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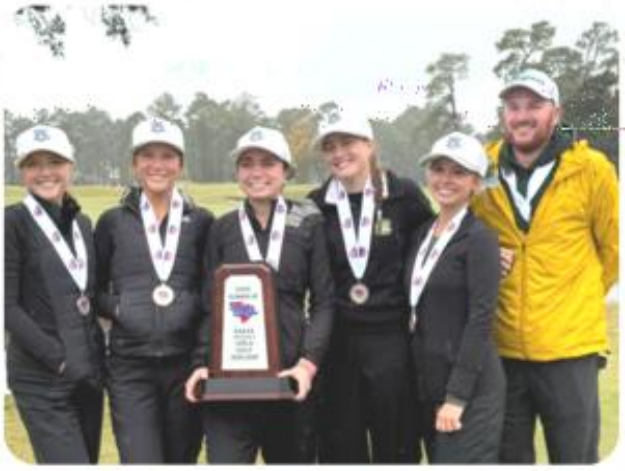
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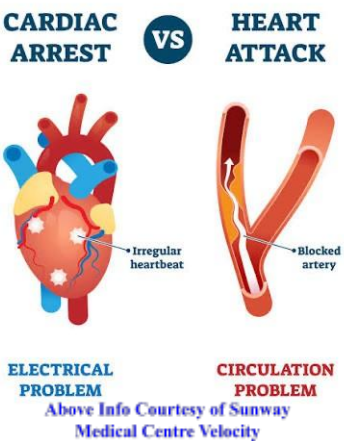
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A medical emergency can happen without warning. A person may suddenly collapse at home, a family member may begin choking during dinner, or someone nearby may suffer a serious fall or allergic reaction. In these situations, the first few minutes can have a major effect on what happens next. Emergency medical services may be only a phone call away by dialing 911, but help does not arrive instantly. The average time for emergency medical services to arrive on scene in the United States is 7 minutes. Therefore, knowing what to do can make the difference between standing by and taking action.



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Cardiopulmonary resuscitation, commonly known as CPR, first aid, and automated external defibrillators, or AED's, give ordinary people tools to respond during some of the most serious medical emergencies. My first introduction to CPR came through the First Aid merit badge when I was in Boy Scouts. Years later, I recently completed CPR, First Aid, and Basic Life Support training again. Going through the training as an adult gave me an understanding that even though emergencies can feel overwhelming, having a foundation of what to do makes the situation much easier to approach. You do not have to be a doctor, nurse, paramedic, or other healthcare professional to provide meaningful help while emergency services are on the way. One of the first distinctions worth understanding is the difference between a heart attack and cardiac arrest. The two terms are often used interchangeably, but they describe different emergencies. A heart attack occurs when blood flow to part of the heart becomes blocked. The heart usually continues beating, although the affected heart muscle is damaged. Cardiac arrest occurs when the heart suddenly stops pumping blood effectively. A person in cardiac arrest becomes unresponsive and does not breathe normally. A heart attack can lead to cardiac arrest, but the two conditions are not the same. Cardiac arrest requires immediate action because every minute without effective circulation reduces the chances of survival. The American Heart Association, known as the AHA, reports that approximately 350,000 people experience cardiac arrest outside a hospital each year in the United States. Immediate CPR can double or even triple a person's chance of survival. Many cardiac arrests happen in homes, which means the person who responds first is often a family member, friend, neighbor, coworker, or other bystander rather than a medical professional. The response to cardiac arrest follows what healthcare professionals call the Chain of Survival. The chain begins with recognizing the emergency and activating the emergency response system. CPR follows, along with rapid defibrillation when appropriate. Advanced resuscitation, post-cardiac arrest care, and recovery and survivorship complete the process. Each step depends on the others. Calling 911 brings professional help, but CPR and an AED can provide critical care during the minutes before an ambulance arrives. For a layperson, the first steps are straightforward. Make sure the scene is safe, then check whether the person responds and whether the person is breathing normally. Gasping or abnormal breathing should not be mistaken for normal breathing. If an adult is unresponsive and not breathing normally, call 911 or have someone



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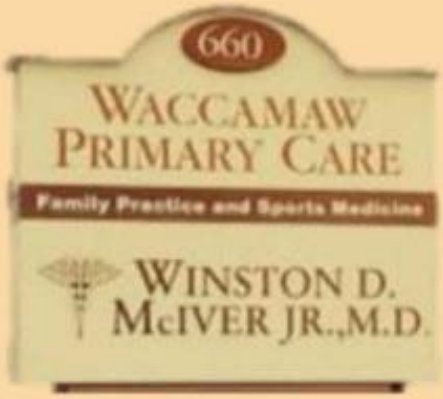
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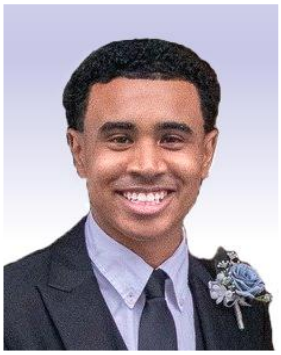
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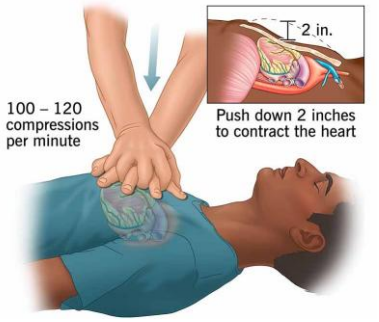
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else call, get an AED if one is available, and begin CPR. A lay rescuer should not lose valuable time repeatedly searching for a pulse before starting CPR. The AHA guidelines do not support delaying resuscitation for a pulse check in this situation. High-quality chest compressions are the foundation of adult CPR. Place the heel of one hand in the center of the person's chest, place the other hand on top, lock the arms, and push hard and fast. The recommended rate is 100 to 120 compressions per minute, with a depth of at least 2 inches in an average adult while avoiding excessive depth. In grade school, we were taught to perform CPR with a tempo of the song "Staying Alive" by the Bee Gees. Allow the chest to come completely back up between compressions and keep interruptions as short as possible. When another trained rescuer is available, switching compressors about every two minutes can help maintain the quality of compressions as fatigue sets in. For trained rescuers performing conventional CPR, the usual pattern is 30 chest compressions followed by two breaths. The airway is opened with a head tilt and chin lift, and each breath should be enough to make the chest rise. CPR continues in cycles while someone activates emergency services and retrieves an AED. For an untrained person or someone unwilling to provide breaths, Hands-Only CPR is an important option for a suddenly collapsed adult or teenager. Consequently, calling 911 and pushing hard and fast in the center of the chest is so important rather than doing nothing because you are unsure about giving breaths.



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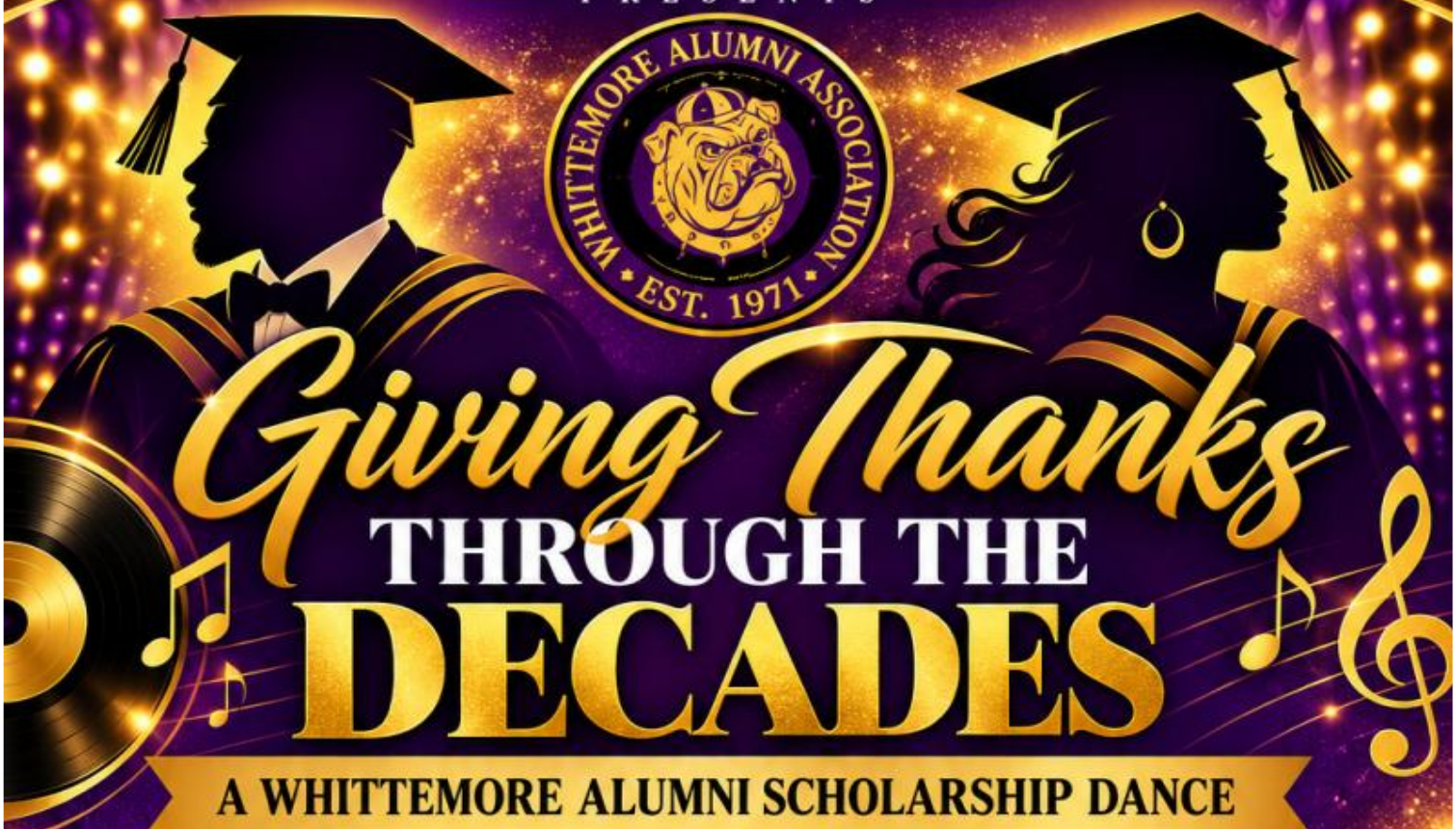
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CPR can look aggressive, and people sometimes hesitate because they are afraid of breaking a rib or causing an injury. Chest injuries can happen during CPR, particularly in older adults, but fear of injury should not prevent someone from attempting resuscitation when a person is in cardiac arrest and needs circulation restored as quickly as possible. An AED can provide another critical link in the response. AEDs are designed to analyze a person's heart rhythm and determine whether an electrical shock is appropriate. Once an AED arrives, turn the device on and follow the spoken or visual instructions. Expose the chest, apply the pads as directed, and make sure nobody is touching the person while the device analyzes the rhythm or delivers a shock. AEDs come with shavers as well, just in case there is hair on someone's chest. After the AED gives instructions, resume CPR when directed. The machine provides detailed instructions, and the ultimate goal is to make early defibrillation possible while professional help is still coming. PR changes when the person needing help is a child or infant. Children are generally considered to be from about 1 year old through puberty, while infants are younger than 1 year. Children and infants experiencing cardiac arrest generally need both chest compression and breaths. For a single rescuer, the CPR ratio is 30 compressions to two breaths. When two trained rescuers are available, the ratio for children and infants is 15 compressions to two breaths. Compressions should be approximately one-third the depth of the chest, which works out to roughly 2 inches for a child and about 1.5 inches for an infant. Infant CPR requires special attention because of the size and vulnerability of the infant's chest.

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What is Someone Else's Opinion of You Worth?

By Steve Williams, Formerly of The Georgetown Times



One of my best friends is a world-famous multimillionaire- more about him later, but for now, I have a question: do you ever get annoyed with people who post frivolous quotations like "Believe in Yourself" on their Facebook pages? Were you feeling inspired? Well, you shouldn't be, because a recent study at the University of Waterloo in Ontario found that people who post motivational quotes on social media have lower intelligence than those who don't. I don't know about you, but I don't care about this study.

This world needs all the inspiration it can give – especially to me. I have an appetite for well-expressed wisdom, motivational or otherwise. When things get tough, I turn to a motivational quote for inspiration. In times of hardship or self-doubt, inspirational quotes give me a much-needed pick-me-up to keep going, whether I'm hitting the gym or working on side projects.

If we're judgment-day-honest with ourselves, we must acknowledge that life can be hard and sometimes incredibly cruel. All of us are going through life, but few are growing through it. Those who are casual about life usually end up as one of life's casualties. If it's true that adversity introduces a man or woman to himself (or herself), then inspiration is that special something that enables us to face our life challenges. Often, our greatest success comes after our greatest disappointments.

Inspirational quotes help us change our focus from the problem to the solution, from the questions to the answers. If we internalize them, they can provide us with principles and values to live by.
Eleanor Roosevelt has one of my favorite quotes: "No one can make you feel inferior without your consent." Who among us has never felt small?

This brings me to my millionaire friend. Although he's dined with queens, counseled kings, mingled with Sam Cooke, Diana Ross, The Temptations, and other Motown Royalty, graced the pulpit of T.D. Jakes, in front of 80,000 people,…….

Words have power. Inspiration is powerful, whether in the form of a word, a book, a card, a song, a picture, or in church. Well-timed words echo what we know to be true in our hearts and souls. The scripture says, "Thou shalt decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee." But a word of caution – never seek the wisdom of an unproductive person. There are too many people spitting out scriptures and plastering their Facebook pages with motivational messages - nothing wrong with the message – just the messenger.

Too often, we listen to advice from others who may be in the same boat as us. As Emerson says, "What you do speaks so loudly, I can't hear what you're saying." Words from people who've overcome our particular challenge should carry more weight than those from people who haven't. Why should anyone believe your Facebook post, which reads, "Whatever the mind of man can conceive and believe, it can achieve," when they know you're behind on your dreams and your bills? On the other hand, if the message is from someone who's "been there- done that," someone like a coach, a mentor, or a teacher who believes we can achieve what we want, it can be a powerful incentive to try harder.

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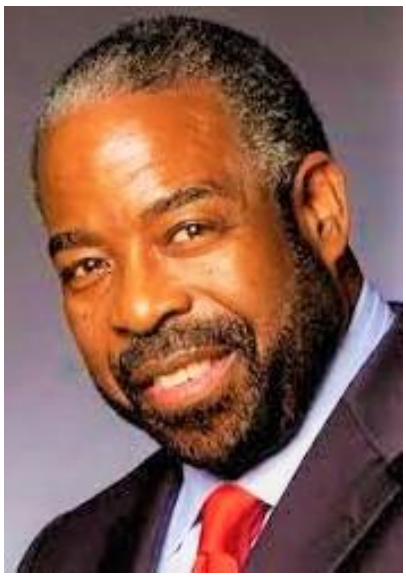
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But to most Americans, his claim to fame continues to be– "Ain't that the guy who useta be married to Gladys Knight? "His name is **Les Brown – "The Motivator,"** but calling him a motivational speaker doesn't do him justice any more than calling Michael Jackson a dancer. Along with his twin brother Wesley, **Leslie Calvin Brown** was born February 17, 1945, in an abandoned building in Liberty City, a low-income section of Miami, Florida. Three weeks later, they were given up for adoption.



He's self-taught with no credentials in front of his name, but he's one of the wisest people I've ever met. I recently tracked him down (no easy task) for an interview. We've been friends for 30 years. Growing up, Les would've been the least likely to be voted 'most likely to succeed' by his teachers and peers. Inattentive, mischievous, and a poor reader, he was labeled "educable mentally retarded" in the fifth grade - a label he found hard to remove.

"They said I was slow, so I held to that pace." It wasn't until high school that he fully faced the veracity of this label. One day, his teacher challenged him to take a small part in a school play. The part required him to memorize a few lines. Afraid that he wasn't equal to the task, Les shamefully told his teacher, Mr. Washington, in front of the cast, that he couldn't perform the task because he was educable mentally retarded. Silence deafened the room as everyone stopped to hear Mr. Washington's response.

"Do Not Ever Say That Again," said Mr. Washington, "Someone else's opinion of you does not have to become your reality." Mr. Washington's words planted a seed in Les' mind that he was more than a class clown and opened a whole new world of possibilities for him. It reversed the negative words he'd
internalized for years.

After graduating with a certificate of attendance, Les became the success he is today, all because Mr. Washington and his mother saw something in him when he couldn't see it in himself.
His mother, Mamie Brown, a 38-year-old unmarried cafeteria cook and domestic with very little education or financial means, adopted Les and his brother when they were six weeks old.
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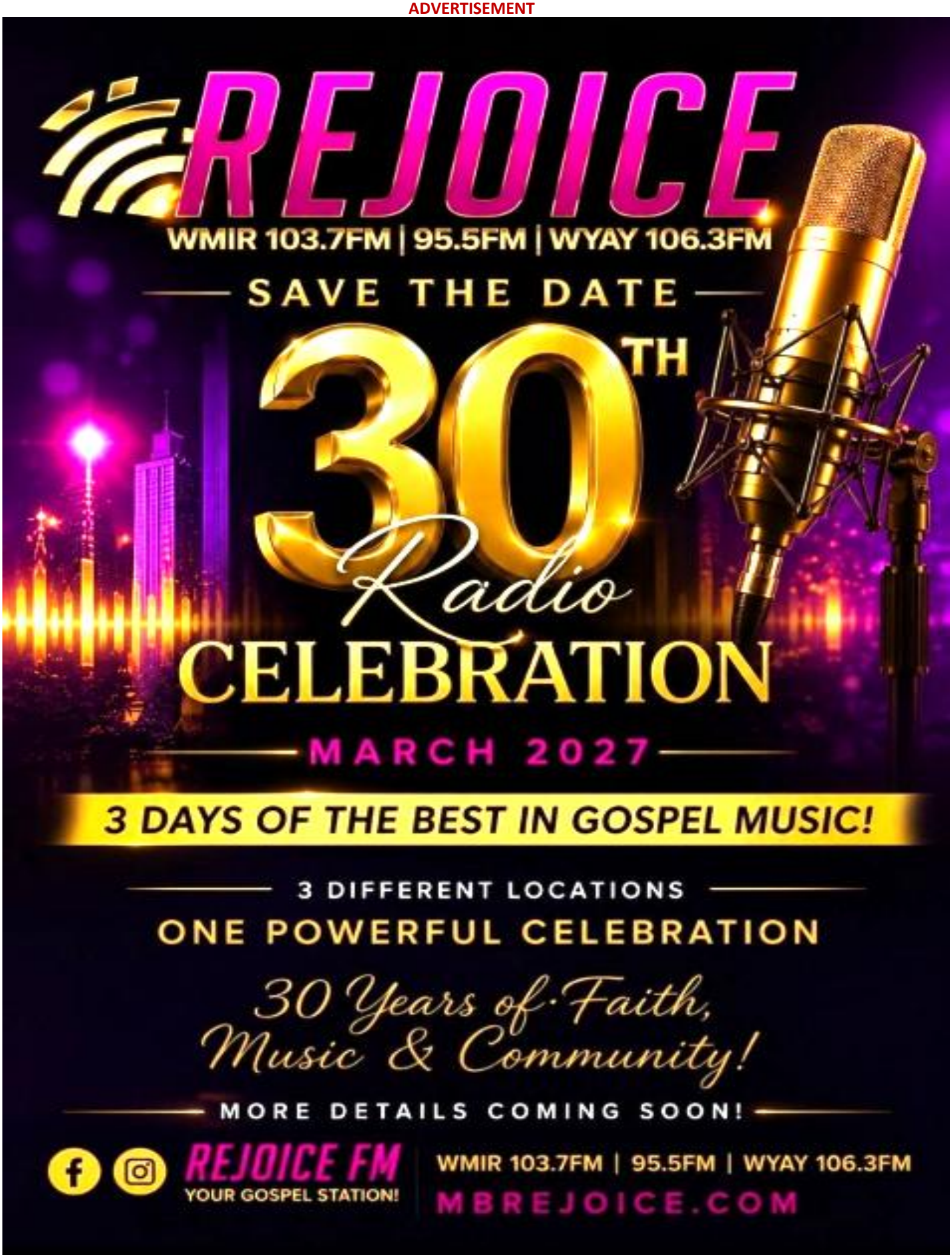
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MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. — The Myrtle Beach Branch of the NAACP #5568 has received the L.A. Blackmon Programs Award, recognizing the best overall program performance in South Carolina. The statewide honor celebrates sustained work to strengthen civic participation, develop young leaders, expand educational opportunities, and serve families throughout the Grand Strand. The recognition reflects measurable community involvement, not a single event. During 2025, branch initiatives included career exploration for 20 young people through the Myrtle Beach Pelicans, an interfaith dialogue in partnership with Temple Shalom that drew more than 60 participants, and a holiday diaper drive that provided essentials to more than 100 households. The branch also offered tax and estate-planning education, organized a nonpartisan local candidates forum and helped residents navigate civil-rights concerns.



"Receiving the L.A. Blackmon Award is especially meaningful because it recognizes the collective work of our entire branch," said Tiffany Andrews, branch president. "Every officer, especially 1st VP Nesbit, 2nd VP Bromell, Secretary Grissett, committee chair, member, volunteer, and community partner played a role in this achievement. These accomplishments belong to all of us and affirm our shared commitment to service, equity, and empowering our community." Across the Grand Strand, the branch's work also included youth exposure to historically Black colleges and universities, voter education, community partnerships, and direct assistance to residents. The award underscores a shared commitment to keeping civil-rights advocacy, education and service active and accessible year-round.

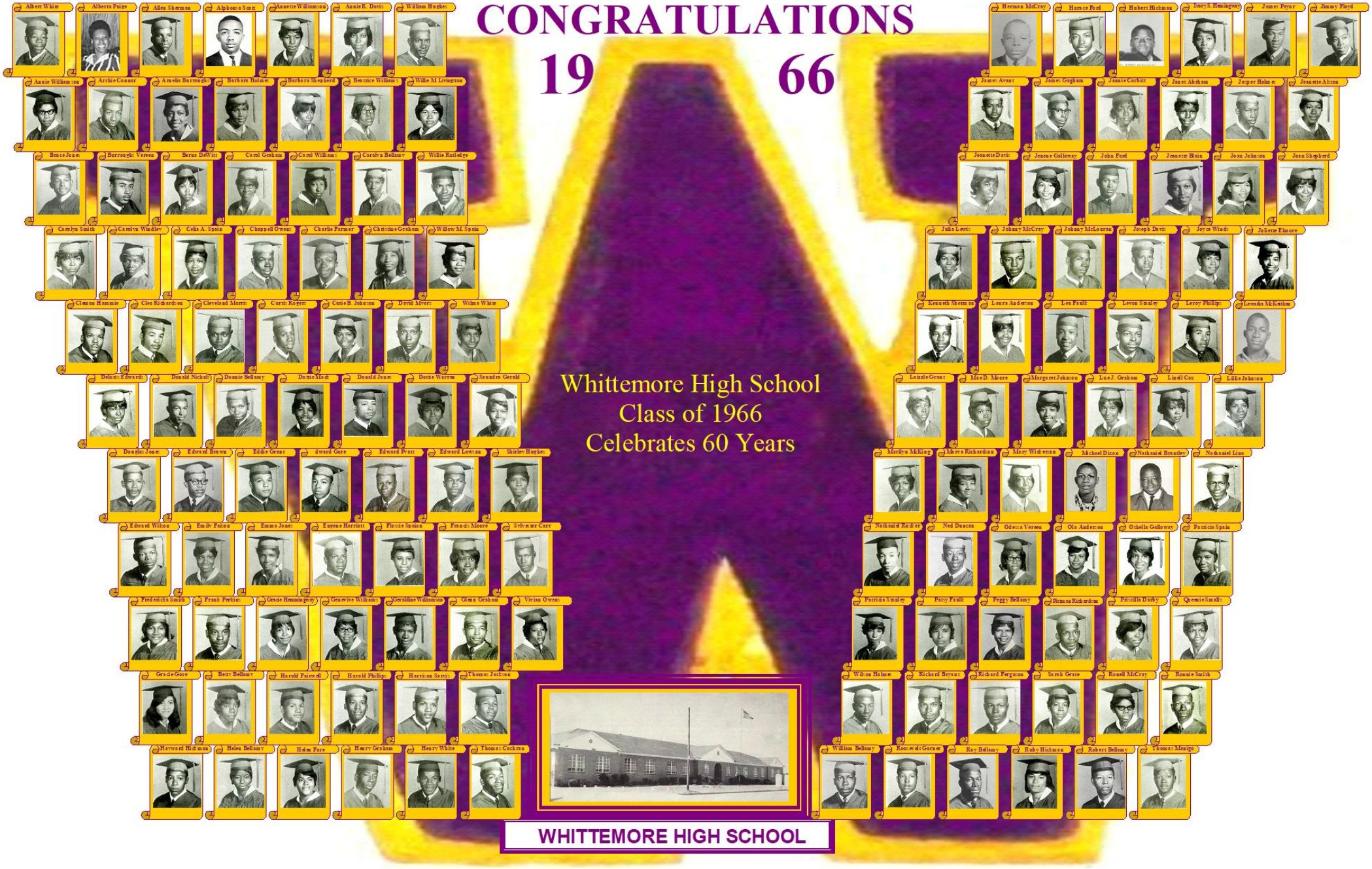


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The Myrtle Beach Branch NAACP #5568 advances the NAACP mission through civil-rights advocacy, civic engagement, education, youth development and community partnerships. The branch serves communities across the Grand Strand, working to empower residents and strengthen community connections.

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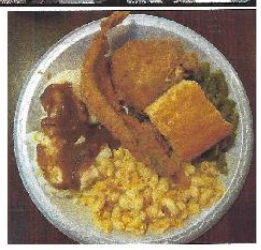
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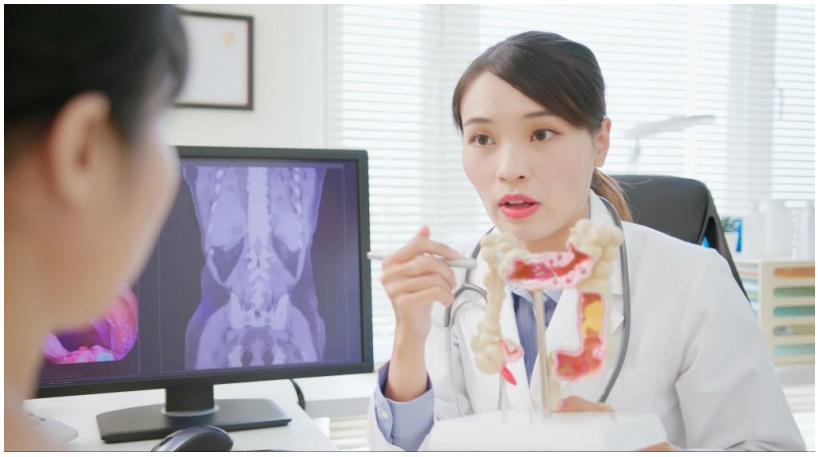
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Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in the US, but its target population is changing.
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Now, scientists are racing to understand why this shift is happening — and why these new cases are so aggressive.



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However, new research reveals that this increase is most dramatic among a younger population within that group: kids aged 10 to young adults in their early 20s.

In fact, one study shows that the younger the group, the more stark the increase: colorectal cancer (CRC) surged a shocking six-fold in kids aged 10 to 14 from 1999 to 2020.

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The disease more than quadrupled among teens 15 to 19 and almost doubled in young adults aged 20 to 24 during the same time period.

Another study showed that during that time frame, CRC incidence was relatively stable from 1999 to 2012. Then, incidence among children ages 10 to 14 began climbing at an estimated 70.54% annually from 2012 to 2015 — a rate that compounds to a nearly 400% increase over those three years.

But rising cases are only part of why these colorectal cancer trends are so troubling.

Why colorectal cancer appears differently in younger patients

Experts are concerned not only about the rising rates, but about how different the CRC behaves when younger folks develop the disease.

Diagnoses of CRC are rising in kids and young adults under the age of 20.
When cancer is found in younger patients, a majority of cases are advanced, aggressive cancers: Stage 3 or 4, new research shows. And these younger patients are more likely to have worse outcomes — after treatment, their cancer is more likely to return, another paper suggests.
"We do feel like it is a bit of a distinct disease than what we're seeing in older adults," pediatric surgeon Dr. Erica Arnold told Live Science.

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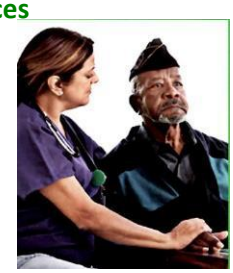
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When Every Second Counts: Understanding CPR, First Aid, and AEDs

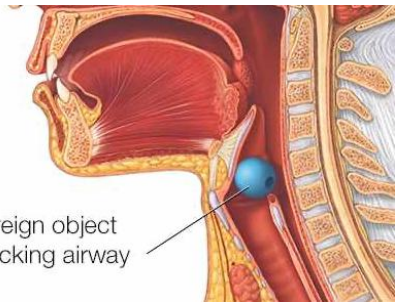
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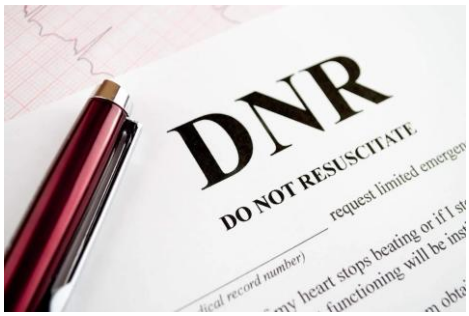


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Current guidance allows compressions using the heel of one hand or the two-thumb technique with the hands encircling the infant's chest. The older two-finger technique is no longer recommended in the AHA guidelines. The response should still focus on effective compressions, appropriate breaths, and getting emergency medical help as quickly as possible. Choking is another emergency where knowing a few basic steps can make a major difference. A person with a severe airway obstruction may be unable to speak, cough effectively, or breathe. For a conscious adult or child with severe choking, current guidance recommends five back blows followed by five abdominal thrusts, repeating the sequence until the object is expelled or the person becomes responsive. If the person becomes unresponsive, begin CPR. Before giving breaths, look inside the mouth for an object that can be seen or removed. Do not blindly sweep a finger through the mouth because doing so can push an object farther into the airway. Infant choking requires a different approach. Place the infant in a position that supports the head and check, then alternate five back blows with five chest thrusts. Abdominal thrust should not be used on infants. Continue the sequence until the object comes out or the infant becomes unresponsive. If the infant becomes unresponsive, begin CPR and check the mouth for a visible object before giving breaths. Medications can play a role in certain emergencies as well. People with known severe allergies may carry an epinephrine auto-injector, commonly known by brand names such as EpiPen. Epinephrine is the first-line treatment for anaphylaxis, a severe allergic reaction that can cause swelling, difficulty breathing, low blood pressure, and loss of consciousness. Someone experiencing severe allergic reaction should receive prescribed epinephrine according to their instructions, and emergency medical help should be activated. Naloxone, commonly known by the brand name Narcan, is another emergency medication that can save a life. Naloxone can reverse the effects of opioids and restore breathing in someone experiencing an opioid overdose. Signs include slow breathing, gurgling sounds, pinpoint pupils, blue lips, or unconsciousness. The AHA guidelines emphasize public access to naloxone for suspected opioid emergencies.



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Above Info Courtesy of Avive AED

Emergency preparedness should include another conversation that does not always receive as much attention, which is what a person wants to happen if their heart stops or they can no longer breathe on their own. A Do Not Resuscitate, or DNR, order tells healthcare professionals not to perform CPR if a person's heart stops or breathing stops. A Do Not Intubate, or DNI, order addresses the use of a breathing tube and mechanical ventilation. These decisions are made in advance as part of medical care and advance care planning. Having a DNR or DNI does not mean a person wants no medical treatment. A person may still want medications, oxygen, treatment for infections, pain relief, surgery, or other appropriate care. The decisions surrounding resuscitation and mechanical ventilation should be discussed with a healthcare professional while the person is able to communicate their wishes. Family members and other trusted people should understand those wishes as well. Emergency medical personnel may need specific documentation or medical orders when responding to an emergency, and requirements vary by location.

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In addition to the pensions and benefits to which you may be entitled because of both public and private employment, you may also be eligible for certain benefits based on your military service.

The following is a summary of veteran's benefits and what you need to know about them. **(For extensive information on these benefits please visit website**: ***benefits.va.gov/benefits.***

Major Veteran Benefit Programs: The VA operates a number of programs providing financial, medical and other assistance to veterans. ***For Americans who received an honorable or general discharge, there are 4 major benefit programs:***

Veteran Disability Compensation

Veterans with a service-related disability and an "other than dishonorable" discharge can qualify for a monthly tax-free VA Disability Compensation benefit ranging from $133 to over $4,400 every month.

You could be paid more if:

- you have very severe disabilities or loss of limb(s)
- you have a spouse, child(ren), or dependent parent(s)
- you have a seriously disabled spouse
- you are considered unemployable due to your disability

How To Apply For VA Disability Compensation

For the fastest service you should apply online through the VETS.GOV website, you should submit supporting documents with your claim for benefits. You should send the VA copies of medical evidence (both military and civilian), your discharge paperwork, and anything else you may think is necessary. Remember, you can never provide the VA too much information!

Special Monthly Compensation

Special Monthly Compensation (SMC) is paid in addition to the regular VA Disability Compensation. It is normally limited to veterans who suffered the loss or loss of use of certain organs or extremities. For details, see our SMC overview page.

VA Travel Reimbursement For Disabled Veterans

VA can pay travel reimbursement to certain veterans who have to travel to medical appointments. Reimbursement for mileage or public transportation can be paid to:

1. Service-connected veterans with 30% or greater disability
2. Veterans traveling for treatment of a service-connected condition
3. VA pension recipients
4. Veterans traveling for scheduled compensation or pension exams
5. Certain low-income veterans

Mileage will be reimbursed at 41.5 cents per mile. There is a deductible of $3.00 one way and $6.00 per round trip. The deductible is also subject to a monthly cap of $18.00, when you reach $18.00 in travel payments in a month, the remainder of that month will be free of the deductible.The deductible can be waived in certain cases.

2026 Veteran's Pension Programs

If you are a wartime veteran with a limited income and you are no longer able to work, you may qualify for a Veterans Disability Pension or the Veterans Pension for veterans 65 years or older.

Many veterans of wartime service are completely unaware of the fact that if they are 65 or older and on a limited income they may qualify for a VA Pension without being disabled.

Veteran's Pensions Eligibility

You may qualify for a veteran's pension if:

you were discharged from service under other than dishonorable conditions, AND you served 90 days or more of active duty with at least 1 day during a period of war time.

you are permanently and totally disabled, or are age 65 or older, your countable family income is below a yearly limit set by law.

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Veteran who needs aid and attendance and has no dependents
Veteran who needs aid and attendance (A/A) and has one dependent
Two Vets Married to Each Other
Add for Each Additional Child to any category above

Aid and Attendance or Housebound Veterans

Aid and Attendance (A&A) is a benefit paid in addition to pension. This benefit can't be paid without eligibility to pension.

Free or low-cost medical care through VA hospitals and medical facilities

You have made many sacrifices as a veteran, but just because you leave active-duty does not mean that you lose all of your health benefits. But what exactly are you qualified for? Do you need help with an old injury, rehabilitation, or alcohol/drug dependence counseling? The following is a summary of what you need to know about your health care.

Overview and Health Programs

The VA is required by law to provide eligible veterans hospital care and outpatient care services that are defined as "needed." VA defines "needed" as care or service that will promote, preserve, and restore health. This includes treatment, procedures, supplies, or services. This decision of need will be based on the judgment of your health care provider and in accordance with generally accepted standards of clinical practice.

VA uses priority groups to determine what types of care each veteran receives.

There are also health programs you may be eligible for, including treatment for:

Blindness Rehabilitation
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Traumatic Brain Injury
Agent Orange Exposure
Gulf War Syndrome & Related Illnesses
Radiation Exposure
HIV/AIDS Treatment

Veteran's Health Care Eligibility

Veterans are eligible for VA programs, as well as dependents in many cases. Final eligibility depends on several factors for each program. Look further at Eligibility and Priority Groups.

Check out the links below for more information on:

Health Care Costs
Health Care Eligibility (and Priority Groups)
Health Care Enrollment Process
Medical Benefits Package (includes info on what is and is not covered)

Where To Find Assistance With Claims Or Diagnostic Process:

- Veterans Health Council
- The American Legion
- The Veterans of Foreign Wars
- AMVETS
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Education programs

The term GI Bill refers to any Department of Veterans Affairs education benefit earned by members of Active Duty, Selected Reserve and National Guard Armed Forces and their families. The benefit is designed to help service members and eligible veterans cover the costs associated with getting an education or training. The GI Bill has several programs and each is administrated differently -- depending on a person's eligibility and duty status.

GI Bill Programs

For a description of each GI Bill program, including eligibility requirements, and payment amounts please select from this list of currently active major GI Bill programs:

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There are several types of training you can use your GI Bill benefits for.

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Flight Training
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Work-study programs
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Colorectal Cancer is Surging in an Unexpected Group And it's 'Developing Differently'

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Arnold led research studying young CRC patients, finding that patients were diagnosed quickly after getting their first symptoms — about 12 weeks.

The findings support that conclusion, showing that despite treatment, cancer returned in 37% of patients. By the end of that study, 45% of CRC patients died from the disease.

"Some of that might be related to delays in diagnosis," gastrointestinal oncologist Dr. Christopher Lieu told Live Science. "but if you want my honest opinion, it does suggest that these cancers are developing differently."



What's causing these changing trends

Experts still don't know what's behind these changes. But they suspect that lifestyle factors such as eating ultra-processed foods, lack of exercise and obesity are big factors in why CRC is rising in such young populations. This can play into imbalances in the gut microbiome, which is the subject of "most of the research" teasing out a cause, Lieu said. These factors can cause long-term inflammation, which can trigger mutations that lead to cancer. Plus, there's the question of whether antibiotics mess with the delicate balance in the GI system. Other researchers believe that increasing ingestion of microplastics might be disrupting the mucus lining of the bowel tract. "It may be a combination of food, antibiotic use and environmental exposures," Lieu said.

What to look out for

Though rates are rising, colorectal cancer is still very rare among people younger than 20, with one case in every 200,000 people each year. Fewer than 100 cases are diagnosed in children each year in the US.

That said, it's important to know the signs when younger populations aren't going through routine colonoscopies to check for problems, like those over 45.

There's one symptom that's the strongest predictor of CRC in folks under 50: Rectal bleeding.

"If they're 35 and they come in with rectal pain, they probably don't need a colonoscopy," said Dr. Sandra Kavalukas, a colorectal surgeon at the University of Louisville School of Medicine. "But if they come in with a bleeding complaint, they are 8.5 times more likely to have a colorectal cancer."

What do you think?

In Arnold's study, the most common symptoms were back and abdominal pain (74%), change in bowel habits (45.2%), weight loss (43%) and rectal bleeding (38%).

"If you have a person below the screening age with rectal bleeding, you should seriously consider a colonoscopy," Kavalukas stressed.

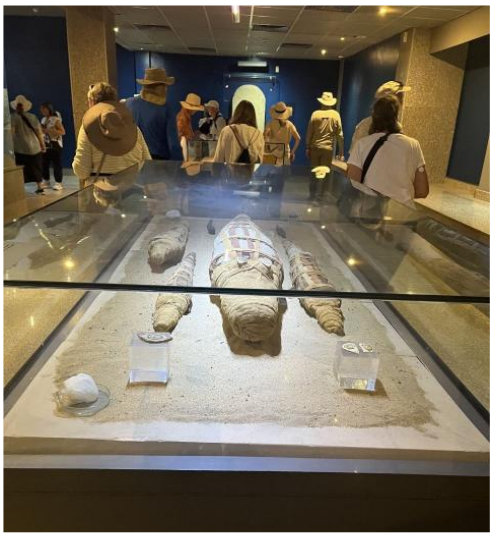
Museums as Tools for Collective Memory and Cultural Affirmation

Dr. Harry H. Singleton III, International African American Museum's Lilly Director of Faith-Based Education and Engagement



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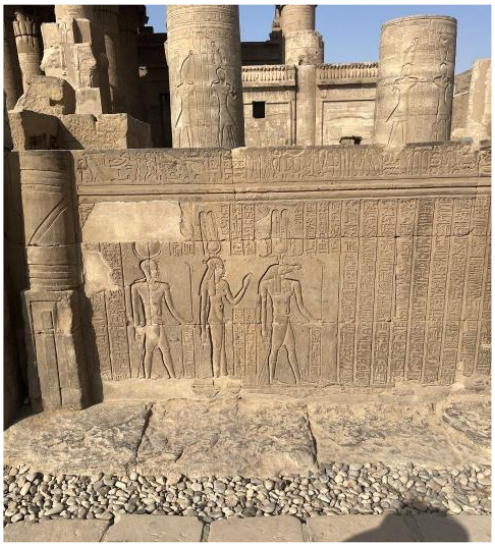
I was honored in September to experience a nine-day trip to Egypt. Experience is an apt description insofar as the "experience" not only connected with my senses but with my spirit as well. The initial "feeling" as our group made its way from the airport in Cairo to the hotel in Giza was one of chilling fascination but even though it was my first trip to Egypt, I also could not help feel a sense of nostalgia – as if this wasn't my first trip there! The ambience (kindness of natives), weather (it was hot!), and ancient historical presence (the permeation of human civilization's origins) all resonated with a spirit that had no prior presence there.



The trip was sponsored by a former seminary professor in Old Testament, *Dr. **Themba Mafico, a native African (Zimbabwe), who now is the CEO of the Mafico Leadership Renewal Institute in Atlanta*** and who had been strategically pursuing me for two years to take an international trip with the institute. And I am glad he did! The biblical text literally comes alive in Egypt not only in regard to faith but in history as well. Now a dear and close friend, the trip further intertwined even more our already kindred spirits. With a group of fifteen travelers, cities from Cairo to Giza to Luxor, to Aswan, back to Cairo, and then Alexandria were experienced with an organized swiftness that was fast enough to pique curiosity for further inquiry yet deliberate enough to imbibe a profound sense of awe. The strategically planned itinerary spoke to the purpose of the trip which was to relax but also spoke to making an indigenous connection with an area of the world well-known for its contributions to contemporary civilization in the arts, culture, anthropology, philosophy, and religion.



To that end, the trip consisted of two museum visits. The first visit was to the ***Grand Egyptian Museum in Giza*** on day one. The museum is primarily dedicated to honoring the legacy of Egypt's great kings and royal lineage. One is struck upon entrance at the extremely high ceiling of arena height and the spacious expanse of the structure. Though extremely diverse in its curatorial offerings, the museum paid special homage to Ramses II, considered the greatest of all Egyptian kings. Several curatorial objects are dedicated to his legacy not to mention a towering statue of him that reaches closer to the ceiling than any other statute as you enter the museum! Finishing a close second in its profundity was the east side of the edifice that possessed no curatorial objects but rather a floor to ceiling window that when looking out gave viewers a majestic view of the Giza Pyramids and the Sphinx! I wanted at least an hour more in that sacrosanct place of ancient splendor but the swiftness of the itinerary predictably won out.



The second museum the group visited was the ***Crocodile Museum in the city of Aswan.*** It sits next door to the ancient Egyptian Temple of Edfu uniquely structured in the sense that it honors two different gods. With a huge courtyard that sits directly in the center of the temple, the right side of the temple is dedicated to Horus, son of Osiris and Isis, and the other side (left) is devoted to Sobek, the god of Egyptian self-defense and ferocity. ***Horus*** is honored for defeating his ***Uncle, Set*** who killed Horus's father ***(and Set's brother),*** King Osiris and ***mother queen Isis. Set was an extremely unpopular ruler among ancient Egyptians and his killing by Horus was seen as a necessary and welcomed feat. Sobek,***

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Palmetto Missionary Baptist Church Celebrates 20th Church Anniversary



Rev. Cheryl M. Adamson

The World Community Magazine extends maximum congratulations to **Rev. Cheryl Moore Adamson, M.Div.**, Founding and Senior Pastor of Palmetto Missionary Baptist Church in Conway, SC. Under her leadership and commitment, the Church celebrated its 20th Anniversary on Saturday, October 10, 2026, at the Mason Temple Fellowship Hall in Conway, SC. The Theme adopted ***was "Great is Thy Faithfulness."***

Kudos to the ***Mighty Church Anniversary Committee.*** The Committee expressed gratitude to the members, Family, Friends, and Supporters conveying the following, ***"With grateful hearts, we celebrate 20 years of ministry at Palmetto Missionary Baptist Church. This milestone is a beautiful testimony to God's faithfulness and to the dedication of those who have served, worshiped, and supported this ministry throughout the years.***

Palmetto Missionary Baptist Church has always been more than a place of worship. It is a church family built on faith, fellowship, and love that extends beyond our members and into the community. Through service, outreach, and compassion, we have sought to be a source of hope and encouragement to others.

This year also marks a special milestone for our pastor, the Reverend Cheryl Moore Adamson, as she celebrates 20 years as the founding pastor of Palmetto Missionary Baptist Church. We thank God for her faithful service, spiritual leadership, and commitment to sharing God's Word and serving His people.

As we honor our past, celebrate the present, and look with great expectation toward the future, we give God all the glory for how far He has brought us." Great is Thy faithfulness!

It was an unforgettable evening of celebration. The anniversary Gala came alive with inspiring music, heartfelt tributes, joyful fellowship, and a powerful keynote message by **Rev. Dr. Harry H. Singleton, III.** The Mistress of Ceremony was ***Rev. Dr. Arlecia Simmons***, who also gave the Welcoming, Scripture and Prayer. ***Ms. Mary Adamson Adeogun*** gave a brief church history; fantastic musical performances by ***Rev. Richard Williams and The CMA Reunion Choir;*** and a **Proclamation** from the **Mayor of Conway, SC, *Ms. Barbara Jo Blain, esq.*** As the Mayor was unable to attend, the proclamation was read and presented by the ***Honorable Julie Hardwick of the Conway City Council.***






L-R: Rev. Harry H. Singleton; Rev. Alecia Simmons; Mrs. Mary Adamson Adeogun; and Rev. Adamson Receiving Proclamation from City Councilwoman, Julie Hardwick.





L-R: Rev. Richard Williams and the CMA Reunion Choir; Rev. D. Katrina Reaves; and Rev. Adamson prepares her 97 year-young mom, Mrs. Mary Moore to lecture the audience.

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From The Desk of Samya A. Muhammad

Madeline M. Turner

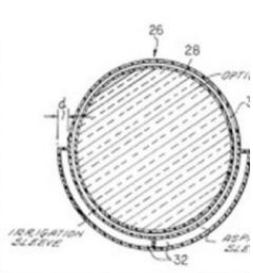


Samya A. Muhammad

Have you ever wondered who made the first juicer? Well, you may go to the store and buy overpriced juicers, but who sets the standard for modern juicers to be made? It was a black woman named Ms. Madeline M. Turner. Her birth date is unknown, but she was born around 1875. Turner was inspired to create her juice press one morning when she struggled to hand squeeze a cup of orange juice. She invented the juicer on April 25, 1916, it was first called **"Turner's Fruit-Press"** but the name changed to "Juicer". The invention first debuted in San Diego, CA. From 1948 to 2014, seven other patents have referenced her invention and patent. In 2020, the juice and smoothie industry boasted a revenue of $2.6 billion! Not much is known about her life. It was believed that she was born in Kentucky around 1875. She later moved to Oakland, California. Her exact dates of birth and death are unknown. She died in Fairport, New York on June 24, 2018, at approximately 110 years old. So, the next time you make lots of money from juicing, know that a black woman gave you the opportunity!

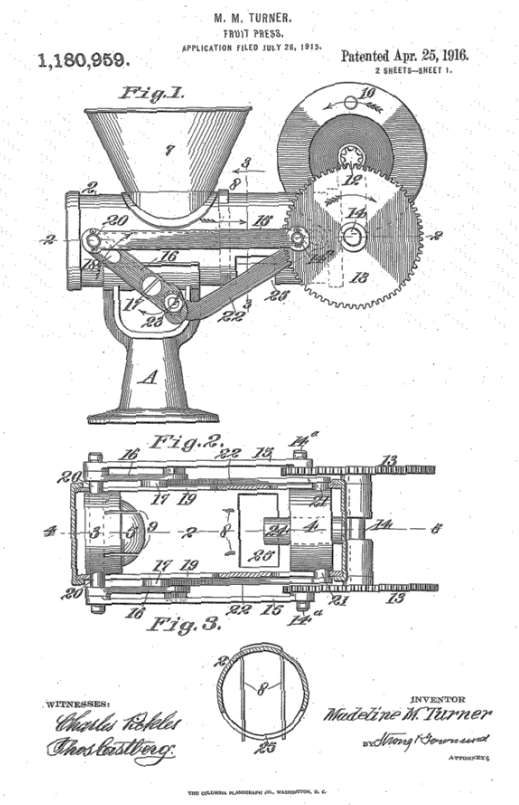


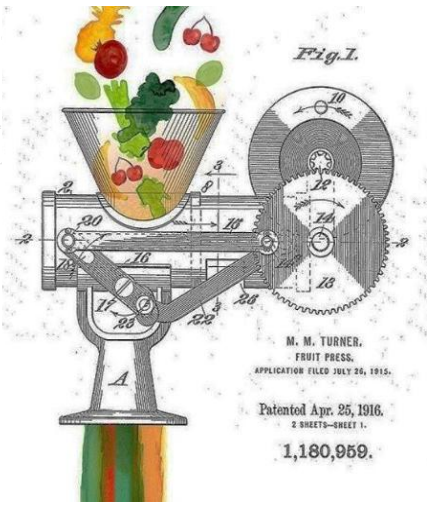












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Rev. Adamson with Rev. Katrina Reaves & Rev. Richard Dantzler



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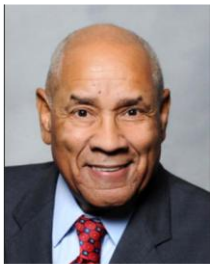
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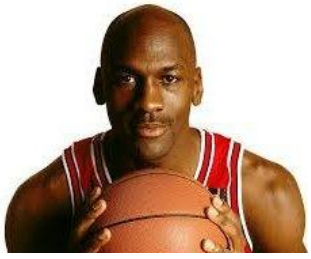
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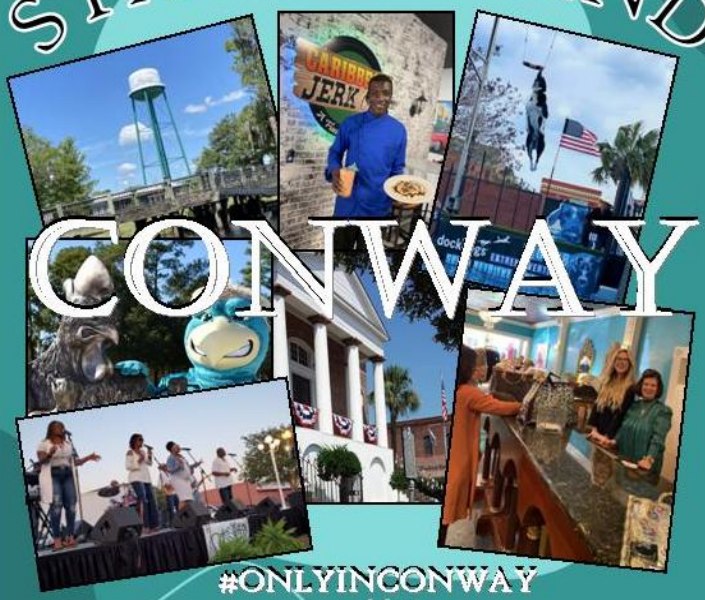
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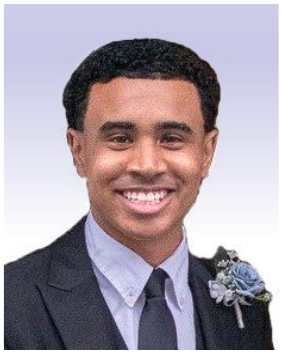




When Every Second Counts: Understanding CPR, First Aid, and AEDs

By: Christian Newman, WC Magazine Health Editor

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Christian Newman
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The goal is to make sure that a person's wishes are known before a crisis leaves little time for discussion. For families, especially those caring for older parents or relatives with serious medical conditions, conversations about emergency preferences can be just as important as keeping a first-aid kit in the home. Families should know who has medical decision-making authority, where important documents are kept, which medications a loved one takes, and who should be contacted during an emergency. These conversations can feel uncomfortable, but having them ahead of time can reduce confusion when a serious medical events occur. The same principle applies to CPR training. Reading about CPR is useful, but hands-on training provides a different kind of preparation. A certified class allows people to practice chest compressions, rescue breaths, choking response, AED use, and other skills with a certified instructor.



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In order to be certified, you must complete a course every two years. Training can be especially valuable in places where people gather regularly, including churches, schools, workplaces, gyms, community centers, senior communities, and athletic facilities. The American Heart Association's updated guidelines highlight community training and education as part of improving responses to cardiac arrest. Every household does not need to become an emergency medical station, but a few simple preparations can make a difference. Keep a basic first-aid kit available. Know where the nearest AED is at work, church, school, or another location you visit regularly. Learn CPR and refresh those skills periodically. If someone in the household has a severe allergy, know where their epinephrine auto-injector is kept. If opioid exposure is a concern, learn how to recognize an overdose and where naloxone is available. A serious bleeding injury may require firm, direct pressure while emergency help is activated. A burn may require prompt cooling with clear, running water while more serious injuries receive medical evaluation. A person showing signs of stroke, such as sudden weakness, facial drooping, trouble speaking, confusion, or difficulty walking, needs emergency medical attention immediately. Chest pain, severe difficulty breathing, sudden loss of consciousness, seizures, serious falls, and other potentially life-threatening symptoms should not be managed by waiting to see whether the problem goes away. Keep emergency contacts and important medical information accessible. Families should know when to call 911 rather than trying to handle a serious problem alone. Emergencies can make people freeze, especially when the person who needs help is someone they love. Preparation does not eliminate that fear, but training can replace some uncertainty with a plan. Check the scene, recognize the emergency, call for help, start the appropriate lifesaving measures, use an AED when available, and continue until the person shows signs of recovery or trained emergency personnel take over. CPR, First Aid, and AED training are not only skills for healthcare professionals. They are skills that can be useful anywhere people live, work, worship, exercise, travel, and gather together. Learning emergency preparedness can give people greater confidence in an emergency when someone suddenly needs help. Knowing how to respond to cardiac arrest, choking, severe allergic reactions, opioid overdose, serious injuries, and other emergencies gives families and communities a better chance to act during the crisis when every second counts. Being prepared to step forward and help can make a lasting difference when someone's life is on the line. Life is a gift, and when that gift is at risk, protecting it becomes a responsibility we all share. For more information: ***https://cpr.heart.org/en/.***



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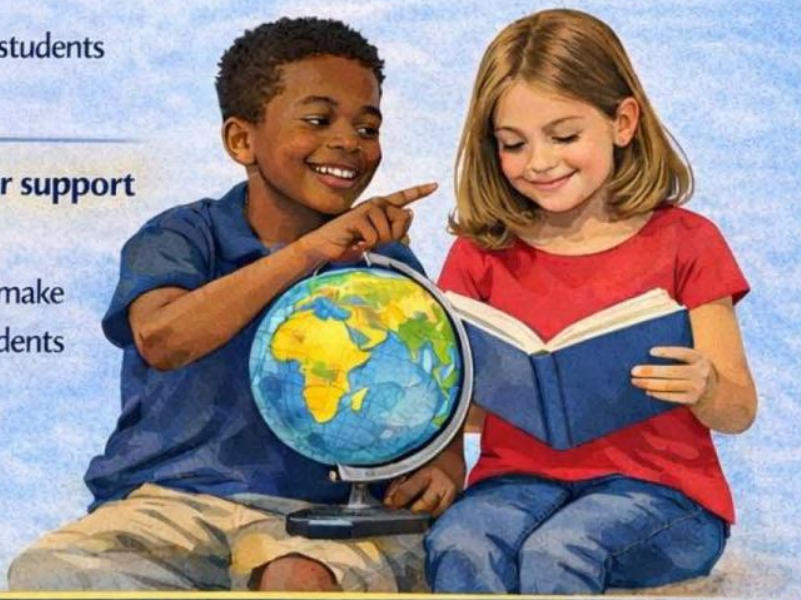
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Museums as Tools for Collective Memory and Cultural Affirmation

Dr. Harry H. Singleton III, International African American Museum's Lilly Director of Faith-Based Education and Engagement



Dr. Harry H. Singleton III

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Sobek, who is enshrined on the other side of the temple, is featured with a human body but with a head like a crocodile, an animal much revered (and feared) by ancient Egyptians. As such, Sobek has made its way into the pantheon of ancient Egyptian gods. The Crocodile Museum is dedicated to his honor and the central location Sobek maintains in ancient Egyptian folklore.

I came away from these two museum visits moved not only by the display of the edifices and curatorial objects but also by the spiritual closeness I felt exploring each one. There was a profound sense of sacredness, of awe that at one and the same time merged antiquity with the longing for a sense of the divine that permeated both museums. Their historical sweep was complimented by a strong sense of connectedness that did not highlight the expanse of time between ancient history and the moment of engagement but quite the contrary, it was as if I could see my historical and spiritual being in the objects, in the majestic splendor of the presentation, and in the sense that the group and I had become the benefactors of a legacy willed to us to honor, preserve, and most importantly protect.



I have come to understand Egyptian history, like African American history, to be so rich in information and inspiration, yet both histories were buried (in Egypt's case literally!) under the rubbish of conquest and exploitation. My sense of destiny has now emboldened my honorific duty to use museum spaces as a method of excavating the true history of African and African diasporic experience from the ashes of falsehood and pillage. Such an opportunity rivals a divine calling rooted in, "knowing the truth and that the truth shall make you free," merging biblical revelation with the unearthing of distorted histories that authenticate African humanity and contribute to the restoration of civilization building.



I see this call to the restoration of truth in the timely and crucial work of the staffs of both the Grand Museum in Giza and the Sobek Museum in Aswan. ***I also see it in the tireless work of my colleagues at the International African American Museum (IAAM) in Charleston.*** The spirit that now hovers over Gadsden Wharf is no longer a spirit of bondage and chattel but a spirit of resistance and dedication to the truth in all its bedrock evidences. The building that now hovers over the wharf is no longer a house of shame and international kidnapping but is now a shrine of liberating voices committed to the idea of egalitarian humanity and the theological lifting to disinvest God's name from the shame and horrors of African diasporic mutilation. And it is our job as museum staffers to let those voices speak from shallow graves and from the bottom of the Atlantic telling the story of, "how we got over," and enabling their spirits to take root in a contemporary generation to do likewise.



In this sense, the trip contributed immensely to the leadership and professional development goals of the museum's Faith-based Department and furthered the IAAM's mission to be international in its programmatic reach. But more important, the visit has the potential to functionally enhance a much-needed dialogue and cultural exchange between African diasporic and ancient Egyptian histories situated in a contextual richness of African lore that can decisively rewrite dominant narratives out of their oppressive commitments. Through museum spaces, dialogue and exchange can organically root themselves as reciprocal sources of education about African heritage and as enduring sources of purposive hope for both Egyptian and African diasporic aspirations.

Erika Whittington



1977 - 2026

Erika Denise Whittington, affectionately known as "Paby," departed this life on **Wednesday, October 7, 2026**, at the age of 48. Born on **December 15, 1977**, in Chicago, Illinois, Erika later made her home in Conway, SC. Erika leaves behind a loving family who will forever cherish her memory. ***She is survived by her devoted husband, Troy Whittington; her children, Rashaun Page, Daeshaun Page, Sean Page, Markia Bogan, Brittany Morris, Tronahz Whittington, and Tyrone Johnson; her cherished godchildren, Tyrianna McCallum and Moniece McCallum; and her special sons, Antonio Pierce and Kobe Robinson. She is also survived by her sisters, Lynette Davis, Sharon Bogan, Theresa Bogan, and Frankie Jean Bogan; her cherished nieces, Nyasha Howard and Antaja Whitehead; her daughter-in-law, Jaquandra Brown; her best friend, Takisha Bellamy; her aunt, Cynthia McCallum; and a host of other nieces, nephews, and dear friends.*** Erika was preceded in death by her beloved mother, Eula-May Bogan; her sister, Angela Bogan; and her special son, Demarques McCallum.

Geneva Darden Owens



1949 - 2026

Geneva Darden-Owens was born on **May 23, 1949**, in Lenoir County, North Carolina, to Alton Lee Darden and Almeter Stevens. She departed this earthly life on **Sunday, October 18, 2026,** peacefully at home, surrounded by family. Geneva was 1 of 13 children. She attended Adkin High School in Kinston, North Carolina. Shortly after, Geneva and a few of her sisters moved to New Jersey, where she met her beloved husband, John Owens. ***Geneva leaves behind to cherish her memories her only son, Michael A. Darden of New Jersey; her nephews/adopted sons, Corneilus Williams, Billy Williams, and Stacey Jones; four grandchildren, Tiquan Lamar Faniel, Shantal Monae Darden, Michael Lamar Darden, and Makayla Monae Darden; her sisters, Mercedes Darden-Williams, Frances Ann Darden, and Betty Almeter Darden-Fisher; her baby brother, Alton Lee Darden, Jr.; and her many nieces and nephews, whom she loved dearly; and many cousins and relatives from the North Carolina and Virginia area.***

James Leon Davis



1958 - 2026

James Leon Davis, or Leon as most people knew him, was born on **Wednesday, October 1, 1958**, in Beckley, West Virginia, to Joseph Davis, Sr. and Lillie Pannell Jones. He departed this earthly life on **Friday, October 2, 2026,** in Myrtle Beach, SC. Leon graduated from Haaren High School in Midtown Manhattan, New York City, New York, with the Class of 1976. He moved to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, in the 1980's, where he met and married his wife of 40 years, Linda Davis. ***In his absence, Leon leaves his wife, Linda Chestnut Davis; three children, Hope Chestnut, Adam Davis, and Amanda Davis; two grandchildren, Brooke Chestnut and Sean Chestnut; two sisters, Catherine (Robert) Imogen and Josephine Davis; two brothers, Joseph Jr. (Beatrice) Davis and Eugene Jones; two sisters-in-law, Emily (Michael) Johnson of Conway, South Carolina and Lucille Simmons of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; two brothers-in-law, Christopher Chestnut of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina and Reno Simmons of Pee Dee, South Carolina; along with a host of other family members and friends.***

Margaret Moore



1944 - 2026

Margaret Christine Graham was born on **August 18, 1944,** in New Orleans, LA, to the late Wilbur Sr. and Eva Fore Graham. She departed tis life on **October 2, 2026.** She was a 1963 graduate of Chestnut High School. Margaret was united in holy matrimony to the late Ollis "John" Johnson, Jr. To this union, they were blessed with two children, Penny and the late Timothy, Sr. Later in life, Margaret was united with Wilbert Moore. To this union, one child was born, Kenyatta Moore, and one child was reared, Alison Moore. Margaret was preceded in death by her parents; her siblings, Henry Wilbur, Ralph, Marion, and Dorothy; and a son, Timothy Johnson, Sr. ***Margaret leaves a legacy of love to her children, Penny Johnson, Alison Burks of Atlanta, GA, and Kenyatta Moore; grandchildren, Phoenix and Timothy Johnson, Jr.. of Columbia, SC; (children of the late son and daughter-in-law, Timothy Johnson, Sr., and Crystal Johnson); Diovanni Burks of Austell, GA (son of Alison Burks), Xavion Beaty and Amariah Berkley of Monroe, NC (son and daughter of Kenyatta Moore); two brothers, Wilbur, Jr. (Hattie) Graham of Loris, SC, and Vincent Graham of North Myrtle, SC; one brother-in-law, Sterling (Beulah) Whittley of Little River, SC; one aunt, Mary Gore of Little River, SC; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who are all very special.***

Joyce McBride



1952 - 2026

Joyce McBride was born on **September 6, 1952**, in Robeson County, to Murphy Lee McBride and Rosalee McArthur. She departed this earthly life on **Monday, October 12, 2026.** Joyce was preceded in death by her parents, Murphy Lee McBride and Rosalee McArthur; four sisters, Mildred Robinson, Lisa Baker, Sarah Potts, and Carrie McBride of Maxton, NC; three brothers, Levern McBride and John McBride of Maxton, NC, and Curtis McArthur of Conway, SC; and her grandson, Quashaun Bromell of Conway, SC. ***Joyce leaves to cherish her fond memories her only daughter, Ann James of Conway, SC; her sisters, Myrtle McBride and Carolyn McBride, of Highpoint, NC; one brother, Timothy McArthur of Conway, SC; a lifelong partner, James Allen Dewitt, of Conway, SC; her grandchildren, Labresha M. Durant, of Columbia, SC, Shakera M. Durant of Lumberton, NC, Brianna D. McNeil of Myrtle Beach, SC, and Jaylin D. Dantzler of Myrtle Beach, SC; along with a host of great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. Her life will be truly missed upon this earth.***

Jesus Maria Anzaini



1973 - 2026

Jesus Maria Anzaini was born on **October 1, 1973.** He departed this life on **October 5, 2026.**

Michelle Terry Evans



1975 - 2026

Michelle Lee Terry-Evans was born on **April 19, 1975**, in Emporia, Virginia, to Viola Terry and Michael Chatman (Gwen). Michelle received her education through the Greensville County Public School System in Greensville County, Virginia. She departed this life on **October 11, 2026.** On Michelle married her longtime partner of 20 years, Mr. Tremaine Evans, during an intimate ceremony surrounded by family. Michelle was preceded in death by her parents, Viola Terry and Michael Chatman, of Emporia, Virginia, and her beloved son, Jamius Wilson, affectionately known as "Daddy Rabbit." ***She leaves to cherish her memory her three sons: Kyshawn Terry of Emporia, Virginia; Taquan Patterson (Kera) of Carolina Forest, SC and Jamarius Terry, who resided in the home with her. She also leaves her loving, devoted, and caregiving husband, Tremaine Evans; Her mother-in-law, Marilyn D. Evans. Michelle is survived by her five sisters: Patricia Sloan (Curtis) of Emporia, Virginia; Deloris Terry of Alexandria, Virginia; JoAnn Cowans (Alexander) of Emporia, Virginia; April Terry of Emporia, Virginia; and Shelby Ramsey (Dennis) of Emporia, Virginia. She also leaves five brothers: Michael Terry (Stephanie) of Maryland; Calvin Terry (Tashekia) of Emporia, Virginia; Willie Terry Jr. (Erica) of Emporia, Virginia; Edwin Chatman of Emporia, Virginia; and Christopher Chatman of Emporia, Virginia. She is also survived by her stepsister, Lashonda Coleman, of Atlanta, Georgia; eight grandchildren: Jayden, Ky'asia, Ky'aire, Kennedi, Julian, Jayden, Jamius, and Chloe, as well as her godson, Sire Loyons.***

Wayne Tango Tagoe



1961- 2026

Wayne Tango Tagoe was born on ***November 10, 1961.*** He departed this life on **September 19, 2026.**

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Komonick Geredulus Sinclair



1979 - 2026

On **April 29, 1979,** ***Komonick*** was born to the late Johnny and Ereather Sinclair. On **Sunday, October 25, 2026,** at age 47, he left this earthly life, leaving behind his memories. Komonick grew up in Myrtle Beach, SC, where he attended Myrtle Beach schools. Komonick was preceded in death by his parents, Johnny and Ereather Sinclair. ***He leaves behind a lifetime of precious memories to be cherished by his wife, Bianca Gore; his five children, Quanick Sinclair, Jahmick Sinclair, Kyla Sinclair, Karmin Sinclair, and Kassidy Sinclair; his siblings, Demetris (Tony) Rosas, Tyus (Wesley Chestnut) Sinclair, all of Myrtle Beach, SC, Kelvin Sinclair, Sherman (Bonita) Davis of Florence, SC, Keisha (Dion) Young of Conway, SC, and Tylik Sinclair of North Myrtle Beach, SC; his aunts, Deborah Knox, Gloria Jean Scott, Betty Jean (Theotis) Fulton, and Brenda Sinclair, all of Myrtle Beach, SC. Louise Wilson and Patricia Ivey; a host of loving nieces, nephews, extended family members, and countless friends.***

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Tiffany Melvina Mitchell



1974 - 2026

Tiffany Melvina Mitchell was born on **November 12, 1974.** She was the daughter of Ms. Daisy P. Mitchell and the late deacon Ralph C. Mitchell. She departed this life on **October 4, 2026.** ***Surviving, in addition to her mother of the home are, two brothers: Ronald Bruce Mitchell of Concord, N.C. and Stanley Eugene Mitchell of Dallas, TX; one sister, Kimberly Latimer of Murrells Inlet, S.C., several nieces and nephews.***

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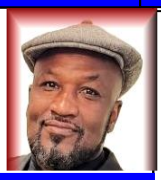


1936 - 2026

Carl E. Katschman was born on **April 17, 1936.** He departed this life on **October 23, 2026.** ***He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Katherine Sue Katschman; His children; Carla May Katschman Dorsey Edward Katschman, Samantha Elizabeth Roddey, Melanie Belle Flemming, Eufelia Poliala Espinoza, Joseph William Espinoza, David Sidebottom; and 23 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren. Also survived by nephew Edward Andrew Stovall and his wife Missey, and niece Deborah Susan Harrell.***

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Howard Wilson



1963 - 2026

Howard Wilson was born on **July 3, 1963**, in Loris, South Carolina, but grew up in Longs, South Carolina. On **Wednesday, October 14, 2026,** Howard departed this earthly life at the age of 63. ***He leaves to cherish his memory his loving mother, Mary Ellen Wilson; his brother, Virtus (Carrie) Wilson; his sister, Jenell (Amos) Green; and one great-aunt, Lorraine Wilson. He also leaves five nieces: Marion Vereen, Jenetta (Mike) Tomlin, Justice Green, Eve (Timothy) Vereen, and Mary L. Howard; and four nephews: Taren Wilson, Jermaine Griffin, Virtus Bellamy, and Merrick Bellamy. His great-nieces: Jhayla Gerald, Desiree Wilson, Ameris Wilson, Trinyah Vereen, Trinity Vereen, Tristyn Vereen, Destiny Vereen, JoVanni Gore, and Layla Gillings.His great-nephews: Jamori Gerald, Jakel Lewis, Rahsaan Vereen, Elijah Vereen, Malachai Griffin, Dedrick Bellamy, Tristan Vereen, Taren Wilson, Drayden Wilson, Layton Gillings, Merrick "MJ" Bellamy, Marlowe Bellamy, Rhyland Bellamy, Rider Bellamy, and Makai Bellamy. Howard was preceded in death by his sister, Mary A. Vereen, his and nephew, Tristan Vereen. He also leaves to cherish his memory two special friends, Ace Parker and Helvis Moody, along with a host of other sorrowing relatives and friends.***

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Cortland Gerard Pohle, III



1953 - 2026

Cortland Gerard Pohle, III, was born on **March 14, 1953.** He departed this life on **September 21, 2026.**

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Deacon Freeman Gause, Jr.



1939 - 2026

Deacon Freeman Gause, Jr. was born on **February 15, 1939.** He departed this life **on Octobr 1, 2026.**

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Vanessa Elizabeth Sinclair



1971 - 2026

Vanessa Elizabeth Sinclair Was born on **July 13, 1971.** She departed this life on **October 24, 2026.**

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Linda Heyser



1967- 2026

Linda Marie Heyser, departed this life on **September 25, 2026,** at the age of 59. She was born on **July 1, 1967**, to Samuel and Elizabeth Heyser. Linda was preceded in death by her parents Samuel and Elizabeth, and her sister Susan. ***She is survived by her nieces Amanda and Alyson, nephew Nicolas, as well as her brother-in-law John. Her great nieces and nephews, who affectionately called her "Auntie L," will always hold her close to their hearts. She will also be deeply missed by the many friends, neighbors, and animals whose lives she touched through her kindness and generosity.***

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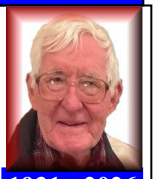


1973 - 2026

Anthony Lynn Conyers, born on **June 16, 1973**, in Conway, South Carolina, passed away peacefully on **October 8, 2026,** after a courageous battle with brain cancer He was preceded in death by his beloved parents, Elliott Turner and Gloria Ann Conyers, whose memories he cherished deeply. ***Anthony is survived by his devoted children, Champagne Middleton and her husband Davon, and his treasured grandchildren, Amara and Ariya Middleton. His siblings, Corey Turner, Bridgett Donley, and Everlena Donley. Nieces Ashleigh Turner and Courtney Great. Nephews Cortez Turner and Ryshon Great. Along with the host of auntie's, uncles, and cousins.***

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William Emil Arendt



1931 - 2026

William Emil Arendt, 95, passed away on Saturday, **October 3, 2026.** Born **April 11, 1931**, in New Brunswick, New Jersey, to William Francis Arendt and Mildred (Holsten) Arendt, William graduated from Hamilton High School. He and his beloved wife, Elizabeth, shared 66 years of marriage, a partnership built on devotion, patience, and love. ***He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Barbieri Arendt; his daughter, Elizabeth Maciorowski, and her husband, Jeff Maciorowski. He was predeceased by his parents, William Francis and Mildred Arendt, and his sister, Carolyn Hawley.***

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Annette Bellamy



1957 - 2026

Annette Bellamy was born On **March 31, 1957.** She departed this life **on October 27, 2026.**

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Richard Lee Riggins



1962 - 2026

Richard Lee Riggins, affectionately known as "Steve," age 63, of Aynor, SC, departed this life on **Thursday, October 22, 2026.** He was born on **December 18, 1962**. ***He leaves to cherish his memory his devoted wife of 34 years and high school sweetheart, Lassie "Lisa" Riggins; his loving children, Darrius McKinley Riggins and Daja Delilah Riggins; his sisters, Tryfenner Gerald, Mary Frances Crawford, Louise Williamson (Willie Mack), Bernice Riggins, and Christain Long (Victor); and his brother, Jerome Riggins. He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings Shirley Crawford, Fannie Nichols, Fred Riggins, Jr., Tenner Ann Gerald, Elease Riggins, and L.B. Riggins. He is also survived by his special great-aunt, Carolyn McQueen, along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, church family, and dear friends.***

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Hoyt Matthew DeWitt



1937 - 2026

Born on **December 10, 1937**, to the late ***Matthew A. DeWitt*** and Rebecca Hughes DeWitt, ***Mack*** received his early education in Horry County, SC, and Later attended college. He departed this life on **October 14, 2026.** ***He leaves to cherish his memory of his loving longtime partner, Yolanda Rivera; his beloved daughters, Augustine Clarida (Jimmy) and Frances DeWitt Thomas (Jamar); his bonus children, Jose 0. Santos, Marilyn Melendez (Richard), and Elias Rivera; his brother, James DeWitt, and sister, Amaree Miller; his cherished grandchildren, Lytisha Chestnut, Dewayne Chestnut, Wescott Chestnut, and Zionna Thomas; five great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren; along with the beloved Santos family, a host of nieces, nephews, and his dear friends Brownie, Bimbo, Rufus, and Deacon Cousin as well as many other cherished. Friends.***

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DeLisa Victoria Tobin



1985 - 2026

DeLisa Victoria Tobin was Born on **February 4, 1985.** DeLisa was preceded in death by her father, Major Tobin, Jr, her grandfather, Charles Mosley and her niece, Briana Mosley. ***She also leaves behind her beloved partner of 14 years, Alphonso Hemingway.*** She departed this life on **October 5, 2026.** ***DeLisa also leaves to cherish her memory her loving mother, Jacqueline Mosley, her siblings, Gerard Mosley and Jennifer Tobin as well as extended family, dear friends, and all those who were blessed to know her.***

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Ella Mae Davis



1955 - 2026

Ella Mae Davis was born on **July 28, 1955** in Bucksport, SC to the late William McKinley Davis, Jr., and Fannie Mae Marshall Samuel. She departed this life on **October 5, 2026.** ***Ella Mae is survived by her siblings, Bernard (Mischelle) Davis, Sr., Dawn Samuel, Sandra James, Albert (Bernadette) Samuel, Jr., Alfred Samuel, Ira Samuel, and Chris (Maxine) Greene; her goddaughter, Courtney James; and her sister-in-law, Cheryl Samuel. She also leaves to cherish her memory her nieces, Bernetra, Kimberly, Tonya, Janel, Jacqueline, Ashley, LaToya, Nicole, Alaina, Donae, and LaShawn; her nephews, Alfred, Louis, Albert, Jacob, Ira, and Kevin; four aunts, Elretha McCrae, Alberta Marrow, Pauline Moore, and Leola McCall; and her uncle, Joseph Davis, Sr; her great- nieces, great-nephe and many cherished friends.***

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Jeremiah Thaddes Mason



1983 - 2026

Jeremiah Thaddes Mason was born on **June 1, 1983**, to the late Andrew Lee Mason, Sr. and Vertie Lee Wickerson. He graduated from Myrtle Beach High School in 2001. He departed this life on Tuesday **October 13, 2026.** Jeremiah was preceded in death by his father, Andrew L. Mason, Sr., his grandmother, mother Sarah Coker; his brother, Andrew L. Mason, Jr.; and his sisters Pamela Simmons and Mardenia Knox. ***He leaves to cherish his memories; his loving mother, Mother Vertie L. Mason of Myrtle Beach, SC; his sister, Latay Brown of Myrtle Beach, SC. He leaves to cherish his memory, his special friends, Pastor James King; Pastor Antwan and Megan Lawrence; Elder Edwin (Sally) Golson; Elder Chanell (Timothy) Smalls; Elder Monorice Walker and LaToya Johnson; along with a host of beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members, friends, coworkers, and the greater true light ministries and cathedral Hope Ministries families.***

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Frank Parker



1957 - 2026

Frank Parker was born on **November 12, 1957**, to the late Oscar Parker and Sadie Grant Parker. ***Frank leaves to cherish his loving memory his daughters, Annette Bankhead and Dana Bankhead, and her children, James Nelson and JaMya Nelson, and Tawni Parker and her daughter, Serenity.*** Frank departed this life on **October 7, 2026**. ***He is also survived by his brother, Israel Parker; his wife, Mina; his sister, Francine Parker; and many loving nephews, nieces, cousins, extended family members, and dear friends. Frank was preceded in death by his beloved parents, Oscar Parker and Sadie Grant Parker; his brothers, Perry Parker and Kenneth Earl Parker; and his sister, Hattie Mae Fore.***

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Wanda Jean Punch



1952 - 2026

Wanda Jean Punch was born on **October 25, 1952.** She departed this life on **October 2, 2026.**

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Quan Maurice Hickman



1973 - 2026

Quan Hickman was born on **July 1, 1973.** He departed this life on **October 7, 2026.**

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Jerome Darryl McQueen



1973 - 2026

Jerome McQueen departed this life on **April 29, 2026** at the University of Alabama Birmingham. He was a devoted husband, father, brother, son, friend, scholar, and man of faith, Jerome built a life centered on family, love, and service. He was a graduate of Dillon High School and earned degrees in engineering and business from South Carolina State University, Florida A&M University, and the University of Phoenix. He served as Engineering Manager and Program Director at McWane Inc. Jerome was the founder of **AcaSTEMics,** a movement to educate youth in STEM related fields. Jerome was also an active member of the Dillon County Bridge Builders and the 100 Black Men of America (South Atlanta Metro Chapter) where he mentored over 200 young men, helping them earn millions in scholarships. He was also an avid fan of the North Carolina Tar Heels and State University. ***Survivors include his wife: Willie Jean McQueen; children: Kevin (lesha) Beard, Ta'Shara (Sherman} Lee, Davie.untae (Tiandra) Booker, and TaKierra Hudson; grandchildren: TyShaun Davis, Kaden Atkins, Charlotte Lee, and Tyree Booker; her brother: Robert Jones; her sisters: Kadra (Adrain) Wright, Kendra {Donald) Fling; brothers in-law: Darren (Tracey) Williams, Johnny Williams, Kevin {Temecha) Williams, Clifford (Erica} Williams and a host of relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents,Jerome McQueen and Willie Dell Crosby McQueen; paternal grandmother, Mary McQueen Bethea; paternal great-grandparents, William McQueen and Minnie Miles McQueen; maternal grandparents, Francis Carroll Jones and Erma Tisdale Jones, and Virgie Crosby.***

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