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- Sunday School
- Virtual Programs
- Oratorical
- Youth in Action
- Black History
- Graduates

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Pastor James Burgess

From the Pastor's Pen...

My dear Compassionate family, We give God all praises and honor for all that He has been to us individually and collectively as a church family over the past sixteen months. He has proven Himself to be faithful in countless, unexpected, and bountiful ways. This first edition of our CTOF newsletter since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020, celebrates some of the highlights, events, and new experiences God led us through during this unprecedented period in our church history. I genuinely believe it will become a keepsake issue which you will share with your children and grandchildren in years to come.

Without diminishing any of the tragic aspects of the pandemic, such as the loss of over 600,000 lives in America alone, many spiritual and material blessings were realized. The Lord taught lessons that revealed Himself in new ways when viewed with spiritual lenses. Here are just a few:

1. COVID-19 was no surprise to God. The surprise was to us

and the world. God factored this pandemic and every other event into His overall masterplan for this world from the foundation of this world. He never needs to adjust His storyline because He has complete knowledge of all of man's history.

2. We don't know what tomorrow holds! If there was ever any doubt, there shouldn't be a trace left in our noggins. One day it was life as usual; the next day every aspect of our American life was altered. One unexpected chapter, titled "COVID-19", changed our lives forever.
3. God can turn apparent negatives into blessings. I'll let you fill in the blanks, but I am certain you can think of several examples in the past months wherein the Lord proved Himself faithful in ways you could not ever imagine. And of course, He did so that you and I would praise Him even the more. He truly was Lord before, during and after the pandemic.
4. God is a master at bumping us out of our ruts. It is so human to develop blinders and to become complacent in



our self-made realities. The Lord can and will disturb our comfortable stations in life when He wants us to see Him in fresh ways... when He wants us to experience new ways of doing and serving Him. COVID-19 certainly has been one of His rut-smashers.

Enjoy the newsletter. Use it to remind yourself of this time of challenges and God's corresponding faithfulness. Thank you for contributing to this issue and special thanks to the editors, Sisters Robin Moore and Nevada Douglas. And finally, congratulations to our 2021 graduates. It has been a difficult year, but you made it with God's help. God bless you in your new seasons of life.

Through the Wonderful Grace of God,

James T Burgess

SUNDAY SCHOOL CORNER:

In March of 2020 Compassionate made the decision to suspend in person services due to the Covid pandemic. This decision was made after a lot of prayer and deliberation for the safety and well being of our church family. Although the doors of the church were closed, Pastor Burgess and the leadership knew that our mission should still be fulfilled and they wanted to provide a way for God's Word to reach our people. The Technology Committee and the Leadership team decided that Zoom would be the best way to deliver the Pastor's sermon as well as Sunday School. Although, it took some adjustments, the Sunday School ministry soon began to flourish. Adopting this new medium has had extremely positive results. The traditional classes were kept intact in order to continue to provide instruction to the members at each class level. We have reported a tremendous increase in attendance To God be the glory!

Recently the Sunday School department was pleased to welcome Deacon James Newkirk to the role of Adult Sunday School teacher. He has been an asset to Sunday School and a dynamic teacher who's love for studying and applying the scriptures to our daily lives is evident. We thank each and every teacher for their dedication and preparation for the lesson. We look forward to more in depth and lively discussions to help us learn to be better stewards and followers of God's 'Word.

-Deacon Charles Douglas

Proclamation of the Gospel

Mar. 7—Paul's Desire to Visit Rome—Rom. 1:8-17

Mar. 14—God's Wrath Against Mankind—Rom. 1:18-32

Mar. 21—No One is Righteous—Rom. 3:9-20

Mar. 28—Righteousness Through Faith—Rom. 3:21-31

Apr. 4—A Promise Received by Faith—Rom. 4:18-25, Luke 24:1-9

Apr. 11—Justification by Faith—Rom. 5:1-11

Apr. 18—Dead to Sin, Alive in Christ—Rom. 6:1-14

Apr. 25—Anticipating Redemption—Rom. 8:18-27

May 2—More than Conquerors—Rom. 8:28-39

May 9—Elected by God—Rom. 9:6-21

May 16—Saved by Faith—Rom. 10:1-10

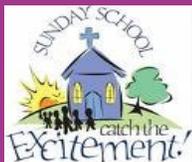
May 23—Jesus is Lord of All—Rom. 10:11-21



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JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sharing the Gospel

who's your **1**ONE?

Are you ready to take your Christian experience to the next level?

Please join our small group discipleship ministry's newest series, "Who's Your One?" This series will teach you how to move from being simply discipled to being an active disciple whom God can use to bring others into the kingdom.

When: Small groups will begin meeting on the week starting Sunday, March 7, 2021.

THE TWELVE DISCIPLES

Do you know what it means to be a Disciple of Christ?

Please join our small group discipleship ministry's newest series, "The Twelve Disciples." This series will take a closer look at the lives of the twelve disciples and help us understand how to apply their life lessons to our lives. Being a disciple of Christ does not mean being perfect. Join us and find out what being a disciple of Christ really means.

When: Small groups will begin meeting on the week starting in May of 2021.

Compassionate was blessed to take part in the **Who's Your One** series which allowed members the opportunity to seek and pray for someone and share the Gospel. Because of God's power and through the work of the Holy Spirit we pray that we may lift up and glorify God's kingdom. We are now studying **The Twelve Disciples** series to learn what it means to be a true disciple.

On Saturday, December 19, 2020 Compassionate held a virtual event — *A Compassionate Christmas with Family & Friends*. The master and mistress of ceremony for the occasion were James and Melissa Parker. This dynamic duo did a great job of keeping the virtual audience engaged while the program celebrated the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Highlights of the event included a Christmas skit from the Vaughn family, a poem “Legend of the Candy Cane” from the Hite family and The Christmas Story narrated by sister Jamonica Holmes. Beautiful musical selections helped to honor and give reverence to Jesus Christ. The songs included *Joy to the World* sung by the McCauley family, *Precious Jesus* sung by Sister Doris Wilson, *Jesus, Oh What a Wonderful Child* by Peighton and Parker Bethea and *Mary Did you Know* and *More than a Holiday* by minister of music Rev. MarQuintin Wilkins and a piano selection *Away in a Manger* by Morgan Douglas. The program concluded with a lively trivia game followed by a rendition of *O Come All Ye Faithful* by Rev. MarQuintin Wilkins. The virtual Christmas event demonstrated that the miraculous birth of Jesus will forever remain a powerful and glorious gift to each and every one of us and should never be forgotten.

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name Jesus; for He shall save His people from their sins.’ Matt. 1:21

CONNECT... Confirmed



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In Case You Missed It...

Top 10 Financial Lessons
 A Special Baptist Training
 Union Guest Presentation



This Sunday, April 18 At
 2pm With

Wanda Cooper
 Financial Advisor and Radio Talk
 Show Host From
 Financial Resource Management

Compassionate Tabernacle of Faith
 Missionary Baptist Church

2020 & 2021
 THE CORONAVIRUS

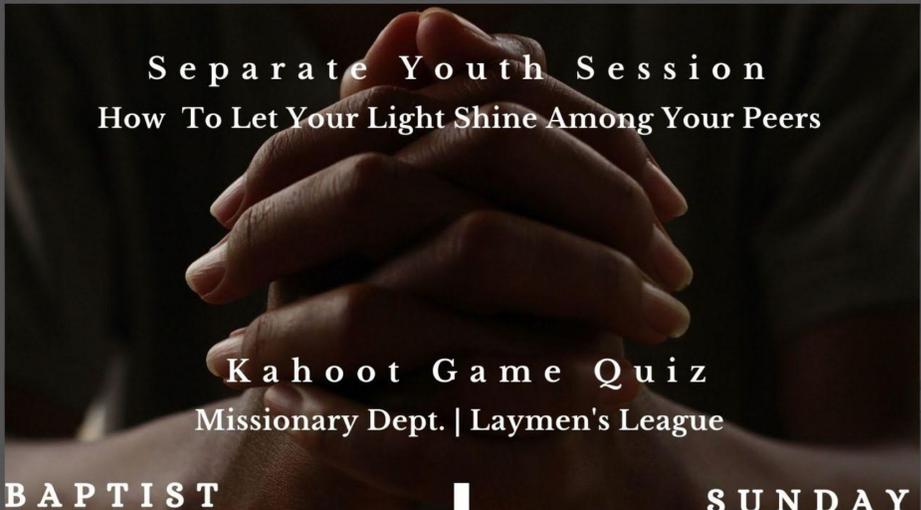


Our Lives | Our Faith
 Where Were We?
 Where Are We?
 Where Do We Go From Here?

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION SUNDAY MARCH 21 2 PM

Compassionate Tabernacle of Faith
 Missionary Baptist Church

How To Avoid Sin
 Panel Discussion & Video



Separate Youth Session
 How To Let Your Light Shine Among Your Peers

Kahoot Game Quiz
 Missionary Dept. | Laymen's League

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION SUNDAY MAY 16 2 PM

Covid restrictions caused many churches nationwide to close their doors to indoor service in 2020. By the grace of God and the wonderful gift of technology, Compassionate was blessed to continue holding Sunday worship services. Through Zoom, we have continued to hear the Word through powerful sermons delivered by Rev. Burgess, nightly prayer, Wednesday night bible study, BTU, quarterly prayer meetings and conduct church conference. We give God the glory and honor for all that He has done and continues to do. "For it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure." Phil. 2:13

Give Thanks

Saturday, November 21: Compassionate Drive-In

“Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.” (1 Thess. 5:11)

At this time, we could all use a little encouragement in order to stay strong in the faith. One of the wonderful ways we can encourage each other is by gathering together as a church family. In celebration of Thanksgiving and the midpoint of our CONNECT Stewardship Campaign, we will hold a Drive-In Celebration!

Bring your family as we gather at the church on *Saturday, November 21 at 11:30am* for a social-distanced celebration. Reverend Burgess will give a brief message and prayer beginning at noon.

Here are some notes to help us in our celebration together:

- ◆ As you drive into Compassionate, there will be parking lot attendants who will direct you for parking.
- ◆ In an effort to comply with all state issued mandates and requirements, we ask that each attendee wear a mask while attending the event. We do not want to jeopardize the safety of those gathered, nor do we want to jeopardize our ability to be gathered in this manner.
- ◆ Please stay in/near your car with your family unit.
- ◆ At the end of the service, please stay in your parking spot until you are dismissed by the parking lot attendants. We want the drive in and the drive out to be very easy and smooth so please be patient and we will get you in and out of the lot.

Sunday, November 22: CONNECT Midpoint Celebration Sunday Service

“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” (1 Thess. 5:18)

We will continue our Thanksgiving celebration during our Sunday Morning Worship Service on *Sunday, November 22 at 10:00am* (via Zoom). We have so much to be thankful for. God has truly blessed our church and our church family both financially and spiritually. Join us on Sunday, as we share updates about our CONNECT Stewardship Campaign, and expand our vision to CONNECT lives to Christ and show His unconditional love within our surrounding community.

We look forward to CONNECTING with you soon!



**“Give thanks in all circumstances for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”
1 Thess. 5:18**



ORATORICAL CONTEST



The James F. Wertz Oratorical Contest was held virtually on Thursday, April 1, 2021. The church was

blessed to have participating in the preparatory division **Corey Joyner, Justin Walker, Dylan Douglas, and Sean Patrick Holmes.** Participants in the junior division were **Layla Walker and Matthew Lewis.** All of the youth did an outstanding job! Congratulations to the first place winners

Sean Patrick Holmes and Layla Walker who represented Compassionate in the county division. Sean Patrick is the son of Patrick and Jamonica Holmes and the grandson of Elnora Faison and Valerie Holmes. Layla is the daughter of Chris and Trice Walker. We give all thanks to God.

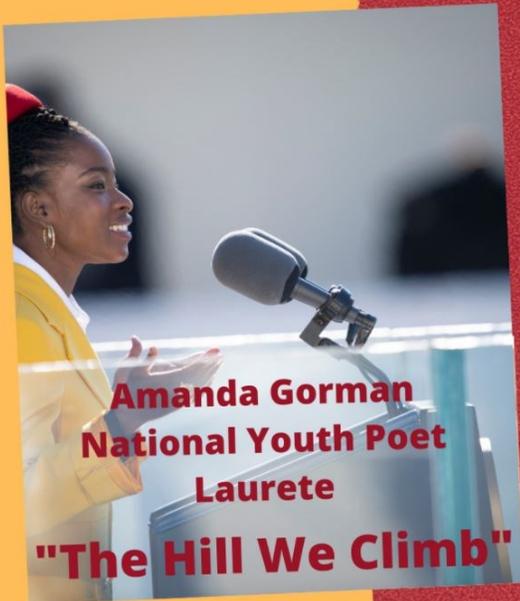
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Missionary Baptist Church

*Invites You
to The*

**Baptist Training Union
Black History Month
Program, Sunday,
February 21st at 2PM**

*Watch Amanda Gorman's
Historic Presidential
Inauguration Poem and
Participate As A
Compassionate Panel
Discuss What The Poem
Means To Us In 2021*



YOUTH IN ACTION



Toure Pough

Although it has been a long year of virtual learning, **Toure Pough** has ended the year on a good note. Toure attends Exploris Elementary. The school prides itself on unconventional ways of learning that includes a hands-on approach to academic enrichment. Exploris focuses on 8 core values: innovation, social empowerment, craftsmanship, connections to nature, relationships, reflection, responsibility and curiosity. Toure has really tried to be focused on craftsmanship (doing his best work) and reflection (thinking about and following through with making good choices) this school year. He made honor roll and we are proud of the level of focus needed to do so in a remote learning environment. Toure also applied the core values of craftsmanship and reflection on the soccer field. He really focused on putting forward his best efforts when he was on the field. He thought about the best ways to help his team win. This caused him to take on a leadership role on his team by giving guidance to his teammates during the games. He is looking forward to 3rd grade but looking forward to the summer more!

Ava Pough has had an amazing 8th grade year. She did well in the virtual classroom, in her community and on the soccer field. In general Ava is a social learner but she was determined to excel academically. Although it was tough being remote, Ava still made A/B honor roll. Ava's teachers commended her for being such a high achiever. She was also selected to give a global presentation on Earth Day to hundreds of people all over the world. She and her classmates were one of a very few American presenters. Each fall the Exploris School 8th graders spend 9 weeks studying the creation of the US Constitution & Bill of Rights, hydrosphere, water chemistry, and human impact on our water systems. In their final project they used Design for Change to identify a problem, interview stakeholders, imagine solutions, take action (if there is time), and most importantly reflect on the complexity of being an agent of change. Ava's group focused on everyone, especially those who have fewer resources for having access to clean water. As a way to make a positive impact in their community, they volunteered to for creek clean up in the Wake county area.

Ava will be attending Millbrook in the fall. She's excited about high school and the new experiences that it will bring. To God be the glory for all of her middle school successes and future achievements to come.

Tony and Von Gretchen Pough are the parents of Ava and Toure. Proud grandparents are Arnold and Patricia Evans



Ava Pough

YOUTH IN ACTION

Kaitlyn Danielle Allen 2020-2021 was Kaitlyn's freshman year at Enloe but instead of roaming the halls and hanging out with her friends, she attended classes from the comfort of home. Despite this, Kaitlyn was still able to excel in her classes making the A/B Honor Roll each quarter. She was an enthusiastic player on Enloe's softball team and just concluded her Virtual Driver's Education class! Kaitlyn is extremely excited about this summer. She's looking forward to watching and attending Major League Baseball games, spending time with family, going to work and just getting back to normal. Kaitlyn is the daughter of Darnell and Nicola Allen



Kaitlyn Allen

Kassidy Arden Moore began her freshman year as a high schooler like everyone else, remotely. Virtual learning was not how she would have liked to start her 9th grade year at South Garner High School but it was God's plan. After initially struggling to connect and fully engage online Kassidy gained her footing and had a successful first year. Her successes out of the classroom included making the Varsity cheerleading team. She also was able to continue dancing competitively with the Danze Zone. The studio competed in four competitions, all of them local due to the pandemic. She also performed a solo dance this year. During the pandemic Kassidy started her own hair business, "Bodied by Kass". She is very serious about her craft or more precise, her God given talent. She is very professional when she is working on a client and gets irritated when they are late. She has threatened to cancel my appointment on more than one occasion because of my tardiness! Kassidy also began working at McDonald's in the White Oak Shopping Center. We are very proud of Kassidy's accomplishments and give all keep her in your prayers. and Robin Moore and the



praises to God. We ask that you Kassidy is the daughter of Eric granddaughter of Mary Philyaw.

Why do you look
for the living among
the dead? He is not
here; He has risen!
Luke 24:5-6

Compassionate Baptist Church Saturday, April 3, 2021

#REALHOPELIVES

Let's spread the hope of Easter throughout
the month of April

How, you ask?

When you arrive at the Easter Drive-In, you will be provided with glass
writing markers to write your favorite scripture of HOPE
on your rear windshield!

If you have glass/window markers @ home,
that's AWESOME because you can write your scripture on your
windshield in advance!

INSTRUCTIONS:

Just write your favorite Bible verse inspiring HOPE (or a portion of it)
on your car's back windshield.

You can even decorate it if you'd like!

At the Drive-In service on Saturday, April 3rd, we will take pictures of every family's car
and post on social media with the hashtag

#RealHopeLives

We'd love for you to take a family photo too!

If you do, just post your picture on the CTOF Facebook and/or Instagram page with



2021 GRADUATES



Ashlee's graduating!!! We can hardly believe that the little "Gerber baby" is an 18-year old young lady about to embark on her own adventure. Ashlee has had a very unconventional Senior year but she has not only persevered but excelled! Ashlee was a member of Southeast Raleigh Magnet High School's Student Government Association serving as the Second Vice President, starting point guard for the Girls Basketball team and starting shortstop for the softball team all while making the A/B Honor Roll. Ashlee was blessed to remain healthy throughout the pandemic while working in the service industry. This fall while she attends UNC-Pembroke we ask that our church family continue to lift her up in prayer asking that the Lord protect and guide her and that the Holy Spirit brings to her remembrance all that she has learned while at Compassionate. Ashlee is the daughter of Darnell and Nicola Allen.



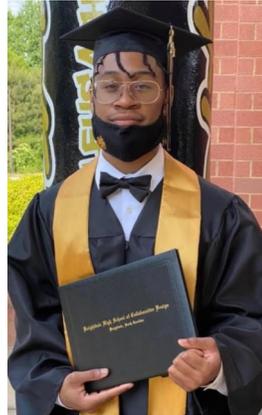
Ashlee Allen

William Thomas Shaw will be graduating from Tarheel Challenge Academy on Friday, May 21, 2021. William decided to enroll at Tarheel Challenge during the recent Christmas break out of his desire to enhance his leadership skills and prepare for adulthood. Since being at the academy, he has accepted two leadership positions where he leads his teams drill and he is responsible for 8 other Cadets to keep them encouraged during the duration of the program. Along with his Diploma, William received a career readiness certificate. William plans to attend Wake Tech Community College to get a trade and enter the workforce. Ultimately, he plans to enlist in the armed services. William is the son of Toby and Annie Shaw. We wish blessings for this young man.



William Shaw

2021 GRADUATES



Logan Gilchrist

Congratulations to **Logan Gilchrist** on graduating from Knightdale High School on May 27, 2021. His future plans are to attend a community college. Logan is the son of Jeffrey and Nerissa Gilchrist and the grandson of Deacon Ronald Lindsay. To God be the glory!



Brooke Brinson

Brooke Brinson graduated from Southeast Raleigh Magnet High School on June 14th. Brooke plans to attend Howard University in the Fall where she plans to major in Communications. May God continue to bless her as she embarks on this new chapter.



Kailah Solomon

Kailah Solomon graduated May 9th cum laude from North Carolina A&T University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Professional Theatre with a Concentration in Acting. Her future plans are to obtain a certificate degree in Children's Theatre and Early Childhood. Also, this summer she plans to take American Sign Language classes to interpret shows and plays within the school system.

You did it!
Congratulations

2021 GRADUATES

Makayla Walker graduated with honors in the Fall of 2020 from Montgomery College with an Associate's Degree in General Studies SSAH (Social Sciences and Health Department). Due to Corona restrictions in place last year, her Commencement ceremony was held with the 2021 class.

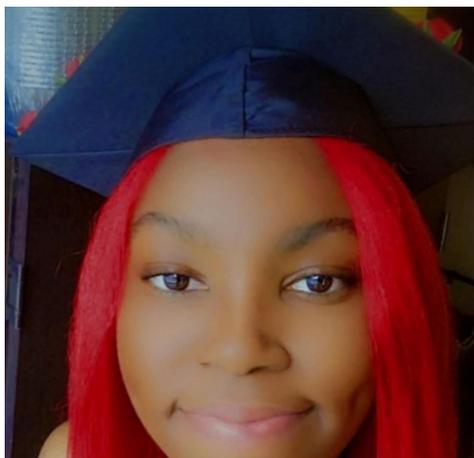
Makayla joined a few clubs while attending college including House Arrest 2 Chapter 3 (HA2C3) National Dance Team at NCCU. She continues to be a member of the dance team. She also joined Book Club while attending Wake Tech. During her time at Montgomery College, she was inducted into Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society since she was on the Dean's List and was shooting straight A's. Though in the future, she plans to do so much more.

Makayla took a gap year and currently works as a Legal Assistant in her mom's law firm, Family First Legal. She is extremely proud of her mother. Makayla is excited to be attending Towson University in the Fall. She plans to double major in Sociology-Anthropology with a Concentration in Criminal Justice and Performing Arts. She plans to play volleyball at Towson, join a few clubs and maintain her position on the Dean's list.

Her career goal is to become a Forensic Psychologist in the FBI (NCAVC) and a Broadway Dancer. She's not quite sure how she'll get it done nor the order, but she believes and trusts that it will happen.

Makayla gives honor first to God and professes without Him she wouldn't even be here. She also thanks her parents, siblings and extended family and friends for always having her back. She greatly appreciates them all and knows she could not have thrived without them. Makayla is the daughter of Chris and Trice Walker.

Makayla Walker



Great
Job

Congratulations to **Jeffrey D. Gilchrist** on graduating from Walden University on May 24, 2021 with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology. His future plans are to work for the government counseling inmates. Glory to God for this wonderful accomplishment.

Jeffrey Gilchrist



2021 GRADUATES

On May 14, 2021 **Gabriel Montague** graduated from North Carolina State University with Magna Cum Laude honors. He earned his Bachelor of Sciences degree in Statistics with minors in Spanish and Sociology. Additionally, he made history as 1 of 5 Black men, who made up the highest number of Black graduates from NC State University. Gabriel worked as a Mentor and Team Lead for NC State's Annual Symposium for Multicultural Scholars, which supports underserved students during their transition to NC State before classes begin in the Fall. Gabriel maintained his role as a College of Sciences Ambassador and his internship with the Office of Undergraduate Admissions through his senior year. During his senior year he added an internship as a Student Data & Technology Intern with NC State's Enrollment Management & Services Offices.

Gabriel also used his musical gifts placing 2nd runner up in the 2020 Spring Wolfpack's Got Talent contest and winning the 2020 Summer Wolfpack's Got Talent contest. After serving as Co-Director for Uninhibited Praise Gospel Choir during his sophomore year serving as Director his junior and senior year. To God be the glory during his time as Director, the gospel choir more than doubled in membership and performed for the premier of the virtual Martin Luther King Jr. Project Mayor's Unity Day, The Chancellor's Red & White Night and NC State Men's Basketball game versus Florida State. During his senior year he was awarded the Ebony Harlem Award for Vocal Music and was inducted into the Gamma Beta Phi National Honor Society and received the Dr. Marjorie Debnam Community Service Award from the College of Sciences.

Gabriel was blessed to be accepted into NYU and the University of Pennsylvania but has elected to attend the Harvard University's Master's in Education Policy & Analysis program which is the top ranked in the country. He is eternally grateful to Compassionate for the constant support, love and guidance which helped him build a strong spiritual and educational foundation. Gabriel and his parents Cedric and Michelle Montague solicit your prayers for him as he begins this new chapter as he seeks to follow God's plan for his life.



2020 Graduates



Christian Bailey graduated from Needham Broughton High School with plans to attend Johnston Community College majoring in Truck Driving Training School for Class A CDL License. He is the son of Christian Bailey.



Kairon Burgess-Martin graduated from Southeast Raleigh Magnet High School and attends North Carolina Central University majoring in Information & Communications Technology. He is the son of Vonda Kai Martin Jenkins.



Lauren Leigh Clark graduated from Southeast Raleigh Magnet High School and she now attends North Carolina State University majoring in English Linguistics. She is the daughter of Lee and April Clark.



Morgan Sierra Douglas graduated from Rolesville High School and attends UNC-Charlotte majoring in Public Health. She was named a member of the freshman emerging leaders club. She is the daughter of Charles and Nevada Douglas.



Mackenzie Gilchrist graduated from Knightdale High School and plans to attend Universal Technical Institute majoring in Automotive Engineering. He is the son of Jeff and Nerissa Gilchrist and the grandson of Deacon Ronald Lindsay.



Emmanuel Ashan Johnson graduated from Athens Drive High School with plans to attend Wake Technical Community College majoring in Accounting and transfer to Appalachian State University. He is the son of William and Vivian Johnson.

2020 Graduates

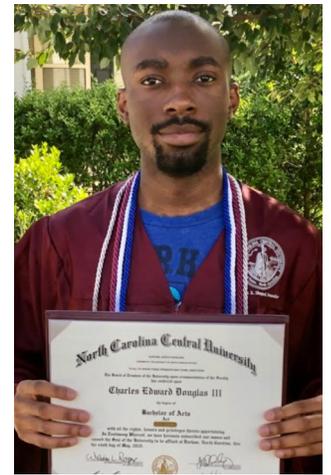


Congratulations to **Christian Chantell Cason** on graduating from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro on December 11, 2020. Christian received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology with a double minor in American Sign Language and Psychology. Her future plans is to pursue a Master's Degree in Psychology. We wish God's blessings to Christian!

Christian Cason



Charles Edward "Chaz" Douglas III graduated cum laude from North Carolina Central University on May 8, 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Visual Communications. His future plans are to seek employment in the field of graphic design. Chaz recently had artwork featured in a Batman/Robin fan magazine. He is the son of Charles and Nevada Douglas. Continue to keep him in prayer as he pursues employment in his field.



Chaz Douglas



Shamari Henderson graduated from Louisburg College on May 17, 2020 with an Associate of Science in Business. While attending Louisburg, he was a member of the Louisburg men's soccer team. Shamari is currently attending Shaw University majoring in Business. He is the son of Shawn and Emeka Henderson. May God continue to bless him in his endeavors.

Shamari Henderson



Christopher Cason received his Associate's degree from Wake Tech. Community College. . He matriculated to NC Central University to pursue a degree in Public Relations. May God direct his path as he continues to further his education.



Christopher Cason

2020 Graduates



Precious Onwuteaka graduated from Knightdale High School and attends North Carolina State university.



Travis I. Prioleau graduated from Garner Magnet High School with plans to attend a four-year college majoring in Information Technology/Gaming. He is the son of Travis and Christie Prioleau.



Kurtis Charles Taylor III graduated from Neuse Christian Academy and attends Wingate University.



Jonathan L. Thomas graduated from William G. Enloe Magnet High School and attends Averett University in Virginia majoring in Sports Broadcasting Communications. Jonathan is the son of Beverly Thomas.



LeGrant Washington graduated from Garner Senior Magnet High School with plans to enlist in the Navy. LeGrant is the son of Tiki Newkirk and the grandson of Deacon James and Marcina Newkirk.

Baby News

Rhett Colton Cooper was born on May 6, 2020 to proud parents Don and Shena Cooper. This cutie weighed 8 lbs. 5 oz. and was 20 3/4 inches. He recently celebrated his 1st birthday! May God continue to bless Rhett and his parents.



Bryson Josiah Brooks was born on Sept. 2, 2020 to Marvin and Shaunika Brooks. Big sister London had her first dance recital in June and will start kindergarten in September.



Jeryn Micheal Irving was born on Feb. 26, 2021 to Jerry and Deven Irving. Little Jeryn weighed 5 lbs. 14 oz. Big sister Kynnedi loves her adorable little brother. Grandparents Steven and Willie Mae Beachum are the proud grandparents. Continued blessings to the Irvings.



Wedding Anniversaries

JAN

15—Eddie & Kristie Harden—16yrs
27—Charles & Bernice Mitchell— 3yrs

FEBRUARY

Feb 3—Robert & Peggy McCauley—53yrs
Feb 11—Samuel & Janika Lee—4yrs

APRIL

Apr 22—Stephen & Willie M Beachum—41yrs
Apr 27—Clyde & Harriett Taylor—8yrs
Apr 29—Darius & Kenya Hite—15yrs

MAY

May 1—James & Marcina Newkirk—45yrs
May 18—Lee & April Clark— 26yrs
May 18—Charles & Nevada Douglas—25yrs
May 20—Kevin & Patrice Bethea—11yrs
May 23—AA & Terri Boone—13yrs
May 28—Johnny & Gloria Brown—55yrs
May 29—Jeffrey & Nerissa Gilchrist—22yrs

JUNE

June 8—Tobey & Annie Shaw—19yrs
June 9—Patrick & Jamonica Holmes—14yrs
June 21—William & Vivian Johnson—24yrs
June 22—Kenneth & Alma Vaughan—7yrs
June 23—Jerry & Deven Irving—3yrs

JULY

July 27—Melvin & Carolyn Dove—44yrs



Congratulations

Dacia Beachum and **Zachary Kahan** were united in holy matrimony in a beautiful outdoor ceremony on March 26, 2021. The beautiful

bride is the daughter of Steve and Willie Mae Beachum. May God continue to bless this glorious union.



Congratulations to **Tiffany Mervin** and **Patrick Wingate**. The happy couple was joined in holy matrimony on May 8, 2021. The lovely bride is the daughter of Bernice Mitchell. We wish much happiness and God’s blessings for this couple.

Black History



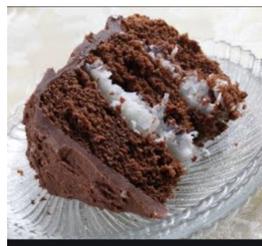
Cicely Tyson was a renowned, award-winning icon of the stage and screen who broke barriers for black actresses with surpassing dignity. The actress chronicled her lengthy career in her first memoir, "Just As I Am." Tyson embodied African American women who demanded attention – and more than that, respect. She played former slaves, civil rights icons, sharecroppers, truth tellers, mothers and other complicated women – bringing a sense of depth, nobility and grace to every character.

Her filmography includes some of the most celebrated movies and television shows featuring black women in major roles: "Sounder" (1972), "The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman" (1974), "Roots" (1977), "The Marva Collins Story" (1981), "The Women of Brewster Place" (1989) and "The Help" (2011). Yet, she said her most important accomplishment happened in 2016 when President Barack Obama awarded her the Medal of Freedom. As an adult, Tyson began her entertainment career as a model when she was discovered by a fashion editor at Ebony magazine in the 1950s. She had substantial theater parts in the early part of the decade and was on television regularly in guest-starring roles by the mid-1960s. It wasn't until "Sounder" in 1972 that she had her big breakout movie role. She portrayed the family matriarch in the film about Depression-era sharecroppers and their hunting dog, based on a William H Armstrong novel. She was nominated for an Academy Award for her work in the film – her only Oscar nomination. It would be another 45 years before she took home the golden statue when she received an honorary Oscar in 2018, the only black woman to do so.

In 1974, she starred in "The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman" a television movie based on a novel by Ernest Gaines. Tyson was the title character, a woman born into slavery who lives well into the 20th century and takes part in African Americans' struggles for civil rights. She won two Emmys for the role – best actress in a drama and actress of the year. During her career, she would win a total of three Emmy Awards out of 15 nominations. Tyson won a Tony award for her work in "The Trip to Bountiful". Tyson married jazz trumpeter Miles Davis in 1981, but their union ended in divorce in 1988. Cicely Tyson passed away on Jan. 28, 2021 at the age of 96. She inspired a generation and will be remembered for her elegant and dignified presence on stage and screen.

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RECIPES



Peter Paul Mound Cake

Ingredients:

- 1 cup shortening
- 2 cup of sugar
- 5 eggs
- 1 cup self-rising flour
- 1 cup plain flour
- 1 cup of milk
- 2 teaspoons of vanilla

Filling:

- 1 cup of sugar
- 1 cup of milk
- 1 lb. coconut frozen
- 12 lg marshmallows
- 1 tsp vanilla

Prepare the filling while cake is baking to stack cake layers while hot

Filling:

Heat sugar and milk in saucepan and bring to a boil. Add coconut and marshmallows and vanilla and stir continuously. Spread between layers and stack as you go.

Frosting:

- 2 cups sugar
- 1 stick margarine
- 1 (5 oz) can evaporated milk
- 2-3 tablespoons cocoa

Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly until thick.

-Sister Frances Clemons

Black History Quiz Bowl

On February 27, 2021 the **Education Committee for the Support of Parents and Students** hosted a Black History Quiz Bowl via Zoom using the Kahoot platform. Thank you to Cassidy Moore, Elijah Henderson and Corey Joyner for participating. Please feel free to contact a member of the Education Committee if you have educational concerns. Members are: Sister Vonda Kai Martin Jenkins (Chairman), Sister Sherita Atkinson, Sister Shirley Davis, Sister Nerissa Gilchrist, Sister Deven Irving, Sister Janika Lee, Sister Robin Moore and Sister Beverly Thomas.

EDUCATION NEWS

Martina Atkinson, the daughter of Sherita Atkinson, completed a successful 6th grade school year. Although the school year had its up and downs, she managed to maintain a 3.8 GPA while participating in dance, Girl Scouts, Girls in Science, volleyball, basketball and track. In dance, Martina completed her solo performance after not having a dance season due to Covid, where she won 1st place overall in her last competition. It was bitter sweet because after spending 8 years at her previous studio, she has decided to dance at a different studio for the upcoming year. She continues to seek guidance and prayers and she embarks on her 7th grade school year. Martina is the daughter of Sherita Atkinson.



Martina Atkinson



Hannah & Haven Hite

Hannah Emma Hite successfully completed 4th grade where she made the Honor Roll 2nd, 3rd and 4th quarters. She also earned Girl Scouts badges for World Thinking Day 20/21, Junior First Aid and Junior It's Your Story Journey.

Haven Eloise Hite earned honor roll for the 2nd and 3rd quarters and passed 3rd grade Math & English EOGs. She earned Girl Scout badges for Hispanic Heritage month, World Thinking Day 20/21, World of Girls Journey Making Friends, Home Scientist (homemade ice cream), Give Away, Pets, Dance and First aid while attending virtual meetings. Both girls earned a community service patch for helping to make *We Care kits* for the Helen Wright Center.

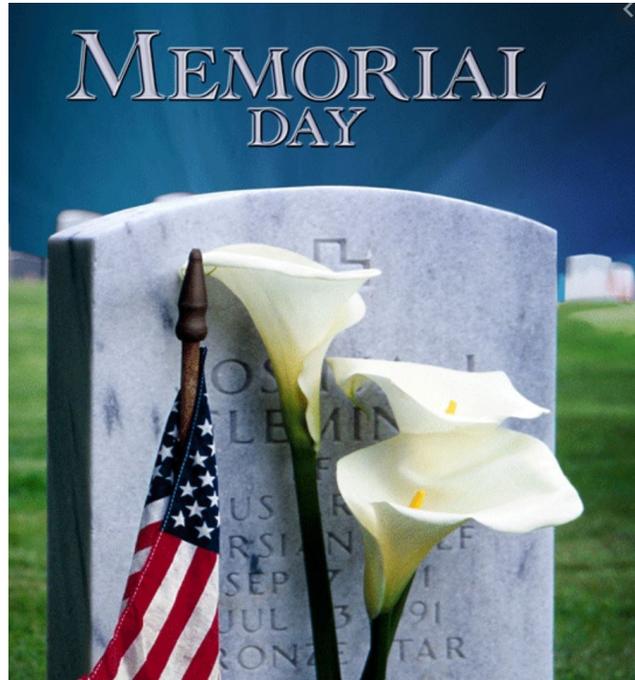
Harrison Maxwell Hite made the 4th grade Honor Roll for the 3rd quarter. He earned Boy Scout badges for Gardening and Model Design and Building a bank. The children attend the National Heritage Academy at Pre-Eminent Charter School. Proud parents are Darius and Kenya Hite.



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