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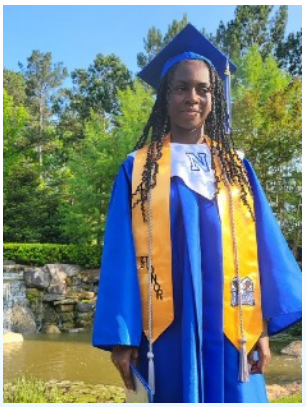
CONGRATS CLASS OF 2023

On June 3rd, **Kayla Coleman** graduated from James Island Charter High School. While attending, Kayla was in Honors band, pep, concert and symphonics band. She played the Alto and Tenor saxophone. She was a majorette, cheerleader for football and basketball. She was also a member of the school's competitive cheer squad. Kayla participated in UBASA, United Brothers and Sister Association at James Island Charter High where she volunteered during their many mental wellness fairs at the school. She was a part of yearbook club. Outside of school activities, she was the President of Chapter 41 Mary B Thomas girl's group. She will be attending South Carolina State University in the fall. She plans to major in digital media. She wants to be a real estate photographer. She was awarded SCSU freshman scholarship and a scholarship from Mary B Thomas. Kayla is the daughter of Sherese Coleman and the granddaughter of Sister Edreca H. Gray.



Zenia Green graduated from Newton High School as an honors student and in the top 10% of her class. As a result of graduating with honors, she was exempt from all her classes final tests. She is the daughter of proud parents Kierra Richards Green and Garvin Green, Jr. and granddaughter of Brenda McPherson.

Brendan McPherson who graduated with honors from the University of Miami in May 2023 with his Master's Degree in Mass Communication with a focus in Public Interest Communication and a Certificate in Web Design. Sister Brenda McPherson is an immensely proud mother along with siblings Kierra Richards Green and Jaron McPherson.

Nadia Simmone Miller graduated May 27, 2023 with completion certification in 4 areas of curriculum. Nadia will be attending South Carolina State University and was accepted to be on the Marching 101 Band in the fall.

MSBC ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS

Myles Carter Ferguson is the son of Dartez and Latosha Pompey Ferguson, and grandson of Sis. Dorothy Pompey. He graduated from Berkeley Middle School on May 25, 2023 and is a rising freshman at Berkeley High School. Myles has been awarded certificates for Achievement in Recognition of completing the Eighth grade and has maintained all passing grades for the school year. Myles continue to give his best in everything he does academically and athletically. His teachers stated he was a pleasure to teach and to have in their classrooms. Although Myles is delighted for summer break, he will be preparing himself for Ninth Grade this summer by reading and visiting the library. Myles says his strengths comes from dedication, hard work, and his parents motivating him. He is forever making his parents proud of him. Good job Myles!

Byron D. Middleton, Jr. (BJ), the son of Byron and Shana Middleton and the grandson of Lillian T. Washington and Benjamin Middleton, is a 10-year-old rising 5th grader at North Charleston Creative Arts Elementary School. Byron was awarded the Storytelling Star award for his innovative abilities to always have the best stories to tell and he was voted by his peers as the funniest in class. He completed his 1st year of violin where they had an awesome spring recital. He was great! Byron was also a part of the steel drum club. This was something he looked forward to each week. He and his club members delivered a very nice spring performance as well. Byron enjoys school very much and loves playing with his friends. He also loves reading books, especially graphic novels and is reading above grade level. He still enjoys swimming and looks forward to getting in the pool. We are very proud of Byron's accomplishments. He completed his 4th grade year with an A/B average. Great job and do well in 5th grade!

Ardyn Riley graduated from Ashley River Creative Arts Elementary School on Friday, June 2, 2023. She is the daughter of Sis. Leslie Riley and granddaughter of Sis. Dorothy Pompey. Although Ardyn faced many challenges this school year with her mom and new baby brother being in the hospital long term, she was still able to maintain AB Honor Roll the entire school year. Not only did she succeed academically, but she also managed to remain in Dance Troupe at Ashley River, Y-Dance at the YMCA and performed at her Spring Showcase, with all 3 recitals/performances being a standing ovation. Ardyn has plans on following up with piano lessons this summer, taking calligraphy classes for fun, traveling, and preparing herself mentally as she transitions to middle school. Congratulations Ardyn B. Riley!!

Mal'achi Saxby-Hilliard is the grandson of Ms. Mary McClendon and the Godson of Byron and Shana Middleton. He is a happy and spirited 10-year-old attending Dunston Elementary School. Mal'achi completed his 4th grade as an active participant in class with an A/B average. He was awarded a Reading Certificate for excelling in vocabulary knowledge and was a member of the "Distinguish Gentlemen," a social for 4th and 5th grade boys who exhibit leadership qualities. Way to go Mal'achi! With his bubbling personality, Mal'achi is a bright light in his classroom and around school. He enjoys reading, dancing, playing video games and talking with his friends. Mal'achi is a rising 5th grader. We are so proud of you and look forward to a great year.

Stephan Slaughter, Jr. is a rising Junior at Hanahan High School. During the past school year, because of his grades, he was inducted into the Beta Club. He was also a member of the Renaissance Club (to booster school spirit). He completed the school year with the A/B Honor Roll. Stephan is an active member of Jack & Jill of America, Inc. and is looking forward to attending the Regional Conference in Raleigh, NC. His hobbies are bass fishing and basketball. He is the son of Bro. & Sis. Stephan Slaughter, Sr., grandson of Sis. Joyce Jennings and brother of Sis. Sydni Slaughter.

2023 GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Our high school, college, and master's degree graduates were celebrated during our Graduate Recognition Sunday on June 11th.

CELEBRATING 6 YEARS

The MSBC Food Bank Ministry celebrated 6 years of service to the Greater Charleston community in April. They have served nearly 4,500 clients since the ministry's inception.

158TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

Our Church Anniversary celebration began on Wednesday, May 17th with our Bible Study session, facilitated by Deacon Erich Robinson. Thursday, marked the return of our **Church Anniversary Spaghetti night**, where our preacher for the occasion was Rev. Herbert W. Beard, Pastor of Jerusalem Baptist Church. Our **Culminating Service** then took place on Sunday, May 21st. Rev. Dr. Caroles Taylor was our preacher for the occasion and delivered a timely message based on this year's theme: "Growing Together in Christ"
- Ephesians 4:14-15.

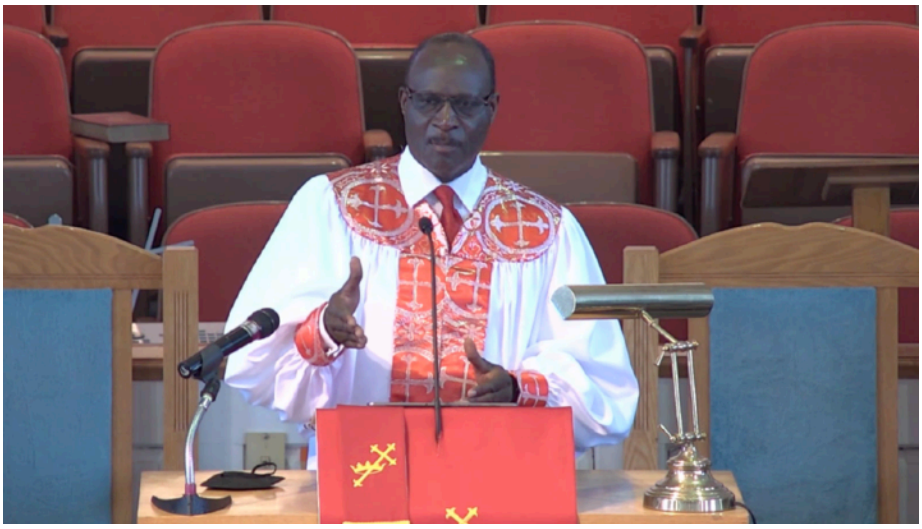
MSBC HEALTH MINISTRY

On Sunday, March 26th, our Health Ministry took a moment to educate us on the importance of colorectal health and prevention awareness.

Sister Miller along with Sister Whipper and Sister Daniels, state president, at the 2023 70th Session of the Young Women Auxiliary.

Maundy Thursday

Our **Maundy Thursday Service** was held on Thursday, April 16th at 12 noon. Our preacher for the occasion was Rev. Dr. Arthur Evans.



July Birthdays

Erich G. Robinson - 1
Toby Cason - 1
Monique Priester - 2
Kandache' Griffin - 3
Bruce Morgan - 3
Paul A. Wright - 7
Tiffany Deleston - 7
Nevaeh S. McCoy - 9
Jerome R. Clemons - 10
Devyn McGill - 11
Thomas Brown, Jr. - 12
Benzina Holmes - 12
Justin Horsley - 14
Zenia N. Green - 16
Belinda C. McLaughlin - 18
Lillian Mitchell - 19
DeVaughn Middleton - 19
Paula Singleton - 20
Althea Holmes - 22
Shambracia Frasier - 23
Dolores M. Fizz - 27
Angela M. Orr - 28
Dora Washington - 29
Kayla S. Coleman - 29
Richard A. Singleton - 29
Miriam D. Smith - 31

August Birthdays

Anthony Coaxum - 1
Charles Robinson - 1
Ricardo McPherson - 1
Samuel McNeal - 4
Olliemae T. Mack - 5
Cynthia Williams - 6
Dennia Taylor - 6
Chemequa Reid - 6
Emily Parker - 11
Alice Green - 12
Geneva B. Robinson - 13
Paisley Gilmore - 13
Deadra S. Ross - 16
Kyndra Sumter -17
Margaret W. Lewis - 17
Bryan K. Johnson - 18
Michael F. Simmons - 20
Leon McGill - 21
Jason Seabrook - 21
Kent Waddy - 22
Sara W. Chapman - 24
Allen Washington - 24
Ashleigh Galloway - 25
Katrina W. Jenkins - 26
Majes O. McCoy - 27
Karen Robinson - 27
Reginald Simmons - 29
Michael Reid - 29

September Birthdays

Bianca Heyward - 1
Leslie D. Riley - 3
Theodosia Becoate - 4
Jamaal Rouse - 4
Carolyn A. Bartley - 5
Charlene E. Reid - 8
Teresa Byrd - 8
LaPonda R. Greene - 13
Jason Williams - 17
Brenda R. McPherson - 17
Julius Dawson - 19
Nathaniel Scurry - 19
Garvin Green, Jr. - 20
Dionne Stoney - 21
Daralese F. McCullough - 22
Priscilla Jones - 22
Maya M. Waddy - 22
Lawrence Washington - 23
Charles Goss - 23
Clyde Johnson - 25
Edward M. Brown - 27
Betty J. Washington - 30

Morris Street Baptist Church

Wonderful Women's Weekend

Theme: "Women Stepping Out in Faith, Living the Life God Designed"
~Psalm 37:1-5; 23

Women in Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, July 8, 2023 at 9 am

On the lower level of the church

Speaker: Kelli A. Jenkins, First Lady

St. Luke AME Church, Hollywood, SC

Director of Diversity Affairs at MUSC

Attire: Green & White

Women's Day Worship

Sunday, July 9, 2023 at 10 am

Join us for in-person worship!

Guest Preacher: Rev. Rossilind Lucas Daniels

Charity Baptist Church, North Charleston, SC

Attire: Red

25 Morris Street, Charleston, SC 29403 ~ Sis. Emily L. Smith, Chairperson

The Women's Day Committee is asking that all women give a sacrificial offering of $60.

CALLED CHURCH FAMILY MEETING

Thursday, July 6th at 6:00pm

All members are encouraged to attend, as virtual options will not be available.

Newsletter submissions are due by:

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

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