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MOTHERS' ADVICE

In honor of Mother's Day and Memorial Day, the Newsletter Staff thought it would be a good time to remember Words of Wisdom given to mothers from Mothers of the Church who have gone home to be with the Lord as well as advice on Love from the late Rev. Alfred Howard. We also pause to wish all mothers Happy Mother's Day, especially the remaining Mothers of the Church: Mo. Mary Jackson, Mo. Louise Johnson, Mo. Mary Grace and Mo. Gladys Walker. These memories are reprinted from the May 1995 issue of the Newsletter.

We posed this question to the Mothers:
What advice would you give to mother of today to help them with their children?

MOTHER ROSE TAYLOR: "Faithfully nurture the most precious of gifts, a child. Take the time to teach the values of respect, discipline, responsibility, and the greater value of love. It is a very difficult time to be a parent these days. Discipline is very different than it used to be. You take away one thing, there are so many other things the child can do. There is too much going on in the lives of the children today. I do not envy the mothers of today; they have a most difficult time."

MOTHER ELIZABETH JONES: "Be all you can be in life. Do good unto your children. Teach them the way to live in this wicked world. Teach them to avoid the use of drugs."

MOTHER BEULAH OATES: "Teach your children to carry themselves in a respectable manner. Pray for them at all times. Keep them under your control through discipline. When I was a child, my mother didn't always have to -peak to us to keep us in line. Sometimes, she would just clear up her throat and that was enough."

MOTHER MARY FORTE "Give your children all the love you can and ask the Lord to bless each of them one by one."

MOTHER LAURA ROBERTS: "Set an example for the children to follow. Take their children to Sunday School. Teach them to use their intelligence and to respect their elders. Take heed to the advice that the elders give."

MOTHER ANNIE SMITH: "Whatever mothers do, they should make sure it is real. Do all your work in the name of the Lord especially raising children. Mothers have to live the life in front of their children so they can know how to live. When I was young you could look at your mother and she would slap you silly. Today, children talk back to parents, and are out in the streets all time of night. You should not be cruel to your children. Talk to them kindly and teach them how to live. Don't be a gatekeeper in hell, live for Jesus."

MOTHER MELLOW BOBB: "My advice to the mothers of children today would be: Teach them to be nice, obedient, and to respect their elders."

MOTHER BERNICE WOOD: "At an early age, turn your children over to God and let Him raise them and you be their guide. It is the mother's responsibility to take care of the children and to teach them to walk the straight and narrow. The Bible says: *Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. Matthew 7: 13-14.* Teach them to respect each and every one. Show them love and give them love."

MOTHER JESSIE GREEN: "I would tell mothers to teach their children to follow in Jesus' footsteps. Teach them God's way and the results should be acceptable. When my children were growing up, drugs and crime were not as prevalent as they are today. I taught them to make good choices and before making those choices to think of the consequences. Mothers of today need to teach the children about the dangers of drugs, and to choose their friends carefully. They need to spend time with the children talking and listening to them. Study God's Word together. (Continued on Page 2)

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Teach them that obedience, respect for others as well as themselves, are very important, but the most important is Love. Love God, yourself and others."

MOTHER OLIVIA WASHINGTON: "Teach your children to respect people. Spend quality time with them. Teach them the values of life including the love of God, the purpose of His Church, and family love."

MOTHER MARY HOUSTON: "I think mothers of today should be able to listen as well as give advice to their children. It seems, mothers are always in a rush and don't have time to listen to their children. Be careful what they watch on TV, children imitate what they see. Bring them up in the church. Support your children rather than drop them off to be supported by others. Listen to what others have to say about your children. Sometimes, I want to say something to someone's child, but I don't for fear of having my feelings hurt by the child and or the mother. Training for the child starts at home. Remember these scriptures: *Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6; and Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing unto the Lord. Colossians 3:20.* I count it a Blessing and a Privilege to be a Mother of the Church and as God has blessed me, I would like to be a blessing to the Church."

MOTHER ETHNIE JOHNSON: "First acknowledge Christ as the head of your life. Be loving, respectful and honest. Let your life be a good example. Children follow what they see more than what they hear. Trust God to guide you in everything you do. *Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6.*"

MOTHER MARGARET HYLTON: "OUR REFUGE When times are dark and dreary and no one seems to care, our Savior is our refuge, if we go to him in prayer. He's always near to help us and make our burden light, it is like a ray of sunshine even on the darkest night. The Lord will be a refuge in time of trouble. Psalms 9:9. *Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. I Corinthians 1:3*"

Note from editor: Although this advice is 24 years old it is still relevant today.

"The only true wisdom is in knowing you know nothing." – Socrates

WHAT WE NEED IS LOVE

Submitted by **Rev. Alfred Howard**

The last time that I communicated with you was this time last year (1994). I think I ended my message, telling you to read St. John 13:34. It explains Jesus' commandment about love. Well, nothing has changed much since a year ago, the world, the nation, the states and the cities are still in chaos and it's all because of the lack of love.

As I stated in my last message, what everybody needs is love! To receive love we must turn to God. If you feel that you don't have enough love, maybe it's because you haven't yet found God's love, by receiving his Son Jesus Christ. There is a hollowness, an empty spot that He has placed in each of our hearts that only He can fill, and that nothing else can satisfy. So if you want Him to fill that spot in your life, all you have to do is open your heart to him.

To receive God's love is so simple that Jesus said you must become as a little child to enter His Spiritual Kingdom of love and joy. He said, unless you humble yourself and become as a little child, you shall not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. Matthew 18:3.

All you need to do is confess that you are not perfect, that you have made some mistakes and that you need God's forgiveness. The Bible says that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23. In other words, we've all done wrong, so we all need to be forgiven, because without forgiveness of sin, we would be separated from God's perfect love.

But you cannot save yourself. The Bible tells us by grace, God's love and mercy we are saved. We are saved through faith and not of ourselves, or our own good deeds. It is a free gift from God. No matter what good things you do or how religious you try to be, it's impossible to save yourself. It's a Gift from God! And the Gift He gave is Jesus. For God so loved the world that He gave his own Son that whoever believes in Him should never die. In other words we will never be separated from God's love. God loved you and I so much that he gave Jesus to die in our place, to take the punishment that you and I deserve.

As I fore stated, we all need love. We all need to love each other. Love will stop that child abuse. Love will stop the killings on the streets. Love will stop the turmoil in the church. Why don't we give love a try? God Bless!

JUST FOR YOU

by Max Lucado

Behold the sun! Every square yard of it is constantly emitting 130,000 horse power, the equivalent of 450 eight-cylinder car engines. Consider the earth! Our globe's weight is estimated at six sextillion tons—that's a six with 21 zeros! Yet it's precisely tilted at twenty-three degrees or our seasons would be lost in a melted polar flood.

If God is able to place the stars in their sockets and suspend the sky like a curtain—do you think it remotely possible God is able to guide your life? Could it be He is mighty enough to light your path? Jesus said, "Look at the birds in the air. They don't plant or harvest or store into barns, but your heavenly Father feeds them. Why do you worry about clothes?" (Matthew 6:26).

Next time a sunrise steals your breath, say nothing and listen as heaven whispers, "Do you like it? I did it just for you!"

Announcements & Acknowledgements

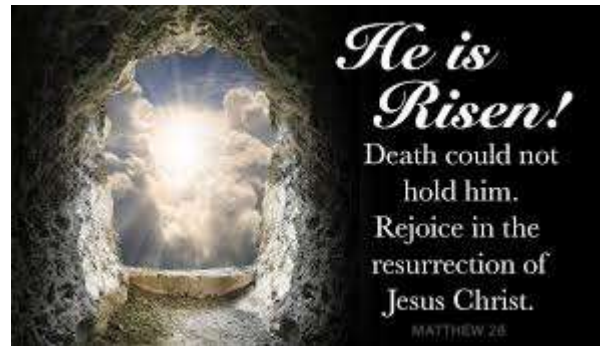


Congratulations Bro. Daniel Elliott!

On April 2, 2019, the 24th Annual Connecticut High School Outstanding Arts Awards Banquet was held at the Aqua Turf Club in Plantsville, CT.

Bro. Daniel Elliott was a recipient of the award representing Windsor High School. The award is presented to two outstanding seniors from each of the Connecticut Association of Schools who excel in the performing or visual arts and possess qualities of scholarship and leadership. Bro. Elliott is the son of **Rev. Lorenzo and Deaconess Comalita Elliott**. Congratulations to Bro. Daniel for his excellence in these fields! Keep up the good work!

MONTH IN REVIEW



The Sunday School held its annual Easter Program on April 21, 2019 and once the welcome address was delightfully presented by cute little Wyatt, a sole member of **Deaconess Turner's** and **Deaconess Wright's** class, I knew we were in for a special treat. **Deaconess Lorene Lewis** served as an inspiring Worship Leader and after necessary duties were performed by **Sis. Sharon Thomas, Sis. Jalyne Green, Sis. Jasmine Harris and Sis. Karen Pinckney**, the icing on the treat began. The many gathered in their fashionable Easter outfits were moved, some literally, by *A Modern Day Betrayal*, written and directed by the talented **Bro. Brandon Parris** and masterfully performed by the combined classes of the Sunday School. From the first lines spoken by the Narrator to the closing bows, the audience was captivated by the storyline, actors and closing musical number, *Celebrate, Jesus, Celebrate*. The entire program was a true celebration to commemorate Jesus' Resurrection from the tomb. Kudos to Sunday School Superintendent **Veronica Robinson** for leading in this memorable event. Following are scenes from that Easter morning.



More Easter Sunday photos...

Heal-A-Tea by Sister Ruth Newell, Women's Day Chairperson



On Saturday April 27, 2019 at 11 a.m., the Women Outreach Ministry of Mount Calvary Baptist Church presented **Heal-A-Tea**. It was a very nice fellowship, a good time was had by all. Order of service/Call to worship by **Sister Virginia Pertillar**, Praise & Worship by the MCBC Praise Team, Scripture Reading of Psalm 133:1 by **Sister Glenda Smith**, Prayer by **Sister Linda Clarke**, Welcome by **Sister Rebecca Hutchinson**, Ice Breaker by **Sister Susan Hutchinson**, Occasion by **Sister Janette Isaac** and Blessing of the Food by **Sister Kimberly Woodard**. We had a lovely lunch followed by an assortment of Teas and Cookies. We had a good time Serving and Praising the Lord, all in accordance with the theme: Fellowship in Healing, Healing in Fellowship.

Many thanks to Sis. Newell and **Sis. Tiffany Tucker** for sharing the following photos and more.





to all born in the month of MAY

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



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Celebrants	Date	Years
Bro. Jimmie & Sis. Hannah Hill	2	55
Tru. Hugh and Sis. Juanita Branch	15	55
Bro. Johnnie & Sis. Juliette Cole	16	56
Bro. Fred & Sis. Linda Clarke	18	54

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

NEW WORKERS IN THE VINEYARD

We extend a warm welcome to the “new” members of our church family: **Willie Cole, Antoinette Nance, “Little” Antoinette Nance, Devon Nance, Ezekyel Scruse and Yahshua Scruse.**

Though many have come, there is still room for more. So 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).



*Our Deepest
Sympathy* to the following
families:



The family of **Sis. Ramon Ann (Geathers) Duncan**, 74, who departed this life March 30, 2019. Ann worked for the Hartford Board of Education with preschool children, special needs children and adults as a paraprofessional. She also worked as a certified nursing assistant, bartender, and she cleaned offices. At Mt. Calvary, she served the Senior Usher Ministry faithfully prior to experiencing health issues. Ann enjoyed family and friends, playing cards, watching television and doting on her grandchildren. Her funeral services were April 9, 2019 at the Church.



Sis. Ethel Cobb and family in the passing of her mother, Ocie Arrington Gray, on March 21, 2019 at home in Mississippi following a long illness. Mrs. Gray was born in 1928 and married to her husband (Aaron) for 72 years. She served her church in the usher ministry, pastor's aide, church school, deaconess and mission boards. Sis. Cobb is a member of the Senior Usher Ministry. Funeral services for Mrs. Gray were held March 28th at Sweet Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Laurel, MS.



Bro. Tyrone & Sis. Joan Coleman and family in the passing of their son, David Glenn Coleman, on March 20, 2019 in the Philippines. He was the owner of Coleman Enterprises and died a few weeks shy of his 52nd birthday. Funeral was April 20th in Connecticut.



The family of **Dea. Louis and Dea'ness Betty Johnson** in the passing of their granddaughter, Raynetter C. “Re-Re” Bird, 42, who died peacefully on March 28, 2019. Survivors also include aunt, **Alice Nance**; sister, **Antoinette Nance**; niece and nephew, **Antoinette and Devon Nance**. Re-Re graduated from Weaver High School and was a “kind, always smiling, social butterfly who loved to meet and talk to people!” She also enjoyed music, television and meals with her family, especially cake and milkshakes. A visitation was held April 5th at Carmon Funeral Home.

HERITAGE CORNER



Nat Love, aka: Deadwood Dick – Greatest Black Cowboy in the Old West

Mounted on my favorite horse, my ... lariat near my hand, and my trusty guns in my belt ... I felt I could defy the world.

— Nat Love in *The Life and Adventures of Nat Love*, 1907

Born in June 1854 as a slave on Robert Love's plantation in Davidson County Tennessee,

Nat (pronounced Nate) Love would grow up to be one of the most famous cowboys in the Old West.

Raised in a log cabin, Nat's father had become a slave foreman on the plantation and his mother worked in the kitchen of the "big house." He was looked after primarily by an older sister when he was young, but she, like her mother, had duties in the kitchen so Nat primarily looked after himself. Though he had no formal education, with help from his father, he learned to read and write.

After the Civil War, when the slaves were freed, Nat's father worked a small farm that he rented from his former master, Robert Love. But freedom was to be short-lived for the former slave, as he died just a few years later. Nat then took various jobs on area plantations to help support the family and found that he had great skill in breaking horses.

In 1869, Love left his family in an uncle's care and headed west with \$50 in his pocket. When he reached Dodge City, Kansas he ran into the crew of the Texas Duval Ranch. Having just brought a herd to the Kansas railhead, the Cowboys were having breakfast when Nat joined them. The young man soon approached the trail boss asking for a job. The boss agreed that Nat could join them if he could break a horse named Good Eye. The wildest horse in the outfit, Nat would later say it was the toughest ride he'd ever had. But ride he did and got the job with the Duval Ranch at \$30 a month. The 16-year-old quickly adapted to the life of a cowboy, showing excellent skills as a ranch hand and practiced so often with a .45 revolver that his shooting skills also became very good. Earning a reputation as one of the best all-around cowboys in the Duval outfit, he soon became a buyer and their chief brand reader. In this capacity, he was sent to Mexico on several occasions and soon learned to speak fluent Spanish.

After three years with the Duval Outfit, Love moved on to Arizona in 1872, where he went to work for the Gallinger Ranch on the Gila River. There he traveled many of the major western trails, sometimes working in dangerous situations in Indian battles and fighting off rustlers and bandits. During these years as an Arizona cowboy, Nat was referred to as Red River Dick and claimed to have met many of famous men of the West including Pat Garrett, Bat Masterson and Billy the Kid.

In the spring of 1876, the Gallinger cowboys were sent to deliver a herd of three thousand steers to Deadwood, South Dakota. When the crew arrived on July 3rd, the locals were busy preparing for a 4th of July celebration. One of the many organized events included a "cowboy" contest with a \$200 cash prize to the winner. The contestants competed in roping, bridling, saddling, and shooting. Winning every competition, hands down, Nat walked away with the \$200 prize and the nickname of "Deadwood Dick."

Nat continued to work as a cowboy in the southwest for another 15 years before he began to settle down and got married in 1889. The next year he took a job in



Denver, Colorado as a Pullman porter on the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad. As such, he worked on the routes west of Denver and moved his family several times to Wyoming, Utah, and Nevada before finally settling down in southern California.

In 1907, Nat Love published his autobiography, *The Life and Adventures of Nat Love, Better Known in the Cattle Country as "Deadwood Dick,"* a tale that tended to take on the epic proportions more noted in the many "dime novels" of the time. Though he boasts in the book that everything actually happened, there is very little external verification, such as those famous western men that Love allegedly met. In other cases, there are no records for the cattlemen that he said he worked with and for. As to what portion of the book is fact, and what is fiction will never be known; however, that didn't stop the American public, hungry for tales of the west, from avidly reading the book.

Love's last job was working as a courier for the General Securities Company in Los Angeles, California.

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Further reading: *The Life and Adventures of Nat Love Better Known in the Cattle Country as "Deadwood Dick", by Himself* (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)
<https://www.legendsofamerica.com/we-natlove/>

HEALTH NEWS

MYTHS AND FACTS ABOUT SHINGLES

What Is Shingles?: When you have chickenpox, the virus that caused it sticks around, even after you get better. Later on, that virus can trigger another infection called shingles, which is known for a painful rash with blisters.

Myth: Only Older People Get Shingles: While the infection is more common in people over 50, anyone who's had chickenpox can get it, even children. Younger people are more likely to have it if their immune systems are weak because of certain medicines or illnesses like cancer or HIV.

Myth: Shingles Is Rare: About a third of all Americans will get it in their lifetimes. That's 1 million per year. Half of people who reach age 85 will have had shingles at some point.

Myth: It's Not Contagious: The open blisters of the rash can't pass on shingles, but they can spread the chickenpox virus to someone who's never had it. And that can lead to a later shingles outbreak.

Myth: Chickenpox Is the Same Thing: They're caused by the same virus, but shingles and chickenpox are not the same illness. Chickenpox brings on hundreds of itchy blisters that heal in 5 to 7 days, usually in children. A shingles rash can last about a month.

Myth: It's Gone in a Few Days: About 40% of people who get shingles feel a burning, shooting pain for months or years after the rash is gone. It's called postherpetic neuralgia, or PHN. Your doctor can help you manage it with medication and other treatment.

Myth: You Can't Treat It: If you take an antiviral medicine (acyclovir, famciclovir, valacyclovir) in the first 3 days after the rash appears, that may ease the pain and help you get rid of it sooner. The earlier you start, the better it works. Prescription and over-the-counter pain relievers, corticosteroids, and nerve block treatments might also help.

Myth: You Can't Get It More Than Once: It doesn't happen often, but it's possible. New bouts usually show up on different parts of your body. A shingles vaccine could lower your chances of a

second infection, even if you get the shot after you've already had shingles.

Myth: The Rash Is the Biggest Problem: Aside from nerve pain caused by PHN, your skin can get infected, and you might have scarring, headache, fever, stomachache, or muscle weakness. Talk to your doctor as soon as you notice symptoms so you can get treatment.

Fact: A Vaccine Can Help Prevent It: It doesn't guarantee you won't get shingles, but a vaccine can lower your chances by more than 90%. And if you do get the condition, it might not affect you as much. The CDC recommends that healthy adults 50 or older get two doses of the vaccine Shingrix, 2 to 6 months apart, unless they currently have shingles, are pregnant, or a test shows they've never had chickenpox.

Fact: Stress Can Trigger Shingles: Stress can weaken your immune system and make you more likely to have an outbreak. Or it may simply run you down until you get a cold or some other illness that triggers one. And once you have shingles, stress can make the pain worse.

Fact: It Can Cause Vision Loss: If shingles makes your eye or eyelid red, swollen, or painful -- sometimes called ocular shingles -- it can be serious. Get medical help as soon as possible because it could lead to glaucoma, scarring, or even blindness. Blisters on the tip of your nose can be an early warning sign.

Fact: The Rash Can Get Infected: If blister pain and redness don't get better -- or get worse -- over a couple of weeks, you could have a bacterial skin infection. See your doctor right away. It can make you heal more slowly and scar your skin.

Fact: Shingles Can Hurt Your Brain: It doesn't happen often, but shingles around your eyes, ears, forehead, or nose can sometimes lead to brain swelling, paralyze part of your face, or affect your hearing and balance. In rare cases, an infection in these areas can lead to a stroke or meningitis (when tissues around your brain and spinal cord get infected and inflamed).

SOURCE: <https://www.webmd.com>



God's Masterpiece

~Herbert Farnham

God took the fragrance of a flower,
The majesty of a tree,
The gentleness of morning dew,
The calm of a quiet sea.
The beauty of the twilight hour,
The soul of a starry night,
The laughter of a rippling brook,
The grace of a bird in flight.
Then God fashioned from these things,
A creation like no other,
And when his masterpiece was through,
He called it simply - Mother.

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