



Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
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Affirmation Day: Likeminded and of one accord!

By Sis. Kimbler Johnson

For several years, the Deacon and Trustee Affirmation Day is reserved for the third Sunday in January. This day is set aside to honor and encourage the Deacons and Trustees of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. This year's theme, "Affirming that it is We and not Me" was taken from Philippians 2:1-4. Rev. Adrian Lara served as the Master of Ceremony and welcomed the Deacons, Trustees, and their lovely wives into the sanctuary, one couple at a time. The tone was set for a beautiful program, and it was. The church mass choir sang from their hearts, Deacon Norris Jackson welcomed our visitors, and Deacon Edward Dogan spoke on the theme to inspire all that were present. Then Sis. Lula Young lifted the service to new heights with her soulful solo. The mood was high as Pastor Jones introduced Rev. West, Pastor of the Peaceful Rest Baptist Church of Richmond, Texas to deliver the message. Pastor West stirred the hearts of all as he spoke from the scripture reference Acts 7:54-56 - his subject, "I Know He's Up There". Pastor West began singing Jordan River and Rev. Lara spontaneously joined in. The two sang as if the angels of heaven were seated in the pews. After the service adjourned, everyone was invited to fellowship over a fabulous meal in the Denver Miller Fellowship Hall.



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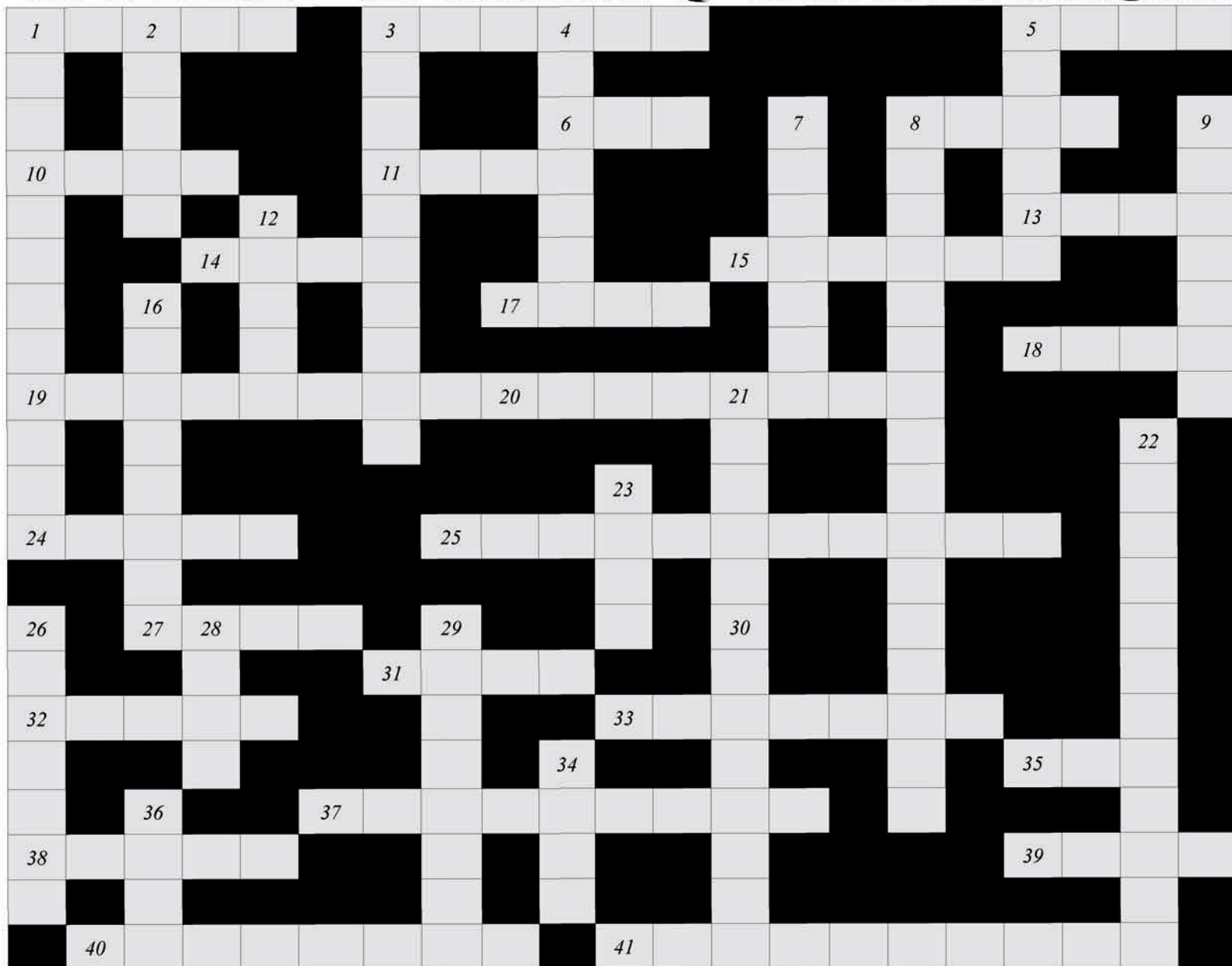
Two Kinds of Full!

By Bro. Dwight Hodge

The Brotherhood of FMBC held a spirit filled, good old-fashioned, country breakfast on January 28, 2007. The breakfast began with Rev. Allen praying and blessing the food. The men "manning" the kitchen included Brother Fields, Deacon Morgan, Deacon Beal and Brother Holmes. As usual, the kitchen ministry once again "showed their stuff" preparing and serving a wonderful breakfast. The Brotherhood truly appreciates their support. The goal of the Brotherhood at this fellowship was to encourage the men of FMBC to become active members within the Brotherhood. Although the breakfast was brief, all the Brothers were thankful to the Lord for such a wonderful time together. May God continue to bless the men of FMBC who will give of their time to serve others.



Great Black Americans



Across:

1. She would not sit in the back of the bus ; 3. Famous author Alice, writer of the acclaimed novel 'The Color Purple'; 5. Music Louis Armstrong played ; 6. Boxing legend called 'The Greatest'; 8. American educator ___ McLeod Bethune ; 10. Harlem or New York, for example ; 11. Wynton Marsalis blows one ; 13. Tennis great Arthur ___ ; 14. Abolitionist ___ Brown ; 15. Actor Lawrence of Hollywood films ; 17. Poet ___ Angelou ; 18. Jackie Robinson's first position, second ___ ; 19. First African-American Supreme Court Justice ; 24. Kweisi Mfume is the leader of this organization ; 25. Reason for many marches ; 27. Basketball star O'Neal, to fans ; 30. First name of the black leader who wrote 'Soul on Ice' ; 31. Nickname for musical legend Charlie Parker ; 32. Music legend ___ Basie ; 33. Place where Motown Records was founded ; 35. TV star Bernie ___ ; 37. Comedian who had a hit show playing father Cliff Huxtable ; 38. Popular black magazine ; 39. First name of 1-across ; 40. Black History month ; 41. Baseball's all-time home run champion

Down:

1. Emancipation ; 2. Famous TV mini-series and Alex Haley book ; 3. George ___ Carver ; 4. Festival featuring African-American culture ; 5. Basketball superstar Michael ___ ; 7. Legendary gospel singer ___ Jackson ; 8. Speaker who said, 'I Have a Dream' ; 9. Last name of 30-across ; 12. Former ambassador to the United Nations and mayor of Atlanta ; 16. Abolitionist who escaped from slavery, Frederick ___ ; 18. Player with a record 73 home runs in one season. Barry ___ ; 20. Basketball legend and businessman ___ Johnson ; 21. She led slaves to the Underground Railroad ; 22. Founder of the Rainbow Coalition ; 23. Name for a female opera star, such as Leontyne Price ; 26. Best-selling musical artist ___ Jackson ; 28. Nickname for 41-across ; 29. It matched the Union against the Confederates ; 34. What Halle Berry does ; 36. Basketball superstar ___ Bryant ; 37. To my brother ... Russell

(Answers on pg. 8)

We should emphasize not Negro History, but the Negro in history. What we need is not a history of selected races or nations, but the history of the world void of national bias, race hate, and religious prejudice.

My Favorite Scripture



My favorite Scripture is:

My name is D. Holmes and one of my favorite scriptures is Luke 6:37, because we as Christians should follow Jesus' teachings and example and not judge or condemn our fellow man, but to forgive others. In doing so, we will not be judged or condemned, but forgiven. Many people in today's society are quick to judge or condemn others based upon their education, job, and size of their home, clothes, automobile they drive, or perceived financial status (material things!). Conversely, many of us are slow to forgive others who wrong us and in some cases carry those ill feelings a lifetime. As we continue to grow and mature as Christians, we should strive to treat others as we want to be treated.

My name is Lizzetter B. Wright and one of my favorite scriptures is Numbers 23:19, because every promise of God is true and He will perform it in His time and not man's time. I also love the fact that God does not change His mind but He will change circumstances due to intercessory prayers and repentance (True Repentance) of His faithful people. Every word spoken by God will come to pass and every promise also.

Be Sure to Submit Your Favorite Scripture, Poem, Dedication or Story for March!

The Best Things in Life are:

FREE!

By Sis. Rita Miller

Valentines Carriage Rides

February 14, 16 & 17

6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Enjoy a free carriage ride through Town Square with someone you love.

Movie Under the Moon

February 17, 2007

7:00 p.m.

Bring your Valentine to the Plaza and enjoy watching the romantic classic, "Sleepless in Seattle" for free.

Sugar Land Town Square's Complete Makeover Challenge:

"Get Healthy & Stay Healthy in 2007"

Come for the second of six free health and fitness sessions in the Plaza - 'Nutrition: What to Eat or Not to Eat, That is the Question.' Nutrition specialists will provide valuable information and tools for you to 'Get Healthy & Stay Healthy in 2007.' For every session you attend, you'll be entered into a drawing for a Grand Prize- a Complete Makeover from Sugar Land Town Square Retailers.

Jazz Concert in the Plaza

February 24, 2007

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Come out to the Plaza for a night of entertainment as gifted saxophonist, Stephen Richard, performs.

The Children's Museum of Houston

Free to all on Thursdays from 5:00

p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

1500 Binz St
Houston, TX

The museum covers subjects such as science, history, culture and arts. Features KID-TV studio, a Mexican Village, a science station, and a Bubble Lab

The Houston Zoo

1513 N. Macgregor Way
Houston, Texas

Free to all on city holidays

The 50-acre zoo features more than 5,000 animals. There is a rain forest aviary, a large cat facility, a giraffe, and an Asian elephant habitat.

"The
Poet's Place"
hosted by Sis.
Cliner Hightower

To Be Young Gifted and Black

by
Weldon J. Irvine, Jr.

Submitted by
Sis. Deanne M. Hodge

Young, gifted, and black
Oh what a lovely precious dream.
To be young, gifted, and black
Open your heart to what I mean.

In the whole world you know
There's a million boys and girls
Who are young, gifted, and black
And that's a fact!

You are young, gifted, and black
We must begin to tell our young,
"There's a world waiting for you.
Yours is the quest that's just begun.

When you're feeling real low
There's a great truth that you should know
When you're young, gifted, and black
Your soul's intact!"

Ah to be young, gifted, and black
Oh how I've longed to know the truth.
There are times when I look back
And I am haunted by my youth.

But my joy of today
Is that we can all be proud to say,
"To be young, gifted, and black
Is where it's at! Is where it's at!
Is where it's at!"

God gives nothing to those who keep their arms crossed.

African Proverb

Who's New at FMBC!



A Big Friendship WELCOME to all of our new members! Be sure to look out for information on the upcoming New Members Luncheon!

Love is in the air and everywhere!

by Sis. Karen Fields

Jacob met Rachel, kissed her and then cried like a baby, Genesis 29:11 says. He worked fourteen years to make her his wife. There is nothing like a good love story. See if you can match these love stories with the members of Friendship that they happened to.

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| 1. ___ Rev. Amos and Odessa Jones | a. Four Corners School |
| 2. ___ Rev. Adrian and Evenetta Lara | b. Ole Miss Student Union |
| 3. ___ Dec. Leon and Margie Moore | c. Friendship Baptist Church |
| 4. ___ Dec. Dale and Kim Johnson | d. Lamar High School |
| 5. ___ Bro. Jeff and Katherine Holloway | e. football game, Hungerford |
| 6. ___ Dec. Amos and Chandra Jones | f. Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church |
| 7. ___ Bro. Willie and Janet Spurlock | g. the car wash |
| 8. ___ Dec. Glen and Erma Beal | h. Glenflora, TX, married 40 yrs |
| 9. ___ Bro. Claude and Paulina Flack | i. Pleasant Green Baptist Church |
| 10. ___ Dec. Nelson and Melinda Morgan | j. Progressive Church, Denver |
| 11. ___ Dec. Charles and Mae Ola Dogan | k. Peabody High, Alexandria 1963 |
| 12. ___ Dec. Ed and Jean Dogan | l. Braeburn Foodstore |
| 13. ___ Bro. Prince and Minnie Ola Johnson | m. neighbors on F.M.1464 |
| 14. ___ Rev. Robert and Pat Allen | n. blind date in Philadelphia, |
| 15. ___ Bro. and Sis. Malone | o. barber and beautiful customer |
| (married over 50 years) | p. Memorial Hospital |
| 16. ___ Bro. and Sis. Mack | q. Dow Chemical |
| 17. ___ Bro. and Sis. Miller (Rita) | r. school dance, Wharton J.C. |
| 18. ___ Bro. Clifford and Karen Fields | s. French High, Beaumont |
| 19. ___ Dec. Gary and Jackie Morrow | t. McDonalds, Echo Ln. |
| 20. ___ Dec. Lawrence & Magdalene Johnson | u. J.B. Cade Library @ Southern |
| 21. ___ Bro. Keidrin and Veronica Johnson | University |

Answers on pg. 8!



FMBC Celebrates Black History

My Black American Hero is Coretta Scott King, because she truly exemplified the meaning of "helpmeet". She supported her husband in every effort and was a wonderful and dutiful mother. Even after Rev. King's death, she scarified what could have been a "normal" life to keep the dream alive. Submitted By: Sis. Patricia Allen

My Black American Hero is Mrs. Evelena B. Wofford (known throughout the country as "Mama Lena"), because she exhibited a true hero life. Born in 1894, to parents who were ex-slaves, she shouldered the responsibility of family "times two." She stood tall and unafraid during the Civil Rights Struggles of the 1960's. Active in the SCLC, she taught us to stand tall, to educate ourselves, to register and take pride in voting to be "Somebody." Her 5'2" frame demanded respect from all people white or black. With her third grade formal education, she was a teacher, a widowed mother, midwife, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Self taught in math, reading and history. Great Christian who believed and lived this: "If the Lord wants somebody.. Here am I send me... I'll go" May 1894 to May 1994. Submitted by: Sis. Rosa W. Morrow

Harriet Tubman is my favorite Black History Hero because of all of her accomplishments due to, courage, shrewdness, and perseverance, and God given wit. Even though, she was uneducated she was smart and tenacious. She used her wit to not only escape but also to survive. She was not satisfied with just having her own freedom, she thought about others that were still in bondage. She led her family and approximately three hundred other to freedom. The stories of her exploits showed her spiritual nature, and true grit in leading and protecting her charges. She was called "Moses of the Colored people." She continued to care for others until she died by leaving a home for the aged and indigent, showing unselfishness and love for her fellowman. Submitted by: Sis. Pat Ward

Children's Church is Awesome!!

The staff and volunteers of Children's Church who guide our children every Sunday are truly a gift and blessing in the life of every child.

The Children's Church completely and graciously participated in the project "My Black American Hero is..." but, due to a very unusual, mystifying and extremely rare phenomenon, the individual responses of the children are unavailable. Prior to the very unusual, mystifying and extremely rare phenomenon, I was blessed with the opportunity to read the responses. Our children are well-taught, and the usual notables appeared. One child said their Black American hero was Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. because without him we wouldn't be here. Another Children's Church participant named Rosa Parks as their favorite because she demanded respect. And of course, Harriet Tubman was hailed as a hero due to her bravery. However, although many of the sheets were unnamed, as I read through the responses I had to hold back tears because almost without exception every child said their Black American Hero was "my mom and dad"!! The reasons varied. Some of the children said "because they love me," others said "because they take care of me" and still others wrote "because they encourage me." How Awesome it is to know as you run this daily race wishing for 30 hours in a 24 hour day, mending shirts, healing hurts, doing laundry, working, providing, and transporting, you are a Black American Hero to the people it matters most!! To our children, we salute you, our next generation of Black American Heroes!

Oh....What was the very unusual, mystifying and extremely rare phenomenon you ask?My house ate them!



BURP!

By Sis. Deanne Hodge

For more information, contact charles.hebert@hccs.edu or john.gilmoreiii@hccs.edu. Panel Discussion of the 2007 Black History Month national theme: "From Slavery to Freedom Africans in the Americas". Thurs, Feb. 15 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Alief Center, Auditorium, 13803 Bissonet, Houston, TX with Dr. Bernadine Duncan an Assist. Prof. in the Educational Leadership and Counseling Dept. at Prairie View A & M University. and Dr. Roland B. Smith, Jr. an Assoc. Provost and an Adjunct Prof. of Education at Rice University. Drs. Duncan and Smith will discuss historical and psychological impact of the 2007 Black History Month national theme: "From Slavery to Freedom Africans in the Americas". (See, Around Town on pg. 7)

Black American History Month Around Town!



St. Thomas University; Linda Lorelle; Tuesday, Feb. 20, 12:30; The two time Emmy winning journalist, will speak in the CoC Conference Room, 2nd floor Crooker Center, 3909 Graustark. Her most recent work is a documentary titled "Beyond Brown vs. Board: The Journey Continues" on how Houston desegregated its schools.

St. Thomas University; Former Astronaut and retired Major General USMC Charles Bolden; Thursday, Feb. 22, @ 12:30 The former astronaut and retired Major General USMC will speak in Crooker Center, 3909 Graustark, Houston. Logging in over 680 hours in space, Bolden served as a pilot on the STS-61C Space Shuttle Columbia and the STS-45 Space Shuttle Discovery. He later commanded a crew on the STS-45 Atlantis and on the STS-60 Discovery. These talks are free and open to the public. For more information or to RSVP for these events, contact Angie Montelongo at 713-525-3572 or montela@stthom.edu



Houston Community College: Common Book Panel Discussion w/ James Earl Jones; Thurs, February 22 @ 11:00AM-1:00 PM Scarcella Center, Auditorium, 10141 Cash Rd., Stafford, Texas 77477 & Sat, Feb. 24, HCC Black History Celebration Gala Featuring Keynote Speaker James Earl Jones Reception 6:00 PM., Program/Dinner 7:00 PM Hilton Americas-Houston, 1600 Lamar, Houston, TX The Common Book for the 2007 HCC Black History Celebration is "Voices and Silences" by James Earl Jones. In the common book the Award Winning Actor and Writer recounts his remarkable life story - a journey from the depths of poverty to the pinnacle of fame on Broadway and in Hollywood. Tickets for the Gala start at Another Award Winning Actor, Sidney Poitier visits HCC, Mon, Feb. 26 Time TBA



HCC's Black Male Initiative Committee and the Brilliant Lecture series, Inc. are bringing acclaimed actor Sidney Poitier to HCC's West Loop Campus. In addition, students from the College Connections and Black Male Initiative programs at each campus will participate in an interview with Mr. Poitier.

Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed.

Booker T. Washington

Dear Pastor Jones,

What can I do or say if I begin to feel separated from God? Even while I am attending church regularly.

Sincerely,

Feeling Separated

Dear "Feeling Separated"

Feeling estranged or separated from God is not altogether uncommon, even for the child of God. Take a lesson from King David when sin had separated him from God. Take your feelings of estrangement to the Lord with repentance and confession. Ask the Lord to create in you a new, clean heart, one filled with clean thoughts and right desires. Moreover, you should ask the Lord to restore to you again the Joy of your Salvation. Remember, in His presence is fullness of Joy at His right hand the exquisite pleasures of His eternal presence.

Sincerely,

Pastor J. Amos Jones

Ask the Pastor!



Y.E.S. 2006!

By Sis. Erma Beal

Y.E.S. (Youth Empowerment Skills) 2006 officially ended recently when the winners of the community service drawing were recognized. Along with informative seminars and field trips Y.E.S. 2006 provided its participants with opportunities to serve others during community projects. The participants earned service hours. Based on number of hours earned, they became eligible for a chance to win a \$50 mall gift certificate/VISA check card and an IPOD/MP3 player. During the second drawing for the year, Anna Bryant was the winner of a \$50 VISA check card and Kaylee Fields won the MP3 player.

(See, Y.E.S. Cont'd. on pg. 7)



Bible Study Briefs



What's in your bag?

The church will move in 2007, and Pastor Jones has taught the class the body of Christ must pack their bags with several necessary items in order to move! Among those are discernment, desire and dedication. Are you dedicated to God? Something dedicated to God must be without blemish and not inferior.

Pastor Jones teaches us the body of Christ must also remember to put determination, diligence, delight and deference in our bag. We must delight in the things of God. We must delight in Him, His Will His Righteous and His Church.

God will bless the Body that is in alignment with the head! Don't live a spiritually inferior life! Pastor Jones has been teaching the Friday night Bible study class how to be in alignment. Come, get aligned and get ready to move and be blessed!

What Time is it? ... What time is it?

By Dec. Glen Beal

S.O.S.!!
Its time you heard the *S.O.S.!!*
You guessed it! Its time for Sunday School! The Flame is happy to announce its latest column: a message directly for you from the Superintendent of Sunday School!.



Sunday-School is about feeding the Body with the Word; supplying each member with spiritual nutrition appropriate for his spirit-man's development. The classes are designed for making the word applicable to you - practical for you and your issues;

participating in the class discussions will go along way in equipping you for daily (even moment by moment) walking in the spirit. If you're asking "why should I attend Sunday-School class next week and every week", then this SOS is for you... We all like to feel that we're "in control," don't we? We can become terrified when we get swept along by events that are beyond our control. Think of the widow who hears someone sneaking around outside her house at night. Think of citizens of a nation that is victimized by terrorist attacks. Think of residents of a coastal area as they watch weather reports of a hurricane advancing relentlessly against them. All these situations involve people desiring protection against "enemies" over which they seem to have no control. (See School, cont'd on pg. 7)

There is no negro problem. The problem is whether the American people have loyalty enough, honor enough, patriotism enough, to live up to their own constitution...

Frederick Douglass

(Around Town Cont'd from pg. 5) The 2007 theme is dedicated to the struggles of peoples of African descent to achieve freedom and equality in the Americas during the age of emancipation.

Shrine of the Black Madonna Cultural Center, 5309 M. L. King Boulevard, Houston, TX
Throughout February 2007 Free Black American Films Monday-Friday: 11:30a.m. 1:00p.m. and 5:30-7:00 p.m Saturday: 3:00 p.m. You pick what you want to see, They put it on! Films include:

Four Little Girls -The Birmingham Church Bombings; Martin Luther King -- The Man and His Dream; The Black Panther -- Huey Newton and the Black Panthers; Malcolm X; The Assassination of Martin Luther King; The Emmitt Till Story; The State of Black America - Part I ; The Speech Collection--Martin Luther King; Motown is 40; Oprah's "LEGENDS" -- Featuring Pearl Cleage -- A tribute to Today's Black Women

Shrine of the Black Madonna Cultural Center, African American History Seminar, Saturdays February 17 & 24, 1:30 p.m.

The African American History Seminar will utilize videos, guest speakers, and dialogue to look at African American History from the beginning of time to the present.

Shrine of the Black Madonna Cultural Center, Say it Loud...Black and Proud!: A Reclamation of Black Culture Festival; Friday, February 23 through Sunday, February 25, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Have globalization, commercialism, and miseducation have led to a long demise in the collective consciousness of Black culture in America? Join us as we explore the psychological chains and reclaim our vast history and culture. Student Night, Friday, February 23, will explore the meaning of culture to black youth and features dancing, music, spoken word, and a forum. Family Night, Saturday, February 24, will feature the production "Once Upon a Time When We Had Culture." Sunday, February 25 "Reacculturating the Black community, organizations, groups and churches"

Shrine of the Black Madonna Cultural Center; You are What You Read! Saturday, February 24, 2007, 1:00 - 2:00p.m ; Learn how to build a family library for adults and children in our workshop, You Are What You Read!

Borders Book Stores: Buy two get a third of equal or lesser value free until March 3, 2007 on select titles by African American authors of both fiction and non-fiction! Borders is also offering the exclusive "Borders Presents the History of Black Music in America Volume 2" for \$4.99, featuring classics by Billie Holliday, Stevie Wonder and Parliament.

Houston's Ensemble Theatre begins its "Heart of the Theatre" event, which will salute Black Texas playwrights during Black History Month. The Heart of the Theatre celebration will take place on Tuesday, February 13th and free student matinee performances of the "Salute to Texas Playwrights" productions will be held on Wednesday, February 14th, and Tuesday, February 20th. Ticketed performances open to the general public will be offered the evenings of Sunday and Monday, February 18-19th. For more information, call (713) 520-0055

Houston's Ensemble Theatre presents : "Waiting to be Invited", by S.M. Shephard-Massat Runs: Feb. 1 - Feb. 25, 2007 It's the summer of 1964 in Atlanta, Georgia and four middle-aged black women, co-workers from a local doll factory,

travel by city bus to a "Whites Only" eating establishment inside a downtown Atlanta dept. store. Their purpose is to "test" their newly acquired civil rights handed down by the Supreme Court outlawing segregation in restaurants.



(Y.E.S. Cont'd) The community projects included working at the Damascus Road Ranch and serving a Thanksgiving meal at the Four Corners Community Center. The theme for Y.E.S. 2006 was "Choices and Consequences." Seminar topics were "Start by choosing God", "Choose Integrity - Do the right thing every time", "College Bound Preparation - Money Matters", "Consequences of substance abuse", "Choose the right kind of attitude", "Choose who you will hang with - dealing with peer pressure" and "Decide how to manage money". Field trips were to the Fort Bend county jail in Richmond and to the Buffalo Soldier Museum in Houston. The youth attended a 4 day Youth Conference at New Light.



(School Cont'd) Satan, the great enemy, the awful adversary, is sneaking around. At times he strikes as a terrorist. Spiritual forces beyond our control threaten to overwhelm us. We are weak and vulnerable; we need shelter. In such times the Christian has a sure protector. Jesus is the good shepherd of his flock. From the Scripture lesson on First Sunday we learned to listen for the voice of the gentle shepherd. Listen as he speaks to us words of encouragement, hope, and comfort. He is in control.

Here's a practical thought from this week's studies where we saw those familiar word of Jesus, "I am the resurrection and the life"... Facing death is not easy. Watching a parent die is hard. Watching your child die is gut-wrenching. Sudden and tragic deaths because of accidents or violence are hard to understand. A suicide opens up a multitude of questions with no answers for those who are left behind. But through them all, Jesus is continually the same. We will find consolation in him as we share together in this lesson. Jesus is the one who truly is the resurrection and the life.

Have you ever heard the phrase "You can't get there from here"? What this usually means is that the destination is a difficult place to reach or that describing how to get there is nearly impossible. When Jesus talked about Heaven, though, he made it clear that you *can* get there from here. You do so by taking THE way, which is Jesus himself. Along this one, true path are many opportunities for detour. There are many signs alongside the way to Heaven that try to point people in all kinds of directions. But only one sign is the right sign. That sign is Jesus, who points toward the Father. Jesus, as the light of truth, illuminates our journey. The comforting and convicting words of Jesus in the text for February 18 are for those seeking direction for life in the here and now and for life everlasting in the presence of God.

The process of pruning is sometimes not a pleasant sight. What once were beautiful and full trees or plants are suddenly chopped down to almost nothing. The Crepe Myrtle trees found in many of our neighborhoods go through this kind of pruning from time to time. And each time this happens a notice has to be issued to those unfamiliar with the process to explain that this is not a bad thing but a good thing. It is vital that the bad be cut out. It is also necessary that the whole tree or plant be thinned so that the beauty can continue to be displayed from year to year. We accumulate lots of spiritual (and material!) "junk," don't we? Yet God, the master gardener, knows how to get the best fruit and the greatest growth from his spiritual garden. As plants in that garden of God, it should be our desire to be cleaned out, pruned, and cultivated by God so that we can be as productive and appealing as possible. The lesson on February 25th will help you understand the work of the master gardener and the fruit he desires to produce in you.

It is our earnest prayer that you will join us in our pursuit to gain much, much more of treasures found in God's word by making Sunday School attendance a part of your journey.

1 Underwood, J., Nickelson, R. L., & Underwood, J. 2006. New International Version standard lesson commentary : 2006-2007 . Standard Publishing: Cincinnati

Do not call for black power or green power. Call for brain power.

Sunday <i>FEBRUARY</i>	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Bible Study @ 7:30pm Flame Dancers	3
4 Evening Service 7:00pm	5 Male Choir Rehersal	6	7 All Missions & Brotherhood @ 7:00pm	8 Prayer/Teachers	9 Bible Study @ 7:30pm Flame Dancers	10 Teen & Youth Choir Rehersal
11 Outing - New Hope Baptist Church @ 3:30pm (Pastor K. Sharp)	12	13	14 All Missions & Brotherhood @ 7:00pm	15 Prayer/Teachers	16 Bible Study @ 7:30pm Flame Dancers	17 Teen & Youth Choir Rehersal Usher Board meeting @ 2:30
18 Annual Women's Day (Rev. N. Walker)	19 Deacon/Trustee	20	21 All Missions & Brotherhood @ 7:00pm	22 Prayer/Teachers	23 Bible Study @ 7:30pm Flame Dancers	24
25 Evening Service Flame Dancers	26	27	28 All Missions & Brotherhood @ 7:00pm			

Don't Miss it in February!!



February 11 - Outing, New Hope Baptist Church @ 3:30 (Rev. K. Sharp)
February 18 - Annual Women's Day (Rev. N. Walker)

MARCH NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE FEBRUARY 25! PLEASE GIVE YOUR ARTICLES, POETRY MARCH DATES TO REMEMBER, ETC. TO SIS. DEANNE HODGE OR E-MAIL THEM TO deannehodge@alltel.net

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Answers are purposely upside down to help you avoid the temptation to peek!

LOVE IS IN THE AIR & EVERYWHERE
Great Black Americans Answers

1 PARKS; 3 "WALKER; 5 JAZZ; 6 "ALI; 8 MARY; 10 CITY; 11 HORN; 13 ASHE; 14 JOHN; 15 MARTIN; 17 MAYA; 18 BASE; 19 THURGOOD MARSHALL; 24 NAACP; 25 CIVIL RIGHTS; 27 SHAO; 30 ELDRIDGE; 31 BIRD; 32 COUNT; 33 DETROIT; 35 MAC; 37 BILLCOSBY; 38 EBONY; 39 ROSA; 40 FEBRUARY; 41 HENRY AARON DOWN 1 PROCLAMATION; 2 ROOTS 3 WASHINGTON; 4 KWANZAA; 5 JORDAN; 7 MAHALIA; 8 MARTIN LUTHER KING; 9 CLEAVER; 12 YOUNG; 16 DOUGLASS; 18 BONDS; 20 MAGIC; 21 HARRIETT TUBMAN; 22 JESSE JACKSON; 23 DIVA; 26 MICHAEL; 28 HANK; 29 1 CIVIL WAR; 34 ACTS; 36 KOBE

"Help a Brother out" and remember your can goods and non-perishable items for the Food Box sponsored by the Brotherhood. The box is in the Foyer.
Let's keep it full!

Celebrating FMBE Women!
By Sis. Pat Ward

February 18th has been set aside at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church to honor and celebrate the women of this church and of this community.

We invite all the women to come out on this day to be elevated and celebrated. Being a "woman" is something to behold. Special in the sight of God. Come and encourage our women and fellowship with each other as we praise His Holy name. Even though, this is considered Women's Day, men we can't do it without your support. Come Out and be Blessed!