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 Dan Cuyler ~ February 7th
 Bessie Clarke ~ February 14th
 Austin Brandon Major ~ 18th
 Kathrine Austin ~ February 23rd
 Bernard Holmes Jr. ~ February 21st
 Annie Reeves ~ February 28th

Happy Anniversary

Nathaniel & Edna Glover ~ Feb. 14th
 Jerry & Carolyn Hewins ~ Feb. 22nd



A Seniors' Perspective

Any Senior who would like to contribute to the Bethesda Herald Newsletter.

Contact Sister Ruth Johnson by way of the church Secretary (843)838-4410

New Youth



Choir Members
 Welcome!
 The next rehearsals will be February 8th, at 10:00 am and February 15th, at 9:00 am. Unless you are notified of any changes. New members are welcome.

The Youth Choir will Minister Sunday February 16th, 2025.

Thank you,
 Youth Choir Director
 Sister Gwen Smith

January Sermon Recap

January 5, 2025
Jesus, Our Perfect Example
 Mark 1:9-13
 Bishop Kenneth C. Doe

January 12, 2025
It's Time
 Exodus 14:5-14
 Bishop Kenneth C. Doe

January 19, 2025
No Fear
 Psalm 23
 Bishop Kenneth C. Doe

January 26, 2025
Move On It!
 Philippians 3:13,14
 Jeremiah 32:26,27
 Bishop Kenneth C. Doe

Bethesda Christian Fellowship

Leadership Meeting

Saturday, February 22, 2025

Ministers meet at 9:00 am
 Deacons join meeting at 9:30 am
 All other Ministry leaders join at 10:00

Beginning February 2nd, 2025

Members are free to attend worship service any Sunday

"Say It Loud Essay"

THEME: "Local Legends"

- ◆ Open to Bethesda Christian Fellowship Students Grades 4th through 12th
- ◆ Must Be Written by the Child
- ◆ Deadline for Submission of Essays January 26, 2025
- ◆ Date for Presentation of Essays to Begin Will Be Announced

Bethesda Christian Fellowship

Live Streaming



Join Us on Sunday Mornings

For Our Teaching and Learning Experiences

Sunday Worship Services can be accessed via livestreaming on Sundays at 10 AM on:

- Bethesda Christian Fellowship Facebook page [Bethesda Christian Fellowship - Home | Facebook](#)
- Bethesda Christian Fellowship live stream on YouTube : Live stream [Bethesda Christian Fellowship - YouTube](#)
- Our webpage [Bethesda Christian Fellowship \(revmediatv.com\)](#)

(Remember to Like the Bethesda Page.)

BETHESDA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Access the broadcast by phone at
 (848)777-1500
 Conference ID
 8438384410

Wisdom and Wonder in God's Word

Please join us for "Wisdom and Wonder in GOD's Word" segment that's livestreamed every Wednesday at 1:00 pm on Facebook.

Sermons can be found on our Bethesda Christian Fellowship Facebook page. Edited versions can be found on YouTube at Bethesda Christian Fellowship St. Helena Island, as well as, under Sermons on our webpage.

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Bishop Kenneth C. Doe

From The Bishop's Desk
 Then It Came To Me.....

The Bethesda Herald

A Ministry of Bethesda Christian Fellowship

February 2025



The Place of the Outpouring

Redeeming the time." These words are part of the verse of scripture located at Ephesians 5:16. Our Holy Scripture is full of directives, suggestions and admonitions. All of this is for the welfare of mankind. For most of us there are some lessons that are more easily learned and kept than others. The temptation is to really shine where we are strong. The companion temptation is to ignore or minimize those matters that are more challenging to us. This, as well as all other temptations, must be resisted. The particular temptation we confront today is the ignoring and wasting of time. Many of us are plagued with the weakness of not using time wisely. We tend to argue that that simply is not true for us. However, before we close the door on this possibly being for us, let us consider these things.

The most obvious failure at "redeeming the time" is when we are not on task. We simply fail to do the things we should when we should. Perhaps it is an oversight. Maybe we just failed to understand where we should be and/or what we should be doing. If that is the case, then we need to be put on task. With guidance from the appropriate person, we should soon return to "redeeming the time."

Another possible reason for being off task may simply be that we have decided that something else is more important. In this case, we re-order priorities. Now, the matter to which we are giving our attention may be important. The most vital matter, though, is whether it is the task for that time. If it is not, then we are out of order, and we need to resume the established order of priorities.

Another perhaps less obvious failure at "redeeming the time" is somewhat tricky. In this case, the person is on task. The worker is present. The real issue is not presence, but productivity. Do we realize when we are being tempted to be in place, yet do little or nothing? We must remind ourselves that it is an assignment in kingdom-building. As such, it deserves prompt, quality attention. Be reminded that our work speaks of us and our Savior even when we are absent. What would another believer or an unbeliever conclude about us and our Savior upon review of our work? So, "redeeming the time" in this case refers to quality-production in a timely manner.

One of the most powerful ways of offering a most powerful testimony is by "redeeming the time." Wasted or misused time is never reclaimed. The Apostle Paul admonishes the Saints at Ephesus, Bethesda, and beyond regarding avoiding sinful lusts, walking carefully, and "redeeming the time."

It is my prayer that we take heed.

Shalom, my Friends,
 Bishop Kenneth C. Doe



20 Holy 25 CONVOCAATION

Realizing Richer Relationships
 1 John 3:18-21

Monday, January 6th "First Love"

1 John 3:18-21; Revelation 2:1-5
 Deuteronomy 6:4,5 Deuteronomy 30:6
 Matthew 22:37; Mark 12:30;
 Luke 10:27

Tuesday, January 7th "My Love Is My Witness"

John 13:34,35

Wednesday, January 8th

"The Death of What About Me"
 Matthew 20:25-27; Mark 10:45
 Romans 12:10

Thursday, January 9th "Consider The Source"

Proverbs 27:6

What Does the Lord Require?
 Micah 6:8



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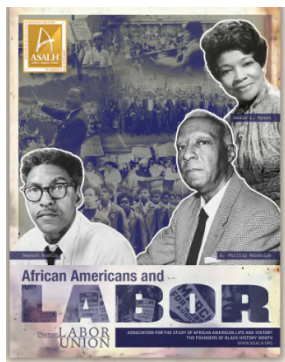
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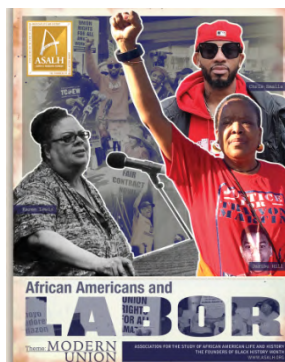
BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2025

THEME: AFRICAN AMERICANS, AND LABOR



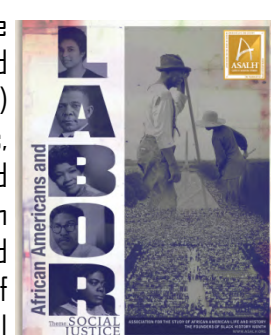
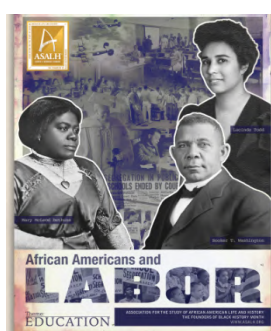
The 2025 Black History Month theme, African Americans, and Labor, focuses on the various and profound ways that work and working of all kinds – free and unfree, skilled, and unskilled, vocational and voluntary – intersect with the collective experiences of Black people. Indeed, work is at the very center of much of Black history and culture. Be it the traditional agricultural labor of enslaved Africans that fed Low Country colonies, debates among Black educators on the importance of vocational training, self-help strategies and entrepreneurship in Black communities, or organized labor's role in fighting both economic and social injustice, Black people's work has been transformational throughout the U.S., Africa, and the Diaspora. The 2025 Black History Month theme, "African Americans and Labor," sets out to highlight and celebrate the potent impact of this work.

Considering Black people's work through the widest perspectives provides versatile and insightful platforms for examining Black life and culture through time and space. In this instance, the notion of work constitutes compensated labor in factories, the military, government agencies, office buildings, public service, and private homes. But it also includes the community building of social justice activists, voluntary workers serving others, and institution building in churches, community groups, and social clubs and organizations. In each of these instances, the work Black people do and have done have been instrumental in shaping the lives, cultures, and histories of Black people and the societies in which they live. Understanding Black labor and its impact in all these multivariate settings is integral to understanding Black people and their histories, lives, and cultures.



Africans were brought to the Americas to be enslaved for their knowledge and serve as a workforce, which was superexploited by several European countries and then by the United States government. During enslavement, Black people labored for others, although some Black people were quasi-free and labored for themselves, but operated within a country that did not value Black life. After fighting for their freedom in the Civil War and in the country's transition from an agricultural based economy to an industrial one, African Americans became sharecroppers, farm laborers, landowners, and then wage earners. Additionally, African Americans' contributions to the built landscape can be found in every part of the nation as they constructed and designed some of the most iconic examples of architectural heritage in the country, specifically in the South.

Over the years to combat the superexploitation of Black labor, wage discrepancies, and employment discrimination based on race, sex, and gender, Black professionals (teachers, nurses, musicians, and lawyers, etc.) occupations (steel workers, washerwomen, dock workers, sex workers, sports, arts and sciences, etc.) organized for better working conditions and compensation. Black women such as Addie Wyatt also joined ranks of union work and leadership to advocate for job security, reproductive rights, and wage increases. 2025 marks the 100-year anniversary of the creation of Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters and Maids by labor organizer and civil rights activist A. Philip Randolph, which was the first Black union to receive a charter in the American Federation of Labor. Martin Luther King, Jr incorporated issues outlined by Randolph's March on Washington Movement such as economic justice into the Poor People's Campaign, which he established in 1967. For King, it was a priority for Black people to be considered full citizens.



NATIONAL BLACK HISTORY

THE SIX TRIPLE 8 (6888)



On February 3, 1945, the US Army sent over 800 Black women overseas to England aboard the SS Ile de France. Their mission unknown to them. Eleven days later, after dodging German U-boats, the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion "the SixTripleEight" landed in Glasgow, Scotland. Their commander, Major Charity Adams, and the rest of her command staff waited for them on the docks. "Thanks to seasickness, the salt-water spray, and the limited personal conveniences, when they arrived after twelve days at sea, the group was a very unhappy looking lot," recalled Adams in her book, *One Woman's Army: A Black Officer Remembers the WAC*.



Their journey overseas started several years earlier when Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, an adviser to President Franklin D. Roosevelt, advocated with First

Lady Eleanor Roosevelt to find a meaningful role for Black women in the war. Her concern was that the war was coming to an end and Black women would be left out of it. An educator and public leader, Bethune had traveled to colleges and universities in the United States, and she knew where the best qualified Black women were. One of those women, Charity Adams, was already serving in the Women's Army Corps (WAC) at Fort Des Moines, Iowa. In the summer of 1944, Adams and other Black WACs at Fort Des Moines had received orders to train at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, an overseas training center (TC). At the TC, Adams oversaw four companies. "Our preparation was intense," said Adams. "Gas mask and close order drill, obstacle course, classroom training, clothes packing exercises, physical examinations, ." The women had performed well despite the ever-present specter of racism. Brigadier General (USA, Ret.) Clara Adams-Ender, the first Army Nurse to command as a General, knew several women of the SixTripleEight, and remembers this story, "they got down there, the commander of the base said, we know why you're

here and I will do nothing to help you prepare to go overseas." By December 1944, the women were trained and going home to visit with family before sailing overseas. Adams, and her Executive Officer Captain Abbie Campbell, received orders for England to prepare for the coming troops. On the flight over, Adams opened an envelope marked "Secret." Inside were her orders to proceed to London, still no word of her mission.



On February 14, the 'SixTripleEight' arrived at their new home at the King Edward School near downtown Birmingham. The living conditions were austere. One veteran remembers having to take cold showers outside. They put their gear on their bunks and were taken to nearby warehouses. Inside, they found bags of mail, packages, and boxes stacked to the ceiling.

Over the next three months, the SixTripleEight perfected their processes by setting up three eight hour shifts, seven days a week. "Every morning, the trucks would come in loaded with mail and packages and they would sort them," said Dorothy Turner Johnson in a 2007 interview, "and I had the V's. One would think there weren't that many V's, but no, there were many, many V's in the army." At peak efficiency, they processed for delivery over 65,000 pieces of mail per shift. By war's end, it added up to 17 million pieces of mail.

In May 1945, the SixTripleEight was moved to Rouen, France, not far from the port city of Le Havre. On July 8, while stationed in Rouen, three of the women, Sgt. Delores Browne, Pfc. Mary Bankston, and Pfc. Mary Barlow, were killed in a Jeep accident. They were buried at Colleville-Sur-Mer Normandy American Cemetery. Of the nearly 9,400 other Americans buried there, only four are women. Three of them are from the SixTripleEight.

Seventy-five years later, the Six Triple Eight started receiving their just recognition. On November 30, 2018, a monument was dedicated in their honor at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. On February 20, 2019, Secretary of the



Dr. Mark T. Esper, awarded them the Meritorious Unit Commendation for Meritorious Service during Military Operations from February 15, 1945 to March 4, 1946.

BETHESDA'S SENIOR SAINTS



DEACON WESLEY C. SMALLS

Wesley C. Smalls Jr was born on November 8, 1932, on Wallace St. Helena Island, SC, delivered by a midwife named Ms. Gibbs Thompson. He had 7 brothers, 2 adopted brothers, and 3 sisters. Currently, only 2 of his siblings are alive. The deceased brothers are Nathan, Easton, Walter, Robert, Ned, Luke (adopted), and Herman (adopted), while the surviving sister is Matilda Derrick. Deceased sisters are Beatrice Glover and Marie Alston.

Mr. Smalls was baptized on November 5, 1945, at St. Joseph Baptist Church and ordained a Deacon in October 1980 at the same church. He graduated from Penn School in 1951. In July 1953, he married Louise B. Smalls, who passed away on August 31, 2020. They had four daughters, Geraldine (Wayne) Foster, Alfreda Thompson, Jennifer (James) Mack, and Veronica (Gevan) Makle, and five grandchildren, Jesse Howell, Leticia Foster, James K. Mack III, Jalin Mack, and Jawan Mack.

Mr. Smalls joined the United States Air Force on August 16, 1951. He worked as a Personnel Affairs Consultant from 1951 to 1953, an Admin Specialist with 15 Air Force from 1953 to 1955, and HQ Tactical Air Command from 1955 to 1958. He then worked at the Air Force Office of Special Investigation (OSI) in 1958. He retired on September 1, 1974, after 23 1/2 years of service. During his career, he was stationed at Shepherd AFB-1951, Wichita Falls, TX (1951), Travis AFB CA (1951-1953), Sidisamine, North Africa (1953), March AFB, CA (1954), Langley AFB, VA (1955, 1963), Taipei Taiwan (1963, 1966- 2 tours totaling 7 years), Pentagon DC (1958), Soul Korea, and Bangkok Thailand.



After retiring from the military, he worked as a Nursing Assistant at the VA hospital in Hampton, VA, in 1975, Medical Records Administrator at Beaufort Jasper Comprehensive Health Service in 1975, and Compliance Investigator at the same facility from 1978 to 1980. He also worked as a Restaurant Manager on Fripp Island in 1980-1981 and as a Mail Carrier for the United States Postal Service in Hilton Head, SC, from 1981 to 1996.



SISTER RUTHMARIE JOHNSON

Ruthmarie Johnson was born on March 31, 1932. She is the fourth of nine children. Currently only one sibling(Marvin Bailey is alive. I have four children Cheryl Moultrie, Pat Blunt, Dina Wheeler, and Louis Alston (Deceased). I also have ten grandchildren, eighteen great grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild. I've lived in New York most of my life, I've worked at several jobs including Con Edison and Consumer Report for a short time. In 1991, after working for over 30 years, I retired as a supervisor from NYC Comptrollers office. In February of 1992, I moved to St. Helena, SC. Shortly after, in October of 1992, I joined St. Joseph's Baptist Church (presently known as Bethesda Baptist) under the leadership of Pastor (now Bishop Doe). I've served on the Pastor's Aide and Missionary Board committee. I also sang on the Senior Choir until 2020. I am grateful for the love and support I continuously receive from the entire Bethesda family. I am truly blessed to be here.



Did you know? Sister Ruthmarie Johnson was ordained as a Deaconess

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Bethesda Herald Newsletter would like to highlight our Senior Saints. Please provide us with Name, and contact information to church secretary.