



MISSIONS FORWARD

The Official Newsletter of the 9th Episcopal District WMS

March 2024

Ms. Sherryl Stovall Whiting, President

Rev. Sherita Moon Seawright, Supervisor

The Right Reverend Harry Lee Seawright, Presiding Prelate

We are called to strengthen our faith and sent to continue the ministry of Jesus Christ by service and witness in the world.



Happy March,

The Ninth District Missionaries & YPDers continue to soar. My March greetings focus on the Young People's and Children's Division. Our 2024 YPD Leadership Training Institute proved to be exciting and informative. Hosted by Samuel Chapel AME Church in the Southwest Annual Conference, YPDers received challenges to grow stronger in their Christian walk. With workshops for all ages, the registrants learned about civic engagement, fiscal responsibility, how to dress properly, interact with law enforcement, and strengthening their relationship with God.

The YPDers saluted Episcopal District President Kierra Giles who completed her term of service. After the election, the new Episcopal President Joshua Williams (Northeast Alabama Annual Conference) stepped into his role with the new officers. Bro. Derrick Tiller preached the closing sermon.

Thank you Episcopal YPD Director Deborah Scott Weatherspoon, your cabinet of Conference Directors, the youth, and all who lend support. I look forward to partnering with the YPD to share in ministries in our Episcopal District. Let's pray for the YPDers who will attend the Connectional LTI later this month.

God is faithful!
Rev. Sherita



Greetings,

Thank you for your continued support as we build on the foundation already laid. During this Women's History Month, let us CELEBRATE someone upon whose shoulders we stand. In the 9th Episcopal District, we stand on the shoulders of so many Missionaries who gave and give of their time, talent, and treasure. Reflect on these contributions!


God has been good to each of us and we must give of ourselves and our resources. 2 Corinthians 9: 6-8 says "But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work;"

Let's extend OUR hand to the community and world that God uses to bless us!

Blessings,
Sherryl Whiting

Remember,
God First, Missions Forward, Love Unconditionally

Let's support OUR YAMS!

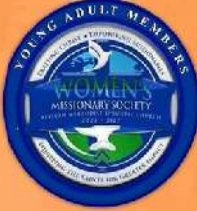




Women's **HISTORY MONTH**

RENAISSANCE

ACT III: SELF - CARE

CELEBRATE WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH WITH ENGAGING SELF-CARE ACTIVITIES.




 WMSYAMS  CONNECTIONAL WMS YOUNG ADULT MEMBERS

“BREAK MY SOUL”


WELLNESS WEDNESDAY


UNWIND AND RECHARGE: SELF-CARE STRATEGIES FOR WOMEN

EVERY WEDNESDAY
AT 8:00 PM EST




DR. RIKESHA FRY BROWN
WOMEN'S WELLNESS CURATOR

ZOOM 
MEETING ID: 845 1646 5652
PASSCODE: WMSYAMS



RENAISSANCE ACT III: SELF - CARE **Calendar**



					1 Exercise	2 Drink Water Only
3 Go to Church with Friends & Have Lunch	4 Positive Affirmations	5 Write in Your Journal/ Start a Journal	6 Take a Shower/ Bath by Candlelight	7 Make a Goal List	8 Read a Book	9 Spend Time in Nature/ Grow Something
10 Say a Prayer of Gratitude	11 Break a Bad Habit/ Start a Good Habit	12 Compliment Someone / Random Act of Kindness	13 Get 8 Hours of Sleep	14 Deep Condition Your Crown	15 Watch Your Favorite Show	16 Do a DIY Project
17 Social Media Detox	18 Meditate/ Do Yoga	19 Declutter Your Space	20 Eat a Healthy Meal	21 Call or Visit a Family Member	22 Listen to a Podcast/ Music Playlist	23 Do Something Creative/ Artsy
24 Read Your Bible	25 Tame Negative Thoughts Through Prayer	26 Write Someone a Letter	27 Start a New Self Care Routine	28 Watch a Comedy Show/ Stan-Up/ Reel	29 Play with Your Pet / Play a Game	30 Drink Your Favorite Cup of Coffee / Tea
31 Donate to a Charity						

INTERNATIONAL

WOMEN'S DAY

MARCH 8TH

Rock your Purple

Hashtag and Tag us in your Photos
#YAMSGOPurple



WRITERS NEEDED!

2025 Study Guide Themes

General Theme:

“Champions For Our Youth: Meeting Them Where They Are”

Geographic Theme:

Jamaica

WORSHIP/DEVOTION SUBMISSIONS

General Theme Based or Geographic Theme Based

Prayers~Litanies~Devotions~Reflections~Poems

YPD SPEAKS

The only restrictions for YPD speaks are that each submission must be theme specific, either general or geographic, should include biblical references and adhere to pronoun capitalization of “He, His, You & Yours”.

GUIDELINES FOR LESSON WRITERS

FORMAT: Lesson title, author’s name, Episcopal District, and Conference. Also include a recent photograph. Include email address and phone number with lesson (not in lesson).

WHAT TO SEND: All should be sent via e-mail as attachments in a word document. Photos should be sent with high resolution and preferably plain backgrounds as jpg or png file attachments.

WRITINGS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN APRIL 15, 2024

to

Arthenia Lewis: abridgeslewis@gmail.com

and

Sherryl Whiting: srsw@comcast.net

9th District PME Dialogue

March 16, 2024 at 4pm

Presenter - **Arthenia Lewis**

9th District PME Director

Zoom Meeting ID: 84088225866

Passcode: 193057

Water can create peace or spark conflict. Prosperity and peace rely on water. Water can lead us out of crisis.

HOW MUCH DO YOU
VALUE WATER?

WORLD WATER

DAY 22ND MARCH



Join Us!

771 million (1 in 10) people do not have access to safe water.

About 4 billion people, representing nearly two-thirds of the world population, experience severe water scarcity during at least one month of the year.

If nothing changes, intense water scarcity could displace 700 million people by 2030.

SDG 6



2 week Water Challenge

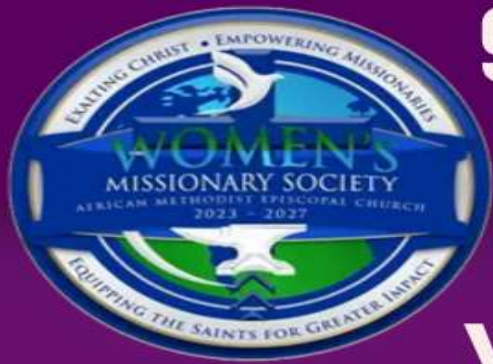
For two weeks replace, coffee, tea, soda or whatever with water. The money you save collect and donate to

water.org

planet-water.org

thewaterproject.org

Bishop Michael L Mitchell, Commission Chair, Global Witness & Ministry
Dr Deborah Taylor King, International WMS President
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9TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT WMS *PRESENTS*

YOUR HEALTH IS WEALTH

A DAY IN THE LIFE LIVING WITH



EPILEPSY

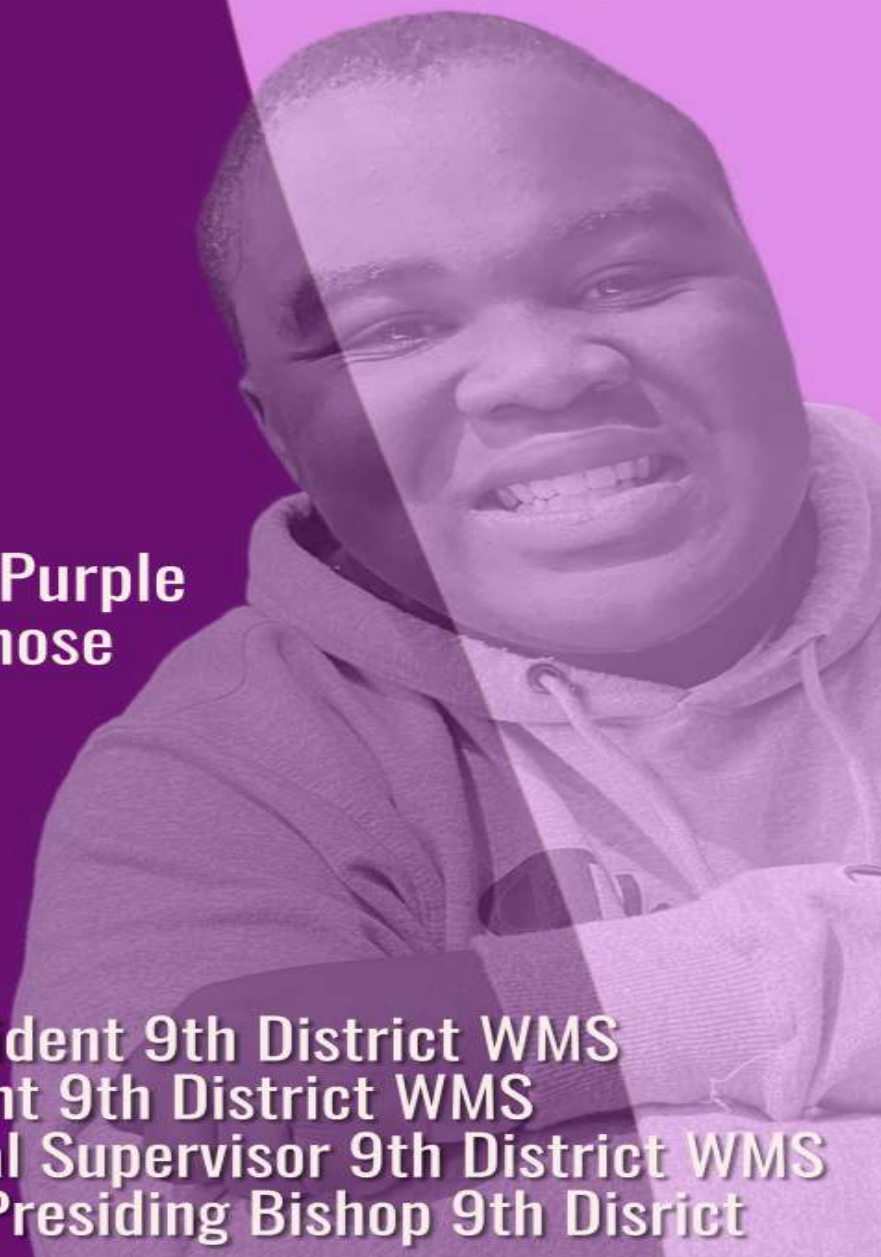
**Tuesday March 26, 2024
7 pm CST**

Zoom ID: 870 4066 0146

Password: 958461

**All Missionaries are asked to Wear Purple
on March 26, 2024 in honor of those
living with Epilepsy.**

**Ms. Ebony Smith, 1st Vice President 9th District WMS
Ms. Sheryl Whiting, President 9th District WMS
Rev. Sherita Moon Seawright, Episcopal Supervisor 9th District WMS
The Right Rev. Harry L. Seawright, Presiding Bishop 9th District**



COMMISSION ON ADMINISTRATION

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Recording Secretary, Evelyn Beasley
Assist. Rec. Secretary, Marge Simmons
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NWAC President, Thomasine Jackson
SEAC President, Martha Roseboro
NEAC President, Elaine Burton
SWAC President, Rosemary Lamar
ARR Local President, Sherlene Leonard
NW Local President, Demetria Scott
SE Local President, Jewel Woodard
NE Local President, Linda Williams
SW Local President, Jean Daffin

MEETING

MARCH 14, 2024 7:00 P.M.

Zoom information and Agenda to follow

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

March 28, 2024 7:00 P.M.

Zoom ID: 86477244274

Password: 103549

Phone Number: 1-312-626-6799

Everyone is Invited!!!

Coming Soon!

The American Theatre of BEing Foundation



The Tonia Stewart Scholarship Fund



SUITED FOR SUCCESS

FROM THE CLOTHING LINE OF

HENRI FAYE'S CLOSET



MISSION

Suited For Success is part of celebrated Actress and Educator Dr. Tonia Stewart's initiative to implement a scholarship fund for high school and college-age students pursuing an undergraduate and graduate education or career in performing arts.

As crucial as attaining a college degree is for career seeking graduates, having a successful in-person encounter with a potential employer is equally as crucial as first impressions are lasting ones that can seal the pathway towards success.



Bestowed with over 150 suits, ties, belts, shirts, and slacks from Henri Faye's Closet of Georgia, it is our desire to provide new attire to any performing arts student seeking career opportunities within the job marketplace.



✉ TSSScholarship24@gmail.com
<http://www.tommietoneastewart.com>

THE GOAL

Our goal is to partner with as many sorority/ fraternities, celebrities, churches, civic and community organizations, to join us in growing Suited For Success in a nationally sustained campaign.

"As an educator, actress, and businesswoman, suiting up for success is a key factor for our youth's next steps in their professional lives"

-Tonia Stewart



**AMERICAN
THEATRE
OF BEing**



THE STORY

In June of 2023, Dr. Stewart was contacted by the heir of Henri Faye's Closet, whose family matriarch wanted her store of new men's suits and accessories to be put in Dr. Stewart's trust to make sure that high school and college aged young men would be able to get new clothing for their further educational and career pursuits.

HOW IT WORKS

Starting locally in the state of Alabama as part of Dr. Stewart's 501c3 Theater of BEing Foundation and The Tonia Stewart Scholarship Fund, the organization plans to issue these new suits to any performing arts students whose academic officials, church, or community leaders would recommend a student for this head start.

Please encourage participation and support!



Connectional Young People's and Children's Division

Save the Date!


March 22-24 | Denver, Colorado

LTI'24

Omni Interlocken Hotel
Registration Opens January 24th



Mr. Jarvis Denman Jr., Connectional YPD 2nd Vice President
Ms. Joyce Johnson, Connectional YPD President
Mrs. Richelle Fry Skinner, Connectional YPD Director
Dr. Deborah Taylor King, Connectional WMS President
Reverend Dr. John Green, Executive Director, Global Witness and Ministry
Bishop Michael L. Mitchell, Chair, Global Witness and Ministry



Breaking Free

Elevating in Christ & Establishing a New "ME"

AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
YOUNG PEOPLE'S AND CHILDREN'S DIVISION
CONNECTIONAL SELF-DENIAL PROGRAM 2024

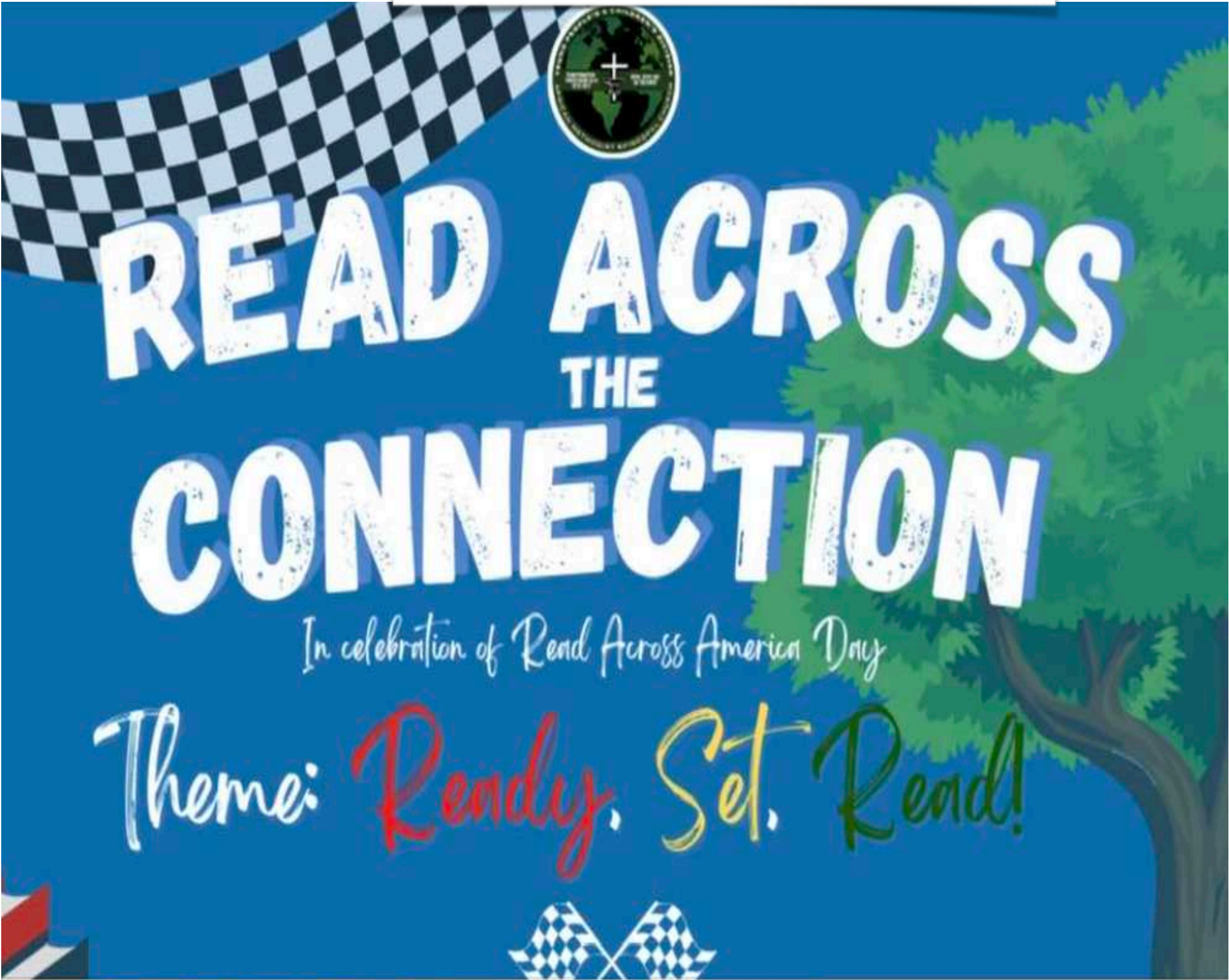
May 7-14, 2024

Self Denial

Kits are available!

Please encourage participation from the Local Church to the Episcopal District!

Let's Support Kierra Giles, our
Connectional YPD Reading and Literacy Chair!
We are PROUD of YOU!



BOOK & POETRY READING LINEUP:

Children's
Reader: MaKayla Patton - 13th Episcopal District
Book: *I Got a New Friend*
By Karl Newson Edwards

GO

Teen
Reader: Mamello Serei - 19th Episcopal District
Book: *Evelyn del Rey Is Moving Away*
By Meg Medina

Youth Auxiliary
Reader: Mesai James - 4th Episcopal District
Poem: "We Wear the Mask"
By Paul Laurence Dunbar

Young Adults
Reader: A'Yana Smith - 10th Episcopal District
Poem: "Caged Bird"
By Maya Angelou

Stop

Turn into the Connectional YPD social media pages on March 2, 2024

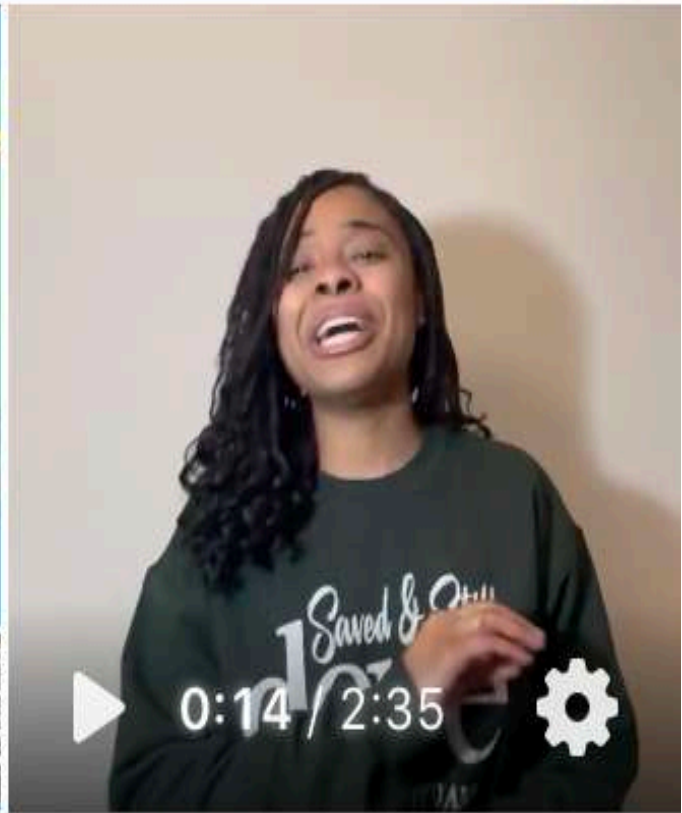
READ ACROSS THE CONNECTION CHALLENGE

CHALLENGE:
How many literary works can you read? Let's find out! Grab your favorite books, poems, etc. and record how many you read between March 2nd and March 9th.

RULES:

- Literary works must be read between March 2nd and March 9th to qualify
- Once you have finished reading all of your literary works, complete the brief Google Form to share how many you have read. Scan the QR code or use the link in the caption to access the Google form.
- The deadline to submit the Google Form is **March 9, 2024 @ 11:59 pm CST.**
- The YPDer and the district with the most works read will be announced after March 9th.

QR code



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY ELECTED
9TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT YPD OFFICERS!!!

Kudos to
DEBRA WEATHERSPOON
for a job well done!

Thank You
KIERRA GILES
for your service as our
Episcopal YPD President!

President, Joshua Williams
1st Vice-President, Dyshunta McDaniel
2nd Vice-President, Jasmine Heard
3rd Vice-President, Jordan Bellamy
Assistant Recording Secretary, Gabrielle Buffer
Financial Secretary, Vanasha Miles
Worship Leader, Trinity Wilson
Parliamentarian, Tia Avery
Historiographer-Statistician, TaKayla Taylor



CONFERENCE HAPPENINGS!

CONFERENCE INSTITUTES

April 20th
Alabama River Region
Grant Chapel, Valley Grande

April 27th
Northwest
St. Paul, Smithfield

May 4th
Northeast

May 25th
Southwest

June 1st
Southeast
Johns Chapel, Enterprise



Advocates for Change

BLOODY SUNDAY
Sunday, March 3, 2024

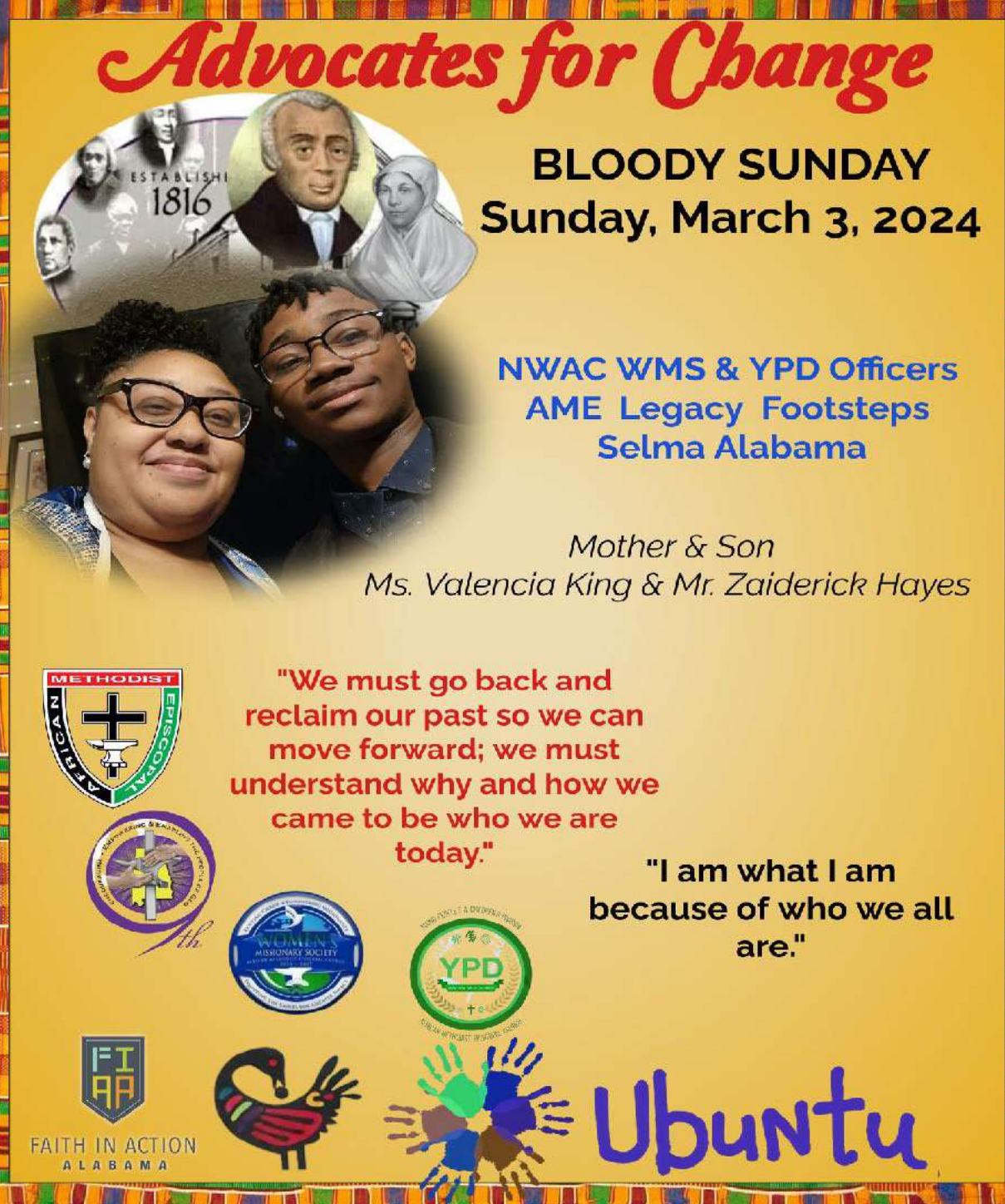
NWAC WMS & YPD Officers
AME Legacy Footsteps
Selma Alabama

Mother & Son
Ms. Valencia King & Mr. Zaiderick Hayes

"We must go back and reclaim our past so we can move forward; we must understand why and how we came to be who we are today."

"I am what I am because of who we all are."

METHODIST EPISCOPAL AFRICAN
WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY
YPD
FAITH IN ACTION ALABAMA
Ubuntu



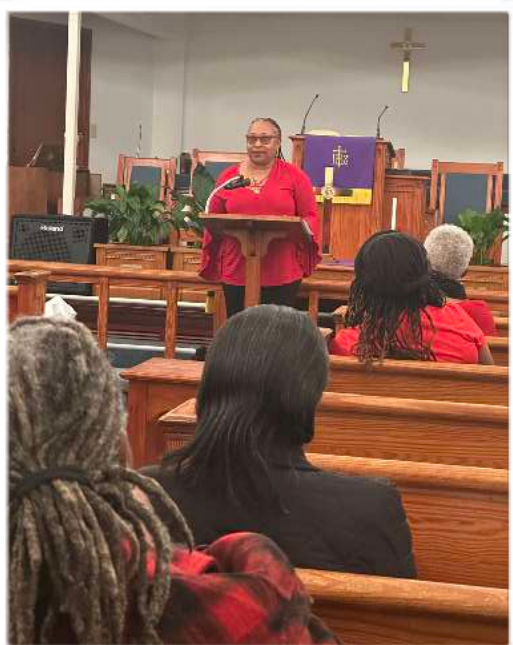
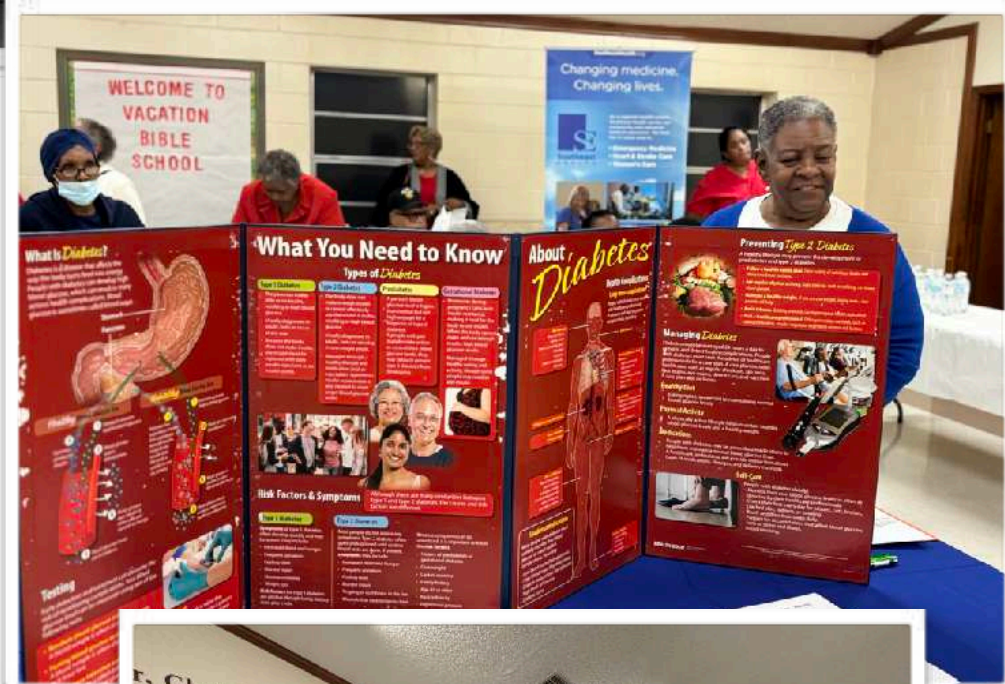
Northwest
Alabama
Conference
WMS
continues
the Legacy
with our
YPDers

Southeast
Alabama
Conference
YPDers
displayed
their talent
during
Black
History
Program





Southeast Alabama
Conference WMS brings
awareness to Heart Disease



Southwest Alabama Conference Salutes Rosemary Lamar



Dumas Wesley Community Center ...



7h · 🌐

March is National Reading Month! Rosemary Lamar has been giving back to youth in the After School Achievement Program (ASAP). She volunteers each week as a reading buddy to promote reading fluency and literacy skills. "I look forward to my time with the children, especially since I have no children of my own. When I'm reading, I hope the children feel transported to a new place or a new experience. Reading enhances understanding. And it is good for the soul - it keeps children focused on the right things to do in life. These kids add joy to my life. They have been such a blessing to me as we read and learn together," said Lamar.

Rosemary Lamar, member of Dumas Wesley's Board of Directors, has been involved with Dumas Wesley for many years. "I accepted the invitation to join Dumas Wesley's Board of Directors with enthusiasm," said Lamar. "It's been a blessing for me to carry out my mission of service to my community. As a board member, I've gained so much insight into the strategic planning and day-to-day financial responsibilities necessary for Dumas Wesley to continue to serve those in need. I feel blessed to be on the Board and am so grateful for the opportunity to serve and help others."



Please keep ALL of our
BEREAVED FAMILIES



in your prayers!



COVID-19

STILL RELEVANT?

"As long as there is a COVID-19 outbreak somewhere in the world, there is going to be something new that emerges."

- Nathan Grubaugh, PhD, an epidemiologist at the Yale School of Public Health

Current Variants - HV.1 & JN.1

Descendants of Omicron

Highly transmissible

Detected by COVID-19 tests

Protect yourself - TEST, ISOLATE, BOOST!



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Dr Deborah Taylor King, International WMS President
Mrs Charolett Biggs Martin, Commission Chair, Christian Social Action



On Sunday, March 31, 2024, at 9am EDT
Reverend Sherita will teach
“AME Church School at Home”.

The Zoom Meeting ID: 829 9325 1894

View the Zoom video:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82993251894>

Please join the session and stay online after the
lesson and vote for the 9th District.