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CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

manager, business owner, clerk, author, activist, volunteer, farmer, miner, nurse, cook, biologist, professor, secretary, printer, truck driver, painter, electrician, salesperson, chemist, congressman, consultant, sailor, grandmother, accountant, lawyer, cook, and carpenter, daycare worker, gardener, researcher, technician

Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by black Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of African Americans in U.S. history. The event grew out of "Negro History Week," the brainchild of noted historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans. Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. Other countries around the world, including Canada and the United Kingdom, also devote a month to celebrating black history.

The theme for 2018, "African Americans in Times of War," commemorates the centennial of the end of the First World War in 1918, and explores the complex meanings and implications of this international struggle and its aftermath. The First World War was initially termed by many as "The Great War," "The War to End All Wars," and the war "to make the world safe for democracy."

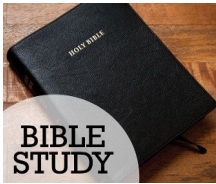
The theme suggests that contemporary conditions, past and present, give us cause for critical pause in our studies and deliberations to consider the specific and unique is-

ssues faced by African Americans in times of war. These issues include opportunities for advancement and repression of opportunities during wartime; the struggle to integrate the military and experiences during segregation/ apartheid and successful integration; veterans experiences once they returned home; the creation of African American Veteran of Foreign War posts; cultures and aesthetics of dissent; global/international discourse; including impact and influence of the Pan African Congresses; the impact of migration and urban development; educational opportunities; health care development; the roles of civil rights and black liberation organizations, including the Black Power Movement and the Black Panther Party; the roles of African American businesses, women, religious institutions, and the black press; in the struggle abroad and at home; the topographies and spaces of black military struggle, resistance and rebellion; and how black soldiers and/ veterans are documented and memorialized within public and private spaces. These diverse stories reveal war's impact not only on men and women in uniform but on the larger African American community.

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BIBLE STUDY



Bible Study, led by Rev. Willis, meets at 7:00 p.m. every Wednesday in Fellowship Hall. All members and guests are encouraged to attend.

Monday, February 19, 2018



38th Pastoral Anniversary Honoring Pastor Twymon

During the month of March, we will honor Pastor Twymon's **38th** anniversary as the shepherd of Macedonia.

Please refer to your weekly bulletin for future announcements and additional information.



BURY ME IN A FREE LAND

Submitted by Wendell Smitherman

Make me a grave where'er you will,
In a lonely plain, or a lofty hill;
Make it among earth's humblest graves,
But not in a land where men are slaves.

I could not rest if around my grave
I heard the steps of a trembling slave,
His shadow above my silent tomb
Would make it a place of fearful gloom.

I could not rest if I heard the tread
Of a coffin gang to shambles led,
And the mother's shriek of wild despair
Rise like a curse on the trembling air.

I could not sleep, if I saw the lash
Drinking her blood at each fearful gash,
And saw her babes torn from her breast,
Like trembling doves from their parent nest.

I'd shudder and start if I heard the bay
Of bloodhounds seizing their human prey.
And I heard the captive plead in vain
As they bound afresh his galling chain.

If I saw young girls from their mother's arms
Bartered and sold for their youthful charms,
My eye would flash with a mournful flame,
My death-paled cheek grow red with shame.

I would sleep, dear friends, where bloated
Might can rob no man of his dearest right;
My rest shall be calm in any grave
Where none can call his brother a slave.

I ask no monument, proud and high,
To arrest the gaze of the passers-by;
All that yearning spirit craves,
Is bury me not in a land of slaves!

Source: Frances Ellen Watkins Harper, Author





SERMONS


CDs and DVDs are available through the Audio Ministry. Visit www.mbcdet.com/media or via the **MBCDET app** to listen to archived sermons





Pastor Charles D. Twymon


-  December 31, 2017, 8:00 a.m.
"Follow Jesus," Mark 8:22-26
Rev. Raymond Willis

-  December 31, 2017, 11:00 a.m.
"A Need For A Change"
1 Corinthians 6:9-11
Rev. Terry Minor

-  January 7, 2018, 8:00 & 11:00 a.m.
"Be Of Good Cheer," John 16:33
Pastor Charles Twymon

-  January 14, 2018, 8:00 & 11:00 a.m.
"Home Training," Proverbs 22:6
Pastor Charles Twymon

-  January 21, 2018, 8:00 & 11:00 a.m.
"Build A Bridge and Get Over It"
Ephesians 4:31-32
Pastor Charles Twymon

-  January 28, 2018, 8:00 & 11:00 a.m.
"Who Is Your God?"
1 Kings 18:21; 38-39
Pastor Charles Twymon

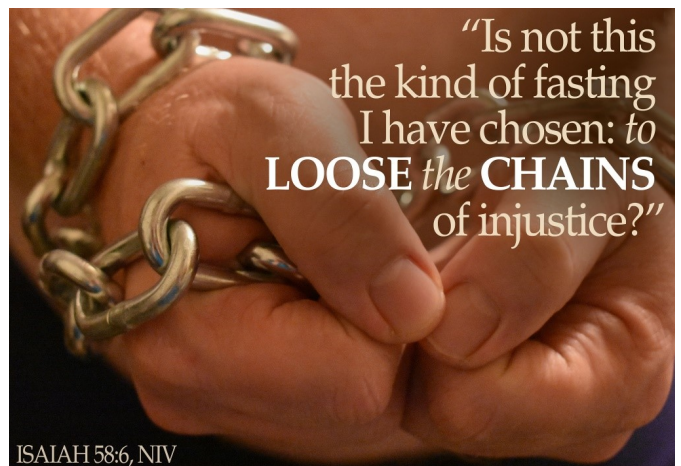
NEW MEMBERS

We welcome our new members who joined in January.



DAMYERE MALONE
EUGENE OWENS
JANET STEELE
BRENDA WALKER

The New Members Orientation Class meets on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays at 9:30 a.m. on the second floor in the Upper Room.



"Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to LOOSE *the* CHAINS of injustice?"

ISAIAH 58:6, NIV

death **ANGELS**
LIFE depth
FUTURE present **HEIGHT**
demons

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY

Submitted by Newsletter Staff



April Danielle Ryan is an American journalist and author. She was born September 5, 1967 in Baltimore, Maryland.

Since 1997, she has served as a White House correspondent and is the Washington, D.C., bureau chief for American Urban Radio Networks. In 2017, she joined CNN as a political analyst. In May 2017, the National Association of Black Journalists named Ryan as the "Journalist of the Year."

Ryan is a graduate of Morgan State University and was awarded an honorary doctorate from her alma mater in 2017. She began her media career as a jazz disc jockey before turning to reporting.

Ryan has been a member of the White House press corps for American Urban Radio Networks since January 1997 and has long been the only black female reporter among the White House correspondents. She is a member of the National Press Club and is one of only three African Americans to have served on the board of the White House Correspondents' Association.

As one of the few African Americans in the White House press corps, Ryan is often the only journalist asking questions on issues concerning minorities, which she has come to resent. She said in an interview in May 2017, "Why can't the dynamic of all people be in that room? Why can't it be? All people are covered under the White House. Am I correct? So I really dislike that, but I have no qualms with it. If you want to call me a black reporter, I am the black reporter who also asks other issues and questions on China, Russia, Syria, and North Korea. Therefore, if you want to label me a black reporter, I take it with a badge of honor. Ryan and her husband, Tennie James, have two daughters.

Source: <https://www.essence.com/news/5-things-know-journalist-april-ryan>



CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY...CONT'D



Lawyer, **Rodney Slater** was born on February 23, 1955, in Tutwiler, Mississippi. By the age of six, Slater was picking cotton with his mother in order to earn money for a bicycle, and he continued to pick cotton throughout his youth to supplement the family income. He attended Eastern Michigan University on a scholarship, where he was captain of the football team and star of Eastern Michigan's national championship forensic team, graduating in 1977. He went on to attend the University of Arkansas School of Law, earning a J.D. degree in 1980.

Slater became an assistant Attorney General upon graduation from law school, and he remained in that position until 1982. It was during that time that he met then-governor Bill Clinton. In 1983, Clinton named him one of his assistants, where he worked first in the economic and community affairs areas, and then later as special assistant for community and minority affairs. In 1987, Clinton named Slater to the Arkansas Highway Commission, where he became chairman in 1992. During this time, Slater served as director of government affairs for Arkansas State University. Following the election of Clinton as President of the United States, Slater was named the director of the Federal Highway Administration, and in 1997, he was named Secretary of Transportation, a position he held until the end of the Clinton administration. Today he is a partner in the Washington, DC law firm of Squire Patton Boggs.

Slater is involved in numerous civic organizations, including the Arkansas Children's Hospital Community for the Future, the Boy Scouts of America and the Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation, among others. He has been named one of the "100 Most Influential Black Americans" by *Ebony*, and has received an Albert Schweitzer Leadership Award and an honorary doctorate from Howard University. Slater and his wife, Cassandra Wilkins, have two children.

Source: <http://www.thehistorymakers.org/biography/rodney-e-slater-39>



UNCF SCHOLARSHIPS

Submitted by Newsletter Staff

UNCF manages various scholarship programs and each program has its own eligibility criteria, open/close dates and required documentation. To apply for a UNCF scholarship, you must apply through the on-line application process. To view and apply for the scholarships listed below: visit the following website: <https://scholarships.uncf.org/>

As many of the UNCF scholarships require that the scholarship recipient apply for Federal Student Aid, it is recommended that applicants complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Get in-depth information on federal student aid programs and applying for financial aid at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Also, don't forget to regularly check the **Learn More** section of this homepage for latest Internships, Fellowships and Career Path programs. You can apply for as many scholarships for which you are eligible.

NAME	OPEN DATE	CLOSE DATE
<u>Ahmanson Foundation Scholarship</u>	01/9/2018	02/16/2018
<u>CVS Pharmacy, Inc: Business Scholarships</u>	12/15/2017	03/30/2018
<u>CVS Pharmacy, Inc: Pharmacy Scholarship</u>	12/15/2017	03/30/2018
<u>HCN/Apricity Resources Scholars Program</u>	12/04/2017	02/22/2018
<u>HCN/Apricity Resources Scholars Program FOR</u>	12/04/2017	02/22/2018
<u>Isabelle Gaines Scholarship Program</u>	08/31/2017	02/05/2018
<u>Lancaster Independent School District Scholarship</u>	01/08/2018	03/16/2018
<u>UBS/PaineWebber Scholarship</u>	10/26/2017	02/12/2018
<u>UNCF- Anthem Corporate Scholars Program</u>	11/03/2017	02/17/2018
<u>UNCF General Scholarship Application</u>	06/01/2017	03/16/2018
<u>UNCF STEM Scholars Program</u>	10/03/2017	02/15/2018

Feel free to contact us at (202) 810-0258 for more information on UNCF Scholarships and Program opportunities.





Invitation to: *Macedonia Baptist Church Sunday School*

Superintendent of Sunday School: *Rev. Ronald Davis*

Pastor: *Reverend Charles D. Twymon*

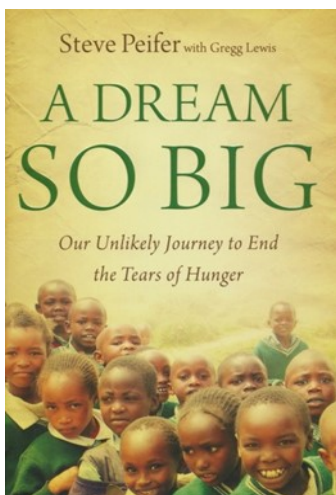
The Sunday School Ministry invites you, your family and friends to attend Sunday School classes. The classes begin at 9:30 a.m. We know you will enjoy the wonderful lessons that will be reviewed, and can apply these teachings to your everyday life. The list of lessons for February 2018 includes the following:

UNIT III: Godly Faith

Date	Lesson	Scripture
February 4	Faith Without Works Is Dead	James 2:14-26
February 11	A Disciplined Faith	James 3:1-12
February 18	Faithful Disciples	Acts 9:36-43
February 25	The Good Fight of Faith	1 Timothy 6:11-21

MACEDONIA BIBLE & BOOK CORNER

Submitted by Sonja Gray



A Dream So Big is the story of Steve Peifer, a corporate manager who once oversaw 9,000 computer software consultants, who today helps provide daily lunches for over 20,000 Kenyan school children in thirty-five national public schools, and maintains solar-powered computer labs at twenty rural African schools. Steve and his wife, Nancy, were enjoying a successful management career with one of America's high tech corporate giants during the dot-com boom of the 1990's when, in 1997, he and his wife Nancy discovered they were pregnant with their third child. Tragically, doctors said a chromosomal condition left their baby "incompatible with life." The Peifers only spent 8 days with baby Stephen before he died. Seeking to flee the pain, Steve and Nancy began a pilgrimage that thrust them into a third-world setting where daily life was often defined by tragedy, drought, disease, poverty, hunger, and death. They didn't arrive in the service of any divine calling, but the truth of their surroundings spoke to their troubled hearts.

A short-term, 12-month mission assignment as dorm parents for a Kenyan boarding school turned this ordinary man into the most unlikely internationally recognized hero, and his story will inspire you to pursue similar lives of service.



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"Come over into Macedonia and help us." ACTS 16:9



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WHAT DO YOU BENEFIT?




IF YOU GAIN
the whole world
BUT LOSE YOUR
own soul?


MARK 8:36, NLT



FAITH



CAN MOVE
MOUNTAINS.



MATTHEW 17:20