

Jackson-Hinds Comprehensive Health Center’s CEO earns one of Community Health’s highest national honors



Dr. Jasmin Chapman (center) with Board of Directors, Jackson Hinds Comprehensive Health Center in Las Vegas.

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The Jackson-Hinds Comprehensive Health Center (JHCHC) is proud to announce that it’s Chief Executive Officer Dr. Jasmin O. Chapman has received the prestigious National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) Lifetime Achievement Award, one of the organization’s highest honors recognizing extraordinary leadership and a lifetime of service to community health. Presented during the 2026 NACHC Community Health Institute (CHI) & EXPO in Las Vegas, the award recognizes leaders whose vision, dedication, and lasting contributions have strengthened the nation’s community health center movement and expanded access to quality healthcare for underserved populations. Chapman’s distinguished career has been defined by an unwavering com-

mitment to improving the health and well-being of Mississippi communities. Through visionary leadership, strategic innovation, and a steadfast focus on health equity, she has helped position Jackson-Hinds Comprehensive Health Center as one of the state’s premier Federally Qualified Health Centers, expanding access to comprehensive medical, dental, behavioral health, pharmacy, women’s health, pediatric, and specialty care for thousands of patients each year. For more than five decades, Jackson-Hinds Comprehensive Health Center has served as a trusted healthcare provider throughout central Mississippi. Under Chapman’s leadership, the organization has continued to grow its reach, strengthen community partnerships, embrace innovative models of care, and remain committed to deliver-

ing compassionate, high-quality healthcare regardless of a patient’s ability to pay. “Receiving this national recognition is a proud moment not only for Dr. Chapman, but for every employee, provider, board member, community partner, and patient who is part of the Jackson-Hinds family,” said members of the Executive Leadership Team. “Her leadership has inspired excellence, transformed lives, and strengthened healthcare access across our state. This award reflects the lasting impact of a career dedicated to service.” Members of the Jackson-Hinds Executive Leadership Team and Board of Directors were present in Las Vegas to celebrate the occasion, joining community health leaders from across the country

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Family members (Front Row) Dr. Jasmin Chapman; Blake Powell, granddaughter; Ja’Nee Powell, daughter; (Back Row) Retired Judge, Clyde Chapman, husband & Dr. Rozell Chapman, son.



Dr. Jasmin Owens Chapman was honored by the National Association of Community Health Centers, with a Lifetime Achievement award.



Dr. Chapman (center) in Las Vegas attending the NACHC EXPO with Jackson Hinds Comprehensive Health Center staff.

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In times like these

By Christopher Young
Contributing Writer

Gaining perspective can be a challenge. Probably all through the years, generations have reflected on changes going on around them and tried to gain perspective. Is it the same today? Despite this nation’s chronically painful tug-of-war with equality, justice, and equity, there always seemed to be a glimmer of hope. A bend in the right direction, perhaps best embodied in Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr’s statement, “The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice.” Today seems very different, because when perspective is gained, it is difficult to accept. Cruelty, contradictions, incessant lying. What was previously viewed as leadership, however flawed, has been replaced by greed, self-interest, and excess. The voice and the priorities of a majority of Americans are now playing second fiddle.

A pillar of this newest wave of ‘to heck with the people’ is the deliberate diminishing of the voices of people who are non-white. Hundreds of thousands of predominantly non-white people are now barred from entering the United States. Non-white and immigrant communities within the United States are being targeted by the Department of Homeland Security and its little brother, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Many white people have their security disturbed if there are too many non-white people around. Isn’t it telling that when Trump talks about the worst of the worst, that it’s predominantly black and brown people being locked up – silenced – despite the majority of



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Americans being white?

He has banned diversity, equity, and inclusion in the federal government, and is trying his best to pressure colleges and universities that get government funding to do the same. We see clearly how corporations have buckled to his intimidation tactics, as well. The erosion of federal civil rights protections under Trump got a boost from the recent 6-3 US Supreme Court ruling in the Callais case – racial gerrymandering. The consistent dissents of Justices Elana Kagan, Ketanji Brown-Jackson, and Sonia Sotomayor can’t stop this train of inequity. And a blind man can see that Clarence Thomas is no Thurgood Marshall and never will be.

It is routine for Trump to ridicule any journalist who challenges him or asks him a question that he doesn’t like, yet his sharpest scorn over the years has been delivered to Black journalists like Yamiche Alcindor, Abby Phillip, Rachel Scott, and April Ryan. Over at The Department of War (Defense), former Fox News host Pete Hegseth has blocked the promotions of dozens of high-ranking officers, and per the New York Times, 50% of them have been women and racial minorities, when the overall officer corps is 74% white and 82% male.

We all know that Trump always has the first, middle, and last word on everything because he seems to think – well remember in 2018, he referred to himself as a very stable genius - so the appointment of Cabinet members is just a formality, really. His Cabinet is made up of 21 members, per the White House website, all Level I Executive Schedule employees at a Statutory Rate of \$253,100. Of the 21, all but two are white people. The others are HUD Secretary Scott Turner, a African American male, and Secretary of State Marco Rubio, a Hispanic male. White voices held high.

Another pillar of his ‘to heck with the people’ modus operandi is against people who are not affluent, the 24 percent of American workers who spend 95 percent of their income on necessities. Rising housing expenses, groceries, gas, childcare mean far more to them than to those benefitting from the massive tax cuts for the wealthy, recently extended longer by Trump and his lapdogs in Congress. The majority in Congress have allowed the rollback of social safety nets and low-income families suffer the most. Families! Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits are reduced. Medicaid is slashed – harming seniors, working families, and people with disabilities. More of the same with public housing vouchers and community block grants.

All this and so much more is going on in times like these, and the 45th and 47th President claims we are returning to The Golden Age of America. More like his Golden Age. Forbes.com and numerous other outlets report that he made

\$2.2 billion last year, while the median individual income was \$65,052. The Roper Center for Public Opinion Research at Cornell University collected exit poll data and asked voters to select one important issue from a list of five issues. Of those who selected ‘the economy’ as their most important issue, 81% voted for Trump. Yet today, various polls have Trump’s support, among his Republican base, gradually eroding.

In 2004, the treasure that is Mavis Staples, released an album titled “Have a Little Faith,” which contains the song “In Times Like These,” written by Arthur Schwartz and E. Y. Harburg. Just maybe, if we take her song to heart, we can get through, in times like these.

“In times like these
We need to be strong
We need to carry on
We need to get along, hold on
And right what’s wrong
In times like these
We need to find a way
To make a better day
Keep our feet on the ground,
turn it ‘round
Come what may
(Chorus) Everybody, everybody
needs
Someone they can lean on
Everybody needs to lean on
someone
(Everybody) everybody, (everybody) everybody needs
Someone they can lean on
Everybody needs to lean on
someone now
In times like these
Let the world understand
Together hand in hand
Every woman, child and man
United we stand.”

Dr. H.T. Drake

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in recognizing Chapman’s remarkable career and extraordinary contributions to advancing community-based healthcare.

The Lifetime Achievement Award is reserved for individuals whose influence extends far beyond their own organization leaders whose work has shaped the future of community health and improved the lives of countless patients. Chapman’s leadership has exemplified that standard through decades of service, advocacy, mentorship, and an unwavering belief that every person deserves access to quality healthcare.

“This award belongs to the entire Jackson-Hinds family,” said Chapman. “Every milestone we have achieved has been possible because of the dedication of our Board of Directors, leadership team, providers, employees, community partners, and the patients who have trusted us with their care. I am deeply honored and grateful to receive this recognition on behalf of all who have helped make our mission possible.”

As Jackson-Hinds Comprehensive Health Center celebrates this historic achievement, the organization remains focused on its mission of transforming lives through accessible, compassionate, and innovative healthcare while continuing to build healthier communities throughout Mississippi.



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The Hope Circle of Rosemont MB Church – Vessel of community support - equipping single parents for wholeness

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

Founded in 2012 by Jacqueline Jones, Single Parenting Ministry set out to fulfill the need for spiritual support towards the singles at Rosemont MB Church (3930 Officer Thomas Catchings Sr. Dr., Jackson, MS 39209) and surrounding communities. This year, under the leadership of Administrator Raegan Smith-Unger, the members renamed it The Hope Circle. Standing on God's word, Smith-Unger mentioned during an interview that it is because of God that the group has "made it this far."

According to the interviewee, members desire that they all be whole within themselves. Embracing their singleness with pride is essential for members to get to know who they are in Christ. "Single parents wanted to be a part of something positive to mature and learn from one another. Older members were able to lend helpful advice and encouragement to the younger ones," claimed the administrator.

While males are welcome, the 14-member constituency currently consists of females. The Hope Circle belongs to various churches in Jackson and Vicksburg. The group extends itself by supporting each member's activities within her particular church.

Smith-Unger concurs with members within The Hope Circle that single parenting can be stressful. For that reason, being supportive of each other is en-



The Circle of Hope with Pastor Jimmie Lee and Lady Ida Edwards and Friends at Rosemont MB Church in Jackson.

couraged. Further, "we want to equip our members for wholeness and marriage [but] once a member gets married, exiting the group is required," said the leader.

Camaraderie flows from heart to heart and allows room for building a shared space of community love. A shared space is highly recommended for making heavy loads lighter by lessening or alleviating anxiety and other types of disturbances. A shared space further enhances the lives of those in The Hope Circle.

Support provided for the members comes in two forms: spiritual and emotional. Of spiritual support, whether meeting in person or virtually, members believe

that acknowledging God first is the key to the group's longevity. Praying for each other and posting prayer requests are essential for Rosemont and other churches of affiliation. Also, members are zooming in on a training session to equip them for winning souls to Christ, thereby following His plan of salvation. "All of these things," stated Smith-Unger, "are beneficial to the members because our main goal is for God to get the glory in all we do and say."

Emotional support comes in the form of Smith-Unger making herself available to the members during their times of need. A vessel of God, she advises them according to His guidance. Serving

as a confidant, the administrator - with and for the members - listens attentively, and shows up for them. Putting love in action, the leader and members congratulate birthdays, accomplishments, and offer support for the bereaved.

The group relies on biblical scriptures for their success. Their anchor scripture is Jeremiah 29:11 ("For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.") (NIV) Smith-Unger noted that God wants the best outcome for His children's lives. "While we are trying to figure it out, He has already worked it out. We just need to let the word guide us and we will never go

wrong," she claimed.

Smith-Unger added Matthew 6:33 ("But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.") (NIV) She commented that it is feasible to seek God first because He will never steer us astray. Specifying the need to put things in their proper order, the interviewee maintained that the group prays before every encounter that they have together.

Pastor Jimmie Lee Edwards is the shepherd of Rosemont MB Church. He explained that the church's vision is where the hurting, depressed and frustrated can find love, acceptance and forgiveness. On the other hand, the mission is to develop and equip

ministers through worldwide ministries.

Of Smith-Unger, the pastor said, "She's doing a marvelous job with the single ministry, and I believe she's going to do a great job because there are so many singles who need assistance. Now that she's gotten married, I see her humility."

When asked what was the purpose of the church, Pastor Edwards proclaimed, "To win souls to Christ so that they can become members of His family and develop them to a perfect maturity in order to magnify God's name." He furthered his comment by referencing community beautification: "We can see the difference in this community. We've cleaned it up, and the people have started cleaning their properties."

Members April Smith and Ashley Likkel gave The Hope Circle high marks. Having been a member for one year, Smith asserted that she loves the monthly Zoom meetings. Mentioning that she has cancer, the member stated that the group has been a wonderful support system.

Likkel has been a member for two years. "We are all single parents and women who come together to make sure we have a support system within our community. The Hope Circle has been a wonderful impact on my life to become a better person and parent," she said.

For further inquiry, contact Raegan Smith-Unger at 601-882-1778.

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE
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The City of Jackson will hold a public hearing on its proposed budget and proposed tax levies for fiscal year 2026-2027 on Friday, August 27, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers located in City Hall, 219 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201.

The City of Jackson is now operating projected total budget revenue of \$337,921,621 (23.0 percent) or \$77,766,333 of such revenue is obtained through ad valorem taxes. For the next fiscal year, the proposed budget has total projected revenue of \$340,558,694. Of that amount, (23.4 percent) or \$79,517,344, is proposed to be financed through a total ad valorem tax levy. The decision to not increase the ad valorem tax millage rate for fiscal year 2026-2027 above the current fiscal year's ad valorem tax millage rate means you will not pay more in ad valorem taxes on your home, automobile tag, utilities, business fixtures and equipment, and rental real property unless the assessed value of your property has increased for fiscal year 2026-2027. Any citizen of City of Jackson is invited to attend this public hearing on the proposed budget and tax levies for fiscal year 2026-2027 and will be allowed to speak for a reasonable amount of time and offer tangible evidence before any vote is taken.

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SNAP is an investment in Mississippi's children and future

By Sandra Melvin
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In Mississippi, a child's ability to eat should not depend on a parent's paycheck, where the family lives, or whether the household must choose between groceries, housing, utilities, and medicine. The problem is urgent. Feeding America's Map the Meal Gap estimated that 159,370 Mississippi children, about 23.6 percent of the state's child population, experienced food insecurity in 2022. This is more than a troubling statistic. It reflects children in classrooms, neighborhoods, and communities across the state, and it should be understood as a question not only of food assistance but of Mississippi's future.

Mississippi KIDS COUNT, which also uses Feeding America data to track child food insecurity as a measure of child well-being, defines food insecurity as limited or uncertain access to enough nutritious food for an active, healthy life. It can force families to choose between food and necessities such as housing, medical care, and utilities. Children cannot

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be expected to learn, grow, and eventually strengthen Mississippi's workforce when their basic nutritional needs are uncertain. Food insecurity places families in an impossible position: deciding whether limited resources should pay for groceries, rent, medicine, transportation, or other essentials.

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is designed to help stabilize families in these circumstances. According to the Mississippi Department of Human Services, SNAP provides food benefits to low-income families to supplement grocery budgets so they can afford nutritious food. Those who may qualify include people working for low wages, people who are unemployed or working part time, older adults, people with disabilities, and families receiving other assistance. This is especially important for children. USDA data show that children made up about 39 percent of all SNAP participants nationwide in fiscal year 2023. USDA also found that households with children received an average monthly SNAP benefit of \$574, reflecting their larger average household size. SNAP's impor-

tance to Mississippi families is equally clear. Feeding America reports that 47.7 percent of Mississippi households receiving SNAP include children. These figures should guide every legislative discussion about the future of nutrition assistance. SNAP is sometimes treated as separate from education, workforce development, or economic policy. However, these issues are closely linked. A child with consistent nutrition is better prepared to arrive at school ready to learn. A family with a more stable grocery budget has greater ability to manage housing, transportation, medical costs, and other necessities. SNAP also supports local economies. Feeding America reports that more than \$605 million in SNAP benefits distributed in Mississippi generated about \$1.03 billion in economic activity, citing an estimate that every SNAP dollar redeemed produces about \$1.70 in economic activity. That impact matters in a rural state. Feeding America's 2026 Map the Meal Gap study, released in July 2026 using 2024 data, found that more than eight in 10 U.S. counties with the highest estimated food-insecurity rates are rural or located in the South. It also found that child

food insecurity affects every county and congressional district in the nation.

For Mississippi policymakers, the implication is clear: decisions about nutrition assistance affect not only individual households, but also grocery stores, rural communities, and local economies where access to affordable food may already be limited. Private charities, churches, food pantries, and food banks remain essential partners in fighting hunger. Mississippi is fortunate to have organizations that respond daily when families need help. But charitable organizations cannot be expected to shoulder the full burden of hunger relief. A durable food-security system requires both public and private institutions: community organizations that can respond locally and nutrition programs that can reach eligible families at scale. SNAP is central to that infrastructure. As federal nutrition policies change, Mississippi's leaders should follow a clear principle: eligible children and families should not lose food assistance because of unnecessary administrative barriers. The state should protect nutrition assistance by ensuring the Department of Human Services has adequate

administrative capacity, that eligible families receive clear and timely information about program requirements, and that application and renewal processes are accessible and efficient. Mississippi should also use every available option under federal law to prevent avoidable disruptions in benefits for eligible households. This does not mean abandoning accountability. Program integrity must remain a priority. Taxpayers should expect public benefits to reach eligible households and be administered responsibly. But strong oversight does not require unnecessary barriers for families that qualify. Effective government can do both: prevent misuse and ensure eligible children receive the nutrition support the law provides.

Mississippi should also recognize that SNAP is only one part of a broader nutrition strategy. School meals, summer nutrition programs, WIC, emergency food assistance, and partnerships with food banks all contribute to a functioning safety net. Protecting these programs should complement, not replace, policies that promote employment, higher earnings, and long-term economic mobility. The

goal should always be greater household stability and self-sufficiency, but self-sufficiency is harder to achieve when a family faces persistent hunger. A child does not control household income. A child cannot change grocery prices. And a child should not bear the consequences when a working parent cannot stretch a monthly budget far enough. That is why nutrition assistance deserves bipartisan attention.

The Magnolia State often speaks about improving education, strengthening the workforce, and building healthier communities. Those goals begin with children who have enough nutritious food to grow and learn. Protecting SNAP is therefore not simply spending on a federal assistance program. It is an investment in human capital, community stability, and Mississippi's long-term economic strength. When policymakers evaluate changes to nutrition assistance, the fundamental question should be simple: Will this policy make it easier or harder for an eligible Mississippi child to have enough to eat? Mississippi's laws should reflect the principle that hunger should never determine a child's opportunity to succeed.

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How Angel Reese and ‘Barbie Night’ reminded fans why representation matters

By A.R. Shaw
Journalist

Over 16,000 people, mostly wearing pink, filled Atlanta’s State Farm Arena as the Atlanta Dream and Las Vegas Aces battled on the court.

The fans wore pink jerseys and dresses, and a few sported vibrant pink hair. Celebrities such as Mariah The Scientist, Aniya Harvey, “Love Island,” Monalea, Flo Milli, and actress Crystal Renee Hayslett were all in attendance to support the Atlanta Dream’s “Barbie Night.” The pink theme celebrated Angel Reese’s new collaboration with Barbie, which debuted in retail stores during WNBA All-Star Weekend.

But beyond the fun theme of women and girls wearing all-pink on “Barbie Night,” it proved to be a powerful moment of representation.

Dolls are not just toys kids use to pass the time; they reflect how kids see themselves within the broader framework of society.

“I didn’t have dolls that really looked like me much, and that’s why I really wanted to make sure this was super intentional,” Reese said prior to the game. “Because now they have a doll that looks like you, with nails and hair. That was something that was important for me when getting the doll.”

Reese became known as the “Bayou Barbie” during her college years at Louisiana State University. The nickname followed her to the WNBA, and she also held two “Barbie Nights” while playing with the Chicago Sky in 2024 and 2025. But this year’s “Barbie Night” has a bit more history involved, considering that Reese is now the first WNBA player with a Barbie doll.

“Being a first always means a lot,” Reese said, now known as the ATL Barbie. “There are a lot of women that have come before me that have walked so I can run. So many of the legends of this game have reached out to me and just poured into me, and it really just means



Angel Reese and Atlanta Dream’s “Barbie Night” became a bigger statement about identity, inspiration, and the power of seeing yourself reflected.



Alexis Mosley and daughter Nevaeh Jones

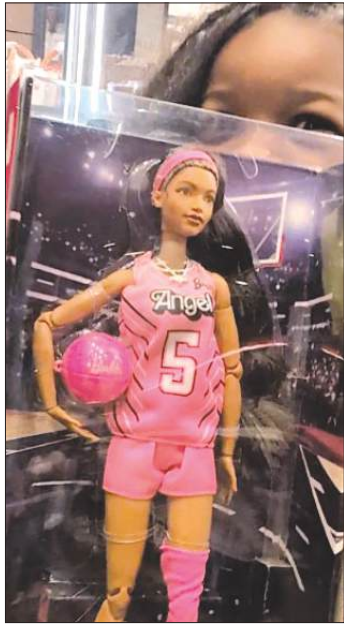
a lot to me.”

Thousands of young girls at the State Farm Arena held the Angel Reese Barbie doll while watching Reese

play on the court. Atlanta Dream fan Alexis Mosley attended the game with her 6-year-old daughter, Nevaeh Jones, who held her Angel Reese Barbie doll



Angel Reese and a fan with a Barbie Signature Role Model
PHOTOS BY A.R. SHAW



Angel Reese Doll

in hand from start to finish.

“My daughter absolutely thinks the Angel Reese Barbie doll is magical,” Mosley said. “She loves Black Barbie

dolls and to have one that she can hold, see on TV, and can come to the game, that’s everything to her. I hope she remembers this moment so she can grow up and make something great of herself as well.”

Adult fans also found inspiration. Kameran Saulsberry, an attorney, has collected dolls since childhood and brought her Angel Reese Barbie doll to the game.

“It means a lot to me, my whole life, having a doll that could represent me as a Black woman and being raised by a strong Black woman,” Saulsberry said. “I always wanted to look up to role models as a kid, so having a doll who could symbolize a strong role model of a strong Black woman is phenomenal and amazing. It teaches us that we can be what we want to be. You can be a WNBA star, a lawyer, a doctor, a pharmacist, a teacher, or an astronaut.”

Reese echoed those sentiments about the role she plays in inspiring the next generation.

“If you see it, you can be it. You can believe it,” Reese said. “Hopefully, the young girls are inspired. They see a Barbie that looks like them. Knowing that there’s no limitation. Anything you want to do, you can put your mind to.”

When asked what she would say to her younger self, Reese took a moment to reflect on her childhood. From not having many dolls that looked like her to having her own Barbie, Reese has come a long way, and her journey is just beginning.

“[My childhood self] would probably be proud of me and where I am right now,” Reese shared. “It hasn’t been an easy journey for me. I would tell her to just continue to push through, drive through, and there’s always going to be a light down the tunnel.”

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Senator Bernie Sanders and Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez will join Rev. Al Sharpton, The King Family for “March on Washington 2026: Defend the Vote”

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The National Action Network (NAN) Founder and President Reverend Al Sharpton, together with Martin Luther King III, Arndrea Waters King, the Drum Major Institute and a growing national coalition, announced that U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders and U.S. Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez will participate in “March on Washington 2026: Defend the Vote,” taking place in Washington, D.C. Friday, August 28, 2026, the 63rd anniversary of the historic 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.

The anticipated participation of Sanders and Ocasio-Cortez brings prominent progressive voices in Congress into a mobilization led by Black civil rights leadership and joined by labor, faith, Latino, voting rights and community or-



ganizations. Their presence underscores the breadth of the coalition forming around the march’s central demand, including protecting voting rights, advancing economic dignity and confronting the affordability crisis facing working families.

The moment also reflects a wider tradition of coalition politics in which movements for racial justice, workers’ rights, economic fairness and

democratic participation meet on shared ground. At a time of heightened concern over access to the ballot and the durability of civil rights protections, the march is designed to show that defending democracy requires partnership across constituencies while recognizing and supporting the Black leadership that has historically driven the fight for voting rights in the United States.

Reverend Al Sharpton

shares, “Voting rights have always been strongest when people across movements understand that this fight belongs to all of us. The participation of Senator Sanders and Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez sends an important message that progressive leaders are standing shoulder to shoulder with Black civil rights leadership, labor, faith leaders and communities across this country to defend the right to vote. We may come from different movements and traditions, but when democracy and civil rights are under attack, collaboration is not optional — it is essential.”

“The presence of progressive leaders alongside Black civil rights organizations and people from across the country reflects the kind of partnership this moment demands,” says Martin Luther King III. “Pro-

tecting civil rights requires all of us to stand together and make clear that the right to vote is not negotiable.”

The presence of Sanders and Ocasio-Cortez adds a visible progressive congressional contingent to that coalition, linking long-running fights over wages, health care, housing costs and economic inequality with the defense of voting rights. Their participation will emphasize that civil rights and economic justice are not parallel causes, but overlapping questions about who has political power, who can exercise it and whether democratic institutions respond to the material needs of the people they serve.

The ‘March’ will both commemorate the legacy of those who gathered in Washington in 1963 and serve as a present-day call to action. Supporters from across the country are

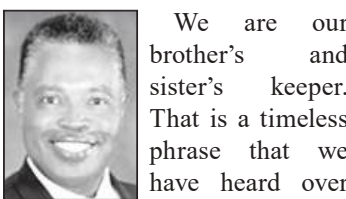
encouraged to register, organize delegations and join the August 28 mobilization.

Those interested in registering for this event may register now at: www.nationalactionnetwork.net.

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Do not count on your neighbor to vote. You must vote, too.

By James B. Ewers Jr. Ed.D.
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We are our brother's and sister's keeper. That is a timeless phrase that we have heard over the years. Looking out for one another should be a daily habit for us. That is especially true if you are in the 4th quarter of your life. Keeping tabs on each other is a long-standing tradition in our communities. We count on our neighbors for their kindness and concern. They come to our aid in times of need. Events such as neighborhood clean-ups and block parties

bring us together for fellowship and information. Each creates a wholesome family environment, and we enjoy the good times. Our lives are busy, so it is good to get a TO (timeout) sometimes. Increasingly, our conversations with neighbors and friends will turn to everyday dinner table issues. Of course, the high cost of goods and services is high atop the list. Invariably, this will lead to voting and who our elected officials are. The question becomes, are they doing the job that we elected them to do? Voting is a staple in the American way of life. We look forward to the opportunity whenever it's time to go to the

polls. This privilege cannot and should not be taken for granted. Our going to the polls in recent years has not been seamless. Detours and stumbling blocks have been placed in our way, yet we persevere and get through it. Our ancestors and leaders never gave in to tyranny and oppression. We won't start now. Reverend Jesse L. Jackson always said to "keep hope alive". This mantra has sustained us through the good and the challenging times. There are countries across the globe whose voting rights have been stifled or simply stopped. They have no say about what happens to them. They are intellectually handcuffed and mor-

ally bankrupt. Their comings and goings are managed and controlled by others. Americans will have another chance to go to the polls in November. The midterm elections will give us a chance to vote for the candidates of our choice. You and I know the peril and uncertainty that has America in an unfamiliar place. Over my lifetime as a 4th quarter guy, these are some of the worst of times. Prices for everything are high. Everywhere we go, we are spending more money than we did last year. The numbers show that each day so there is no need to show them here. Our pocketbooks are suffering and in a state of shock.

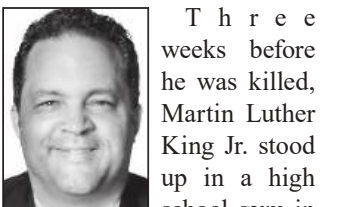
We have elected officials in state and national offices who are responsible for this economic disconnect. If you voted for someone who is a part of the problem, then you have a decision to make. You know the choices on the ballot. You can't stay at home on voting day and think things will change. It doesn't work that way. By staying away from the polls, you are signaling that you don't care about the direction of this country. Voting for change in America says that we are sick of the current way of doing business. We are distraught and emotionally drained with the excuses and unanswered questions. We are hurt because families have been

dismantled and forgotten. You and I must vote them out. There is still a percentage of people who believe that things are great and that wrong is right. We must overwhelm them with our voting power for change. We must leave nothing to chance. We must be ambassadors for change and for good. Get your friends and neighbors ready because November will be here before you know it. However, we must get ready to vote right now. Find out where your voting location is. Ensure that you have your voting credentials in order. Know who is on the ballot and their platforms. Let's wake up on Wednesday, November 4th knowing that our vote changed America.

Count them. Then hire them.

Three weeks before he died, Dr. King stood up and argued with a number. The July jobs report says he was right.

By Ben Jealous
People For the American Way



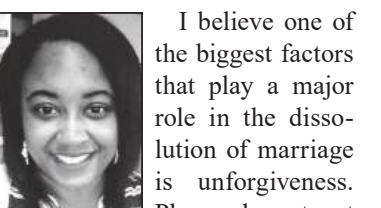
Three weeks before he was killed, Martin Luther King Jr. stood up in a high school gym in Michigan and argued with a number. It was March of 1968. The government said unemployment in the Black community was 8.8 percent. King said it was almost twice that. Not because anybody was cooking the books. The country felt good about jobs that spring. The national unemployment rate was 3.6 percent, nearly the lowest since the Korean War. Washington called that full employment. King was telling them the number was hiding people. He explained how the count worked. It counted people out of work and still looking. It did not count the people who had stopped looking. He described them plainly. People who had lost hope. People who had so many doors shut in their faces that they quit knocking. "These people are considered the discouraged," he said. Add them back, he argued, and the true figure was closer to sixteen or seventeen percent. That was fifty-eight years ago. The count still works much the same way. Presidents have come and gone. The count has not changed. Last week the government released the July jobs report. The country lost 23,000 jobs. It corrected May and June, erasing 103,000 jobs we thought we had. Over the past year we have averaged about 34,000 new jobs a month. Almost nobody is being hired. Outside a few indus-

tries, almost nobody is being fired either. If you have a job, you are probably safe. If you need one, the door will not open. Then came the number that would have gotten King out of his chair. The unemployment rate went down. It fell from 4.2 percent to 4.1 percent. That happened because 264,000 people left the labor force. They did not find work. They stopped being counted. You are counted as unemployed only if you have no job and you looked for one in the last four weeks. Stop looking, and you are not counted as unemployed. You are not counted at all. Nearly six million Americans say they want a job and are not counted. They are not lazy. They stopped looking because looking stopped working. They did not stop wanting a job. They stopped believing one was coming. Thirty years ago, I crisscrossed this country arguing against NAFTA. Corporate lobbyists said we sounded like Chicken Little. Two decades and 63,000 shuttered factories later, every exaggeration they accused us of had come true. Those factories did not close on Black towns or White towns. They closed on both. King saw it coming. He wrote in 1967 that there were twice as many white poor as Negro poor in America. So, he was not just giving a speech that night. He was building something. He had marched to desegregate the lunch counter. That fight was won. The fight left was whether a man could afford what was on it. In December of 1967 he announced the Poor People's Campaign. The demand was for jobs or income for all.

He meant to bring the poorest families in America to Washington and set them where the country could not look away. Not only Black families. White families out of the mountains. Mexican American families. Native families. Puerto Rican families. One caravan left Chicago on May 8, 1968. King never saw it. He was killed in Memphis on April 4. The campaign went on without him and mostly failed. They built a camp on the National Mall and called it Resurrection City. Rain turned it into mud. Police cleared it in June. No jobs bill passed. Nobody got a guaranteed income. But King was right about the count. He is still right. A country that stops counting people finds it easy to forget them. There will be plenty of arguments about these numbers. Arguing has never hired anybody. Only people hire people. So here is what I ask of you. If you run a business, interview the person your software screened out. Ask about the gap in the work history instead of assuming the worst. If you know somebody who quit looking, walk with them back to the door. Say their name to somebody who is hiring. If you belong to a church or a union or a lodge, find out this month who among you is out of work. Do not stop at praying for them. Make the call. Dr. King argued with a number because he knew a number could hide a person. Count them. Then hire them. Ben Jealous is a professor of practice at the University of Pennsylvania and former president and CEO of the NAACP. AACP

It's hard for me to forgive my spouse

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



I believe one of the biggest factors that play a major role in the dissolution of marriage is unforgiveness. Please do not get me wrong – believe me I understand that it is extremely hard to forgive, especially depending on what your spouse did to hurt or offend you. But to move forward in marriage or alone, you must forgive because if you don't forgive, unforgiveness will hold you and your marriage hostage which will ultimately destroy it. Are you still living in the past? Do you refuse to let yesterday go? Signs of unforgiveness in marriage include the following:

- Relive yesterday repeatedly
- You consistently mention the past
- Refuse to forgive
- Use the past to bully, control, manipulate, and even justify your wrong – remember, you have been wrong and you also have caused your spouse hurt and offense in some way
- Constant fighting
- Get anxious and uneasy when spouse is present
- Hurt resonates with you daily and is worsening
- Hate
- Desire to seek revenge
- Anger
- Animosity
- Gas Lighting
- Bitter
- Little to no communication
- Sadness
- Can't bring yourself to plan for the future of you both
- Live separate lives – you both adopt and adapt to the, "I do me," mentality
- You hear crickets in the bedroom
- Sleeping in separate spaces
- Separated
- Pending divorce

Have you truly forgiven your spouse? True forgiveness in marriage includes the following:

- You can discuss the hurt/offense in a healthy manner without

raging emotions, etc.

- You can see the scar, but the wound is completely healed. The scar is a reminder of the hurt/offense, but, God has healed it – keep in mind as a human you will have flashbacks – you won't forget it but God has given you the grace to work through it with forgiveness
- Both spouses are more vulnerable and open to each other about everything
- Grow as one
- Love is restored
- Become intentional about having a healthy, happy and loving marriage
- Both plan your future together at ease
- You are even able to encourage others to forgive as you have learned to.

How do you forgive your spouse?

- Pray and ask God to help you, only God can give you the grace to forgive
- Understand what God says about forgiveness. He won't forgive you if you can't forgive others
- Love God more than you do self and your spouse
- Acknowledge that neither of you are perfect and both have caused disappointments, hurt, offense to each other, etc.

What role can your spouse play in helping you forgive, especially if you salvage your marriage?

- Commit yourself to God 100 percent
- Understand God's Word - God says offense will come but be careful not to be the one who causes the offense because consequences will come
- Spouses who caused the hurt/offense must apologize often and/or as needed
- Consistently make amends to your spouse/children
- Go out of your way not to repeat the hurt/offense - exterminate the root (seek professional counseling, etc.)
- Reassure your spouse as often as possible in the area that you hurt or offended you that by the Grace of God you won't re-

peat the hurt/offense and follow through

- Be patient – give your spouse time to forgive and heal – depending on what you did this can be a long journey

Do you have to forgive your spouse and stay married? No! Forgiving your spouse does not mean that you must remain married – God knows how much you can bare. I know some may get agitated by this answer but even God supports a spouse pursuing a divorce for abuse such as domestic violence, and adultery. However, seek God, seek professional marriage counseling, and pray to determine what is best for you. Nevertheless, whether you choose to stay married or get a divorce, you must forgive to open yourself to healing, self-care, self-love, free yourself from baggage that would weigh you down and or perhaps the next relationship, etc.

One of the greatest attributes one can have in marriage is the grace of forgiveness. Forgiveness in marriage can be the difference between sleeping in separate bedrooms, living solo lives, separation, divorce, and worse.

In conclusion, I know it is not easy to forgive based on having to forgive my husband and my husband having to forgive me. However, when you forgive, it becomes your path to healing and freedom whether you remain married or if you choose to divorce. You cannot change what occurred yesterday, but you can use yesterday to make today and tomorrow better for your marriage.

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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 Annie Lewis has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Variance of up to five (5) ft. from the required twenty-five feet for the front yard setbacks to build carport within a R-1A (Single-Family) Residential District on property located at 1021 Westway St. (Parcel 839-315), in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

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Back to School and Back to Prayer

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



Each year around this time, I share a Back-to-School prayer. I think it is important to offer encouragement as students, staff and educators prepare to return to school. There are so many things that stir up confusion and can distract from the excitement of the beginning of a new school year. My hope is that this prayer provides inspiration. This year, I'm adding a few scriptures that I hope will encourage.

"Heavenly Father, we come to you thanking you for your many blessings. You are so worthy of honor, praise, and glory. First, God we know that nothing surprises you. During this time of uncertainty, remind us of Isaiah 46:10 which says that you know the end from the beginning. We rest on the assurance that you know what is best in all circumstances. All you ask is that we trust you.

1 Corinthians 14:33 reminds us that you are not the author of confusion but that you are the God of peace. We pray that the truth of this scripture will influence the decisions of the administrators and government

officials regarding the safety of students, staff, and faculty at all levels of education from daycare, pre-K, K-12, and higher education. Let Godly wisdom and truth prevail. We come to you now praying for our children and students who will be attending school face to face and virtually this academic year. Let there be peace in the hearts of students, faculty, administrators, and staff in classrooms, administrative offices, and school buildings. We ask for an extra measure of your grace, mercy, and protection.

We also ask God that despite what goes on around them you would grant students a super-

natural ability to focus on the academic subjects they have to learn. Give instructors innovative ideas and methods to creatively motivate students to learn even the most difficult topics. We pray that the learning environment is a place of safety, connection, and inspiration. We declare that frustration and discouragement will not distract students and educators from their purpose. We bind up anything that comes to disrupt the educational environment. Classrooms will be secure places of love and protection regardless of what may be taking place in the world outside.

We pray that you would give parents and guardians of students confidence that their students will remain safe. For any anxieties that may arise, remind them to cast their cares on you as it says in 1 Peter 5:7. Allow them to rest in the confidence that your Godly presence will be there to cover and protect their children whether they are in the classroom, participating in extracurricular activities, in the cafeteria or on the playground.

God, you are sovereign, and we thank you for the promise in 3 John 1:2 says that you would have us to be in good health. Let this school year be one where

good health, joy and hope prevail! In Jesus' name we pray... Amen! May you have a blessed and amazing school year!

Additional Scriptures for Study: Philippians 4:6, Proverbs 3:5-6, Proverbs 16:3, Joshua 1:9,

Colossians 3:23, Colossians 3:17, and Philippians 4:13

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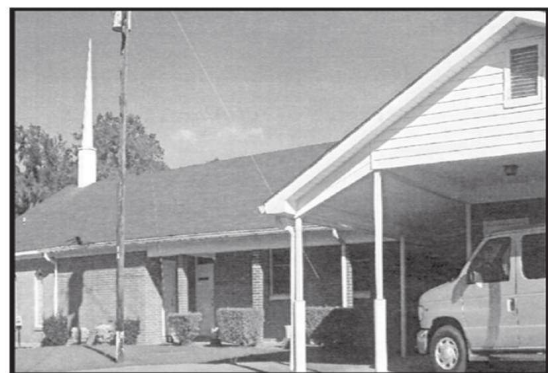
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Keeping your hands clean

By Vince Faust MA
Health Educator and Motivational Writer , Tips to be Fit

When it comes to keeping our hands clean, most people reach for one of two things, soap and water or hand sanitizer. Both are common, both are easy to find, and both promise to kill germs. But even though they seem similar, they work in very different ways. Understanding those differences helps you make smarter choices about your health, especially during cold and flu season or when you're out in public spaces.

This article breaks down how each method works, when each one is most effective and why soap and water still remain the gold standard for clean hands.

Our hands touch everything doorknobs, phones, money, railings, food and other people. Every surface carries tiny organisms called germs, including bacteria, viruses and fungi. Most germs are harmless, but some can make us sick. When we touch our face, mouth, eyes or nose, those germs can enter our bodies.

Good hand hygiene is one of the simplest ways to prevent illness. It protects you, your family and your community. But the way you clean your hands affects how well you remove germs.

Soap and water might seem simple, but the science behind

them is powerful.

Soap molecules have two ends:

- One end stick to water.
- The other end sticks to oils and dirt.

Germs often cling to the natural oils on our skin. When you scrub your hands with soap, the soap molecules attach to those oils and lift them off your skin. Rinsing with water washes everything away like dirt, oils and the germs hiding in them.

This means soap doesn't just kill germs. It removes them completely.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends scrubbing your hands for at least 20 seconds. That's about the time it takes to hum "Happy Birthday" twice. Scrubbing creates friction, which helps break apart dirt and oils so soap can do its job.

You don't need fancy soap. Regular soap works just as well as antibacterial soap for everyday use. Antibacterial soap contains extra chemicals, but studies show it doesn't make a big difference for most people.

Soap and water are the best choice when:

- Your hands are visibly dirty
- You've touched raw meat, especially chicken
- You've been outside, gardening or playing sports
- You've used the bathroom

- You've changed a diaper
- You've been around someone who is sick
- You've handled chemicals, like cleaning products
- You've touched animals or pet waste

Soap and water remove more types of germs than sanitizer can. They also wash away harmful chemicals and dirt that sanitizer cannot break down.

Hand sanitizer is usually made with alcohol, often ethanol or isopropyl alcohol. Most sanitizers contain 60 percent to 70 percent alcohol, which is strong enough to kill many germs.

Unlike soap, sanitizer doesn't remove dirt or oils. Instead, the alcohol breaks apart the outer coating of many germs, especially viruses and bacteria. When that coating is destroyed, the germ can't survive.

But sanitizer only works well when your hands are already fairly clean. If your hands are greasy, covered in dirt, or sticky, sanitizer won't reach the germs hiding under that layer.

Sanitizer is a good choice when:

- You're on the go and can't reach a sink
- Your hands aren't visibly dirty
- You're in a public place like a store, bus or classroom
- You've touched shared surfaces

like elevator buttons or shopping carts

- You want quick protection before eating or after shaking hands

Sanitizer is fast, convenient and easy to carry. It's especially useful during travel or emergencies.

For sanitizer to work properly, it must contain at least 60 percent alcohol. Anything less won't kill enough germs. Some sanitizers use non-alcohol formulas, but they are not as effective.

Even though both methods help keep your hands clean, they work differently and have different strengths.

1. Soap Removes Germs; Sanitizer Kills Germs

Soap lifts germs off your skin and washes them away.

Sanitizer kills many germs but doesn't remove them.

2. Soap Works on More Types of Germs

Some germs, like certain viruses are tough and don't break down easily with sanitizer. Soap can remove them because it doesn't rely on killing the germ, it simply washes it off.

3. Sanitizer Doesn't Work on Dirty or Greasy Hands

If your hands are covered in dirt, food or oils, sanitizer won't reach the germs underneath. Soap and water work no matter how dirty your hands are.

4. Soap Removes Chemicals

If you've touched pesticides, cleaning products or other chemicals, sanitizer won't help. Soap and water wash those substances away.

5. Sanitizer Is Faster and More Convenient

Sanitizer takes about 15–20 seconds and doesn't require a sink. Soap and water take a little longer and need access to running water.

6. Soap Is Gentler on Skin

Sanitizer can dry out your hands because alcohol removes moisture. Soap can also dry skin, but usually less than sanitizer. Moisturizer helps with both.

The best choice depends on the situation.

Choose Soap and Water When:

- Your hands are visibly dirty
- You've used the bathroom
- You've touched raw meat
- You've been around someone sick
- You've handled chemicals
- You've been outdoors
- You're preparing food

Soap and water are the most reliable method for removing germs and keeping your hands truly clean.

Choose Hand Sanitizer When:

- You're traveling
- You're in a place without running water
- You've touched public surfaces
- You need quick protection
- Your hands are not visibly

dirty

Sanitizer is a strong backup option when soap and water aren't available.

Even though sanitizer is convenient, soap and water remain the best choice for overall hand hygiene. They remove more types of germs, work in more situations, and physically wash away dirt, oils, and chemicals.

Sanitizer is a great tool, but it's not a replacement for washing your hands. Think of sanitizer as a helpful assistant—not the main solution.

Here are simple habits that make a big difference

- Wash your hands for 20 seconds
- Scrub between fingers and under nails
- Dry your hands completely—wet hands spread germs
- Use sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol
- Keep a small bottle of sanitizer in your bag or pocket
- Avoid touching your face
- Clean your phone regularly

Good hygiene doesn't have to be complicated. Small steps protect your health and the health of people around you.

The smartest approach is to use soap and water whenever you can and rely on sanitizer when you can't. Together, they give you strong protection against illness and help keep your community healthier.

Oral health habits which families are adopting together

Black Press USA

Oral health habits are essential for every stage of life, from when your first teeth emerge as a baby to maintaining your smile into your senior years. Family dental care and using more sophisticated hygiene tools, along with investments in orthodontics, are making a significant difference in oral hygiene for every member of the household.

When you think about changing oral health needs of your family, it can seem overwhelming. Children have different requirements at all developmental stages, and a whole host of dental problems can continue into adulthood.

The solution? Creating a family dental care plan that includes instilling dental habits for kids and adults, along with other solutions to keep smiles healthy for years to come.

Starting Oral Healthcare at an Early Age

Even before any teeth come in, taking care of the gums is important to prevent future issues. Wipe the gums every day and begin brushing as soon as the teeth begin to erupt.

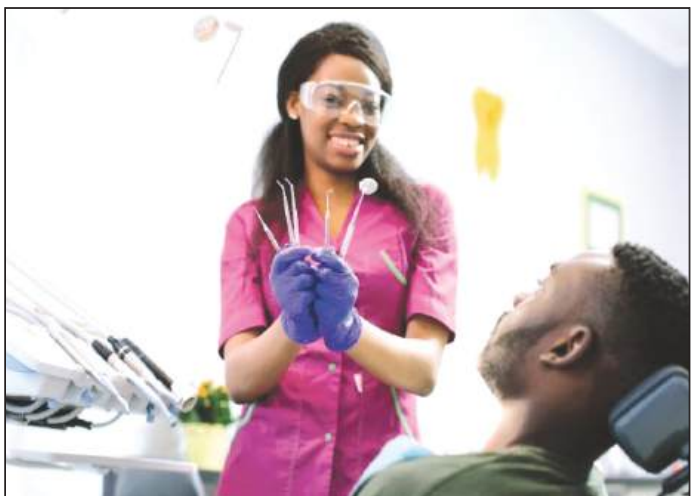
As soon as your child can hold a toothbrush, show them how to take care of their teeth. Incentivize better tooth care with a reward system, such as a sticker chart or screen time.

You should also model good oral healthcare. Make brushing and flossing into a family event. Doing these activities together also gives you opportunities to watch their technique and correct them for better results.

Regular Dental Appointments

Going to the dentist at least twice a year is crucial for maintaining oral health. A hygienist will do a cleaning to:

- Scrape off stubborn plaque
- Remove debris that is hard to reach
- Exhibit good brushing and flossing habits
- Evaluate gum sensitivity



Check for obvious issues, like visible cavities and receding gums

Your dentist will typically request X-rays and do an in-depth exam at least once a year. X-rays give a more in-depth picture of what is happening beneath the surface of the teeth.

Schedule your appointments as a family to set a good example for your children. Find a family dental practice that specializes in providing a safe and meaningful environment for kids.

Investing in Better Tools

Gone are the days of using a basic toothbrush and toothpaste. An ever-expanding market for dental tools means that there are more choices than ever that work for the whole family.

Consider purchasing electric toothbrushes for everyone. Although the up-front cost is high, you will likely see savings on your dental bills with fewer instances of decay.

A water pick set provides more direct power than flossing. Each family member can have their own water pick to use, all in one seamless space.

Little children need equipment that helps them stay excited and invested in taking care of their teeth. Themed electric brushes designed for children and fun toothpaste options make brushing an entertainment experience, rather than a chore.

Making Better Dietary Choices

Preventing cavities and other issues from occurring in the first place is the best way to teach good oral health habits and prevent unnecessary trips to the dentist. The food and drinks you consume can have a massive impact on the condition of your teeth and gums.

Avoid excessive processed and sugary foods. Some options to steer clear of include:

- Sodas
- Goldfish crackers
- Energy drinks
- Sour candy
- Caramels
- Ice
- Citrus juices

Investing in Orthodontics

Orthodontia is not just necessary for improving a child's appearance. Properly aligned teeth make it easier to floss and reduce opportunities for decay. Moving the jaw into place to correct an overbite, underbite, or crossbite may prevent more serious issues in the future, such as temporomandibular disorder.

It is crucial to find a reputable orthodontist who can take care of your family's needs and is also within your budget. Search for family orthodontics by:

Asking friends or family for recommendations

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Discuss treatment options with the orthodontist. Sometimes, a solution like clear aligners is a better fit than traditional braces. Children with severe crowding or misalignment may need headgear or other accessories.

Frequently Asked Questions Are There Any Benefits of Purely Cosmetic Dental Procedures?

Yes. Even though cosmetic procedures are often not covered by dental insurance plans, there are still numerous benefits to undergoing them.

A more beautiful smile can boost self-confidence, especially for children who may feel awkward about smiling due to existing dental issues. For adults, being able to smile freely will help in both personal and professional settings.

Some cosmetic modifications, such as dental veneers, may actually provide a layer of protection. The thin shells will function as a barrier against everyday wear and tear, which could extend the lifespan of your natural teeth.

Is Oral Health Hereditary?

It can be. While a large part of improving oral health comes down to hygiene and habits, there are still some anatomical elements that rely directly on genetics.

Features such as crowded, crooked teeth and jaw shape are passed down through families.

Parents who had crowding issues that were corrected with braces, for example, may need to do the same for their own children.

Enamel strength also plays a role. Weak enamel means that teeth are more susceptible to sugar and other harmful substances that cause decay. Harder, stronger enamel, on the other hand, is associated with fewer cavities. The right oral health habits will save your family time, money, and pain in the long run.

Tips to lower your blood pressure as you age

StatePoint

As you age, there's a pretty good chance you'll eventually develop high blood pressure, also known as hypertension. In fact, according to one study, about 60 percent of people get hypertension by the time they reach age 60.

Fortunately, high blood pressure is highly treatable and manageable through a combination of lifestyle changes and, when necessary, medication. Unfortunately, it often appears without symptoms, putting people at risk of stroke, heart failure, kidney disease, and death, without them even knowing it.

"High blood pressure is sometimes called the silent killer," said Dr. Jennifer Ziemianin, chief medical officer for HealthSpring. "But we're not going to be quiet about it. We want older adults to know about the risks and take action to manage hypertension."

The first step is to get your blood pressure checked. The American Heart Association recommends adults get their blood pressure checked at least once a year. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, high blood pressure is an upper reading of 130 or above or a lower reading of 80 or above.

If your blood pressure is high, you should check it regularly using an automatic, upper arm cuff-style monitor. These monitors are widely available, affordable and easy to use. You can ask your doctor for tips if needed.

Although hypertension generally can't be cured, it can be effectively managed through a variety of measures, Ziemianin said, including the following:

Exercise. Moderate activity, such as brisk walking or swimming, can lower high blood pressure. Always talk with your doctor before starting an exercise plan. If you belong to a Medicare Advantage (MA) plan, you may have access to a fitness program at no extra cost to you.

Eat a heart-healthy diet. Having a higher body mass index is a risk factor for hypertension. That's why it's important to eat a balanced diet, including veg-

etables, fruits, grains, protein, dairy and oils.

Cut down on salt. As you get older, the body becomes more sensitive to salt. Too much salt can increase your blood pressure. Limit the amount of salt in your diet by choosing low-sodium seasonings when preparing meals.

Drink less alcohol. Even moderate alcohol use can increase your blood pressure. The American Health Associations recommends no more than two drinks per day for men and one drink per day for women.

Quit smoking or don't start. Smoking increases your risk for high blood pressure, heart disease, stroke, and other health problems. It's never too late to quit. If you have a Medicare plan, you have access to counseling services to help you quit. Additionally, a Medicare Part D plan may cover medications to help you stop smoking.

Manage stress. Stress can increase your blood pressure. Medicare and MA plans cover counseling services, including telehealth in some cases, to help you cope with stress.

Talk to your doctor about medication. There are several medications available to help lower your blood pressure. You may need to try several types or combinations before you find a plan that works for you. Once you find the right plan, always take your medication as prescribed. If cost is an issue, an MA plan with drug coverage, or a standalone drug plan, helps pay for most blood pressure medications.

For more information about Medicare and MA benefits that can help you lower your blood pressure, visit <https://www.healthspring.com>.

"Lowering blood pressure, even a small amount, can make a big difference," Ziemianin said. "That's why it's so critical for you to identify high blood pressure early and then work very closely with your primary care physician to develop a plan for managing your hypertension so you can live a longer, healthier life."

Greater Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church Women's Day Celebration

By Jackie Hampton
Publisher

Greater Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, located at 1400 Robinson Street in Jackson celebrated their Women's Day Celebration on Sunday, August 16, 2026, at their 11:00 a.m. worship service. The theme for the occasion was "Anchored in Hope: Holding Fast to the Promises of God."

The Women's Day message was delivered by Dr. Peggy Seaton Johnson, retired Director of Research at MS Action for Progress, Inc.

Johnson was introduced by her daughter, Nikki Johnson.

Music was provided by Greater Mount's Calvary's Women's Choir which is directed by Jan Taylor Ellis.

Closing remarks were given by Judy Thompson, Women's Day Committee, and Rev. Troy D. Truly who serves as an associate minister at Mount Calvary.



Dr. Peggy Seaton Johnson, Women's Day Speaker



Nikki Johnson



Speaker with classmates

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Jay Johnson & Classmate Johnson



GMC Women's Choir



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Johnson with family members



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Dr. Bradley Dean Blake Named Principal of Murrah High School



JPS Newswire

Murrah High School proudly welcomes Dr. Bradley Dean Blake as its new principal. With a heart for service and a passion for academic excellence, Dr. Blake brings a wealth of experience, leadership, and vision to the Murrah community.

“I am both grateful and humbled for the opportunity to serve as the principal of Murrah High School,” said Dr. Blake. “To witness the synergy among our scholars, teachers, parents, and stakeholders is truly powerful.”

Dr. Blake has previously served as a successful high school principal in Mississippi and holds National Board Certification in Social Studies. Throughout his career, he has empowered scholars to achieve national success in Speech and Debate. In addition to his work in education, Dr. Blake devoted 17 years to ministry, serving communities in Memphis, Tennessee; Long Island, New York; and northern Nigeria—experiences that have deeply shaped his leadership and commitment to people.

Joining Murrah High School is especially meaningful for Dr. Blake, who describes the opportunity as a dream come true. “Murrah’s strong academic rigor and high level of achievement are a testament to the dedication of our scholars, the tireless efforts of our staff, and the unwavering support of our families,” he said.

As the school year begins, Dr.

Blake is calling on families and stakeholders to play an active role in the continued success of Murrah High School. He encourages participation in all aspects of school life—academic, artistic, and athletic—and emphasizes the importance of engagement through the school’s PTSA.

“One of our highest priorities is to grow and strengthen our PTSA,” Dr. Blake shared. “This organization serves as a vital pipeline for collaboration and support, and we invite all stakeholders to contribute to building upon our rich tradition of excellence.”

Murrah High School will operate under the theme “One Murrah!” for the upcoming school year. This theme reflects a commitment to unity, collective effort, and shared success across the entire school community.

“Our goal is to harness the collective strength of our community to create energy, enthusiasm, and continued growth for our Mustangs,” Dr. Blake said. “It is truly an honor to serve as the lead learner at Murrah High School as we strive to become a state leader in community service, a nationally recognized institution, and a globally impactful school enriching lives around the world.”

Murrah High School looks forward to a year of excellence, unity, and achievement under Dr. Blake’s leadership.

JPS Environmental Learning Center’s People’s Garden Grows Fresh Produce, Learning Opportunities, and Community Impact

JPS Newswire

In September 2025, Jackson Public Schools shared the launch of the JPS Environmental Learning Center’s (ELC) People’s Garden project after receiving a \$50,000 grant to create an outdoor classroom and expand environmental learning opportunities. Since then, the project has continued to grow, transforming the ELC campus into a thriving space for learning, sustainability, and community engagement.

The ELC team has built and installed more than 36 raised garden beds, creating more than 1,100 square feet of growing space filled with organic soil. The gardens now feature nearly 40 species of pollinator-friendly flowers, shrubs, vegetables, and fruit-bearing trees, along with composting areas, irrigation systems, and wildlife habitats.

Now, the garden is producing bell peppers, tomatoes, okra, squash, cucumbers, eggplant, and other fresh produce. Since the summer growing season began, the ELC team has harvested several tons of produce while attracting important pollinators, including bees, butterflies, hummingbirds, and native bird species.

The People’s Garden serves as an outdoor classroom, giving scholars hands-on opportunities to learn about horticulture, sustainability, conservation, and environmental stewardship.

The project was made possible through a \$50,000 People’s Garden grant awarded through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, in partnership with the USDA’s People’s Garden Initiative and the Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Program.

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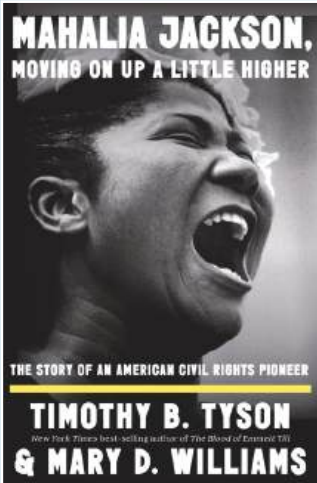


scholars the opportunity to explore sustainability, agriculture, and conservation

through meaningful, hands-on experiences,” said Coach Jeff Gibson, Director of the



JPS Environmental Learning Center.



BOOK REVIEW: MAHALIA JACKSON, MOVING ON UP A LITTLE HIGHER: THE STORY OF AN AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS PIONEER BY TIMOTHY B. TYSON & MARY D. WILLIAMS C.2026, LIVERIGHT \$28.99 • 256 PAGES

By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

Your actual job is one thing. It’s what you do with a third of your weekday, what pays the bills and puts food on the table. You might really love the job and consider it a calling but like most folks, you need more. Yes, you work, you have a job – but as in the new biography, “Mahalia Jackson, Moving On Up a Little Higher” by Timothy B. Tyson & Mary D. Williams, you also have a passion. Though she was born in New Orleans in late October of

1911, Mahalia Jackson always kept one foot in a place called Gum Stump, which had once been a labor camp for the enslaved. That was where much of her family lived then, and it’s where her mother was buried when Jackson was a very small girl. Her father gone, Jackson was raised by her aunts in poverty and abuse, but she persevered and flourished despite racism and other roadblocks. New Orleans’ Black communities steeped her in faith, and Jackson embraced a love of church

and gospel music; as her singing talents grew, she began infusing into her songs a bit of her hometown’s jazz, swing, and honky-tonk – much to the consternation of pastors and some elder churchgoers. When Jackson was twenty years old, her Aunt Hannah took her to Chicago, where her life expanded, as did her career and a whole new interest. After moving to the Windy City, Jackson had become aware of politics but the effort to get settled meant that she was unable to get involved then.

Once she found a church and a community, she and a small group of other of gospel singers began to draw crowds and then, as Jackson’s personal star rose, she threw her new fame behind forward-thinking and Civil-Rights-supporting candidates through her performances. By 1961, the little girl once from New Orleans was scheduled to sing at the inauguration of a President... You know how it is: sometimes, seeing something that’s never been hidden, something that’s always been right out in

the open, seems like a revelation. That’s the feeling you’ll get when you read “Mahalia Jackson, Moving On Up a Little Higher.” Though the information here is sometimes recycled throughout chapters, authors Timothy B. Tyson and Mary D. Williams tell a wide story that sets a Civil Rights influencer in the forefront, where she belongs. They show how, despite racism that deeply affected her personal life plus a few scary health issues, Jackson managed to plant her feet firmly in

often-forbidden white circles including TV and a popular daily radio show, knowing electronic media would be a great leveler. That, the quiet-out-loud way she left a mark on the Civil Rights Movement, and the fact that her legacy is, until now, little-discussed, is stunning and even a little bit thrilling. “Mahalia Jackson, Moving on Up a Little Higher” is a book that belongs alongside every other story of the Movement because it can be read by anyone of any age. Try it; it’s one thing you’ll enjoy.



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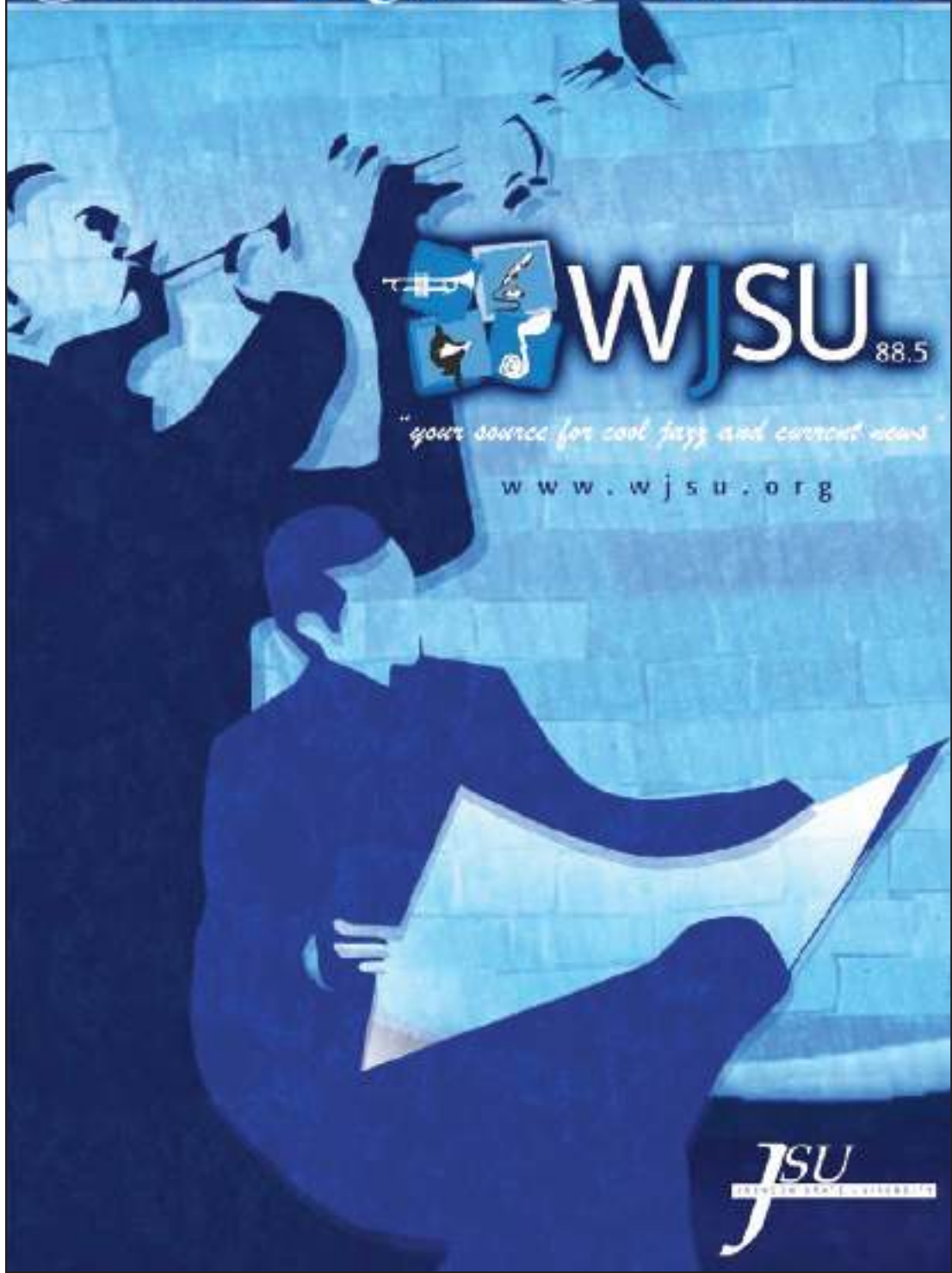
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HINDS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT WEEKLY UPDATE

BYRAM POLICE ENGAGE TERRY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ON SAFETY AND POSITIVE DECISION-MAKING

Members of the Byram Police Department recently visited Terry High School to engage students in an informative discussion focused on safety, responsibility, and making positive choices.

Representatives from the department's Criminal Investigation Division, along with a Patrol Lieutenant, spoke with students about several important topics affecting young people today. The discussion included newly enacted juvenile legislation, the importance of safe and responsible driving, the dangers and consequences of impaired driving, and the harmful effects of illegal drug use.

The visit provided students with an opportunity to interact directly with law enforcement officers, ask questions, and receive valuable information about how their decisions can impact their lives, families, schools, and communities. Officers encouraged students to think carefully about their choices and emphasized the importance of being responsible both on and off campus.

The program was initiated by Terry High School Coach Kris Thigpen, who invited the Byram Police Department to speak with students and provide this valuable educational experience.

The visit served as another example of the importance of partnerships between schools and local law enforcement agencies. Through open dialogue, education, and positive interaction, the Byram Police Department and Terry High School are working together to help students become informed, responsible, and productive members of their communities.





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