



A towering voice for justice, equality, and economic empowerment, Rev. Jesse Jackson dedicated his life to expanding opportunity and keeping hope alive for generations to come.

In loving memory of
Jesse L. Jackson, Sr.
October 8, 1941 – February 17, 2026



“If my mind can conceive it, and my heart can believe it — then I can achieve it.”
- Jesse L. Jackson, Sr.

Truth through song as Jerry Smith and The Children of Israel revisit Madison

Black History takes center stage at historic Chapel of the Cross Church

By Christopher Young
Contributing Writer

It was a concert, just one in a series titled ‘Concerts in the Country,’ but it was so much more. When Jerry C. Smith and The Children of Israel perform, time stands still as their voices transport the listener from their day-to-day to another place entirely. Each of the members is a soloist in their own right and alternately moved out front. Many are also members of another world-renowned choir - the Mississippi Mass Choir. With Dr. Mark G. Henderson providing narration, and the divinely soulful Katie Graham joining the program with Elijah Rock, you can understand this was no ordinary concert.

The concert series was organized by Dr. Edward Dacus, Director of Music at Chapel of the Cross Episcopal Church, 674 Mansdale Road in Madison, a historic and beautiful church on a sprawling campus. Easily two hundred fifty parishioners, friends, families, and supporters filled the sanctuary Sunday, February 15, 2026, from 5-7PM. Stating the obvious, a mostly white audience, was enamored by the gifts of this African American choir. This was not the first visit by Jerry Smith and The Children of Israel, they had performed for the first time at Chapel of the Cross just two years earlier. An elegant reception followed in an adjacent building.

Henderson wrote and provided the narration to compliment the program from start to finish. An artist and educator dedicated to leading young people to embrace their God given abilities, Henderson serves as Chair



Nine members of The Children of Israel with Founder and Director Jerry Smith at piano and Event Narrator Mark G. Henderson at podium.



Male Quartet breakout.



Soloist Katie Graham.

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of the Department of Speech Communication and Theatre at Thee Jackson State University. He is the Founder and Artistic Director of MADDDRAMA (Making A Difference Doing Respectable and Meaningful Art), a troupe of Jackson State University performers who tour nationally with an extensive repertoire of original plays and specialized performances that are highly requested. True to form, he was a master educator on this occasion – no erasure, no diminishing of truth, just pure reflection and connection with the audience.

Selections began with spiri-

tuals like Swing Low Sweet Chariot, Moses Hogan’s Old Time Religion, and Jerry Smith’s original composition, Amen! Henderson’s narration provided context and deeper understanding between each song. Citing the genius of Richard Smallwood, the selection of I Shall Wear a Crown/Anthem of Praise came after Henderson shared, there’s a Gospel song that, if we use, our spiritual imagination, we can hear the words of Smallwood, saying, “I’m gonna put on my robe and tell the story of how I made it over.”

The evening’s journey continued to more modern gospel, with Henderson teaching

about how the sounds of the 1940’s, gospel quartets, jubilee quartets, the music of Thomas Dorsey and Lucie Campbell led to The Dixie Hummingbirds, Golden Gate Quartet and The Soul Stirrers, among others, and helped to introduce and popularize this new musical style eventually leading to Detroit and The Winans. Layer upon layer of connection was provided, all originating on this geographical soil in the cotton fields. The four male members of The Children of Israel then came together as a quartet for Everything You Touch.

With Henderson’s narra-

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Jesse Jackson and Mississippi’s long struggle for justice

By Othor Cain
Contributing Writer

Mississippi was, for much of the 20th century, the central stage of America’s struggle over voting rights, segregation, and human dignity. Into that long fight stepped the Rev. Jesse Louis Jackson Sr., a preacher, organizer, and national voice for racial and economic justice. Though born in the segregated South in Greenville, South Carolina, Jackson repeatedly made his way to Mississippi, drawn into the deep moral questions of equality that the state embodied.

Jackson first emerged on the national stage as a young activist in the 1960s working alongside Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. He brought King’s philosophy of nonviolent direct action into communities across the South, including Mississippi, where voter disenfranchisement and segregation were daily realities for Black Mississippians.

Mississippi in the 1960s was ground zero for efforts to overturn Jim Crow. Black communities faced poll taxes, literacy tests, and intimidation tactics that kept them from the ballot box. Movements like the Freedom Vote directly challenged that exclusion by organizing mock elections that drew tens of thousands of Black Mississippians into political action, campaigns that laid the foundation for the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party and increased civic engagement statewide.

It was in that climate, where thousands marched to claim what the U.S. Con-



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stitution promised, that Jackson lent his voice and moral authority. He encouraged voter registration and nonviolent participation in political life. His presence in Jackson and other Mississippi towns gave moral support to a generation of activists determined to break the grip of segregation.

One of the clearest documented examples of Jackson’s work in Mississippi happened in the early 1980s in Indianola. There, Jackson led a march through the predominantly Black community to engage citizens in municipal elections after long years of disenfranchisement, calling the effort a “litmus test” for voting rights in Mississippi and the nation. “What happens in Indianola is as important as what happened in Selma,” he said, linking the state’s struggles to the broader Southern civil rights movement.

Mississippi leaders and residents who met Jackson recalled not just his fiery rhetoric but his willingness

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Rev. Al Sharpton on the passing of his mentor, Rev. Jesse Louis Jackson

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Today, February 17, 2026 I lost the man who first called me into purpose when I was just twelve years old. And our nation lost one of its greatest moral voices. The Reverend

Jesse Louis Jackson was not simply a civil rights leader; he was a movement unto himself. He carried history in his footsteps and hope in his voice. One of the greatest honors of my life was learning at his side. He reminded me that faith without action is just noise. He taught me that protest must have purpose, that faith must have feet, and that justice is not seasonal, it is daily work.

In 1969, when I was still a teenager trying to find my place in this struggle, Rev. Jackson appointed me youth director of the Brooklyn branch of Opera-

tion Breadbasket, the economic arm of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference founded by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. He trusted me with responsibility and saw something in me before I fully saw it in myself. That is the measure of a true mentor: they do not just teach you; they name you.

He later named the headquarters of National Action Network “The House of Justice,” a reminder that movements must be anchored in moral purpose. Through Operation PUSH and the Rainbow Coalition, he expanded the political

imagination of this nation. He ran for President not because it was easy, but because he believed America could be better than its history. In doing so, he opened doors that many of us, me included, who followed in his footsteps and ran for President.

But to me, he was more than a public figure. He was Godfather to my two daughters. He prayed over them as infants. He spoke life into them as young girls. We stood in his home not as a headline, but as family. He taught them, and me, that trying is as important as



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triumph. That you do not wait for the dream to come true; you work to make it real. Because of him, I learned that leader-

ship is not about being seen, it is about seeing others. Because

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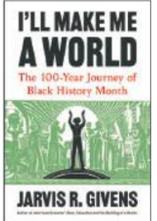
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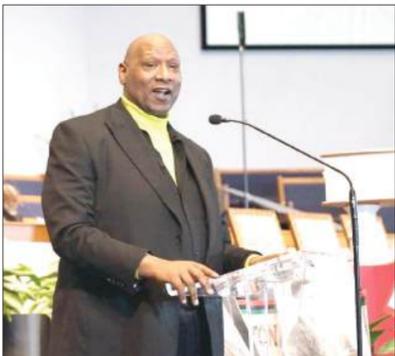
New Hope Baptist Church – “Fifteen Years – Celebrating Black History



I’ll Make Me A World



New Hope Baptist Church – “Fifteen Years – Celebrating Black History: One Mississippi Legend at a time!”



Dr. Mark Henderson served as guest narrator of “The Songs that Brought Us Over”



(L-R) First Lady Helen Young, Dr. Jerry Young Award Recipient, Dr. Amos Brown, Jane Brown (wife of Dr. Brown) and Flonzie Brown Wright. PHOTOS BY JAY JOHNSON



Dr. Greta Terry (center) receives award from Dr. Young (lt.) and Flonzie Brown Wright (rt)



Mr. Richard Polk (center) receives award from Dr. Young (lt.) and Flonzie Brown Wright (rt)

By Janice K. Neal-Vincent, Ph.D. Contributing Writer

Last Thursday, February 12, 2026, was when New Hope Baptist Church (1555 Beasley Road, Jackson, MS 39206), pastored by Dr. Jerry Young, escalated to its 15th Annual Back in the Day program, the first of two series. Embodied were memories of the saga of Black Americans across generations that must never be forgotten. The 6:00 p.m. gathering was a moment of reflection, solemnity, sublimity, and triumph. From program guides to freedom songs to entrances to posting of colors to award-winning recording artists to writers to speakers to narrators to saluting Mississippi Legends to remarks and prayers, not a moment was wasted. Rather, the essentialities of a people who refused to

be otherized, who pressed upon the American soil their labor, their dignity, their worthiness, and their steadfastness to strive - despite hardship, punishment, rejection, and discrimination - were echoed into a beautiful symphony of life.

Prior to the event itself, a press conference was held at New Hope

Program Guides - Johnnie and Preselfannie W. McDaniels - put the audience at ease as participants were brought forth. John McDaniels invoked God's help for a stronger human race, Joann Mickens highlighted the purpose of the evening with her warm-hearted occasion, and New Hope Christian School 5th graders demonstrated knowledge and understanding of Black facts. Sandra McCall showed a video

that detailed the 15th-year period of “Back in the Day” events and honorees.

The role of Black ministry was held in high regard because of leaders who carried the Gospel with courage, faith, and conviction regarding the paths they trod. Then came recognition of Mississippi Legends - Dr. Greta Peyton Terry (Retired Educator); Richard A. Polk (Retired Regional EEOC Director); and Rev. Dr. Amos C. Brown (Civil Rights Legendary Activist). The honorees' persistence brightened the lives of many of all ages, from all walks of life. The Church revealed that these Mississippi Legends were worthy of their awards.

Dr. Mark Henderson (Interim Chair, Department of Speech Communication and Theater,

and Founder, MADDRAMA, Jackson State University) was guest narrator of “The Songs That Brought Us Over” (written in 1968 by Dr. Flonzie Brown Wright and dedicated to brothers and sisters in the Struggle). Musical Guests: Award-Winning Recording Artists: The Watson Singers, Ms. Chandra Wise, Minister of Music, New Jerusalem Church (Jackson, MS), Mr. Travanti Hills, MME, Director of Choral Programs, Hinds Community College (Raymond, MS), and New Hope Male Chorus sprinkled with fervor freedom songs throughout the event.

Black History Committee Members included: Rev. Wendell H. Paris; Timothy Lloyd, Brenda Patterson; George Brooks; Avis Lloyd, Ava Lloyd; Retired Major Nicholas KreeI; Charlene

Evers -KreeI; Dr. Flonzie Brown Wright; Sandra McCall; Ethel Brooks; Maggie Cotton; and Joann Mickens. In Memoriam: Obadiah Myles; Elizabeth Myles, and Ineva May Pittman.

Project Director Dr. Wright and Rev. Dr. Young expressed satisfaction with the crowd's turnout. Both acknowledged the hard work that was exemplified by guests and participants. They voiced in essence that strength prevails via unification, commitment, and encouragement - high marks for racial freedom.

Several persons spoke to The Mississippi Link about the night's event. “I thought it was fabulous. We hit on every tune by doing some things we don't normally do. I'm just elated,” proclaimed George Brooks, member.

First Lady Jane E. Brown of

Third Baptist Church in San Francisco - wife of honoree Rev. Dr. Amos C. Brown - declared, “This program was one of the most inspirational services that I have witnessed in a long time. I felt every minute of it. It brought me back to the Civil Rights days of which I was a part. I truly enjoyed the inter-generational participation from the young people.”

The second phase of “Back in the Day” is slated for Thursday, February 26, 2026, at New Hope (Beasley Rd) at 6:00 p.m. It will address the theme, “Fifteen Years - Celebrating Black History: One Servant Leader at a Time!” Will it be another stellar? The Church welcomes all to come out and be witnesses.

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to walk and work with local movement builders. U.S. Representative Bennie Thompson reflected on Jackson's long engagement, "One of the things I fondly remember is he came to Jackson State and marched with the student body from Jackson State down to the Hinds County Courthouse to register and vote," Thompson said. "Part of his nonviolent philosophy was to be engaged, and stay on point and never give up."

This sentiment was echoed by others in Mississippi who saw in Jackson not a distant celebrity activist, but a partner in struggle, someone who urged broader participation in democracy, insisted on equality before the law, and gave voice to Mississippians' hopes for justice.

Jackson's career extended far beyond Mississippi. He helped found Operation Breadbasket and later the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, organizations that pressured corporations and institutions nationwide to open opportunities to Black Americans, insisting that social justice include economic opportunity.

It was this economic justice work that would bring Jackson back to Mississippi's capital city again, where he formed and entered into an unlikely Mississippi partnership, with Bernie Ebbers, the founder and CEO of WorldCom.

In the 1990s, WorldCom was one of Mississippi's largest employers, headquartered in Clinton. Jackson engaged Ebbers and

the telecommunications giant over minority hiring, supplier diversity, and access to capital. The relationship reflected Jackson's strategy: confront where necessary, negotiate where possible.

He often argued that civil rights without economic access was incomplete.

Some Mississippi leaders praised the dialogue. Business and civic voices in the state noted that Jackson's presence pushed corporations to broaden opportunity in a state still climbing out of a segregationist past.

But history complicated that chapter. WorldCom collapsed in 2002 in one of the largest accounting fraud scandals in U.S. history. Ebbers was later convicted and imprisoned. The collapse devastated Mississippi employees and pensioners.

Jackson's engagement with WorldCom showed both the promise and risk of his economic approach, working inside corporate America to secure opportunity, even when those institutions proved flawed. For Jackson, the goal remained consistent, leverage power to benefit the marginalized.

Jesse Jackson's death closes a living chapter of the civil rights generation. He was among the last national figures who could say they had stood beside King, organized in the Delta, marched with Mississippi students, negotiated with corporate CEOs, and run for president on a multiracial "Rainbow Coalition" platform.

For Mississippi, his passing carries particular resonance. Where Black voter registration once hovered in the single digits. Today, Mississippi has thousands of Black elected officials, including members of Congress, mayors, judges, and legislators. That transformation did not happen by accident. It happened because people marched, organized, negotiated, and refused to surrender hope.

"Keep hope alive," he would say.

In Mississippi, those words were never abstract. They were spoken in church basements, courthouse steps, cotton fields, and city streets. They meant risking jobs, braving threats, and believing democracy could expand.

His death does not end that work. Instead, it transfers responsibility.

Mississippi remains a state wrestling with poverty, healthcare gaps, voting debates, and economic inequality. Jackson's legacy here is not just a memory, it is a mandate.

He helped define Mississippi not merely as a symbol of oppression, but as a proving ground for redemption.

And that, perhaps, is what his life ultimately meant: that even in the hardest soil of the Deep South, hope could take root, and demand justice.

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tion leading the audience to the 20th century, he spoke about the force that was Mahalia Jackson before sharing, "Now witness the power of our modern-day Mahalia, in the soul-stirring, thunderous, and anointed voice of Ms. Katie Graham." The treasure came forward with Elijah Rock – one of Jackson's most prized songs. Her performance was mesmerizing and made even more so when she paused to insert her own testimony of the Lord's presence in her life when she encountered a faulty starter on her car recently, and how He sent his angels to help her overcome under the unique circumstances and reminded the audience "Jesus is your Starter."

The Children of Israel members coming forward for solos on this particular night were Alisa Patrick McDonald, Rhonda Chambers Davis, LaToya Knight Hubbard, and Harvey Williams, Jr. Stephen Johnson, James Fuller, Dennis McDonald, Sandra Thomas, Pricilla Edwards, and Jane Graham Crowner. The finale was highlighted by choir members raising small hand-held American flags during a stirring rendition of America the Beautiful. Somehow in this space, and against the backdrop of chaos in our

country, some of the lyrics landed with unwavering reinforcement and call to action – "America! America! God shed His grace on thee. And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!"

Henderson and the maestro Jerry Smith have known each other for fifty years, yet it was not lost on this special evening, when Henderson drew attention to the death of the great Moses Hogan (February 11, 2003) and the birth of Jerry Smith (February 12, 1959), stating, "God knew that this nation, this world would need another musical giant to

move this generation and generations yet unborn. So, in His infinite wisdom...He stepped back in time to February 12, 1959, and blessed the world with this generation's Moses Hogan, Mr. Jerry Smith."

In addition to Jerry Smith on piano, father and son duo Barry and Braxton Bolden, held down organ and percussion, respectively.



The Children of Israel with flags for finale. PHOTOS: CHRISTOPHER YOUNG.

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of him, I learned that our lives mean the most when they are spent widening the circle of who belongs.

Reverend Jackson stood wherever dignity was under attack, from apartheid abroad to injustice at home. His voice echoed in boardrooms and in jail cells. His presence shifted rooms. His faith never wavered.

Today, I grieve not only a leader, but the steady voice that guided me when the road was uncertain. I am heartbroken. But I am eternally grateful that God allowed me to walk beside a man who helped bend the arc of history and shaped the arc of my own life.

Today we mourn. But we do not retreat. We pray for the Jackson family to carry the torch. The greatest way to honor Rever-

end Jesse Jackson is not in memory alone, but in movement. He taught us to keep marching. He taught us to keep organizing. He taught us that justice is never given, it is demanded.

Rest now, Reverend Jackson. I love you.

Rev. Al Sharpton

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The truth about the No Tax On Overtime Deduction

By **Tim C. Lee**
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By now, there is hardly a person who have not heard of the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act."

This legislation was signed into law by President Donald J. Trump July 4, 2025 while currently in his second term.

Although the bill covers areas concerning education, energy, healthcare, infrastructure, security, social programs, and a lot more, many Americans, who are taxpayers, find themselves more concerned about how the new tax laws in the bill will affect them.

As an owner of a financial services company which offers tax preparation services, and a host of a radio show, I have received countless questions from individuals wanting to know how the One Big Beautiful Bill Act will impact their tax return.

Although there are many new tax laws in this bill I consider advantageous for middle and working class Americans, there is one that I consider highly beneficial. This new tax law is called, No Tax On Overtime Deduction.

With over 60 percent of Americans employed in occupations that are eligible for overtime pay, and approximately 20 million Americans regularly working overtime hours, this particular tax law is very attractive.

The No Tax On Overtime Deduction took effect January 1, 2025 and will remain effective through December 31, 2028. In a nutshell, this deduction is available to taxpayers for Tax Seasons 2025 through 2028.

The Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), regulated by the U.S. Department of Labor, states that all nonexempt workers, Form W-2 employees must be paid overtime pay for any hours worked over 40 in a work week. The rate of pay per hour for overtime must not be less than time and a half of an employee's regular rate of pay.

For example: An employee earning \$15 per hour would get paid \$22.50 per hour for any hours worked beyond 40 in any given work week.

All nonexempt workers, Form W-2 employees qualify for the No Tax On Overtime Deduction.

Salary employees, independent contractors, gig workers, and self-employed individuals do not qualify for this deduction.

When claiming the No Tax On Overtime Deduction, a taxpayer can only deduct the half portion of the overtime paid, not the full time and a half amount paid to them.

For example: Using the earlier scenario, a taxpayer could only deduct \$7.50 for each hour of overtime paid.

For the No Tax On Overtime Deduction, the maximum amount that can be claimed is \$12,500 for individual taxpayers, and \$25,000 for married filing jointly taxpayers. This particular deduction phases out for individual taxpayers with a modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) over \$150,000, and \$300,000 for married filing jointly taxpayers.

Taxpayers filing the married filing separately filing status do not qualify for this deduction.

This deduction is also available for both itemizing and non-itemizing taxpayers.

To find the amount to claim on your tax return for this deduction, look in box 14 of your Form W-2. Keep in mind, your employer has already done the calculation for the "half" portion of your overtime pay for the year, so claim the full amount in box 14 on your tax return for the deduction.

In the event you worked overtime and the amount is not listed in box 14 of your Form W-2, simply look at your last paycheck stub for the tax year you are filing for, find the year-to-date amount for your overtime pay earned, and divide that amount by three to get the "half" portion of your overtime pay to deduct.

For example: Your last paycheck stub states that you earned \$15,000 for the year in overtime pay. In this case, your deduction will be \$5,000.

The No Tax On Overtime Deduction is not one that your tax preparer, or yourself, if you are preparing your own tax return, want to ignore claiming.

It is estimated that, Americans claiming this deduction will receive up to \$1,400 more as a refund.

Remember, this particular deduction is not only available for Tax Season 2025, but also for Tax Seasons 2026, 2027, and 2028.

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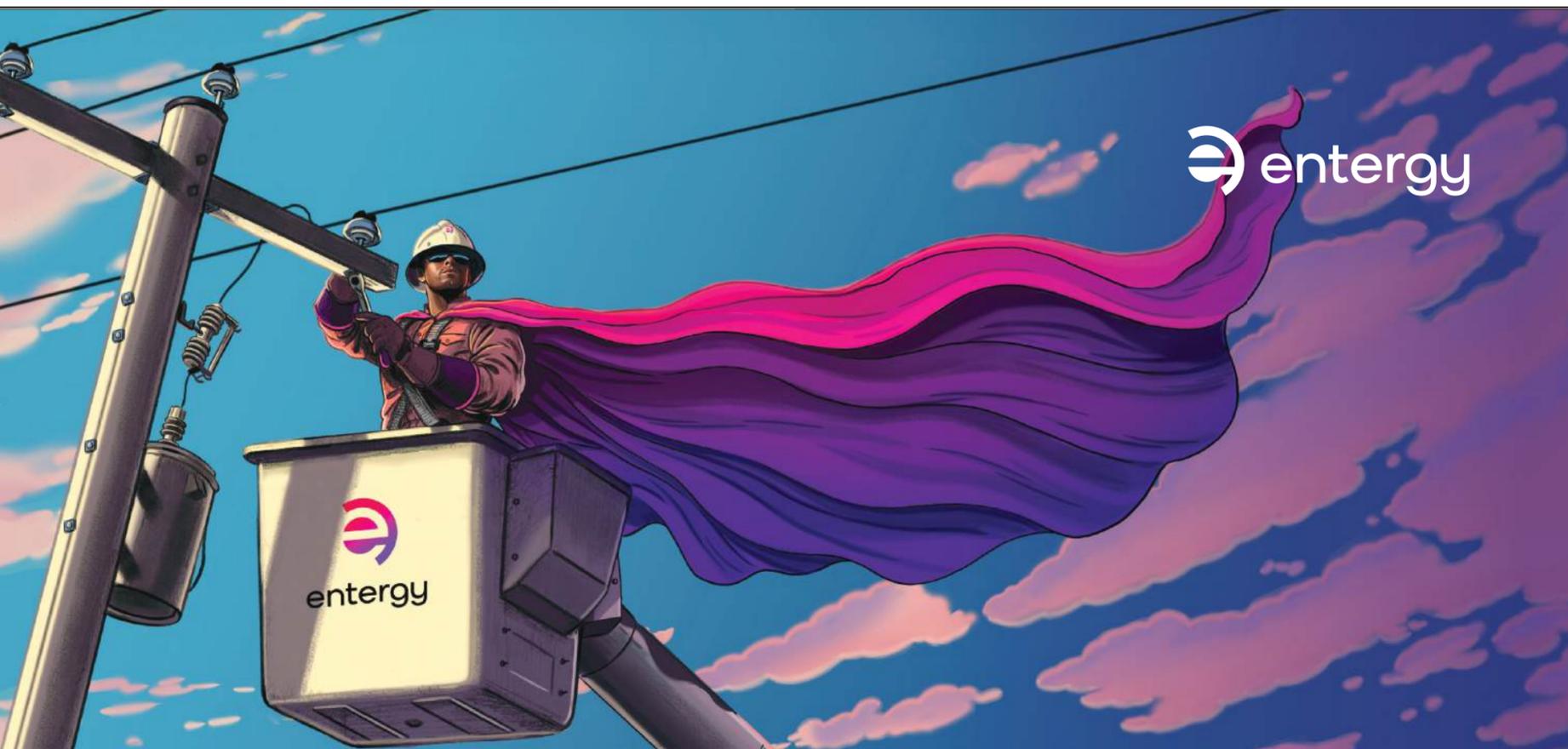
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Going ... Going ...Gone

After 40 years Earl ‘Big E’ Sanders Jr. has hit another homerun



Dr. Tim Rush, Jr., Coach Brady, Coach Sanders and his grandson Chris Friends of Coach Sanders



Hall of Fame members Coach Robert Bob Brady and Coach Earl Sanders

By Dr. Timothy Rush, Sr.
Guest Writer

On February 22, 2026, at the Marriott Hotel in Overland Park, Kansas, family, friends, and current players from Tougaloo College baseball team witnessed the induction of Earl ‘Big E’ Sanders Jr., former Jackson State University baseball standout into the College Baseball Hall of Fame.

Sanders’ induction class included Herbie Brooks – Mesa College/ Arizona State University; Mark McGuire- University of Southern California and David Price- Vanderbilt University.

Sanders became only the second JSU Tiger to enter the Hall. His college head coach Robert “Bob” Brady preceded

him being inducted into the Hall in 2016. Brady was in attendance and gave a congratulatory message via livestream. He noted that Sanders was Shohei Ohtani before he existed. Sanders had 4 tables of supporters; this level of support was parallel to the number of tables of support of Harvard University ...that’s right our support level at this event – rivaled Harvard University.

During Sanders’ acceptance speech, he noted the work ethic and expectation of Coach Robert Brady, and he paid homage to the players before him that built the bridge.

He was one of the most dominant players in Jackson State University’s history and a standout in the Historically

Black College and University arena. He played three seasons for JSU (1984-1986) and excelled as a two-way player both as a hitter and pitcher. In his final season, he posted a .432 batting average with 17 home runs and 60 RBIs leading the Tigers to the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) championship and an NCAA Regional appearance.

He earned both SWAC Hitter of the Year and Pitcher of the Year honors- a rare and remarkable achievement; Sanders was selected in the first round of the 1986 Major League Baseball Draft by the Toronto Blue Jays. After playing professionally (career cut short by injury), he transitioned into coaching and has made significant contribu-



(L-R) Tim Rush, Isaiah Rush, Jerome Gladney, Coach Sanders, Daryl Neely, and Curtis Augustine

tions to the baseball program at Tougaloo College, including helping to re-establish the Bulldogs’ program. The baseball field at Tougaloo College was dedicated to Sanders in

2023.

To date Sanders is member of the Moss Point Athletic Hall of Fame and it is the intent of this writer to recommend him again for the Mississippi

Sports Hall of Fame and The SWAC Hall of Fame.

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THE EPSTEIN FILES: Women spoke out, then and now. But who listened?

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By Chris Young
Contributing Writer

The release of more than 3.5 million documents related to convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein has created a media frenzy with reporters combing through the files to find high-profile names. The survivors who were exploited by Epstein and his cohorts have largely been relegated to the sidelines. Survivors' rights were not recognized as the Justice Department failed to redact many of their names in the tranche of released documents. Indeed, at a Senate committee hearing February 11, 2026, U.S. Attorney Pam Bondi failed to apologize to the victims sitting in the room with her. The Epstein case has failed to shed light on the larger issue of sex trafficking. The organization, Hope for Justice, notes that more than 1 million people are trafficked each year. The majority are young women and girls but fewer than 1 percent of sex trafficking cases are ever prosecuted.

This week, American Community Media's national briefing focused on the Epstein tragedy and the larger issue of sex trafficking, bringing together over seventy-five media outlets and four panelists; including one who was trafficked beginning at age seventeen. Journalist, author, and co-producer of ACOM's National Briefing Series, Pilar Marrero, served as moderator.

Dr. Michele Goodwin is a Professor of Constitutional Law and Global Health Policy at Georgetown University and shared first. "The first thing that I would like to express is that for all the Epstein survivors and all of those beyond Epstein - there is a connection between power, violence, and the silencing of people who have been sexually assaulted. This has been a long-standing issue, and in part, that may be why there has been such a long road towards justice, because there have been unjust systems in place. Even before now for historical context, in the United States marital rape was legal, even when this nation began with the land of the free, home of the brave, with concepts of liberty, privacy, and freedom. Married women were not afforded that."

Goodwin continued, "What we've had is a judge saying that these are files that should be made open and available to the public. What's been made open and available is only a fraction of the Epstein files. Horrifically, what's been revealed in these files are the names of individuals who have been raped and sexually assaulted. Even their images have been revealed. This is absolutely shocking and inconsistent with what would be the rule of law, and inconsistent with what we would expect in terms of dignity and integrity with regard to our laws. Now, around the world, there have been punishments, some people resigning from seats that they hold, and some of that we've seen in the United States, but it's been very, very slow. There's been a failure to take into account the U.S. President and his mention so many times in the Epstein files, and with allegations that he, too, had sexually assaulted someone who was a young girl. We have an American government, an Executive and Congress failing to take the action that is necessary in order for justice to be fully pursued."

Dr Goodwin was asked by The Mississippi Link newspaper if she was aware of any other convicted sex traffickers who have been visited by high-ranking DOJ officials, and then immediately had their confinement shifted to minimum security. She



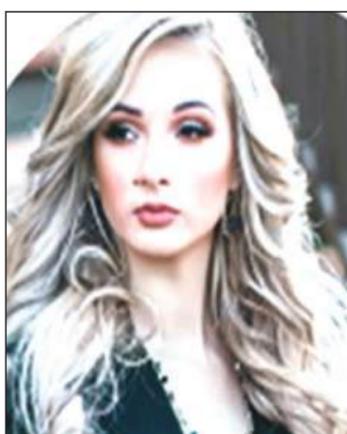
Dr. Michelle Goodwin. PHOTO: WWW.LAW.GEORGETOWN.EDU.



Carmen McDonald. PHOTO: WWW.SURVIVORJUSTICECENTER.ORG.



Jacquelyn Aluotto. PHOTO: WWW.NOTRAFFICKINGZONE.ORG.



Courtney Litvak. PHOTO: US DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

responded that this is the first time known to her.

Carmen McDonald, Executive Director of Survivor Justice Center, a legal services organization that provides free legal services to low-income survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and human trafficking in Los Angeles County. "One important issue to add is that victims describing the situation to law enforcement can be incredibly difficult because of the nuances between how a perpetrator and a survivor are connected may not even be fully understood by law enforcement, so the relationship could be mischaracterized. If officers are in a hurry, or they don't

understand how the survivor is connected to the suspect, they may not ask the right questions, and the crime could be mischaracterized as something maybe just a simple battery, or just a singular instance of a rape. Immigrant survivors have even more intense barriers, and if English is not your first language, you may struggle more. Then having someone's immigration status used against them is another concern. There are lawful remedies for survivors of trafficking, but now our clients are calling us and telling us they're afraid to report crimes, afraid to deal with law enforcement, afraid to be on the street at all."

Jacquelyn Aluotto, Co-Founder and President of No Trafficking Zone, was the next panelist. She shared, "Human trafficking is a \$245 billion industry. That alone should tell how many people are profiting and participating in this illicit business. We first founded No Trafficking Zone because that number was so overwhelming. There are different markets. What Epstein did was international through the modeling industry, with modeling visas, but then also domestic minor sex trafficking, where he went to the poorest communities and would get girls to recruit each other and do peer-on-peer exploitation in schools in Florida. In Texas, on any given day, over 79,000 youth are trafficked. One study reveals that 55 percent of survivor leaders said that they were first groomed, lured, recruited, and trafficked and exploited with an intersection to their schools - former students."

The final panelist was Courtney Litvak, a sex trafficking survivor who was trafficked across the country and held captive for three years. She has served as a member of the US Advisory Council to Combat Human Trafficking and has also served as a consultant for the Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign under both President Trump and President Biden.

"This happened to me when I was a junior in high school. It was a tedious time, looking to pursue college, PSAT's, getting prepared for your future. But I was in survival mode... my parents grew so concerned for me once I was taken, and I was drugged and assaulted during a school event, which was a homecoming dance, by a very abusive older gentleman who was in the military, but I was surrounded by my swim mates and I was supposed to be at a sleepover that night. It led to a federal investigation...days later, after I was involuntarily taken out of my school and sent to a wilderness program that was also very harmful, a part of the troubled teen industry. I was then brought back for my senior year (Katy Texas Independent School District), and my traffickers took me days after turning 18, they physically took me from my home, and then I was trafficked across the state, and including other states such as California..."

"I'm so thankful to the No Trafficking Zone for not just walking with myself, but also walking with other victims and survivors, trying to attempt justice because only 1 percent of victims are able to exit the life of human trafficking, and less than a tenth of a percentage who are able to exit ever see a possibility of getting a successful prosecution and conviction for human trafficking."

View this entire briefing at <https://americancommunitymedia.org/media-briefings/the-epstein-files-women-spoke-out-then-and-now-but-who-listened>.

IN MEMORIAM Eternal Salute to The Reverend Dr. Jesse L. Jackson, Sr.



Jackson

By Rev. Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr.,
President and CEO
National Newspaper Publishers Association

On behalf of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) representing the Black Press of America, we extend our sincerest condolences to the Jackson family. Leadership matters. Jesse Jackson's leadership in the Civil Rights Movement in America and the human rights movement throughout the world was outstanding. Jackson uttered a strong penetrating voice for the voiceless. His courage on the battlefield for freedom, justice and equality was unparalleled.

There is an old African proverb that says when a leader of the village transitions, the spirit of the leader remains at the center of the future of the village. Certainly, today in 2026 our nation and world are still challenged by racism, antisemitism, hatred, and inhumanity. The spirit of Jesse Jackson lives on at the center of the ever evolving and unfolding "freedom movement" throughout the world.

Golden Frinks, the North Carolina State Field Secretary for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) under the leadership of The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther, Jr., recruited me when I was 14 years old in 1962 to be the NC Statewide Youth Coordinator for SCLC. I grew up in the Civil Rights Movement. Jesse Jackson was a mentor and a colleague who I admired. I have hundreds of vivid memories of when we worked and struggled together for the liberation of all humanity.

I mourn the passing of Jesse Jackson, Sr. by rededicating my life and ministry to keep fighting for freedom and equal justice.

I witnessed firsthand the integrity, the movement-building genius, and the audacity of Martin Luther King, Jr and all those who worked with him including The Reverend Andrew Young, The Reverend David Abernathy; The Reverend Hosea Williams, The Reverend Fred Shuttlesworth, The Reverend Wyatt T. Walker, The Reverend Joseph Lowery, and The Reverend Jesse Jackson along with many others.

From the March on Washington in 1963, to the Selma Montgomery Voting Rights March in 1965, to the Poor Peoples Campaign in 1968, the Civil Rights Movement was successful in getting into law the 1964 Civil Rights Act, the 1965 Voting Rights Act, and the 1968 Fair Housing Act.

After the tragic and brutal assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. April 4, 1968, in Memphis, TN, the Civil Rights Movement was stunned and fractured. Thanks, however, to the steadfast courage and determination of Mrs. Coretta Scott King and others in SCLC, the Civil Rights Movement moved into the 1970s with renewed vigor to keep Dr. King's dream alive and vibrant.

In 1972, Jesse Jackson was one of the keynote speakers to the National Black Political Convention in Gary, IN. I remember conferring with Rev. Jackson while in Gary about the escalating violence against public school desegregation in North Carolina and across the South. In the 1980s, Jackson's two presidential campaigns ignited unrepresented Black voter turnout and helped to transform the Democratic Party to be more progressive. The Reverend Wyatt T. Walker and I were the clergy coordinators for Jesse Jackson's campaigns for president and "Run Jesse Run" became the anthem of the progressive political struggle across the nation.

Reverend Jesse Jackson was a great orator. But he also was a serious and effective writer of civil rights commentaries for the Black Press of America for decades. It is our responsibility to ensure that the legacy of Reverend Jackson will continue to be cherished and used as a stimulant for "Keeping Hope Alive." Jackson was a "freedom fighter."

Each generation has to take the baton of history and continue to win victories for freedom even in the face of those in power who attempt to erase our history and to stifle the freedom movement.

God bless the legacy of Jesse L. Jackson, Sr. Long live the spirit of the freedom struggle. Eternal salute to The Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, Sr.

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Is saving money still a part of the American economy these days?

By James B. Ewers Jr. Ed.D.
President Emeritus
Teen Mentoring Committee of Ohio



The O'Jays were a popular R&B group some years back. They had several hits and were fan favorites. We know

the lyrics of some of their tunes whether you are old school or new school.

"I know that money is the root of all evil. Do funny things to some people. Give me a nickel, brother, can you spare a dime? Money can drive some people out of their minds."

These lyrics should take some of us back when the song, "For the love of money" was a

hit record. We can only speculate how this song came to be. Was money flowing freely into the economy during this time?

We can come up with a variety of answers. What we do know is that money has always been needed for us to have a decent quality of life. We are doomed without it. You can also say that some people are doomed by it.

I don't remember when money started to have any importance to me. My parents provided for my needs, so my pockets were pretty much always empty. I didn't get an allowance. Quite honestly, kids in my neighborhood didn't receive an allowance.

The word "allowance" didn't

make its way to the East Winston section of Winston-Salem NC. We made our beds, washed dishes and other chores as required. We were not paid for things we were supposed to do.

We never complained about not having any money. That was just the way it was. All that mattered was that we were happy and we were.

It must have been during my high school years that I had a job as a substitute paperboy, so I was able to earn a few dollars. During my college years, I was able to gain a few dollars, so I wasn't pressed for money.

The American economy is spiraling these days. It has created a system where some people have money at their dis-

posal and others do not. Saving money is challenging and must be carefully thought out.

Saving pennies early in life will result in your spending dollars later in life. I was fortunate to be around people who understood how to save money. My first financial planner was my dad. He gave me a few tips on how to budget and to save some money. Those free lessons gave me a financial blueprint.

Now if you are in this new generation of workers, are you saving any money? Do you have a retirement plan? Are you living below your means? If you are then, congratulations. Keep doing it because it will pay off.

Reports say that folks, ages eighteen to twenty-four, are saving at a good clip. Fifty-eight percent of Gen Z and fifty-four percent of Millennials are saving more of their money.

It appears they are denying themselves fine dining and are not shopping at high end stores. They are putting money away using 40 K accounts.

Credit cards have been a deterrent for some in saving money. Those have been a temptation to all of us, regardless of age. They show no partiality.

Those in the age category of forty-five years to sixty years have a credit card debt of roughly \$9,600.00. Those in this age group care for both

their children and their parents' surveys say. Millennials on the other hand have a credit card debt of slightly over \$6,000.00. We have seen credit card interest rates increase dramatically over the past several years. This trend in my opinion will continue.

Our credit scores are important financial tools. Keep a good one and you will receive the best rates and perks. If you are unsure about your credit score, then ask a financial planner for advice.

Money management and saving money are tied together. Understanding how to navigate them will ensure that you will be able to save some money over time.

February is about loving too

By Ben Jealous
People For the American Way



We keep Black History Month on one shelf and Valentine's Day on another. One is supposed to be about pain and struggle. The other about flowers and pastel sugary hearts. Public remembrance of the most important Supreme Court decision about love in American history—Loving v. Virginia—waits for June, as if love itself were a summer excursion.

My life has taught me that matters of the heart belong in Black History Month too. Indeed such a short and bitterly cold month needs the memories of courageous love perhaps more than any other.

When I was a child in the 1970s, barely a decade after the Court decided Loving, I watched my parents hold hands in public and draw the kind of looks a child never forgets. The law had changed. The reflex had not. We honor Mildred and Richard Loving for their courage, and we should. Yet their victory was not a gift delivered from above. It was the law finally meeting the life people had already been living.

My maternal grandmother, Mamie Bland, taught me that long before I could name it. Her face was very English. Yet by Virginia law she was unquestionably Black. She carried the stories of our family quietly, without ornament, the way some people carry a Bible. She knew the South lived two lives at once—one written in statutes and another written at kitchen tables. Mamie believed the second life

would outlast the first. She was right.

Virginia's history shows that interracial unions were never an exception. They were part of the everyday rhythm of the Commonwealth. After Bacon's Rebellion—hardly the only time Virginians of different races had made common cause—the ruling class answered with laws meant to keep Black and white people from finding one another again.

Those walls were rebuilt after Reconstruction and perfected in the Racial Integrity Act of 1924, the eugenic scheme that forced Virginians into two boxes: white or colored.

The hypocrisy was written into the fine print. The same statute that criminalized Black-white marriage carved out a special door so white Virginians could continue boasting of descent from Pocahontas and John Rolfe. By law you were 100% white even with one-sixteenth Native ancestry. And by the same law yet one-thirty-second African Ancestry made you 100% Black.

My own family sits inside that ledger. DNA confirmed what Mamie already knew. I descend from the Bland line of Virginia, a family that proudly traced its roots to the Pocahontas-Rolfe union. Yet my great-great-grandfather Edward David Bland was born enslaved because his father Frederick was the son of a Bland planter and an enslaved woman—and Frederick was legally owned by his own half-brother, Richard Yates Bland. That is not a metaphor. It is a document. It is a life passed from one column of a

will to another.

Virginia celebrated a legend while punishing a reality. The colony preferred a story about John Smith rescuing an Indian princess to the recorded marriage between Pocahontas and Rolfe that produced living descendants. Myth was easy to salute. Intimacy was harder to face.

By the time Mildred Jeter and Richard Loving married in Washington in 1958, generations had already voted with their hearts. Couples crossed county lines, raised children in common-law homes, or kept their vows in quiet rooms. The state called those unions unnatural, yet they were as Virginia as the river and the red clay. In 1967 the Supreme Court did not create a new country. It recognized the one that had been breathing all along.

Judge Leon Bazile, who sentenced the Lovings to exile, said God had placed the races on separate continents and never meant them to mix. But the very families who wrote Virginia's laws had been mixing since the first ships anchored at Jamestown, perhaps even before. There is the truth defined by legislating otherness. And then there is the truth defined by loving one another despite it all.

That is why the story of Loving should be celebrated in February, too. Black history is not only the history of pain and protest. It is also the history of love surviving under threat.

Ben Jealous is a professor of practice at the University of Pennsylvania, best-selling author, and former National President and CEO of the NAACP.

What is your spouse craving?

By LaShunda Calvert, Ph.D.
Tips for a Good Marriage



Have you ever craved something that you really wanted? This question makes me think about my Big Daddy.

I know what you are thinking but you are wrong. Yes, I crave my Big Daddy, and he craves his Brown Sugar - me too but please continue reading sweetie for more insight. Anyways, Big Daddy came to my mind as it relates to my good ole cookin (yes, I eliminated the g).

Look, I can throw down in the kitchen (our children would disagree now as I have transitioned to preparing and cooking healthier meals for the past several years). In fact, I have several dishes that my husband craves every now and then which includes the following: my ooey goey Lasagna (this is my husband's favorite)—each layer of pasta is filled with various cheeses, fresh tomato sauce, and of course a mixture of ground beef and sausage (according to my mother's recipe, the secret to the good taste is the ground sausage) and of course my love, my Pot Roast that is so tender that when you put it in your mouth it automatically melts — you don't have to chew it, and lastly he craves my Enchiladas — add some sour cream — you will forget about eating healthy. All in all, my husband's cravings for my meals indicate that he either doesn't consistently get these meals or they are obsolete. There was a time that I cooked these meals consistently but since trying to adhere to eating healthier - I don't typically cook these meals but once or twice a year. Like my husband's cravings — many spouses are craving something that they don't often get, or it is missing in their marriage.

According to experts both husbands and wives are craving something in their marriage, but wives tend to crave more than

husbands do.

What Is Your Spouse Craving in Your Marriage?

- YOU — your spouse wants to spend quality time together
- Prayer Life — MC Hammer sang you gotta pray to make it today
- Fulfilling their love language — Words of affirmation, quality time, receiving gifts, acts of service and physical touch
- Communication
- Eye Contact
- Reduced technology usage
- Dates
- Surprises
- Appreciation
- Positive attention
- Respect
- Listening Ear
- Empathy
- Patience
- Understanding
- Acknowledgment
- Compromise
- Support
- Faithfulness
- Forgiveness
- Trust
- Healing
- Help with the children, house chores, finances, etc.
- Spontaneity
- Affection — hug, hold hands, cuddle, etc.
- INTIMACY — where there is no touch — the marriage can perish
- Reassurance of your love and commitment to your marriage

What Are the Benefits of Helping Meet Your Spouse Cravings in Marriage?

The benefits can include the following:

- Growing as one
 - Working as a team
 - Love and care are reciprocated by each other
 - Builds trust/security
 - Improve intimacy
 - Increase bonding
 - Can improve physical and mental health
 - Overall happiness and fulfillment
- Spouses do you realize that you are pushing your spouse's away when you refuse to fulfill

their cravings for attention, affection, affirmation, and intimacy — this can be dangerous. Please understand there are men and women like hungry sharks, who are willing to easily meet your spouse cravings, which will ultimately lead to the dismantling of your marriage. If you truly love and care for your spouse and don't want to lose your soul mate, the person that God joined you with, then try every day to satisfy each other's cravings as often as you can. And if you are struggling to satisfy each other's cravings seek help from your pastor, Marriage Counselor, Family Doctor, etc. as soon as possible.

In conclusion, is it fair or reasonable to expect your spouse to go day after day, month after month and year after year not getting their needs met? No, neither of you should be craving much of anything in marriage when you both took vows to fulfill each other's cravings until death do you part. It doesn't take a whole lot for you to fulfill or meet each other's cravings — its within hand reach. For instance, there's no way that Big Daddy should be craving my lasagna and I do not cook it for him! Therefore, Big Daddy will get his lasagna this week ANDT something extra sauce on the side. What is your spouse craving? Husbands and wives, if you have no idea what your spouse craves from you, have a conversation immediately and make the necessary changes to fulfill your spouse cravings TODAY!

Contact Dr. LaShunda Calvert for speaking engagements (Motivational, Ministering, Marriage Counseling, Marriage Workshops, Marriage Seminars, Marriage Conferences, etc.) Marriage Ministry: The Restoration Church, Suite H, Jackson, MS. 39206, on: Instagram: letsstaytogether4eva (Dr. LaShunda Calvert) Facebook: Dr. LaShunda Calvert Email:letsstaytogether4eva@gmail.com Contact # 601-596-2528

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RULE 81 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION OF THE MINOR
CHILD DESCRIBED WITHIN
CAUSE NO.: AD2025-11795 G/2

TO: UNKNOWN FATHER OF THE
MINOR CHILD BORN ON March 8, 2022
IN TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS at
Abcension Seton Medical Center Austin

RULE 81 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE COMPLAINT OR PETITION WHICH IS ATTACHED TO THIS SUMMONS IS
IMPORTANT AND YOU MUST TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR
RIGHTS.

You are summoned to appear and defend against said complaint or petition at 9:00 O'clock

A.M. on the 12th day of May, 2026, in the courtroom of the Hinds County Chancery Courthouse at
Jackson, Mississippi, before Honorable Tiffany Grove. In case of your failure to appear and defend
a judgment may be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or
petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you
desire.

ISSUED under my hand and seal of said Court, this the 29 day of
January, 2026.

(SEAL) Eddie Jean Carr
Clerk of Hinds County, Mississippi
[Signature], D.C.



2/12/2026

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
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TO: ADRIAN DANIELLE WALKER,
MOTHER OF J. W.
ANYWHERE SHE MAY BE FOUND

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2/12/2026, 2/19/2026

LEGAL

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF ALICE JONES, DECEASED
SADIE SABIR, PETITIONER

PLAINTIFF

VS. CIVIL ACTION NO: 21-443-M

UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ALICE JONES,
UNKNOWN HEIRS OF BOBBY D. JONES,
UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JOHNNY LEE JONES

DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: Unknown Heirs at law of Alice Jones,
Unknown Heirs at law of Bobby D. Jones,
Unknown Heirs at law of Johnny Jones.

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Sadie Sabir, Plaintiff(s),
to determine the heirship of Alice Jones., Bobby D. Jones, Johnny Jones, deceased.

You are summoned to appear and defend against said **SECOND AMENDED Motion for
Determination of Heirship at 9:00a.m. on the 17th day of March 2026**, in the Chancery
courtroom of Hinds County Courthouse in Jackson Mississippi, located at **316 S. President Street
Jackson, MS, 39201**, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment may be entered
against you for the money or other things demanded in the Motion.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you desire.
Such should be served by mailing to Joseph A. Denson, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is
P.O. Box 5022, 1931 23rd Avenue, Meridian, Mississippi 39302, Telephone (601) 693-5400.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 12th day of Feb
2026.

(SEAL) CLERK OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
[Signature]
Deputy Clerk



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LEGAL

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING

ZONING CASE NO. 4320

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council
of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby
given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Christopher Jones has
filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning
from C80-MU (Mixed-Use) Subdistrict to C80-I1 (Light) Industrial Subdistrict to allow for
the development of a construction manufacturing production facility for the property located
at Parcel Numbers: 824-561, 824-565 & 824-567 on JR Lynch St. Ext. in the First Judicial
District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Parcel 824-561

BEGINNING at a point 1,680.58 feet South and 652.57 feet East of the Northwest corner
of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 1, Township 5 North, Range
1 West; thence Southwesterly 247.62 feet; thence Westerly 404.17 feet; thence Northerly
along a curve 34.44 feet; thence Northeasterly 168.08 feet; thence Northeasterly along a
curve 118.77 feet; thence Easterly 376.97 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Being situated in the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 12, Township 5
North.

Containing 2,7043 acres, more or less.

Parcel 824-565

BEGINNING at a point 1,138.52 feet East of the Southwest corner of Lot 1, Block B,
Farmington eights Part 2; thence Southeast 386.61 feet; thence South 342.23 feet; thence
West 148.0 feet; thence South 10 feet; thence West 490.16 feet; thence Northwest 133.87
feet; thence North 141.57 feet; thence Northeast 367.32 feet; thence West 20.21 feet;
thence Northeast 190.67 feet; thence Southeast to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Being situated in the North Half of the North Half of Section 12, and in the Southeast
Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 1, Township 5 North, Range 1 West, Hinds
County, Mississippi.

Parcel 824-567

BEGINNING at the Southeast corner of Lot 9, Block B, Farmington Heights Part 2; thence
East 8.77 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence Northeast 156.39 feet; thence
Northeast 77.0 feet; thence Southeast 299.98 feet; thence Southwest 190.21 feet; thence
East 20.21 feet; thence Southwest 367.32 feet; thence Southwest 141.57 feet; thence West
on the North line of Lynch Street 331.13 feet; thence Northeast 310.93 feet; thence West
31.75 feet; thence Northeast 208.81 feet; thence East 24.25 feet; thence Northeast 69.65
feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Being a part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 1, and the
Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 12, Township 5 North, Range 1 West,
Hinds County, Mississippi.

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson
Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in
Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at which time all
parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question,
after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its
recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any
person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City
Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired,
or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72
hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or
auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

DUE TO THE CONCERN FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE, THE
PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS, APPLICANTS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC HAVE THE
OPTION TO ATTEND THE MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO. PLEASE EMAIL
EAINSWORTH@CITY.JACKSON.MS.US TO REGISTER FOR THE TELECONFERENCE/
VIDEO INFORMATION PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 18, 2026.

WITNESS my signature this 30TH day of January 2026.

/s/Ester L. Ainsworth
Zoning Administrator
City of Jackson, Mississippi

2/5/2026, 2/19/2026

LEGAL

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING

ZONING CASE NO. 4318

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City
Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof,
notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that
James King has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application
requesting a Rezoning from C80-RE Residential Estate Subdistrict to C80-MU
(Mixed-Use) Subdistrict to allow for the construction of a community recreational
center/event venue for the property located at Parcel Numbers: 821-620-2 & 821-
620-3 on Highway 80 West in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi
and being more particularly described as:

Parcel 821-620-2

Commencing from the intersection of the South ROW line of U.S. Highway 80 and
the North line of Lot 8, Nelson Place, Part 1, as recorded in the Plat Book 8 at Page
50 in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County, at Jackson, Mississippi, and
run thence along the South line of U.S. Highway 80 North 60 degrees 16 minutes 15
seconds W 856.03 feet to the point of beginning; thence S 29 degrees 43 minutes 45
seconds W 475.72 feet; thence N 89 degrees 30 minutes 59 seconds W 421.0 feet;
thence N 28 degrees 14 minutes 40 seconds East 581.63 feet; thence S 60 degrees
16 minutes 15 seconds East 385.0 feet to the Point of the Beginning. Being situated
in the S- 1/4 of the SW- 1/4 of the Section 35; T6N, R1W, Hinds Co., MS., containing
5.0 acres more or less.

Parcel 821-620-3

Commencing from the intersection of the South ROW line of U.S. Highway 80 and
the North line of Lot 8, Nelson Place, Part 1, as recorded in Plat Book 8 at Page 50
in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County, at Jackson, Mississippi, and
run thence along the South line of U.S. Highway 80 North 60 degrees 16 minutes
15 seconds W 1241.03 feet to the point of Beginning; thence S 28 degrees 14
minutes 40 seconds W 681.63 feet; thence North 89 degrees 30 minutes 59 seconds
West 220.0 feet; thence N 14 degrees 46 minutes 30 seconds East 816.54 feet;
thence South 60 degrees 16 minutes 15 seconds East 385.0 feet to the Point of the
Beginning. Being situated in the S 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 35; T6N, R1W, Hinds
County, Mississippi, containing 5.0 acres, more or less.

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew
Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President
Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at
which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and
con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City
Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any
objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and
if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if
a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If
a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City
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WITNESS my signature this 30th day of January 2026.

/s/Ester L. Ainsworth
Zoning Administrator
City of Jackson, Mississippi

2/5/2026, 2/19/2026

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING

ZONING CASE NO. 4319

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the
City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115
thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected
thereby, that Mt. Nebo Baptist Church has filed with the Planning Board for the City
of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from R-4 (Limited Multi-family)
Residential District and C-3 (General) Commercial District to NMU-1 Neighborhood
(Mixed Use) District, Pedestrian Oriented to allow for the addition of a parking lot
and other church community oriented services for the properties located at Parcel
Numbers: 159-113, 159-133, 159-121-1, & 159-109 on Tunica St, 159-103, 159-104,
159-122-1, 159-122, 159-142 & 159-143 on JR Lynch St. and Parcel 159-126 on
Aberdeen St.. in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being
more particularly described as:

1245 Tunica St. (Parcel 159-113)

Lot 6, Block 13, College Suburb, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof
which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County, at
Jackson, Mississippi, recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 66, reference to which is hereby
made in aid of and as a part of this description.

Lot 7, Block 13, College Suburb, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof
which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County, at
Jackson, Mississippi, recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 66, reference to which is hereby
made in aid of and as a part of this description.

Lot 8, Block 13, College Suburb, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof
which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County, at
Jackson, Mississippi, recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 66, reference to which is hereby
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Lot 9, Block 13, College Suburb, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof
which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County, at
Jackson, Mississippi, recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 66, reference to which is hereby
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Lots 10 & 12, Block 13, College Suburb, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof
which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County,
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Lot 11, Block 13, College Suburb, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof
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Lot 15, Block 13, College Suburb, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof
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Lot 17, Block 13, College Suburb, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof
which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County, at
Jackson, Mississippi, recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 66, reference to which is hereby
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A STRIP OF LAND LYING IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF AND ADJOINING LOT 17
IN BLOCK 13, COLLEGE SUBURB SUBDIVISION TO THE CITY OF JACKSON,
MISSISSIPPI, ACCORDING TO RECORDED PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION
OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK, IN JACKSON,
MISSISSIPPI, SAID STRIP OF LAND BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED AS BEING
SOUTH OF LOT 17 FRONTING THIRTY-FIVE FEET, MORE OR LESS, ON TUPELO
STREET AND EXTENDING SOUTH TO THE NORTH LINE OF UTICA STREET AND
EASTWARDLY 140 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A TEN FOOT ALLEY, SAID STRIP
OF LAND BEING THE STRIP OF LAND LYING SOUTH AND ADJOINING SAID LOT
17, BLOCK 13, DESCRIBED IN DEED DATED JULY 29, 1955, FROM MISSISSIPPI
INVESTMENT COMPANY, GRANTOR, TO WILLIE ROBINSON, GRANTEE,
RECORDED IN BOOK 921 AT. PAGF 460, OF THE AFORESAID RECORDS.

Parcel 159-133

Lot 2, Block 14, College Suburb, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof
which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County, at

Jackson, Mississippi, recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 66, reference to which is hereby
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Lot 12, Block 14, College Suburb, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof
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Lot 14, Block 14, College Suburb, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof
which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County, at
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Lot 16, Block 14, College Suburb, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof
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Lot Eighteen (18), Block Fourteen (14), College Suburb Survey, and a strip of land
south and adjacent to less 55' north side, a subdivision of record and on file in the
office of the Chancery Clerk of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, MS in
plat book 1, page 66, and 55 feet on north side of Lot Eighteen, Block Fourteen of
College Suburb, a subdivision of record and on file in the office of the Chancery
Clerk of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, MS, in plat book 1, page 66.

Parcel 159-121-1

A parcel of land in college suburb survey adj & South of Lot 18 Block 13 bounded on
South by Utica Street East by Tunica Street & Extending West to an alley.

Parcels 159-103, 159-104 & 159-109

Lots 1, 2 and 5 Block 13, College Suburb, a subdivision according to a map or plat
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County, at Jackson, Mississippi, recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 66, reference to
which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description

Parcels 159-126, 159-122 & 159-122-1

Lots 1 & 5, Block 14, College Suburb, a subdivision according to a map or plat
thereof which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds
County, at Jackson, Mississippi, recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 66, reference to
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Parcel 159-142

Lot 3, Block 15, College Suburb, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof
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Jackson, Mississippi, recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 66, and in subsequent recording
in Book 3536, page 030, and in references to which is hereby made in aid of and as
a part of this description.

Parcel 159-143

LOT 4, LESS 40 FT S/S BLK 15 COLLEGE SUB SY & LESS TRI NE COR TO ST

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2/5/2026, 2/19/2026

AUCTION FOR CITY OF JACKSON ABANDONED, STOLEN, SEIZED VEHICLES, EVIDENCE, AND RECOVERED PROPERTY

To all interested parties, known and unknown, Pursuant to the MS State Code of 1972, Section 21-39-21, the City of Jackson, Mississippi, will sell at Public Auction, the impounded, abandoned, lost, stolen, or misplaced motor vehicles and equipment listed on the attached schedule. Unclaimed motor vehicles and equipment may be sold after the expiration of ninety (90) days from their receipt or recovery by the City of Jackson. The auction will be held online at <https://marketplace.auctura.com/auctions/jac-ms/> on February 24, 2026 at 10:00 am

A list and description of abandoned/unclaimed vehicles will be posted pursuant to statutory requirements in the following locations:

Hinds County Court House
Hinds Country Chancery Court Building
Jackson City Hall/City Clerk's Office" (2/3/2026)

2/5/2026

8840357 • 2012/DODGE/RAM/WHITE • 3C6JD7AT6CG229719
8840360 • 2014/DODGE/CHALLENGER/BLACK • 2C3CDYBT6EH154288

8840411 • 2014/DODGE/AVENGER/RED • 1C3CDZAB1EN196731

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8843747 • 2004/TOYOTA/HIGHLANDER/GOLD •

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8864368 • 1999/TOYOTA/CAMRY/WHITE • 4T1BG22KXXU483543

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8865292 • 2000/MERCURY/GRAND MARQUIS/SILVER • 2MEFM75W1YX667577

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8912511 • 2001/SUZUKI/OTHER/GREEN • JS1GT74A312107237

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8950100 • 2015/CHRYSLER/200/GRAY • 1C3CCAB1FN696227

2/5/2026, 2/12/2026, 2/19/2026

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC HEARING IS SET FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 10, AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL, 219 S. PRESIDENT STREET, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI 39201. IT IS HEREBY SCHEDULED TO DISCUSS THE RENAMING OF LILLY STREET (FROM WOODROW WILSON BLVD. TO CLOVER HILL DRIVE) TO DAMIAN MURRIEL DRIVE.

IN CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING:

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI ESTABLISHING THE RENAMING OF LILLY STREET (FROM WOODROW WILSON BLVD. TO CLOVER HILL DRIVE) TO DAMIAN MURRIEL DRIVE.

2/19/2026

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF ROGERS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANDREW ROGERS, JR., DECEASED

CAUSE NO: 25-cv-01209

NOTICE TO UNKNOWN CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted by the Chancery Court of Rankin County, Mississippi to the undersigned Administrator upon the Estate of Andrew Rogers, Jr., Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to the law, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

This the 20th day of August, 2025.

Belinda Rogers
Belinda Rogers, Administrator

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF RANKIN

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the jurisdiction aforesaid, the within named, Belinda Rogers Administrator for the Estate of Andrew Rogers, Jr., deceased, who having been by me first duly sworn, states that the above Notice to Creditors is true and correct as therein stated.

This the 20th day of August, 2025.

NOTARY MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
Damon Stevenson, Stevenson Legal Group, PLLC
1010 N. West Street, Jackson, MS 39202
Telephone: (769) 251-0207, Facsimile: (601) 608-7872

2/19/2026

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Advertisement for Bid 3255

Powell Middle School Phase 2 Project ESSER Renovations

Electronic and sealed bid proposals for the above bid will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. (Local Prevailing Time) Thursday, March 7, 2024, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. A Pre-Bid Conferences concerning this project will be held at 3655 Livingston Road, Jackson, MS 39213 on Thursday, February 22, 2024, at 10:00 A.M. Attendance at the pre-bid conferences is non-mandatory but strongly encouraged. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any bid if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date bids are opened.

Plan holders are required to register and order bid documents at www.jpdsmsprojects.com. A \$150.00 non-refundable deposit shall be required on each set of bid documents and must be purchased through the website. All plan holders are required to have a valid email address for registration. Questions regarding website registration and online orders please contact Plan House Printing, 607 W. Main Street, Tupelo, MS 38804, (662) 407-0193. Questions regarding bid documents please contact Charles Bunniran at Allen & Hoshall, Phone: 601-977-8993, or Email: cbunniran@allenhoshall.com.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

**MIMS SHERIFF, JR., DECEASED CAUSE NO.:
P2024-282**

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF MIMS SHERIFF, DECEASED

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Lorraine Sheriff, Petitioner seeking the adjudication of heirs of Mims Sheriff, Jr., Deceased.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 1:30 o'clock p.m., on the 25th day of March, 2026, in the Chancery Courtroom of Hinds County before Honorable Dewayne Thomas, Chancellor. In case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the __2nd__ day of February, 2026.

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• 1st Advertise: 16 February 2026 (Clarion); 19 February 2026 (Jackson Advocate, MS Link)
• 2nd Advertise: 23 February 2026 (Clarion) 26 February 2026 (Jackson Advocate, MS Link)
• Final Date for Questions: 27 February 2026
• Addendum (if applicable): 02 March 2026
• Bid Opening Day: 17 March 2026 @ 10:00 A.M.
• Vendors may be notified of Board Review and Potential Award after the Bid Date
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• 2nd Advertise: 19 February 2026 (Clarion Jackson Advocate, MS Link)
• Pre-bid Conference: 23 February 2026 (ZOOM)
• Final Date for Questions: 26 February 2026
• Answers to Questions: 02 March 2026
• Bid Opening Day: 06 March 2026 by 10:00 A.M.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC HEARING IS SET FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 10, AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL, 219 S. PRESIDENT STREET, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI 39201. IT IS HEREBY SCHEDULED TO DISCUSS THE HONORARY RENAMING OF ROBINSON STREET (FROM BROAD STREET TO PRENTISS STREET) TO REVEREND DR. JOHN E. CAMERON, SR. DRIVE.

IN CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING:

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI HONORARY RENAMING OF ROBINSON STREET (FROM BROAD STREET TO PRENTISS STREET)

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE JACKSON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (JHPC) WILL HOLD ITS MONTHLY MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2026 AT 11:00am IN THE ANDREW JACKSON CONFERENCE ROOM (RM. 105) OF THE WARREN HOOD BUILDING, 200 SOUTH PRESIDENT STREET, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

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A. CASE NO. HPNC-26-5
LOCATION: 111 E CHURCH ST (PARCEL 79-16)
HISTORIC DISTRICT: FARISH STREET APPLICANT: MARC ROWE
AMENDED REQUEST: INSTALL A GUARD RAIL ON THE FRONT STEPS, GUTTER ACROSS THE FRONT OF THE BUILDING, & CLOSE IN THE REAR PORCH TO EXPAND THE KITCHEN.

B. CASE NO. HPNC-26-6
LOCATION: 1828 LYNCREST AVE (PARCEL 9-92)

HISTORIC DISTRICT: BEHAVEN APPLICANT: MARC TREADWAY
AMENDED REQUEST: DEMOLISH A STRUCTURELY UNSAFE DETACHED GARAGE.

C. CASE NO. HPNC-26-7
LOCATION: 1203 PINEHURST ST (PARCEL 15-42)
HISTORIC DISTRICT: BELHAVEN APPLICANT: DONALD JORDAN
REQUEST: CONSTRUCT AN INFILL SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSE AND REMOVE A TREE.

D. CASE NO. HPNC-26-8
LOCATION: 800 N FARISH STST (PARCEL 74-1)
HISTORIC DISTRICT: FARISH STREET APPLICANT: KIMBERLY VIVERETTE
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A Celebration of Faith – An Evening of Recognition for the Love of Others

By Daphne Monix Higgins
Contributing Writer

When the word faith is uttered, many can quickly recite the scripture: Hebrews 11:1 – “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evident of things not seen.” With this knowledge of the word top of mind, the Public Relations Ministry at College Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Jackson, Miss., hosted a Faith Based Forum where the pastor gave his annual “State of the Church Address.”

The Fifth Annual Faith Based Forum was held on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. in the Family Life Center where dinner was served by the College Hill hostess committee. Serving as moderator was Malena W. Dow, a member of the Public Relations Ministry.

Prior to giving his State of the Church Address, Pastor Chauncy L. Jordon, Sr. greeted all of the attendees with a joyful salute that drew chuckles from the audience. He shared that he was practicing for his next career, comedian extraordinaire. Loving responses followed his opening remarks, encouraging him to keep his “ministerial position” a little longer. He then delivered his address to include sharing the successes of the church, its’ ministries, its’ outreach, and its’ growth. He told his members that they must remain gospel-driven, Christ-Centered and Holy Spirit-led. He said, “Together we can reach more, teach more and lead more.” He closed by saying “It is disciples who make disciples.”

The evening included a session on “Let’s Talk” where members were given the opportunity ask questions of the pastor and leaders of various ministries of the church regarding not only the present but also the future of the church. This session was facilitated by Jonathan Coleman, president of the Public Relations Ministry.

The closing highlight for the evening was the presentation of the Protégé award, Most Valuable Player award, and Member of the Year award by Denise



Pastor Jordan gives “State of the Church” address.



Malena Dow served as moderator



The Media Production Team received the Most Valuable Player Award

Griffin-Whittington.

Recipients of the awards included: Blake Hansberry, who received the Protégé Award, which honors a young person who is growing in faith, character, and leadership. The Media Production Team received the Most Valuable Player Award, which recognizes members whose impact is felt throughout the church and who give their all (heart, time, and energy) in support of its mission. The final presentation, the Member of the Year Award, is presented to the person who consistently demonstrates commitment to God, dedication to the church, and love for others. This award was presented to Lena Yvette Mitchell, a lifelong member of College Hill. Mitchell seemed very shocked when her name was called to receive this award.



L-R: President Coleman, Blake Hansberry recipient of the Protégé Award & Pastor Jordan. PHOTOS BY CHRISTIANE THOMAS MCCARTY



Church member, Gail Gettis asking a question during the Q & A Session



Jackie Hampton bringing greetings to the Faith Based Forum attendees



Jonathan Coleman (L) preparing to present award to a tearful Lena Yvette Mitchell as Pastor Jordan comforts her from the shock of being chosen as Member of the Year.

“Show Your Love for Valentine’s Day Blood Drive” Advocates Health Through Line Dancing and Donating Blood



MS Blood Services Marketing Director, Stephanie Sutton (left) with staff member.

By Janice K. Neal-Vincent, Ph.D.
Contributing Writer

Saturday, February 14, 2026, was a day we welcomed. We could not forget it because it was Valentine’s Day. Many spent time hanging out with loved ones. Many worked while others took a break from work. Many took time to remember their health while line dancing and donating blood.

The Pete Brown Golf Course was a main attraction for blood donations last Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. That western section of Woodrow Wilson featured Aaron Honeysucker (King of Line Dance) who danced outside in public view with his line dance classes to many popular line dance tunes. Under his leadership, those steps were right on time for the entire four-hour blood drive.

Parallel to the line dance station was another feature: the Mississippi Blood Services’ bus where donors entered, greeted by the staff, signed their names, and answered a series of questions pertaining to matters relevant to donating blood. Afterwards, the donating process was explained prior to the procedure. Once the donations were complete, donors remained seated for at least five minutes to be sure that there were no complications. Each donor received snacks and a t-shirt. Additionally, a healthy meal awaited line dancers and blood donors on the grounds.

Honeysucker commented that The City of Jackson; Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW Post 9832); Forever Young; CAMEZ & The Well; and Quest Fitness Clubs joined forces to make the Blood

Drive a success. Also, All For One, Golden Key, Jes Move and CHIOF were line organizations celebrating real love by donating blood, fellowship, and getting fit. “We had 16 that were able to give blood and 4 who are going to the Blood Bank to donate on Thursday of this week,” Honeysucker concluded.

Onsite was Stephanie Sutton (Marketing Representative of the West: Vicksburg, Jackson, Port Gibson, Meridian, etc.). “The MBS supports local hospitals. One single donation could save up to three lives. Blood is provided for trauma and sickle cell patients. The Mobile Drive Unit is a quick way to make donations in the community. It’s very important to keep blood on the shelf,” Sutton said.

Sutton further explained that she sees her job as not only a job, but a service that helps others. This service is provided for all ages. “There’s significance of being in the space to work to serve the people. This job has been wonderful, and everybody is supportive in giving blood,” said the representative.

In 1979, MBS was founded to manage the state’s blood supply. Blood donations are encouraged to ensure that patients in Mississippi and beyond have a safe and adequate supply of blood. MBS state-of-the-art facility is open 24 hours every day in Flowood and works with other blood centers across the nation.

To learn more about Mississippi Blood Drives, email msblood.com or ssutton@msblood.com; or call 601-757-0865 or 888-90-BLOOD.



Line dancing made fun with Aaron Honeysucker (top right) and merging line dancing organizations for blood giving. PHOTOS COURTESY OF AARON HONEYSUCKER

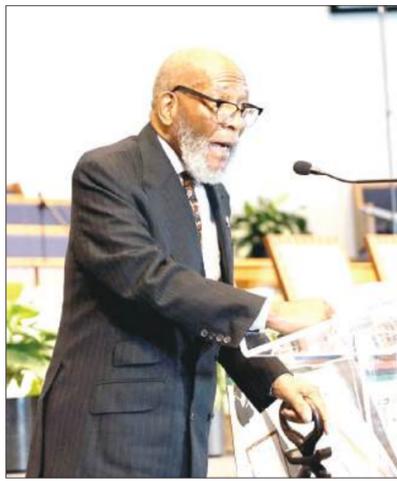


Line dancers enjoying popular tunes at Pete Brown Golf Course in Jackson. PHOTO BY JANICE NEAL VINCENT

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Letter to the Editor/Publisher

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Dear Editor/Publisher:
 Below are excerpts from a letter I sent to various Mississippi State Representatives and State Senators on behalf of Mississippi Valley State University. The full text of the letter has been reduced to meet the space requirements of this newspaper. I sent a cover email to the legislators requesting their support in opposing any proposed performance-based funding formulas that would negatively impact Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCU's).
 My name is Joe McFadden, a native of Panther Burn, MS, located in Sharkey County. I am a 1986 alumnus of Mississippi Valley State University and a 1992 alumnus of Mississippi State University. Please allow me to preface this letter by saying that I value the education provided by all institutions of higher learning in the state. Through my children's participation in school activities, I was privileged to visit almost every community and senior college in the state, as well as numerous private schools. Our family has attended and/or earned degrees from several of the institutions.

I am compelled to share some concerns I have about planned proposals that will forever change the trajectory of and access to higher education in Mississippi, if passed by the Mississippi State Legislature and implemented by the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL).
 On December 10-11, 2025, I attended hearings of the joint House and Senate Universities and Colleges Committees at the Mississippi State Capitol. During the hearings, there was much discussion about changing the funding formula for the eight state-supported institutions of higher learning. In short, a performance-based formula would reward universities with highly technical fields of study (i.e., engineering and nursing) that produce graduates with much higher-than-average salaries and penalize universities for programs they do not and cannot offer. The Mississippi IHL prohibits duplication of some programs at some universities. It should be noted that MVSU had a renowned nursing program that was taken away.
 The important caveat is that Mississippi Valley State University was founded as a teachers' college to educate students in the Mississippi Delta

and surrounding areas, to train educators, and to teach various trades to enhance workforce development.
 During the early 1980's, MVSU lost approximately half of its academic programs due to state-mandated budget cuts. However, the state is more fiscally sound today. Although the academic programs at MVSU have increased over the years, they pale in comparison to the programs that will be rewarded at other schools under a proposed funding formula.
 MVSU is the youngest HBCU in the state and nation. However, because of historical underfunding, it has the oldest facilities of any state-supported college in the state. Such disparities in funding negatively affect student recruitment, scholarships, faculty and staff salaries, facilities, etc.
 As alumni, we remain committed to advocating for our cherished University because it continues to provide education to many first-generation college students, including myself. It has allowed many of us to receive a quality education and rewarding careers, thus breaking the chain of generational poverty. The return on investment is evident in the quality of alumni that MVSU has produced. We make

meaningful contributions to society in vast fields, thus enabling us to become major tax producers contributing to local, state, and national economies.
 During the 1985-86 school year, I served as the MVSU Student Government Association President. Valley was targeted for closure due to state budget cuts. Funding was so limited that University officials served the lowest-cost foods in our cafeteria (i.e., Vienna sausages with breakfast food, as well as pork neckbones and chitterlings as meat options for dinner). We went weeks without heat in our dormitories during the winter due to a lack of funds to repair the heating system. Toiletries were rationed to students. After heavy rains, we had to wade across a street, due to an inadequate drainage system, to gain access to the cafeteria. This might be hilarious to some, but it was our reality!
 Nonetheless, we remained steadfast, enduring the inconveniences because we valued the quality education we were receiving at Valley, and we believed in delayed gratification. I am eternally grateful for my alma mater, which continues to provide access to a quality education to so many. Dr. Nathaniel Boclair, Sr., former Vice-Pres-

ident of Academic Affairs and Interim President of Valley, reminded us during our school closure crisis that the Latin definition of the word alma mater is "foster mother." Valley is/was truly our mother away from home.
 I respectfully request that the legislature explore what financial resources are available from the state to bring parity in funding to Valley. We are not asking for a handout, but a hand up.
 In his book, "Up From a Cotton Patch", our founding, President James Herbert White, stated that he "realized that only a superior education could enlarge men's freedom and create in them, both black and white, a sense of human dignity, excellence, and economic and political security."
 As a reminder to the entire Valley family and her many friends, let's do what we can, individually and collectively, to ensure that MVSU remains viable for untold future generations of students. With the utmost respect for each of you, I remain,
 Yours truly,
 Joe L. McFadden
 MVSU 1986
 Former SGA President

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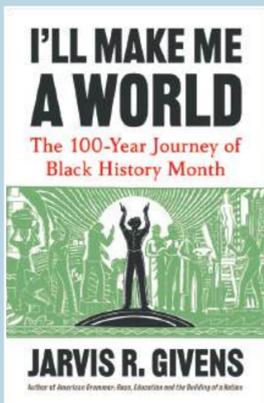
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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

You gotta start somewhere. First, you crawled, then you toddled before you ran, which is exactly how most things are. There's a foundation from which to spring, a base from which to jump, and you need to figure out how to best proceed so you can succeed. You gotta start somewhere, and in the new book "I'll Make Me a World" by Jarvis R. Givens, it started with racism.

James McCune Smith was just fourteen years old the day New York passed its Eman-

ipation Act. Smith had been born into slavery but was officially freed that July 4 of 1827. He later wrote about the celebration. He never forgot it.

Neither did those who learned of their freedom in Texas on June 19, 1865, or William Cooper Nell, who is credited with the first Crispus Attucks Day. And yet, these were early parts of the foundation of Black History Month.

In February 1926, public school teacher Carter G. Woodson, in conjunction with the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History in

Washington D.C., established the first Negro History Week. Givens says that it was an entirely political move, meant to call Americans' attention to black life and culture. Black newspapers picked up the story, and spread it around the country to Black readers and Black churches. By 1935, the Negro History Week was celebrated widely in Black schools and communities.

In the fall of 1975, esteemed members of the renamed Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History gathered in Atlanta to celebrate

Woodson's birthday and to change things up. With America's bicentennial coming the following summer, and considering all that had happened since Negro History Week was founded, it seemed that a Black History Month was appropriate. The members asked the White House for a proclamation, but President Ford could only send a customary "presidential message" because he didn't have congressional support. Ford's letter, says Givens, did not acknowledge historical suffering.

It was not until 1986 that

President Ronald Reagan issued a proclamation for Black History Month...

Black History, says author Jarvis R. Givens, is much more than what has been written. So is "I'll Make Me a World," in that it's considerably more than what its subtitle seems to offer.

That's not necessarily a good thing.

Packed with a timeline that runs longer than a century on both sides, Givens includes so much Black history here that it becomes overwhelming at times. Readers are taken back to the 19th century quite often

and, as such, it generally takes awhile to wind back to the hundred year window that you're expecting. That might not be a bad feature but strictly speaking, this book is an abundance of history but not as much Black History Month history as it promises. More of the latter, slightly less of the former, would have made this book stellar.

As it is, though, it's a worthwhile read, informative, and eye-opening, but just know what you're getting. Do that, find "I'll Make Me a World," and get started.




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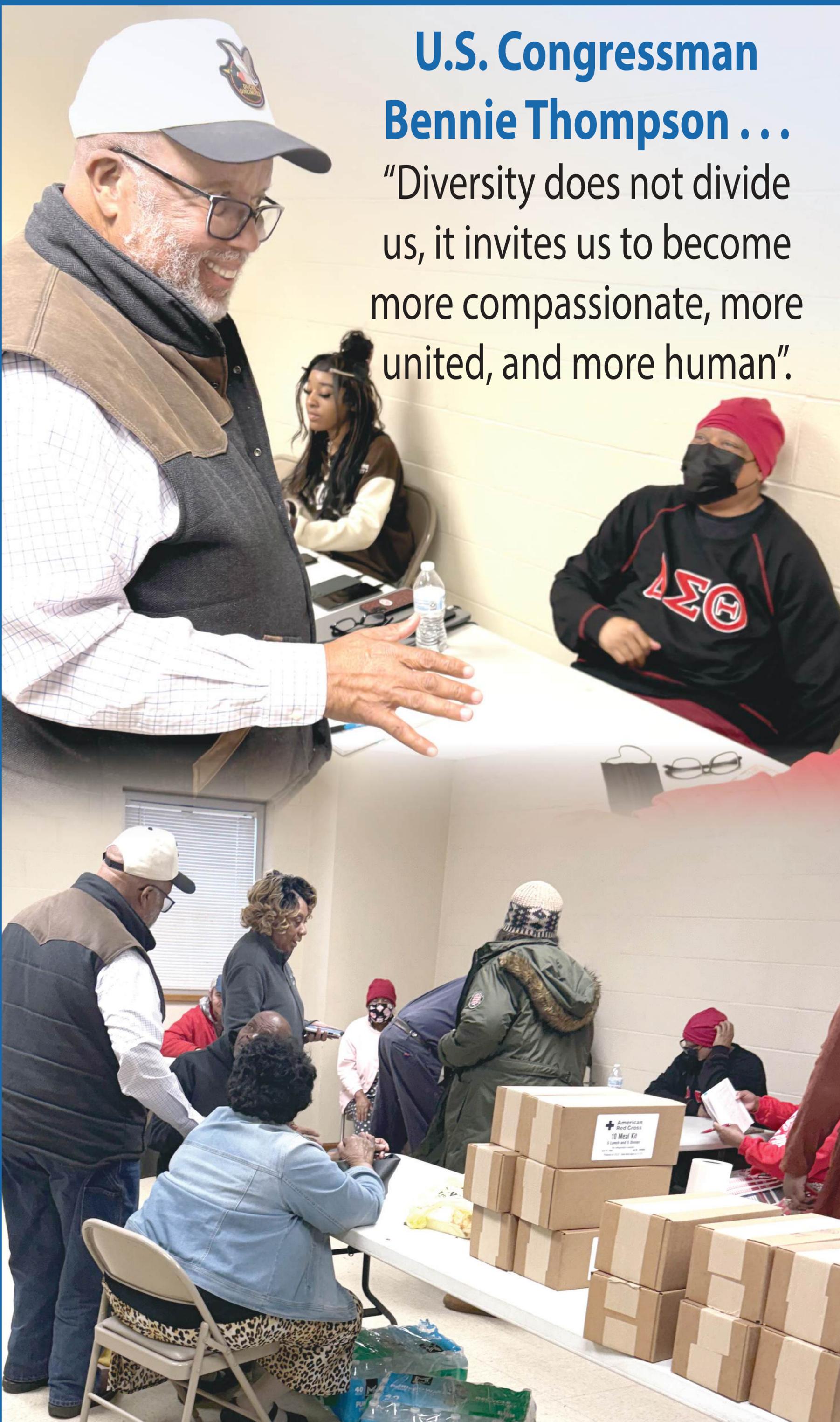
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