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It's My Birthday!



**Mrs. Wanda J. Burnside,
Founder and Publisher**



Dear Readers,

March 9th, marked my 73rd birthday! The Lord has given me these years of life. They have been filled with many things. But, He has kept me every second of each day!

I must get a current photo to replace the one that you have been looking at since 2008 when I founded this newsletter. Now, I have a full head of grey hair. Yes, a different photo for sure. Be on the lookout for a current photo! Good-bye black hair photo!

This year, 2023, in order for me to renew my State ID, the Michigan Secretary of State Department wrote me. They want me to make an appointment to come in and take a current photo. Yep...it is now time to face the new...old me.

I don't want to be vain...I want to face aging. I am not a fan of..."*The ___ is the new ___.*" You know, people love avoid giving their real age. I hate when some say, "*70 is the new 30!*" Are you kidding! Who are you trying to fool? I can't do half of the things I did at that age! Life is a whole new thing for me!

Where did time go? I am different in so many ways. I think different. I move differently. I sit down and get up real, real different now. I feel different about what I do and how I do whatever I have to do. I even put things off for a while if I don't feel that it is necessary to do. I am on a different clock and schedule!

What once was so very important isn't all that serious anymore. People that I once thought were brilliant and had it all...*well, now...*I see them differently. I find time to wait and reconsider what is most important to do...and say. I am different.

Years ago, I wrote a poem for a contest on aging. I entered it in the contest...I won!
Here it is:

BEYOND MY YEARS

By Wanda J. Burnside

**On the walls of my mind
Are photos of memories
That has been left behind
They are of moments and days
With my family and dear friends
The years haven't faded
My memories away**

**My eyes are the windows of my soul
With each passing year they help me
To see what to cherish, as I grow old
No longer do I see life from my point-of-view
I have learned to care more about others
For surely, this is the right thing to do**

**I used to open the door of my mouth
To release whatever was on my mind
But now I think before I speak out
Considering others is right and fair
With time has come wisdom
I'm well-seasoned with my gray hair**

**There are pains and aches in my back
My bones are stiff and muscles are sore
But, I press on with youthful days in my flashback
Time has blessed me to listen and hear
What is spoken from lips and whispered from hearts
I am thankful to receive these messages beyond my ears**

**My feet are not as steady as they used to be
However, I stand firmly on what is honest and true
I will not waiver or sway against humanity
Age and time wants to stiffen my hands
But, I pray that I will always use them to help,
To love and rescue those from life's quicksand**

**I will smile even if my teeth are here or gone
For I must encourage others to have hope
When they are discouraged and feel forlorn.
Life comes with changes from day to day
But it is up to you to choose how to live
Do it now... without further delay.**

Well, that is what I have to say about aging in my poem. That was probably 5 years ago. However, I am so grateful that I can hold on to the Word and promises of God found in the Bible. GOD has spoken! He cares about us facing aging. He is there for us! HE WILL NOT FORSAKE US AS WE GROW OLD...*OLDER*.

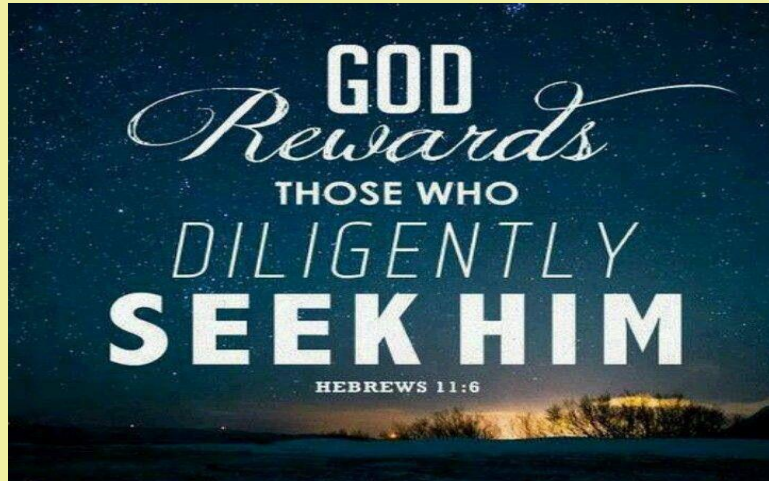
***"...you whom I have upheld since your birth,
and have carried since you were born.***

***Even to your old age and gray hairs
I am he, I am he who will sustain you.
I have made you and I will carry you;
I will sustain you and I will rescue you,"***

Isaiah 46:3a-4 NIV



DONNA R. BROOKS, YOUTH STAFF



SCRIPTURE FOCUS: **DESTINY**

Proverbs 16:3

"Commit you work to the Lord, and your plans will be established."

Psalm 138:8

"The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands."

Philippians 1:6

"And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."

Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."

Always REMEMBER!

Destiny simply means God's Plan and Purpose for us, His children. It was conceived long before we were born. God has a PLAN and PURPOSE for creating each of us. He has assignments laid out for us to accomplish here on earth.

LET US CONTINUE TO BUILD the KINGDOM OF GOD



**"You were a forgiving God to them, And yet an avenger of their evil deeds. For the LORD our God is holy."
Psalm 99:8,9**

THE
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Remember & Release

By Doris Homan

Relationships are so messy yet we have to navigate through them all day long. We struggle with the concept of fairness. We are mistreated, misunderstood, slandered and falsely accused of saying or doing something.





How about when others do not receive what we say in the spirit it was intended? And then we don't know what to do with that? In our flesh we grow angry, bitter, and resentful; we withdraw or lash out; we hold grudges or cut off the relationship.

But what is God calling us to do? First, He wants us to remember. Remember He is not only Holy and Merciful, forgiving transgressions, but He is also the Avenger of evil deeds. (Psalm 99:8) When He tells us to stop striving and trust Him as God in our lives, fully capable of dealing with those who harm us (Psalm 46:10), He reminds us that Vengeance is His, He will repay. (Romans 12:19)

"You were a forgiving God to them, And yet an avenger of their evil deeds. For the LORD our God is holy," Psalm 99:8,9.

Does knowing this truth help you forgive the offender? Does it help you release your offenses to God? This is the key to freedom for us. When we hold on to our offenses, insisting on the debt they owe us, we become the one imprisoned and miserable.



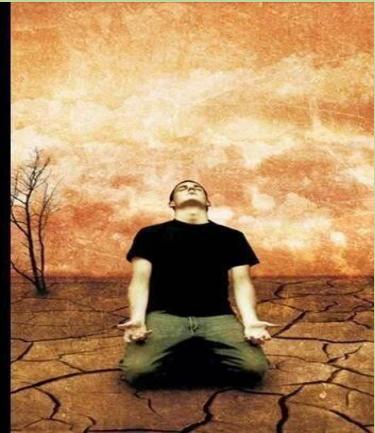
Who do you need to release to God today?



Author Ramelle T. Lee

Surrender

We must be
ready and willing
to give up our resistance
to God's authority,
to the way of Jesus,
and to the power
of the Holy Spirit,
then He will work
in and through us.



Keep Your Promise to God by Ramelle T. Lee

When God rescued you, from the quicksand of
your circumstances, what did you promise Him?

Did you run to Him with opened arms?

Did you fall on your knees,

Cry out and repent of your sins?

Did you offer Him your love for eternity?

Did you take the time to thank Him

For restoring your soul from trouble?

When you cried out in prayer, God was there.

He was faithful to see you through your crisis.

Whatever you promised God . . .keep your promise.

For He alone holds the key to healing you within.

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*From Ms. Sandra Hickman
Australian Ministry Leader
And Staff Writer*

*"These words came to me by
inspiration of the Holy Spirit
during worship at Jabez
Church - December 13, 2020.
We know that no matter what
happens in this world
Still today – in 2023
All we need is Jesus"*



The Open Door

Though demons and angels war
it is You who is standing at my open door.
There is no fear anymore
You have saved me I am safe, I am saved.
From the womb to the grave the war will wage.
Jesus,
standing at the door – the world is Your stage.

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**A Word from the Lord
from
Evangelist Kizzy Staten-Gray**

Quiet your soul, and allow Me to lead you through this valley. Never doubt that I am

with you to guide you and give you wisdom.

I know that it sometimes feels like I am far away, but I, the Lord, am as close as your breath, and I will never leave you nor forsake you. Rise up in faith and walk with Me.



Psalm 23:4 *“Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.*



2023 Theme:



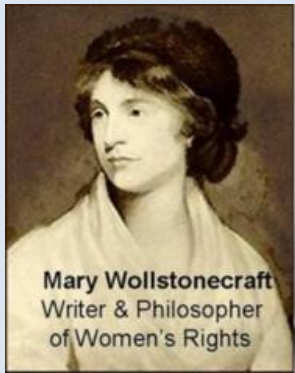
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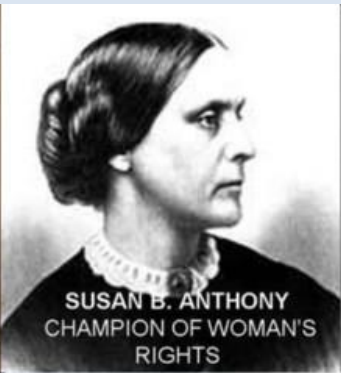
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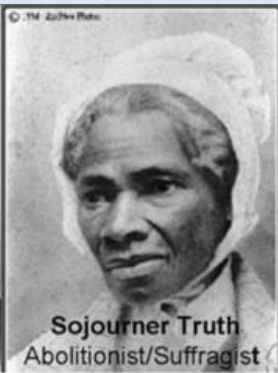
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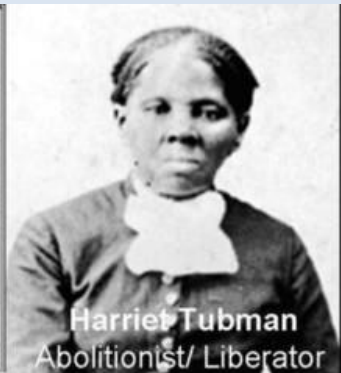
Mary Wollstonecraft
Writer & Philosopher
of Women's Rights



SUSAN B. ANTHONY
CHAMPION OF WOMAN'S
RIGHTS



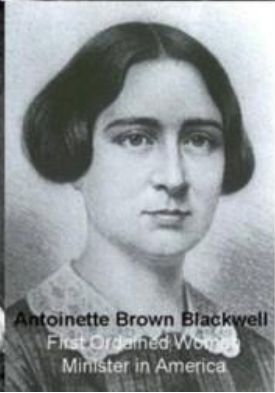
Sojourner Truth
Abolitionist/Suffragist



Harriet Tubman
Abolitionist/ Liberator



Lucretia Mott
Women's Suffrage Advocate



Antoinette Brown Blackwell
First Ordained Woman
Minister in America

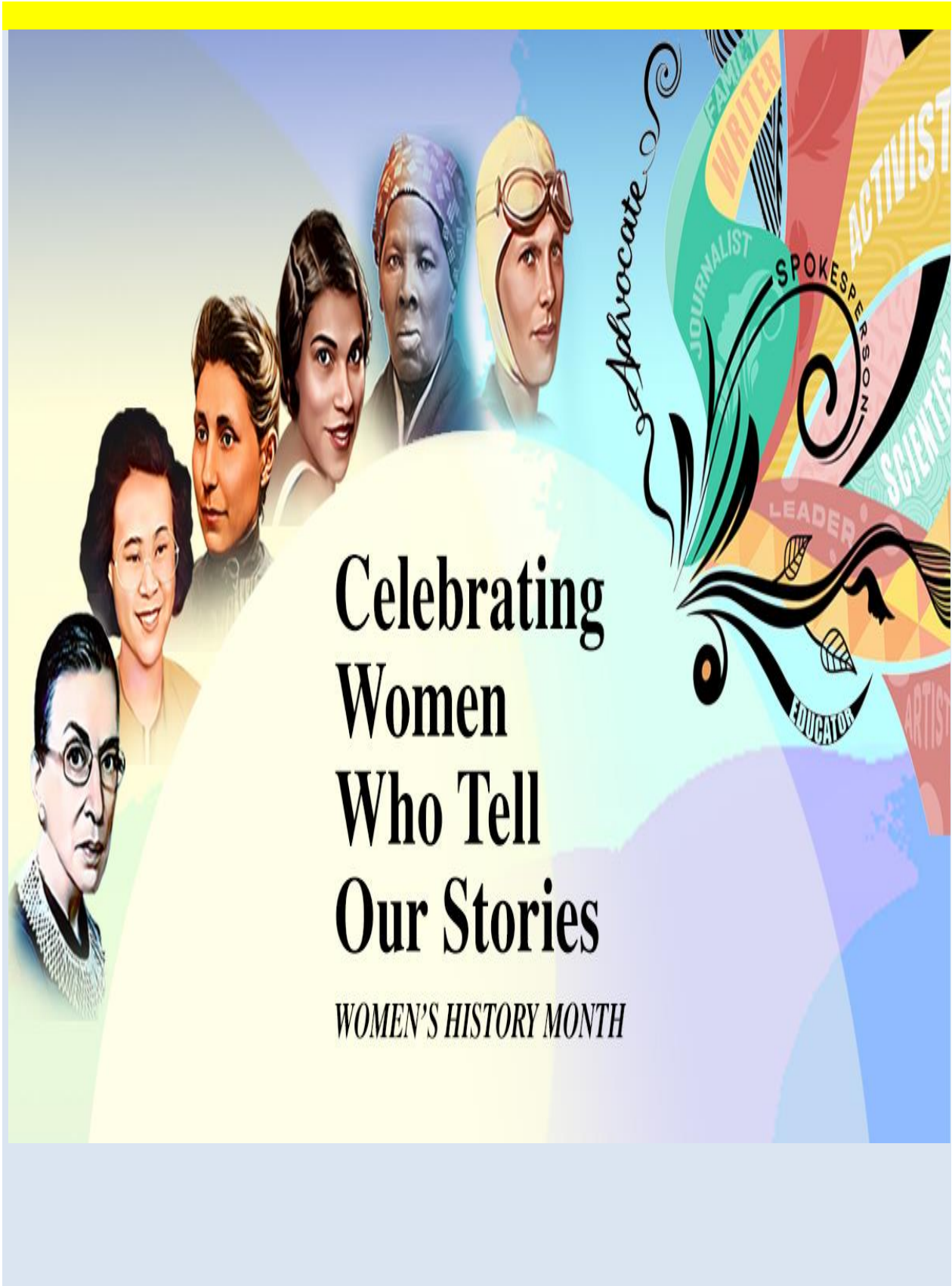


Lucy Stone
Women's Rights Advocate



Elizabeth Cady Stanton
Women's Rights/Suffrage Leader





Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



From the first settlers who came to our shores, from the first American Indian families who befriended them, men and women have worked together to build this nation. Too often the women were unsung and sometimes their contributions went unnoticed. But the achievements, leadership, courage, strength and love of the women who built America was as vital as that of the men whose names we know so well.

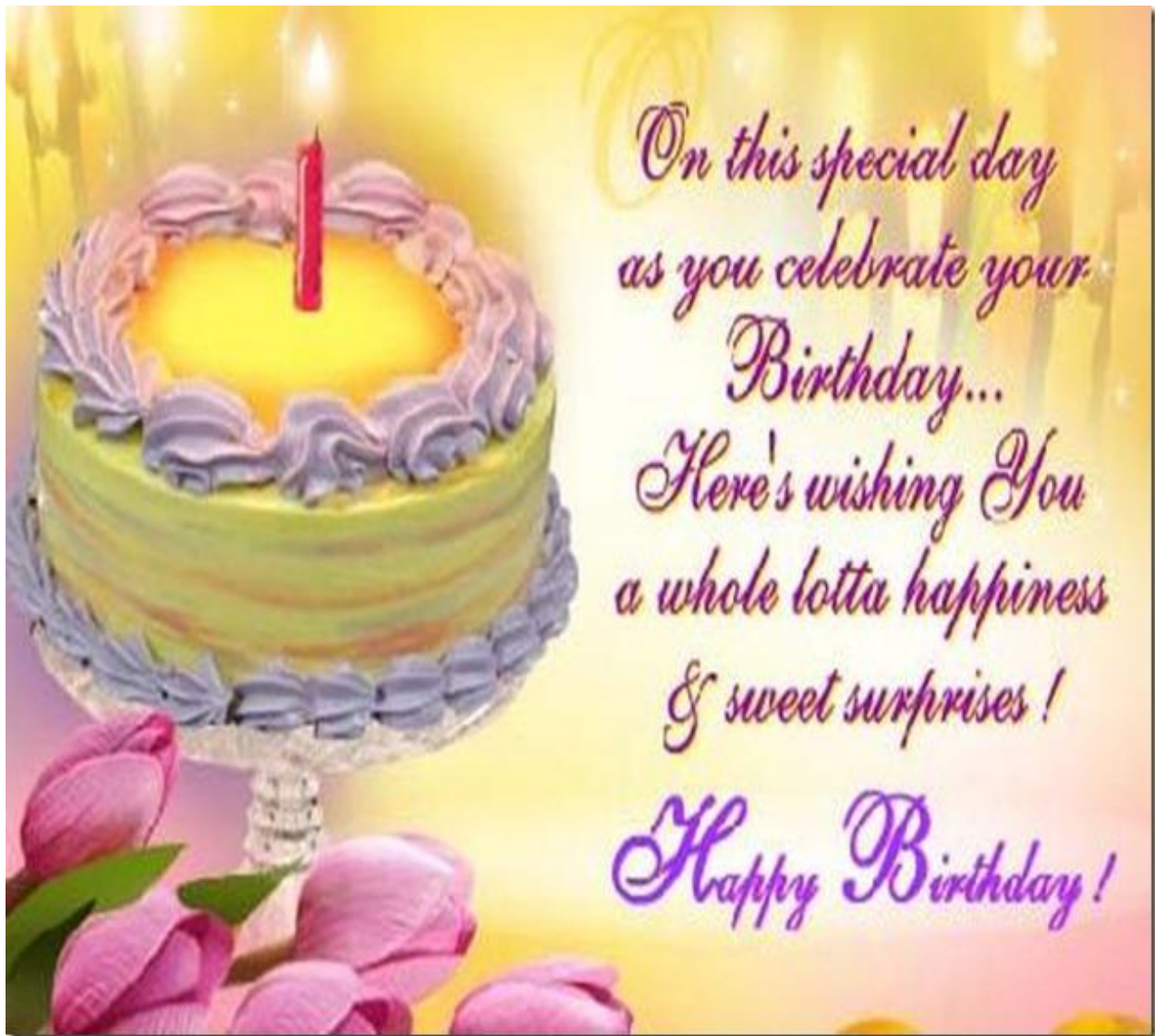
*President Jimmy Carter's Message designating
March 2-8, 1980 as National Women's History Week*



**Sandra Hickman, Leader
and Staff Writer of
Australia**

YOU ARE TRULY LOVED!

MAY GOD FOREVER BLESS YOU!



More March Birthdays...

Precious Friends:

Reverend Marva Stafford

Ms. Linda Stafford

and

Mr. Ja'Den Palm, Great-Nephew

Mr. Eric Moore, Godson



*May God shower you
with his love today,
and with his care forever.
I wish you a very
Happy Birthday.
May this lovely day bring in
great joy and fun in your life.*

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".....fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much"

James 5:16



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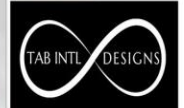
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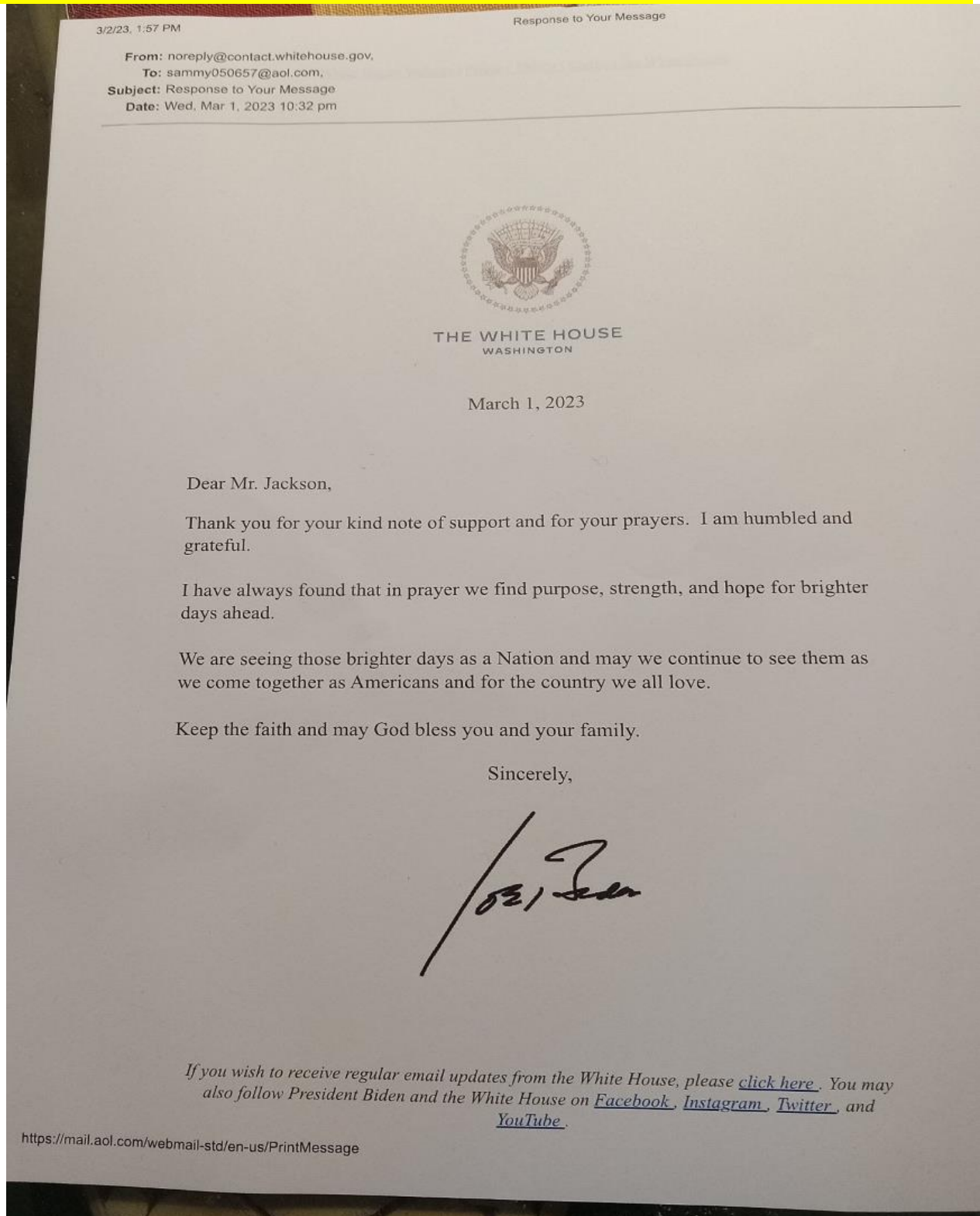
21 days of Prayer
April 13th - May 3rd
Appetizer will be delicious. Unity. Celebration
5:00 PM To 7:00 PM
Main NDP Event May 4th 2023
It's Praying Time 7:00PM



Calvary Christian Center, 1681 W. Granada Blvd,
Ormond Beach, Florida



**Pastor Sammy L. Jackson received a presidential letter from President Joe Biden.
This is truly a special honor.**



Farewell...My Sweet Sister...
Dr. Carolyn J. Cole





*Homegoing Service
For Our Beloved
Dr. Carolyn J. Cole*

Public Visitation

Friday - March 3, 2023
4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

at

Second Ebenezer Church
14601 Dequindre Street
Detroit, Michigan 48212

Musical Celebration

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6:30 p.m.

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Homegoing Service

Saturday - March 4, 2023
Family Hour: 10:00 a.m.
Homegoing: 11:00 a.m.

at

Second Ebenezer Church
14601 Dequindre Street
Detroit, Michigan 48212

Host Pastor: Bishop Edgar L. Vann

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c/o Carolyn J. Cole
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James H. Cole Home For Funerals
16100 Schaefer Hwy. Detroit, Michigan 48235
Starting On Thursday, March 2, 2023

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JAMES L. WHITEHEAD, JR.**

June 6, 1942 – March 8, 2023

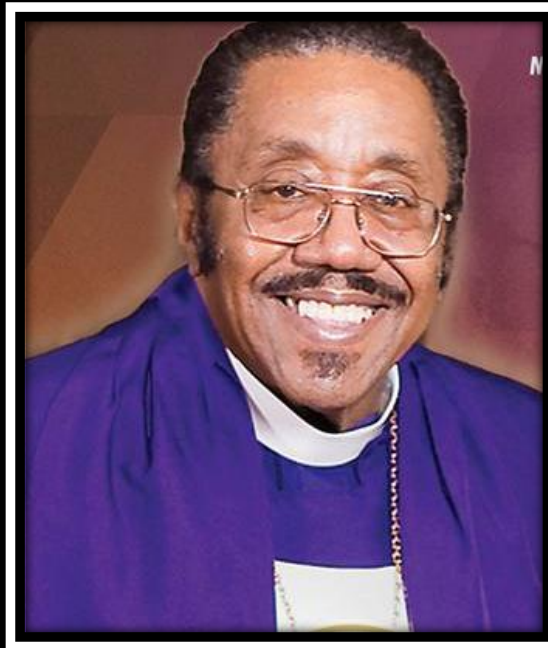
Bishop J. Drew Sheard and The General Board Announce the Episcopal Transition of
Bishop James L. Whitehead, Jr., Prelate
Michigan Southwest Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Final Arrangements are forthcoming.

Bishop J. Drew Sheard
Presiding Bishop & Chief Apostle
Bishop Dickerson L. S. Wells

Bishop James L. Whitehead, Jr., Prelate
Michigan Southwest Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction
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Married 49 years to Mother Mollie Whitehead.

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