

THE VOICE

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

BLACK HISTORY

A Message from Pastor Rouse



The holidays are over, and now it is back to the routine way of doing things. In getting back to normal, it is my desire that you will not get *“too normal,”* as it is a good time for a self-evaluation and to make changes where they are needed. We know that each organization, community, society and church has rules

that all of its members are expected to follow. Conflicts arise when we fail to follow the rules; therefore, I am proposing that we look at some roots of conflict and get over them: 1) Racism (yes, Black people, too are sometimes racists), 2) personality differences, 3) family patterns, 4) community rules, 5) sexism (yes, women too are sometimes sexist) and 6) power hunger.

The six items listed above can tear up a home, a church, a community, and a nation. What are we going to do about them? I strongly suggest each individual perform a personal evaluation of herself or himself, and then work on making the necessary changes. The 13th Chapter of Corinthians is a good place to begin reading, studying, and placing into action. Love is an action word; therefore, we must strive to have the love of God and to show it among our Christian friends, and to all of the world. ***Galatians 5:22 “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith.”*** Exemplifying the fruit of the Spirit in all that we do will help us to eliminate conflicts and to grow into Christian maturity.

The six items above become manageable when we live by God’s Word. This is my New Year’s wish for each of you.

If the grass looks greener on the other side of the fence, you can rest assured that the water bill is higher there too. -

Maya Angelou

68 Years of Marriage

Congratulations and best wishes are in order for Dr. Neil and Eldress Artie McPhatter for longevity in their marriage. Dr. and Eldress McPhatter appeared in front of a Justice of the Peace and were married before their parents were told. They were driven to the Justice of the Peace by their aunt and uncle. They showed up for dinner at his parents home and that is when he announced that Artie was his bride.



The McPhatters have been married for 68 years. They have four children, Johnnie, Betty, Wesley, and Helen; seven grands, and three great-grands.

Dr. Neill is the overseer and Eldress Artie is the Pastor of St. Andrews Christian Holiness Church of God in Raeford. They are great role models. Both remain active in the community and are among the founding members of the Hoke County Civic League.

Hoke County Missionary Union, January 8, 2012 at 3 p.m. in Mount Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church



Dr. James A. Anderson, Chancellor of Fayetteville State University, will be the guest speaker for our annual Hoke County Union Youth Day. Everyone is invited to attend. Individuals are encouraged to wear their favorite school colors,

especially those who attended and/or graduated from an HBCU. Of course, we expect to see FSU alumni and friends in their colors, and you know Shaw University will represent!

Sit-In Demonstrations, Greensboro, NC February 1960



On Feb. 1, 1960, four students from all-black North Carolina Agricultural and Technical College walked into a Woolworth five-and-dime with the intention of ordering lunch.



The International Civil Rights Museum's (Greensboro, N. C.) exhibit space will span two floors and cover 30,000 square feet. A blend of exhibits, period

artifacts, and state-of-the-art technology will be featured, taking visitors on a journey through the challenges African Americans faced in the struggle for equal rights. The Museum also highlights key contributors in the civil rights movement and celebrates the impact of the sit-in movement on civil and human rights issues throughout the world. Make plans to take your children to the Museum. Review information on the web.

www.ohenryhotel.com/international_civil_rights_museum_greensboro.htm

Stage Coach Mary

(Ex-Slave Mary Fields Managed a Mail Route)



She was six feet tall; heavy, tough, short-tempered, two-fisted, powerful, and packed a pair of six-shooters and an eight or ten-gauge shotgun.

Stage Coach Mary certainly was not your typical woman. Born a slave, she was freed after the Civil War and made her way to Cascade County (west central Montana). She worked at the St. Peter Mission doing heavy work—chopped wood, stone work, rough carpentry, and made supply runs to the train stop, to Great Falls, and the city of Helena when special needs arose. After she was fired from the nunnery, in

1895, she landed a job carrying the mail. With her mule, Moses, she plunged through anything, bitter raw blizzards, wilting heat, and other places where important mail needed to go. She became well-known for her ability to deliver the mail on a regular schedule, and continued on that job until she was well into her sixties.

According to legend, Mary did not pay attention to fashion and did not look or act the part of a woman. "She broke more noses than any other person in central Montana; so claims the Great Falls Examiner, the only newspaper available in Cascade at that time." Mary Fields died of failure of the liver in 1914 and was buried in Hillside Cemetery in Cascade.

Editor's note: This article is added to interest youth in reading stories during Black History Month. Black History is also American History as our country was built on the backs of its black citizens. The story on the Internet shows a poem written by Mary Fields, who states, "*I like adventure, I travel the country, I fight through storms, and I am independent. No body tells me what to do. No body tells me where to go.*" Are you interested? Goggle and read about Black Cowboys, which include Mary Fields.

**MLK Banquet Monday, January 16, 2012
6:00 p.m. in the M. Rouse Jr.,
CRC**



Tickets are available for the annual celebration of the MLK Banquet in support of scholarships given by the Hoke County Civic League. We trust everyone will purchase a ticket to show support. The banquet will promptly begin at 6:00 p.m. with Dr. Robert Clark as our featured speaker. Tickets are only \$25 each. If you cannot attend, we request that you buy a ticket and send a person who otherwise would not be able to attend.

We enjoy many of our freedoms because of the work accomplished through the Civic Rights Movement.

HOKE COUNTY UNION PASTORS' APPRECIATION BREAKFAST A SUCCESS

On the 3rd of December members of the Union along with our pastors, their wives, family members and friends gathered at Virgil's Restaurant to celebrate. It was a festive gathering as everyone joined in with singing Christmas carols, enjoying an old-fashioned country breakfast, and sharing encouraging words of appreciation to our pastors. Next year, you will want to be a part of the annual event. It is not expensive, and it

is our way of acknowledging the work that our pastors do in support of the Missionary Union.



Mount Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church

Mission Statement/Purpose

The beginning of a new year is a great time to reflect and to rededicate your life to Christ as well as a time to learn our Mission Statement/Purpose:

WORSHIP: Our goal/purpose is to bring people to a place of worship where the Spirit of Christ is alive and the people of God are warm and friendly.

LEARNING: This purpose-driven church is a place for learning. As we study the Bible, we mature into faithful disciples. God's word allows each to grow spiritually, As we learn to praise Him, we will always be in His presence.

ENRICHMENT: It is our desire to be a place of enrichment for every person who shares time with us. Our goal is to have an active ministry for all age levels. Each person's enrichment depends on his or her involvement in the available ministries.

FRIENDSHIP: Our goal and purpose is to create an environment of friendliness and friendship. The joy of being a Christian is friendship shared. It is our goal of building a lasting bond between all members of our church family. It is our desire that all be in this circle of friendship.

SERVICE: It is our desire to create a place and environment for service. We come not to be served, but to serve. It is our responsibility to reach out in service to others. We serve those within the friendship as well as those outside our fellowship.

WARNING SIGNS OF A HEART ATTACK

- Feeling weak, lightheaded or faint.
- Pain/discomfort in jaw, neck or back
- Chest pain or discomfort
- Pain/discomfort in arm or shoulder
- Shortness of breath:

Women are more likely to experience these symptoms: Shortness of breath, nausea/vomiting and back or jaw pain. Call 911 if you think you are having a heart attack.

Do You Know Your Home State?

If you were on Jeopardy, would you be able to correctly answer questions about North Carolina? Briefly, this article teaches newcomers and refreshes others.

- The official song, "**The Old North State**" was adopted by the 1927 General Assembly.
- The tree is the pine. The Toast, "**The Tar Heel**" was adopted in 1957.
- The General Assembly of 1973 designated the **emerald** as the official state precious stone.



- The General Assembly of 1945 declared Red and Blue shades appearing in the N. C. State Flag and the American Flag as the official State Color.
- The State Motto "Esse Quam Videri" **means "to be rather than to seem"**.

<http://statelibrary.dcr.state.nc.us/NC/Symbols/Symbols.Htm>
<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/usa/states/northcarolina/>

FIVE WARNING SIGNS OF A STROKE

Taking care of your body begins with knowing the signs and what to do should you have a stroke.

1. Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body.
2. Sudden confusion, trouble speaking and or understanding.
3. Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes.
4. Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination.
5. Sudden severe headache with no known cause.

If you suffer any of the symptoms listed immediately above, call 911. Each second counts.

A Special Hymn (Joke)

A preacher was completing a temperance sermon; with great expression he said, "If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river." With even greater emphasis he said, "And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river." And then finally, he said, "And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river." He sat down. The song leader then stood very cautiously and announced with a smile, "For our closing song, let us sing Hymn # 365: "Shall We Gather at the River."

**Applications for Golden LEAF Foundation
scholarships available at CFNC.org/goldenleaf
Application deadline is March 1, 2012**

Golden LEAF Scholars Program - Information and applications for the 2012-13 Golden LEAF scholarship program are now available online by clicking the following link: CFNC.org/goldenleaf. A total of 215 awards will be offered to first-time recipients to assist with tuition for the 2012-13 academic year.

The awards are valued at \$12,000 (\$3,000 per year for up to four years) for students attending a qualifying North Carolina college or university and are funded by a grant from the Golden LEAF Foundation. The Golden LEAF Scholars Program is administered by the North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority (NCSEAA). To be considered, an applicant must meet the following criteria:

- be enrolled during the 2011-12 academic year at a North Carolina public or private high school or a North Carolina community college.
- planning to enroll in fall 2012 as a full-time, degree-seeking freshman at one of the 57 qualifying public universities or private colleges and universities in N.C. or plan to enroll as a transfer student from a N.C. community college
- be a North Carolina resident for tuition purposes with a permanent residence in one of 78 qualifying rural counties
- demonstrate financial need

Candidates must submit the following to NCSEAA:

- a Golden LEAF scholarship application, available at CFNC.org/goldenleaf
- a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), available at www.fafsa.gov
- a current high school or community college transcript no later than March 1

A complete list of program requirements, participating campuses and qualifying counties can be viewed at CFNC.org/goldenleaf. The application deadline is March 1, 2012. For more information, contact College Foundation of North Carolina toll-free at 866-866-CFNC.

Golden LEAF Scholars Program for N.C. Community Colleges - Golden LEAF also offers scholarships for students to attend participating N.C. community colleges. Details are posted at CFNC.org/goldenleaf. Click the Golden LEAF Scholars Program for N.C. Community Colleges link. Contact the financial aid office at your local community college for more information about scholarship availability, application details and deadlines. *(Copied from Golden Leaf email 12/23/11)*



This year's theme was "Women of Purpose—One Heart, Two Hands Reaching Out." The three days of services were planned to reach women of all ages.

Members of our Church, as well as guests, prepared and delivered timely information. **Sister Angela Marks presented "Granny Nettie" a hands puppet ministry she founded in the memory of her late Granny Nettie Lofton.** Granny Nettie is a praising the Lord kind of Grandma who sings until the power of the Holy Ghost comes down. The puppet ministry is one additional way of winning souls for Christ. **This presentation had almost all of the audience on its feet. Wonderful!**

Each participant, supporter, worker, and/or presenter had a different method of providing information. **Taking Care of the Heart** by Dr. Karen Smith reminded everyone of their personal responsibility to take care of themselves and to seek resources to help them live more healthy. Rev. M. Dion & Marquitta Rouse presented a dynamic workshop on Praise and Worship entitled 'Praising the Hell out of Yourself' which was structured and organized by the self titled book.

Look at these hands, a workshop presented by Sister Ellen McNeill, reminded women of the many things that hands do and have done. In memory of the many women (grandmas), who have crossed over, a video presentation "Grandma's Hands" by Bill Withers, set the tone for what our hand can and should be doing ..www.youtube.com/watch?v=wIbt9_UEQ-g&feature=related

Other Scholarships Opportunities

Lumber River EMC offers college scholarships to high school seniors. Applications may be secured from your guidance counselor or from the website:

www.lumberriver.com.

Juniors may compete to serve as a cooperative delegate to the Washington Tour. The electric cooperatives send high school juniors to D. C. each year for them to gain an understanding of American history and to explore the sights around our nation's capitol. Applications for either the scholarship or the trip to Washington must be received in the Lumbee River Electric Corp Office no later than Friday March 12, 2012 at 5 p.m. **Also, 6th-8th graders may apply for the Touchstone Energy Sports Camp Scholarships.** www.ncelectriccooperatives.com.

Get busy and apply today! It is important!

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HELP WANTED, JOBS AVAILBLE, APPLY IN
PERSON

"2012 MAKE OVER BY GOD"

***THIS IS NOT A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION
(BY MAN) BUT A GODLY SOLUTION (FOR
MAN).*** FIVE STEP INSTRUCTION TO YOUR
MAKE OVER:

1. THE FORCE OF FORGIVENESS - JOHN 3:16,
LUKE 6:37
2. THE FORCE OF FAITH - HEBREWS 11:1 AND
11:6
3. THE FORCE OF SEED - GALATION 6:7,
GENESIS 8:22, LUKE 6:38
4. THE FORCE OF EXPECTATION - -PSALMS
62:5, PROVERBS 24:14
5. THE PRAYER OF AGREEMENT (GOD'S
COVERNANT AND MANS' OBEDIENCE) 1ST
JOHN 3:22, MATTHEW 18:19-20,
DEUTERONOMY 29:9

**"LORD MAKE US OVER AGAIN FOR YOUR
GLORY.** Amen. Rev. Arlane McKoy

***Governor Bev Perdue appoints Dr. Karen L. Smith
to the Justus-Warren heart Disease and Stroke
Prevention Task Force***

Representative Garland Pierce took time from his
busy schedule to go by the Office of Dr. Smith and
to administer the Oath of Office in the presence of
her staff.



The Justus
Warren
Heart
Disease and
Stroke
Prevention
Task Force
is charged
with
recommend

ing to the Governor and to the General Assembly a
coordinated, comprehensive heart disease and stroke
prevention plan for the state. The mission of the task
force is to facilitate the reduction of heart disease and
stroke incidence and mortality and to enhance access to
quality treatment and support services. Contact: Division
of Public Health, Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention

Program, 919 707-
5361. Rep. Pierce,
Dr. Smith and staff
pose after the
administering of
the Oath. This Task
Force is established
by the governor.



**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ON THE
HORIZONS FOR 2012**

The church's Christian Education Ministry (CE) is
composed of Sunday Church School, Church
Teaching Ministry (formerly CTU), Vacation Bible
School (VBS), Mid-week Bible Study, and any other
aspect of church ministry as it relates to teaching,
training, and preparing us for faithful discipleship.
The year begins quickly on January 1, 2012 with all
classes gearing up for a year of studying God's Word.
In February, youth begin preparing for the Annual
James F. Wertz Oratorical Contest, and coaches are
greatly needed to help bring home the trophy. At the
same time, preparations begin for VBS; again,
teachers and workers are needed. The CEM also
works with other ministries in the church as needed.
For example, if a ministry wants its members to study
a specific book, lesson or topic, then the CE Ministry
can develop and provide the training for the ministry
per approval of the Pastor. The Ministry is here to
serve. If we can be of help, please call on us for
together, we can achieve more for the Kingdom
building.

Reverend Mary C. Owens, CED

**CONGATULATIONS
CONTINUED
Degrees Received**



Rodney E. Clark completed his
dual masters program at
Webster University receiving
degrees of an MBA and a Master of Arts in
Procurement and Acquisition.

Robert and Felicia Owens were doubly blessed with
both of them receiving degrees in December.
Robert Jr. earned his associates degree. Felicia
earned her BS. Their children can be very proud of
parents who value higher education.

**"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another,
even as God in Christ forgave you."** Ephesians 4:32



Students have performed in an excellent manner in academic achievements in the classroom, sports, art, music and in Church participation.

Nadia Robinson

Nadia graduated with honors from SandHoke Early College in May, receiving a high school diploma and an



associate in arts degree. She was presented with scholarship offers from Columbia College, Eliabeth City, and Fayetteville State University. She made the tough decision to accept the Chancellor's Scholarship from FSU with an opportunity to study aboard free during the summer.

She was one of two students chosen from the Raeford Presbyterian Church to receive the Mary Stewart and William T. Covington Scholarship.

Nadia is majoring in nursing and plans to pursue a Master's degree to become a nurse practitioner.

Georgette Hope Evans

Hope, graduate student at Hampton University, is studying medical science with long range plans of becoming a family practioner. This is her third semester at Hampton, where she will graduate in May.

After this she plans to attend medical school. Her first choice, East Carolina University. Being in the medical program has truly been a faith walk. She is thankful for her strong family and church support.

Kiara Patrice Geiger

Kiara, a sophomore at NC A & T State Univeristy, is a secondary history education major. She is on the Dean's List, where she has one A and 4 Bs. She has been invited to the Honor's Society for history majors.

Make a joyful noise unto God all ye lands. Psalm 66:1

Rodney (R. J.) Anderson, Jr.

RJ, a senior at Jack Britt, provided sports excitement this year as its varsity soccer team co-captian. The team was undefeated in its regular and conference record. He received the school soccer offensive player of the year award.

RJ has been accepted to UNC Charlotte, but is still considering soccer options. He also had a small taste of politics when he assisted in the Fayetteville mayoral campaign.

Dimitri Pabon

Dimitri is a senior at Grays Creek High School, where he has been awarded his 5th pin as an academic honor student. He also earned a varsity letter for playing football.

Kadejah Murray

Kadejah, a junion at the Howard Health and Life Science High School, is an A Honor Roll student.

Rashad Underwood

Rashad, a fifth grader at Brentwood Elementary, is on the A-B Honor Roll this year.

Darryl Sean Shaw, Jr.

DJ continues to work hard in school and has maintained honor roll status. He played football in the fall, and is now playing junior varisty basketball at Jack Britt. Recently, four of his art pieces were on exhibit at the Jack Britt Art Show. One drawing, "Frank Ocean" is being held for further review.

Jonathan Kyle McNeill



Jon was chosen as a member of the Mid-South 4 A-All Conference Football Team. The players are chosen by the league's head coaches. Jon was one of the three running backs to earn that award.

NOTE TO STUDENTS, PARENTS AND GUARDIANS: Please be sure to turn forward information about our students to Pastor Rouse and also to the newsletter staff. We would like to pass the good news to others. Please share information to inspire others.

LOVE



Love is the most powerful of emotions, which is sometimes easier to describe than to define. Love is a feeling of strong attachment or warm

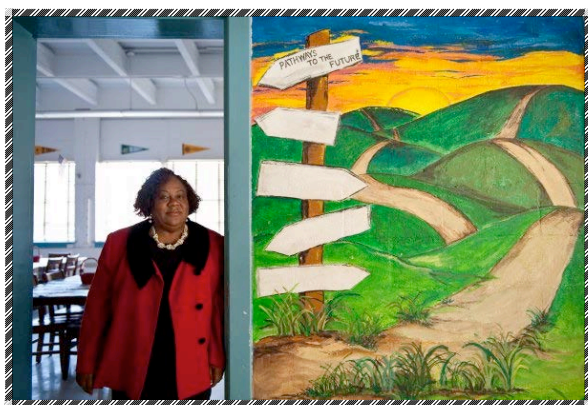
affection, but it can be described as: A mother calming a troubled child: A wife sitting by her ailing husband: A friend taking the time to listen.

Love is all that, and so much more ... What a grand thing to be loved! What a grander thing still, to love!

Victor Hugo

Reverend Mary Owens

Guiding at-risk youths



Reverend Mary Owens was featured in *The Fayetteville Observer* on Christmas Day. What a surprise! She has always been active in her Church and in the community.

She was one of 12 individuals in the 2011 Cape Fear Profile section of the paper. It is an honor to be selected as the featured person.

Reverend Owens, retired principal of Ramsey Street Alternative School, is the vice president of the Fayetteville/Cumberland County Ministerial Council. She helps to organize the Martin Luther King Jr., activities, the Fight for the Family conference, the scholarship program, and other events sponsored by the Ministerial Council.

In our Church, Reverend Owens serves as the Christian Education Director. In that role, under the

direction of Pastor Rouse, she conducts monthly meetings of Christian Education teachers and workers, prepares lessons, orders literature, supplies and materials, and handles other administrative responsibilities. Along with coordinating and performing the various tasks, she is always able to step in and perform work needed in all areas of the work of the church.

We congratulate Reverend Owens on having been recognized and profiled; however, we know that she is serious about teaching and preaching The Word. She strives to diligently follow Matthew 28:19 and 20 ... *teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost ... Teaching them to observe all things.*

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear."
1 John 4:18

Fayetteville/Cumberland County Shaw University Alumni Association presents



\$10,016.00 at the annual Alumni Banquet in Raleigh in October. *Please support HBCUs.*

(Pictured: Ellen McNeill, Willie Gary, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Wilson Lacy, President Fay/Cumb Co Chapter and Shaw President Dr. Dorothy Cowser Yancy)

WELCOME HOME TROOPS



We extend a hearty welcome to all of the families with troops fighting for our country in Iraq. It was good to see our President come to Fort

Bragg, N. C. to welcome troops home. We pray for our President, his family and all of our military. Thank God for our military. May God forever bless AMERICA!



Please help us to make our newsletter better. Submit articles, pictures, poems and other information for the next edition. Articles due: Sunday, February 19, 2012.