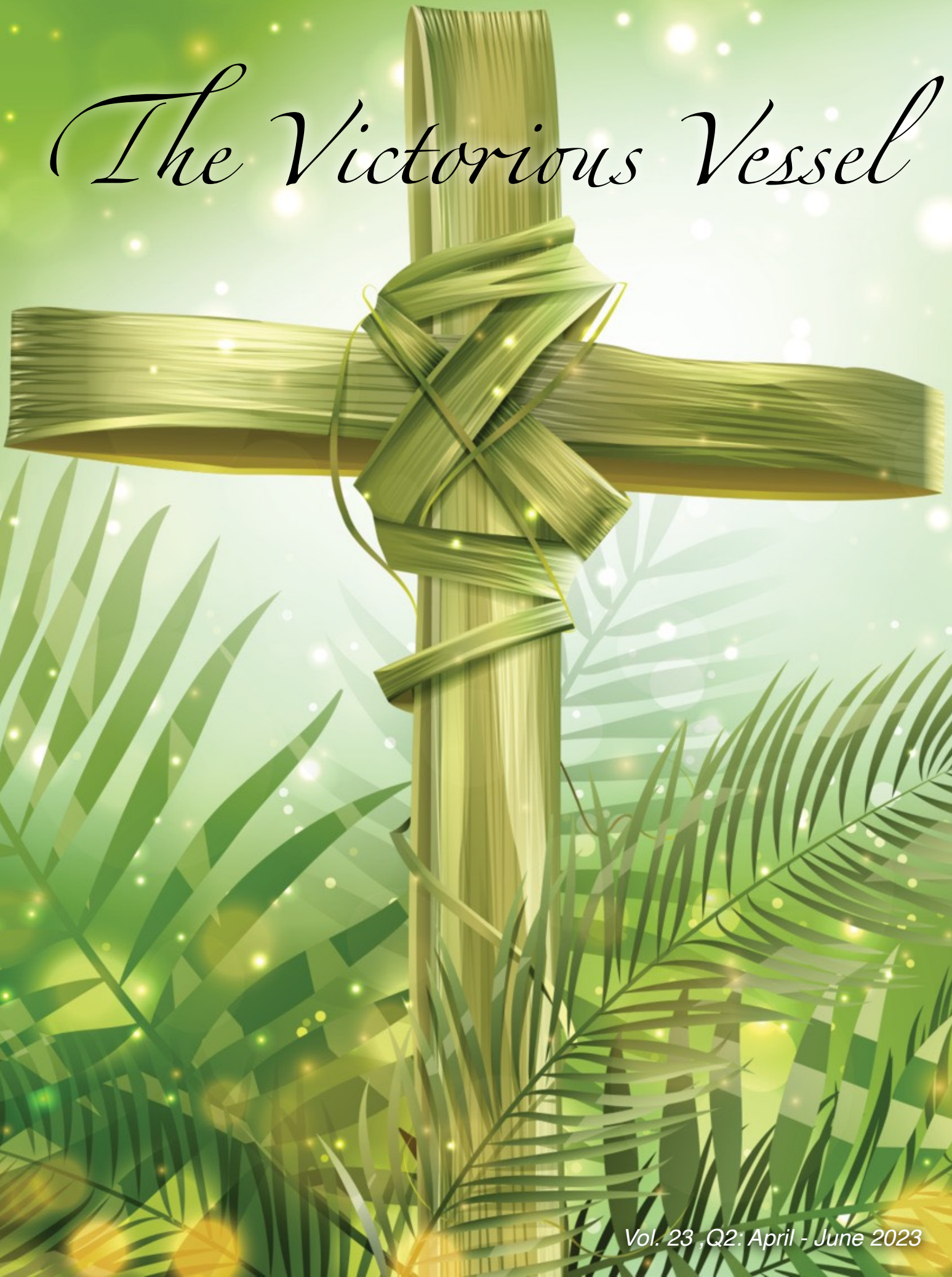


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CONGRATS, GRADUATE!

In November 2022, Sis. Amber S. McCoy completed her Masters Degree in Health Administration from the University of Phoenix. While in the program, Amber maintained a 3.5 GPA and was on the President's List.

During her time, she was chosen to be a member of The National Society of Leadership and Success and had the honor of being a part of reaffirmation of Accreditation site visit for the College of Health Professions, virtually.

Amber is looking forward to excelling in her career of Healthcare, focusing on cancer research and Health Disparities. She looking forward to Graduation in April 2023.



ANSWERING THE CALL



Congratulations to **Minister Ivan L. Fields!**

Minister Fields, a longtime, dedicated member of several ministries, including our Deacon's Ministry, earned his license to preach the Gospel on March 19, 2023.

We look forward to witnessing how God continues to use and grow him in his ministerial journey!

In case you missed it, Minister Fields' initial sermon can be viewed here: <https://fb.watch/joaY4xmX9h/?mibextid=qC1gEa>

RED DRESS SUNDAY

We observed our annual Red Dress Sunday, which utilizes American Heart Month to raise awareness about the prevalence of heart disease in African American and Latina women.

Red Dress Sunday emphasizes the importance of taking care of our heart, so that we can be both spiritually and physically healthy.

For more information and statistics, visit goredforwomen.org



2023 WOMAN OF IMPACT NOMINEE



[CLICK HERE TO DONATE TODAY](#)

I am proud to be among the Women of Impact for 2023. We are a team of changemakers who are excited to engage our networks to make the biggest impact possible on women's health! We're raising much-needed funds for the American Heart Association and working to improve the health of our communities. I am hoping I can count on your support!

This challenge is personally important to me, because I have seen the devastating effects of heart disease; I know many of you have also, with family, friends and colleagues we love. While this dreaded disease affects all, we know it does disproportionately affect women.

Throughout history, women have stepped up, stepped out, and overcome opposition. We rule the C-suite, we've led the workforce, joined forces to impact change, blasted into space and blazed impossible trails. Women's passion has made history...but their actual hearts haven't. Heart disease and stroke have never been just men's diseases, but through the years, women have been left out of scientific studies.

Underrepresented. Uncounted. UNTREATED.

Now we are fighting for better representation in medical research. Fighting for equitable access to care and treatments. Fighting to spread lifesaving information to our sisters. Fighting to overcome the No. 1 killer of women because losing even one woman is too many.

It's not just about wearing red. It's not just about sharing heart health facts. It's about all of us making a commitment to stand together with Go Red for Women in the fight for heart-health equality.

The time is now.

When we take a stand and work together, real change is possible.

EDUCATION DAY/ HERITAGE SUNDAY

On the fourth Sunday in February, we observed our annual Education Day and Heritage Sunday

A special thank you to our very own Dr. Natalie G. Johnson for serving as the speaker for the occasion!



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Our youth shared Black History moments throughout the month of February.



BENEDICT COLLEGE DAY

Our annual Benedict College Day Observance was held on February 12th. Rev. Dr. Caroles Taylor delivered the message for the occasion.



WELCOMING 2023

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW OUR "2022 YEAR IN REVIEW"](#)

A joint Watch Night Service was held at Calvary Baptist Church at 10:00 p.m. on December 31, 2022. Rev. Dr. Arthur Evans delivered the message for the evening.



April Birthdays

Genita Hanna - 1
Justice Greene - 1
Brenda L. Jones - 2
Rynie A. Bartley - 3
Annette White - 5
John Hamilton - 6

Michael Hayes - 11
Synetra DeLoach - 19
Pheobie Williams - 20
Wendrah M. McCoy - 20
Louise Jenkins - 21
Natalie G. Johnson - 22

Frederick Patterson - 22
Dawn Green - 22
Fred Mitchell - 24
Semaj M. Fielding - 27
Mary Seabrook - 30
Barbara G. Stanard - 30

May Birthdays

Sara Ferguson - 1
Dorita F. Green - 1
India Grant - 3
Patricia Harrison - 4
Allen Johnson - 4
Daameon Holmes - 4
Amanda Sumter - 5
Rosie L. Bland - 5
Tyric Becoate - 5

Ethel Reed - 7
Edreca Gray - 8
Cheryl Grant - 8
Felecia Jones - 9
Miriam Gadsden - 11
Darlene Scott-Scurry - 14
Sally Gadsden - 14
Inger Pompey - 20
Frederick Pasley 21

Traci Grant 22
Marcus Grant 22
Amber S. McCoy - 23
Laverne Harrison - 24
Kieon Green - 26
Kierra Green - 28
Gregory Waddy - 28
Frederick Elzie - 28
Louise Gadsden - 30



June Birthdays

Courtney Morgan - 1
Margie G. Heyward - 1
Chaplain John K. Carter - 2
Samuel Gilchrist - 2
Cynthia M. McHoney - 2
Darrell L. Chisolm - 3
Anna P. Holloway - 4
Irene Dawson - 5
Bernard Duncan - 8

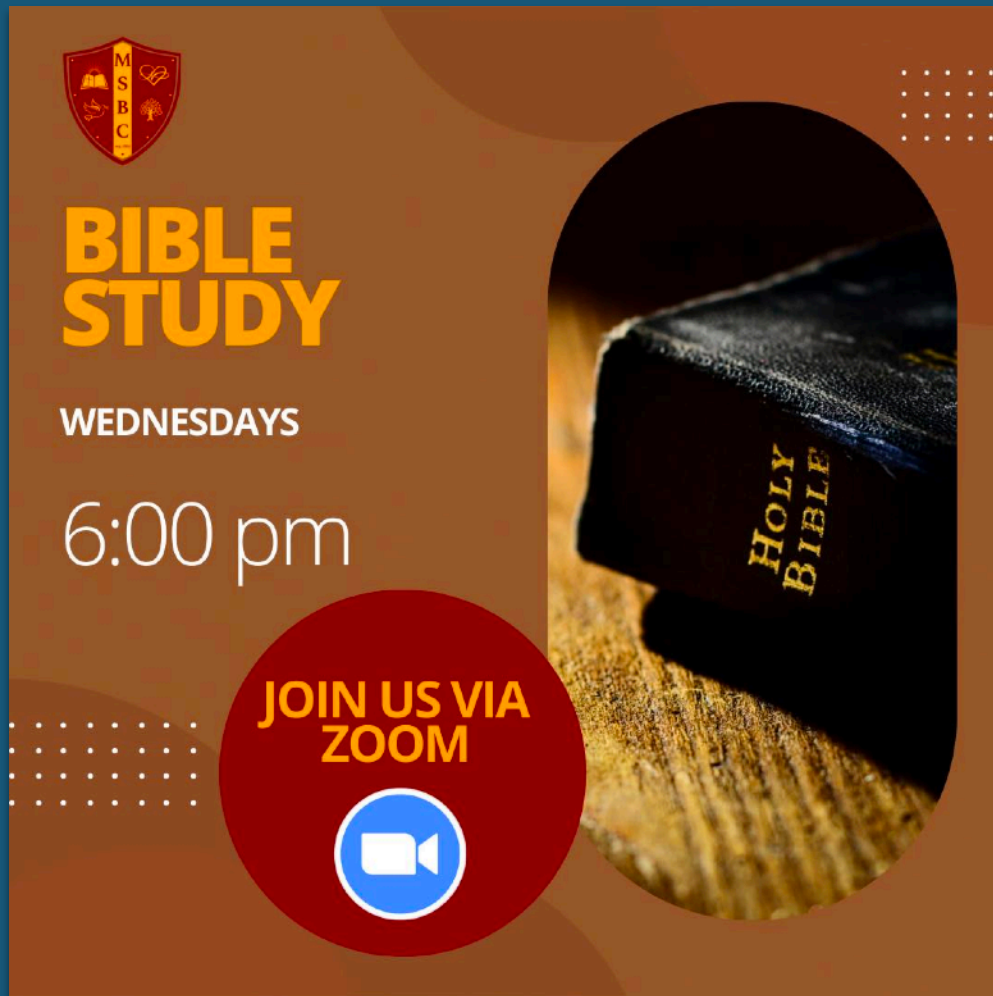
Mary A. Faber - 8
Pamela Gilliard - 9
Margie Hamilton - 9
Aundria G. Douglas - 10
Tavian Robinson - 10
Dawn F. McPherson - 11
Felicia Gaston - 13
Brendan McPherson - 14
Marie Thompson - 17

Beatrice Rodgers - 18
Shawnicqua Hanna - 20
Irving S. Robinson - 21
Nathronia Carr - 21
Marvin L. Wright - 26
Charles Montgomery - 26
Gordon H. Douglas - 27
Lottie Wright - 27



NEW TIME, NEW PLACE

Please be sure to check your email for the Zoom link. We look forward to seeing you!



A promotional graphic for Bible Study. It features a brown background with a red shield logo in the top left corner containing the letters 'MSBC'. The text 'BIBLE STUDY' is in large, bold, orange letters. Below it, 'WEDNESDAYS' is in white, and '6:00 pm' is in large white letters. A red circle with a white video camera icon and the text 'JOIN US VIA ZOOM' is in the bottom left. On the right, there is a circular inset image of a black Bible with 'HOLY BIBLE' written on its spine, resting on a wooden surface. A grid of white dots is in the top right corner.

BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAYS

6:00 pm

JOIN US VIA ZOOM

HOLY BIBLE

HEALTH MINISTRY MOMENT

If you are interested in taking part in paid clinical trials in your area, [click here](#).

*~Brought to you by the MSBC Health Ministry,
Sis. Trindelle Miller, Chairperson*



An advertisement for Day1Labs clinical trials. It features a blue background with a white wavy line. At the top left is the Day1Labs logo with the tagline 'Your Access. Simplified'. The main text 'PHYSICAL OR MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS' is in bold white letters. Below it, two checkmarks indicate 'In Your Area' and 'High Paying Trials'. On the right, there is an illustration of two medical professionals in white coats and masks. At the bottom, a red button with white text says 'Get Up To \$1500 Compensation'. The text 'Paid Clinical Trials Going On Now' is in yellow above the button.

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NBCUSA H.O.P.E. Overview

In Spring 2010, three North Mississippi NBCUSA state congresses – The New Educational State Baptist Congress of Christian Education, The Original North Mississippi Baptist State Congress of Christian Education (now The Mid-South Churches Baptist State Congress of Christian Education), and the Northeast Mississippi Baptist State Congress of Christian Education, joined forces to host Unity Conference 2010. Health and wellness were the central focus of the conference. The Rising Sun Usher federation of Northwest Mississippi initiated and directed the Unity Conference's health and wellness efforts.

Members of the National Baptist Congress Staff were the conference special guests. After seeing the scalability opportunities for the Unity Conference's health and wellness efforts, they asked the Unity Conference co-chair Dr. Michael O. Minor to begin work on integrating efforts into the National Baptist Congress' National Health Fair.

After participating in the Congress' National Health Fair in 2010, Dr. Waddles asked Dr. Minor to expand these efforts into a year-round initiative. They saw the need for sustained year-round health ministry. Dr. Minor presented an overview of what this proposed initiative to the NBC leadership team. On Thursday, September 9, 2010, Dr. Waddles asked Dr. Minor to implement and

lead this effort. Dr. Minor gladly accepted and H.O.P.E. was born.

After Dr. Julius Scruggs launched the NBCUSA's Federal Faith-Based Initiative in January 2012, H.O.P.E. became an auxiliary of the parent body. NBCUA H.O.P.E. developed as a collaborative effort of National Baptist churches, medical professionals, and health related organizations committed to health outreach and prevention education (H.O.P.E.). They formulated a vision, mission, and challenge to guide their efforts:

Vision. To see a day when all National Baptist churches will have vibrant health and wellness ministries resulting in members being good stewards of their health and wellness.

Mission. To achieve this vision by reaching across our denomination to inspire and enable our fellow National Baptists to commit to healthier lifestyles through

- health and wellness education;
- resource materials and services;
- support networks of trained resource persons and facilitators; and
- evidenced based outcomes assessment

Challenge. To make the NBCUSA the healthiest major denomination in America over the next ten years as measured by the ABCS (aspirin use for those needing it, blood pressure, cholesterol, and smoking cessation)

Member National Partnership for Action to End Health Disparities U.S.

Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Office of Minority Health

The work of the NBCUSA H.O.P.E. Health Ministry was established on the foundation of wholeness. They view wholeness through the lens of Trinity Wellness, being whole – mind, body, and spirit. In keeping with our theme of Trinity Wellness, they have organized H.O.P.E. into the following major emphasis areas with supporting national initiatives:

- Mental Health
- Physical Fitness
- Faith and Health

Regional Approach

To facilitate its national reach, the NBCUSA H.O.P.E. Health Ministry has adopted the SSPB's regional structure. Morris Street Baptist is included in the Southeast Region. Sister Brooklyn Rogers is our Southeast Regional Coordinator covering Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. Our own Sister Garcia Williams is the Ambassador covering the State of South Carolina.

State Approach

To facilitate the national reach and focus as Ambassador, Sister Garcia Williams will be supporting our Health Ministry while reaching out to other churches throughout the state and in Charleston County to focus

on the Mission, Vision and Challenges of NBCUSA H.O.P.E. Her goal is to achieve positive results and improved health outcomes with an emphasis on national programs such as:

- Let's Move National Baptist!
- My Brother's Keeper
- The NBCUSA H.O.P.E. Health Ministry Training
- A Better Way (ABW)
- The Church and Community Garden Project

To reinforce Morris Street Baptist commitment to health and wellness, we will feature in future issues of the Victorious Vessel a variety of updates on these and other health related topics.

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Newsletter submissions are due by:

- **June 15th** (*to be published in July's edition*)
- **September 15th** (*to be published in October's edition*)
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