2018

CLASSES FOR ALL AGES



Ministry SPOTLIGHT

DORCUS MINISTRY

MISSION STATEMENT:

To be lifetime witnesses to the saving acts of God, specifically the death and resurrection of Jesus; ever moving forward to the commission of God and the vision of Springfield Baptist Church; by announcing the Good News, the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to be obedient to the call of the Dorcas Ministry in Acts 9:36, Christian Disciples doing charitable works for Christ Jesus.

AIDE TO THE PASTOR IN BAPTISM:

- Meet with the Pastor, candidates and Deacons on the Sunday before the third Sunday.
- Show candidates the baptismal room and measure them for baptismal robes.
- Set up for baptism on Sunday morning with towels and plastic bags in each bathroom and on the sides of the baptismal pool. Get candidates from new members' classrooms on Sunday morning at 9:30 am.
- Assist candidates with baptism and restore bathrooms to former state.
- Take wet towels and robes, including Pastor's and Deacons', to be cleaned and returned back to the church.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

CHAIR - Cynthia Smalls, VICE CHAIR - Delores Patrick
Moretta Smith, Geraldine Brown, Dorthy Griffis

Ministry SPOTLIGHT



IRON SHARPENS IRON

As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.

Proverbs 27:17

LAYMEN'S LEAGUE

The Laymen's League strives to cultivate the Christian life of the men of the congregation through study, worship, fellowship and service. We work to enlist unchurched men for fellowship in Christian service through the church and to guide unsaved men into developing a personal relationship and commitment to God.

The Laymen's League also sponsors a mentoring program aimed at guiding the youth towards a greater understanding of their need to develop a relationship and commitment to God.

The Men's Fellowship Ministry meets every Monday night in Classroom 12 of the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm. The door is open to men of all ages and walks of life.

COMPASSIONATE MINISTRY

2018 Annual Fellowship Dinner

Every year we strive to improve our efforts to make this event a blessing for those who attend and also to represent our church family in a way that is pleasing to God.

Praying over all decisions and allowing the Holy Spirit to direct us in the right way has always been our goals. God answered our prayers and blessed us in ways that surpassed what we even thought. We were blessed to have seniors from 16 churches as our guest, plus our own Springfield Seniors. God enabled us to feed all, both spiritually and physically. The great cooks in our congregation and each ministry came with their donated gifts of wonderfully prepared goodies.

Our speaker, Rev. Rodger Davis, spoke on our theme: **God's Love Shown in Good Works**. His subject was "Your Works are Showing!" The message was awesome and spirit filled and touched us in a very special way. He also surprised all of us by giving out hard hats that said I WORK FOR GOD. We were truly grateful.

Mrs. Judy Wiggins presided over the program; keeping us entertained with fun and laughter so there was not a dull moment. She shared her talents well. Chris Bridges and Adrian McKnight blessed us with song even while serving dinner.

There was a surprise for all! Deacon Emeritus Roman Green blessed us with his presence at the age of 99. We were elated! We thanked and praised God for his family who provided his transportation.

To all who did anything to make this a memorable event, we thank and appreciate all of your efforts. The Food Committee, Hospitality Committee, Building and Grounds, volunteers and all of the ministries who supported us before, during and after the event. THANK YOU! We love and appreciate you!



Dec. Roman Green

2018 Annual Fellowship Dinner



*Rev. Roger Davis
Speaker*



Join YOUR team!

VOLUNTEER NETWORK

Military slogans are often used to inspire teamwork, such as, “*Be All You Can Be*” (Army) and , “*We’re Looking for a Few Good Men*” (Marines). Both require an introspective look to determine who you are and what you can offer. Springfield is looking for a “*Few Good Saints to Be All That They Can Be!*” How? I’m glad you asked. The SBC Volunteer Network

The SBC Volunteer Network was formed in 2017 to fulfill the operational needs of the multipurpose center. There are currently 7 volunteer areas.

1. Receptionist, headed up by Martha Hardy and Patricia Holiday, will be our first line of defense. Greeting and directing multipurpose center guests with a Godly spirit and smile.
2. Gardening, headed up by James Holiday and Parra Murray, will focus on planting, nurturing, and producing fresh vegetables for community consumption.
3. Fitness/Nutrition, headed up by Ian Weakly, will develop and implement fitness activities to keep us moving and evaluate how nutrition plays a part in our health.
4. Counseling, headed up by Minister Adrienne Keller, will be the pillar of the Family Life Center.
5. Education will assist students in identifying goals, locating resources, tutoring and administering fundamental computer education.
6. Transportation, headed up by Philip Evans, will evaluate the transportation needs of the multipurpose center ensuring safe passage to and from the SBC Campus.
7. New Initiatives, headed up by Greta Gill and Belinda Madujibeya, will evaluate all new ideas and recommendations.

Springfield challenges you to choose a team - think of the great possibilities!!

ATHLETIC MINISTRY

Ready, Set, GO!!

The athletic ministry is in full swing, literally!! Softball season is here and Springfield will compete in the Mount Moriah Christian Fellowship Softball Association. Men ages 15 and up will represent a long tradition of softball greatness. Please come out and support your team. There are only a few games left. A schedule is posted online and in the fellowship hall.



HEALTHCARE MINISTRY

Healthy Tips for Healthy Living

A healthy eating plan: fruits, vegetables, whole grains, fat-free or low-fat milk and milk products, lean meats, poultry, fish, beans, eggs, and nuts. ***Eat Healthy and Enjoy it!*** (www.choosemyplate.gov)

In addition to a healthy eating plan, an active lifestyle will help you maintain your weight. By choosing to add more physical activity to your day, you'll increase the amount of calories your body burns. **Regular physical activity can reduce your risk for many chronic diseases and it can help keep your body healthy and strong.**

June is Men's Health Month.
Let's be healthy for good!

EAT SMART . . . make healthy, delicious choices wherever and whenever you eat

ADD COLOR . . . make life more colorful with fruits and vegetables

MOVE MORE . . . infuse more movement into your life for optimal health

BE WELL . . . create balance, vitality, and wellbeing through self-care

If you have diabetes, here's a way to keep standing on your own two feet: **check them every day---even if they feel fine----and see your doctor if you have a cut or blister that won't heal.**

If you think someone may be having a stroke, act **F.A.S.T**

F — Face: ask the person to smile. Does one side of the face droop?

A — Arms: ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?

S — Speech: ask the person to repeat a simple phrase. Is the speech slurred or strange?

T — Time: if you see any of these signs, call 9-1-1 right away.

In Healthiness ~ SBC Healthcare Ministry



“Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in good health, even as thy soul prospereth.”
3 John 1:2

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

The Road To Salvation: The Gospel Project

(Romans 10: 9-10)

2018 Goals and Focus:

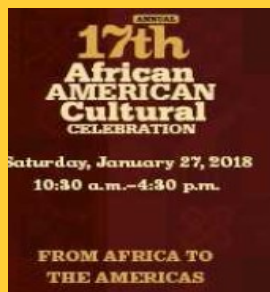
- To help lead the children to salvation.
- The children will study chronological lessons starting in Genesis using "The Gospel Project" curriculum.
- By using Bible Lessons and stories that point to the Gospel of Jesus Christ to give children more in depth view of God's redemption plan for our lives.
- Continue outreach efforts in the community.... 2018 change drive.



We need your support— PLEASE bring your children to participate in the Children's Ministry. We provide robust lessons, memorable experiences and God centered fellowship!



*A visit to historic Edenton, NC
(2017)*



*A visit to the AACC
in downtown Raleigh*



*Bro. Sherrod Gresham demon-
strating Servance dancing dolls
for Black History Month*

2018 Events

Jan 27, 2018 – **Annual African American Cultural Celebration** at NC Museum of History
Feb 17, 2018 – Black History Month - Bro. Sherrod Gresham- Collector: Coins, Stamps, Servance Dolls
March 18, 2018 - Saturday Fellowship – At the church - Lesson and Craft
April 15, 2018 - Children's Day - Saturday Picnic at White Deer Park - 12:30pm – 3:30pm
(Children's Day Choir Rehearsals 3/26/18 7:00pm, 4/9/18 7:00pm, 4/12/18 7:00pm, 4/14/18 10:00am)
May 19, 2018 - Conetoe, NC - Rev. Richard Joyner **Children's Work Day** on the Farm
June 16, 2018 – Saturday Fellowship – at the church - Lesson and Craft
July 14, 2018 – Day Retreat at local park – after choir rehearsal
October 20, 2018 – Sleepover at church- Bro Johnny Moore – Children's Author
November 2018 – Dinner Theater – Fort Mills, SC **'The Real Christmas Story'**
December 8, 2018 – Christmas Caroling to local Nursing homes

Join Us!

Every Tuesday Night for Bible Study 7pm - 8pm

Saturday Fellowship: Saturday before the 3rd Sunday 11am - 1pm

To be added to the Children's Ministry distribution list, please send a request to:

children@springfieldbaptistchurch.com

MINISTRY NEWS

S.W.A.T. MINISTRY

"Seniors With A Testimony"

The S.W.A.T. Seniors were invited to attend the annual Senior Fellowship Luncheon at St. Matthew Baptist Church on Thursday, April 19, 2018. The fellowship was awesome to include the food that was prepared for this event. Everyone enjoyed the performances by the seniors at St. Matthew Baptist Church.

Dorothy Green, Chairperson
Senior Citizens Ministry



LIBRARY MINISTRY NEWS



The Library Ministry's Adult Reading Challenge ended March 4, 2018. The winner will be named in the next newsletter.

In addition to books, the library has a growing collection of DVD's available for Springfield members to checkout and enjoy. You may keep them for 2 weeks, same as books. Some of the titles are:

- God's Compass
- War Room
- The Grace Card
- The Miracle Worker
- Amazing Love: the Story of Hosea
- Risen
- God's not Dead (1and 2)
- Fire Proof
- Race to Freedom: the Underground Railroad



These are a small sampling. We invite you to come to the library and browse the collection. If we don't have anything you want to see, please leave a list of choices that you would like to have available in the library. You may leave your lists in our mailbox in the fellowship hall or upstairs on the desk. The library is located upstairs in the fellowship hall.

You may also contact a member of the Library Ministry:

Carolyn Ellis, Cheryl Walker, Johnette Bynum, Dana Garland, Carolyn Braxton

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT MINISTRY



The Economic Empowerment Ministry has been conducting Small Group Interactive Sessions. Small Group learning helps people grow faster in a caring, interactive group where they can feel free to ask their real questions and sense the support of the group. Individuals have been able to discuss real and relevant issues in a safe, open environ-

ment. These sessions have created unique opportunities to discuss and share possible ideas to empower and create change.

The sessions are held on either Monday or Thursday nights 7:00-8:30pm in Classroom # 4. Below are sessions that have been conducted so far:

- Learning the Values of US Coins – For those who have over the years collected coins or inherited them, Brother Sherrod Gresham conducted a session showing individuals how to determine the value of their coins.
- Creating Financial Stability for Future Generations – In this session we discussed how to obtain, grow and preserve assets for those who come after us.
- Practical Steps to Start Investing – Brother Jamie Cockburn with JC Financial shared how investing is a great avenue for Christians to increase wealth and potential for the Kingdom of God. He shared how to get started, not be afraid, misinformed or uninformed so you don't miss out on potential opportunities.

Our sessions will be repeated, so if you missed one you will have other opportunities to participate. Also be on the lookout for other topics such as: Wills and Estate Planning, Insurance, Car care tips, Blueprint for Your Family's Finances and others.

*For more info or to suggest other topics please contact
eem@springfieldbaptistchurch.com*



HISTORY MINISTRY

AN AFRICAN AMERICAN MOMENT IN HISTORY “JUNETEENTH”



Ashton Villa,
Galveston Texas

On June 19, 1865, from the balcony of Galveston Texas' Ashton Villa, General Gordon Granger of the Union Army read what is known as “General Order No. 3”, which proclaimed unto the people of Texas, the emancipation of all slaves. This pronouncement came some two years after President Lincoln's signing of the Emancipation Proclamation, which officially set all enslaved people free as of January 1, 1863. Supposedly, word had not reached the Texas authorities about the freeing of the slaves until the Union Army's arrival into Galveston on June 18, 1865. Legend has it, that a messenger, traveling by horseback, came into Texas in 1863 to tell of the emancipation, but was ambushed and killed before he could spread the good news.

In the early years, as the former slaves began planning annual celebrations of their new founded freedom, they were met with great opposition by some of the disgruntled Whites. The now freedmen/women of color were refused use of the existing parks for their festivities. As a result of these denials, all across the state of Texas, the freed people began pooling their funds to purchase land to host their jubilee events. These collaborative efforts resulted in the establishing of such landmarks as *Emancipation Park* in the State Capital of Austin, TX, *Booker T. Washington Park* in Mexia, TX and *Emancipation Park* in Houston, TX. Proof positive that if we, as a people, bond and work together for a common cause we can accomplish great feats.

Over the years to follow, as Jim Crow Laws were enacted, the Great Depression befell the land, in some form or fashion, the merriment continued. During the Great Migration, which saw over five (5) million blacks flee from the South to the North and West Coast, these former slaves, decedents of slaves and their families settled all across the United States taking this celebratory tradition with them.

Now in the current day, forty-five (45) of the fifty (50) States recognize this distinctive day of celebration, known as “Juneteenth” as a National Day of Observance. The “Juneteenth” celebrations have made their way beyond the US borders to such places as Paris, France and many US Military Bases around the World. Locally, for the past 14 years, a large scale celebration has been held annually in Durham, NC commemorating this special moment in African-American History. This year's event will be held on Saturday, June 16th in the 300 block of East Main Street at 1:00pm to 10:00pm.

Band from Austin Texas

Juneteenth Celebration – June 19, 1900

(Photo Courtesy of Pinterest)





"It's Graduation Time, Once More"

by Johnny Ray Moore

*It may have started as a dream,
Your quest to find your way.
Or maybe, GOD spoke to your heart,
And, you found need to pray.
There is no doubt in times like these,
There's POWER in a prayer.
And, wisdom comes from up on High,
In case you're not aware.
It's GRADUATION TIME, once more!
And, you should be relieved.
Through highs and lows, along the way,
You prayed and you believed.
Well, HIGHER, now! BEYOND the stars!
GO FORTH in every way.
And, TOSS YOUR TASSELS, if you must,
On this, Your Special Day.
But, STAY ALERT! And, STAY THE COURSE!
And, FOCUS 'til the end.
Because, Our SAVIOR favored you,
And, BLESSED you, once again.*

2018 High School Graduates



Jalen Dawes

Jalen Dawes will earn his High School diploma on June 9, 2018 from Garner Magnet High School, Garner, NC. He was a member of the National Society of High School Scholars and was a participant of the WCPSS Top Senior's Recognition Program. He plans to study at Wake Technical Community College for two years and transfer to North Carolina State University to pursue a BA degree in Industrial Design.

Parents: Dec. William and Sis. Donna Dawes



Miya Farmer

Miya will graduate on June 8, 2018 from Clayton High School. She will attend North Carolina State University where she plans to major in Business Administration with a concentration in Entrepreneurship and minor in Visual Arts.

Parents: Rev. Mark and Sis. Tracy Farmer



Jessica Kayla Henderson

Jessica will graduate from East Wake High School on June 12, 2018. She was an A/B honor roll student while maintaining two jobs during her senior year. She graduates in the top 10 % of her class.

Jessica will attend Queens University of Charlotte and plans to major in Forensic Psychology and minor in Dance.

Parents: Sis. Regina Hodge Henderson and the late Phillip Neal

Sumer Jenkins

Sumer is the sister of Adam Jenkins and an aspiring athletic trainer. She will graduate from East Wake High School and attend Wake Technical Community College in the fall. Sumer has been very involved during her time at East Wake High School. She participated in organizations such as Ladies of Tomorrow and Family Career Community Leaders of America. She was also an engaged member of her high school dance team, participating in multiple performances year round. While at East Wake, Sumer received many academic awards including the Honor Roll. She looks forward to carrying that success to Wake Tech Community College where she will major in Fitness Management.

Parents: Bro. Henry and Sis. Stephanie Jenkins



Kristin McLendon

Kristin will graduate with high honors (4.3 GPA) from West Johnston High School on June 8, 2018. She is a member of the National Honor Society and is very passionate about serving. Her community involvement includes the Food Pantry and Do Something Clubs.

Kristin will attend Campbell University in the fall to pursue a degree in Pharmaceutical Science.

Kristin will receive a full tuition scholarship to Campbell University for four years totaling \$124, 600. (\$31,150/yr: Scott-Ellis Scholarship, Top Ten Percent Scholarship, Faculty Staff Tuition Scholarship.)

Parents: Bro. Jerrick and Sis. Chastity McLendon



Jacqueline L'Anette Perry

Jackie will graduate on June 8, 2018 from Corinth Holders High School in Wendell, NC and also took accredited classes from Johnston Community College. She will attend the University of North Carolina at Greensboro as a Biology Major to pursue her career as a Forensics Laboratory Technician.

Parents: Deacon Robert and Sis. Deborah Perry.



Phelan Perry, Jr.



Phelan will graduate with honors and as an AP student from Heritage High School, where he was a member of the Varsity Football team, Lacrosse team, and Tennis team. In 2016, he was inducted into the National Achievers Society, where as a senior, he served as secretary. He is also a team leader in the Chick-Fil-A Leadership Academy, where he volunteered for a number of service projects. Phelan was an active member of multiple school clubs including: Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Gaming Club and the Spirit Club.

Recently he took an oath to join the Marine Reserves and will soon head to Paris Island for boot camp. Afterwards, he will travel to California and receive additional training. In the spring of 2018, Phelan will begin his academic studies at NC A&T, where he will study Criminal Justice or Computer Science in his pursuit of a career in cyber security.

Parents: Bro. Phelan and Sis. Cher Perry

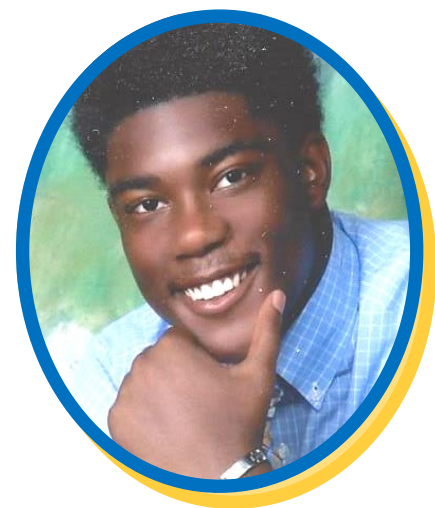
Darrien Glenn Reeves



Darrien will graduate on June 8, 2018 from West Johnson High School. He plans to attend Wake Technical Community College and transfer to North Carolina State University. He will major in Computer Engineering and has also been awarded a \$10,000 per year scholarship.

Parent: Sis. Charlotte Reeves

Alvin Branden Spencer



Branden will graduate from Millbrook High School on June 11, 2018. His involvement in football has earned him a scholarship to attend UNC Pembroke in the Fall of 2018. While attending Millbrook, Branden excelled both academically (Deans List 9th - 12th grade) and also athletically (JV /Varsity football). In his junior year he received a CAP 8 Conference Academic award and was inducted into the National Society of High School Scholars.

Parents: Bro. Alvin and Sis. Quanda White-Spencer

2018 High School Graduates

Alexis Jenee Smith

Alexis will graduate from Knightdale High School of Collaborative Design on June 9, 2018. Maintaining a 4.0 GPA she will graduate with highest honors. She was an active member of the National Honor Society for two years and was presented with a stole at graduation for her participation. She also played for Knightdale Varsity Girls Basketball Team as a Co-Captain and had been awarded the 2016 GRNC (Greater River Neuse Conference) Sportsmanship Award, Coaches Award (2016), All-Conference Academic Award (2016/2017), and the P.R.I.D.E Award (2018) for exhibiting punctuality, respect, integrity, discipline, and effort on the court and in the classroom. In the community, Alexis is a YMCA youth counselor and a mentor at the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences with the Family Explorers Club Program which has enhanced her desire to work with children.

Alexis will attend North Carolina State University's Life Sciences First Year program and will major in Biological Sciences with a Human Biology Intent.

Parents: Bro. Gregory and Sis. Rhonda McCluney-Smith



“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” —Jeremiah 29:11

Vinus R. Humphries

Vinus graduated early from West Johnston High School on January 25, 2018. Her immediate plan is to pursue a CNA certification while considering other educational options. When asked if she had any advice for high school students or just youth in general, she replied, *“Just pray and believe God will guide and direct your path.”*

Vinus is an active SBC member in the Youth Ministry, Youth Choir, and the Audio/ Video Ministry.

Parents: The Late Sis. Helen Watson,
Dec. Robert and Sis. Sylvia Dobbin



2018 College Graduates



Brian Alston

SCHOOL: North Carolina Wesleyan College

DEGREE: Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice

ACHIEVEMENTS: Graduated Summa Cum Laude
President - Omicron Beta, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

GOALS: Brian plans to finish Basic Law Enforcement Training and be hired by a police agency. Afterwards, he will return to school to pursue a Master Degree.

Parent: Sis. Cheryl Alston

*“Education is our passport to the future,
for tomorrow belongs to the people who
prepare for it today.” —Malcolm X*



Joshua Conley

SCHOOL: East Carolina University

DEGREE: Bachelor of Science in Clinical Laboratory

GOALS: Joshua will continue his studies in clinical for one year at Tulane University in Louisiana this fall. His goal is to complete med school and become a family physician.

Parents: Sis. Diane Conley and the late Bro. Keith Conley

2018 College Graduates

LaKia B. Crawford

SCHOOL: Barton College

DEGREE: Bachelor of Science in Criminology and Criminal Justice Science

GOALS: LaKia's primary goal is to join the Police Academy in September 2018.

*Parents: Mr. Louis Crawford,
Bro. Rock and Sis. Wanda Moore*



*"Intelligence plus character—that is the
goal of true education."
—Martin Luther King Jr.*

Ashleyh Y. Korgar

SCHOOL: Norfolk State University

DEGREE: Master Degree in Media and Communications with a focus on Media Production. Ashleyh also attended Elizabeth City State University and earned a Bachelor Degree in Mass Communications. Ashleyh graduated from both universities, Cum Laude with a 3.4 GPA and is still on a mission to continue her education.

GOALS: Ashleyh now works as an Intervention Specialist for Hope Charter Leadership Academy and is pursuing her dreams of working in the production of an upcoming film.

Parent: Sis. Elizabeth Korgar



2018 College Graduates



**NC STATE
UNIVERSITY**

Amber J. Smith

SCHOOL: North Carolina State University

DEGREE: Bachelor of Arts in Economics from NC State's Poole College of Management

ACHIEVEMENTS: Graduating Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics from North Carolina State University. She became a Spring 2018 initiate of the Mu Omicron Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. Currently serves as a Community Specialist with the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences working on a National Science Foundation grant aimed at providing equal opportunities in STEM for young Black students. Employment plans after graduation include pursuing an opportunity in the investment services industry.

Parents: Bro. Gregory and Sis. Rhonda McCluney-Smith

"But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint."

—Isaiah 40 NLT

Congratulations Velvet!



Congratulations to Velvet Conley who recently secured a contract as a Support Specialist in the Cyber Security Division at the NASA Goddard space flight center in Greenbelt, Maryland. She graduated from Winston-Salem State University in 2013 with a BS degree in Computer Science and a minor in Mathematics. Velvet has finally achieved a position in her career field and I'm proud of her persistence! Her father, the late Bro. Keith Conley, would be proud of her accomplishments also because he knew how much work was required to reach her goal.

Submitted by Mom, Sis Diane Conley

WELL DONE!

Congratulations and thank you to the following SBC college students for sharing their experiences while pursuing excellence and making us proud! Let's keep all of our students lifted in prayer for their successful achievements while working towards their goals.



Siani Antoine, now a rising Junior at UNC Chapel Hill, is excited to announce that she will be traveling to Poland and Lithuania this summer for a study abroad project. While there, she will complete classes and a research project. All classes and the research project have been fully funded through UNC Study Abroad Scholarships and the UNC Class of 1938 Research Fellowship. She will also work at Duke University as a member of the Duke TIP team this summer. The fellow Tar Heel will return to UNC in the Fall to work as a Resident Advisor, Service Chair of UNC's Undergraduate Student National Dental Association, and continue on as an active member of Delta Delta Sigma Pre-Dental Honors Society. Keep her in your prayers!



Michael Denning Jr., (son of Michael and Renita Denning) currently a sophomore EC Scholar, Early Assurance in Medicine Scholar, and Public Health Studies/Masters of Business Administration student at East Carolina University. I've had the opportunity to spend the last two years in an environment conducive for academic, professional, and personal growth, so I want to share those experiences with you all.

Moreover, I have had the opportunity to travel throughout my time at ECU. Originally, through my degree program, I went to London, England for two weeks, in order to study their healthcare system. This was an awesome experience as I learned about the highest ranked healthcare system in the world, while also experiencing British culture, politics, and lifestyles. Furthermore, I traveled to Monte Cristi, Dominican Republic for a week on a medical brigade. I, along with 12 other students from ECU and Indiana University, set up clinics in extremely rural and underserved communities in the Dominican Republic. Also, over this past spring break, I went to Northern Ireland for a week to study their political and religious conflict, while also serving in youth clubs with at-risk children. My favorite and most inspirational trip was to Washington D.C. for a conference at the National Academy of Medicine. The conference gathered medical and healthcare leaders and professionals to analyze the declining number of black males entering medicine and produced solutions for this issue. As one of only two undergraduate students attending the conference, it was an unmatched mentoring and networking experience.

[Read this complete inspiring submission and more pictures on our webpage at springfieldbaptistchurch.com]



Northern Ireland
Game of Thrones Forbidden Forest Scene



Dominican Republic
Empacadora Community Ctr.



London Eye
London, England

WELL DONE!

Wake Missionary Baptist Association 2018 James F. Wertz Oratorical Contest



Meet **McKenna Gresham**, a rising freshman at Millbrook High School. She represented SBC this year in the junior division. She is the daughter of Robert and Lakeisha Gresham Jr.

She brought home 3rd place in her division. Her topic was "The Challenges and Benefits of Living God's Way." One of her catch phrases that helped captivate the audience was.. *"now think, do you represent God in the way you act?"* McKenna said that this experience definitely took her out of her comfort zone and helps with public speaking.

Some of you may know, but for those of you that don't, Springfield Baptist Church has been active, competitive and successful in the James F. Wertz Oratorical Contest for many years. The Oratorical Director, Sis. Rosemary King would like to thank Nicole Neal, Olivia Gibson and Margie Gibson for their participation in the process.

CONGRATULATIONS MCKENNA AND THANK YOU FOR REPRESENTING SBC WELL!

[For more info on getting your student involved with this worthwhile opportunity, please see Mrs. Rosemary King]

USS RALPH JOHNSON DDG 114 CELER SILENS MORTALIS



PFC Ralph H. Johnson



USS Ralph Johnson

On March 30, 2018, we traveled to Charleston, SC to witness a miracle. A prestigious ceremony was held on the USS Yorktown, the design is the most sophisticated of its kind for a weapon ship. The ceremony began with the introduction of the crew and family of Ralph H. Johnson. There were more than 500 military personnel, Admirals, Mayor of Charleston, Senator of SC and Commander of the Marine Corp. Officially, on March 31, 2018, the ceremony naming this ship and the entire fleet, for record, was set in stone. More than 600 people witnessed a historical moment that celebrated a soldier who gave his life to save his fellow marines. As retirees from the military, this was the icing on our careers. PCF Johnson is the deceased relative of Donald and Wyoma Moses. *[Please read this complete story of bravery on the web at springfieldbaptistchurch.com]*

Let's Give *Him* the Praise!



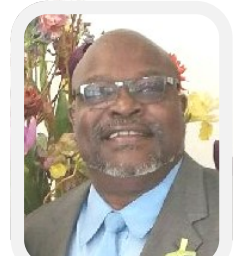
Antonio

TESTIMONY: Herman and Denise Dunn

Twenty-one years ago our lives changed when our son, Antonio was in the worst accident imaginable. The first thing the doctor told us was that he had permanent brain damage. After thirty-nine days in a coma in the NICU at Wake Medical Center, two weeks in a regular room, two months in rehab—now look what God has done!

Antonio has now been working at the vocational center for people with brain injuries for 6 weeks. He is showing and telling them what Almighty God has done for him and that he will do the same for them!

We also want to give God the praise and congratulate our granddaughter Somaya Super for successfully applying and being accepted into *The School Without Walls High School* in Washington, DC.



Bro. Herman Dunn



Somaya



Sis. Denise Dunn

Thank you Jackie . . .

The Springfield Chronicles says Goodbye to Jacqueline Perry

The Newsletter Ministry says farewell to one of our own, Jacqueline Perry. She has been a faithful, humble and hard working leader within the Newsletter Ministry. One of her responsibilities was to interview other teens for the "B.E.T." segment of the Springfield Chronicles. Since she is nearing graduation we wanted to take the time to talk to her. Here's what she had to say...



How long have you been a member of the Newsletter Ministry? *I am very blessed to say that I have been a part of the newsletter ministry for 7 years now.*

What can you say about what the experience has taught you? *I am the youngest person on the ministry and I have learned a lot from the adults on this ministry. Not only have I gotten better at editing my own papers for school but they have helped me break that shy barrier by doing interviews with other church members.*

What advice would you give to other youth who want to join a ministry that is comprised of mostly or all adults ? *For any youth wanting to join a ministry where it seems like you may be the youngest person, I say go for it! Everyone on a ministry works together as a team so they will listen to your ideas and make them even better.*

What would you like to say to your fellow Newsletter Ministry members as you venture off to college? *I will definitely miss the Newsletter Ministry when I leave for UNCG this fall!*

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