



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.

CHARLES LINCOLN GARNER NAMED FATHER OF THE CHURCH



Charles Lincoln Garner, affectionately referred to as “Charlie,” was born February 12, 1924 in Belton, Texas. He is the seventh of eight children. After being drafted in the US Army during World War II, he left Belton; Charlie later served in the Korean War and was stationed at Fort Lee in Virginia.

After his discharge from service, he enrolled at Virginia State College (now University) in Petersburg, where he played football and ran track. Charlie majored in Physical Education and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree. He prepared for a career in education, but chose to

secure a job in Richmond with the United States Post Office and retired in 1984 after twenty-seven years of service.

Charlie has been active in many community organizations, including the Randolph Planning Study Board, Byrd Park Civic League, Astoria Beneficial Club, Voter Registration League, and other political aspects of the City of Richmond. Presently, he is a faithful member of the Postal Letter Carriers Union.

Charles joined Riverview in 1978, has been loyal in his stewardship, and is an active disciple. His affiliations included member of the Bus Ministry, Men’s Fellowship, Male Ensemble, Sanctuary Choir, and Combined Choirs. He was the recipient of Riverview’s Man of the Year Award, June 19, 2005. He faithfully attends Bible Study, Vacation Bible School, and church services.

Mr. Garner has an extensive Jazz collection dating back to 1940, and enjoys going to an occasional jazz concert. He also loves to fish and is always ready to be included in a fishing trip.

Charlie was unanimously elected Father of the Church during our quarterly church meeting in March 2018. He was honored during Men’s Day/Father’s Day weekend at a breakfast on June 17, and during Sunday morning Worship Service on June 18 with a gift and a plaque. He was married to the late Marie Webster for 59 years and they have one daughter, Charmaine.

WE SALUTE THE FATHER OF OUR CHURCH, CHARLES LINCOLN GARNER!

Congratulations

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Greetings Riverview Family,

I can hardly believe the summer months have come and gone. It is in God's plan for time to move; time waits for no one. We should live as though each day is our last and not wait for tomorrow to do what we should do today. God has blessed us with life abundantly and this life is to be filled with gratefulness. We pray your summer was enjoyable and productive.

As time progresses, many lives will be changed in the process of meeting future challenges. Whatever the situation, seeking guidance from the Master will always lead in the path of righteousness.

I must not fail to mention the importance of this periodical as it 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. We also thank all who submit articles to make this newsletter possible.

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

"Always give thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."
Ephesians 5:20 (NLT)

The mission of the Deacon Ministry 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 12, during our regular morning worship service, we celebrated Deacon, Deaconess, and Trustee Day. Deacons Fennon Henderson, Barbara Oliver, and Cornell Roane were recognized for 20 years of faithful service to our Riverview Church family and community:

Deaconess Serena Archer and Trustee Sidney Vance (both deceased) were remembered for their past service to the ministries. Trustee Joyce Woodson, Trustee Ministry Chair, was presented with a gift of appreciation for services rendered daily on behalf of the ministry.

We give praise and honor to God Almighty for all members of the Deacon, Deaconess, and Trustee Ministries who have served and continue to serve our Riverview Baptist Church family and community.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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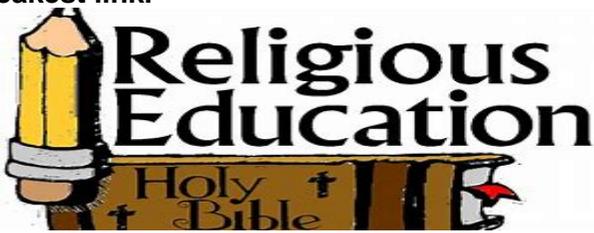
Mary J. Jackson, Chair
Dorothy Joan Taylor, Vice Chair

On Sunday, September 9, 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 to discuss innovative ideas as we look forward to a progressive year in 2019. 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 25 – June 29. The theme was: "**24/7 Jesus Makes a Way Everyday!**" Classes involved all age groups. The participants were reminded God's promise of abundant life is gained by having a strong faith FOUNDATION, sharing in COMMUNITY, seeking JUSTICE, persistent and we can stand against the devil and fight the forces of cosmic darkness.

Students were also taught 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 1, included all Vacation Bible School classes. Because of the heat, instead of going to the park, the Annual Picnic was held at the church 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 2, Riverview worshipped with the women at Goochland Correctional Center. Deacon Roz Johnson served as Worship Leader; Rev. Dr. Audrey Fleming-Hawkins delivered the preached Word, "Smiling Faces." (Judges 16:14-19)

We are appreciative to Trustee Kirk Jones for driving us to the facility.

We will be worshipping again at Goochland the first Sunday in December. Prayer Partner Ministry and Young Adults Ministry will serve as leaders. Rev. Dr. LaVerne Briggs will deliver the preached Word. Deacon William Jackson is scheduled to drive the bus.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Helen M. Gary, Chair

The Stewardship of Creation

Steward is a biblical term that refers to a manager who is responsible for the goods and property of another. A steward is not therefore an owner, but one who has a responsibility to an owner to treat property with care and respect. *Stewardship* is a term that refers to the responsibility of a steward to manage wisely. The unjust steward was one who took advantage of his position to aggrandize himself (Luke 16:1-13).

Our Spiritual Discipline

Making these choices as God's Earth-keepers may involve sacrifice on our part as we seek to live a simpler lifestyle and walk lightly on Earth. In our Christian life, the key to making our world sustainable is viewing our change of behavior and our sacrifices as acts of love and kindness toward all creation—toward other people; toward other creatures; and toward the well-being of land, sea, and air. In doing these things as part of our spiritual discipline, we exercise our vocation as stewards of creation not out of fear, guilt, shame, outrage, or despair. Rather, what makes this journey sacred is that we act with a gratitude nourished by the fountain of God's grace, an inexhaustible source of "living water" that will sustain us for a lifetime of loving creation, and that will enable us to be stewards of creation with hope and joy!

~Adapted~

STEWARDSHIP IS HEART WORK!

C.O.P.S CHILDREN/YOUTH MINISTRY

Rev. Cherise Copeland, Co-Chair

Rev. Creasy McQueen Kinney, Co-Chair

It is back to school time! While the Youth Ministry did not sponsor a Back-To-School Drive, supplies needed for school throughout the year will be made available for children to pick up, as needed, from September thru December. Supplies will be located near the table outside the church office.

Upcoming events:

Saturday, October 22, Pumpkin Patch

Saturday, December 08, Kings Dominion

Winterfest (Please help Sponsor a child for this wonderful event. More details will be given in the church bulletins in November.)



DISCIPLESHIP & FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

Deacon Fennon Henderson, Chair

Rev. Dr. Audrey Fleming-Hawkins, Vice Chair

The mission of the Discipleship and Fellowship Ministry is to nurture and teach new members and the congregation in their faith journey, and provide a welcoming environment to visitors.

During our 2018 Vacation Bible School the spirit touched three young girls who gave their lives to Christ. Enajah Brooks, Kourtnei Price, and Mikenzie Waters are here at Riverview Baptist Church to be nurtured, mentored, and prepared for life. We are truly grateful for our new disciples.

We must be strong examples to prove it is rewarding for an individual to live a life with God in the center. It is our responsibility to take time to impart knowledge and show true Christian love.

The Discipleship and Fellowship Ministry extends the invitation for interested members to become a part of this ministry. We will continue to welcome those who come with a desire to serve the Lord.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

LEADER DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY

Deaconess Threnodiez Wade Baugh, Chair

On Sunday, July 1, the Leader Development and Scholarship Ministry coordinated its Annual Education Sunday during the regular Sunday morning worship.

The 2018 graduates included Christina Bryan, William McCollum, Derrick Redmon, and Briana Zimmerman. Scholarships ranging from \$500.00 to \$1000.00 were awarded. We also acknowledged our post-secondary graduates, Rev. Rudolph Randall, Jr., Sydney Randall, Taylor Randall and Valencia Clark.

In addition to the graduates, a student from our Class of 2019 participated in the worship service. Thank you for your continued support. The following donations have been received since Education Sunday:

Bernadine Spencer \$500.00
 Larry and Perida Giles \$100.00
 Rev. Dr. LaVerne Briggs \$100.00
 Ronald and Aileen Coles \$100.00
 Rev. Braunda Ridley \$50.00
 Margaret Carter \$50.00

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. Our Robo Calls system has proven to be very helpful in contacting 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.

We are pleased with our website and Facebook pages. They keep the church abreast with pertinent information.

For further information, please contact Deacon William Jackson.

MISSION MINISTRY

Carolyn Washington, Chair
 Dorothy Joan Taylor, Vice Chair

The Missionary Ministry is continuing to work to support FeedMore. Our Riverview family donated 138 lbs. of food that was delivered to FeedMore. Thank you for your donations.

Month	Food Items
September	Healthy Snacks (fruit cups, raisins and granola bars)
October	Whole grain cereal (hot or cold)
November	Canned vegetables & soup
December	Lean canned protein (tuna, salmon or chicken in water)

The Shiloh Baptist Association of Virginia's Annual Session Women's Division was held on July 12 at Parish Hill Baptist Church. Rev. Dr. LaVerne Briggs delivered an inspiring message on "**The Politics of Jesus.**" She emphasized the joy we have in knowing that Jesus' politics are all encompassing. We are living in a time of **#BlackLivesMatter**, **#MeTooMovement**, economic injustice, terrorism, racism, and so much more. Deacon Fennon Henderson and Deacon William Jackson were our drivers to the event.

American Baptist Women's Ministries Sunday was observed on September 16, during our 11:00 a.m. worship service. The speaker for the occasion was Rev. Dr. Madeline McClenney, a daughter of our church. Her message, "**Let My People Go**" (Exodus 32:7 and 9:17), was powerful. Service plaques were presented to Roberta Hughes and Deaconess Rosa Turner.

The International Tea is coming in October. New Missionaries are always welcome. **#MissionariesMatter.**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ADULT MINISTRY

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



2018 Speaker
AB Women's Ministries Sunday

Rev. Dr. Madeline McClenney is a prison abolitionist and an ordained Baptist minister with over twenty-five years of experience serving the church. She completed a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance and a Master of Divinity Degree at Howard University in Washington, D.C.; she was an active advocate for the homeless. She continued her education at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina where she earned a Ph.D. in Old Testament Studies with minors in Women's Studies and Islamic Law in 2001. While completing graduate studies, she served as a sentencing specialist for Reentry Inc. in Raleigh, North Carolina.

In 1999, Dr. McClenney founded Exodus Foundation.org. Under her leadership, the Red Sea Crossings Mentoring and Scholarship Program was developed as an evidence based re-entry mentoring program emphasizing 24-hour culturally competent mentoring. In 2016, Exodus Foundation.org was awarded the Pride Magazine "Paths Out of Poverty" award for its work to increase upward mobility in Charlotte, North Carolina.

In 2001, as an advocate for the underserved, Madeline received a citation from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for her humanitarian work in the community. As a sentencing specialist, she went to the court at the time of sentencing to make a case for alternatives to prison for defendants.

Dr. Madeline is a published author and one of several nationally known contributors with publications released by Judson Press.

She is the chief strategist and creator of the "Time's Up - Let Me Go!" Campaign which calls for our nation's leaders to release all nonviolent federally convicted and overcharged persons.

Dr. Madeline McClenney is the elder daughter of Dr. Earl and the late Deacon Frances Wood McClenney and is honored to be the mother of a teenage daughter, Ariyah McClenney Sadler.

SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY

Trustee Kirk Jones, Chair

"Ye shall make you no idols nor graven image, neither rear you up a standing image, neither shall ye set up any image of stone in your land, to bow down unto it: for I AM the Lord your God" Leviticus 26:1 (KJV)

The recent controversy over the proposed removal of Civil War statues and the racism they represent leads us to consider the lessons taught by Jesus. The hatred neo-Nazis and other white supremacists have spread since the "Unite the Right" rally last year in Charlottesville, gives us rise to rededicate ourselves to work for the equity and equality of all. We cannot let the mistakes of the past condemn us from making progress in the future.

We must continue working in our communities making sure everyone is treated with respect and dignity. Hopefully, Richmond will not need to remove a statue (or statues) under the cover of darkness, as New Orleans did, nor suffer the violence of destruction as seen on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. We have recommendations from the mayor's study commission on Monument Avenue found at:

www.monumentavenuecommission.org

We must move away from division toward unity.



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

Keys To A More Powerful Prayer Life

- ❖ **KNOW WITH WHOM YOU ARE SPEAKING!** Prayer is a conversation with God, and every conversation begins by addressing the person to whom you are speaking by name. Jesus begins with “Our Father who art in heaven.” Jesus focuses on a distinct person — the Heavenly Father with whom he has a personal relationship.
- ❖ **THANK GOD!** A heartfelt “thank you” is always a great conversation starter. Like any parent, God loves to see we have grateful hearts. But more importantly, as we take the time to praise God for all God has done in the past, our faith to believe for even greater answers to prayer grows stronger and more confident.
- ❖ **ASK FOR GOD’S WILL!** In the Garden of Gethsemane, just hours before the crucifixion, Jesus would once again pray, “Not my will, but Thine be done.” In a world where right and wrong are frequently confused and the future is so uncertain, it can be hard to know how to pray or what to ask for when difficult circumstances arise. But the one thing we can know with absolute certainty is that God’s plan for those who love Him is good, and the safest place we can be is in the center of His Divine will.
- ❖ **SAY WHAT YOU NEED!** We often hesitate to bother God with the little things we need, thinking He shouldn’t be bothered. And when the big problems come, we try everything we can to solve the problem *before* we think to pray. The Bible says, “Ye have not because you ask not!” So never hesitate to ask God for what you need. Your Father in heaven delights to give you good gifts.

❖ **ASK FOR FORGIVENESS!** James 5:16 reminds us if we want our prayers to be heard, our hearts need to be right with God and with one another. If you feel your prayers are bouncing off the ceiling, take some time to check your heart.

❖ **PRAY THE WORD!** The Word of God has power and is our great spiritual weapon. Pray the Word! Jesus did the same when tempted by Satan in the wilderness (see Luke 4:1-12). Jesus was the Son of God, but did not use His divine authority. Instead Jesus used the authority of the Scriptures.

❖ **MEMORIZE SCRIPTURE!** The most important key to a vibrant prayer life is to understand our spiritual authority in Christ as explained in the Scriptures.

~Adapted

HOMEcoming AND REVIVAL

Homecoming Committee
Deacon Sabrina Montague, Chair

The Homecoming and Revival Committee is excited about plans for Homecoming 2018. The theme for this year is “**Pastor and People: Growing Together In the Love Of Jesus Christ.**” 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 with uplifting music and an inspiring sermon from Pastor Hewlett during the Sunday Morning Service on October 21. Following the service, we will enjoy a tasty meal prepared by our Hospitality Ministry. Please plan to sit down at the table and enjoy a delicious meal while fellowshiping.

The Evangelist for Revival is Rev. Dr. Kimberly Ridley, The Light Community Church on Azalea Avenue, Richmond, VA. Revival services will be held each night, Monday, October 22 through Wednesday, October 24, at 7:00. We are praying God will bless us bountifully during this 2018 Homecoming and Revival Season.

REVIVAL

RIVERVIEW SENSATIONAL SENIORS

Stephanie Cason, Coordinator

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.

The Sensational Seniors met at O'Charley's for lunch the last Wednesday in August. A fun time was had by all catching up with each other to talk about summer activities.

Come and join our Senior Ministry. Many fun activities, health and wellness seminars, as well as celebrating anniversaries with other senior ministries are being planned. We meet every 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, September - June from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Our first meeting for the fiscal year 2018-2019 is Wednesday, September 26, 11:00 AM, at Riverview. Come and be a part of our SENIORS ON THE MOVE.



A Smile Never Ages

The older you get
The less you know.
Just ask your kids
They will say it's so.

Blood pressure up.
Arches flat.
Everything you eat
Just goes to fat.

The world keeps changing
At a hectic pace,
Causing more gray hair
And a wrinkled face.

But as you look in the mirror -
What catches your eye -
Is your smile never ages
As the years go by.

(Adapted)
~Tom Krause

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

John B. Cary Elementary School
"Riverview and You,
Let's See What We Can Do!"

The Award of Excellence resulted from a discussion during a Pastor's Advisory Council (PAC) meeting. Deaconess Threnodiez Baugh and Dorothy Joan Taylor agreed to spearhead this project.

The awards were presented during the Moving On Ceremony, June 15, at Fifth Baptist Church on Cary Street.

The school was very appreciative and one of the recipients sent a thank you note that read - "Dear Riverview Baptist Church, Thank you so much for the \$100 Visa gift card and Excellence Award for the highest GPA. Thank you for the support and gifts. You encourage all the fifth graders at John B. Cary to strive to continue our good works."

The Riverview Family donated a total of \$489.00. Thank you for your support of our initiative. We look forward to your continued support of this project in the upcoming school year.



The Trophies Purchased With Your Donations



AB GIRLS

Rev. Creasy McQueen-Kenney, 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.

The Bake/LemonAide sale was a hit. Proceeds from the bake sale went to the A.B.GIRLS Ministry, and proceeds from the LemonAide sale went to the Children's Hospital to help support children with cancer.

The AB GIRLS are always welcoming girls to the ministry. Come join us and have fun through sharing, giving back, and helping others.



NATIONAL GATHERING

Submitted by
Driana Arceneaux

This summer I had the privilege of attending the AB women's conference held at the beautiful Judson University in Elgin, Illinois. The dates were July 13 – 22,

The theme was **FEEL** (Fully Exploring and Engaging in God's Love). On Thursday everyone arrived at the university and I was so excited to greet them.

As convener and National Leadership Team member, I had the honor of hosting the A.B GIRLS gathering; it was so much fun. We had lots of games, crafts, and worship planned for the young ladies. Though the conference was only three and a half days, there were tons of worship, fellowship, and relationships built in those few days.

The worship services were my favorite part. Rev. Zina Jacque was worship leader. She was nothing less than extraordinary. The services were filled with sermons and presentations from people of various

ethnicities. NLT also had the privilege of presenting a talent show on Saturday evening.

Sunday morning, we had our closing worship with our new executive director, Rev. Gina Jacobs, as the speaker; she was wonderful. With Rev. Jacobs as the new Executive Director, I can envision the ministry heading in a great direction.

This being my last trip as NLT member, board member, and convener, it was very sad to say good bye. However, this was an experience of a lifetime and I am so glad I was able to be a part of such a huge ministry. I am grateful to you for loving and supporting me throughout the years; your love and support has taken me very far and will continue to push me further.

AB Girls Ministry is sponsored by American Baptist Women's Ministries.

AUTUMN QUOTES

"Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower."

~Albert Camus

"Autumn carries more gold in its pocket than all the other seasons."

~Jim Bishop

"Of all the seasons, autumn offers the most to man and requires the least of him."

~Hal Borland

"There is a harmony in autumn, and a luster in its sky, which through the summer is not heard or seen, as if it could not be, as if it had not been!"

~Percy Bysshe Shelley

"It is only the farmer who faithfully plants seeds in the Spring, who reaps a harvest in the Autumn."

~B. C. Forbes

"No spring nor summer beauty hath such grace as I have seen in one autumnal face."

~John Donne



FINANCE MINISTRY

Submitted by
Deacon William Jackson, Chair

ADOPT-A-PEW

With the success of the Adopt-A-Pew Homecoming Appeal 2017, we are excited to announce it again as our Homecoming Appeal 2018.

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 \$100.00. 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.'

The Joy of Unselfish Giving

Time is not measured
By the years that you live,
But by the deeds that you do
And the joy that you give--

And each day as it comes,
Brings a chance to each one,
To love to the fullest,
Leaving nothing undone.

That would brighten the life
Or lighten the load,
Of some weary traveler
Lost on Life's Road ---

So what does it matter
How long we may live,
If as long as we live
We unselfishly give.
~Helen Steiner Rice



FINANCIAL FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Two well-worn bills arrived at the Federal Reserve Bank to be retired – a twenty and a one. As they traveled down the conveyor belt, they struck up a conversation. The twenty reminisced about the interesting life it had, traveling all over the country. “I’ve been to the finest restaurants, Broadway shows, Las Vegas, Atlantic City,” he said. “I even went on a Caribbean cruise. Where have you been?” “Oh,” said the one dollar bill, “I’ve been to the Baptist church, the Methodist church, the Episcopal church, the Lutheran church...” “What’s a church?” asked the twenty.

“It’s not how much we give but how much love we put into giving.”
~Mother Teresa

“We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.”
~Winston S. Churchill

“The most truly generous persons are those who give silently without hope of praise or reward.”
~Carol Ryrie Brink

“No one has ever become poor by giving.”
~Anne Frank

“Think of giving not as a duty but as a privilege.”
~John D. Rockefeller Jr.

“I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver.”
~Maya Angelou

“I wondered why somebody didn’t do something. Then I realized, I am somebody.”
~Unknown

“I am not the only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. What I can do, I ought do, and what I ought do, by the grace of God I shall do,”

~Adapted



PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Victorieria Pearl Butler was selected for the higher achievement program held at Binford Middle School. The summer schedule was held June 21 thru August 2.

During the regular session, the program begins the week after school starts and ends the week before school ends. The school bus transports her from school to the program and brings her back home at approximately 7:30 p.m.

The students are taught mathematics, science, reading, and social studies through step dance, singing, etc. Victorieria says, "It's quite fun."

Germaine Grate was a 5th grade Scholar Roll student at Carver Elementary School for the 2017-2018 school year. She received certificates for Academic Excellence, Scholar Roll, and Advancement to Middle School. Germaine is now in the 6th grade and attending Boushall Middle School.

Lionel Grate was promoted to 8th grade and is doing well in his studies at Boushall Middle School.

Jermasia Grate was a 9th grade honor student at George Wythe High School for the 2017-2018 school year. She is now a 10th grader and looks forward to continuing making excellent grades.

Daliah Smallwood, a 14-year old graduate from Fairfield Middle School, will be entering Mary Baldwin College this fall. She has been accepted into a program for the exceptionally gifted. She is also writing a book. Daliah is a former elementary student of our very own, Sandra Allison, and sang with our youth choir in 2015.



"Every student can learn, just not the same day or the same way."
~George Evans

"Minds are like parachutes, they function when they are open."
~Thomas Dewar

"If you are not willing to learn, no one can help you! If you are determined to learn, no one can stop you."
~Unknown



Mary J. Jackson

On Wednesday, August 8, the Annual Meeting of the Old Dominion Eye Foundation Board was held at the Salisbury Country Club in Midlothian, VA. During that meeting, Mary J. Jackson was elected president of the board. She is the first African American to be elected to this position.

Mary is a double corneal recipient and has volunteered with ODEF for a number of years. Promoting the organ/tissue donor program is a passion for her.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!



BECOME AN ORGAN DONOR!

The World is Mine

Today, upon a bus, I saw a very beautiful
woman

And wished I were as beautiful.
When suddenly she rose to leave,
I saw her hobble down the aisle.
She had one leg and used a crutch.
But as she passed, she had a smile.
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.
I have two legs; the world is mine.

I stopped to buy some candy.
The lad who sold it had such charm.
I talked with him, he seemed so glad.
If I were late, it'd do no harm.
And as I left, he said to me,
"I thank you, you've been so kind.
It's nice to talk with folks like you.
You see," he said, "I'm blind."
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.
I have two eyes; the world is mine.

Later while walking down the street,
I saw a child I knew.
He stood and watched the others play,
but he did not know what to do.
I stopped a moment and then I said,
"Why don't you join them dear?"
He looked ahead without a word.
I forgot, he couldn't hear.
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.
I have two ears; the world is mine.

With feet to take me where I'd go,
With eyes to see the sunset's glow.
With ears to hear what I'd know.
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.
I've been blessed indeed, the world is mine.
~Author Unknown



Autumn's Blessings

Autumn brings to the soul relief,
as hot Summer days, slip to an end
God sent the season for weary hearts
to restore, repair and mend.

Unlike the Autumn trees,
that shed their changing leaves
God sent the season for failing hearts
to adhere, embrace and cleave.

Just as with the Autumn winds,
there comes a new refreshing rain
God sent the season for fraying hearts
to increase, grow and gain.

The Autumn sun is slow to climb,
and dips much earlier into the night
God sent the season for sleepy hearts
to rise, shine and awake in His light.

God gave to us the Autumn season,
so we could have a respite and rest
for it is the season for our beset souls
to see how much we are blessed!

~Deborah Ann



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