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## Remembering Muriel Jeanette Carter Logan

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**Muriel Jeannette Carter Logan's** life was a testament to her dedication as an educator, her passion for helping others, her love for her furry friend Jackson, and her zest for life. While I did not know Mother Logan personally, the memories and experiences that were shared with me, made her seem like a familiar relative to me.

Mrs. Muriel Logan was a pioneering educator in the late 1940s. She began her career as an elementary school teacher during a time when women of color were undervalued and paid far less than others. Over the course of 49 years, she served as an educator, assistant principal, and principal within the District of Columbia (DC) Public Schools, where she contributed to numerous educational innovations and achieved significant accomplishments. Her genuine motherly concern, enthusiasm about the lessons she taught, and ability to connect with her students left such an impact on them that several of her students still kept in contact with her even long after she had retired.

While speaking with Deborah Faison, Mother Logan's caregiver, she shared that Mrs. Logan had many things she loved to do. She was an avid traveler. Anytime the Golden Agers Ministry had an outing or traveling event, Mother Logan was there right along with them. And she was normally the first one to get her ticket as well as the first one to be there. She hated being late to anything. She got to experience so many wonderful places. She cruised the Mediterranean Sea, visiting places like Italy, Greece, Rome, the Vatican, and Turkey.

Mother Logan also cherished spending time listening to music and being with her beloved pet dog, Jackson. I learned that she enjoyed creating her own greeting cards, especially during the holidays. Strong in her faith, she devoted herself to serving the Lord. She was a Sunday School teacher and taught during Vacation Bible School. The scriptures that she held close to her heart were the 23rd Psalm and the 'Love Chapter' from 1 Corinthians 13.

Mother Logan kept busy. She never slowed down. She even took swimming classes at Prince George's Community College, where she received her certificate. She created beautiful items by hand, crocheting and looping (also known as finger knitting). She also enjoyed rubber stamping. One of her most favorite songs was "The Tribute" by Andre Crouch.



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She loved having fun. Mrs. Logan was a sharp dresser, elegant, and a true lady of class. She lived her life by the mantra, “I did it my way,” a favorite quote of hers from the American singer Frank Sinatra. Mother Logan could be feisty at times. Deborah recalled, “She was quirky in her own way,” and whenever she did something that she knew would get to her, Ms. Faison would say, “Okay, Mrs. Frank Sinatra.” They would both

smile and laugh together, because, in the end, Mother Logan was truly doing it *her own way*.

Mrs. Logan was a quiet person, however, if you engaged her in a conversation, she would definitely have something to say. Her full character often came through when she’d tell you to “Get it together.” She would also say, “Don’t be a short-tailed mouse,” meaning if you owe someone money, make sure you pay them back right away.

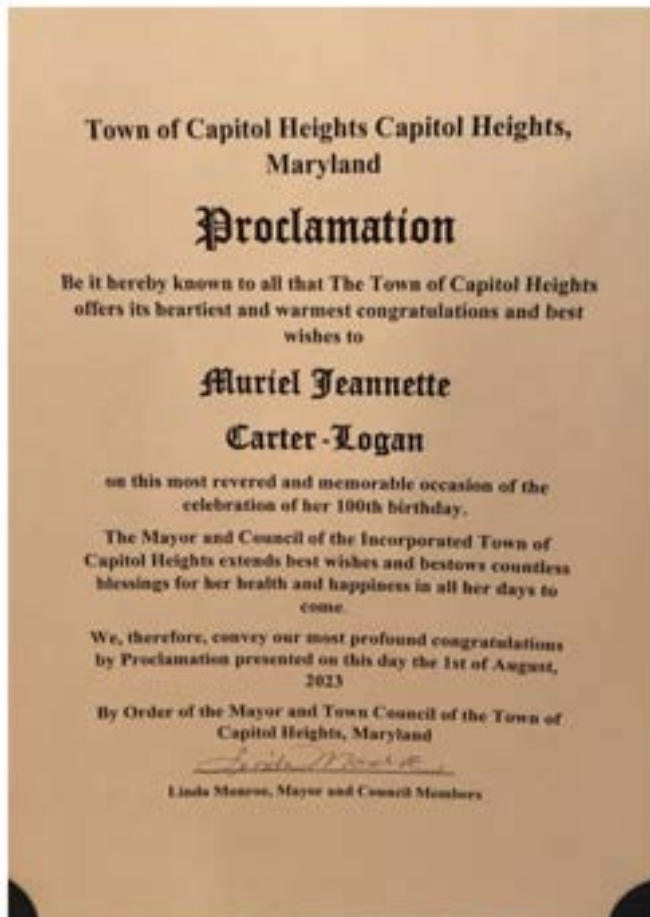
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Over the years, Mrs. Logan was recognized for several awards and numerous accolades. When she turned 100 years old, she was honored with two prestigious awards. Former Prince George's County Executive, Angela Alsobrooks, declared August 5, 2023, as "Muriel Jeannette Carter Logan Day;" and she also received a respected congratulatory proclamation from the Mayor of Capitol Heights. Even at the remarkable age of

101, Mrs. Logan faithfully attended worship services at The Sanctuary at Kingdom Square. She remained vibrant and active, and at the time of her passing, she was the oldest living member of the congregation. Despite the mask she wore, her smile was always evident. Each Sunday, I would see her clapping her hands or nodding her head as the praise team ushered in the presence of God. As a centenarian, Mrs. Logan truly led a fulfilling and blessed life.



# MINISTRY MOMENT . . .

## FIVE THINGS WHICH MUST BE BANISHED FROM THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

by Minister Robert Hines  
TSAKS Minister to the Seniors

### *Ephesians 4:25–32*

*“So, stop telling lies. Let us tell our neighbors the truth, for we are all parts of the same body. And don’t sin by letting anger control you. Don’t let the sun go down while you are still angry, for anger gives a foothold to the devil. If you are a thief, quit stealing. Instead, use your hands for good hard work, and then give generously to others in need. Don’t use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them. And do not bring sorrow to God’s Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, he has identified you as his own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.”*



My brothers and sisters, the apostle Paul lists five things in his letter to the Ephesians that should be banished from the born-again believer’s life.

**(First) There must be no more falsehood.** There is more than one kind of lie in this world. There is the lie of speech, sometimes deliberate and sometimes almost unconscious. Paul gives the reason for telling the truth. It is because we are all members of the same body. We can live in safety only because the senses and the nerves pass true messages to the brain. If they took to passing false messages, if, for instance,

they told the brain that something was cool and touchable when in fact it was hot and burning, life would very soon come to an end. A body can function healthily only when each part of it passes true messages to the brain. If we are all bound into one body, that body can function properly only when we speak the truth. Truth demands a deliberate effort.

**(Second) There must be anger in the Christian life, but it must be the right kind of anger.** There were times when Jesus was terribly and majestically angry. He was angry when the scribes and Pharisees were watching to see if he would heal the man with the withered hand on the Sabbath day (Mark 3:5). It was not their criticism of himself at which he was angry; he was angry that their rigid orthodoxy wanted to impose unnecessary suffering on a fellow human being. He was angry when he made a whip and drove the moneychangers and the sellers of animals for sacrifice from the Temple courts (John 2:13–17). The anger, which is selfish and uncontrolled, is sinful and hurtful and must be banished from the Christian life. But the selfless anger which is disciplined into the service of Christ and of other people is one of the great dynamic forces of the world.

**(Third) Christians must never let the sun set upon their anger.** Paul’s advice is sound, because the longer we postpone mending a quarrel, the less likely we are ever to mend. If there is trouble between us and anyone else, if there is trouble in a church or a fellowship or any

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## *Five Things Must Be Banished... continued from previous page*

society where people meet, the only way to deal with it is immediately. The longer it is left to flourish, the more bitter it will grow. If we have been in the wrong, we must pray to God to give us grace to admit it; and, even if we have been right, we must pray to God to give us the graciousness which will enable us to take the first step to put matters right. My brothers and my sisters, there are reputations murdered through gossip every day; and when we see a talebearer coming, shut the door in that person's face.

**(Fourth) Paul forbids all foul-mouthed speaking** and then goes on to put the same thing positively. The Christian should be characterized by words that help others. As James Moffatt's translation has it, Eliphaz the Temanite paid Job a

tremendous compliment. "Your words," he said, "have kept men on their feet" (Job 4:4). Such are the words that every Christian ought to speak.

**(Fifth) Paul urges us not to grieve the Holy Spirit.** The Holy Spirit is the guide of life. When we act against the counsel of our parents when we are young, we hurt them. Similarly, to act against the guidance of the Holy Spirit is to grieve the Spirit and to hurt the heart of God, the Father, who, through the Spirit, sent his word to us. Amen

**Have a wonderful and blessed day in this year of 2025. The Year of "Greater Grace."**

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Source: William Barclay (Bible Commentary)

## **Don't Forget to Suit Up When You Leave Home**

*by Rev. Betty Carter*

### **The Armor of God**

#### **Ephesians 6:10-20 King James Version (KJV)**

<sup>10</sup>Finally, my brethren, be strong in the power of his might.

<sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

<sup>12</sup>For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

<sup>13</sup>Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

<sup>14</sup>Stand, therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness.

<sup>15</sup>And your feet shod with preparation of the gospel of peace.

<sup>16</sup>Above all taking the shield of faith wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

<sup>17</sup>And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

<sup>18</sup>Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching therefore with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.

<sup>19</sup>And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel.

<sup>20</sup>For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

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Rev. Betty Carter

**E**very command that God gives us in His Word has a divine purpose. He doesn't give commands arbitrarily—each one is given for a specific reason, and it is always for our good. When we understand His commands, they're often easier for us to obey. But when He gives a command we don't fully understand, obedience can be more challenging. Even then, His instructions are always meant for our protection and benefit.

For instance, during prayer, you may feel the Lord speaking something very clearly to you—guiding you in a specific direction. Ignoring that prompting is to invite unnecessary trouble. God gives us commands and guidance because He knows what lies ahead—what we cannot see. He knows the future and what's right around the corner. So when God says, "This is what I want you to do," it's not for us to debate or decide whether we think it's wise. It's not our place to argue with Him. We obey because He is a good God who always looks out for our best interests.

In Ephesians, Chapter 6, we find a clear command from the Lord through the Apostle Paul, who addresses something we all face daily: spiritual warfare. In this passage, Paul uses imagery and language that point to actions we couldn't perform physically but can through spiritual means. Since this is a spiritual battle, we must approach it with a spiritual mindset. Let's take a closer look at the six pieces of spiritual armor we are called to put on. The question is: *How can I arm myself? How can I defend myself daily with this spiritual armor?*

Paul begins by saying, "**Stand firm, therefore, having girded your loins with truth.**" He's referring to the belt worn by Roman soldiers—a leather girdle that secured and protected their lower body. It was a foundational part of their armor. Their sword would hang from it, making it both practical and essential. Spiritually, this is the **belt of truth**—a foundational piece of our own armor in the battle we face each day.

Next, Paul says, "**And having on the breastplate of righteousness.**" When he refers to the breastplate of righteousness, he's not talking about the righteousness we receive through salvation—our position in Christ. Rather, he's speaking of **practical righteousness**: living out what we know to be true on a daily basis. This means a life characterized by right actions, right thinking, and right relationships. When I think about the breastplate of righteousness, I'm reminded that it protects the vital areas—our heart, our emotions, our inner being. It guards us where we're most vulnerable. God doesn't want us to live based on fleeting emotions or unstable feelings. Instead, we are to live out of truth—the truth held together by *the belt of truth*, the foundation of our spiritual armor.

Then Paul says, "**And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace.**" Here, Paul likely had in mind the thick, sturdy sandals worn by Roman soldiers—designed to give them a solid footing. In the same way, we are to stand firmly on the **foundation of the Gospel** of

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# THE ARMOR OF GOD

**EPHESIANS 6:10-18**  
"... Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes." v. 10, 11

**The Shield of Faith** (Eph. 6:16)  
Faith is being sure that God will keep His promises. Faith in God protects you when you are tempted to doubt.

**The Helmet of Salvation** (Eph. 6:17)  
Put on the Helmet of Salvation by believing that Jesus Christ died for your sins and rose again.

**The Breastplate of Righteousness** (Eph. 6:14)  
Righteousness is being honest, good, humble, and fair to others. It means standing up for weaker people.

**The Belt of Truth** (Eph. 6:14)  
Truth keeps us from giving in to the world's beliefs. Compare your beliefs and actions to the truth of the Word of God.

**The Sword of the Spirit** (Eph. 6:17)  
which is the Word of God. God's Word is our offensive weapon. When we tell others what the Bible says, the Holy Spirit helps people see their bad thoughts and actions, and makes them want to be forgiven.

**Feet Prepared with the Gospel of Peace** (Eph. 6:15)  
The Gospel of Peace is being right with God and being contented in troubled times. Jesus said peacemakers were blessed.



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Jesus Christ. And what is that firm foundation? It is the unchanging truth God has revealed to us through His Son. Because of this, we don't have to doubt our salvation or wonder whether what we believe is true. We can stand with full assurance and confidence, knowing we are grounded in the peace and security of the Gospel.

The next piece of armor is the shield. Paul writes, ***“Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.”*** The Roman army used two types of shields. One was small and round, used in close combat. The other—referenced here—was large, about two and a half feet wide and four feet tall, shaped like a door. This shield was crucial when soldiers faced volleys of flaming arrows from the enemy. This is the kind of **shield of faith** Paul tells us to take up. It's not a passive defense; it's an active, strong, protective faith that can withstand the fiery darts—doubts, lies, temptations, and attacks—that the enemy throws at us daily. Faith, when firmly held, becomes our covering in the heat of spiritual battle.

Next, Paul writes, ***“And take the helmet of salvation.”*** Every Roman soldier wore a helmet into battle. These helmets were built strong—strong enough to withstand even a blow from a battle axe. Many had side flaps to protect the face and jaw, offering full coverage of the head. No soldier would dream of entering a fight without this vital piece of armor—it protected the most vulnerable part of the body: the mind. Likewise, the **helmet of salvation** protects our thoughts—our mindset, our perspective, our mental clarity. The enemy often targets our minds with lies, doubts, distractions, and discouragement. That's why it's crucial to guard our thinking with the truth of our salvation. We must continually remind ourselves of who we are in Christ, what He's done for us, and what He promises us in His Word.

Finally, Paul says in the rest of verse 17: ***“And the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of***

***God.”*** The sword represents the Bible. But this isn't just a book—it's a **living weapon**, a tool of both defense and offense in spiritual warfare. You might ask, *“How do I use the Bible to get dressed for battle?”* You do so by reading it, studying it, and applying it. The Word is our guide, our strength, and our authority in battle.

We can't treat the Bible like a Sunday-only accessory. It's not enough to bring it to church and leave it unopened the rest of the week. We must immerse ourselves in it daily so that it becomes second nature—engraved on our hearts and ready on our lips when the enemy strikes. As 2 Timothy 2:15 says: *“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”* When we are equipped with Scripture, we are ready to stand, to fight, and to overcome.

Spiritual battles are not a matter of *if, but when*. Every day, whether we realize it or not, we are stepping onto a battlefield. But God, in His love and wisdom, has not left us unarmed or unprepared. He has given us the full armor we need to stand firm, to resist the enemy, and to walk in victory. Each piece of armor—the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the shoes of the gospel of peace, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit—is essential. They are not just symbolic; they are spiritual realities that equip us to live boldly and faithfully.

So the question we each must ask ourselves is this: *Am I dressed for battle? Am I putting on this armor daily, with intention and with faith?* Because victory doesn't come by accident—it comes by preparation, obedience, and trust in the One who fights for us.

Remember, we don't fight for victory—we fight from victory. Jesus has already won the war. Our job is to stand, fully armed, and follow Him. **So, get dressed. Stay alert. Stand firm.** And let the armor of God cover you from head to toe as you live out His truth and purpose each day.



# A Daily Prayer to Start your Day

We can prepare to dress ourselves in the whole armor of God through prayer. Want to start your day off, right? Say this simple prayer by Charles Stanley every morning.

## The Whole Armor of God Prayer

by Charles Stanley

Good morning Lord. Thank you for assuring me of victory today if I will but follow Your battle plan. So by faith, I claim victory over \_\_\_\_\_ (list some things you know you will face today).

To prepare myself for the battle ahead, by faith I put on the *belt of truth*. The truth about You Lord—that You are a sovereign God who knows everything about me, both my strengths, and my weaknesses. Lord, You know my breaking point and have promised not to allow me to be tempted beyond what I am able to bear. The truth about me, Lord, is that I am a new creature in Christ and have been set free from the power of sin. I am indwelt with the Holy Spirit who will guide me and warn me when danger is near. I am Your child, and nothing can separate me from Your love. The truth is that You have a purpose for me this day—someone to encourage, someone to share with, someone to love.

Next Lord, I want to put on the *breastplate of righteousness*. Through this, I guard my heart and my emotions. I will not allow my heart to attach itself to anything that is impure. I will not allow my emotions to rule in my decisions. I will set them on what is right and good and just. I will live today by what is true, not by what I feel.

Lord, this morning I put on the *sandals of the gospel of peace*. I am available to You Lord. Send me where You will. Guide me to those who need encouragement or physical help of some kind. Use me to solve conflicts wherever they may arise. Make me a calming presence in every circumstance in which you place me. I will not be hurried or rushed, for my schedule is in Your hands. I will not leave a trail of tension and apprehension. I will leave tracks of peace and stability everywhere I go.

I now take up the shield of faith, Lord. My faith is in You and You alone. Apart from You,

I can do nothing. With You, I can do all things. No temptation that comes my way can penetrate Your protecting hand. I will not be afraid, for You are going with me throughout this day. When I am tempted, I will claim my victory out loud ahead of time, for You have promised victory even now because I know there are fiery darts headed my way even as I pray. Lord, You already know what they are and have already provided the way of escape.

Lord, by faith I am putting on the *helmet of salvation*. You know how Satan bombards my mind day and night with evil thoughts, doubt, and fear. I put on this helmet that will protect my mind. I may feel the impact of his attacks, but nothing can penetrate this helmet. I choose to stop every impure and negative thought at the door of my mind. With the helmet of salvation, those thoughts will get no further. I elect to take every thought captive. I will dwell on nothing but what is good and right and pleasing to You.

Lastly, I take up the *sword of the Spirit*, which is Your Word. Thank You for the precious gift of Your Word. It is strong and powerful and able to defeat even the strongest of Satan's onslaughts. Your Word says that I am not under obligation to the flesh to obey its lusts. Your Word says that He that is in me is greater than he that is in the world. So by faith, I take up the strong and powerful sword of the Spirit, which is able to defend me in time of attack, comfort me in time of sorrow, teach me in time of meditation, and prevail against the power of the enemy on behalf of others who need the truth to set them free.

So Lord, I go now rejoicing that You have chosen me to represent You to this lost and dying world. May others see Jesus in me, and may Satan and his hosts shudder as Your power is made manifest in me.

In Jesus' name I pray... AMEN.

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## Not Just Books with Paula White

by Carlette Jameson



Have you ever ventured into the TSAKS bookstore? Logos is an oasis that awaits everyone—and I’m not just talking about the books that are sold there. I’m talking about the heart behind the counter: **Mrs. Paula White**, the long-time manager of Logos.

I recently had the pleasure of sitting down with Paula to get the inside scoop on our bookstore. She has officially managed Logos for over 17 years, though her involvement spans nearly two decades. She joined the staff in 2012, learning under the guidance of Mr. Zebedee Tucker, the original manager and a foundational figure in the bookstore’s history.

When I asked about the origin of the bookstore’s name, Paula smiled. She recalled that Mr. Tucker had a great explanation, but in essence, she said, “*Logos*” means the ‘*Word of God*.’ She also believes Bishop Maclin played a role in naming the bookstore.

Today, Logos carries a wide variety of books—Bibles, Bible study guides, self-help and instructional materials, leadership resources, and books on health, wellness, marriage, relationships, and devotionals. But over the years, its offerings have expanded far beyond books. Before the move to the current location, Paula recalled, “*We sold a lot of things. It started out with just books. Then, at 9033, we added T-shirts, jewelry, mugs, bracelets, pantyhose, mini fans, cards, bags, candy, and small snacks—like cookies.*”

She continued, “*On the counter, there used to be bins and drawers filled with little items people loved to dig through. Mr. Tucker even started selling candy, and at one point, we had an ATM in the store.*”

Currently, the biggest challenge for Logos is space—the new location is much smaller than the previous ones. When I asked about online orders, Paula noted that while some people have tried, there isn’t yet a functional link on the website for purchases. That’s one of the improvements she hopes to see soon.

When I asked Paula what inspired her to take on the role, her response was refreshingly honest: “***I was not inspired. It was not my dream. My name was dropped.***” However, no matter how she came to obtain her role, Paula has always absolutely loved the bookstore. She says, “*The two greatest things about Logos are that it draws people in, and they don’t just come to buy books—they come to say ‘hi.’ At the old location, it felt like a retreat. Our storeroom was a sanctuary where women could come for a moment of quiet or personal relief.*”

So what’s next for Logos?

“*There are still many changes to come. Logos evolves as the ministry evolves,*” Paula said. “*When I’ve visited other churches, their stores are called ‘gift shops.’ Maybe we’ll do that too, since we don’t just sell books anymore.*”

## Forgetting the Past and Looking Forward to What Lies Ahead

by Minister Robert Hines  
TSAKS Minister to the Seniors

*“Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us then who are mature be of the same mind; and if you think differently about anything, this too God will reveal to you. Only let us hold fast to what we have attained.”*

**Philippians 3:12-16**

### Pressing toward the Goal

**M**y brothers and my sisters a vital part to understanding this passage is the correct interpretation of the Greek word *teleios*, which occurs twice, rendered by the Revised Standard Version as *perfect* in verse 12 and as *mature* in verse 15. Teleios in Greek has a variety of interrelated meanings. In the vast majority of them, it signifies not what we might call abstract perfection but a kind of functional perfection, adequacy for some given purpose. It means full-grown as distinct from undeveloped; for example, it is used of a fully grown adult as opposed to an undeveloped youth. It is used to mean mature in mind.

So, when Paul uses the word in verse 12, he is saying that he is not by any means a complete Christian but is always pressing on. Then he uses two vivid pictures.

**First. He says that he is trying to grasp that for which he has been grasped by Christ.** That is a wonderful thought. Paul felt that, when Christ stopped him on the Damascus road, he had a vision and a purpose for Paul; and Paul felt that all his life he was bound to press on, in case he should fail Jesus and frustrate his dream. Everyone is grasped by Christ for some purpose, and therefore we should all press on throughout our lives so that we may grasp that purpose for which Christ grasped us.

**Second. To that end, Paul says two things. He is forgetting the things which are behind.** That is to say, he will never glory in any of his achievements or use them as an excuse for relaxation. In effect, Paul is saying that Christians must forget all that they have done and remember only what they still have to do. In the Christian life, there is no room for those who want to rest upon their laurels. **Then Paul says that he is also reaching out for the things which are in front.** The word he uses for reaching out (*epekteinomenos*) is very vivid and is used of a racer going hard for the finishing line. It describes someone with eyes for nothing but the goal. It describes the person who is going flat out for the finish. So Paul says that in the Christian life we must forget every past achievement and remember only the goal which lies ahead.

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My brothers and my sisters as there is no doubt that Paul is here speaking to the antinomians. **(They were those who denied that there was any law at all in the Christian life).** They declared that they were within the grace of God and that, therefore, it did not matter what they did; God would forgive. No further discipline and no further effort were necessary.

However, Paul is insisting that to the end of the day the Christian life is the life of an athlete pressing onwards to a goal which is always in front. In verse 15, he again uses teleios and says that this must be the attitude of those who are teleios. What he means is: ‘All who have come to be mature in the faith and know what Christianity is must recognize the discipline and the effort and the agony of the Christian life.’ They may perhaps think differently; but, if they are truly honest, God will make it plain to them that they must never relax their efforts or lower their standards but must press towards the goal, until the end. As Paul saw it, the born again believer in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ are the athletes of Christ. Amen

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# SANCTUARY HAPPENINGS . . .

## **“As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another” Proverbs 27:17 About The Men’s Ministry**

*by Carlette Jameson  
(with the help of Minister Darryl Butler)*



*“I just want to  
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*“I just want to help men in their spiritual walk with Christ. I want to be his strength.”* If you’ve ever had a conversation with **Minister Darryl Butler**, you know the compassion and sincerity he brings to every interaction. He’s someone who truly meets no strangers, and his desire to help others is a genuine reflection of the love of Christ that lives within him.

I had the wonderful opportunity to speak with Minister Butler, President of the Men’s Ministry. He was open, thoughtful, and passionate as he shared the many powerful things the ministry is doing. Minister Butler works alongside Minister Maurice Scott, Vice President of the Men’s Ministry, and Rev. Ernest Bridges, the Minister to Men.

Although the Men’s Ministry has likely existed in some form since the founding of the church, it is believed to have been established under the leadership of Rev. Bobby White in 1996. Minister Butler joined two years later as Vice President in 1998. Having already been deeply involved in the Men’s Ministry at his previous church, stepping into leadership at The Sanctuary was a natural transition for him.

The Men’s Ministry is open to all men aged 18 and older who seek fellowship and spiritual growth. “It’s a place where we each have each other’s back,” Minister Butler said. Their foundation is built on Proverbs 27:17 — *“As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.”*

When asked about the goal of the ministry, Minister Butler gave this powerful insight: *“We were created in God’s own image. Our primary goal is to help men in their spiritual walk. The devil is on the attack. He knows the greatness that’s in man—especially when many men stand together—and he does not want men to take their stand. We have to be there for one another, just like in a natural army. We are in the Army of the Lord, fighting together. We have to have each other’s back.”*

Currently, the men are active in mentoring younger male youth, with plans to expand in-person mentoring opportunities. These gatherings will allow the older men and the young males to

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talk, learn, and build meaningful relationships. In addition to mentoring, the Men's Ministry meets weekly for Bible Study and once a month for social fellowship.

One of the ministry's newest and most impactful additions is the *Barbershop Extended* meetings. *"These meetings have created a safe space for men,"* Minister Butler shared. *"As men, we don't want to be vulnerable or open up. But in these sessions, we talk—and realize that we are not the only ones going through this. We talk together. We laugh together. We pray together."*

Another beloved tradition is the annual Men's Fish Fry. Originally held at the church, the event has grown so much that, at DIT Blake's suggestion, it is now hosted at different men's homes. This change not only encouraged more men to attend but also created a more personal and welcoming atmosphere.

Minister Butler and the leadership team continue to pour into the lives of men through authentic connection, spiritual growth, and meaningful fellowship. In a world where many men feel isolated or overlooked, the Men's Ministry at The Sanctuary stands as a reminder: no man walks alone.



Men's Ministry annual Fish Fry



The Men's  
Ministry Core  
Team



DIT Al Blake leading a  
session during the  
Barber Shop Bible Study



Minister Butler at the women's shelter



# MEMBER ACCOMPLISHMENTS . . .

## Dr. Adrene Hill Recognized for Outstanding Academic Achievement

by Carlette Jameson



**Dr. Adrene Hill** was recently recognized at Cannon Road Elementary School in Montgomery County for the exceptional academic achievement of her fourth-grade class. Despite having taught at the school for only a year and a half, Dr. Hill has already made a significant impact, guiding her students toward impressive progress and success.

Her class, composed of 17 students from Hispanic and Caucasian backgrounds—including several who receive special education support in Reading and Math—achieved the highest scores on the most recent benchmark standardized test among all fourth-grade classes at the school.

Dr. Hill's commitment goes beyond teaching reading, writing, and arithmetic. She is dedicated to nurturing confident, capable young learners who strive for excellence in all they do. Her recognition is a testament to her passion, skill, and unwavering support for her students' growth.

## Correction from Spring 2025 Newsletter Edition

The article entitled *“Celebrating The Sanctuary at Kingdom Square’s Scholarship Ministry: Empowering the Future Through Faith and Education”* was written by Rosina Simmons and Dawn Quattlebaum.

### Save the Date September 7, 2025 National Grandparent’s Day

*We’re looking to feature grandparents in our Fall Newsletter. If you have a special grandmother or grandfather you’d like to honor or give a shoutout to, we’d love to hear from you!*

Please contact **Carlette Jameson** for more details.

**Deadline:** August 1, 2025

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On May 10, 2025, Reverend Rashaad A. Khaalid graduated with honors from the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University, earning his Master of Divinity degree. He was recognized for maintaining an exceptional academic record, finishing the program with an impressive 3.97 GPA.

Ordained as a Reverend in December 2024, Reverend Khaalid completed the three-year graduate program in just two and a half years. His academic success is even more commendable considering the challenges he faced during this time: serving as a devoted husband and father, enduring a personal health scare, grieving the heartbreaking loss of his son Josiah, maintaining full-time employment, and actively ministering at two churches. His perseverance, deep faith, disciplined study habits, and commitment to God's call enabled him to press forward through it all.

His journey toward this moment was nearly two decades in the making. Spanning 19 years, Reverend Khaalid's path was marked by both trials and triumphs. Yet, through each season, he remained faithful and focused. He credits God's grace, along with the unwavering support of his wife Felicia, daughter Riyah, his extended family, and his church community, for helping him endure and succeed.

Remarkably, Reverend Khaalid was admitted directly into the graduate program, bypassing an undergraduate theology degree due to his extensive experience and years of service in ministry. Reflecting on the process, he shared, "The good



*by Carlette Jameson*

thing is, once you start, you have to keep going."

His academic journey will continue this fall, as he begins an Executive MBA in Church Management at the Sydney Lewis School of Business at Virginia Union University in Richmond, Virginia.

When asked how he feels about this recent achieve-

ment, Reverend Khaalid responded: "I feel ecstatic. I feel relaxed and accomplished. I am still a learner, because even though I've received the degree, I have not arrived. I'm excited because I know God still has so much more in store, and that there is still more work for me to do."

Reverend Rashaad A. Khaalid is deeply grateful for the guidance and mentorship he received from esteemed professors and faculty members throughout his academic journey. He honors an influential list of educators including Dean John Eric Guns, Dr. Ray McKenzie, Dr. William H. Curtis, his homiletics teacher Dr. Jerry Carter, Dr. Patricia Gould-Champ, Dean Emeritus Dr. John W. Kinney, Dr. Gregory Howard, Dr. Steven Blount, and many others.

He has been asked what's next in his life. Reverend Khaalid simply says: "I have been blessed. God has been good. He has been faithful. And He is preparing me. I know there is a call to pastor and shepherd God's people. This isn't just another accomplishment to check off—this is preparation for when God allows that time and it is fit for me and grants me the people for me to shepherd."

***"... there is still more work ..."***

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## Meet the New Managing Editor

by Carlette Jameson

Perhaps you may have noticed since our last edition that the TSAKS newsletter has a new Managing Editor. Greetings! I am **Carlette Y. Jameson**, Managing Editor of the TSAKS National Newsletter. I am thrilled and excited to be a part of the team that will bring you heartfelt and uplifting stories, pertinent information, and happenings going on at The Sanctuary at Kingdom Square.

Former editor Angela Hulett has certainly left big shoes to fill. Since October 2024, she has officially embraced her new role as First Lady at the Iconium Baptist Church in Capitol Heights, MD, working alongside her husband, Pastor Ray Hulett, the church's new shepherd.

First Lady Angela graciously offered her time, wisdom, and expertise to me last month, helping me relaunch the newsletter. Her guidance has been invaluable as I transition into this new role, and I am incredibly grateful and thankful for her support. I am honored to continue the great work she has done with the newsletter over the past few years.

I am still fairly new to The Sanctuary. My daughter, Alannah, and I joined The Sanctuary in December 2023. I am originally from Brooklyn, New York, however, I have called Maryland home for the last 32 years.

I am a retired elementary classroom teacher with 34 years of experience teaching in New York, North Carolina, Connecticut, and Maryland. I have taught all academic subjects for grades 1-5. But my favorite subjects have always been Reading, Writing, and Science. I am a certified Reading Recovery Teacher as well as a Science STEM teacher. I loved Science so much that I went back to get my Masters in Curriculum and Instruction in Science Education. Throughout my career, I wrote several short children's stories for the schools where I worked. Additionally, I had the privilege of serving as the editor of my school's newspaper at three of the twelve schools where I taught.

I am looking forward to being able to write again, sharing your stories, and being a part of this great Newsletter Ministry.



# *New Managing Editor*



## WHAT'S THE 411? KINGDOM AGENTS



**Jaia Whitlow** is one of TSAKS dynamic Kingdom Agents! She has been a part of the Sanctuary Family since she was a little girl. When asked what she loved about being a part of the Kingdom Agents, she said, “I love the environment that is provided to and for the Kingdom Agents. Everyone is really supportive and wants you to be your best self, from the youth leaders to the other Kingdom Agents.”

She is a 17-year-old Junior attending Bishop McNamara High School. She thoroughly enjoys school, her peers, and thinks her teachers do an amazing job! Jaia lets her light shine brightly

when she is in school. She is a beacon of light for others and helps whenever and wherever she can. She always keeps a positive attitude.

When she is not in school, Jaia loves to go out with her friends or her family to have fun. She doesn't care what they do, as long as she is spending time together with them.

In her spare time, Jaia loves dancing, writing, singing, reading and skating. Jaia aspires to finish high school in a way that she can look back with pride, knowing that she gave it her best at everything she did, and was extremely successful in setting a strong foundation for her future. Her biggest aspiration is to travel the world.

In her quiet time, Jaia prays constantly and leans on God in times where she may feel unsure about things around her. She says prayer is important to her because, “I can just give everything to God and unburden myself of all the things that worry or trouble me.”

Jaia's biggest role model is Oprah Winfrey. When asked what one question she would ask if she could interview her, Jaia said, “If I could interview anyone, it'd probably be Oprah Winfrey. She is a big inspiration, and it's so important to have real role models like her who have built themselves up from tough experiences and made the most of their lives while also helping others along the way. I would ask her, ‘What is the single most valuable lesson you've learned from your countless interviews and interactions with people from all walks of life?’”

### Fun Facts about Jaia . . .

- If she could go anywhere in the world, she would go to Rome for at least a month because it is truly a beautiful place, and she really wants to travel there one day. The architecture, the food, the history, everything about it draws her in, and *she needs to experience that atmosphere there at least once in life.*
- Her family makes her happy!



**Aiden Cade** is one of TSAKS Energetic Kingdom Agents. He came to The Sanctuary in September 2023. He loves being a Kingdom Agent because “he likes being around other kids that want to learn about God. He also loves his mentors and teachers.”

Aiden is a 6th grader at Friendship Ideal Middle School. He enjoys school when he doesn’t have to take any tests. When Aiden is in school, he shines his light by telling his friends about the importance of GOD, and sending them the TSAKS link so they can watch the service.

When Aiden is not in school, he enjoys playing his video games and going outside. Aiden has learned that prayer is important because he says that he can “ask GOD for anything and He will hear me.”

Aiden says if he could interview anyone in the world, he would interview Michael Jordan because he has the best shoes and is well known for his sports, specifically basketball and baseball. Before Aiden asked him anything, he would find out if Michael Jordan was saved! Then he would ask him, “What made you want to start selling Jordans if you’re known for baseball and basketball? Why not sell bats or baseballs or basketballs?”

#### **Fun Facts about Aiden . . .**

- “I listen to the prayer call when I get ready for school. I also sing random gospel songs depending on my mood.”
- If Aiden could go anywhere in the world, he would go to Brazil for about 2 months because it’s cool. He wants to see the big statue of GOD.
- “Video games make me happy!”

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## Celebrating 20 Years of Riding with the Lord

by Charlyne H. McWilliams, Public Relations Officer  
Kingdom Knights Motorcycle Ministry

This year marks a powerful milestone for the Kingdom Knights Motorcycle Ministry (KKMM) — 20 years of riding, praying, and leaving a lasting legacy in the motorcycle community.

Born from the vision of Bishop Anthony G. Maclin, KKMM began with 12 riders united by two passions: their faith in the Lord and their love of the open road. Today, the ministry has grown to 21 devoted members, including riders from outside the founding church who share in the mission.

Under the leadership of President Lydell “Hustleman” Hagans, Sr. and Vice President Jacque “Moose” Wilson, KKMM has become more than a ministry — it’s a family. Together, we ride, laugh, break bread, and support one another, both on and off the road.

Over the years, our travels have taken us from Niagara Falls to Key West, through every region and season — rain, hail, snow, and sunshine. Some of our members have even completed rides across all of the continental United States, and one has captured 49 states by riding in Hawaii. We proudly expanded with a chapter in Ohio, furthering our ministry.

Most of our members learned to ride in their 20s and 30s, while seasoned bikers like Moose and Iron Man have been riding since their youth. The requirements to join include a valid license, a motorcycle, and a heart for the ministry. But to stay with KKMM requires something deeper — commitment, courage, and a genuine love for the road and for service.

Our team of Road Captains ensures safe and disciplined rides, upholding our reputation as both skilled riders and faithful servants. Known as “Ground Pounders,” some of our members are respected across the local and national biker communities — not just for our endurance and riding spirit, but for our steadfast faith. Often called the “church group,” we’re known to pray for individuals when called, bless events, and share God’s word wherever we go.

One of our proudest traditions is Biker Sunday, held annually on the first weekend in May. Riders from across the country come to reconnect, worship, and celebrate with kindred spirits — a powerful testament to our ministry’s effect on the community.

Though the seasons may change and members come and go, the mission of the Kingdom Knights remains unchanged: ride hard, pray harder.

### Our Current Members (and their road names):

- Sharlene “Shar Shar” Hagans, *Business Manager*
- Cecilia “Cheetara” Williams, *Secretary*
- Charlyne “Bumble Bee” McWilliams, *Public Relations Officer*
- Derrick “Wash” Washington, *Road Captain*
- Terry “Iron Man” Lighty, *Senior Road Captain*
- Ernest “Red Bull” Gough, *Last Knight*
- Marilyn “Black Angel” Wilson
- Tony “RoadMaster” Harrison
- Jesse “Mo Money” Moore, Jr.
- Richard “Jazz Man” Wilkerson
- Paul “Lucky” Williams
- Gale “Passion” Perkins
- Sharonda “Phoenix” Jones
- Kevin “KDub” Wheeler
- Arnold “AV” Hawkins
- James “Grunt” Stewart
- Russell “Trinimon” Toussaint
- Joy “Joy-Joy” Toussaint, *Chaplain*
- Wendy “Destiny” Boone

### In Loving Memory of Our Fallen Knights:

- Roger “DJ Byrd” Ferguson
- Greg “G-Man” Hill
- Haywood “Preacher” Johnson





# *Celebrating 20 Years of Riding with the Lord*

TSAKS On The Move  
 Charlotte Pop Up Photos





## Plan B: Basics for Building Your Business – A Community Success

On Tuesday, April 29, 2025, members of The Sanctuary at Kingdom Square, along with members of the surrounding community, gathered to explore their entrepreneurial aspirations at the “**Plan B: Basics for Building Your Business**” event. Hosted by the church, this engaging session featured insights and experiences from successful business owners and entrepreneurs within our own congregation.

The event drew a strong turnout, with 75 attendees eager to learn about the fundamentals of business ownership and development.

Our distinguished panel of guest speakers included:

- **Sherryle Kiser Jackson** – Soul Satisfying Productions
- **Isaiah Solomon** – Equity Financial Services
- **Josephine Scarlett** – The Law Offices of Josephine Scarlett
- **Duriel Barnes** – The Chosen Chef Catering & Events
- **Early Taylor, Jr.** – IT Entrepreneur

The panel covered a wide range of business interests including event planning, consulting, catering, media production, writing, finance, IT, and the hair and beauty industry.

Due to the enthusiastic response, a follow-up **Business Expo Conference** is currently being planned. For more information, please contact **DIT Al Blake**, Chair of the Expo Team at (210) 683- 2871 or [ablake9573@aol.com](mailto:ablake9573@aol.com).



# Plan B





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