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Former MCC Upward Student, Ana Gallegos, earns scholarship

Often times many students come to the Upward Bound Program at McLennan Community College uncertain of their future goals. However, this was not the case with Ana Maria Gallegos. Gallegos knew early on that she wanted to become an educator. Her desire is to pass on to others the knowledge and skills she has already learned and those she is destined to learn in the future.

The Upward Bound Program is a college preparatory program funded through the U.S. Department of Education. The program serves eighty-one first-generation and low-income students. The program's purpose and goal is to assist deserving students who have the desire and academic potential for college, but due to certain challenges in their lives, require an additional



ANA GALLEGOS

support system to help them to achieve their goals of higher education.

Gallegos is a graduate of La Vega High School, class of 2015. Ranking in the "top ten" percent of her graduating class, she was named class salutatorian and was accepted

into the Upward Bound Program her sophomore year of high school.

Gallegos excelled academically and served as a role model for other program participants. During her years of participation in the Upward Bound Program, Gallegos was recognized as "Student of the Month" nominated by program faculty and staff. This accomplishment led to Gallegos's recognition at the annual Student Awards banquet as "Student of the Year."

As a result of her academic achievement and class ranking, Gallegos received acceptance to Baylor University, where she began classes in the fall as a full-time student. Additionally, Gallegos performed as a member of the Baylor

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Jones signs to play football for Southwestern AG University

Many times we hear the old adage, "The fruit doesn't fall too far from the tree." Such is the case with Lenory Sr. and LaJuana Jones of Woodway. They have done it again! How often do you hear of a second son receiving a college athletic scholarship and within a year's time of the other?

Landon Lenoy Jones is Lenoy and LaJuana's second son. He is a quiet child, one who is very polite and respectful. His brothers are Lenoy Jr., who recently received a football scholarship to Baylor University, Lance, Lawyer and Lane. A senior at Midway High School, Jones is an outstanding student and athlete. Sporting a 3.8 GPA, he is ranked in the top 21st percent of his class and has numerous athletic accomplishments as well. Jones is a member of the National Honor Society and his football accolades include Academic All State, Academic All District, First Team All-District, Second Team All-District and Honorable Mention Super Centex.

He will be attending Southwestern Assemblies of God University (SAGU), located in Waxahachie, Texas in the fall of 2016 to study business administration. After finishing at Southwestern, he intends to go to medical school to be an orthopedic surgeon.

"Landon is a boy of few words," says his mother, "but when you get him to speak, he is full of wisdom and creativity." Jones always knew he wanted to be a surgeon. He created



LANDON LENOY JONES

an ACL repair idea for a science project and his teacher continuously tells him that he needs to get it patented.

Landon has a passion for medicine and the game. His heart is to mix the two, explained his mother. When his mom, who is a nurse, asked Landon why he chose orthopedics, he replied, "I want to help athletes get back on the field sooner."

Though Jones is young, he has many areas of interest and expertise. In addition to having skills in academics and skills on the football field, he is a very talented artist, who loves to draw in his spare time. His Christian principles stand out when he is among others. He loved the campus atmosphere at SAGU and the Christian environment. Landon is grateful for the opportunity to continue to play football, while earning his college degree. "He knows that going to medical school will take him a little longer," said his dad, "but he is committed to lifelong learning."

Casting Call for "Recovery of my soul"

BY W.B. GUNTER

Calling all actors in the Central Texas area! Ella Adams, author and playwright, is looking for actors to fill 12 roles in the upcoming play, *Recovery of My Soul*, a dramatic play about 4 friends. While at relationship crossroads, friends must choose to stay the course, accept Christ in spite of betrayals, or continue along the same path. It's a deeply emotional play with a universal connection.

Anyone who is interested in reading for a role should come to The Waters of Living Waters Church, 508 N. Gray Street, downtown Killeen at 1:30 PM



ELLA ADAMS

February 28, 2016 in the main foyer, following service. For your convenience, everyone is welcome to come early and enjoy worship service. They should bring their calendars.

Schedules for rehearsals will be given during the first meeting on the 28th. The acting roles are for males and females 18 years and older. The performance is scheduled to open before a live audience April 30th, 2016. The time will be announced.

If Adams seems to be familiar, she's no stranger to the area. In an Anchor News article entitled, "Something Stirs My Heart," she spoke candidly about the heartbreak of losing her sister and other family members as a result of the massacre in Jonestown.

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The Waco NAACP guide to voting

BY SHAWN SANDERS,
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The right of all people to vote is under attack across the nation. Nonetheless, all eligible citizens have the right to vote. All elections are important. Many individuals do not realize the importance of local elections. Citizens should know that local elections have a deep impact on their lives. For instance, the school board can decide which school your child attends or whether your child's school will be closed. The Commissioners Court oversees the McLennan Elections Office. The City Council decides whether your neighborhood will have a biking lane or a park. So local elections are important. Everyone should register and vote in

them.

You can register to vote if you meet the following qualifications:

- You are a United States Citizen.
- You are a resident of Texas and of the county where you intend to vote.
- You will be at least 18 years old on Election Day.
- You are not serving a sentence (off paper).
- You have not been declared by a court to be either totally mentally incapacitated or partially.

Though the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals unanimously ruled that the Texas voter ID law violates the Voting Rights Act, the law remains in effect because the State of Texas has appealed the decision to the Supreme Court. Therefore you must present a photo id in order to vote. Photo ID is required when voting in person though not when voting by mail. A Texas drivers license issued by the Department of Public Safety (DPS) will work. Anyone who has the following identification may vote:

- TX Drivers License issued by Department of Public Safety
- TX Elections ID issued by Department of Public Safety
- TX personal ID card issued by Department of Public Safety
- TX license to carry a handgun issued by Department of Public Safety
- United States military ID card containing the person's photograph
- United States citizenship certificate containing the person's photograph

• United States passport

Significantly, Texas is one of the states that allows ex-felons to vote. The following is a fact – previously incarcerated individuals have their voting rights restored after full sentence is complete (“off paper”). This includes probation, parole, and prison. As long as an ex-felon is “off paper,” he is eligible to vote. He simply needs to register and go vote.

Finally, voting by mail is also an option. No photo id is required when voting by mail. Those eligible to by mail in Texas are those who are 65 years old or older. Those who have relatives in nursing facili-

ties or assisted living facilities or whose relatives are homebound should help their family members utilize this option. Also, those who are disabled are eligible to vote by mail. Disabled veterans should take advantage of this option. Additionally, those who will be out of the county on Election Day and during the period for early voting by personal appearance or confined in jail are also eligible to use the vote by mail option. This option is useful for students away at college. Individuals should contact the Elections Office (254-757-5043) to request an application to vote by mail.

ADAMS

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A note from the Crawfords

As we celebrate Black History Month, remembering those who sacrificed for us, let's also remember that life in general, may be complicated sometimes, but developing a relationship with God makes it so much better.

Each day you can get off to a good start by first giving God thanks for the new day. Next, put on your praise music and let it permeate your home throughout the day, even in your absence, and most important, spend some time in the word and

in prayer. We are constantly bombarded with challenges from our personal life, the community, and the world, but Jesus came that we might have an abundant life. This abundance includes a healthy body, a healthy family, a servant's heart, a prosperous life, and good, sound relationships with people to whom we are equally yoked.

We will, from time to time, run into negative situations and negative people, but as we always says, "If you run into a negative person, KEEP RUNNING!" Just saying.

She co-authored, “Survival of Sirens,” a 10 point reminder of what to do to survive traffic stops. In 2015, Ella's latest book, *Resolved: A Juxtaposition of Thought*, was published, and is available at online bookstores and through local merchants.

Adams explains her inspiration and the guiding principles of her characters and subjects. “I'm a researcher of African and African American history. I view history through the perspectives of those who write and teach it. I have found overlapping thoughts and consistencies that are centered around peace, world peace in particular. There's a sense or movement to strive towards peace by talking about it or by sharing thoughts using histori-

cal facts. I'm also moved by the world around me, by what I observe and hear; death penalty, children who live too close to things that can lead to jail, and hopelessness.”

Adams has the soul of a writer and a compassionate heart that allows her to touch mankind through the artistic expression of literature. During the first weekend in March, Adams will be one of the featured writers at the Take 190 W Writers and Artists Festival in Killeen at the Civic and Conference Center. Visit with Adams on March 5th while you're there.

For more information about the play, the book, or her appearance and book signings, please contact Ella Adams at (254) 616-0252.

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View a sample ballot on our website at <http://www.co.mclennan.tx.us/DocumentCenter/Home/View/2389>

The deadline to apply for a ballot by mail application is

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Pharisees?

BY MARSELO
"SELO" LOZANO

Many times we read the scriptures and often forget to apply them to our time, culture, life style, and thought process. I am amazed at how we all expect so much from God and Christ. Yet, we never consider that being the offspring of the creator of the universe we should expect just as much from ourselves and our brothers and sisters. We read the gospels and think they are written for the lost and then use them to preach at the lost. yet Jesus served the lost and taught the church



MARSELO "SELO" LOZANO

to repent. If everyone who said they were a Christian ac-

tually repented and loved one another then the world would know we were his disciples.

In a church service my pastor expressed the need to adhere to the one another scriptures. He then began to fire off scripture after scripture which depicts how we should behave scripturally to one another. As I went back and looked and studied them, it seems today's church just might need to reevaluate what we say we believe. After looking at the scriptures and today's culture; must one be a Jew to be a Pharisee? or is Pharisee a religious individual from a denomination? If Jesus is a Jew and we are followers of Christ could a Christian be a Pharisee? Can posting on FB,

Snap Chat, instagram, Twitter and every other social media become a religious act of a Pharisee.

It has been said the world is hard on the church, and esteems it lightly. I say the church is being weak on the church and esteems it self lightly. The body of Christ seems to be a confused bride without a groom. Looking at the church from from the outside point of view, why follow a group of divided religious, racist, people whom act like Pharisees and who can't even agree on what they believe, say or do. From the outside looking in Sunday's between 9am and 12:30pm are the most segregated times in the American Church.

We say racism doesn't exist but looking at the church from the outside, I would say it appears it does. Unable to agree on doctrines we look divided into multiable groups, religious sects and denominations. The world hears us scream and proclaim, "We are all the family of God!" But the world continues to see an unwelcoming, back biting, divorce ridden, unholy, poverty minded, diseased and dis-functional family/ church. Now this is not who we are, but how we act towards one another. Scripture says, the world will know we are his disciples by the love we have for one another.

I dare say if this generation can't pick out a wedding dress, cake, finger nail polish, shoes, or hair style the groom will not come soon enough. We are so caught up wanting God to move, we never move for God. But when we compare ourselves among ourselves are we fit to be the bride of Christ or just another Pharisee filled church, body, or bride looking for the Messiah?

I believe before the church can effectively reach this lost world we must understand love. It seems to me, today's world and society is more caring, loving, thoughtful, forgiving, and accepting of people than the church is. We say we love the sinner but not the sin and then treat the sinner as sin. Then walk contrary to love when it comes to the family we call church. So for one to walk in love one must be in love. When one is in love then one acts on love. I ask you this, where are the heroes? You know those guys who would risk everything for everyone just to see that jus-

tice ruled, righteousness prevailed and compromise was left for dead.

Where are the men of right doing, the protectors of right standing, the peacemakers of the land? Where are those who's beliefs cost them family, friends and followers? Those who paid the price; money will never buy? Where are all the doers of good deeds? The ones whose dreams are far greater than the crowd watching. Where are the men of valor and honor, Men with unwavering integrity? Where are those who in the face of adversity and defeat, smile at the face of the enemy and ask who's or whats next? Those who only carry the weapons of faith, hope and love. Those who walk in the mind and understanding of truth. Where are those men whom set aside self so others may achieve their dreams? Where are they who reject the high standard of normal? Where are they who live the life that others tell stories, write books and make movies about?

Have we such a twisted idea of a Christian, Pharisee, the church, a hero, a warrior, and a peacemaker that it must be acted out on the silver screen, school play, or video game?

Is it the money that motivates the crowd and the fame thats purchased with compromise? Today's Warriors play Call of Duty, Dark Souls, and Gears of War because they always get another life. It seems the will and fight in a man, has been traded for a mobile device, game system, couch & A/C with flat screen. With no fight left in them, today's warriors and heroes wage war in the dreams, and fantasy lands that hold them captive in a cell with no walls or bars. It's much easier to be a captive in life than to actually live it. The war being fought is not seen to the naked eye. So, we all appear to be at peace.

If you too are wondering where they are...look in a mirror.

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Loving who you are

BY MONA DUNKIN

"Love is the feeling that flows out from you – once you know who you are – to connect you to other people." Julie Motz

"Once you know who you are." A good healthy self-love is paramount for happiness in life and in any lasting relationship. The Bible tells us to "love others as we love ourselves." We are to love others – the lovely and the not-so-lovely - to the same degree we love ourselves. Whoa. I think we may have stumbled on our world problems.

When my husband told our then three-year old granddaughter how pretty she was, she innocently replied, "Yes, I know." This calm assurance of worth and value is healthy, childlike and wonderful; without a hint of arrogance, pride or selfishness.

This childlike acknowl-



MONA DUNKIN

edgement came from an innate appreciation of who God has created her to be, not out of conceit. When our grandchildren say their nighttime prayers with its litany of "thank God for," we are so blessed that they faithfully include themselves.

"Dear God, Thank you for me."

During this valentine's season of love, make time to look into your own wisdom heart to discover – or redis-

cover – your infinite worth and value. Embracing the wonderful gift of you does wonders to dispel unnamed sadness and unconscious living.

Accepting the "package deal" of you frees you to explore tame behaviors that may be working against you. To humbly say, "Yes, I am a pretty wonderful person" is to become precisely the person you were meant to be – YOU! It is to become real.

The Psalmist David said we are "fearfully and wonderfully made, and that my soul knows right well." I interpret that as meaning "There is something inside me that knows I am special; deep down inside I know that I have infinite worth and value. My looks are okay. I have dreams that are noble and I am capable of great accomplishments."

Often what my wisdom heart knows is at war with what my mind thinks. I put

myself down. I think I am unlovable. This confusion leads one to trying to prove how lovable we are which manifests itself in trying to be all things to all people.

Love is multipliable; it is not divisible. We may have the mistaken idea that there is only so much love to go around and must be parceled out sparingly. That is not the way love works. Love is multipliable. The more you love, the more you are able to love.

Love is often equated with time spent together. Busy schedules can hamper good relationships. For the love of your family, cut back on outside interests or busy activities. One never outgrows the need for love, and it is never too late to learn how to give and receive it. It starts with loving the wonderful person you are.

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A political look at Texas Black History

BY CONGRESSWOMAN
EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

Dr. Carter G. Woodson, the Harvard trained historian who brilliantly birthed the idea that led to the celebration of Black History month, believed that all people regardless of their race, color or national origin should study and embrace the history of Black people in the United States. His belief led him to establish "Negro History Week" in 1926.

The history of Black elected officials in Texas, for instance, is an example of the wisdom of Dr. Woodson's thinking. While representing primarily minority constituencies, many of the Black men and women who have served as elected officials in Texas have passed laws and established policies that have benefited people of all colors.

Though it is not possible to shine a light on all of them because of space limitations, I would like to highlight the contribution of a few.

Representative Joseph Lockridge, elected in 1966, became the first African American to represent Dallas in the Texas Legislature since Reconstruction. After his death in a plane crash in 1968, he was succeeded by the legendary pastor/orator Reverend Zan Holmes. Dr. Emmett Conrad, a dentist, was the first African American elected to the Dallas Independent School Board in 1967. Ron Kirk, a lawyer, became the first African-American elected Mayor of Dallas in 1995.

In 1966 Barbara Jordan became the first African American female elected to the Texas State Senate where her knowledge of the law, and her eloquence set new political standards for elected officials throughout the state.

Six years later she was elected to the United States Congress where as a member of the House Judiciary Committee during the Watergate Hearings she articulated principles of American Democracy in a manner that captivated a national television audience.

Many credit Congresswoman Jordan, the first African American woman to deliver a keynote address at the Dem-



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ocratic Party's national political convention, with having helped to prevent President Richard M. Nixon from circumventing the U.S. Constitution and destroying the credibility of our nation.

One of the pivotal organizations in Texas state politics has been the Texas Legislative Black Caucus. It was born in 1972 when the largest number of African American legislators in history was elected to the Texas Legislature.

The group's founding members included Houston Representatives Anthony Hall, Mickey Leland, Senfronia Thompson and Craig Washington. Those elected from the Dallas area were Sam Hudson III, Paul Ragsdale and myself. The group's first chairman was G.J. Sutton from San Antonio.

As a body, we identified our priorities. We decided that we would work closely with the state NAACP, and that our agenda would include fighting for increased funding for historically disadvantaged colleges. We agreed that we would take a very hard look at the state's penal system, and that we would address numerous problems that affected African Americans, Hispanics and poor whites wherever they were found in Texas. We supported and passed legislation that reflected our concerns.

Some of the individuals from that group have made notable contributions to our state, and to the world. Representative Mickey Leland, who later became a member

of Congress, was a global leader in the effort to eradicate hunger and malnutrition. In fact, he was killed in an airplane crash while on a hunger mission to Ethiopia in 1989.

His seat in Congress was

taken by our colleague Craig Washington, who was known for his knowledge of the U.S. Constitution. Representative Senfronia Thompson remains in the Texas Legislature. She is one of the most influential legislators in the state of

Texas.

These and many others too numerous to mention in this editorial have made substantial contributions to our state. They have made Black history, and their service has enriched the lives of all Texans.



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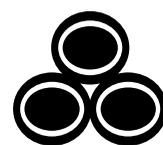
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All men are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, Part 2

BY RUBY MCCRAY

Continued from the January issue of The Anchor.

In January, I typed the first sentence in the second paragraph of the Declaration of Independence. I'll only type a portion of it this time. "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life,...

Stop!
Again, I ask that you not read this article in a mean-spirited tone, although it might appear to be so. I only want us to say what our Creator has already said (Isaiah 55:8-11), to think like He thinks (Philippians 2:3-8), and live the way that He's asked us to live (1 Peter 1:13-25). You see, our ways may seem right in our own eyes, but the end of our ways bring death (Proverbs 12:15; 14:12; 16:2).

I ask that you click on the archives at: www.theanchornews.com to read part one for a better understanding. Also, read the Scriptures referenced in your Bible or let your smart device read them for you.

Without 'Life', one need not think about 'Liberty' and/or 'the pursuit of Happiness'. It's sad to say, but so many of us do not know God, and many who claim to know Him have gotten so far away from Him that they act and live just like the ones who don't know Him. What a terrible image we portray to the world that we are commanded to save (Matthew 9: 35-38; Mark 16:15, 16; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21). Some of us are waiting for them to come to us, and a meager few do; but we are told to go to them (Matthew 28:18-20). Yes, if we profess the Name of the Lord, we are His disciples (followers).

I'm sure that you've heard about and/or seen some of the videos that were produced exposing Planned Parenthood harvesting and selling body parts from aborted babies. I know that if we had known in 1973 that killing babies in the womb would be a form of birth control, that law never would have passed. Thousands of babies are slaughtered every year.

Now, to add insult to injury—harvesting and selling their body parts? How inhumane! How barbaric! It's a lucrative industry because the 'LOVE' of money is the root of all evil—not money itself (1 Timothy 6:10). It's greed.

I don't want Planned Parenthood to have one penny of mine. There are more women's healthcare facilities that don't perform abortions than there are Planned Parenthood facilities. Do a google search or contact Care Net and other Pro-Life groups in your area for locations.

I read about "women's rights" where they say nobody should be allowed to tell them what to do with their own bodies; and some males are in agreement. After you read part one, you'll begin to understand that your body is not your own. Even if it were, that baby in your womb definitely is not yours—especially to destroy. You are only an incubator to carry it for nine months at most.

God never called a baby in the womb a 'fetus', a 'blob', 'it's nothing', etc. These terms are given to minimize the gruesomeness of abortion, but it can't be minimized.

I'm going to give you many passages, using the Word of God proving that 'HE' is the only one who can open and close wombs for conception and non-conception. You will



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see that life begins before conception because it begins in God's mind first. If you are reading this, you were who you are before conception.

Please tell your friends about these teachings because everybody will be held accountable for what they know or should have known (Luke 12:47, 48).

Abram and Sarai were old and barren. At age seventy-five, God promised him a son (Genesis 15:1-6). At age ninety-nine, God changed their names to Abraham and Sarah and told him to name the baby, Isaac (Genesis 17:1-19). Remember, Isaac had not been conceived. When Abraham was one-hundred and Sarah was ninety, Isaac was born (Genesis 21:1-8).

This is the first of many ac-

counts that I plan to give you. Whether you know it or not, we will all be judged by what is written in this Book (Revelation 20:11-15). Pleading ignorance to the law doesn't negate one from the penalty of the law (John 5:39, 40; Acts 17:30-31; Romans 2:1-9; 2 Timothy 2:15). Even if you think that you shouldn't read so that you won't know, God's knows the reason for your thoughts (Mark 2:5-12) as well as your spoken words (Matthew 12:36, 37).

Some declare that God doesn't exist so that they won't have to be responsible to His will and ways. But

Psalm 14:1 says, "Only fools say in their hearts, 'There is no God.' They are corrupt, and their actions are evil, not one of them [fools] does good!" Psalm 53:1 says the exact same thing; we are really supposed to understand this. Let us not be classified as being 'fools'! You may not believe me; but...just what if I'm right?

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GALLEGOS

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University Chamber Singers. She performed in concert with the choir during the Christmas Holidays. At the conclusion of the fall semester, Gallegos received recognized for having achieved a 3.7 grade average and for being named to the Dean's Academic Honor List.

Recognizing Gallegos's outstanding academic performance as well as knowing the financial hurdles she and her family would face while attempting to reach her career goals, Patsy Jones, the program director, nominated Gallegos for consideration of the SWASAP scholarship. The Southwest Association of Student Assistance Programs

is the program's regional association which encompasses five states—Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, and New Mexico.

To the program's delight, in December, the office received notice that Gallegos received a SWASAP scholarship. The Upward Bound Office staff members presented Gallegos with the scholarship check just a few weeks ago. She is currently enrolled in 16 semester hours at Baylor. The Upward Bound Program at MCC is extremely proud of Ana Gallegos and extends its sincere congratulations on her accomplishments. "Keep up the great work Ana!

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Trying times for the church

BY MATTHEW REED

Now days everybody is offenWe are living in a time in which mankind has erred from the truth of God. When homosexuals, people with strange gods, atheist, power hungry men and sinners in general are coming against the truth of the bible. For the church which has the word of God it's trying times. We are referred to as being ignorant and haters. But I tell you get the word, for the word is knowledge. With knowledge cometh understanding, understanding giveth revelation; revelation brings forth Godly wisdom. Godly wisdom produces Godly power which no man or anything can come against.

It's time for the church to come to revelation of who is orchestrating this and what the real intent is. Remember we wres-

tle not against flesh and blood but against powers and principalities in high places. Ephesians 6:12 says 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. The people pushing these issues are of the devil. He's using them to facilitate his plan. We the church should remember that he came to make war against them that have the testimony of Jesus Christ. Rev.12-19 (And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.)

I suggest that you read Revelation 12. Satan's intent is to get the believer to be ashamed of Jesus's

word (Luke 9:26: For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels.) It's just spiritual warfare people.(1 Peter 5:8) Be sober, be vigilant because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Be careful of going along to get along; you will stand before God and at that time find out you been robbed of your testimony, Your thunder stolen.

The church better learn to fight a spiritual war. Having done all to stand, stand'. Remember Matt.10:33(But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.) I may not have a theology degree,



PASTOR AND MRS. REED

but I know and understand what satan's battle plan is and I know it when I see it. It's spiritual but he can't hide it from the spiritual man. The same one that revealed it unto me will make it known unto you, if you will let go and let God.

You say, "What is the answer, Preacher?" The church must stand up and fight; there ain't no soft

landing place. Stand or go to Hell. I'm standing. Jesus suffered his cross; this is our cross. It's bitter sweet, but don't let anything block the door way to Heaven. Your crown and your reward awaits you on the other side of your battle. Fight a good fight and fight to win! Amen! God's will I'll see you on the other side.



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NAACP launches membership challenge to commemorate 80th anniversary

On January 1, the Waco NAACP launched its 2016 Membership Challenge to coincide with the chapter's eightieth anniversary. "Our goal is to recruit eighty new members for the eighty years we have been at work in this community," said Waco NAACP president Peaches Henry. The chapter invites everyone who supports the work of the NAACP to take up the challenge to help the chapter reach its goal. Individuals wishing to join the NAACP may obtain a membership application from the chapter's new website (waconaacp.org). The three-month membership drive will culminate at the Chapter's 80th Anniversary and Scholarship Gala on March 12.

The NAACP has established a membership challenge among the Divine Nine Fraternities and Sororities. "The Greek community has always supported the NAACP, and each of the fraternities and sororities has a mandate from its national organization to be individual and corporate

members of the NAACP. And we thought a friendly competition would encourage the Greek community to move," stated Henry. The competition is based on a point system for individual, youth, and life memberships, Henry continued. Trophies for first, second, and third place will be awarded at the gala. Other groups such as the Masons, the Links, Jack and Jill, and classes (AJ Moore classes, for instance) are invited to join the challenge. Interested groups may contact the Waco NAACP for the competition rules.

The chapter is also very interested in recruiting young people to the NAACP during this membership drive. According to Henry, "youth memberships are only ten dollars. Individuals or groups would be doing a great service if they were to sponsor youth memberships." Persons may sponsor specific young people by completing membership applications for those individual youngsters and sending the applications



PEACHES HENRY

and fees to the chapter. To sponsor youth members generally, persons should contact the chapter to make arrangements.

Local churches used to provide both the leadership and the foot soldiers of the NAACP's work, and Henry would like to make this a reality again. For decades the Waco NAACP was led by courageous pastors such as Rev. George J. Johnson and Rev. M. L. Cooper. "I am issuing a challenge to local churches to reconnect to the NAACP and help us fight for our community. The fight for justice for all people is a righteous fight, and the church should be in this fight," declared Henry.

During the eight decades since its founding, the Waco NAACP has worked to secure the social and political equality of all citizens of McLennan County. The Waco McLennan County NAACP was organized at a time when fighting for social and political equality in Texas was a dangerous undertaking. In 1916, seventeen-year-old Jesse Washington was publically lynched and burned in Waco with local city and county authorities looking on and doing nothing to prevent it.

In 1919, when NAACP National Secretary John Shillady came to Texas to help the Austin chapter in its organization, he was severely beaten by Travis County officials. In response to Shillady's beating, Texas governor William P. Hobby wired the NAACP to keep their "representatives and their propaganda out of" Texas. During the 1920s, chapters that had been orga-

nized were disbanded due to violence and intimidation by groups such as the Ku Klux Klan and by legal authorities. In this perilous atmosphere in one of the most dangerous parts of Texas for African-Americans, the Waco McLennan County Chapter of the NAACP was organized in 1936.

Despite the danger associated with being a member of the NAACP during its early history, the Waco NAACP was a formidable organization in central Texas and in the state, said Henry. "The Waco NAACP had a membership of over 200 back in the day." The chapter was so strong that Waco hosted the state conference of NAACP units during the 1940s. Significantly, the unit boasted a strong youth council in the 1950s and 1960s. The Waco NAACP's Youth Council picketed 7-Eleven, Safeway, HEB, Woolworth's, and Kress's for not hiring Black people. Among those young people was Phyllus Flowers who later became president of the local chapter. The work of the local chapter was heralded in the NAACP's national magazine, *The Crisis*. It is this legacy that the current NAACP aims to continue.

In 2015, the Waco NAACP worked diligently on behalf of the McLennan County community. Henry invites the community to review

its annual activity report on the chapter's website. Looking to 2016, Henry asserted that the Waco NAACP will work to avoid school closings in Waco ISD, help develop policies regarding the use of body cameras by local law enforcement, and fight voter suppression in McLennan County. "This important work can only continue if the Waco NAACP has strong membership. We are asking the people of McLennan County to help us reach our goal of eighty new members," Henry said. The Waco NAACP Membership Challenge runs from started January 1- and runs until March 10. The results will be announced at the 80th Anniversary and Scholarship Gala on March 12.

Adult memberships are \$30. Sustaining Individual Life memberships are \$75 annually for ten years. Youth memberships are \$10. Church, Sorority/Fraternity, Lodge or Class memberships are \$75 annually for ten years. Membership applications can be acquired at the NAACP's website (waconaacp.org) or by emailing waconaacp@gmail.com. Applications and payment should be mailed to Waco NAACP; PO Box 20511; Waco, TX 76702. Checks should be written to Waco NAACP. Payments may also be made via Paypal using the email: waconaacp@gmail.com.

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BY PHYLLIS JONES

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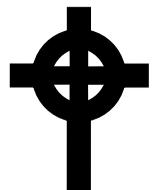
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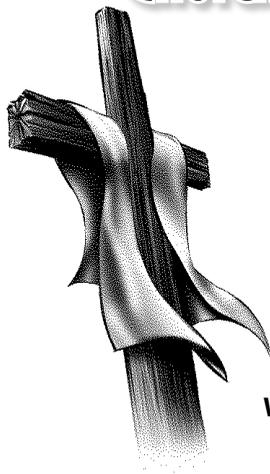


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A life in Christ - God and his attributes

BY PAM TURNER

God has many fine points, or attributes. And in Psalm 139 David's song shows us four of God's Attributes that I would like to take a moment and share with you. I hope this Psalm encourages you as much as it does me.

KNOWLEDGE: "O Lord, you have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O Lord. You hem me in-behind and before; you have laid your hand before me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain."

I read these first 6 verses and thought, "Wow! The God of the universe, all of creation is familiar with all my ways? Good and bad?" Presently, my family and I have chosen to live about 30 miles outside of town, where it's very quiet and secluded. If we chose to live in a largely populated area of millions, God still knows where I am and knows everything that's going on with me.

Have you ever tried to sit down with someone and have a conversation and not know a thing about him/her or he/she didn't know a thing about you? It's very awkward at first, but if you take time to listen to what they have to say, then before long you may have a good conversation going.

Each day I take a moment to talk to God, and it's easier now than it used to be because now I understand he has knowledge of me. God knows everything in my heart, my hurts, my failures, and my biggest desires for my life. I'm in a period of my life where I feel like I'm in a holding pattern, or waiting on God's will and giving up mine. God knows that not waiting and seeking him before I step out is a lack of knowledge on my part. I'm praying for knowledge and because He already knows so much about me, I have to wait and seek.

My thoughts and plans seem to go off on a rabbit trail and if you've ever tried to keep up with a rabbit you



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know it bounces all over the place. So if you, like I have, taken off doing what you "thought" God told you to do, you're going to get worn out and frustrated. It makes more sense for me to wait and seek whatever his will is; he'll give me the knowledge to find it. If I pray today and feel I heard him, if it is him, then when I pray tomorrow it'll be him still. If not, then I saved myself a lot of frustration by seeking him first.

I always thought knowledge of God and his will would naturally come with age or years of service, but I'm afraid not. David felt that all the knowledge of God was too lofty to obtain, but God wants to share some of his knowledge with us. To obtain a small portion of his knowledge you have to seek it daily, through prayer or reading of his word.

The more knowledge of his word you obtain the more confidence you will feel when you pray for his will. His will for your life will align itself up with his word. I have a desire to get a message of encouragement and salvation to as many people as possible. Jesus commanded his disciples to go into the entire world and spread the good news of salvation, so I know that my desires are in line with his words. Now I must seek him for his timing and direction.

OMNISCIENCE: Verses 7-12 talk about God's presence being everywhere. "Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens you are there. If I make my bed in the depths you are there. If I rise on the wings

of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," even the darkness will not be dark to you, the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.

I feel good in knowing that God is all knowing, and now we read he is all seeing. I just sit here in amazement. Here's

a God who knows everything about all of us, those who seem to lead a charmed life, like they have such a smooth, "got it all together life" going on. Then there are some of us who feel like we've set up life on a roller coaster. Of course we're all the same in God's eyes and he's with us during the good times (daytime) and with us during the dark times (night).

His omniscience passes all human knowledge to com-

prehend it. There are days when I feel great, and it's like God is all around me; I can feel his presence. Then other days I want to cry out, "God, I need you! Where are you?" Then I have to remember his promise that he will never leave me nor forsake me. You see, God is always with us. During the good times, and the bad, no matter what, he never leaves us alone.

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