

Wells Chapel Church of God In Christ

"To God be the Glory"

"Wells Chapel Church of God in Christ is a Pentecostal Holiness church.

It is a ministry that has been ordained by God and has been established for 44 years. It is a Bible based ministry designed to be beneficial to the total man. We have weekly services to assist you in your maturity and development as a Saint of God. The Spirit of God dwells richly in this ministry. God inhabits the praises of his people and has also declared, "Let everything that hath breath praise ye the Lord." Therefore, we believe in praising, worshipping and glorifying God in the highest for he is high and lifted up and he along is worthy to be praised. We are a "Church where the truth is preached and the people are made free." (St. John 8:32) Our Pastor, the Honorable, anointed and very capable, Superintendent Austin B. Parker, Sr., who is married to First Lady, Evangelist Missionary Carolyn B. Parker, for a glorious and wonderful 28 years and to this union 5 saved children. He is a true man of God that stands for holiness and righteous-ness and has an unshakable faith. God has given him the gift of preaching and teaching. Romans 10:14 declares, "and

how shall they hear without a preacher?" Also, the word declares that all God's children must be taught of the Lord. He does not preach his opinions or theories but what "Thus Saith The Lord GOD". He does not believe in oppressing the people of God neither being a lord over God's heritage but ruling in the fear of God. "

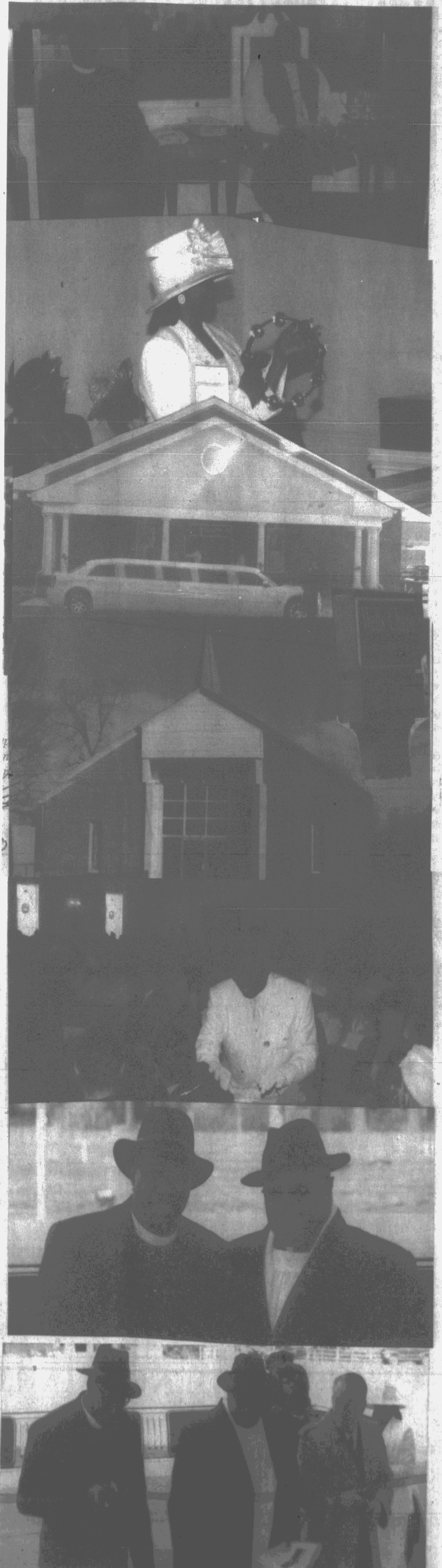
Recently, the good Lord above blessed the family and congregation of Wells Chapel Church of God in Christ, with a brand new church home located off of Allen Road, here in Greenville. The Minority Voice Newspaper was blessed with the opportunity to be there on dedication day, to celebrate with the Wells Church family and their very own Supt. Austin B. & Mother Carolyn Parker. The Honorable Bishop Leroy Woolard out of Washington, North Carolina, was guest bishop on that day and he gave a lovely sermon.

If you have never had the pleasure of listening to Supt. Austin Parker teach on Sunday mornings,

you don't know what you are missing. I attend Wells Chapel Church of God in Christ on Sundays, after leaving Wells Chapel on Sunday mornings, you leave with a sense purpose and knowing that God has everything in control and he will forsake you no matter what you are going through. And believe me, a single mother of four daughters, struggling like everyone else in today's world. The teachings of Supt. Austin B. Parker, is just what you need and need to believe in. So, please take the time out of your busy schedule and visit Wells Chapel Church of God in Christ on Sundays, 9:00 am, Sunday school, and 11:00 am Worship Service. The new home is located at 1585 Allen Road, Greenville.

Yours Truly and God Bless Wells Chapel Church of God in Christ, Supt. Austin B. Parker & First Lady Missionary Carolyn B. Parker and the congregation for that you do in the church and in the community. Your Servant,

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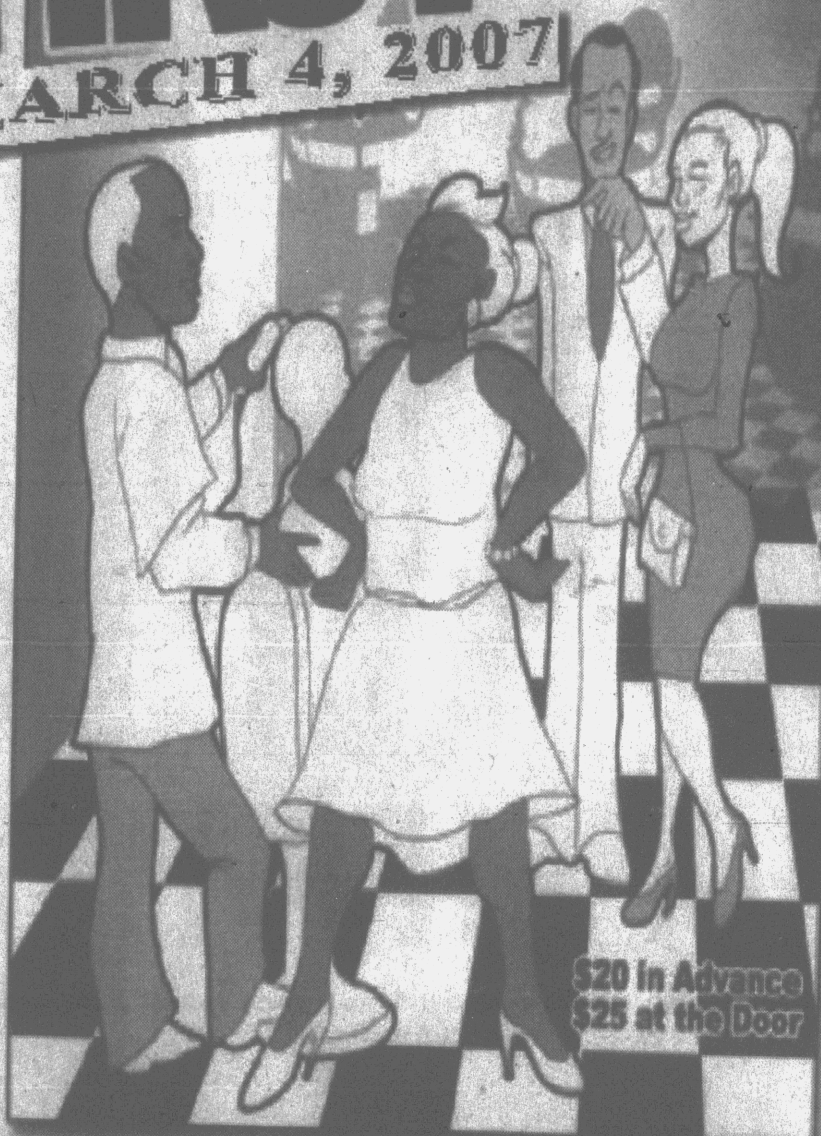
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Timeline Of African American History

1852 - *Uncle Tom's Cabin*.

Harriet Beecher Stowe's novel, published on March 20, focused national attention on the cruelties of slavery.

1856 -Booker Taliaferro

Washington born. Born in Franklin County, Virginia, on April 5, Washington was the first principal of Tuskegee Institute (1881), and was the individual most responsible for its early development. Washington was considered the leading African-American spokesman of his day.

1862 - Slavery abolished in the District of Columbia.

Congress abolished slavery in the District of Columbia — an important step on the road for freedom for all African-Americans.

1863 - The Emancipation

Proclamation. Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation took effect January 1, legally freeing slaves in areas of the South in rebellion.

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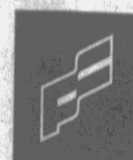
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kids, all college graduates. Her youngest son, Emmanuel, 26, graduated from University of North Carolina at Charlotte and is an architectural engineer in Charlotte. Her daughter, Marquan, 27, lives in Cary and is an administrator for Walgreen's. Her oldest son, Marvin, 28, earned a double major at ECU and lived in Atlanta before returning to Greenville. He is now on the Little Willie Center Board.

"Since he came back, it has turned this program, because everybody brings something unique," she said, trumpeting Marvin's administrative abilities and social skills. "My children are products of this program."

And as for the center's namesake, Jamal "Little Willie" Nobles?

Arrington doesn't know, she lost contact with the boy. Facing giants Arrington has confronted giants throughout her life, and only the grace of God brought her out stronger, she said.

Her heart for abused and neglected children has roots in a childhood in which she was adopted and endured more than she thought she could handle. Survival, even now when there are those who want to tear her down, relies on a foundation of faith.

"You know it's God," she said. "He works through us. I couldn't take the mental abuse, I couldn't take the negative things spoken of my life. ... People don't know all my history. I had to take abuse, I had to take torment. I had to take being rejected, misunderstood, ostracized and criticized. ... You don't take stuff like that. God has to be doing it."

There's many times she's "wanted to throw in the towel" at the Little Willie Center, she said.

"Every time I got ready to quit, something inside of me, and I know it was God, said, 'Greater now is He that is in you than is he that is in the world.' ... It's his work," Arrington said.

"That's what keeps me focused: They're fighting against God, and they're not going to win."

In 1998, her world was rocked when her husband walked out on the family. She "cried like a baby" but leaned on God for strength. She said the words she received through prayer comforted her. "Not one (word) that God spoke to my spirit fell to the ground, not one word," she said. "And he has treated me like a woman of God, and he helped me when I felt like I couldn't do it."

Arrington's greatest relief is her children not only survived but prospered.

"They didn't become a statistic when my husband decided that was it," she said.

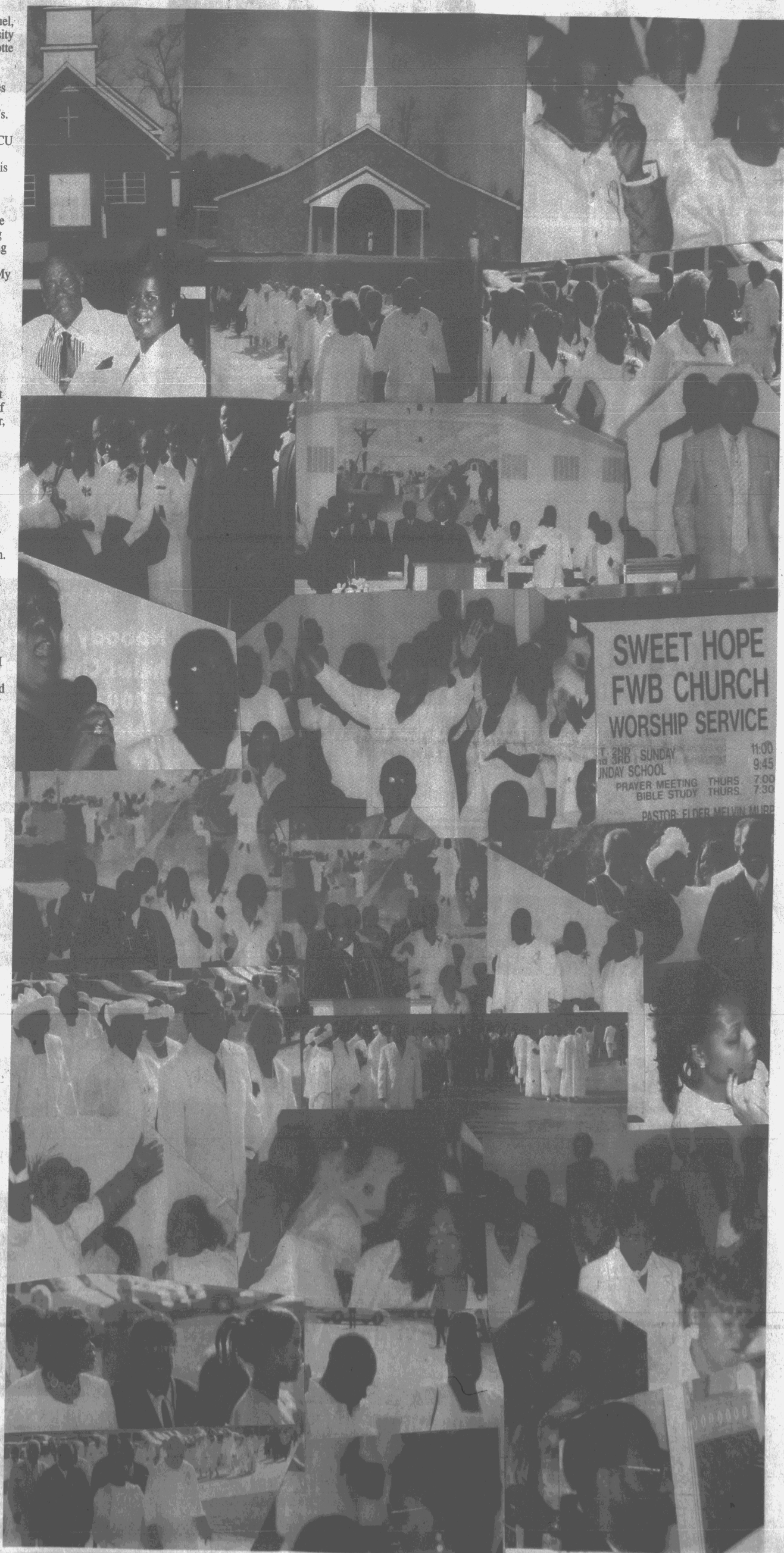
"... It wasn't easy. I could have lost them to the world, but I told them God didn't walk out on you. We have had to caress each other. They've kept me from falling so to speak."

"I wouldn't wish that on anyone. That is the most devastating thing that ever in my life I have had to live with."

Another personal battle came in 2000 with the news she had cancer. She stayed away from the center through treatments but vowed to beat the disease.

"I said Lord, 'You didn't make this body for cancer.' I know I may go out with something else, but I don't believe he made it for cancer," she said. "I rebuked that, and I didn't accept it."

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Advocate

She now has a clean bill of health after a recurrence in 2002, except for high blood pressure. Her doctor told her to slow down, but there's more she wants to do.

"I know there is a time set for me," she said. "So I've been running ever since. I've got to get it done. I have an urgency. This is kingdom work. I'm not looking at what I'm doing now and what I'm going through. I'm looking at the finished product. There is a light at the end of this. And I believe with all my heart that people that are living in this city have been born to do this work. ... And whether we step up to God and do it, that's a different story."

Arrington's work has been recognized with numerous awards, including the Points of Light Foundation Volunteer Award. But there's only one reward she cherishes.

"When a child comes through that door and says, 'I love you Miss Arrington' and just smiles," she said. "That's the greatest gift."

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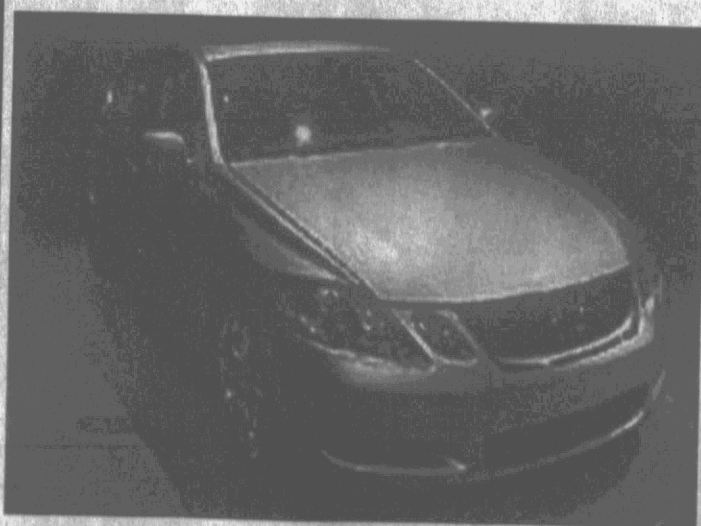
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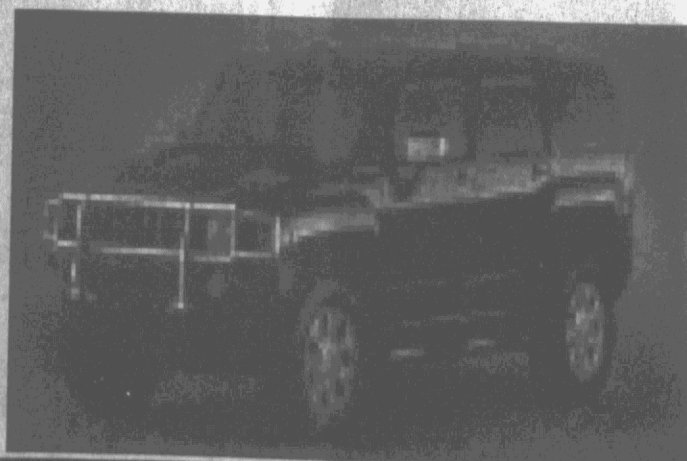
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ESTABLISHING A GODLY HOME



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Written by Pastor James Corbett

God is interested in household salvation. He wants a Godly home. A Godly home consists of the following:

A home that is in covenant with God.

Gen 18:19 For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.

Men, as head of the household you should provide godly authority for your wife and children. You should speak into the lives of your children by praying, interceding and teaching them. Talk about the Word around your children. Live your lifestyle according to the Word so your children can see a real example. Remember Abraham knew God and God knew Abraham. He was known as a friend of God. Abraham commanded his children and his household after him. Because Abraham kept the way of the Lord, the Lord brought blessings upon his family.

A home that consists of family members that serve the Lord *Joshua 24:15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you*

this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

We must choose to serve God. We must make a choice for God. Dating people can date for years, but they are not married until they make a choice to get married. Don't just date God—cut a covenant with Him. Get the benefits along with making the commitment to God.

Our choices do not just affect us. They also affect our seed. Our children are blessed because we walk with God. They will eventually have to walk with God themselves, but we open a door for blessings in their lives because we walk with God. If we choose not to walk with God, the Bible tells us that the iniquities of the father are visited unto the children until the third and fourth generation (Exodus 20:5). This includes mothers also. It costs your family something

God used families to do things on earth and still works through them today. God can use any of us; but He brings us into family relationships. He is looking for a family that He can show himself strong. We need to give our children our cultural heritage along with our spiritual heritage and faith. The enemy wants to destroy heritage by coming between sons and fathers. This is why Christian fathers sometimes have a challenge with their sons. The enemy wants to cut off the heritage so the son will not walk in the covenant

blessings of the fathers. Don't allow the enemy to block your blessings.

Individuals that walk in light of what he or she knows.

Ps 101:2 I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. O when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.

Your family expects you to be real—not perfect. They can accept the fact that you have not reached perfection, but they cannot accept you saying one thing and doing another. You have to live a no compromise life. Live according to the standards you set in your life.

A home that has divine order I Cor 11:3 But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.

Eph 5:21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

God established the order. The fear of God is the first step

towards divine order in the house. Submission will never manifest fully until there is a fear of God in the family. A husband will treat his family right because he has a fear of God. A wife will fully submit to her husband because she has a fear of God. Do not base your actions on your feelings because you may not feel like doing what you should do. You have to act because it is the godly thing to do.

Ladies, a person ought to be able to look at how you treat your husband and tell where you are spiritually. *Would you talk to the Lord the way you talk to your husband?* If you do not, then maybe you should repent. Husbands, you should not act like the devil if the wives are to submit themselves to you as unto the Lord. Wives are taught to resist the devil so if you are getting some resistance, you may need to repent. God gave husbands and wives as a protection for each other to help *Establish a Godly Home.*

DUMP THE VICTIM MENTALITY

For the life of me, when it comes to civil rights, I can never make myself focus on what white folks are thinking or doing. Whenever I consider the needs and aspirations of my people, black people, I never approach it with regard to what white people might say, feel, think or do. Only the actions of black people really concern me and that is a full agenda. In my opinion, anyone who begins embracing issues that affect black folks by first considering potential white reactions or objections is simply looking for controversy and has no genuine intent of realizing goals that would benefit a single soul.

To be specific, I'm referring to illiteracy, weak voting strength, black on black crime, soaring school drop out rates, teen pregnancy, dysfunctional families and poor college entrance percentages. Each of these complex issues are worthy of constant work and attention and don't require the

approval of white folks in order to be acted upon. Therefore, I would encourage leaders of black organizations or even individuals to develop projects that address these problems. I also encourage black people in general to ignore any so-called leader who can only offer lip service toward these, our real needs.

In spite of tremendous injustices that we have endured, we built this nation and we can always be proud of that. However, no one can feel like a victim and feel victorious at the same time. The victim mentality is a form of modern day slavery that need not be perpetuated any longer by focusing on what we need white folks to do on our behalf or for us. Beware of anyone who is always focused on white folks. We are black people and we need to focus on us rather than being concerned about what white folks think about us. After all, we really don't know what all white folks are thinking and I don't care.

Michael Garrett

Benjamin Banneker took a borrowed watch part and carved a cast part of the watch out of wood and made a clock. The first striking clock to be made completely in America. It kept perfect time for 40 years.

1731-1806

Jan Ernst Matzeliger invented a machine that could automatically make shoes. This invention revolutionized the shoe industry.

1852-1899

To find out more about African American inventors here is one place among many to look www.inventors.about.com

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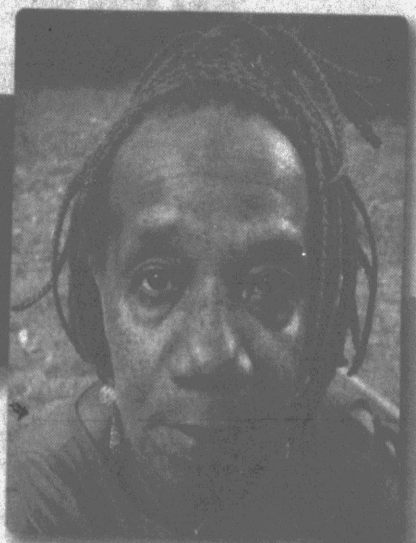
Organ Donors Save Lives in Eastern NC



Rosa and Jesse Hinton
Ayden, NC

Rosa's Story

As a science teacher, Rosa knew the advantages of organ donation, but personally never gave donation much thought until she was told she needed a kidney transplant to live. Dialysis three hours a day for three years kept her alive... It was a difficult time. Eventually, Rosa did receive a transplant. Forever grateful for this generous gift of life, Rosa is now able to continue building memories with her husband and family... they have even made organ donation a permanent agenda item at the annual family reunion.



Fargo's mom, Joyce
Greenville, NC

Fargo's Story

Fargo was a happy-go-lucky kid until a stray bullet cut her life short. Although her family was devastated by her death, the decision to donate was an easy one... it was what Fargo wanted. Upon hearing a speech on organ donation at school, Fargo informed her family that she would like to be an organ donor. "I would strongly encourage all citizens to share the gift of life," said her mother, Joyce. Fargo's lungs went to a 32-year-old woman, and her heart saved a young pregnant woman. Through death, Fargo gave life.

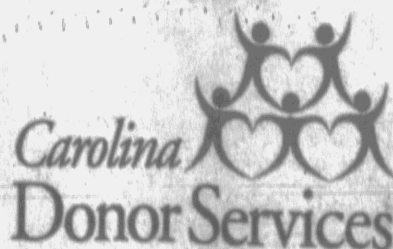
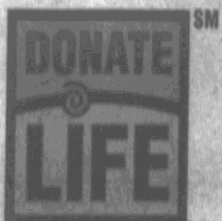


Syvil Burke
Duke University Medical Center

Donation and African Americans

More than 93,000 Americans are waiting for organ transplants. The need for organs grows each day, especially among minority communities. While 12% of the U.S. population is African American, 35% of those awaiting transplants are African American. Syvil Burke, of Duke University's Transplant and Dialysis Services said, "As I watch the number of African Americans waiting for organs increase, just knowing that one donor can save up to eight lives gives me the energy to tell the good news. Organ donation saves lives."

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Jesse Owens (1913-1980)
Blackthink (1970)

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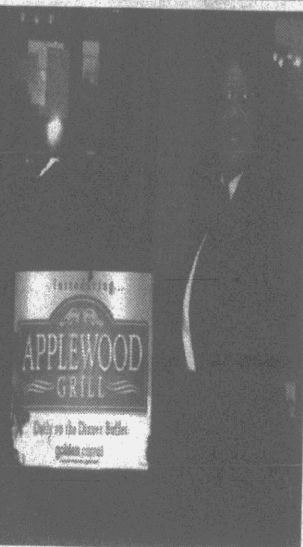


Confident Men Have Patient Fathers . . . Hats off to these Bros who walk in the footsteps of a great man. In this photo June Burnis Ray and Linwood Barnes gather around thier Father(2nd from right) who we honor in this Black History Moment.

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Bethune, Mary McLeod (buthyOOOn') 1875-1955, American educator, b. Mayesville, S.C., grad. Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, 1895. The 17th child of former slaves, she taught (1895-1903) in a series of southern mission schools before settling in Florida to found (1904) the Daytona Normal and Industrial Institute for Negro Girls. From 1904 to 1942 and again from 1946 to 1947, she served as president of the institute, which, after merging with Cookman Institute (1923), became Bethune-Cookman College. A leader in the American black community, she founded the National Council of Negro Women (1935) and was director (1936-44) of Negro Affairs of the National Youth Administration. In addition, she served as special adviser on minority affairs to President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. At the 1945 conference that organized the United Nations, she was a consultant on interracial understanding.



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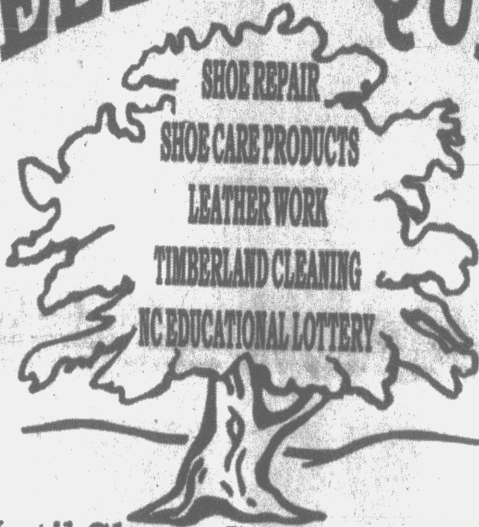
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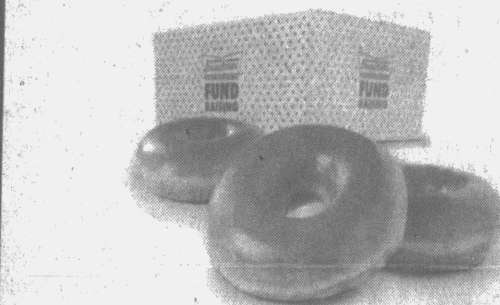
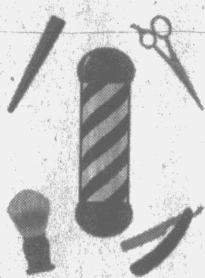
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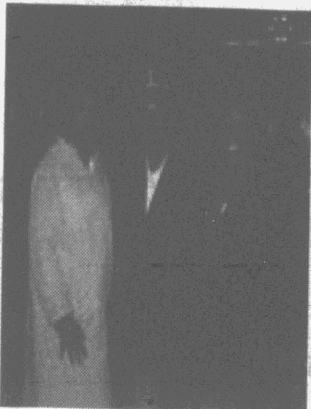


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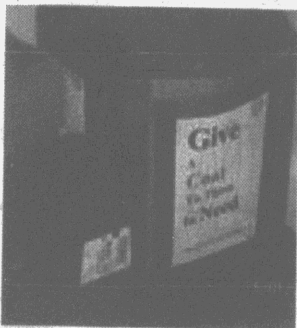
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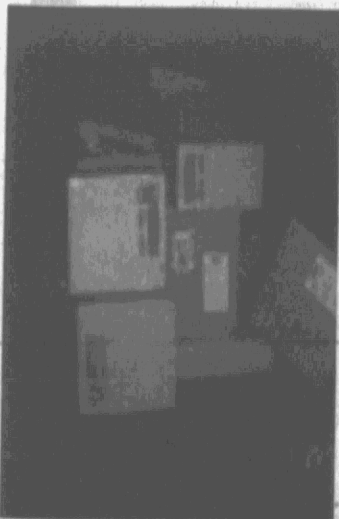
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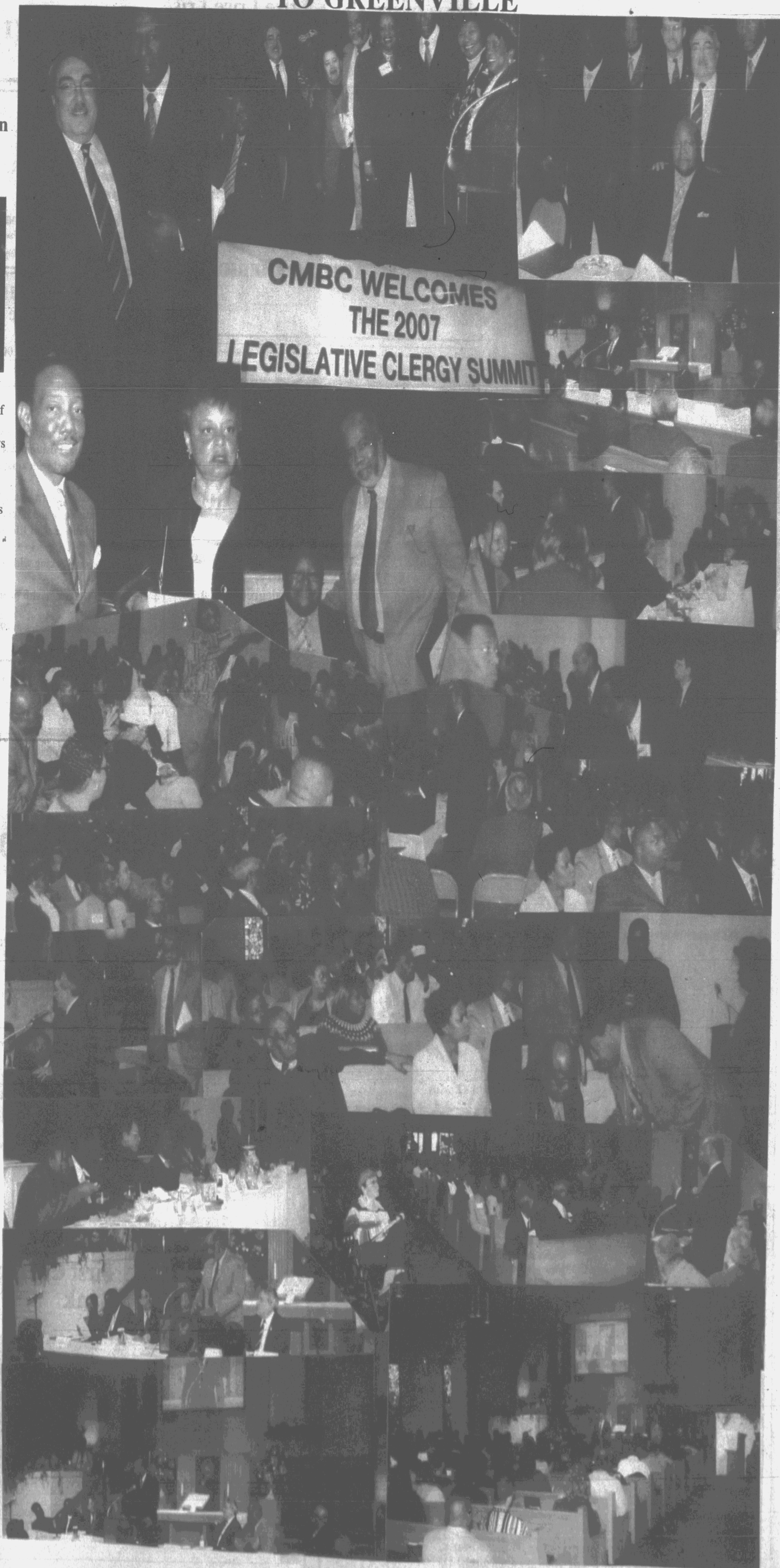
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In Uniform

Congratulations to Nicole Barnes who has been promoted to the rank of Airman 1st Class. Nicole is an Atlanta native and the daughter of Bro Ray Barnes, an active member of the Philippi Church of Christ here in Greenville. Airman Barnes is stationed in Monterrey, California.

Bringing the gifts that my ancestors gave, I am the dream and the hope of the slave. I rise I rise I rise.
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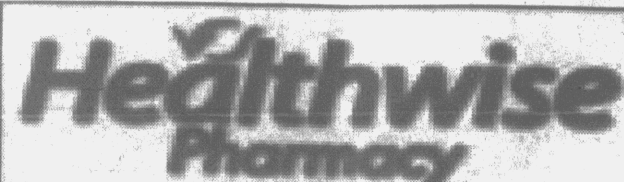
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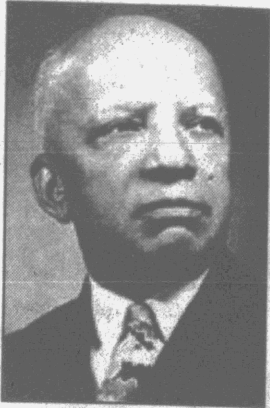
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We owe the celebration of Black History Month, and more importantly, the study of black history, to **Dr. Carter G. Woodson**. Born to parents who were former slaves, he spent his childhood working in the Kentucky coal mines and enrolled in high school at age twenty. He graduated within two years and later went on to earn a Ph.D. from Harvard. The scholar was disturbed to find in his studies that history books largely ignored the black American population-and when blacks did figure into the picture, it was generally in ways that reflected the inferior social position they were assigned at the time.

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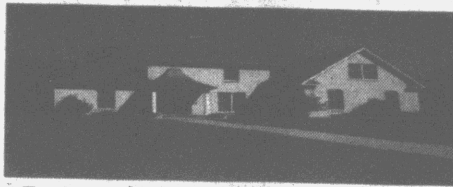
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Theme for National Black History Month

February 16

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Gospel Celebration
Music presented by the Community Outreach Male Chorus,
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Sponsor: Student Support Services, SGA, and MAC

11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Coburn Center
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February 23

Friday

Friday Film Fest Series - "Purle": A Play written by Ossie Davis and directed by Rudi Goldman
In the early days of the civil rights movement, a Southern plantation owner holds his sharecroppers in virtual slavery. Purle comes home as a preacher who will shake things up and bring freedom to his people.
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10:00 am - 12:00 pm
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February 23

Friday

Legacy of Life Blood Drive
Recognizing and Celebrating African-American Donors
Sponsor: SGA and MAC

8:30 am - 2:30 pm
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Programs funded by Pitt SGA and the PCC Foundation; organized by the Multi-Cultural Activities Committee.

Call 252-493-7322 for more information.



Cocaine



Kemba Smith, a Virginia college student with no criminal record, was sentenced to 24 years in prison in 1994 for conspiracy to distribute cocaine, lying to federal authorities and conspiracy to launder money. Her boyfriend ran a large cocaine ring and when he was briefly jailed, she took money from one of his drug associates to a lawyer. Later she lied about his whereabouts. Ultimately, she spent a year on the run with him and became pregnant. She eventually turned herself in and revealed the boyfriend's location, but by then, he was dead. Smith, featured in the Court TV documentary *Prisoners of Love*, had her sentence commuted by President Clinton in 2000. She is raising her son, attending college and working in a law office.

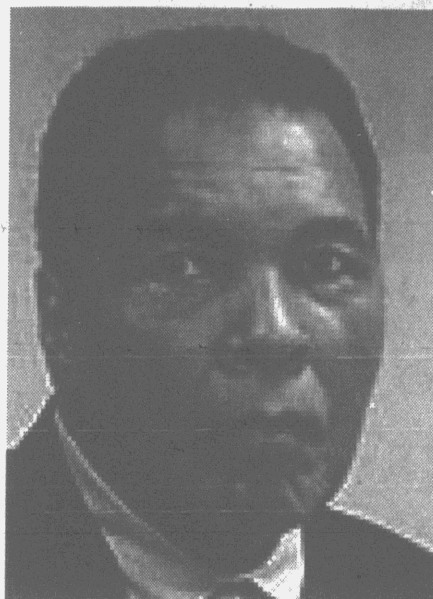
because the Judiciary Committee is still in its organizational stages. The subcommittee that will handle the issue will likely be chaired by Rep. Robert Scott (D-Va.), the spokesman said. Scott, like Conyers, is strong opponent of the mandatory minimums in regards to drug offenses and has stated in the past that he wants to see changes. A spokesman for Scott told the AFRO that no decision will be made on scheduling a hearing in the subcommittee until the congressman is officially appointed as chairman. The US Sentencing Commission held hearings on the issue on Nov. 14, 2006. Nkechi Taifa, a senior policy analyst for the Open Policy Center, an organization that engages in

policy advocacy on US and international issues, including foreign operations, criminal justice reform, and human and civil rights, said that the guidelines were openly hostile to Blacks. "In 2002, 81% of those convicted of crack cocaine were African American," Taifa said. "Although there are larger number of documented White crack cocaine users, federal law enforcement and prosecutorial practices have resulted in the 'war on drugs' being targeted at inner-city communities." Hilary Shelton, Washington bureau chief of the NAACP, said that the mandatory minimums have become a source of contention in the Black community. "I should also state that, for the record, the NAACP is opposed to all mandatory minimum

sentences," he said. "The bottom line is this: Until the racial inequities in our nation's war on drugs and other crime initiatives are addressed, communities of color across the nation will continue to distrust the American criminal justice system. The federal government's crack cocaine policy is one glaring example of how the American government has failed its entire population." Mauer said that The US Sentencing Commission is expected recommend to Congress that changes be made in regards to the mandatory minimums some time this year. He said that a Democratic Congress would be more receptive to change even though the Bush administration would likely want to keep them the way they are.

Waters Salutes "The Greatest"

Congress Pays Tribute to Muhammad Ali as Global Humanitarian



On January 17, Congresswoman Maxine Waters (CA-35) and other congressional leaders stood in support of a resolution honoring Muhammad Ali on his 65th birthday. The resolution pays tribute to and celebrates Muhammad Ali as an icon of sportsmanship, fortitude, perseverance and peace.

"Muhammad Ali has been and continues to be many things to many people: a world champion, an Olympian, an innovator, a world-class father, husband and friend," said Congresswoman Waters. In his 21 years of boxing, he won 56 fights out of 61 and is the first boxer to win the heavyweight championship three times. He achieved the incredible feat of winning an Olympic gold medal

in the 1960 games at the young age of 18. However, his charisma, charm, and genius did not stop in the ring. What makes him an enigma and a pioneer is the fact that he was principled enough to say no to the Vietnam War in an era when such boldness was uncommon. The words he spoke in refusing the draft made a stark social

commentary during that time and taught America a valuable way of thinking. Those words taught us that war should always be a last resort and that before we over-commit ourselves elsewhere, we must fix the problems that exist right at home. This philosophy has tremendous relevance today in the context of the War in Iraq. Many Americans feel that we should re-align our priorities to address problems at home instead of fighting a war in Iraq. "I wish Muhammad Ali a very happy birthday," stated Congresswoman Waters. "For his outstanding contributions to sports and sportsmanship and for the lessons on peace and conviction to principles that he gave the world, I sincerely thank him. His legacy and record of achievement have earned him the title of 'the Greatest of All Time.'"

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The History {1760}

Pitt County got its name from William Pitt, Earl of Chatham. William Pitt was an English statesman and orator, born in London, England, UK. He studied at Oxford University and in 1731, Pitt joined the army. Pitt led the young "Patriot" Whigs and in 1756 became secretary of state, where he was a pro-freedom speaker in British Colonial government. Pitt County was founded in 1760 under British Colonial government. Prior to 1760, there was one large county, Beaufort, which was split into five smaller counties, Pitt County being one of those smaller counties. Since 1970 Pitt County has operated under County Manager government.

The Government {Pitt County}

Pitt County was established in 1760 as an arm of state government. All North Carolina counties continue to perform this role and consequently have considerable state responsibilities and mandates to operate and fund departments and agencies such as the Health Department, the Department of Social Services, the Sheriff's Office, the Register of Deeds, and the Board of Elections, to name a few. Since the late 1960's and early 1970's, the North Carolina General Assembly has modified North Carolina law so that counties now have almost identical powers as municipalities to offer services to citizens in addition to their traditional state service functions.

Nine commissioners are elected from six districts on a partisan basis for staggered, four-year terms. The County Manager is appointed by the Board. The Commissioners' meetings are held on first and third Monday of each in second floor auditorium of the Pitt County Office Building, 1717 West Fifth Street. Pitt County Commissioner meetings are televised on Suddenlink Communications and Time-Warner Cable systems. The public and media are encouraged to attend.



The Television {Pitt-TV}

Pitt-TV has been on the air since 1999. We cablecast Board of Commissioners (BOC), Department of Social Services (DSS), Planning Board and Board of Health (BOH) meetings live and then replay them for the public's viewing pleasure.

Our Pitt Information Block is a resource we use to inform the public about advisory board meetings, the Special Needs Registry, job opportunities, and other events and information pertaining to Pitt County Government. You can also watch Suddenlink Communications, Channel 13 to find out about inclement weather or any disaster before, during and after the emergency.

Channel 13 Pitt-TV is for you, the citizens of Pitt County. Our motto is "Communicate, Educate, Facilitate." We strive to do that with all of our programming, whether it's a board meeting, an episode of Connected to Pitt County, a word from our Government 101 spot, or info from the Sheriff's Office on our Pitt Information Block. Please tune in to Channel 13 to see all of the great things we can offer you.

The Website {www.pittcountync.gov}

In this age of technology it is imperative that local governments communicate with its citizens through variety of platforms. Pitt County government identified "on-line" communications as one way that would allow efficient and effective dissemination of information. Pitt County's website has been in existence since 1998. In its infancy Pitt County's website was solely a tool to distribute limited information to growing population with on-line access. Today more and more citizens are connected and the demand to provide on-line services and programs has increased exponentially. Citizens not only look for new ways to interact with their government but they expect to perform common tasks on-line from the comfort of their home. Logon today and explore all that your County has to offer.

