



SANKOFA



A RETURN TO THE PAST

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Riverview Baptist Church is to become a loving, evangelistic church that seeks to glorify God through worship, ministry, Christian education, missions, fellowship, and stewardship.

DRIANA ARCENEUX SELECTED AS NATIONAL CONVENOR FOR AB GIRLS



Driana Jamila-Lesen Arceneaux, affectionately known as “Dri,” is the youngest daughter of Jon and Rev. Creasy Arceneaux. She was born January 4, 2001, in Lumberton, North Carolina. Driana has one sister, Dove, and one brother, Aerick.

In June of this year, Driana was elected to serve as the 2017-18 National Leadership Team convenor of American Baptist Girls. Driana is the third African American to serve in this position; the other two girls who served as convenor were members of Riverview also.

During the latter part of July this year, Driana traveled to New Orleans, Louisiana to work with the mission project, “Til The Work is Done.” This is an ongoing project to help rebuild New Orleans after the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. Below is Driana’s account of the week’s activities.

The accommodations at the church consisted of a campground-type setting which included 30 bunk beds in each area. The first night included assignments for the week. The day’s work was to begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m. On Monday, the girls were divided into three groups. Driana’s group was assigned to help restore one of the buildings by painting, gutting out windows, and getting rid of weeds. The reporter, who gave the instructions, was very pleased with the work this group had done; in fact, she relayed to them they had completed three-months of work in a short period of time.

For the remainder of the week, all of the girls worked together. Tuesday, they assisted at a shelter for dogs that were rescued because of abandonment by owners who were unable to care for them. Some of the girls took the dogs for a walk; Driana helped with paperwork in the office. Wednesday, they helped in a rehab center for drug addicts and alcoholics, working in the thrift store sorting and packing clothing to be sent to Africa. On Thursday and Friday, the girls were assigned to food bank warehouses for less fortunate families. They also packed more than 300 plates for the elderly. Driana says, “It was a really hard job; I had a big pot of rice and had to scoop it up.” On Friday, a celebration dinner was held; they were entertained with music from a New Orleans Jazz Band. Driana was honored to have been a part of this great mission. During her time there, she also gained new friends.

CONGRATULATIONS DRIANA! RIVERVIEW IS SO VERY PROUD OF YOU!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK


Greetings Riverview Family,

We pray you had a wonderful summer and an enjoyable vacation. Since our last newsletter, we experienced a spectacular solar event. Many people traveled to other parts of the country to view the total solar eclipse. A partial solar eclipse could be seen here in Richmond. This is another indication of the wondrous works of God and the ever-changing world the Master has provided.

Many of our students will encounter different experiences as they enter educational institutions this fall. We admonish you to always seek God's guidance, with a constructive attitude, while striving to meet the changing challenges in this great universe. God's guidance will be beneficial when working toward desired goals.

This periodical serves as a tool to keep us up to date on events in the life of our church. As always, we are sincerely grateful to our Media Ministry and Office Staff for their continued efforts to bring us an informative newsletter.

God Bless,



Pastor Hewlett

THE MEANING OF SANKOFA



Sankofa means "go back to the past in order to build for the future," or we should not forget our past when moving ahead. We should learn from the past and move forward into the future. Sankofa is a realization of self and spirit. It represents the concepts of self-identity,

redefinition and vision. It symbolizes an understanding of one's destiny and collective identity of the larger cultural group.

Sankofa is symbolic of the spiritual mind-set and cultural awakening African people were experiencing in the decades after independence on the African continent.

The **Sankofa bird** is used to represent Sankofa. The symbol is of a bird turning its head backward and its long beak is turned in the direction of its tail. - Reprinted from the **Adinkra Dictionary by Bruce Willis.**

DEACON MINISTRY

Deacon Jacqueline Silver, Chair
Deacon Wayne Thomas, Vice Chair

"Praise the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens."

Psalm 150:1 (NIV)

As deacons, our mission is to serve as lay ministers with the Pastor in leading the church and providing loving care for our church family and community.

On Sunday, August 13, we celebrated Deacon, Deaconess, and Trustee Day. During morning worship, we recognized six deacons who collectively have served more than 180 years of service: Deacons Pamela Bridgeforth and Rudolph McCollum, Jr. (27 years each); Deacons Walter Fountaine, Bessie Hicks and Ida McCollum (33 years each); and, Deacon Woodrow Jackson (36 years). The trustees and deaconesses also recognized members for years of service.

We praise God and thank Him for all who have served and continue to serve. Our prayer is for God's continued blessings and strength to do the work that lies ahead for our church, our church family, and community.

We thank you God for your love, for your grace and mercy, and for bringing Riverview to the beginning of another Homecoming season. We give you praise, honor, and glory!



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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Mary J. Jackson, Chair
Dorothy Joan Taylor, Vice Chair

On Sunday, September 10, we observed our Annual Christian Education Sunday during the 11:00 a.m. worship service. This year, Grandparents Day was also observed. The theme for the occasion was, “**Reach, Teach, Proclaim.**” Pastor Hewlett delivered a stirring message related to the theme. The service was spirit-filled and the melodic music rendered by the Gospel Ensemble touched our souls. All program participants were great.

The Annual Planning Meeting of our Christian Education Ministry will be held on Saturday, October 21. Innovative ideas will be shared as we look forward to a progressive year in 2018. To continue our teamwork effort, each group is encouraged to work cooperatively for the success of the ministry.

Education is the key that unlocks the door to an effective program; therefore, it is our objective to **reach, teach, and proclaim.** When we lend a listening ear and open our hearts, we are receptive to enhancing our knowledge.

Remember, “**A chain is only as strong as its weakest link.**”



CHURCH SCHOOL CORNER

Our Vacation Bible School was held the week of June 26 – June 30. The theme was: “**Super God! Super Me! Super-Possibility!**” Classes involved all age groups and were reminded we can stand against the devil and fight the forces of cosmic darkness. The lessons helped students to understand God’s power is greater than any power in the community, in the world, or in the universe.

The closing presentations, held on Sunday, July 2, included all Vacation Bible School classes. The Annual Church Picnic was held in the park after regular worship. We had a great time. We are grateful to all of our teachers and staff for their dedicated services.

Children are still needed for our classes on Sunday morning.

EVANGELISM MINISTRY

Barbara Haynes, Co-chair
Rev. Dr. Audrey Fleming Hawkins, Co-Chair

The mission of the Evangelism Ministry is to provide an outreach service that spreads the good news of Jesus Christ and brings individuals to Him.

WORSHIP SERVICE AT GOOCHLAND

Submitted by
Rev. Dr. Audrey Fleming-Hawkins

On Sunday, September 3, Riverview worshipped with the women at Goochland Correctional Center. Deaconess Rita Henderson served as Worship Leader; Rev. Dr. Audrey Fleming-Hawkins delivered the preached Word, “An Unexpected Miracle.” (Luke 13:10-17)

Others in attendance were Deacon Fennon Henderson and Rev. Brenda Mines, First Baptist Church South Richmond. We are appreciative to Deacon Henderson for driving the church bus to the facility.

We will be worshipping again at Goochland the first Sunday in December. Prayer Partner Ministry will be asked to serve as leaders.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Deacon William Jackson, Chair

Stewardship is Not Equal Giving - But Equal Sacrificing

Stewardship defines our relationship with God. Stewardship is focused on commitments Christians make to God to support His Kingdom. Stewardship is a vow made between Christians and God by giving freely to RBC to spread the Word of God and offer assistance to the poor and needy.

Generosity is encouraged. When we sow sparingly, we will reap sparingly. When we sow generously, we will reap generously.

Stewardship is how we manage our finances and display our faithfulness in paying God's tithes and offerings. Stewardship is our obedient witness that shows God is above all, The Alpha, The Omega, and The Great I Am. Stewardship acknowledges we do not have the right over ourselves or our property - God has that control. A good steward simply manages what belongs to God.

~Adapted~

STEWARDSHIP IS HEART WORK!

C.O.P.S CHILDREN/YOUTH MINISTRY

Rev. Cherise Copeland, Co-Chair

Rev. Creasy Arceneaux, Co-Chair

Let us keep our youth in constant prayer as they return to school. I know sometimes we may say, "If I could turn back time and be a child again." However, our time was much different from times now. Children, these days, seem to deal with and are exposed to much more at a younger age than we did. I know we may raise our children to do the "right thing," but let us keep in mind, for a few hours a day, they are out of our sight and hands. Prayer changes things and God can keep them through all situations.

Join the Children/Youth Ministry in October for a trip to the Pumpkin Patch at Ashland Berry Farms. Last year, they had fun going on a hay-

ride, walking through a funhouse maze, feeding the fish, and enjoying snacks! Seemingly, the teens enjoyed the activities as much as the younger ones. **Did I hear Busch Gardens Christmas Town in December? Stay tuned for details!**

BACK 2 SCHOOL PRAYER

Dear Lord,

- Use my eyes to **see** new friends
- Open my ears to **hear** my teacher
- Open my mind to **learn** new things
- Let my heart **remember** You are near when I'm afraid
- Help me to **love** others as You do
- I want to **shine** your light so bright in my school. AMEN!

Courtney DeFeo

DISCIPLESHIP & FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

Deacon Fennon Henderson, Chair

Rev. Dr. Audrey Fleming-Hawkins, Vice Chair

Riverview has been truly blessed to have additions to our church family from Vacation Bible School. Two young people, Germaine Grate and Victoieria Butler, accepted Christ as their Savior and were baptized into the faith on July 23.

We are also excited and grateful to Almighty God for sending other members of the Grate family to Riverview. Thomasa, Germasia, and Lionel Grate were baptized on August 27. Clareth Moss and Jermaine Moss were reinstated. We look forward to using their gifts as they continue to grow in Christ.

Our ministry is in the process of updating our church's brochure along with additional information for new disciples. We are also updating the Visitor's Packet.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

LEADER DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY

Deaconess Threnodiez Wade Baugh, Chair

On Sunday, July 2, the Leader Development and Scholarship Ministry coordinated its Fifteenth Annual Education Sunday during the regular morning worship. We had two graduates this year – Charles Nicholson, III and Lauren Thornton. Each received \$1,000.00 scholarships that have been sent to Tidewater Community College and Wingate University respectively. In addition to the graduates, we had previous scholarship recipients participating in the worship service. Thank you for your continued support. The following donations have been received since Education Sunday:

Bernadine Spencer \$500.00

Cassandra Edwards \$100.00
Fennon and Rita Henderson \$100.00

Andrew Edwards \$50.00
Audrey Edwards \$50.00
Ida McCollum \$50.00
Ellen Saunders \$50.00

We are sincerely appreciative to all who donate to support the education of our youth.



MEDIA MINISTRY

Deacon William Jackson, Chair

The mission of the Media Ministry is to disseminate the message, mission, and ministry of Jesus Christ to the congregation and to the community.

The Media Ministry is striving to keep up with up-to-date technology. We are pleased to announce our Robo Calls are now in place; this system will allow us to contact our entire church family with just one call.

We also have a prayer line Monday thru Saturday, 1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. The number is (515) 739-1285 Access Code 572890.

Should you desire to share an event on our Facebook page, please notify us two weeks in advance.

For further information, please contact Deacon William Jackson.

MISSION MINISTRY

Carolyn Washington, Chair
Dorothy Joan Taylor, Vice Chair

The Annual Meeting of the Shiloh Baptist Association Women's Division was held on July 13, at First Baptist Church, Centralia. The theme was "Reflecting the Light of the Cross in the Community." Rev. Patricia Gould-Champ, Faith Community Baptist Church, discussed the theme and its meaning. Valerie McBee, Rising Mount Zion Baptist Church, shared information on "Self-Help and Caregivers." Rose Hilton, President of the Shiloh Women's Division, delivered the Annual Address. Sandra Reed, Ebenezer Baptist Church, was introduced as the 2017-2018 President.

American Baptist Women's Ministries Sunday was observed on September 17, during our 11:00 a.m. worship service. This was an opportunity for us to join together in worship and celebration with the entire church family. The speaker for the occasion was Rev. Braunda L. Ridley, a daughter of our church. Her sermon "**#Women'sLivesMatter.**" was powerful. Service plaques were presented to Trustee Minnie Carey, Stephanie Cason, and Gracie Dolly.

Our ministry continues to support the Vera T. Johnson Food Bank and Clothes Rack.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ADULT MINISTRY

Rev. Dr. LaVerne J. Briggs, Co-Chair
Sheila Thomas, Co-Chair

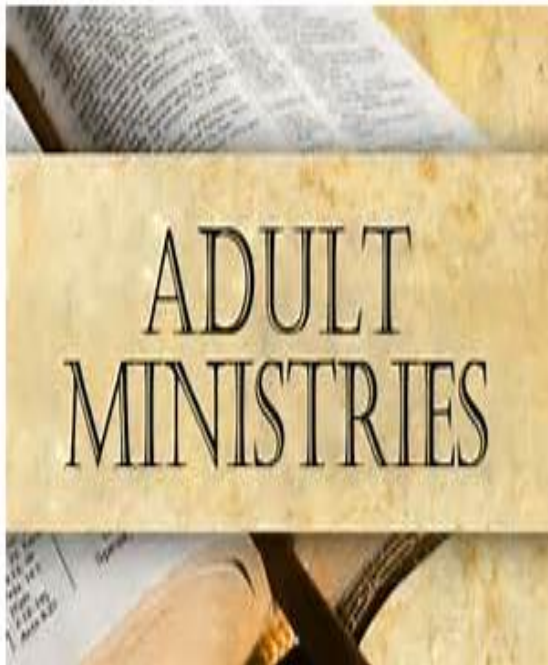
The mission of the Adult Ministry is to assist the continued spiritual, mental, and physical development of each adult member, both in mind and in life.

Revisiting Adult Ministry at Riverview

At Riverview Baptist Church, the goal of the Adult Ministry is to provide opportunities for every adult to grow in their spiritual walk. For some, it may be through serving on the various committees or programs for special days. For others, it may be joining the Couples Ministry, Sensational Seniors Ministry, or simply getting involved and giving back. Our Adult Ministry provides many of those opportunities and more!

The events and ministries under the umbrella of Adult Ministry are Women's Day, Mother's Day, Men's/Father's Day, Peace Sunday, Men's Fellowship, Couples Ministry, Young Adult Ministry I, Young Adult Ministry II, and Sensational Seniors Ministry.

Get Involved!



SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY

Trustee Kirk Jones, Chair

To Be or Not To Be...

"To be or not to be" is the question for several localities in the Commonwealth of Virginia. We are presented with proposals to remove or relocate Confederate statues. Most of these monuments were erected in the last decades of the 19th or the first decades of the 20th century. In RVA, we have a commission appointed by the mayor to study and recommend what, if any, actions should be taken. There are many other challenges facing our communities such as, crime, lack of affordable housing, need for increased educational opportunities, universal health care for all, improved transportation options, and, how we treat our fellow man, woman or children, no matter where they were born; these are issues that should be our focus and concern. Yet, we are having a debate about old, frequently ignored statues that may not have legitimate value. Let us seek our guidance from the Bible.

"You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them."
Exodus 20:4-5a (NIV)

"Turn ye not unto idols, nor make to yourselves molten gods: I am the LORD your God."
Leviticus 19:4 (KJV)

"I have hated those who regard useless idols; But I trust in the Lord." Psalm 31:6 NKJV



PRAYER PARTNER MINISTRY
Deacon Ida B. McCollum, Chair
Rev. Dr. LaVerne J. Briggs, Vice Chair

“If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.” Matthew 21:22

Did you miss our service on August 19, **“Going Back to the Old Landmark – A Celebration of Hymns?”** It was truly blessed. We learned about the authors of great hymns and the impact of hymns on black lives/churches. The Holy Spirit moved among us as we sang, prayed, and testified.

#SingingMatters

When we sing, we obey!

God’s people are more than just invited to sing – we are commanded to sing. When we sing, we’re doing what God asks of us!

When we sing, we dig deep roots in the Word!

Singing stands alongside of preaching as one of the two great ways that God has ordained for His Word to dwell RICHLY in each one of us!

When we sing, we build up others!

Think of the impact on someone who doesn’t know Christ to hear those hundreds of testimonies, those hundreds of confessions of faith as we sing together!

When we sing, we make war!

A singing heart is a heart at war with the work of the evil one and the power of sin!

When we sing, we are spiritually strengthened for trials!

Often times, we think only of singing when we are happy and times are good, but singing brings strength when trials come!

When we sing, we walk a God-designed pathway to joy!

In God’s perfect design and in His perfect understanding of the human condition, He has bound joy and singing together for His people!

When we sing, we glorify God!

Truly obedience, deep roots in the Word, building up others, making war against Satan

and sin, persevering, finding joy in God – all of these things bring glory to God!

~Tom Olson - Adapted

Thanks to all who participated and to Carolyn Turner along with her helpers for a delicious dinner.



HOMECOMING AND REVIVAL

Homecoming Committee
Deacon Sabrina Montague, Chair

The Homecoming and Revival Committee is excited about plans for Homecoming 2017. The theme for this year is **“Pastor and People: Excited About Worship.”** Wouldn’t it be wonderful to see all of our family, friends, neighbors and acquaintances in attendance on Homecoming Sunday? Let us make it a priority to invite them to our Homecoming and Revival Services.

We will be blessed by uplifting music and by a sermon from Pastor Hewlett during the Sunday Morning Service on October 15. Following the service, we will enjoy a delicious meal prepared by our Hospitality Ministry. The food and fellowship will round off a delightful Homecoming Program. Please plan to sit down at the table and enjoy a delicious meal while fellowshiping for a short while.

The Evangelist for Revival is Rev. Rodney Waller of First African Baptist Church. Revival services will be held each night, Monday, October 16 through Wednesday, October 18. We are praying that God will bless us bountifully during this 2017 Homecoming and Revival Season.

**Praying
for
Revival!**

RIVERVIEW SENSATIONAL SENIORS

Trustee Minnie Carey, Chair
Stephanie Cason, Vice Chair

The Mission of the Sensational Seniors Ministry is to continue to develop members spiritually, mentally, socially, and physically, which will enhance the overall quality of life.

We will celebrate our 43rd Anniversary on Wednesday, September 27, at 11:00 a.m. Our pastor, Rev. Dr. Stephen L. Hewlett will be the speaker.

You are invited to join the Sensational Seniors on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, September - June, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Seniors 55 and older are welcome. Make sure you call first to confirm if we will be at church because we are seniors on the move.

Our motto: **“Don’t sit at home feeling lonesome and blue, come join us; we have something for you to do!”**



VERA T. JOHNSON
FOOD BANK & CLOTHES RACK
James Montague, Chair

The food bank needs to be replenished. We are in need of canned goods, soups (canned, cup, or oodles of noodles), and canned meats (tuna, spam, salmon, mackerel, corned beef hash, vienna sausages, potted meat, etc.). Please take note of the expiration dates on foods that are being donated. Thank you again for sharing a portion of your good fortune.

“Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor.” (Proverbs 22:9).



Equality

You declare you see me dimly
through a glass, which will not shine,
though I stand before you boldly,
trim in rank and marking time.
You do own to hear me faintly
as a whisper out of range,
while my drums beat out the message
and the rhythms never change.

Equality, and I will be free.
Equality, and I will be free.

We have lived a painful history,
we know the shameful past,
but I keep on marching forward,
and you keep on coming last.

Equality, and I will be free.
Equality, and I will be free.

Take the blinders from your vision,
take the padding from your ears,
and confess you've heard me crying,
and admit you've seen my tears.

Equality, and I will be free.
Equality, and I will be free.
~Maya Angelou (Adapted)



AB GIRLS

Rev. Creasy Arceneaux, Co-Chair
Rev. Cherise Copeland, Co-Chair

The mission of the AB Girls is to grow in Christ, serve others in God's world, share our gifts of time, money, and love, and to remain involved in educational opportunities for spiritual growth.

We all know that girls and boys are different, and at times, have very different needs. We also know that sometimes youth are less inclined to speak up in mixed crowds, and often hold back from sharing their true feelings around the other gender. Alongside traditional children's and youth ministry programs, a ministry with girls is a way for girls to have the opportunity to deal with tough questions honestly, to build close relationships with each other and with caring adult women, and to build a program that will meet their particular needs as growing women of faith.

AB Girls are sponsored by American Baptist Women's Ministries.

The AB GIRLS ministry is overseen by a national leadership team of AB GIRLS (NLT), composed of four teenage girls and two adults who meet several times a year to plan national events, create the email newsletter, and provide additional resources for ministry with girls. They are also available to come lead programming in your area!

~Adapted

We invite girls to join; we are sure it will be an interesting challenge to learn what real mission work is all about. It is also an organization with fun ideas. Driana Arceneaux was selected Convenor for 2017-2018.



THANKS TO MY GOD

Submitted by
Deaconess Serena Archer

Thank you dear God for blessing me this day,
For you have brought me a mighty long way.

Thank you for putting food on my table;
It's because of you that I am able.

Thank you Lord for dressing me complete,
From the shirt on my back, to the shoes on my feet.

In the time of trouble, in the time of stress,
You brought me out, for I have been blessed.

Thank you for forgiving my imperfect ways.
It's because of this, you deserve all the praise.

Thank you Jesus, God's only Son.
Thank you for all that You have done.

When You saw that I was lost
You stretched out Your arms and died on the cross.

You showed me love, I didn't deserve,
But now I know who I should serve.
With love in my heart and tears in my eyes,
It's because of You I now realize

That all the thanks in the world won't do,
But thanks to you, Dear Lord, for just being
You.

Blane (Adapted)



AUTUMN DAY

Lord, it is time. Let the great summer go,
Lay your long shadows on the sundials,
And over harvest piles let the winds blow.

Command the last fruits to be ripe;
Grant them some other southern hour,
Urge them to completion, and with power
Drive final sweetness to the heavy grape.

Who's homeless now, will for long stay alone.

No home will build his weary hands,
He'll wake, read, write letters long to friends
And will the alleys up and down

Walk restlessly, when falling leaves dance.

~Rainer Maria Rilke

FINANCE MINISTRY

Submitted by
Deacon William Jackson, Chair

ADOPT-A-PEW

With the success of the Adopt-A-Pew Homecoming Appeal 2016, we are excited to announce Adopt-A-Pew again as our Homecoming Appeal 2017.

All pew captains have been asked to generate a minimum of \$500 for their team. This can be accomplished by doing fundraisers or donations. Each team member is responsible for a minimum donation of \$100.00 in addition to our regular tithes and offerings.. This year's deadline is September 15.

The expectation is a minimum donation of \$100 per member, in addition to our regular tithes and offerings.

If you have any questions, please contact Deacon William Jackson.

Riverview is here for you and we need you to be here for Riverview.

Embrace the Joy of Christian Giving

I learned to give myself to God first,
My will in His, completely submersed.
I am bought with a price; I'm not my own.
These things I enjoy He's given on loan

God can be trusted to meet all our need.

So don't be afraid to follow His lead.
If you would find joy in Christian living,
Embrace the grace of Christian giving.
George Cuff (Adapted)



PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



Reginald Gerard Jackson, Sr.

Below are just a few of Reginald's original quotes:

"Patience! Permission! Perfection!
Choose your path wisely
Only one leads to no peace."

"Leadership is not about taking charge
or being in charge, it's about
taking charge of your being."

"The nature of your leadership
Is defined by the culture it creates."

"You neither lead alone nor love alone.
They are both the ultimate in relationship
And are one in the same."

"You give birth to your dreams by speaking
them into existence. You accomplish
them by believing they exist."

"We have a vested interest in what will
eventually become the evidence
of our time and energy."

"If it doesn't feel right in your spirit,
it's not for you."

Reginald grew up in Riverview. Currently, he is a life coach pursuing a doctoral degree in Industrial and Organizational Psychology. Reginald is employed by the Department of Health and Human Services. He is the son of Deacon Woodrow and Mary J. Jackson.
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We are so proud of you, Reginald!

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



Mary J. Jackson

Mary J. Jackson to Speak at the Donate Life 25th Anniversary Conference

Donate Life is celebrating its 25th Anniversary at the Omni Hotel, Richmond, VA, October 24-26. Mary has been asked to share her empowering corneal transplant testimonial at this conference. This year is also the 25th anniversary of Mary's first transplant. She will share her experience on Wednesday, October 25. Donation and transplantation professionals from all over the country will be present.

Mary's story began during the early seventies while she was employed as Librarian at Thomas Jefferson High School here in Richmond. Around midday, single objects would appear double and print became blurred. She was diagnosed with the eye disease allergic conjunctivitis and the skin problem atopic dermatitis. These two diseases made it difficult for the possibility of successful transplantation.

Mary has shared the frustration she experienced, as a librarian, with a problem of this magnitude. As time progressed, cataracts developed and her corneas were scarred. At this point, she could not read the printed page.

According to her Ophthalmologist, there was the possibility of blindness. Surgery would include a corneal transplant with a lens implant to correct the cataracts. Knowing the conceivable difficulties, Mary agreed to take a chance in hopes her vision would be saved.

On December 2, 1992, her first transplant was performed on her left eye. She remembers vividly her elation when the bandage was removed on the morning of December 3. On November 24, 1993, the same surgery was performed on her right eye which improved vision in both eyes,. To show her gratitude, Mary became a volunteer for Donate Life and serves on the board of the Old Dominion Eye Foundation.

Today, Mary does not take reading for granted; it is a privilege. She is indebted to God, her family, her doctor, the Lions Club, and her church for the role each played in her life during this difficult time.

She often smiles remembering the lines in that old familiar hymn, "Twas Blind But Now I See." **TRANSPLANTATION IS A MEDICAL MIRACLE!**



BECOME AN ORGAN DONOR!



SYMBOLS OF FALL



MEDIA MINISTRY

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