

# Mt. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH



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**THE NEGRO MOTHER -**  
**Poem by Langston Hughes**

Children, I come back today To tell you a story of the long dark way That I had to

climb, that I had to know In order that the race might live and grow. Look at my face—dark as the night— Yet shining like the sun with love's true light. I am the child they stole from the sand Three hundred years ago in Africa's land. I am the dark girl who crossed the wide sea Carrying in my body the seed of the free. I am the woman who worked in the field Bringing the cotton and the corn to yield. I am the one who labored as a slave, Beaten and mistreated for the work that I gave — Children sold away from me, husband sold, too. No safety, no love, no respect was I due.

Three hundred years in the deepest South: But God put a song and a prayer in my mouth. God put a dream like steel in my soul. Now, through my children, I'm reaching the goal. Now, through my children, young and free, I realize the blessings denied to me. I couldn't read then. I couldn't write. I had nothing, back there in the night. Sometimes, the valley was filled with tears, But I kept trudging on through the lonely years. Sometimes, the road was hot with sun, But I had to keep on till my work was done: I had to keep on! No stopping for me — I was the seed of the coming Free. I nourished the dream that nothing could smother Deep in my breast—the Negro mother.

I had only hope then, but now through you, Dark ones of today, my dreams must come true: All you dark children in the world out there, Remember my sweat, my pain, my despair. Remember my years, heavy with sorrow— And make of those years a torch for tomorrow. Make of my past a road to

the light Out of the darkness, the ignorance, the night. Lift high my banner out of the dust. Stand like free men supporting my trust. Believe in the right, let none push you back. Remember the whip and the slaver's track. Remember how the strong in struggle and strife Still bar you the way, and deny you life — But march ever forward, breaking down bars.

Look ever upward at the sun and the stars. Oh, my dark children, may my dreams and my prayers Impel you forever up the great stairs — For I will be with you till no white brother Dares keep down the children of the Negro mother.



**PRAYER FOR MOTHERHOOD**

Lord we thank You so much for mothers and for the role of motherhood, and we

pray for all mothers today. That You would fill their hearts with grace and love and endue them with strength, patience, wisdom and joy.

We pray for all mothers today, and thank You for the gentle protection, wise counsel and godly correction they so often provide to their children and we pray that they would be given the grace to bring up their children in the fear and nurture of the Lord.

Thank You for the wisdom and guidance we have received from our own mothers and for many selfless actions that they so often take on behalf of their children, and which so often goes unnoticed, unacknowledged and un-thanked.

Draw close to all mothers we pray and fill each one with Your strength, guide and direct them as they carry out the roles and responsibilities of motherhood and draw them into close loving fellowship with their families and with You - this we ask in Jesus name, Amen.

## Announcements & Acknowledgements

*Thank  
You*

to Sis. Dorothy Billington who funded this month's issue as a Tribute to her brother **Trustee Clyde M. Billington, Jr.** Trustee Billington went home to be

with the Lord on April 2, 2018. He was remembered by his family as an astute businessman, a loving husband, father and grandfather. He loved his work as much as he loved to enjoy the fruits of his labors with his family. The grandchildren told how much they enjoyed the pancakes he used to make for them when they visited him. Tributes paid to him at his Homegoing Service pictured a man who lived his life to the fullest and gave his best service. His sister told of his devotion to his service for the Lord.

Again we want to thank Sis. Billington for her continued support of the Newsletter. You have our sincerest sympathy in the lost of your brother.

God never promised us a life without pain but he promised to be with us through it all.

May God continue to Bless you and your family!

**The Newsletter Staff**

## Jestina Leslie Awarded Scholarship

Congratulations to Jestina Leslie on receiving a \$1,000.00 scholarship from the Connecticut Missionary Baptist Convention. The scholarship will be awarded to her at the Convention's banquet on May 10, 2018.

Jestina is the daughter of **Deacon Carlton** and **Deaconess Priscilla Leslie**. She is sister to **Symone** and **Taylor Leslie**. Jestina is a very active member of this church. She serves in the Sunday school, choir and usher ministries, and Vacation Bible School.

Jestina you have our prayers and best wishes for much continued success in seeking a higher education. God Bless You!

## What's Cooking?

### PINTO BEAN CASSEROLE

Quick as a wink

1 - lb. hamburger

1-16 ounce jar salsa (mild)

2 cans pinto beans

1 box cornbread mix

Brown hamburger, drain well, pour into baking dish. Add the salsa and put the beans on top.

Make cornbread mix as directed on box

Spread cornbread

evenly on top of beans

Bake at 350

degrees for about

45 minutes or

until browned.

Submitted by

**Sis. Linda Clarke**



## 101<sup>st</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Please save the following dates for upcoming 101<sup>st</sup> Anniversary events:

- Mother's Day Brunch - May 13, 2018
- Fish Fry & Movie Night - June 1, 2018
- Anniversary Banquet - July 21, 2018
- Friends & Family Day - August 11, 2018

Member Assessment: \$101.00

Ministry Assessment: \$301.00

Anniversary Colors: Shades of Green

## HEALTH NEWS

### HOW OFTEN SHOULD YOU CLEAN THIS?

#### Check the Chore Schedule

Wondering if your housekeeping is up to par? When is it time to replace certain items? Do you clean your cleaning tools? We've got advice on some common and some not-so-obvious places and things to take care of throughout your home to help keep it healthy.

**SMARTPHONE: Daily:** You touch your phone countless times a day. And the fingerprints you leave on the screen are a grease trap for gunk and germs. Get in the habit of wiping it clean at least once a day. Studies show alcohol is best for killing bacteria, but check with your device's manufacturer to see what it recommends to avoid damage. Clean the case, too!

**DISHWASHER: Monthly:** Over time, buildup in your machine can keep your dishes from getting the cleaning they need and deserve. Once a month, toss in a cup of baking soda on the bottom and set 1/2 cup of white vinegar in the top rack; then run a regular cycle

**REFRIGERATOR: Quarterly:** Funky forgotten leftovers in the back of your fridge can leave behind mold spores after you've tossed them. To keep germs at bay, empty your refrigerator every 3-4 months, and clean the shelves and walls with a tablespoon of baking soda dissolved in a quart of water. Rinse and let dry before replacing food.

**TV REMOTE: Weekly:** Take the batteries out first! Then use cotton swabs dipped in mild soapy water to get off sticky, oily fingerprints and crud from around the buttons. Wipe down the whole thing with a solution of one part vinegar and two parts water to kill bacteria. Make sure the battery compartment is dry before you put the power back in.

**TOILETS: Daily:** The more action your porcelain throne sees in a day, the more reason to squirt your cleaner of choice into the bowl and give it a swish with a long-handled brush. Save the deeper scrub-down for your weekly round-up.

**RAZOR BLADES: 5-7 Uses:** Did you know a dull blade causes more cuts and irritation than a sharp one? Start with a new blade every week or so, if you're shaving daily, to stay (and look) sharp.

**MAKEUP BRUSHES: Weekly and Monthly:** Applicators like sponges and brushes can be a breeding ground for bacteria. They collect dirt, dust, and anything else floating through the air as well as on your skin. Wash brushes for wet makeup once a week; dry makeup brushes, monthly. Mild soap and warm water followed by an overnight drying session will take you from grime to glam.

**BRAS: Every Few Uses:** Whether you give them "off days" to regain their shape and elasticity, or go for multiple wears in a row, it's best to give bras a good wash after you've worn them about three times. But if you've been sweating, don't wait that long.

**SHEETS: Weekly:** The rule of thumb is to wash bed linens once a week in water hot enough to kill bacteria (around 140 F), and tumble dry. Your shut-eye habits should determine your timeline. For example, pets, night sweats, and midnight snacks in bed mean you'll need to change them sooner. Alternating between two sets of sheets can make it easier to keep up.

**PILLOWS: 2-4 Times a Year:** Throw your pillows (and your throw pillows) in the wash on hot every 3-6 months to kill bacteria and keep them fresh. Same goes for your comforter or duvet. If it's too big to fit in your machine at home, take it to a laundromat with extra-large commercial-size washers, or have it professionally cleaned.

**MATTRESS: Twice a Year:** Unless it's brand new, your mattress is probably home for millions of dust mites. A good semiannual vacuuming can help suck up those tiny critters, as well as the dead skin cells you've been shedding that keep them well-fed.

**WASHING MACHINE: Quarterly:** Any appliance that uses water is at risk for mold and mildew. Wipe down the door and rubber gasket of a front loader after every wash load. Give your machine a deeper cleaning every 3-4 months by adding 1 cup of bleach and running a hot cycle (sans clothes) to sanitize.

Source: WEBMD



**To all those born  
in the month of  
MAY**

Sis. Tamela Sanderson	1	Sis. Debbiemaria Gamble	21
Bro. Michael Robinson	2	Sis. Edmonia Dawkins	21
Bro. Melvin Sanford	3	Sis. Alice Nance	21
Tru. George Williams	5	Sis. Veronica Robinson	21
Sis. Alicia Champion	7	Rev. James M. Gray	22
Dea. Louis Johnson	9	Sis. Hannah Hill	23
Bro. Michael Robinson, Jr.	14	Sis. Deonna Harrell	25
Bro. Ricky Brown	15	Sis. Margaree White	28
Deaconess Comalita Elliott	15	Sis. Donna Johnson	29
Bro. Rhashim Campbell	16		
Sis. Tinika Champion	19		
Bro. Julian C. Jackson	20		

**MAY ANNIVERSARIES**

Celebrants	Date	Years
Bro. Jimmie & Sis. Hannah Hill	2	53
Rev. Timothy & Sis. Vivian Wood	10	51
Tru. Hugh and Sis. Juanita Branch	15	53
Bro. Johnnie & Sis. Juliette Cole	16	54

“What therefore God hath joined together let not man put asunder.” Matthew 19:6

**NEW WORKERS IN THE VINEYARD**

No "new" members were fellowshipped this month. Please encourage a friend or family member to attend service with you at least one Sunday in the month of May. Sometimes that is all that is required, an invitation.

**Romans 12:5**

“... so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others” (NIV).

It is actually for our own good that God wants us in fellowship with other believers. We need each other to grow up in the faith, to learn to serve, to love one another, and to practice forgiveness. Though we are individuals, we still belong to one another.

*I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day; the night cometh, when no man can work. John 9:4.*



*Our Deepest Sympathy to the following families:*

Sis. Dorothy Billington and family in the passing of her brother, **Clyde Mark Billington, Jr.**, who passed away peacefully on April 2, 2018. He was born on August 29, 1934 to the late **Tru. Clyde, Sr.** and **Annie** (Spann) Billington and was married to the late Malora W. Billington for 55 years. Clyde established himself as one of Hartford’s most successful businessmen and served as a Connecticut 7th District State Representative for 10 years. He loved teaching his children and grandchildren the value of a good work ethic and instilled in them the principles of working to achieve what they wanted in life. Clyde also enjoyed deep sea fishing and gardening. His accomplishments and contributions include: Receiving the Unsung Hero Award in 2001 by the Revitalization Zone Organization; a civil rights award in 1977; and serving on the Board of Trustees at Mt. Calvary. His Homegoing Service was April 14<sup>th</sup> at this church.



**The family of Rev. Lorenzo and Deaconess Comalita Elliott** in the passing of her brother, Oneil Johnson, an independent taxi driver that was tragically murdered in Spanish Town Jamaica on March 5, 2018. Oneil was a loving husband and father that was well respected by his community. He was also the uncle of **Gabriel and Daniel Elliott**. Oneil’s funeral was April 15<sup>th</sup> in Jamaica.



The family of Elizabeth Ann (Liz, Bunny) (Cummings) Perkins Carter, 77, who passed on March 24, 2018. She was born in Maine and worked at Nissen’s Bakery in Portland and First National Bakery in East Hartford. She later worked for the State of Connecticut, retiring in 1997. Liz was a pianist and taught piano. She loved music, dancing, cooking and traveling. She believed “Children are the Reward of Life” and among those that survive her are daughters **Sharon (Saul) Hargrove, “Jeannie” and Christine**. Her survivors also include 33 grandchildren, 63 great grandchildren, 12 great-great grandchildren and long-time friend **Carolyn Champion**. A Life Well Celebrated Service for Liz was April 7th at Newkirk & Whitney Funeral Home.

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**The family of Juanzia Van and Pearlie Williams** in the passing of her niece, Angela Gail Bailey, (61) of Springfield, who went home to be with our Lord on March 31, 2018, surrounded by her loving family. She was most recently employed as a Certified Nursing Assistant at Orchard Valley, where she was well-loved and cherished. She was previously employed by Danaher Tools. Gail loved taking pictures and traveling. Her funeral services were April 9<sup>th</sup> at St. John's United Congregational Church.



**The family of Sis. Sandra Lindsay and Sis. Virginia Pertillar** in the passing of their brother, Charles J. (Bay) Pertillar, 89, on March 31, 2018. He was the son of the late **Charles and Clara (Countryman) Pertillar**. His funeral services were April 11<sup>th</sup> at Bethel AME Church. In lieu of flowers the family requested donations to the Charles Pertillar Grandchildren's Educational Fund c/o Wells Fargo Bank, Bloomfield.



**The family of Joe C. Hurt Jr.**, 37, who passed away unexpectedly on April 02, 2018. Joe worked at Advance Scaffolding, New England Scaffolding, and Nutmeg Chrome. He completed schools for brick masonry and OSHA licenses. His survivors include wife **Elizabeth (Berrios) Hurt**; daughter **Alana Bouyer**; aunt and uncle, **Cynthia and Frank Bennett**; and cousins, **Justin and Jeffrey Coleman**. Joe enjoyed many activities but his greatest joy was spending time with family and friends. His Celebration of Life was April 11<sup>th</sup> at The Lodge Community Chapel.

**John "Horn" Harris and family** in the passing of his brother Leon Vincent Harris aka "Piccolo". Leon passed into eternal rest on April 14, 2018. He was also the son of the late **Ethel Harris**. Leon's Celebration of Life was held April 28<sup>th</sup> at First Congregational Church in East Hartford.



**The families of Mae Harvey and Pat Menefee** in the passing of their cousin, Willie "Sonny Boy" Barrow, 79, who passed away on April 16, 2018. Willie enjoyed a successful 33-year long career with the City of Hartford Fire Department. After retirement he maintained active in the department as Deputy Sheriff (1999) and State Marshal (2000). He was a founding member of the Phoenix Society Firefighters and of the International Association of Black Professional Fire Fighters. His funeral was April 21<sup>st</sup> at The Lodge Community Chapel.

**Deacon Robert and Deaconess Cheryl George and family** in the passing of her relative.

**Rev. Joe and Sis. Ivory Griffin and family** in the passing of her sister.

**Deaconess Dorothy Rush and family** in the passing of her cousin in New Jersey.

Remember a card, phone call or a visit after the funeral can lift the spirits of a grieving brother or sister.

*From our happy home and circle, God has taken ones we love; Borne away from sin and sorrow to a better home above.*



### TIME

"Time is your most precious gift because you only have a set amount of it. You can make more money, but you can't make more time. When you give someone your time, you are giving them a portion of your life that you'll never get back. Your time is your life. That is why the greatest gift you can give someone is your time. It is not enough to just say relationships are important; we must prove it by investing time in them. Words alone are worthless. "My children, our love should not be just words and talk; it must be true love, which shows itself in action." Relationships take time and effort, and the best way to spell love is "T-I-M-E."



— Rick Warren, *The Purpose Driven Life: What on Earth Am I Here for?*

## HERITAGE CORNER

### LINCOLN UNIVERSITY

(Trustee Clyde Billington, Jr. attended this university)

In 1854 Rev. John Miller Dickey, a Presbyterian minister, and his wife, Sarah Emlen Cresson, a Quaker, founded Ashmun Institute, later named Lincoln University, in Hinsonville. They named it after Jehudi Ashmun, a religious leader and social reformer. They founded the school for the education of African Americans, who had few opportunities for higher education.

John Miller Dickey was the first president of the college. In 1866, Ashmun Institute was renamed Lincoln University after the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln the previous year.

The college attracted highly talented students from numerous states, especially during the long decades of legal segregation in the South. As may be seen on the list of notable alumni many went on to achievements in careers in academia, public service, the arts and many other fields.

In 1945 Dr. Horace Mann Bond, an alumnus of Lincoln, was selected as the first African-American president of the university. During his 12-year tenure, he continued to do social science research, and helped support the important civil rights case of *Brown v. Board of Education*, decided in 1954 by the US Supreme Court. He established an important relationship with the collector Albert C. Barnes, who ensured Lincoln University had a role in the management of his art collection, the Barnes Foundation.

From 1854 to 1954, Lincoln University graduates accounted for 20 percent of black physicians and over 10 percent of black lawyers in the United States.

In 1972 Lincoln University formally associated with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a state-related institution.

In 2013, the University officially refined its name and brand as *Lincoln University* to emphasize its distinction as the nation's first HBCU, as well as to distinguish itself from other universities of the same name in Missouri, California and New Zealand, as well as Lincoln Memorial in Tennessee.

In November 2014, University president Robert R. Jennings resigned under pressure from faculty, students and alumni after comments relating to issues of sexual assault. Jennings was also the subject of a couple of no-confidence votes by faculty and the alumni association in October 2014.

On May 11, 2017, the Lincoln University board of trustees announced the appointment of Dr. Brenda A. Allen, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at Winston-Salem State University as Lincoln's new president. A 1981 alumna of Lincoln, Allen's inauguration was announced for October, 2017.

Among our most notable alumni include: **Melvin B. Tolson, '24**, an educator and one of the most significant African American modernist poets; **Langston Hughes, '29**, world-acclaimed poet; **Thurgood Marshall, '30**, the first African American U.S. Supreme Court Justice; **Hildrus A. Poindexter, '24**, the first African American to earn both an M.D. (1929, *Harvard University*) and a Ph.D. (1932, *Columbia University*) as well as also the first African American internationally-recognized authority on tropical diseases; **Roscoe Lee Browne, '46**, author and widely acclaimed actor of stage and screen; **Lawrence (Larry) Neal, '61**, one of the most influential scholars, authors and philosophers of The Black Arts Movement; **Gil-Scott-Heron**, among other notable scholars.

More Info: <http://www.lincoln.edu/>

**LISTEN TO LEARN**

Ladies: Ever think you're having a bad day? Do you walk around whining and complaining to everyone you come into contact with about: a man or not having a man; an ache or pain in your body; a dispute at home or work; or maybe about those bad behind kids that just won't listen to you?

You probably think talking about the problem will get you some sympathy, help you cope better, or get advice from another that just might solve your issue. But then you stop and listen to the other person's story and realize you don't have anything to complain about. The person you are burdening with your problem has/is going through much more than you could have imagined.

They may have had to run for their lives with small children to escape an abusive husband or they might have had to leave their children with friends or relatives until they settled in a new and unknown area, far from the abuser.

They may have been diagnosed with a medical issue that has no cure or requires extensive surgery, continuous pain or treatment that is painful or debilitating.

They may have no conflicts at work because they just received a lay-off notice and their rent or mortgage is already past due.

Or their spouse has decided they no longer want to be with them or wants to have another on the side.

And when they tell you about their kids, you find that one has been addicted to drugs for years and they're raising their grands or even great-grandchildren with little or no support.

Or their child has been diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis or Lupus or even worse, killed in a car accident or by gun fire. With all they're going through, you can't imagine how they're still standing.

You would expect them to be constantly crying, angry or having a nervous breakdown but instead, they are encouraging you through their testimony. They are telling you that things are going to get better because they will be praying for you and God will not leave or forsake you. They remind you that: He's right there by your side, advocating for your physical and emotional well-being; He will

make the way out of no way seen by you; He will keep you in the time of your storm and you are safe in His arms. And He will lead and guide you to the right resources for you and your family. God will keep His promises, so don't give up.

As this Mother's Day approaches, I think of all the mothers and mother figures whose paths I have crossed and how their words and lives have influenced my life. Many I literally call "Miracle" because of all they have endured. You would never know by looking at them because God has brought them through it all so they always have a smile and a listening ear for you.

I applaud those women who have survived the life-threatening illnesses, abusive relationships, parental neglect and abandonment. It is by the grace of God that they are still here to tell their story and reap a harvest they never could have anticipated. Ladies: Exercise faith in the Master that has been exhibited right before your very eyes.

**May all "Mothers" have a Blessed and Happy Mother's Day!**

**CHUCKLE OF THE MONTH****SAY A PRAYER**

Little Johnny and his family were having



Sunday dinner at his Grandmother's house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When Little Johnny received his plate, he started eating right away. "Johnny! Please wait until we say our prayer." said his mother.

"I don't need to," the boy replied.

"Of course, you do" his mother insisted. "We always say a prayer before eating at our house."

"That's at our house." Johnny explained. "But this is Grandma's house and she knows how to cook."

Courtesy of Rev. Tim Wood

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## I'LL ALWAYS LOVE MY MAMA

I'll always love my mama She's my favorite girl  
I'll always love my mama She brought me in this world  
Sometimes I feel so bad When I think of all the things I used to do  
How mama used to clean somebody else's house Just to buy me a new pair of shoes  
I never understood how mama made it through the week When she never ever got a good night's sleep  
Talking 'bout mama She's one of a kind  
Talking 'bout mama You've got your yours, and I've got mine  
Talking 'bout mama Oh, hey mama, hey mama, my heart belongs to you...  
A mother's love is so special It's something that you can't describe  
It's the kind of love that stays with you Until the day you die  
She taught me little things like "Say Hello and Thank you, please"  
While scrubbing those floors on her bended knees...  
I'll always love my mama She's my favorite girl...

Recorded by The Intruders (1973)

Songwriters: Gene Mcfadden / John Whitehead / Kenneth Gamble / Kenny Gamble / Leon Huff

I'll Always Love My Mama lyrics © Warner/Chappell Music, Inc

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