

# The Herald

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## “Victory”

*“For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world:  
and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.”*

- I John 5:4 -

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## *From the Pastor's Pen...*

### **“Growing as a Pastor, Part V”**

#### **Excerpt from “*My Spiritual Journey*”**



I was called to Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in 1986. The church is located in my hometown. My wife and I had know many of the members since we were children. We attended school with many of their children. Many of our classmates were members of the church as

well. The hardest thing for me was telling the good people of Independent that we were leaving for full time ministry at another church.

Mt. Calvary was a lively church. We called this type of congregation a “shouting church.” We never had a dull service the entire three years that we were there. However, most of the members were older and treated us as if we were their children. And we were the beneficiaries of their wisdom.

The people of Mt. Calvary were there for us when we had our first and second child. They did all they could to support our vision for the church, and showed us “no little kindness.” Just when we settled in and started to think that we would be there for the rest of our lives, we were called to serve the congregation at Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. Except for being a church that wanted to hold on to human traditions, Mt. Calvary was and still is a wonderful group of saints.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, we have been faithful to God at each of the churches where the Lord allowed us to serve. I count it a privilege to serve in the Lord’s ministry. We have come to realize that it is not about the gifts, but it is about the Gift Giver.

When we first arrived in Huntsville, Alabama to start our service at Union Chapel, my father said to me, “son the Lord has rewarded you for your faithfulness.” I still believe that it is faithfulness that God rewards.

We arrived in Huntsville in 1989 with a prayer in our hearts and a hope that we could serve Union Chapel

with love and integrity. In all honesty, I can say that I had no idea, nor had I envisioned the place where the Lord has brought us to today.

In truth, I was just hoping to maintain what the Lord had already done through my predecessors. All I wanted to do was a good job.

My intentions have always been good. The Bible says that Job was “perfect,” but this does not mean that he did not commit sin. In other words, Job was perfect in the sense that he had no evil intentions. He only thought about doing good, doing the right thing, obeying God. It is my belief that God blessed Job in his trying; He blessed Job because he desired to do what was right.

What can we learn from this? First, we learn that we are not perfect - we all sin and fall short. No one can live free of sin.

Second, we learn that God will bless us in our trying. When we try to do the right thing, God will bless us in spite of our imperfections.

Third, when we fail in our trying, God provides grace and forgiveness. He meets us in our failure and blesses us because we tried, because our intentions were to please Him.

When our intentions are pure, we learn so much more about the grace and mercy of God. It is in troubled times that we see how good God is, because He blesses us over and over again, even in the midst of storms.

Brothers and Sisters, God blesses us when our intentions are good. It is my prayer that we decide to do good all the time and by the power of His Spirit, God will help us do just that!

(Next month: “Growing as a Pastor, Part VI”)

~Pastor O. Wendell Davis

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## Let's Study Together

### BIBLE STUDY

Join us every Wednesday  
12 Noon  
Mid-Day Bible Study  
Boone-Lacy Memorial Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m.  
Adult Bible Study  
Boone-Lacy Fellowship Hall

Youth Bible Study  
Basement

Collegiate Bible Study  
Conference Room  
(Former Library)

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us every Sunday at 7:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

*"God Promises a Just Kingdom"*

04.05 God's Just Servant  
(Isaiah 42:1-9)

04.12 Resurrection Hope  
(1 Corinthians 15:1-8, 12-14, 20-23, 42-45)

04.19 Injustice Will Be Punished  
(Esther 7:1-10)

04.26 The Lord Loves Justice  
(Isaiah 61:8-11; 62:2-4a)

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## Save the Date...

Estate Planning and Legal Affairs Seminar

Sponsored by the Senior Adult Ministry (SAM)

***April 21, 2020, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Boone-Lacy Fellowship Hall***

Guest Speaker: Ms. La'Tanya Rhines, Elder Law Attorney, with Top of Alabama Regional Council  
of Governments (TARCOG)

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## Veterans Ministry News

*In Remembrance*

*Curtis L. Pruitt, Navy*

May 1, 1953 - February 27, 2020



*I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race,*

*I have kept the faith.*

*Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which  
the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not  
to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.*

II Timothy 4:7-8





## We Celebrate You...



Congratulations to *Nevaeh Eggleston*, who recently received the Timothy Briggs Leadership Scholarship, awarded by the North Alabama Professionals Chapter National Society of Black Engineers at their 27th Annual Scholarship Banquet.

*Nevaeh* is the daughter of Latoya and Carl Dorsey and William Eggleston.



Congratulations to *Torian Blackburn*, who recently received the Adrienne PK Washington Business Award at the 88th Southeast Regional Conference, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. *Torian* serves as president of Mu Mu Chapter at the University of Montevallo.

*Torian* is the daughter of Crystal and Jimmy Blackburn and the granddaughter of Mother Jessie Singleterry.



Congratulations to *Nevaeh Eggleston* and *Narcissus Hardin*, who recently received scholarships from the Rosetta James Foundation, Inc. Since its inception, the Foundation has awarded *The Rosetta James Scholarship* to deserving undergraduate students who demonstrate sound academics, the spirit of volunteerism, civic involvement, and other value adding extra-curricular activities. This year the Foundation awarded scholarships totaling \$20,000 to local students.

*Narcissus* is the daughter of Jerome Hardin.

Congratulations are extended to the following high school students. These A/B Honor Roll students were recognized by the Huntsville Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., at the 41st Honors Convocation on Sunday, March 8, 2020 for academic excellence:

### **Buckhorn High School:**

*CorMariah Alexander*

*Zachary Bone*

*Kirstin Boyd*

*Dayton Malone*

### **Hazel Green High School:**

*Peyton Corn*

### **James Clemens High School:**

*Alivia Eggleston*

*Nevaeh Eggleston*

*Jackson Lanier*

*Taryn Williams*

### **Lee High School:**

*Aaliyah Caston*

*Kendall Washington*

### **Mae Jemison High School:**

*Sarah Mitchell*

### **Madison Academy:**

*Halia Morris*

### **Sparkman High School:**

*Jamiyah Dozier*

*Cameron Jones*

### **St. John Paul II Catholic High School:**

*Chase Holloway*

## UCCA News...

UCCA students are doing great things...



Congratulations to *Miracle Burwell*, who recently received a U. S. Space Academy Scholarship, awarded by the North Alabama Professionals Chapter National Society of Black Engineers at their 27th Annual Scholarship Banquet.

The U. S. Space Camp/Academy is an educational program that couples classroom instruction with hands on activities.

*Miracle* is an 8th grader at UCCA.



Several 5th grade students participated in the NSBE (National Society of Black Engineers) Creative Minds Poster Contest which recognizes 5th grade students who exhibit excellent displays in STEM.

The winners received a "Summer Science Fun Pack" which includes tickets to the U. S. Space and Rocket Center.



Congratulations to *Miracle Burwell*, who recently placed first in the Optimist Club Middle School Essay Contest and the Oratorical Contest. *Miracle* will be competing on the district level in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, with the opportunity to receive a scholarship up to \$2,500.

The topic for the essay contest was "*Is Optimism the Key to Achieving the Dreams you iMagine?*" The topic for the oratorical contest was "*Just iMagine a World Without Boundaries.*"



UCCA competed in Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade Spelling Bee at Marshall Christian Academy in Albertville, Alabama on Feb. 21, 2020. Congratulations to *Zenyah Pruitt*, who won second place for 5<sup>th</sup> grade and 4<sup>th</sup> place overall. Congratulations to *Brooklyn Ball*, who won 3<sup>rd</sup> place for 7<sup>th</sup> grade and 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall. Both students will participate in the (ACSI) Regional Competition in Atlanta, Georgia.



Several students participated in the Optimist Tri-City basketball contest on February 29, 2020. Congratulations to *Tristian Wortham*, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, who placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 8-9 years old category; *Javion Glover*, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, who placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the 10-11 years old category; *Bryson Smith*, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, who placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in 10-11 years old category and *Jayden Anderson*, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, who placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in ages 12-13 years old category.



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## State Convention Summit



On February 27, 2020, Pastor Melvin Owens, President of the Alabama Missionary Baptist State Convention, pastors and executive members of the convention convened for a summit at the state capitol in Montgomery, AL. This group met with state senators and members of the House of Representatives to discuss issues and voice concerns relative to how these issues directly affect the African American communities in Alabama.

Points of discussion centered around: poverty, educational opportunities, healthcare, prison

reform to include reinstatement of prisons' voting rights, voter empowerment and the importance/impact of exercising our right to vote, and the affect of payday lending on the black community.

Among those in attendance were Pastor O. Wendell Davis, Deacon Richard Showers, Sr. and Representative Anthony Daniels.

Subsequent meetings are planned to continue these discussions.

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## Wellness News

*For heart health, simplify your beverage menu!*

“Listen to your heart” is sound advice for relationships and life in general, and with a little imagination, you can use it to help you make choices about what to eat and drink, too. If your actual, physical heart could talk, it would have clear preferences about what you consume. Veggies, beans, fish, and nuts would get a resounding “yes!” French fries, burgers, and pizza, however? A clear “no.” The same goes for beverages. Research has shown a link between drinking sugar-sweetened beverages and a higher risk of heart disease, and many assumed that weight gain from the excessive calories was to blame. But a new study suggests there may be more to it than that. In a new study, drinking 12 ounces or more of sugar-sweetened drinks daily was linked to lower levels of



HDL cholesterol, the “good” kind that protects your heart, as well as higher levels of triglycerides, a harmful type of fat in the bloodstream that can increase the risk of heart attack. More research is needed, but don’t wait to make changes if you drink soda, packaged ice tea, or other sugar-sweetened drinks on a regular basis. There are nearly 10 teaspoons of sugar in a 12-ounce coke, and more than that in a typical packaged iced tea. These are the emptiest of empty calories, with no nutrients or fiber to slow down the effects of all that sugar. Do right by your heart, and the rest of your body, and make your main beverage good old, thirst-quenching H<sub>2</sub>O! Add flavor with sliced citrus fruit or mint leaves.

~Cleveland Wellness Clinic

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## After the Cap and Gown



Allison Leah Thompson, daughter of Andrea and Minister Lindsey Thompson, Jr.

### **Education:**

Master of Public Health (In Progress)

Bachelor of Science, Major: Interdisciplinary Studies (Biology, Public Health, Spanish),  
Auburn University, Auburn Alabama

### **Career:**

Allison currently works for the Georgia Department of Public Health, District 4, in several capacities. She is the Chronic Disease Prevention Coordinator for 12 counties and health departments, educating the community on nutrition and wellness while creating disease prevention programs and strategies. In addition, she acts as a Public Health Analyst monitoring and preventing opioid/substance abuse and overdose cases. Allison is currently concentrating on logistical health planning as the world combats the COVID-19 pandemic, charting the disease and working to screen potential patients and supply essential needs to those who may require them.

Allison is also a working artist based in Atlanta, with ties to the Birmingham Museum of Art and is preparing for a running series of upcoming showings. She works with charcoal and wood, and takes commissions for illustrations, portraitures, murals, and the like.

### **Goals/Growth:**

As the world shifts and changes around us, adaptability, calm, and patience have become essential tools to me and my goals and expectations. Working in the public health field has pushed me to the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic and introduced a new element of societal uncertainty and an underlying panic in the community. COVID-19 has forced me to take solace in my faith, renew my connection to my family and friends, and focus on doing the best I can for the people who depend on me.

My connection to my faith and the support of my family has continued to give me strength and hope. As I move forward, I have bright expectations for the future. I am planning to continue to work within the health field; improving the well-being of those around me and standing in the stead of those who may not be able to stand for themselves. I plan to continue to expand my creative boundaries as well; with hard work and dedication, I am on the path to finding a foothold in the art world.

Short-term:

- Work to eradicate COVID-19, and aid the individuals who are vulnerable, at-risk, or suffering
- Continue to sell art and creative works from within the Atlanta area, that reflect positively on the black community
- Help to change someone's life

Long-term:

- Complete my Master of Public Health degree, and use it to improve the way I deliver healthcare interventions and strategies
- Become an illustrator, and pursue a Caldecott Award
- Help to change someone's world

**Favorite Scripture:** "The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear?" ~Psalms 27:1

Monthly Ministry Meetings		
Ministry	Time	Frequency
<b>SUNDAY</b>		
Intercessory Prayer Line	7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Every
New Members Orientation	9:30 AM	Every
Prayer Line Ministry	8:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Every
<b>MONDAY</b>		
Intercessory Prayer	6:00 PM - UNTIL	Monday-Friday
Stitching & Quilting Ministry	6:00 PM	Every
Cancer Support Group	6:30 PM	1st
Progressive Matrons	6:45 PM	1st
Revised Version Choir	6:00 PM	1st/2nd/4th
Trustee Ministry	6:30 PM	1st
Missionary Ministry	6:00 PM	2nd
Ushers Ministry #1	6:00 PM	2nd (Quarterly)
Youth Ushers Ministry	6:00 PM	2nd
Deacons Ministry	6:30 PM	3rd
Deaconess Ministry	6:30 PM	3rd
Mothers Ministry	10:00 AM - 12 NOON	3rd
Grief Ministry	6:00 PM	4th
Kidney Support Ministry	6:00 PM	4th
Men's Ministry	6:00 PM	4th
Sign Language Ministry	5:45 PM	Every other month (Monday after the first Sunday)
<b>TUESDAY</b>		
Senior Adult Ministry	1:00 PM	1st (after the first Sunday)
Cub Scouts	6:30 PM	1st
Matrons	6:30 PM	1st & 3rd
Church Choir	7:00 PM	1st & 4th
Gospel Choir	7:00 PM	2nd
Laymen/Brotherhood	7:00 PM	2nd
Community Care Ministry	6:00 PM	2nd
Recreation Ministry	6:30 PM	2nd
Women's Choir	6:00 PM	3rd
Ministers' Wives	5:30 PM	3rd (Quarterly)
Male Chorus	7:00 PM	3rd
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		
Intercessory Prayer	11:00 AM - 12 NOON	Every
The Passage Ministry	5:45 PM	Every
Sunday School Teachers	6:00 PM	Every
Education Assistance Ministry	5:30 PM	3rd
<b>THURSDAY</b>		
Church Choir	7:00 PM	1st & 4th
Gospel Choir	7:00 PM	2nd
Usher Ministry #2	6:00 PM	2nd
Women's Choir	6:00 PM	2nd & 3rd
Male Chorus	7:00 PM	3rd
Executive Ministry	6:00 PM	3rd
Young Women's Ministry	5:45 PM	3rd
Tour & Hospitality Ministry	6:00 PM	
<b>SATURDAY</b>		
Boy Scouts	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	1st & 3rd
Wellness Ministry	9:00 AM	2nd
Watch Care Ministry	9:00 AM	3rd (March, June, September, December)
Street Ministry	10:00 AM - 12 NOON	3rd
Community Care Ministry Outreach	11:00 AM	4th
Progressive Matrons	10:00 AM	4th
Girl Scouts	10:00 AM - 12 NOON	2nd & 4th

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O. Wendell Davis, D.Min.

Pastor

Sunday Worship Services

7:45 and 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School

7:00 a.m.

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

## RADIO MINISTRY

WEUP AM 1700 Radio

Sermon 1:30 p.m. (Sunday)

## TELEVISION MINISTRY

Each Sunday

WAWB TV

7:00 - 8:00 a.m.

Comcast Cable 3 TV

8:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Mediacom Cable

Channel 11 (WAMY)

7:00 - 8:00 a.m.

-Check your local cable services for broadcast times-