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Thunderbolt Mayor Dana Williams & Town Council Recognize First African American Police Officer

Thunderbolt Mayor, Council, and Police Department proudly honor Ben Green, the first African American police officer and distinguished Vietnam War veteran, with a special proclamation during Black History Month.

In a poignant ceremony, Thunderbolt Mayor Dana Williams recognized Ben Green not only for his groundbreaking role as the department's inaugural African American officer but also for his exceptional service as a disabled veteran returning from the Vietnam War. Mayor Dana Williams said, "I am thrilled to have the opportunity to stand with current uniformed officers, the Green family, and community members and present this award to Mr. Green. This ceremony not only celebrates Mr. Green's courage on the battlefield but also his resilience and dedication that now define him in service to



L-R: Chief Clayton, Mayor Dana Williams, Sheldon Green (son) Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Green and Thomas Blackston, Chief Savannah Response Medics

our community. His journey inspires us to strive for unity and equality, recognizing that diversity is our strength."

The proclamation, read aloud in the presence of fellow officers, community members, and local officials, pays tribute to Ben Green as a living embodiment of history.

Ben Green's unwavering dedication to public service, despite facing the

Mance Law Founder and NAACP President To Speak At "Stop The Violence" Rally



Chadrick Mance

Local attorney and NAACP President, Chadrick Mance, founder of The Mance Law Firm, LLC, will speak at Savannah's Stop the Violence Rally on February 24, 2024. Mance's firm is known for representing crime victims against corporations with dangerous property. The Savannah NAACP is known for its civil rights advocacy which encompasses the fight for safer communities.

headed by Reverend Alan Mainor, President of Savannah's chapter of the Racial Justice Network. Mainor's goal of the event is to engage community awareness of ongoing gun violence and to provide solutions to an issue that has affected Savannah and surrounding areas. The network, which was founded in 2020 amidst a global pandemic, aims to disseminate the presence of gun violence within minority communities. Within four years, the organization has already trailblazed over the span of ten states.

Mainor and Mance, who have both passionately advocated against gun violence, want those who call Savannah home to know that gun violence is a permanent act that cannot be undone, and that the community can prevent needless gun violence if we unite against crime.

Mainor is also known as an outstanding Reverend in the local church community. Locals can attend the event at the Hudson Hill Community Center on February 24, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.

2024 Commemoration For The 165th Anniversary of The Weeping Time

The Weeping Time Commemoration Committee presents the 2024 Activity schedule for the 165th anniversary of the 1859 Sale of 429 enslaved humans in Savannah. The activities commemorating The Weeping Time will be held starting on Thursday, February 29th and running through Sunday, March 3rd.

All events are for families of all ages. Children and seniors are welcome.

The purpose of this event is to encourage education about our past so there can be reconciliation in our future. See schedule below.



Pastor Larry J. Gordon of The Weeping Time Coalition

Armstrong Campus university Friday, March 1st:

- 3 PM: Savannah State University

- 11:30 AM: Food as Commemoration catered by Chef Raiford at The Beach Institute - Savannah
 - 2 PM: Teaching the Past to the Future - Otis J. Brock III Elementary School (3rd - 5th grades)
- Saturday, March 2nd:**
- 9 AM: Commemoration at the Georgia Historical Society Marker
 - 10 AM: Annual Commemoration - Key Note Dr. Daniel Black, Otis J. Brock Elementary School
 - 5:30 PM: Lighting Butler Island at Dusk
- Sunday, March 3rd:**
- 2 PM: Closing Ceremony at Saint Cyprians Church - Darien, Georgia

- Thursday, Feb. 29th:**
- College Discussions with Students
 - 10 AM: Georgia Southern

Rep. James Clyburn Steps Down from House Leadership

By Stacy M. Brown, NNPA Newswire Senior National Correspondent @StacyBrownMedia

Longtime South Carolina Democratic Rep. James Clyburn has announced his resignation from his House leadership position, effective immediately, while simultaneously committing to run for reelection. Clyburn, a staunch supporter of President Joe Biden, said he aims to focus on conveying the message of inclusivity and unity that defines the greatness of the United States.

During an interview on Sunday, Feb. 18, Clyburn, 83, expressed his continued disdain for former President Donald Trump's "Make America Great Again" mantra, asserting that the country is already great but needs to ensure accessibility and affordability for all citizens. He encouraged Biden to emphasize his experience, wisdom, and commitment to maintaining connections with the American people during the upcoming presidential campaign.

"I am fond of saying, this is a great country in no need



South Carolina Democratic Rep. James Clyburn

of being made great. We just got to figure out ways to make this country's greatness accessible and affordable for all of our citizens. And Joe Biden is doing that. And we have got to stay focused on that," Clyburn stated emphatically.

Clyburn, who had previously announced his intention to seek reelection, also

of the Interstate 95 corridor, Northeast Columbia, and North Charleston.

Expressing gratitude for the trust placed in him by colleagues throughout his career, Clyburn acknowledged the changing political landscape and his role in shaping it. Last year, he played a pivotal role in moving the South Carolina Democratic presidential primary to a leading position. He collaborated with Republican Governor Henry McMaster to expand broadband access to rural South Carolina.

The departure of Clyburn from his assistant Democratic leader role represents a broader shift in leadership dynamics, completing the transition from the era of former Speaker Nancy Pelosi, of California, to a younger generation led by Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries of New York.

"I am deeply grateful for the confidence my colleagues have placed in me throughout my career," Clyburn stated.

Southeast U.S.-Korean Chamber of Commerce Welcomes New Board Member, Mr. Frankie Thompson



Frankie Thompson

The Southeast U.S.-Korean Chamber of Commerce (SEUSKCC) is delighted to announce the appointment of Mr. Frankie Thompson as a new Board Member, set to play a crucial role in establishing stronger economic ties between Korean companies/communities and the Southeast United States. Mr. Thompson, a Georgia native and the Founder, President, and CEO of Frankie Thompson Enterprises, Inc., brings to the table a wealth of experience and a profound commitment to enhancing commerce between Korea and Georgia.

Mr. Thompson's educational background, a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Savannah State University, coupled with his extensive professional journey, sets a solid foundation for his new role. His lifelong residency in Georgia has fostered a deep understanding of the state's economic landscape, making him a valuable asset to the SEUSKCC.

Having traveled worldwide and engaged with various professional and community organizations, Mr. Thompson amassed a rich understanding of global business operations. His acumen as an industrial-material supplier will be invaluable in bridging business cultures of Korea and Southeast U.S., fostering mutually beneficial associations.

Mr. Thompson's recognition of Savannah's port significance and his comprehensive knowledge of Georgia's booming industries demonstrate his preparedness to contribute significantly to the Korean Chamber of Commerce. His dedication aligns seamlessly with SEUSKCC's objective to bolster economic cooperation between the Republic of Korea and the United States, particularly at a time when global partnerships are of paramount importance.

Through this strategic appointment, SEUSKCC reaffirms its commitment to nurturing a conducive environment for business collaborations, ensuring the mutual growth and success of both regions. Mr. Thompson's role will undoubtedly be instrumental in advancing the Chamber's mission, creating a solid bridge for economic engagements, and promoting the shared goal of a thriving business community.

The SEUSKCC, its board, and members extend a warm welcome to Mr. Thompson and anticipate a fruitful collaboration as they work towards a prosperous economic partnership between Korea and the Southeast United States.

For more info on the SEUSKCC, visit seuskcc.org/.

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Black History Celebration

The Pastor, Officers and members of Connor's Temple Baptist Church, 509 West Gwinnett St. cordially and humbly invite you to join us as we celebrate our annual Black History through a program of dedication and homage to our heritage on Sunday, February 25, 2024 at 4:00 in the afternoon.

The Black History Ministry of Connor's Temple was founded under the gen-

eral theme “ETERNAL VIGILANCE IN THE STRIDE TOWARD FREEDOM”, and each year adopts a sub-theme, this year’s being “Moving Forward In Truth”. The goal of the Ministry is to spiritually educate through song, poetry and fact-based creative presentations about African-American history...WORLD HISTORY.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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Mixtape of Memories

By Lauren James, Youth Editor for *The Savannah Tribune*



Lauren James

My music taste has long been a subject of debate amongst my friends and family. Some of them claim that I have terrible taste. My best friend, Giulia, once told me that she'd rather listen to nails on a chalkboard than my playlist. While that feels incredibly hyperbolic, I do understand—my taste isn't for everyone and my playlist is a little all over the place. That said, I am often given aux on long car rides or tasked with curating a playlist for parties by my friends and family. I get a lot of mixed emotions about my music taste, but I enjoy my playlists.

Music has always been a crucial part of my life—my dad made sure of it. As an amateur DJ in the making, my dad made sure that I was familiar with the icons of Black music during my childhood. I grew up listening to Stevie Wonder, Bob Marley, Otis Redding, Erykah Badu, and Beyoncé. I loved Aretha Franklin and Diana Ross. The Jackson Five's "I Want You

Back” was my alarm sound for 5 years. I love everything about Motown and the emergence of Black Pop Culture. Even though I was born greatly removed from the genre, my parents never let me forget the Black culture that came before me. Music is a form of history for my family. It is a way that we can remember our culture, history, and ancestry.

My grandmother was a piano teacher. Rosalyn Payne Hill is a beautiful pianist. Her rhythm and musicality shine through in every song she plays. Rosalyn has a flair about her—her gray afro, eccentric clothing, and over-the-top jewelry command the focus of all who are so lucky to meet her. When I was little, we would sit at the Black Grand Yamaha that she gifted me and I would flip pages for her. She taught me to read music, to appreciate the artistry, and the commitment that goes into making notes on a page come to life. She was the guest of honor at my elementary school holiday performances—and I got a special part. We would sit on a small piano bench in our gymnasium: her in her reindeer headband and snazzy red pants and me in my holiday best. I would flip the music to “Rudolf The Red Nosed Reindeer” and the whole school would sing along. My love for music came from my Grandma Rossie. Not only was she a phenomenal improvisationalist, but she had a passion for classical piano as well. Grandma Rossie made me sing “Ave Maria” more times than I could count growing up. At first, it greatly annoyed me—I mean why was a 6-year-old singing in ancient Latin? I didn’t start appreciating my grandmother and her influence on my life until I became exposed to more people. I realized that the time she spent with me wasn’t normal—my relationship with my grandmother wasn’t like all my peers. She is my idol—and she introduced me to my favorite thing in the world—music.

My other grandmother was an educator. She worked as a counselor at Savannah State University—a small HBCU in the southern corner of Savannah, Georgia.

Shirley B. James made a permanent impact on every student who walked through her doors. She guided them, advised them, and saved many young Black lives in the process. My life was no different. My Grandma Shirley and I also have an undeniably close relationship. As her first grandchild, I hold a coveted position that my younger cousins often rolled their eyes at. We helped each other—she grew up with me. When I was born, my grandmother had recently retired from Savannah State, but that didn't slow her down. Instead, she turned her attention to the City of Savannah's Black Heritage Festival—a gargantuan celebration that takes place during Black History Month all over the city. From readings at the public library to slam poetry at local bars, my grandmother organized a Black educational experience for her community. Eventually, the Festival got bigger. She went from holding the cumulative celebration in a church basement to renting out the Civic Center—and she got some pretty cool musical artists to come perform along the way. My dad and I would always take a trip down to Savannah from my home in Atlanta during the last weekend of February to support my grandmother. I had a VIP pass to the whole celebration, and I loved every second of it. I would dance backstage, hang out in the green room, and listen to all the performers who

cycled through the Festival circuit. My love for old Blues, Outkast, and the Temptations came from my Grandma Shirley's Black Heritage Festival. She exposed me to different types of Black musical artists. She showed me that Black music is not one-dimensional. Grandma Shirley introduced me to complex forms of Blackness and Black musical culture.

My mom was not different. Even Angela Payne James exposed me to unique niches of music. As an active participant in her college gospel choir, my mom was an artist herself. She led Harvard University's step team, joined acapella, and had a 4.0. My mom is the most impressive woman that I have ever met. She showed me what it meant to succeed and be happy. She never sacrificed her musicality for her ambition—and in fact, succeeded at both. She was devoted to exposing me to classic Black gospels and the dance form stepping. As a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., stepping and utilizing her body for music was an integral part of her. Angela is a successful corporate lawyer and a beautiful musician. She taught me to value my gifts and work to improve them. She truly had hobbies, she had fun, and she honored her mother, Rosalyn, through her musicality.

So yes, my playlist is a little scattered and random. Tasha Cobbs sits next to Drake who is queued right after Wayne Wonder. I love all types of music because my family made sure of it. I honor my ancestry and respect my family through my music. When I listen to "Golden" by Jill Scott, I think of my dad and our kitchen dance parties. When I listen to "Do I Do" by Stevie Wonder, I am transformed back to my old house in Atlanta where I sat on the Piano with Grandma Rossie. When I listen to "Three Little Birds" by Bob Marley, I am back in Savannah, dancing in the glowing stage lights with Grandma Shirley. When I listen to "You Don't Know" by Kiera Sheard, I am in the car heading to church with my mom. For me, music is my family.


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The Mediation Center of the Coastal Empire Raises \$50,000 to Support Youth Programs and Mediation Services



The Mediation Center of the Coastal Empire recently hosted a nautical-themed fundraiser, *Anchored in the Community*, which raised more than \$50,000 to support youth programs, mediations, training opportunities, professional services and the Family Law Resource Center. The Mediation Center's Executive Director Jill Cardenas, center right, presented the Community Partnership Award to Resilient Coastal Georgia Executive Director Lizann Roberts, center left, in recognition of the nonprofit organization's exceptional work in 2023.

The Mediation Center of the Coastal Empire – Savannah, Ga.'s leading organization dedicated to helping citizens proactively manage conflict – recently hosted its *Anchored in the Community* fundraiser at Savannah Bottle Works in Savannah, Ga., raising more than \$50,000 in revenue to support The Mediation Center's youth programs, conflict resolution training opportunities, professional services and the Family Law Resource Center.

On February 8, more than 150 attendees – including Savannah City Council Fourth District Alderman Nick Palumbo, volunteers and representatives from numerous local law firms – came out to celebrate The Mediation Center and its efforts to make coastal Georgia a more resilient community. Attendees enjoyed nautical-themed decor, a delicious buffet dinner, dancing, raffle prizes, a photo booth and a fun-filled scavenger hunt.

"This special evening brought together all of those who donate their time and energy to help make our mission a reality," said The Mediation Center's Executive Director Jill Cardenas. "We're extremely grateful to everyone who

joined us at *Anchored in the Community* 2024, especially our longtime supporters and generous sponsors, and look forward to using these funds to support our community, our youth programs and other important training opportunities."

The *Anchored in the Community* event – formerly known as the annual Velvet Gala – also featured a heartfelt awards ceremony recognizing The Mediation Center's exceptional volunteers and business partners. Cardenas served as emcee and was joined by several local high school students who shared the positive impact their participation in The Mediation Center's youth programs has had on their lives.

Juvenile Court Judge Robert Rodatus received the Domestic Mediator Award, Carol McCarthy was presented with the General Civil Mediator Award and Jeanne Dent was honored for 20 years of dedicated service with the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award. For providing comprehensive technological support during virtual mediation sessions, Kelly Crosby was presented with the Innovator Award. Gwendolyn Fortson Waring and Janie Brodhead

were named Stellar Advocates for Youth, highlighting their efforts in protecting youth as a Guardian Ad Litem and mentoring youth through The Mediation Center's Peer Mediation Program. Attorney Appreciation Awards were presented to Jack Strother, Attorney at Law and The Law Offices of Joseph J. Steffen, Jr. HunterMaclean partner Adam Kirk was honored with The Mediation Center's Board Service Award. The Community Partnership Award was presented to Resilient Coastal Georgia for their exceptional work in 2023.

The Manely Firm, P.C. and Seimitsu served as Anchored in the Community Beacon Sponsors. Additional event sponsors included Anne and Tom Schafer; Gulfstream Aerospace; Burgess Law Group; Bouhan Falligant LLP; HunterMaclean; SouthState Bank; BankSouth; Ellis Painter Attorneys at Law; the Law Office of Erin Muldoon Haug; Howard Barker Lane, P.C.; Jack Strother, Attorney at Law; Coastal Divorce Advisors, Ruby and Buz Weitzell; Denethris L. Barnes, Esq.; and Pastor Marsha Buford.

New St. Luke AME Church Observes Black History Month

Pastor Ronald Hamilton, officers and members of New St. Luke AME Church invite you to their Christian Education Committee's Black History Month Observance and Celebration.

The celebration of our Black Heritage will be held at 1:00 pm on Sunday, February 25, 2024. Our speaker is Rev. Dr. Carolyn Jordan, Director of Savannah State University's Honors Program. She is a member of St. Phillip Monumental AME Church. It is most befitting that Dr. Jor-



Dr. Carolyn Jordan

dan speaks to us on this special celebration because she is the great-granddaughter of an African American Trailblazer and Visionary, Maj. Richard R. Wright, Sr., the first President of Georgia State College for Colored Youth (now Savannah State University). Students from Savannah State University will also participate in the celebration program.

You are invited, encouraged, and welcomed to come and enjoy this celebration. New St. Luke AME is located at 1007 Joe Street.

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Campbell Announces Bid for Re-Election as Chatham County Coroner



Surrounded by many family members, friends, and supporters, David Campbell stood in front of the fountain in Forsyth Park to announce his candidacy for re-election to the office of Chatham County Coroner.

Campbell outlined some of his accomplishments during his first term to include putting to rest over 600 unclaimed, abandoned cremains with a memorial service held with dignity and honor, using his funeral profession knowledge to orchestrate such a service.

Campbell also reminded the audience that in 2020 when he took office, it was just before Covid 19 hit. Chatham County experienced many deaths throughout the region and had no where to place bodies for holding for further investigation or until family members were notified. “We had to rely on certain funeral homes in the area for help in storing bodies until a service was held.” Campbell said. “One of the many things I asked the Chatham County Commission for was a Coroner’s office and a morgue, “

he continued. On December 8, 2022 a dedication of a brand new state of the art office with a family conference room and a state of the art morgue was held. The morgue is equipped to hold over 50 bodies at one time. The first in history for Chatham County.

Another first in history, the Coroner office which includes the Coroner and 3 deputies investigated over 4,000 deaths including homicides, suicides, natural deaths in homes and hospitals. Of these deaths, Campbell has signed every certificate of death.

Campbell thanked his Administrator Andrea Stewart-Flow-ers, deputies, Matthew Wright, Warren Drayton and Jarquizes Trask for their dedication. In closing Campbell stated, “I envision an office thriving on continuous learning and public engagement. I stand as a testament to dedication, experience and genuine care for the community in public service. My story is a pledge to serve or community with integrity, compassion and unwavering commitment.

Installation Services for Rev. Thomas L. Hart To Be Held



Rev. Thomas L Hart



Rev. Dr. Sheldon E. Williams

The National Black Church Initiative is proud to announce the Installation Service of Rev. Thomas L Hart, Co-Pastor of Brownsville Missionary Baptist Church as NBCI Savannah Faith Command Leader. Please come out Friday, February 23, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. to Brownsville Mis-

sionary Baptist Church, 1307 East 37th St. in Savannah and welcome Rev. Williams to Savannah and support Rev. Hart’s appointment to this high office! Guest Preacher is Rev. Dr. Sheldon E. Williams, Pastor, Coop City Baptist Church, Bronx, NY, Chair of NBCI Faith Commands

Join Us for the February Buy Local Lunch Featuring Tim Mahoney, General Chairman of the Bicentennial Saint Patrick’s Day Parade

Buy Local Savannah invites the community to attend their February Local Business Networking lunch, a gathering that promises to connect, inspire, and celebrate the essence of local business. Set to take place on Thursday, February 22nd, from 11 am to 1 pm at the Pirates’ House, this event marks the organizations second networking lunch of 2024 and falls within Buy Local’s 25th Anniversary Year.

This month, attendees will have the opportunity to hear from Tim Mahoney, the 2024 General Chairman of the Bicentennial Saint Patrick’s Day Parade in Savannah. As the city gears up to celebrate the 200th anniversary of this beloved parade, Tim will share insights into its profound impact on the local business community. He will provide updates on this year’s activities and how local businesses can be an integral part of the festi-



Tim Mahoney

ities. Tickets: Available for purchase at buylocalsavannah.com

CCDC Membership Meeting To Be Held

The next Chatham County Democratic Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 6p, at the John Delaware Center.

Declared members of the Democratic Party of Chatham County and all others supporting democratic principles are invited to attend. If you do not have a signed declarations form on file for the year 2024 please come to the next meeting to fill one out. Per Democratic Party of Georgia Bylaws, A Declarations Form is to be signed annually by members of the Democratic Party of Chatham County. Those without a 2024 Declarations Form on file may cease to receive pertinent party member correspondence from the Committee and the DPCC.

To confirm a quorum will be present, the District Post Seat Holders need to report an absence directly to the Chair and Secretary in advance of the meeting.

The Issues & Advocacy Committee needs our help! The I&A committee is developing a candidate scorecard in order to help the Party engage candidates and hold our elected officials accountable. Please complete the Survey at <https://bit.ly/49GSWzv> to help prioritize the areas of focus on the scorecard.

Qualifying for the 2024 General Primary Election

The Chatham County Democratic Committee will conduct qualifying for Democratic Candidates March 4-7, 2024, from 9am-5pm and March 8, 2024, from 9am-12pm at 714 Martin Luther King Blvd 2nd floor Suite 3 Savannah, GA 31401. Very important information regarding qualifying can be found <https://bit.ly/48iMFZS>

The Chatham County Democratic Committee, located in Savannah, is the only authorized and certified County Committee recognized by the Democratic Party of Georgia.

Bethlehem MBC Seeks Minister of Music

Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church is seeking a part-time Minister of Music to provide leadership for musical needs for a spirit-filled, relationally driven ministry. The Minister of Music will report directly to the Senior Pastor and carry out the vision and mission of the church by bringing forth timely and culturally relevant expressions of music for all generations. The Minister of Music will be responsible for developing and directing our church’s music ministry, including selecting music, managing the music staff, leading rehearsals, and coordinating with other worship leaders. The Minister of Music will be responsible for 2-3 services to include but not limited to revivals, funerals, evening services and outside engagements to accompany the Pastor and choirs. The Minister of Music should be competent with piano and organ. The musician should possess a familiarity with the negro spirituals, hymns, contemporary and traditional gospel music.

If you are passionate about leading worship through music, we encourage you to apply for this exciting opportunity. Please submit a letter of interest, resume, and the names and contact information of three references to: bethlehembapt978bellsouth.net or mail: Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, Attn: Personnel Ministry, P.O. Box 761, Pooler, GA 31322

Free Faith and Nutrition Training for Savannah Church Groups Meet and Greet Breakfast Scheduled for March 7

Healthy Savannah’s Faith and Nutrition coalition is hosting a free meet-and-greet breakfast for faith community leaders at 8 a.m. on March 7 at Kingdom Life Christian Fellowship Church, 425 W. Montgomery Cross Road in Savannah.

Organizers hope the event will encourage people to learn more about the coalition and the impact it has had on the community as well as the resources it offers, including Faith, Activity, and Nutrition training and upcoming events such as its second annual Faith Walk planned for 4 p.m. on April 21 at Lake Mayer.

“We’ll also be talking about some of Healthy Savannah’s other projects and partnerships such as the Tide to Town urban trail system, which are part of our overall mission to elevate the health and wellness of the community through policy, systems, and environmental change,” said Ruby Castro, Nutrition Program manager. “Plus we want to provide an overview of the Faith, Activity, and Nutrition training along with other upcoming

events that the Faith and Health Coalition will be hosting.”

The free eight-week session will be offered online to Chatham area faith-based organizations to help foster increased physical activity and healthy food consumption among Black and Hispanic adults.

Also known as “FAN,” the training supports churches in:

- increasing opportunities for physical activity and healthy eating,
- creating guidelines for physical activity and healthy eating,
- engaging community faith leaders in FAN goals and supporting their health, and
- sharing health messages with members.

The Healthy Savannah Faith and Health Coalition can connect and support interested faith-based organizations to the FAN training. Online modules were created by The University of South Carolina Prevention Research Center and include eight engaging lessons. Faith leaders who complete the training course can receive free resources to support

their members in preventing chronic disease and improving health outcomes.

“This is the fifth year we have offered this training designed to help faith leaders support and educate their members in embracing a healthier lifestyle and nutritional choices,” said Yolanda Roberson, executive pastor of Kingdom Life Christian Fellowship. “FAN is a successful program that is included in the National Cancer Institute’s Research Tested Intervention Programs. It has assisted more than 200 faith-based organizations to become stronger in health and wellness.”

Healthy Savannah’s Faith and Health Coalition is a network of Savannah area faith-based organizations of all faiths who come together to encourage healthy lifestyle behaviors in places of worship. The Coalition meets at 6 p.m. on the first Monday of the month at Kingdom Life Christian Fellowship Church.

Chronic diseases have significant health and economic costs in the United States; according to the

CDC, those health gaps remain widespread among racial and ethnic minority groups. More than 868,000 Americans die of heart disease or stroke every year, which is one-third of all deaths. Those diseases take an economic toll, costing our healthcare system \$214 billion per year and causing \$138 billion in lost productivity on the job.

The Faith and Health Coalition will be offering other events tailored towards encouraging overall health including the upcoming ‘Faith Walk’ on April 21.

Enrollment is now open for the free breakfast, provided by the Southern Palate, on March 7. To sign up, visit the link and RSVP by March 1: <https://bit.ly/49BsdFb>

For additional information, visit <https://healthysavannah.org/the-faith-and-health-coalition/> or learn more on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/healthysav/posts/pfbid0wPcXwAwtr-B436Q5FFMvtgVbYJzc9e-NYrBCoKRi72UCPP1XBRC-mgcZPjn5tkJYbil>

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Chatham County Health Department Hosts Community Blood Drive Feb. 29

The Chatham County Health Department is teaming up with The Blood Connection to host a community blood drive on Thursday, February 29. The event is in response to a critical shortage of A- blood in the Savannah community, but all blood type donations are encouraged. You must be at least 16 years old and in good health to donate.

The Blood Connection's mobile bus will be outside the health department at 1395 Eisenhower Drive on February 29 from 10 a.m. – 3p.m. All donors will receive a \$70 eGift card from The Blood Connection. Appointments are

encouraged but not required and can be made by visiting CoastalHealthDistrict.org/blood-drive.

All blood donated to The Blood Connection in Savannah is used in the local area. Someone in the U.S. needs blood every two seconds, and donations can be used for many different needs like cancer patients, burn victims, trauma cases, and surgical procedures.

For more information about the blood donation process, visit thebloodconnection.org.

Senior Citizens Inc. Receives Donation from Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation

Feeding the Hungry grant addresses food insecurity; supports nutrition education.

Senior Citizens Inc. (SCI) has received \$2,500 from the Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation to help nourish neighbors experiencing hunger. The Feeding the Hungry grant supports SCI's efforts in delivering hot, freshly made meals to seniors in need through its' Meals on Wheels program. In addition, the grant supports community feeding partners by helping neighbors increase

their access to nutritious food and providing nutrition education to eliminate health risks for those experiencing food insecurity.

SCI has been helping people in coastal Georgia age successfully since 1959 through a variety of programs including Meals on Wheels, in-home nursing and personal assistance, Adult Day Health Centers, The Learning Center, and much more. "We are so thankful to wonderful partners like the Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation", said Patti Lyons – President and CEO of Senior Citizens Inc., "It is the support of incredible partners and organizations such as Food Lion that helps us provide over 1,800 freshly-made meals a day to seniors in need."

The Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation is committed to supporting families facing food insecurity across its 10-state footprint. Established in 2001, the foundation provides financial support for programs and organizations dedicated to feeding local neighbors in the communities it serves. Since its inception, the foundation has awarded more than \$18.1 million in grants.

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For more information: Roxane Flagg, Secretary 912-667-2177 or rflagg1966@yahoo.com

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Second Bryan Baptist Church is seeking a pastor. If interested, please submit a resume, copy of license or ordination certificate, and three letters of recommendation by **February 29, 2024** to:

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday School	8:45AM
Morning Worship	10:00AM
Holy Communion	
1st Sunday	10:00AM
Bible Study	
Wednesdays	6:00PM
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Wednesdays	7:00PM



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Sunday School	8:30AM
Morning Worship	10:00AM
Holy Communion	
2nd Sunday	10:00AM
Bible Study	
Wednesdays	7:00PM
Youth Sunday	
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ORDER OF SERVICE

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Wednesday Night:	7:00PM



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Holy Communion	10:00AM
1st Sunday	
Sunday Worship	10:00AM
2nd-5th Sundays	
Prayer Service	
Wednesday Morning	11:30AM
Wednesday Evening	6:30PM
Bible Study	
Wednesday	12 NOON
Wednesday Evening	7:00PM

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday	
Morning Celebration	11:00AM
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4th Sunday	
Holy Communion	11:00AM
Tuesday	
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Sunday School	10:00AM
Worship Service	11:30AM
Communion Service	
2nd Sunday	11:30AM
Bible Study	
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Holy Communion	
3rd Sunday	11:30AM
Family Night	
Wednesday	7:00PM
Morning Prayer	
Wednesday	9:00AM

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2nd Sunday	
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Tuesday Night	6:00PM - 6:45PM
Prayer Service	
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Tuesday Night	

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Sunday	
Sunday School:	9:00AM*
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Tuesday	
Prayer Service	
Bible Study:	6:00PM*

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Virtual Tuesday	7:30PM
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ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday School:	9:45 AM
Each Sunday	
Men of Bethel:	11:00 AM
First Sunday	
Holy Communion:	11:00 AM
Second Sunday	
Women's Ministry:	11:00 AM
Third Sunday	
Youth Sunday:	11:00 AM
Fourth Sunday	
Fellowship Sunday:	11:00 AM
Fifth Sunday	
Prayer Service & Bible Study:	7:00 PM
Tuesday	

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Sundays	
Holy Communion	
1st Sundays	11:00AM
Candlelight Communion	
1st Sunday in December	5:30PM
Sunday Worship	11:00AM
Youth Impacted Sundays	
every 2nd & 3rd Sunday	11:00AM
Zoom Bible Study (Tuesdays)	
Meeting ID# 242 503 6419	7:00PM
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Sunday School	9:45AM
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00AM
Holy Communion	
1st Sunday	11:00AM
Youth Day	
2nd Sunday	11:00AM
Sunday Evening Worship	
2nd & 4th Sunday	6:00PM
Mother's Board	
5th Sunday	11:00AM
Noon Day Prayer	
Mon, Tues, Fridays	12:00PM
Bible Study Tuesday	7:00PM
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Sunday School at the Church	9:30AM
New Converts Class	9:30AM
Children/Youth Service	11AM
3rd Sunday	
Missionary/Women's Day	11AM
2nd Sunday	
Holy Communion, Feet	
Washing, and Pastoral Service	11AM
1st Sunday	
Minister & Men's Sunday	11AM
4th Sunday	
Sunday WSOOK Broadcast	2:00PM
Sunday	
Adult & Youth Bible Study	7:30PM
Tuesday	
Upper Room Service 1 Hour	12PM
Wednesday	

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Morning Worship Service	11:30AM
Youth Sunday	
1st Sunday	11:30AM
Holy Communion	
3rd Sunday	11:30AM
Mid-Day Worship Service	
4th Sunday	12:00PM
Mission & Bible Study	
Tuesday	6:30PM-8:00PM

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday School	9:45AM
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00AM
Holy Communion	
3rd Sunday	11:00AM
Wednesday	6:30PM
Prayer Meeting	
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00PM
Youth Sunday	
4th Sunday (Dress Down)	11:00AM
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ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday School	10:00AM
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00AM
Communion	
First Sunday	11:00AM
Mission Meeting	
Mondays	6:00PM
Bible Study/Prayer	
Thursdays	6:00PM

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Worship Service Sunday	11:00AM
Bible Study/Prayer Service	
Wednesday	6:00PM

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Sunday School:	8:30 AM
Sunday Worship:	
1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th	9:30 AM
Youth	
1st Sunday	
Men	
2nd Sunday	
Holy Communion	
4th Sunday	
Wednesday Bible Study:	7:00 PM
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Bible Study	
Tuesdays	7:30PM
Sunday School	
Fridays	7:00PM
Holy Communion	
4th Sunday	11:00AM

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday School	9:00AM
Sunday Morning Worship	10:00AM
Youth Ministry Worship	
2nd Sunday	10:00AM
Holy Communion	
3rd Sunday	10:00AM
Sunday Worship	
4th Sunday	10:00AM
Blood Pressure Screening	
Following 4th Sun Worship	
Power Hour Worship	
5th Sunday	10:00AM
Tues. Intercessory Prayer	11AM-12PM
Prayer Meeting/Bible Study	
Wednesday	7:00PM

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Sunday School	10:00AM
Sunday Worship Service	
1st, 2nd, & 5th Sunday	11:30AM
Youth Sunday Service	
3rd Sunday	11:30AM
Holy Communion Service	
4th Sunday	11:30AM
Rhema Word Study	
Wednesday	7:00PM
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ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday School	10:00AM
Sunday Worship	11:30AM
Bible Study	
Tuesdays	7:30PM
Evangelistic Service	
Fridays	7:30PM
Noon Day Prayer	
Mon, Wed, Fri	NOON
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1st Sundays	

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Minister

ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday Morning Worship	10:00AM
Worship & Bible Study	
All but 1st Wednesday	7:00PM
Healing & Anointing Services	
1st Wednesday	7:00PM
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Morning Worship:	11:15 AM
Word On Tuesday:	6:00 PM

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Intercessory Prayer	
Sundays	8:45AM
Christian Education	
Sundays	9:30AM
Worship Service	
Sundays	11:00AM
Senior's Fellowship	
Tuesdays	11:00AM
Bible Study	
Wednesdays	7:00PM

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Sunday Service	10:30AM
Communion	
Second Sunday	10:30AM
Sunday School	
Every Sunday	9:30 AM
Bible Study	
Wednesdays	7:00PM

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

A LISTING OF THE COASTAL EMPIRE'S CHURCHES

ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday School	9:45 AM
Holy Communion	11:00 AM
1st Sunday	
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00AM
Tuesdays Prayer Service	6:00PM
Bible Study	6:30PM

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Church School:	9:45 AM
Sunday Worship Service:	11:00 AM
Tuesday	
Bible Study	6:00 PM
1st Sunday	
Holy Communion	11:00 AM
Blood Pressure Screening (Following Worship)	
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Divine Worship	11:00AM
Wednesday Prayer Meeting	7:00PM



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Sunday Morning Worship	10:45AM
Holy Communion	
1st Sunday	10:45AM

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Morning Worship	8:00AM
Regular Worship	11:00AM
Healing Service	3:00PM
Vesper Service	6:00PM
Bible Study	
Tuesdays	1 & 7 PM
Children's Church	
1st, 2nd, & 3rd Sun.	

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Sunday School	8:30 am
Morning Worship	9:30 am
Communion	9:30 am
New Membership Class	
Sunday	8:30 am
Wednesday	7:00 pm
Prayer, Praise & Testimonial Service	
Wednesdays	6:00 pm
Institute Classes	
Mondays & Tuesdays	6:00 pm
(3 Semesters per year & Summer Distance Ed Online)	& 8:00 pm
Morning Meditational & Prayer Call	
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Sunday School	10:00AM
Sunday Service	11:00AM
Communion	
2nd Sunday	11:00AM
Bible Study	7:00PM
Wednesdays	
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ORDER OF SERVICE

Holy Communion	
1st Sunday	11:30AM
Sunday School	
All but 1st Sunday	10:30AM
Morning Worship	
2nd, 3rd, & 5th Sundays	11:30AM
Youth Day	
4th Sunday	11:30AM
Bible Study	
Wednesdays	7:00PM

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Wednesday Bible School	
3 classes - 50 min each	6:30PM
Boot Camp	
2nd & 3rd Saturday	9AM-12PM
Worship Service	10:00AM
Youth Service	1st Sunday
Brother's Keeper	2nd Sunday
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Communion Service	4th Sunday
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Worship Service	10:00AM
Holy Communion	
2nd Sunday	10:00AM
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3rd Sunday	10:00AM
Prayer Meeting	
Tuesday	6:30PM
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Tuesday	6:30PM

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1st Sunday	NOON
Sunday School	10:00AM
Noon Day Service	NOON
Joy Night	
2nd & 3rd Sundays	7:30PM
Praise Worship & Tarrying	
Tuesday	7:30PM
Bible Study	
Thursdays	7:00PM

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday School:	10:00 AM
Morning Worship Service:	11:15 AM
Bible Study:	7:00 PM
Wednesday Night	
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Morning Worship Service	10:00AM
Holy Communion	
1st Sunday	10:00AM
Prayer Meeting	
Every Wednesday	6:30PM
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Sunday School:	9:00AM
Sunday Morning Worship:	10:00AM
Communion	
1st Sunday:	10:00AM
Youth	
3rd Sunday:	10:00AM
Bible Study:	
Wednesday	6:00PM

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Holy Communion	
4th Sunday	11:00AM
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ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday School	10:00AM
Sunday Worship	11:00AM
Youth Worship	1st Sunday
Holy Communion	2nd Sunday
Telephone Conference Line Services	
Phone Number: 1 (945) 218-0069	
Access Code: 2705867#	
Prayer/Bible Study	7:00PM
Thursday	
Intercessory Prayer/Bible Study	Noon
Wednesday after 2nd Sunday	
Family Day	10:00AM
5th Sunday	

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday School	10:00 AM
Sunday Worship	11:30 AM
Holy Communion	
3rd Sunday	11:30 AM
Bible Study	
Mondays	7:00 PM
Prayer	
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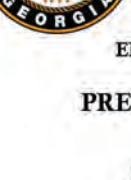


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EARLY IN-PERSON VOTING:
WEEKDAY VOTING:
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February 19th		
LOCATION	ADDRESS	HOURS
VR Annex	1249 Eisenhower Dr	8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

February 20th – March 8th		
LOCATION	ADDRESS	HOURS
VR Annex	1249 Eisenhower Dr	8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Mosquito Control	65 Billy B Hair Dr	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Civic Center	301 W Oglethorpe Ave	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Islands Library	50 Johnny Mercer Blvd	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Garden City Library	104 Sunshine Rd	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

WEEKEND VOTING:

February 24th		
LOCATION	ADDRESS	HOURS
VR Annex	1249 Eisenhower Dr	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

February 25th		
LOCATION	ADDRESS	HOURS
VR Annex	1249 Eisenhower Dr	11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

WEEKEND VOTING:

March 2nd		
LOCATION	ADDRESS	HOURS
VR Annex	1249 Eisenhower Dr	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Civic Center	301 W Oglethorpe Ave	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

March 3rd		
LOCATION	ADDRESS	HOURS
VR Annex	1249 Eisenhower Dr	11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Civic Center	301 W Oglethorpe Ave	11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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Governor Kemp Approves City Of Port Wentworth Increase In Hotel Motel Tax To 8%



Last week Georgia's governor, Brian Kemp, signed a bill increasing Port Wentworth's hotel motel tax by 2% from 6% to 8%. This was the first bill of the 2024 session to make final passage and be sent to the Governor's office. The signing at the Georgia State Capitol in Atlanta was welcomed by delegates to Savannah-Chatham Day from the City of Port Wentworth including members of the City Council, the City Manager and other city employees.

Senate Bill 299 was introduced to allow the City of Port Wentworth to collect a city tax on motel rooms and other types of short-term lodging including short term rentals, campsites, as well as hotels and motels. Port Wentworth now joins more than 90 cities and counties in Georgia, including Savannah, Atlanta, Vidalia, Dahlonaga, Dublin and Macon-Bibb County, that have an 8% hotel-motel tax. This increase of 2% is projected to generate approximately \$0.5

million in additional revenue for the City of Port Wentworth.

The additional revenue will be invested in improving infrastructure to serve those who live, work, and play in Port Wentworth. Next year, the city plans to open a 150-acre Recreation Park, which will contain the Savannah Ghost Pirates Facility, a major amphitheater, soccer fields, pickleball courts, baseball, and softball fields, walking trails, recreation gym, tennis courts, splashpad, dog park, fishing pond and more. With the increase in funding, the City's priority is visioning the Highway 21 Corridor at I-95/21, with a streetscape plan to enhance the "front porch" of the Coastal Empire and Savannah, as Port Wentworth continues to see incredible investments as visitors, residents

and businesses choose Port Wentworth in which to live, experience and thrive.

"We are very pleased that Governor Kemp quickly reviewed this legislation and signed it into law after just a couple of days," said Steve Davis, City Manager. "Port Wentworth is becoming an increasingly popular destination for both business and leisure travelers and the increase in our hotel motel tax means that our 8% rate aligns with most regions in Georgia. We are pleased to be able to invest this additional revenue into enhancing the visitor experience as well as improving the quality of life for all residents."

For more information, please visit www.portwentworthga.gov and follow on social media.

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WE ARE BLACK HISTORY by Mitch Allman

• Bethel Missionary Baptist Church • Sunday Service: Feb. 04, 2024 •



Mitch Allman

I like seeing Deacon Mitchell's bumper sticker every time I come to church. It says **I AM BLACK HISTORY**. The more I think about that bumper sticker, the more I realize **WE ALL ARE BLACK HISTORY**.

Allow me to explain using history itself:

In Gen 3:19, God tells Adam, *"In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return"*

God created Adam from the ground. Now If we went out in the parking lot and started digging, what color will the ground be? So why would we think that the first man created from the ground would have pale skin? That doesn't make sense. Dirt all over the world is either Brown or Black. Brown or Black. Folks, **WE ARE BLACK HISTORY**.

I'll need audience participation when I say **WE. ARE. BLACK. HISTORY**.

Now someone might ask "Where do Red Bone people come from? The answer is Atlanta. You ever see the dirt in Atlanta? It's red. You can laugh. That was just a joke.

In the 1800s, European dress designers came up with something called a Bustle. For anyone who doesn't know, this was a wire cage that went under the back of the dress that made the backside poof out. They said it was so that the fabric in the back would drape nicer. That sounded okay but when I see pictures and movies of European women wearing bustles, it's easy for me to see what the influence was. It was Black women. Black women don't need no Bustle y'all. God blessed Black women with "natural bustle", and somebody saw that and tried their best to approximate it. How do I know that? Because they're still trying to do it today. Instead of Bustles, they're using implants and injections trying to fix the same "problem." And don't get me started on how they're always comparing themselves to Black men in areas of... I'll leave that alone because we're in church. Folks, **WE. ARE. BLACK. HISTORY**.

The more I learn about the Civil Rights movement, the more I find that the unsung heroes of the movement were Black women. It even started with a Black woman. The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King would have never stood up unless Rosa Parks sat down. From the widows who had to figure out ways to continue raising families after their men were viciously taken off the scene, to the mothers and aunties who helped to organize carpools during the Bus Boycott in Montgomery, AL, to firebrands like Ida B Wells and Sojourner Truth who stood up and stood out. **WE** just like them, **ARE. BLACK. HISTORY**.

Let's talk about another one of our sisters named Madame C.J. Walker. Madame Walker started marketing a chemical to change the texture of our hair and make it look less African and more European. Our sisters knew that being accepted meant survival. They had little babies to feed and protect and they had to struggle for dignity in a mean world that was always taking that dignity away. Hair Relaxer was one of our many ways of transforming a bad situation into something good and helping multitudes maintain their humanity and get some relief from the oppression. There's no other race of people who are known for this kind of strength. Where else can you find an invention so dynamic, with such widespread use, so life-changing for an entire ethnic group? You can't because **WE. ARE. BLACK. HISTORY**.

Having said that, I'm also glad that there's a generation of black women that are now saying "ain't nothing wrong with the way God made my hair. How it looks when it grows out of my scalp is just the way God intended it. A God who don't make mistakes." So I thank the generations of Black women who faced the heat, took the arrows, permed their hair, stayed the course, and then raised up a new generation that said, "I will not perm my hair." I salute you both. Because all together, **WE. ARE. BLACK. HISTORY**.

Let's move up to the 1970's. A skeleton was discovered by Archeologists, and it is universally accepted to be the oldest fossil remains of an upright walking human form. The skeleton wasn't 100% complete but there were enough bones found to conclude that it was the remains of a female. They called her Lucy. She was found in Ethiopia. And what continent is Ethiopia in? What I take from that is the oldest remains of a human ever found.....is a Black woman. Makes sense to me. People, I hope you can see that **WE. ARE. BLACK. HISTORY**.

I'll share with you something the Lord has been teaching me. I'm struggling to mind it because it's so spiritual and I'm so carnal. What He's saying is that when people are always trying to put you down, always trying to make you second guess yourself, make you feel inferior, it's because you threaten them by you just being yourself. They feel inadequate in your presence. You make them feel like they are not complete. He's trying to get me to be patient with them. He's trying to get me to remain confident when they're around, understanding that they are the ones who are feeling inferior and they're trying to shake it off on me. He's trying to show me that I should have pity on them for the fact they're suffering so badly with this disease of envy. And they're doing that because somehow, deep down inside, they know that **WE. ARE. BLACK. HISTORY**.

In closing, let me remind you to stop letting anyone try to dull your shine. The reason they do that is because they secretly wish they were blessed by the Creator like you are. They copy the way you sing because they wish they could be like you. They copy the way you cook because they wish they could be like you. They copy the way you play ball because they wish they could be like you. They copy the way you talk your slang because they wish they could be like you. They copy the way you dance because they wish they could be like you. They wish they could create something beautiful out of nothing like you. They wish they could have a range of pretty skin tones like you. They wish they could be resilient and be able to rebound from adversity after adversity and be strong like you.

We might be considered the minority here in the USA, but always, always, always remember that Black and Brown people on God's green earth, are the **GLOBAL** majority. If you look across the world, the numbers are on our side, because **WE. ARE. BLACK. HISTORY**.

Black History Month Celebration at Live Oak Public Libraries



Lillian Baptiste

Throughout February, Live Oak Public Libraries will observe Black History Month with free storytelling, activities and programs throughout its three-county system. This year's theme is African Americans and the Arts, celebrating the immense cultural influence of Black Americans on music, literature, dance and the visual arts.

The community is invited to explore authors, artists and special events honoring the Black experience. Library programs will expand your knowledge of local Black history, empower you to use our genealogy resources to learn more about your family history, and engage you with dynamic storytelling.

Throughout February, multiple libraries will host local master Storyteller Lil-

lian Grant-Baptiste, who will use the magic of storytelling to weave stories of adventure and resilience from the African Diaspora. Local artist and researcher, Jimmie Lee Westley Jr., will highlight the legacy of Black Americans in the world of thoroughbred horse racing on Feb. 29.

All library programming is free and open to the public. Please check the library's program schedule or contact your local library for more information.

Tracing Your Roots: Join Savannah African Art Mu-

seum, in partnership with Live Oak Public Libraries for an informational session on African American Genealogy. Learn about family history resources available through Live Oak's Genealogy Department. Call Savannah African Art Museum at 912-721-7745 to register. Feb. 24, 11 a.m., Bull Street Library Auditorium.

To learn more about Live Oak Public Libraries' Black History Month Celebration, visit your local library or go online to liveoakpl.org/blackhistory.

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids/proposals, as appropriate will be received by the Board of Education for the City of Savannah and County of Chatham at the Purchasing Department, 208 Bull Street, Room 213, Savannah, Georgia 31401.

RFP 24-45 Ethics Hotline Monitoring Service (Annual Contract)
Closing Date: 03/21/2024 @ 11:00 A.M.

At the time and place noted above, bids will be publicly opened, and proposals registered. No extension of the bidding/proposal period will be made unless indicated by written addendum. The Board reserves the right to reject all bids/proposals and to waive any irregularities or technicalities in bids/proposals received whenever such rejection or waiver is in the best interest of the Board. The Board has the right to disqualify a bid/proposal of any offeror deemed non-responsive to the Board. The Savannah-Chatham County Board of Public Education does not discriminate in educational programs, activities or employment on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or disability. Bidding documents may be obtained from the Purchasing Department, 208 Bull Street, Room 213, Savannah, Georgia 31401 or they may be downloaded from the District's website, www.savannah.chatham.k12.ga.us. The Board of Education is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Frederick Hamilton Releases "The Coppinville Experience"

"What has salvation meant to me? It has meant I have had many trials and tribulations, but God was with me making me stronger and better...It has meant everything to me."

These words perfectly encapsulate the sentiment of **Frederick L. Hamilton's** gripping autobiography, **The Coppinville Experience: From Poverty to God's Will**.

Born outside of Enterprise Alabama in 1964, Hamilton had a rough start in life. Not only was he born prematurely, but into poverty as well. But Hamilton and his brother did not define their lives by what they lacked. Even after hauling water from their grandmother's house to flush the toilet, they focused on the love they experienced in abundance.

Hamilton's story begins long before his birth, with ancestors who were born into slavery. The book thoroughly explores Hamilton's genealogy and family history, relying both on meticulous research and familial stories passed down over generations. Part history lesson, part biography, and part family timeline, Hamilton's ancestry is instrumental in shaping his own story.

His great-grandmother's life is described as one of struggle, but she persevered and moved to the historic Coppinville community to make a better life for her daughter. Through his great-grandmother's guidance, his family held education in high esteem, leading to Hamilton earning a doctorate.

At an early age, Hamilton developed a powerful relationship with God and enjoyed participating at his local church, with encouragement from his family. While he was often found preaching to his family and neighbors as a young boy, he found his true calling beyond the church, because his childhood was cemented in faith. "I may have been too young to know, but everything going on in my life was God preparing me for His will for my life."

Hamilton felt God was calling him to help those facing circumstances like those he faced as a child. With his college degree, a drive to help others, and God's guidance, he started his career in public service, where he worked tirelessly to help improve the lives poor people across Alabama.

The Coppinville Experience is a testament to one man's undying faith and perseverance, proving that it is not about how you start, but how you finish.

The book portrays the importance of family, love, and faith, revealing how much stronger we are thanks to the guidance and support of others. Hamilton's autobiography is an intimate look at a life filled with success, but also rife with struggles, challenges, and personal loss.

Readers will experience an in-depth look at Hamilton's day-to-day life, including aspects of both his professional and personal endeavors. Interspersed throughout are references to God, church and the Bible as Hamilton reflects on his many blessings, even in the darkest of times.

Hamilton's spiritual journey will resonate with readers of all backgrounds. His is a personal story that speaks universal truths about love and grief, family, and community.

The Coppinville Experience is a triumphant example of the power of faith and will surely provide readers with countless inspiration for their own lives.

The book can be ordered on Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and other book retailers.

The Coppinville Experience

FROM POVERTY TO GOD'S WILL



The Autobiography of Frederick L. Hamilton

Sports With Walter Moore



Hopgood Leaves SSU For Benedict



Jordan Hopgood, Sr.

Jordan Hopgood,

who spent the past two years on the Savannah State University football staff, has been hired as an assistant coach at Benedict College.

Hopgood was the running backs coach at SSU and will serve as the Benedict special teams coordinator and tight end coach, working under newly hired head coach Ron Dickerson..

Prior to coming to Savannah State, Hopgood held coaching jobs at West Virginia Wesleyan, Jackson State, Morgan State and Howard.

Savannah State will play Benedict this season on November 9 in Columbia, South Carolina.

Savannah State Baseball Team Sweeps Kentucky State



Kendal Spencer



Jose Santiago



Addrian McNeal, Jr.



Gregory Gonzalez

The Savannah State baseball team improved to 6-0 after sweeping Kentucky State in a weekend series on February 17-18 at Tiger Field.

SSU beat the Thorobreds 10-1 on February 17 as Kendal Spencer went 4-for-4 at the plate with 4 RBI and Jose Santiago struck out nine batters in six innings.

The following day, the Tigers won a double-header with scores of 10-2 and 7-6.

In the first game, Addrian McNeal hit a three-run home run and Andrew Mann struck out nine hitters in seven

innings. In the nightcap, the Tigers led 7-3 and held off a late KSU rally to win by one run. Spencer had two hits and two RBI in the game and Gregory Gonzalez earned the win on the mound, striking out two in his three innings of relief of starter Brevin Smith.

The Tigers began their 2024 season on February 3-4 with a three-game sweep of Bluefield State at Tiger Field. SSU won the season opener, 17-3 on Feb. 3 and completed the sweep the next day with wins of 5-2 and 9-8.

Lady Tigers Upset No. 22 Miles



Amari Heard



Nyla Allen



Ta'Quasia Lampkin



Mya Byrd

Amari Heard scored 25 points on February 7 to lead the Savannah State women's basketball team to a 56-51 win over Miles, who at the time was ranked No. 22 in the Division II basketball poll. The Tiger Arena crowd saw SSU begin the fourth quarter with a 11-0 run while holding Miles scoreless until it was 40 seconds left in the game.

On February 5, Savannah State defeated Allen at Tiger Arena by a score of 62-56 as they used a 14-0 run in the third quarter to fuel their victory. Nyla Allen led the way with

17 points.

SSU traveled to Clark Atlanta on February 10 and had their five game winning streak snapped with a 65-55 loss to the Panthers. Heard had 14 points and 11 rebounds in the loss while Ta'Quasia Lampkin had 10 points and 15 rebounds.

The Lady Tigers (17-5, 13-4 SIAC) returned to the win column on February 17 with a 66-59 home win over Edward Waters. Mya Byrd led four SSU players in double figures with 14 points.

Savannah State Romps Past Edward Waters, 72-42



Austin Lewis



Javonte Landy

Playing against his hometown team, Savannah State junior guard Austin Lewis scored a career-high 12 points to help the Tigers beat Edward Waters 72-42 in Tiger Arena on February 17.

SSU raced out to a 11-0 run and led 35-11 at the half. The Tigers led by as many as 34 in the second half and ended the contest shooting 55.6 percent from the field.

On February 12 SSU defeated Morehouse 85-82 in overtime in a game played in Atlanta.

Two days earlier, the Tigers were in Atlanta suffering a 72-54 setback to Clark Atlanta. Javonte Landy had 14 points in the loss.

The Tigers lost a close game with Allen that went into overtime in Tiger Arena on February 5 by a score



Ayjay Plain

of 68-65. SSU used a 17-5 run in the second half to take the lead but the contest ended tied at 61. Ayjay Plain had 17 points for Savannah State (11-12, 9-10 SIAC).

Elite Mindset Program at PI



Robert Price

Mr. Price leads bi-weekly Elite Mindset classes at the Performance Initiatives facility with afterschool program participants. He covers various topics from positive thinking, anxiety to staying motivated.

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