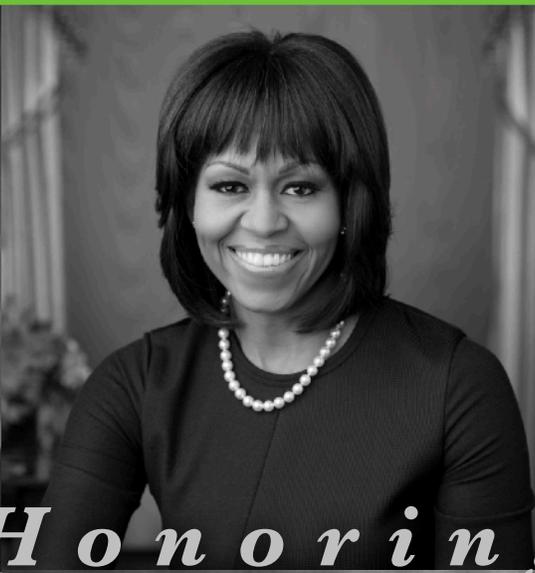
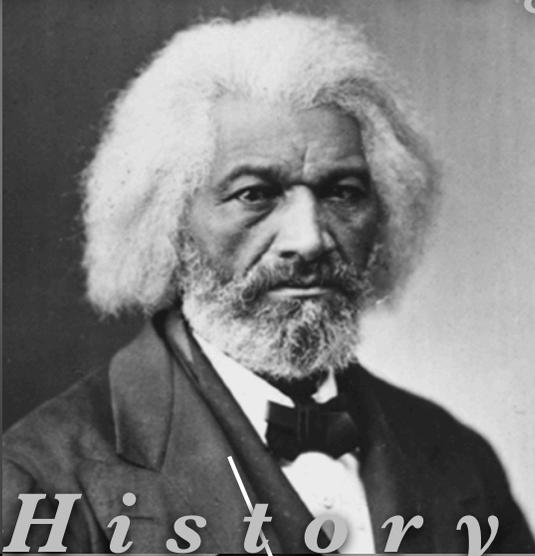


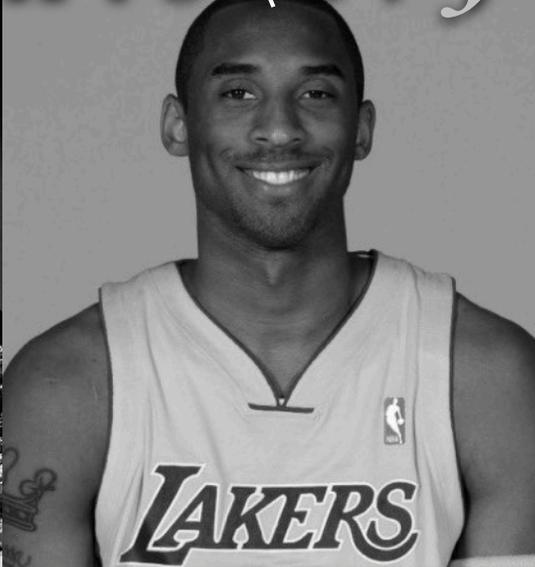
The Victorious Vessel



Honoring



Black History Month



FROM THE PASTOR'S PRINTER



Grace, peace, and mercy to you from God our Father, Christ our Redeemer, and the Holy Ghost our Comforter, Teacher, and Guide. Happy African American History Month to each of you.

As we reflect upon our heritage this month, I encourage us to remember one of our very own who transitioned to her eternal reward in October of 2019—Mrs. Dorothy Mae Cecelia Pettigrew Brunson Wright. The Late Sister Wright has left a tremendous legacy of contributions to this community. Her artwork speaks volumes about her talents with a paintbrush.

Voting remains one tool in our toolbox to fight against many of the political concerns that plague our nation. 2020 is another opportunity to vote. I repeat that we cannot afford to sit out ANY elections. However, this year especially, we need EVERY eligible voter to cast a vote in the local, state, and national races for political offices.

For those young people who will reach age eighteen before November 2020, you can complete your application to become a registered voter now. You may stop by the Pastor's Office for a blank form or pick up an application in the vestibule.

I urge all of us to pray for God to lead MSBC in taking our evangelism to heart. We ought ask God to give us a renewed heart and mind to want to share this Gospel with others who may not know God at all. Be it known to us all that evangelism is not about seeking a transfer of one believer from one church to another church. Authentic evangelism strives to present the Gospel to *nonbelievers* seeking to introduce them to our faith with the goal of converting that one person to Christianity. Disciples make disciples (Matthew 28:18-20 and Mark 16:15). Know that even in this 21st Century, people *still* need an introduction to saving knowledge of Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18).

Start praying about our evangelism. Pray for the Lord to send a harvest of souls in 2020. *Pray that God will send twenty new converts in 2020.* Pray for the salvation of the lost. Pray that God will send us transportation to replace our bus and van to use for evangelism. Pray, pray, and pray some more because God proves Himself over and over again every time He answers prayers.

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Congratulations

We congratulate and thank God for our Pastor, Leonard O. Griffin, who has been appointed to serve as the Executive Secretary of the Home Mission Board for the National Baptist Convention, USA. *(Also pictured are Pastor Kelsey West, Vice Chairman and Dr. Michael Warren, Chairman.)*



February Birthdays

Tyasia Pompey	1	Mary T. Smith	13
Latonya Brown	1	Albertha C. Lee	14
Wendell I. McCoy	2	Carolyn S. Anderson	15
Phillip Chamberlain	4	Wilhelmenia Brown	17
Miriam Coaxum	5	Santino B. Jordan	18
Jada Thomas	5	Rhonda J. Deleston	21
Vonnie Ephriam	6	Kendra Smith	22
Tonia Wiggins	7	Shirley Ward	23
Carolyn Hudson	8	Izetta M. Williams	25
Carl Gibbs, Sr.	9	Ernest Brown	27
Shelia Ali	10	Sherese Coleman	28
Bernice Green	10	Jenny L. Washington	28
Anthony Gilliard	11	Synovia White	28
Zuberi Jackson	12	Dera B. Riley	28

Getting to Know Our Deacons' Ministry



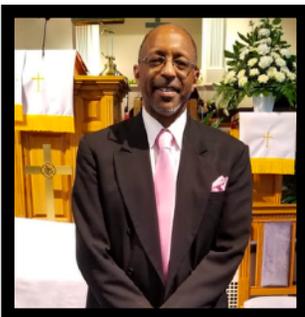
Deacon Wendell I. McCoy
Chairman of the MSBC Deacons' Ministry

Dea. McCoy was born in Charleston, SC and is a lifelong member of MSBC, where he loves to sing and share his talents through our culinary ministry. He was educated in the Charleston County School system. He went on to obtain a bachelor's degree from Saint Augustine's College in Raleigh, NC. He is married to Sis. Debbie McCoy; the two will celebrate 35 years of marriage this year. He is also the father of Sis. Wendrah McCoy. Dea. McCoy's ward comprises members that reside on the east side of King Street.



Deacon Russell Richardson, Vice-Chairperson
Vice-Chairman of the MSBC Deacons' Ministry

Dea. Richardson was born in Awendaw, SC. His parents were Mr. Isaac and Florence Richardson. He is the 5th of 12 children. After graduating from Lincoln High School, he enlisted in the U. S. Air Force where he served for 4 years. After serving his term in the military, he was employed by Bell South Telephone Company for 15 years. He resigned from Bell South to start his own business, entitled RMR Telephone. He is married to Sis. Carolyn T. Richardson for 40 years. He serves members living on Ward 6 in the West Ashley area. He is a member of Tuesday night Tune-Up Bible Study, Food Bank Ministry, Music Ministry and Brotherhood.



Deacon Erich Robinson
Secretary of the MSBC Deacons' Ministry

Dea. Robinson, is a son of Irving and Juanita Robinson and brother of Micah Robinson. He is a History Instructor at Trident College since 2004. He earned A Master of Arts Degree in Teaching from the Citadel in 1997 and a Master of Arts Degree in History from the University of Charleston in 2006. He is an active member of the Music Ministry, Tuesday night Tune-Up, Bible Study, the Food Bank and assist where ever he is needed. He, along with Dea. Hartwell, serves members east of interstate 26, North Charleston, Goose Creek and Summerville.



Deacon Theodore R. Hartwell
Assistant Secretary of the MSBC Deacons' Ministry

Dea. Hartwell has been a member of Morris Street Baptist Church for over fifty (50) years. His parents were both members of Morris Street Baptist Church. He is a very proud father of Takiyah Olivia Hartwell and Theodore R. Hartwell, III. Deacon Hartwell has served in the Deacon's Ministry as Interim Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer. He also is a member of the Brotherhood and Food Bank Ministry. He serves Ward 11 which spans North Charleston, Goose Creek, Summerville east of I-26. One of his favorite scriptures is taken from Psalms 37:4, "Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart."



Deacon Isaac Singleton
Chaplain of the MSBC Deacons' Ministry

Dea. Singleton joined Morris Street Baptist Church in 1980. He is a faithful member of the Sunday School as well as Bible Study. He served 25 years on the Usher Board, and sang on the Male Choir. As a member of the Brotherhood, he lent his hand to many organizations in the church. He is married to the former, Faye E. Fludd. They have 3 children. He serves as Chaplain of the Deacons Ministry. He was awarded Father of the Year, as well as received a Certificate of Appreciation for Committed Service as Deacon of MSBC May 2012 and May 2019.



Deacon Edward M. Brown

Dea. Brown was born on September 27, 1949 to Hattie Doctor and Frank Brown. He is the youngest of ten (10) children. In 1967 he graduated from St. John's High School. He graduated from the University of California at Berkeley in 1971 with an Academic Bachelor's in Political Science and a minor in Economics. He received a Ford Foundation Scholarship to attend Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University in 1972. He graduated from Texas Southern University with a Juris Doctor in 1975. He is licensed to practice law before the United States District Court, the South Carolina Supreme Court and a host of other judicial forums and/or administrative bodies for a period in excess of forty (40) years. He is a highly active member in the community. Dea. Brown is married to Patricia Hill Brown whom he met while attending Bishop College in Dallas, Texas. They have been married in excess of forty (40) years.



Deacon Ivan Fields

Dea. Fields is a son of the late Mildred and Arthur Fields. He was born in Charleston, SC. His family includes brothers Arthur (deceased), Gerald, Anthony sisters, Marvette, Judy and Lisa. He is married to Claudette Fields and they are the proud parents of sons Davon and Ivan, Jr. He is a graduate of Burke High School, Benedict College and the Citadel. He is a Mathematics Teacher. Dea. Fields has been a member of MSBC for 42 years. He serves on the Deacons Ministry, and is Sunday School Superintendent. The most influential person in his life was his mother, Mrs. Mildred Fields (deceased). His favorite Scripture Passage is Proverbs 3:5-6 and his favorite hymn is He Looked Beyond My Faults. The advice he gives is to let others see Jesus in You. His hobbies are walking the city and watching sports.



Deacon Collis A. Holloway

Dea. Holloway was ordained a deacon at Morris Street Baptist Church on February 17, 2008. He was the husband of the late Chrysandra Gantt Holloway until her death on October 23, 2014. He is the father of Anna Page Holloway and Collis Augustus Holloway. Collis retired from the United States Marine Corps and from United Airlines after thirty-four years of flying as a pilot. At the age of twelve, "I joined the church because my family encouraged me to do so. Today I serve because I understand." And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding." I serve on the Deacons Ministry, Media Ministry and Budget Committee. I serve members living in the West Ashley area.



Deacon Alphonso Sumter

Dea. Sumter renders assistance to members living on Ward 2 and Ward 7 in The East Cooper and part of North Charleston. He is retired as a County Executive Director with Charleston/Berkeley County Farm Service Agency, USDA. He is married 46 years to Amanda Sumter. They have two daughters, Kyndra and Angela; and three grandchildren. Deacon Sumter served as Secretary, Vice Chairman and Chairman of the Deacon's Ministry and Advisor to several auxiliaries.

God's Valentine Gift

God's Valentine gift of love to us
Was not a bunch of flowers;
It wasn't candy, or a book
To while away the hours.

His gift was to become a man,
So He could freely give
His sacrificial love for us,
So you and I could live.

He gave us sweet salvation, and
Instruction, good and true--
To love our friends and enemies
And love our Savior, too.

So as we give our Valentines,
Let's thank our Lord and King;
The reason we have love to give
Is that He gave everything.

By Joanna Fuchs

Save the Dates

Sunday, February 9th @ 10am
Benedict College Day Observance

Sunday, February 23rd @ 10am
Education Day Observance
4th Sunday Reminder:
Wear your African attire!

Black History Fact

Thomas Dorsey (1899-1993) was the son of an itinerant preacher and a church organist. He revolutionized traditional church music when he married secular blues and jazzy syncopations to sacred texts. The new genre became known as gospel music. He conceived his most famous work, "Take My Hand, Precious Lord" after his wife and son died in childbirth. In all, he wrote over 400 compositions and cofounded the National Convention of Gospel Choirs and Choruses.

Thyroid Health Awareness Month

The thyroid gland is a small, butterfly-shaped gland located in the base of the neck just below the Adam's apple. Although relatively small, the thyroid gland plays a huge role in our body, influencing the function of many of the body's most essential organs, including the heart, brain, liver, kidneys and skin. The thyroid's job is to make thyroid hormones, which are secreted into the blood and then carried to every tissue in the body. Thyroid hormone helps the body use energy, stay warm and keep the brain, heart, muscles, and other organs working as they should. It is vitally important to ensure your the thyroid gland is healthy and functioning properly.

-The MSBC Health Ministry



The Man Who Refused to Forgive

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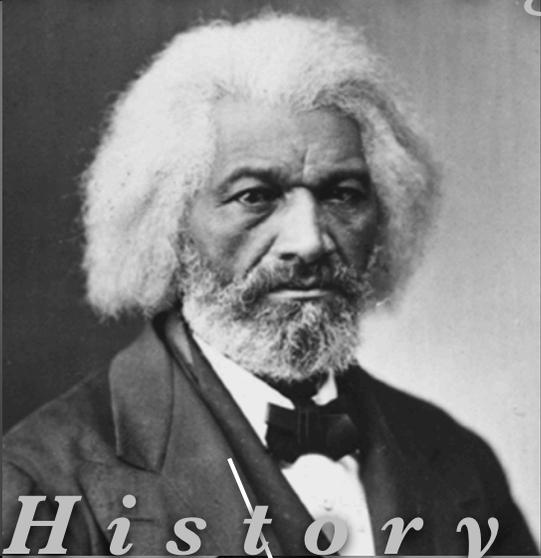


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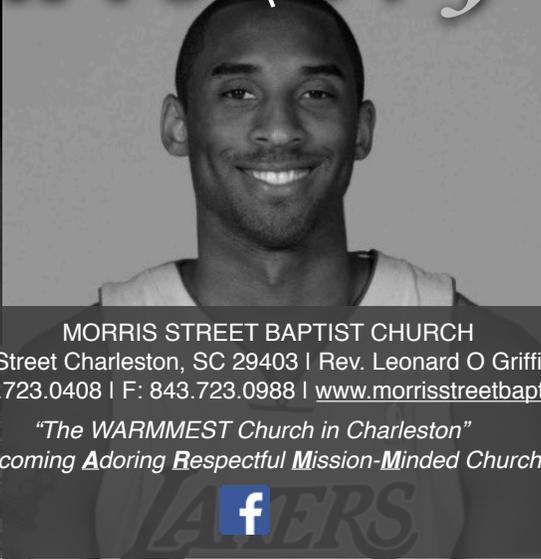
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Contact Sis. Emily L. Smith or Sis. Wendrah M. McCoy.



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