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You will be his witness to all people of what you have seen and heard. Acts 22:15

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Thank You!

To the officers, clergy, ministry leaders, all church members and friends for a great celebration on May 7, 2023, Pastor's 22nd Anniversary.

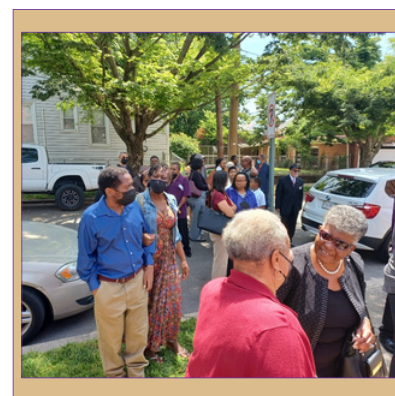
I am humbled and thankful that our Boss, Almighty God put us together 22 years ago. All glory belongs to God! Hallelujah!

Pastor



What A Joyous Celebration

THE 22ND PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY OF
REV. DR. YVONNE JONES BIBBS
SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023



Mary Mahoney:

Paving The Way As America's First Black Registered Nurse

Submitted by Cynthia Hill

America's first black professional nurse, Mary Mahoney is known not only for her outstanding personal career, but also for her exemplary contributions to local and national professional organizations. Mahoney inspired both nurses and patients with her calm, quiet efficiency and untiring compassion. Mary Eliza Mahoney was born on May 7, 1845 (some sources say April 16, 1845), in the Dorchester neighborhood of Boston, Massachusetts.

At the age of 20, Mary Mahoney began working as a nurse. Supplementing her low income as an untrained practical nurse, Mahoney took on janitorial duties at the New England Hospital for Women and Children. Incorporated on March 18, 1863, New England Hospital provided its patients state-of-the-art medical care by solely female physicians. It also assisted women in the practical study of medicine.

After working for several years as a private-duty nurse at Boston's New England Hospital for Women and Children, in 1878, Mahoney was admitted to the hospital's nursing program. During her training, a slim, 90-pound Mahoney participated in mandatory 16-hour-per-day ward duty, where she oversaw the well-being of six patients at a time. Days not requiring ward duty involved attending day-long lectures while simultaneously devoting time to her studies.



Subsequently, she became the first black woman to complete nurse's training in the U.S. and one of the first black members of the all-white Nurses Associated Alumnae of the United States and Canada (later renamed the American Nurses Association). She was also a founding member of the National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses (NACGN) for which she gave the welcome address in 1909.

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WHAT GOD HATES ABOUT INJUSTICES WHETHER IT BE IN OUR WORLD OR IN OUR CHURCHES

Submitted By Sheila Ashby

The God who loves what is good must not love what is evil. He must not even be ambivalent toward what is evil, what is harmful, what is destructive. He must hate it. The God of the Bible reveals himself as a God of love. But he also reveals himself as a God who hates. We have been looking at verses where the Bible employs words like “hate,” “abomination,” and “detestable,” and have seen that God hates idolatry and God hates sexual immorality. Today we turn our attention to this: God hates injustice.

God Hates Injustice

God rules this world, and he rules it in justice. “Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you” (Psalm 89:14). God delegates authority and responsibility to us, beings made in his image, and he expects we will express justice on his behalf. “By me kings reign, and rulers decree what is just,” (Proverbs 8:15) and “He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” (Micah 6:8). The Old Testament required the nation of Israel to care for the weak, the vulnerable, the destitute. It required its rulers to govern equitably, according to the law of God. Any failure to do so was a grave injustice and brought the threat of God’s judgment. The New Testament brings an end to the nation of Israel but certainly not an end to justice, for “religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world” (James 1:27). As for the administration of justice in society, civil rulers are “the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer” (Romans 13:4, see also Matthew 25:31-46, James 2:1-13, Acts 6:1-7). God will not tolerate anything beneath his high bar of justice. Specifically, he hates people who cheat others in order to enrich themselves (Deuteronomy 25:13-16).

Why God Hates Injustice

God hates injustice because it perverts his world. God means for justice to reign in this world through the people made in his image. He calls people to care for others in love and to ease their suffering. The church is not the church if it’s not at war with the world’s injustice.” Ultimately, God means for people to find their satisfaction in him, so that they find peace in him and bring peace to others through justice. This is no honor to God and therefore no delight to his heart. ‘A false balance is an abomination to the LORD, but a just weight is his delight.’”

GETTING SUPPORTIVE ABOUT SERIOUS MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS

www.balmingilead.org

Nearly one in 25 adults in America lives with a serious mental illness. Yet, African Americans are half as likely as their white counterparts to use mental health services. With only an estimated 30% of African American adults living with a mental health condition receiving treatment, it's essential for Black people to speak up, speak out, and communicate with healthcare professionals to get proper mental health care.



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SBC COMMUNITY MISSION CENTER

Will be giving away
40,000 pounds of food to
participating churches in the RVA
area on June 29th!

We need volunteers. If interested
contact Rev. Clark @ 804.912.0966
or
Sis. Katrina Hicks @ 804.519.7253

ATTENTION 2023 GRADUATES!

Help us celebrate your
graduate in next month's
edition of the Witness. Send
in your graduate's name,
school, and a pic to
Rev. Clark:
[communications@sixthbaptist
church.org](mailto:communications@sixthbaptistchurch.org)



"Not until we are lost
do we begin to
understand
ourselves."
— Henry David
Thoreau

May Is Women's & Girl's Month at SBC



*There are great activities planned.
Check your email in the coming days.*



Sunday, May 14, 2023



**From the Desk of Chaplain Dr. Andrea M. Kelly,
Associate Minister of Congregational & Spiritual Care**

Romans 5:11 (NKJV) " And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation."

This Scripture verse serves to remind us, the spotlight does not belong to us.

Many like to boast about themselves, but as Christians, we should prefer to boast about how wonderful it is being a follower of Christ. We need to turn the spotlight on Him; about His death and His resurrection rather than on ourselves. For we have done nothing to deserve His grace nor our salvation. It's all of what Jesus has done for all of us.

Child of God let your life magnify the LORD; let others see His visible work in you; stay in His Word; stay in Prayer; rejoice and be glad for we have been freed.

SELAH! MEDITATE ON THIS!!!

Correction From April Witness

We are praying for Mr. & Mrs. Oliver &
Wanda Coleman on the loss of your
granddaughter
Queiana Rodwell



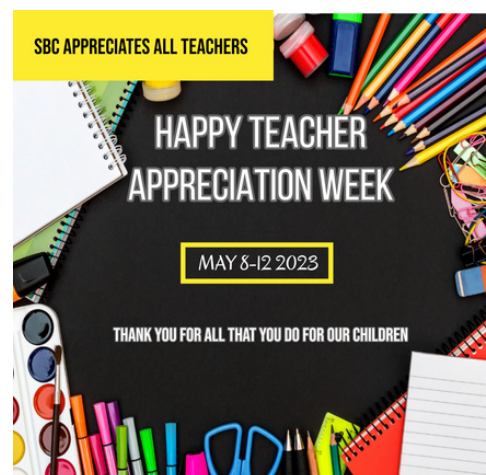
**Congrats
Sis Virginia Johnson!**

**National Nurses Week
May 6-May 12**

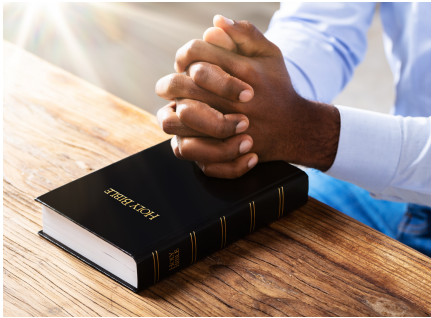


**We Honor The Nurses
Of SBC!**

"Nothing can dim the light that shines from within."
– Maya Angelou



SICK AND SHUT IN



Opehlia Daniels
Barbara Jones
Marylou Brent
Larrine Faye
Oliver Coleman
Elnora Jefferson
Shirley Duncan
Marie Burrell
Annie Thompson

Sandra Gray
Thelma McCaskill
Johnnie Robinson
Gwendolyn Coles
James Turner
Rev. Dr. Frederick Black

And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

James 5:15

WE'RE PRAYING FOR YOU

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
Matthew 5:4

The Freeman Family, on the loss of your mother Mrs. Sylvia Freeman

Bro. Albert Henley and Family, on the loss of your father, Claude Henley



"Sadly, too often, the stigma around mental health prevents people who need help from seeking it. But that simply doesn't make any sense. Whether an illness affects your heart, your arm or your brain, it's still an illness, and there shouldn't be any distinction...we should make it clear that getting help isn't a sign of weakness — it's a sign of strength — and we should ensure that people can get the treatment they need."

MICHELLE OBAMA

SPOTLIGHT ON DUSTIN LINDSAY



We are SBC proud of Dustin Lindsay aka Chef Mac Man on receiving the 2022 Top Chef Award- Sauté and Sizzle: Richmond Men Are Cooking



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Tijuana Friday-4
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Lawrence Jones- 5
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