

MFTM



FILL MY CUP

Lord



*Like the woman at the well, I was seeking
For things that could not satisfy,
And then I heard my Savior speaking---
"Draw from My well that never shall run dry."*

~Richard Blanchard

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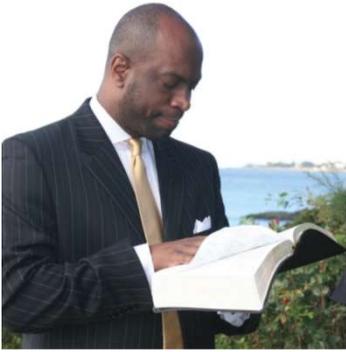
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Pastor's Pen

A Sabbatical Rerun

A rebroadcast of a television show is generally known as a rerun. They typically air during a show's hiatus or when a television program is syndicated - when episodes are sold to a cable channel or local television station. Reruns are a great way for viewers to catch up on the episodes they missed or re-watch a show in its entirety. There's a certain kind of nostalgia that comes with watching an episode of some of our most beloved shows. No one can resist singing along with the The Jeffersons theme song and watching George and Weezy Jefferson (played by Sherman Hemsley and Isabel Sanford) as they moved on up to the east side of New York City. We can't forget his iconic walk and sparring matches with housemaid Florence (played by Marla Gibbs). Reruns help us to relive those fond moments of days long gone and characters we loved so much. While serving a two and one-half year term as the Pastor-in-Residence here at Mount Aery Baptist Church, we embarked upon something that many congregations, let alone African-American congregations, dared embark upon - a three-month pastoral sabbatical. As the primary pastoral presence during those three months, I witnessed a congregation unite. It was a challenging and rewarding experience for everyone involved.

By its conclusion, we had gained a greater appreciation for one another and were prepared to move forward into new areas of ministry. So, when Pastor invited me to rejoin the staff for a second sabbatical, I immediately consented - not to relive the glory of days long gone but because of the love and respect I have for him and this congregation.

During the first sabbatical run, I was primarily present throughout the week and on Sundays. Now, I'm present only a few hours of each week. But, stepping back into "the life and ministry of this congregation," I can sense a tremendous change in energy. You all have grown, expanded, and transformed in so many ways. Honestly, I have too. This indicates that even in our hiatus from one another, God was still developing us to become more effective disciples. In God's infinite wisdom, it was time for a rerun. Now, alongside Reverend Nancy Kingwood-Small, the Associate Ministers, the Joint Ministry and disciples, we're in the home-stretch of this sabbatical. Financial giving, worship and bible study attendance continue to be steady. Through the pastoral grace exhibited in Reverend Nancy, the spiritual tide has risen as we journeyed through creative bible studies - on the Port Jefferson Ferry and Prophetic Paint and Pray Night. We were renewed by our collective reading of *Come to the River: Release the Power Within*. We had an exciting Wakanda Night and Youth Retreat Weekend. We were refreshed at our Night of Worship. This sabbatical rerun has proven to be a success.

Now, we prepare ourselves for Pastor's return and a new season of ministry. While we may not know what to expect, what we can be sure of is that what lies ahead won't look like what was. Nevertheless, we have been refreshed, renewed, and restored to do greater work. I invite you to let this season of heightened worship, exhaustive bible studies and joy-filled fellowship fuel us to preach, teach, do missions as never before so that we may remain a *praying people with a powerful witness of the perfect God!*

God bless you all,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D.G. Rich".

Pastor Dawrell G. Rich



IMPORTANT DATES ✓

What's Next?

During this season of prayer, call in to the prayer line at 7:00am daily at 319-527-3510. The participant access code is 111933#. The calls are recorded so please mute your phone to eliminate background noise. Please note that long distance charges may apply.

- **The church closes** at 3pm on Fridays
- **Spiritual gifts class**, Saturday September 8th at 9am.
- **Sisters at the Well Annual Retreat**, September 13th through September 16th. Please see them in the Narthex after service.

Message from the Mount is seeking help with the printing of the MFTM and assisting in the print center. We will train. Please contact Deacon Henry Smalls if you have any questions and are willing to assist.

- **Our Strategic Planning Team** is ministering through social service by serving breakfast at the Merton House once per month. They are expanding this effort by serving every 2nd Saturday. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** If you are interested in participating, please see Karen Whittington or leave your information in the church office.
- **Chosen Generation** is inviting everyone from the ages of 13-27 to join this youth and young adult choir. Please see Sister Magnolia Barnes with your interest.
- **Generation Next Youth Ministry** is calling all youth ages 3-18. Youth Church for the 2018 year will be held at the 11:00 am services on 2nd and 3rd Sunday of each month! Please see Minister Michael Walton or any youth leader for more information!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Here's an exciting way to join in worship with us. Follow us on Ustream.tv. Simply visit this link <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/mount-aery-baptist-church> or go the www.mtaerybaptist.org and scroll to the bottom to select the Ustream link there. Please be sure to pass the link to your friends and family as well so they can be blessed by our ministry.

- **Lost and Found** – Several pairs of glasses, sunglasses, bibles and other lost items are in the church office. If you have lost anything, please check the church office. Items may be given away if left any longer. Thank you.
- **Deacons on Call** for the month are Paul & Walton.
- **Submissions of announcements and due dates:**
 - **Message From The Mount**
 - Send information to mftm@mtaerybaptist.org by the second Wednesday after the first Sunday
 - **Monitors in the Sanctuary**
 - Send information to media@mtaerybaptist.org by Wednesday before the Sunday you want the announcement
 - Please make sure that your announcement is in PowerPoint format.
- If announcements are not received by the due dates they may be omitted or placed in the next edition.
- **No Pork on Church Property**
 - **For health, healing and sensitivity for those with health conditions**, no pork is |to be brought on church premises (i.e. ministry affairs and/or catering).
- **No Food or Beverage in the Sanctuary**
 - Please, please, please, do not bring food or beverages into the sanctuary. Parents, please feed infants and toddlers in the Wilson Hall or the Bass Hall. It is everyone's responsibility to be good stewards of the building that God has blessed us with. If you see anyone not being responsible, please get an Usher or a Deacon to handle the situation. Thank you.

Parents

- While you are in worship, your children should be in worship next to you, unless Youth Church is in session. The Quiet Room is for parents with infants only. Please keep your children with you at all times

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Ephesians 4:11-12 and Acts 2:44-47

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Please Pray for Our Prayer List

Clifford Bazelias	Caleb Mitton
Elease Breedlove	Spring Mitton
Isaiah Brown	Edward A. Morris
Carol Carter-Mims	Deacon Regina Mosely
George Cauthen	Hadassah Nightingale
Lucille Cauthen	Austin Perkins
Joan H. Colley	Eulalia Pettway
Minister Odell Cooper	Terrance Quiller
Tracey Nicole Craig	Frances Riley
Richard Dailey	Esther Ryan
Frances Dicks	Rose Samuel
Ruth Hasty-Dove	Sandra Simpson
Sandra Dunn	Linda Suggs
Bernadine Edwards	Herb Sutton
Rose Evans	Rev. Velva Jean Tucker
James Freeman	Curtis Jerome Turner
Deacon Minnie Grant	Paula Watkins
Ruth Harvin	Dorothy Watts
Deacon Jeffrey Hill	Gwen Williams
Deacon Naomi Holmes	June Williams
Deacon Primus Jackson	Barbara Wilson
Gerard James	Michelle Lisa Wilson
Beverly James	Jacqueline Tyson-Wright
Maria Knight	Willie Mae Wright
Theresa Lazarus	Jessie Wright
Cheryl Lewis	Khadyah
Jordan Alexander Lewis	Ayisha
Deacon Melvin Lowe, Sr.	Marcella
Reanna McCoy	
Lemme McIntosh	
Mary McRae	
Autumn Mitton	

Welcome Song

Welcome to Mount Aery	Welcome to Mount Aery
We're so glad you came	Where the spirit
You're welcome to	Of the Lord
Mount Aery	Is moving free
Where everybody comes to	Right here, at seven three (73)
give God praise	Frank Street

Hospitalization & Nursing Home List

Please be aware that there are strict legal and ethical guidelines regarding giving outpatient information. Therefore, if you are hospitalized and desire pastoral support, you or your family member must notify the church office in advance, if possible. When you are admitted, state your denomination and place of worship.

Mary Ryan

Northbridge Health Care Center, 2875 Main Street, Bridgeport, CT 06606

Sandra Stephenson

Fairview of Fairfield, 930 Mill Hill Terrace, Southport, CT 06890

Roger Mullins, Sr.

Willows Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, 225 Amity Road, Woodbridge, CT 06525

Frances Riley

Bridgeport Healthcare, 600 Bond Street, Room 525, Bridgeport, CT 06610

Lemme McIntosh

West River Rehab, 245 Orange Avenue, Milford, CT 06461

Eunice Roundtree

Northbridge Rehab, 2875 Main Street, #322, Bridgeport, CT 06606

Please address all correspondences for the above disciples to the church and the administrative office will forward all mail. Thank you for your cooperation.

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Bereavement

- The Jennings, Geter & Gist Family on the loss of Julia Jennings.
- The Family of Mildred Hall on her passing.
- Johnnie Mae Foxworth & Family on the loss of her husband, Marvin Foxworth.
- Sam & Leola Jones on the loss of their grandson, Jocquille Adams.
- Minister Ron Blackwell and family on the loss of his aunt.
- Francis Spinks and family on the loss of her brother, Arthur Ragsdale.
- The family of Shirley Borum on her passing.
- Patty Wilkins and family on the loss of her mother, Betty Wikins.
- The Pettway family on the loss of Valencia “Nancy” Pettway Lopez.
- Greg Van Norden & Robin Rawls and family on the loss of his sister, Rosie Van Norden.
- Rev. Dionne Bossiere on the loss of her uncle.
- The Franklin, Nelson and Smalls family on the loss of Derek Franklin.
- Ed & Wanda McClain on the loss of their nephew in Maryland.
- Deacon Willie Mae Richardson and family on the loss of her niece in Virginia.
- The Jones family on the loss of Andrea Jones.
- Liza Clark and family on the loss of her sister in South Carolina.
- April Gist and family on the loss of her uncle in South Carolina.
- Brother Donald Smith and family on the loss of Lady Doris Gaskins.
- The Clark and Newton family on the loss of Tawana Clark.
- The family of Mea Stewart on her passing.
- Pastor Thomas & Dorothy Williams and family on the loss of his sister, Rev. Dr. Tammy Williams.
- The Geter and McClain families on the loss of Lezlie Geter.
- Ed & Wanda McClain and family on the loss of her cousin, Jundrita Donald.
- The family of Deaconess Louise Cunningham on her passing.
- Rev. Kathy Williamson and family on the loss of her cousin.
- MIT Tonya Langley on the loss of her grandmother, Rosemary Hooker.
- The Pettway family on the loss of Martha Thomas.
- Pamela Hunter and family on the loss of her nephew, Len Smith Jr.
- Shelia Miller and family on the loss of her aunt.
- Minister Jerry and Deidra Simmons on the loss of his father in South Carolina.



PASTOR'S
Sabbatical



YOUTH
Retreat



WEDNESDAY NIGHT
Hour of Prayer





FATHER'S DAY
Cookout



LONG ISLAND FERRY
Bible Study



PROPHETIC PAINTING
& Prayer





USHER'S *Anniversary*



Different Door, Same God...

A Faithful Doorkeeper at Mt. Aery for many years,

Senior Usher, Sister Mildred Dyer,

relocates to North Carolina. You will be missed, Ms. Mildred.

We Love You and God Bless!

Better is one day in your courts than a
thousand elsewhere, I would rather be a
doorkeeper in the house of my God than
dwell in the tents of the wicked.

Psalm 84:10



AFRICAN ATTIRE *Sunday*



WAKANDA LAND *@ The Mount*

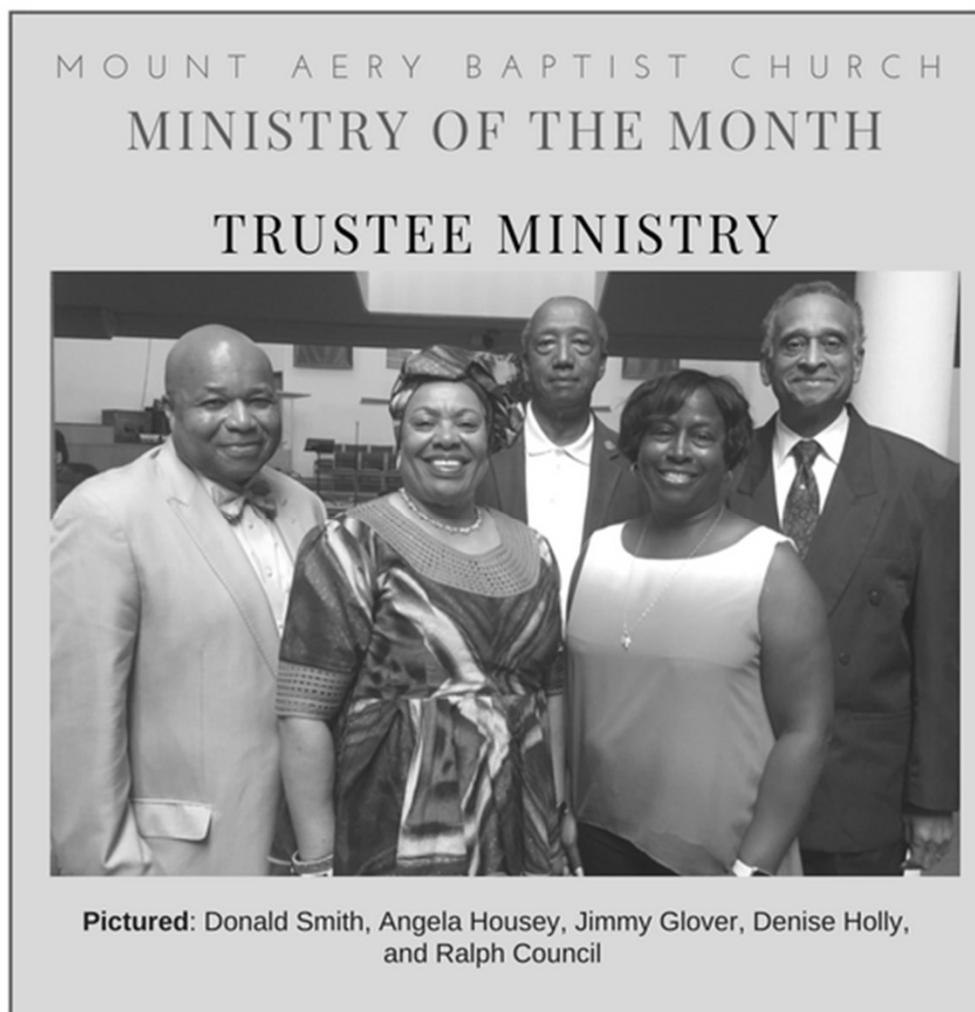


MINISTRY OF THE MONTH

Mount Aery Baptist Church Board of Trustees

**Ralph Council-(Chairman), Denise Holley-(Co-Chairman)
Angela Housey- (Recording Secretary) Donald Smith,
Jimmy Glover participating members**

Trustees have duties related to the maintenance of the church property and ministry. Trustees handle feedback and concerns for the congregation and promote the general welfare of the church. Trustees are consulted and participate in securing new or additional staff for the church. Trustees are involved in the church budget and weekly offering receipts. Projects at the church have been completed and are visible while others are being negotiated.





What Would Your Body Say?

Everyone has his or her favorite time of year; for me it is the summer. It's during those months I feel the most relaxed because I take that time to breathe and get back in touch with me. I allow myself to be excused from invites to events and affairs without regret, and instead, venture into new arenas of interest or curiosity. I dare to travel alone without fear of glances at my make-up free face and possibly less than complete do. I stand at the waters edge and let the coolness and breeze take my thoughts to places of marvel, delight, and peace. During those selfish moments, my body whispers to me, words of gratitude.

What is your favorite time of year? No matter what the time is of your choosing, think about what it is that you do for you. Too often the times we select are related to activities, and although they may be something we look forward to, it may also be to the detriment of taking time out for ourselves.

There are numerous studies that share that the key to good health is through our ability to listen to our bodies. By doing so, we can become more aware of our emotions, desires, and needs. Having that inner conversation, can teach us to understand what is the norm for ourselves and what is not, and perhaps, let us know when we need to seek medical opinions when something does not feel quite right. By listening to our bodies and taking good care of them, we can reach that state of balance and inner harmony.

While you take the time to create that relationship with your body, here are some ways you can begin to take care of you...

- Have a proper work/rest/fun balance. Not enough sleep and rest can cause a lot of stress, and thus, an inability of our bodies to function well. While work and fun are important, we shouldn't forget about the proper rest.
- Drink plenty of water. The minimum amount of water we should all drink per day is 64 ounces, but some studies show that by drinking at least $\frac{1}{2}$ our body weight in water, increases benefit health factors and keeps us well hydrated, especially when we are working-out and during severe heat waves, such as what we had this summer.
- Make vitamins part of your daily health regimen as well as eating healthy. Proper food is fuel to our bodies that help us function well but, because most of us do not eat well-balanced meals all the time, some [additional supplements](#) may be necessary to ensure that the body receives everything it needs.
- Lastly, remember the importance to take time out for you and your body. Treating ourselves with something fun and relaxing, can be a great health benefit for our body and mind. Consider going for a massage or mani/pedi. Take out an hour to go for a walk or, hit the gym and dance some stress off in a Zumba class.
- Good health is related to your taking time to get to know you and your body, so don't be afraid to stand by the edge of the water and listen to the whispers of your body.

What do you think your body would say to you?

Aunt Deanna's Turkish Beans

by Jennifer Bruton RDH, MS
Master of Science, Human Nutrition



Ingredients

6-8 servings

8oz dry navy beans
1/2 cup olive oil
4 medium tomatoes chopped or 1 15oz can chopped tomatoes
3 or 4 cloves garlic - sliced
1 carrot - sliced
1 large potato peeled and cubed
Salt and pepper

Directions

Cover beans with cold water and soak overnight. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Drain and rinse beans. Sauté garlic and carrots in olive oil until soft. Add tomatoes and sauté for a few minutes more. Place beans, sautéed tomatoes, garlic and carrots into a casserole dish. Season with salt and pepper. Cover beans with water. Cook until beans are soft (approximately 1 1/2 hours) add cubed potato pieces. Return to oven and cook until potatoes are soft. About 30 minutes. Can be served at room temperature or cold.

Blueberry Cobbler

by Jennifer Bruton RDH, MS
Master of Science, Human Nutrition



Prep time 10-15 minutes

Bake time 50 minutes

Servings. 6-8



Ingredients

4 cups fresh or frozen blueberries

1 tablespoon lemon juice

1 cup flour

1 cup granulated sugar

1 egg lightly beaten

1/2 cup (stick) cold butter

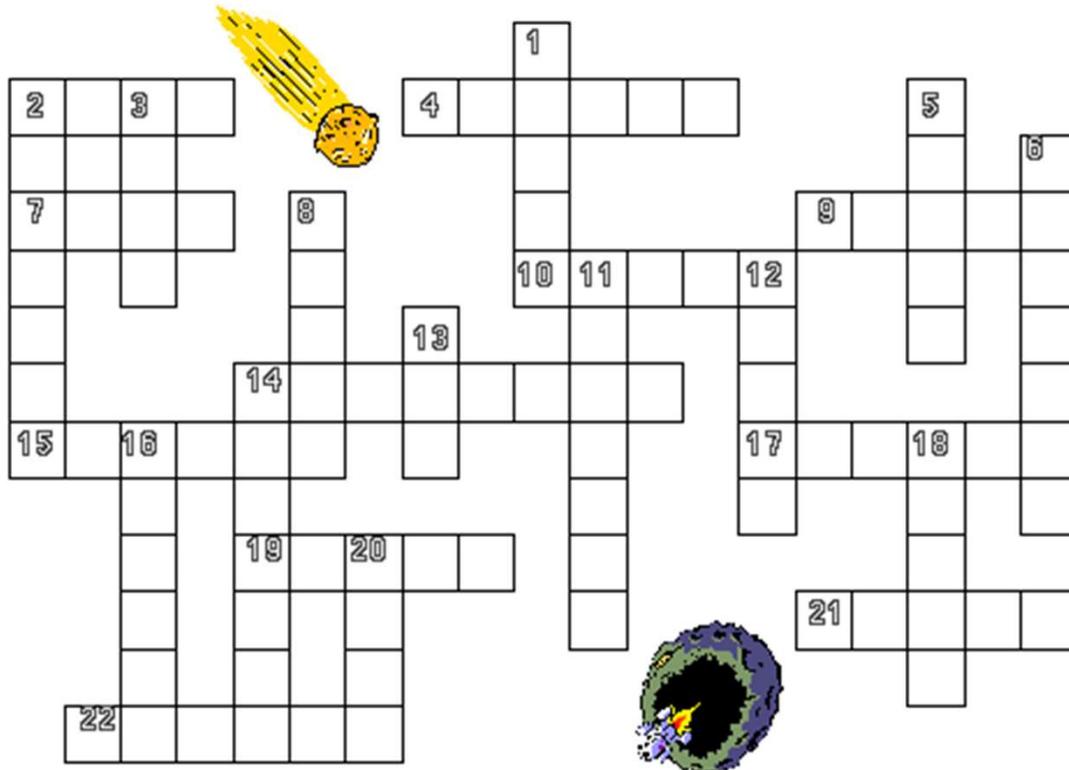
Directions

Preheat oven 375 degrees

Place the blueberries in an 8x8 baking dish

Add the lemon juice to the blueberries and toss. In a medium sized mixing bowl, whisk together the sugar and flour. Add the beaten egg and mix until crumbly. Place on top of the blueberries. Thinly slice the butter and place evenly on top of the topping mixture. Bake. Remove from oven and cool. Can be served with ice cream or whipped cream.

Squiggly's Space Crossword



Across

2. First month of summer.
4. This planet has the largest set of rings.
7. Children do this
9. 30 days equal one _____
10. Outer _____
14. One name for a collection of millions of stars.
15. Before the Space Shuttle this was used to travel of space.
17. Take a trip
19. Halley's _____
21. Smallest planet
22. You can use this for colouring.

Down

1. The Milky Way is made up of these
2. The largest planet
3. Opposite of far
5. Saturn has these
6. Space _____
8. Movement of the Earth around the sun
11. Uranus, Neptune, Mars are these
12. Our planet
13. You see this when you look up
14. Closest planet to the sun
16. The moon has these
18. This planet is called our sister planet
20. Earth has one, it comes out at night





Young, Gifted & Black

As promised, the second in our Youth Speak series highlighting 8 “Young, Gifted, & Black” individuals.

Introducing, Cortlan J. Wickliff:

"Be Audacious enough to dream, Bold enough to try, and Courageous enough to try again."

Because of this unique journey, Dr. Cortlan J. Wickliff, Esq. has become an internationally known young engineer, lawyer, and leader who is quickly becoming a household name. Following his interviews on PBS, Fox News, ABC News, & NBC, his features in the Boston Globe, Houston Chronicle, & the Austin American Statesman, and his guest appearances on radio & television which include the Tavis Smiley show, South Africa’s DJ Sbu Radio Show, the Tom Joyner Morning Show with Roland Martin, and Dr. Michael Eric Dyson’s Radio Show, he has become a highly sought after motivational speaker at commencement exercises, conventions, universities and corporations.

Dr. Cortlan J. Wickliff, Esq. has an impressive resume which includes graduating from Rice University as the youngest engineer in the nation (age 19). He then became one of the youngest African American Harvard Law School graduate in the history of the school (age 22), and was the youngest of more than 94,000 barred attorneys in the state of Texas (age 23). He completed his education by graduating with his Ph.D. from Texas A&M University where he majored in Interdisciplinary Engineering (age 25). His research focused on how to apply engineering principles to better manage and bolster organizational compliance with contractual and legal regulations.

Dr. Wickliff’s meteoric academic journey has been accompanied by an exceptional professional journey as an entrepreneur, practicing attorney, and consultant. He was Assistant General Counsel for a Texas-based pharmaceutical company called Kalon Biotherapeutics, LLC where he spearheaded a public-private partnership to build, what will be, the largest concentration of pharmaceutical production in his region of the U.S.A. (Bryan/College Station’s Biomedical Corridor). After assisting Kalon in being acquired by Fujifilm, he also became the youngest member of the Fujifilm’s North and South American legal team. This legal team was responsible for all legal matters for over 20 Fujifilm subsidiaries located in North and South America.

In addition to his legal work in the pharmaceutical industry, Dr. Wickliff has worked in intellectual property law, business & product development, and Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education. He has also gained significant biomedical and alternative energy research & development experience. His biomedical research has included the development of an apparatus to test the hearing in severely premature infants, a cardiologic device prototype which earned a grant for its commercialization potential, and he completed lead modification research for heart failure detection in next generation pacemaker leads. He also conducted biofuel catalysts research sponsored by the National Science Foundation.

Yet throughout this impressive academic and professional journey, he has managed to consistently give back in the form of mentoring, STEM outreach & education programs, assistance with academic admissions, and motivational speaking to youth and young adults.

One of his favorite quotes is,
“be the change you want to see in the world.”



He believes that we all have someone looking up to and emulating us, and, whether it is one or one million, it is our personal responsibility to provide them with a good example. Thus, on a daily basis, he strives to embody core values of excellence, integrity, leadership, loyalty, respect and selfless service, in the hope that he may inspire others to do the same.



Keynote Speaking

Dr. Wickliff travels the country being a motivational speaker at events that include commencement exercises, conventions, universities/schools events and corporate sponsored events.



Educational Lectures

Dr. Wickliff teaches lectures related to the intersection of the Law & STEM. His research focuses on the integration of legal compliance knowledge & personnel into corporate R&D and Manufacturing to maximize organizational compliance in federally or state regulated industries.

Corporate Workshops

Dr. Wickliff creates customized workshops for corporations, educational institutions and other organizations to promote organizational compliance, communication, team building, and effective goal oriented growth.

Source: www.cortlanwickliff.com/biography

Bullying At School

(Note to Parents: Please Read With Your Children)

Are you afraid that a kid at school might be dangerous, AND afraid of being called a tattletale? Most schools will protect your privacy. They won't tell who told them. They're very careful not to. Pretend that you're asking them for change in the cafeteria. Tell people you went to a guidance counselor to talk about your grades. Nobody has to know why you really went to talk to them.

Bullying is one of the most minimized and persistent problems in our schools today. The sad thing is – it's a reality for all children, whether they're victims, witnesses, or they're the bullies.

Children are born into the world innocent – without defenses. Another child or an adult comes along who is a product of abuse, rage, or being a 'bully' victim and the cycle continues. Whether it's at school or at home, anyone who is bullied will very often feel depressed and have low self-esteem. And if you're a bully, you are more likely to be hostile and antisocial. If you're a bully, who has been bullying you?

Do You Know What Bullying Is?

It's physical harm, it's verbal and emotional terrorism, it's sexual harassment, its racism ... and at times it can grow into much more serious abuse – and criminal behavior.

If someone is hitting, biting, kicking, punching, pinching you, pulling your hair, tripping you – that's physical bullying.

If someone is relentlessly teasing you, calling you names, spreading rumors about you, leaving you out of group activities – that's verbal and emotional terrorism.

If someone touches you inappropriately, snaps your bra strap, stares at your body, or makes sexual comments – that's sexual bullying.

If someone is using racial slurs against you, making fun of your customs, the color of your skin, your accent, or the food you eat, if they spray symbols and graffiti on your house, if they tease you about your country – that's racial bullying.

Bullying is when someone keeps doing or saying things to have power over another person.

Some of the ways they bully other people are by: calling them names, saying or writing nasty things about them, leaving them out of activities, not talking to them, threatening them, making them feel uncomfortable or scared, taking or damaging their things, hitting or kicking them, or making them do things they don't want to do.

Have any of these things happened to you? Have you done any of these things to someone else? Bullying is wrong behavior which makes the person being bullied feel afraid or uncomfortable.

Understanding Bullying

If you understand bullying, you can help to stop it.

A bully just doesn't become a bully and they're not born that way. A bully is usually being bullied or abused at home. They usually have self-esteem which they got by being a victim. Bullying is learned behavior, and what's learned can be unlearned. They don't have to continue the cycle.



There are a lot of reasons why some people bully.

They may see it as a way of being popular, or making themselves look tough and in charge. Some bullies do it to get attention or things, or to make other people afraid of them. Others might be jealous of the person they are bullying. They may be a victim of being bullied themselves.

Some bullies may not even understand how wrong their behavior is and how it makes the person being bullied feel.

If a kid is being bullied, they will pick on other kids because it's the only thing they know and it's a way of dealing with it. Bullying makes them feel powerful. They have a special need to feel popular – because they're never praised at home. The bully is really insecure, but they'll never let you see that side of them. They'll go after someone weaker, smaller, and different. They'll take away your self-esteem and scare you.

Bullying Is Harmful

Some people think bullying is just part of growing up and a way for young people to learn to stick up for themselves. But bullying can make young people feel lonely, unhappy and frightened. It makes them feel unsafe and think there must be something wrong with them. They lose confidence and may not want to go to school any more. It may make them sick.

Are You Being Bullied? Here's How You Can Stop It!

Coping with bullying can be difficult, but remember, you are not the problem, the bully is. You have a right to feel safe and secure.

If you're different in some way, be proud of it! Stand strong. Spend time with your friends - bullies hardly ever pick on people if they're with others in a group.

You've probably already tried ignoring the bully, telling them to stop and walking away whenever the bullying starts. If someone is bullying you, you should always tell an adult you can trust. This isn't telling tales. You have a right to be safe and adults can do things to get the bullying stopped.

Even if you think you've solved the problem on your own, tell an adult anyway, in case it happens again.

An adult you can trust might be a teacher, school principal, parent, someone from your family or a friend's parent. If you find it difficult to talk about being bullied, you might find it easier to write down what's been happening to you and give it to an adult you trust.

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What Can You Do If You See Someone Else Being Bullied?

If you see someone else being bullied you should always try to stop it. If you do nothing, you're saying that bullying is okay with you. Treat others the way you would like to be treated. Show the bully that you think what they're doing is stupid and mean. Help the person being bullied to tell an adult they can trust.

Are You A Bully?

Have you ever bullied someone? Think about why you did it and how you were feeling at the time. If you are sometimes a bully, try to find other ways to make yourself feel good.

Most bullies aren't liked, even if it starts out that way. Remember ... treat others the way you would like to be treated.

Get Help

Teachers and parents have a special responsibility for looking after kids – especially helping you if you're being bullied at school. It's not so easy to identify a bully. Is the bully really being hostile and aggressive toward you or are they just having what they call 'fun?' When someone is bullied at school, your friends and acquaintances usually know what is going on. Even though they're not involved they know it's happening. Adults can't always tell and need your help in order to help you or your friends.

All members of a school community — whether they're kids or teachers, have a responsibility to help kids who are being bullied. You and your friends must speak out against the bullies.

- **Nobody has the right to hurt anyone else by hitting them, calling them names or doing anything which is hurtful. Bullying is wrong – no matter how old you are.**
- **If an adult is bullying you or trying to make you do something you think is wrong, it is imperative that you tell someone immediately.**

Help Your Friends

You can help other kids who are being bullied. Encourage them to talk to an adult, or offer to talk to an adult on their behalf. You might be able to let bullies know that you do not like what they are doing and that you are determined to stop them. Be empowered. Tell the bully you don't like what they're doing to your friends. Walk away. Don't give in to their threats or challenges.

Help Your School

Take part in your school's anti-bullying activities. Some schools have taken the following measures to help:

- Some schools have set up Bully boxes. Kids can put notes in the box if they are too worried to tell someone. If your school has boxes like these use them wisely. Always make sure that anything you write about is the truth.
- Be a buddy to a younger student. Older students can sometimes volunteer to help new students coming into their school by getting to know them and by helping them with any problems.
- Special campaigns, such as a "no-bullying day" can be a big help.
- Counseling is a good way of talking to someone. Kids who are being bullied, or who are bullying others, can be helped through counseling by a trained professional.
- Some schools have set up peer counseling where kids volunteer to learn how to help other kids.
- Mediation - some schools have introduced mediation where two people who disagree about something agree that a third person, either an adult or another student, helps to find a solution to a problem. This can be helpful in many situations, but not in all cases of bullying. A bully may refuse to take part because they have no interest in ending the bullying. A victim may feel that a negotiated solution is not fair when it is the other person who is completely in the wrong.
- Taking part in plays and other drama activities can help people to understand what it feels like to be bullied and to think about what they can do to stop it.
- Peer support, where older students volunteer to discuss things like bullying, friendship or drugs with groups of younger students.

Teachers, students, support staff, parents and administrators need to work as a team to take action against bullying.

If You Think Someone Might Be Planning To Do Something Dangerous:

- Keep yourself safe, stay away from the person.
- Tell an adult you trust and respect, and who has taken you seriously in the past — maybe a family member, guidance counselor, teacher, principal, school psychologist, school security officer, or religious leader.
- If you think the person might be planning to hurt you, or someone else, don't take a weapon to school to protect yourself.

**Don't try to go it alone ... TELL Someone! Save your Life ...
Save your Classmates' Lives ...
Telling Isn't Tatting!**

Resource: loveourchildrenusa.org



WORD SEARCH | FILL MY CUP

by Deacon Kathy Tabb-Small

G.R.A.C.E. 

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Fill My Cup, Lord

When I am tired and weary, And I have lost my zeal,

Fill my cup, Lord;

For I long to do thy will.

When I get discouraged, And my spirit needs to be renewed,

Fill my cup, Lord

So my soul may be rescued.

When I am tempted by Satan, And one of his schemes,

Fill my cup, Lord;

So that I may see your light as it brightly beams.

When sickness and sorrow comes my way,

Fill my cup, Lord

For, I know that you're in control, and they'll not forever stay

Now, when I've resisted any temptations to do wrong,

You've filled my cup, Lord!

For, you abide in me and I in you;

You've made me strong!

Resource: poetrypoem.com

A WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE

G.R.A.C.E. 

by Deacon Kathy Tabb-Small

A Walk Down Memory Lane With Deaconess Louise Cunningham

(excerpts taken from her 100th birthday celebration program)

On Monday, 8/6/18, I sent an email to Deaconess Cunningham's daughter Valerie: Good Evening Valerie, My husband and I continue to keep Deaconess Cunningham and your entire family in our prayers. If you think she wouldn't mind, I'd like to run a repeat of her story in the Message from the Mount for September to celebrate her turning 102! What a blessing from God! I hope she doesn't mind. Please let me know. Thank you and God Bless, Deacons Kat & Henry Smalls. Valerie responded: Yes, please do! Thank you!

Our beautiful Deaconess Cunningham received her wings 7 days later, on Monday, 8/13/18.

Genesis 2:2-3 By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

The 11th of 13 siblings, Frances Louise Moragne Cunningham, born June 30, 1916 in McCormick, SC, turned 102 years old this year!!!

Louise moved to Bridgeport, CT in 1939 to live with one of her brothers, who worked for Bridgeport Brass. One day, Louise's brother brought home a handsome, jovial, co-worker by the name of Charles Cunningham, to meet his younger sister. Charles took one look at Louise and knew this was the woman for him, and the story goes, within two weeks to a month, they were married on February 25, 1940 in Baltimore, MD. God blessed this union with one child, Valerie, who now along with her husband, Tom, resides with Louise and act as her sole caregivers.



In the first couple of years of marriage, Louise worked cleaning houses. It was somewhere in the early 40's that the Bridgeport Brass began hiring women for its assembly plant located on East Main Street. Louise applied and was hired and now she and her husband worked for the same company.

When World War II came, Charles went to enlist, but was told he was too old at that time. So both Charles and Louise did their part working in the Bridgeport Brass factory where bullet casings were made. It was during this time, her brother's girlfriend invited Louise to attend a new church formed by African Americans, located in the Hollow section of Bridgeport, called Mount Aery Baptist. It was at Mount Aery that Louise gave her life to Jesus and was baptized by the founding Pastor, Reverend Wilson. She became active at Mount Aery, serving in the Missionary Society, Pastor's Aide, and singing in the Women's Day Choir. In 1975, a young man right out of Yale Divinity School, by the name of Jerome Streets, came to Pastor at Mount Aery. Reverend Streets soon recognized Louise's gifts of hospitality, compassion and encouragement and appointed her to the Deaconess Board, a position she held until her first stroke in 2012. Charles took a liking to the young Pastor and began to attend church services and received the Lord.

In the late 1970's, both Charles and Louise retired from Bridgeport Brass before the company moved out of Bridgeport to Georgia.

On March 27, 1981, Louise's beloved husband, Charles, went home to be with the Lord. After his death, Louise spent her time working part-time as a cafeteria worker at Cheeseborough Pond, now Unilever in Trumbull, CT. Louise also enjoyed shopping and traveling with her daughter, Valerie. Louise was passionate about entertaining friends and church members in her home where she served delicious southern cuisine. There was always dessert, and Louise was known for her pound, lemon, and sweet potato cakes, and her chocolate killer pie.

On Christmas day 2012, Louise suffered a stroke and in May, 2013, a second stroke occurred. As a result of her strokes, Louise suffered some memory loss and speech impairment, but this did not get her down. She continued to rise every day, get dressed, eat three good meals, and talk on the telephone with her friends. Louise prayed every day and thanked God for allowing her to see another day.

On Monday, 8/13/18, Deaconess Cunningham went from labor to reward. Please continue to pray for Valerie, Tom, and the entire family.

Namaste Brothers and Sisters! The major goal of the MABC Security Team is to provide a safe environment for you and your family here at The Mount. This starts with keeping you informed, but remember, security is everyone's responsibility. In this installment, we will cover :

Keeping Children Safe Online and Building a Digital Defense for School Kids and Cell Phone Safety

That time of year is quickly upon us for our children to return to school after what seems like a short summer recess. During the summer, many Moms and Dads are with their children from the time they wake up in the morning until the time they go to bed at night, watching over them, taking them to and from activities, as well as spending vacation time together. For some parents, it's going to be difficult when the children return to school, while other parents are on count down and can't wait for the first day of school, LOL! Now, we would like to give you some helpful tips to protect your children when they are using electronics devices, both at school and at home or whenever they are away from you.

Keeping Children Safe Online What unique risks are associated with children?

When a child is using your computer, normal safeguards and security practices may not be sufficient. Children present additional challenges because of their natural characteristics: innocence, curiosity, desire for independence, and fear of punishment. You need to consider these characteristics when determining how to protect your data and the child.

You may think that because the child is only playing a game, or researching a term paper, or typing a homework assignment, he or she can't cause any harm. But what if, when saving her paper, the child deletes a necessary program file? Or what if she unintentionally visits a malicious web page that infects your computer with a virus? These are just two possible scenarios. Mistakes happen, but the child may not realize what she's done or may not tell you what happened because she's afraid of getting punished.

Online predators present another significant threat, particularly to children. Because the nature of the internet is so anonymous, it is easy for people to misrepresent themselves and manipulate or trick other users (see [Avoiding Social Engineering and Phishing Attacks](#) for some examples). Adults often fall victim to these ploys, and children, who are usually much more open and trusting, are even easier targets. Another growing problem is cyberbullying. These threats are even greater if a child has access to email or instant messaging programs, visits chat rooms, and/or uses social networking sites.

What can you do? Be involved - Consider activities you can work on together, whether it be playing a game, researching a topic you had been talking about (e.g., family vacation spots, a particular hobby, a historical figure), or putting together a family newsletter. This will allow you to supervise your child's online activities while teaching her good computer habits.

Keep your computer in an open area - If your computer is in a high-traffic area, you will be able to easily monitor the computer activity. Not only does this accessibility deter a child from doing something she knows she's not allowed to do, it also gives you the opportunity to intervene if you notice a behavior that could have negative consequences.



Set rules and warn about dangers - Make sure your child knows the boundaries of what she is allowed to do on the computer. These boundaries should be appropriate for the child's age, knowledge, and maturity, but they may include rules about how long she is allowed to be on the computer, what sites she is allowed to visit, what software programs she can use, and what tasks or activities she is allowed to do.

You should also talk to children about the dangers of the internet so that they recognize suspicious behavior or activity. Discuss the risks of sharing certain types of information (e.g., that they're home alone) and the benefits to only communicating and sharing information with people they know (see [Using Instant Messaging and Chat Rooms Safely](#), [Staying Safe on Social Network Sites](#), and the document [Socializing Securely: Using Social Networking Services](#) for more information). The goal isn't to scare them, it's to make them more aware. Make sure to include the topic of cyberbullying in these discussions (see [Dealing with Cyberbullies](#) for more information).

Monitor computer activity - Be aware of what your child is doing on the computer, including which websites she is visiting.

If she is using email, instant messaging, or chat rooms, try to get a sense of who she is corresponding with and whether she actually knows them.

Keep lines of communication open - Let your child know that she can approach you with any questions or concerns about behaviors or problems she may have encountered on the computer.

Consider partitioning your computer into separate accounts - Most operating systems give you the option of creating a different user account for each user. If you're worried that your child may accidentally access, modify, and/or delete your files, you can give her a separate account and decrease the amount of access and number of privileges she has.

If you don't have separate accounts, you need to be especially careful about your security settings. In addition to limiting functionality within your browser (see [Evaluating Your Web Browser's Security Settings](#) for more information), avoid letting your browser remember passwords and other personal information (see [Browsing Safely: Understanding Active Content and Cookies](#)). Also, it is always important to keep your virus definitions up to date (see [Understanding Anti-Virus Software](#)).



Consider implementing parental controls - You may be able to set some parental controls within your browser. For example, Internet Explorer allows you to restrict or allow certain websites to be viewed on your computer, and you can protect these settings with a password. To find those options, click **Tools** on your menu bar, select **Internet Options**, choose the **Content** tab, and click the **Enable...** button under **Content Advisor**.

There are other resources you can use to control and/or monitor your child's online activity. Some ISPs offer services designed to protect children online. Contact your ISP to see if any of these services are available. There are also special software programs you can install on your computer. Different programs offer different features and capabilities, so you can find one that best suits your needs.

Additional information

The following resources offer additional information about protecting children online:

Talking with Kids About Being Online:

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Talking-with-kids-about-being-online-2018.pdf>

StaySafeOnline:

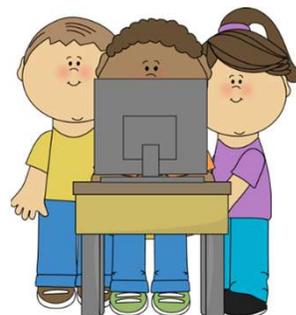
<https://www.staysafeonline.org/>

Stop. Think. Connect.:

<https://www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect>

Concerned Parent's Internet Safety Toolbox:

<http://backgroundchecks.org/the-concerned-parents-toolbox-120-tools-and-tricks-to-protect-your-kids.html>





Tapping Into God's Promises Through Tithing

Namaste, As I was preparing the article for this edition of the Message From the Mount, I knew that I wanted to focus on a passage from Proverbs 3:9-10 that I had read a few weeks earlier...

Honor the LORD with your wealth,
with the first fruits of all your crops;
then your barns will be filled to overflowing,
and your vats will brim over with new wine.

This passage is like many others in the bible that provide instruction on how we should deal with our income, but somehow it moved me to want to talk with others about the status of their tithing. What moves us to, or keeps us from tapping into God's promises in the area of finances?

Tithing is a rather personal topic, but fortunately, I had a captive audience over the weekend. For the past three years, three of my favorite cousins and I have gotten together for a girl's (which is how we refer to ourselves despite all of us being 50+!) weekend. Violet Phillips Brooks Jackson Harris (married three times!) was the great grandmother to two of us and great-great grandmother to the other two. Our first gathering was in Las Vegas, the second year I hosted in Connecticut/New York, and this year one of the other cousins hosted in Dallas.

On our first evening, I told them that I had to set aside some time to prepare an article on finances and asked if they would be willing to share their view on whether or not they tithe and why or why not. Since that first year was in Vegas, we implemented the "what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas" rule, which also applied to our conversations. For that reason, we all knew we could talk openly and it not be shared with the many other sisters/brothers/cousins in our large extended family!

Three of us grew up in the same small town in Cotton Valley, Louisiana (the 4th in Kansas City), all of us were raised going to church, and are all faithful Christians today. Yet, each of us could share past or recent stories about how we didn't tithe, what a leap of faith it took to start, how we fell off, and how we returned to it.

One cousin, a nurse, divorced, with three children, talked about how difficult it was to give when the money was short, bills were due, and the kids always needed this or that. She would give if she went to church, but if she missed, her tithes were missing and she didn't cover it the next Sunday. She said that it's easier now that they are grown and (mostly!) out of her house, but when she is faithful, God has been faithful and like the woman with the oil, she always has just enough.

Another cousin, single and well employed by the Core of Engineers, was disappointed in herself for not tithing like she should at this point in her life. She has done so in the past, but fell off for reasons having nothing to do with her finances. She just stopped. But she said "I immediately noticed that other things seemed to happen that took the money that I would have used to tithe...a problem with the house or the car, or an unexpected family emergency that required travel. I know it wasn't coincidence, it was God saying to me that you may try to keep what's mine but you cannot."

The third cousin, married for 30 years, two daughters (one son recently deceased), working part time, was not a faithful tither because of the church. She had attended a congregation where the money was mismanaged, and she could not get pass that and focus on what God has asked us to do.

I've mentioned my story in the past (started tithing 3% of my income over 20 years ago because I couldn't commit to 10%; 3% grew to 5% then 7%, 8%, 9% and now 11%). I can tell you that every year I have seen increase in my finances and I know that this is because I've been faithful in returning to God what is His.

The cousins' stories are a reminder that we are all at different places in our lives financially and spiritually, where tithing is concerned. If your economic situation is just fine, praise God. But if not, I will remind you of a passage from one of the earlier articles...***the first step is to start with prayer. Look at your situation and open your heart to God. Make Him Lord over your finances and give Him reason to trust you with more of His bounty!***

Black History Moment

Aretha Franklin



"Aretha" redirects here. For other uses, see [Aretha \(disambiguation\)](#).

"Queen of Soul" redirects here. For other uses, see [Queen of Soul \(disambiguation\)](#).

Aretha Louise Franklin

(March 25, 1942 – August 16, 2018)

was an American singer, songwriter and pianist. She began her career as a child singing gospel at New Bethel Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan, where her father, C. L. Franklin, was minister. In 1960, at the age of 18, she embarked on a secular career, recording for Columbia Records but achieving only modest success. After signing to Atlantic Records in 1966, Franklin achieved commercial success and acclaim with songs such as "Respect", "Chain of Fools", "Think", "(You Make Me Feel Like) a Natural Woman", "I Never Loved a Man (The Way I Love You)" and "I Say a Little Prayer".

By the end of the 1960s she was being called "The Queen of Soul". Franklin recorded acclaimed albums such as ! Never Loved a Man the Way I Love You (1967), Lady Soul (1968), Young, Gifted and Black (1972), Amazing Grace (1972) and Sparkle (1976) before experiencing problems with her record company. After her father was shot in 1979, she left Atlantic and signed with Arista Records, finding success with the albums Jump to It (1982) and Who's Zoomin' Who? (1985), and her part in the 1980 film The Blues Brothers. In 1998, Franklin received international acclaim for singing the opera aria "Nessun dorma" at the Grammy Awards that year, replacing Luciano Pavarotti. Later that year, she scored her final Top 40 song with "A Rose Is Still a Rose".

Franklin recorded 112 charted singles on Billboard, including 77 Hot 100 entries, 17 top-ten pop singles, 100 R&B entries and 20 number-one R&B singles, becoming the most charted female artist in the chart's history. Franklin's other well-known hits include "Rock Steady", "Call Me", "Spanish Harlem", "Bridge over Troubled Water", "Day Dreaming", "Until You Come Back to Me (That's What I'm Gonna Do)", "Something He Can Feel", "Jump to It", "Freeway of Love", "Who's Zoomin' Who" and "I Knew You Were Waiting (For Me)" (with George Michael). She won 18 Grammy Awards, including the first eight awards given for Best Female R&B Vocal Performance from 1968 through to 1975, and is one of the best-selling musical artists of all time, having sold more than 75 million records worldwide.^[1]

Franklin received numerous honors throughout her career, including a 1987 induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, becoming the first female performer to be inducted, National Medal of Arts and the Presidential Medal of Freedom. She was inducted to the UK Music Hall of Fame in 2005. In 2012, she was inducted into the GMAGospel Music Hall of Fame.^[2] Franklin is listed in at least two all-time lists by Rolling Stone magazine, including the 100 Greatest Artists of All Time, and the 100 Greatest Singers of All Time.^[3] She was ranked by Rolling Stone as the No. 1 greatest singer of all time.^[3]

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On March 25, 1942, Franklin was born as Aretha Louise Franklin at 406 Lucy Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, to Barbara (née Siggers) and Clarence LaVaughn "C. L." Franklin. Her father was a Baptist minister and circuit preacher originally from Shelby, Mississippi, while her mother was an accomplished piano player and vocalist.^[5] Her parents both had children, three in total, from outside their marriage. The family relocated to Buffalo, New York, when Aretha was two. Before her fifth birthday, in 1946,^[6] C. L. Franklin permanently relocated the family to Detroit, Michigan where he took over the pastorate of New Bethel Baptist Church. Aretha's parents had a troubled marriage due to stories of her father's philandering and in 1948, the couple separated, with Barbara relocating back to Buffalo with her son, Vaughn, from a previous relationship.^[7] Contrary to popular belief, her mother did not abandon her children; not only did Aretha recall seeing her mother in Buffalo during the summer, but Barbara also frequently visited her children in Detroit.^{[8][9]} Aretha's mother died of a heart attack on March 7, 1952, before Aretha's tenth birthday.^[10] The news of her mother's death was broken by her father, who had gathered Aretha and her siblings in the kitchen to tell them and that he "could not have been more understanding."^[10] Several women, including Aretha's grandmother, Rachel, and Mahalia Jackson took turns helping with the children at the Franklin home.^[11] During this time, Aretha learned how to play piano by ear.^[12]

Aretha's father's emotionally driven sermons resulted in his being known as the man with the "million-dollar voice" and earning thousands of dollars for sermons in various churches across the country.^{[13][14]} His celebrity status led to his home being visited by various celebrities, among them gospel musicians Clara Ward, James Cleveland and early Caravans members Albertina Walker and Inez Andrews as well as Martin Luther King Jr., Jackie Wilson and Sam Cooke.^{[15][16]} Ward was not only a visitor to the home, but was romantically involved with Aretha's father, though "she preferred to view them strictly as friends."^[17] Ward also served as a role model to the young Aretha.^[18] Franklin attended Northern High School^[19] but later dropped out during her sophomore year.^{[20][21]}

Franklin waiting to perform
at the White House,
in 2015



Music Career

Beginnings (1952–1960)

Just after her mother's death, Franklin began singing solos at New Bethel, debuting with the hymn, "Jesus, Be a Fence Around Me."^{[11][22]} When Franklin was 12, her father began managing her, bringing her on the road with him during his so-called "gospel caravan" tours for her to perform in various churches.^[23] He helped his daughter sign her first recording deal with J.V.B. Records, where her first album, Songs of Faith, was released in 1956. Franklin sometimes traveled with The Soul Stirrers during this time.^[24] When Franklin was 12, according to music producer Quincy Jones, Dinah Washington let him know, "Aretha was the 'next one'".^[25] In 1958, Franklin and her father traveled to California, where she met Sam Cooke.^[26] At the age of 16, Franklin went on tour with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and in 1968 sang at his funeral.^[27]

As a young gospel singer, Franklin spent summers on the circuit in Chicago, staying with Mavis Staples' family.^[28] After turning 18, Franklin confided to her father that she aspired to follow Sam Cooke in recording pop music, and moved to New York.^[16] Serving as her manager, C. L. agreed to the move and helped to produce a two-song demo that soon was brought to the attention of Columbia Records, who agreed to sign her in 1960. Franklin was signed as a "five-percent artist".^[29] During this period, Franklin would be coached by choreographer Cholly Atkins to prepare for her pop performances. Before signing with Columbia, Sam Cooke tried to persuade Franklin's father to have his label, RCA, sign Franklin. He had also been courted by local record label owner Berry Gordy to sign Franklin and her elder sister Erma to his Tamla label. Franklin's father felt the label was not established enough yet. Franklin's first Columbia single, "Today I Sing the Blues",^[30] was issued in September 1960 and later reached the top ten of the Hot Rhythm & Blues Sellers chart.^[31]

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Aretha Franklin

The Columbia era (1961–1966)

In January 1961, Columbia issued Franklin's first secular album, *Aretha: With The Ray Bryant Combo*. The album featured her first single to chart the *Billboard* Hot 100, "Won't Be Long", which also peaked at number 7 on the R&B chart.^[32] Mostly produced by Clyde Otis, Franklin's Columbia recordings saw her performing in diverse genres such as standards, vocal jazz, blues, doo-wop and rhythm and blues. Before the year was out, Franklin scored her first top 40 single with her rendition of the standard, "Rock-a-Bye Your Baby with a Dixie Melody", which also included the R&B hit, "Operation Heartbreak", on its b-side. "Rock-a-Bye" became her first international hit, reaching the top 40 in Australia and Canada. By the end of 1961, Franklin was named as a "new-star female vocalist" in *DownBeat* magazine.^[33] In 1962, Columbia issued two more albums, *The Electrifying Aretha Franklin* and *The Tender, the Moving, the Swinging Aretha Franklin*,^{[34][35]} the latter of which reached No. 69 on the *Billboard* chart.^[36]

In the 1960s during a performance at the Regal Theater, a WVON radio personality announced Franklin should be crowned, "the Queen of Soul".^[28] By 1964, Franklin began recording more pop music, reaching the top ten on the R&B chart with the ballad "Runnin' Out of Fools" in early 1965. She had two R&B charted singles in 1965 and 1966 with the songs "One Step Ahead" and "Cry Like a Baby", while also reaching the Easy Listening charts with the ballads "You Made Me Love You" and "(No, No) I'm Losing You". By the mid-1960s, Franklin was netting \$100,000 from countless performances in nightclubs and theaters.^[37] Also during that period, she appeared on rock and roll shows such as *Hollywood A Go-Go* and *Shindig!*. However, she struggled with commercial success while at Columbia. Label executive John H. Hammond later said he felt Columbia did not understand Franklin's early gospel background and failed to bring that aspect out further during her period there.^[30]

The Atlantic era (1967–1979)

In November 1966, after six years with Columbia, Franklin chose not to renew her contract with the company and signed to Atlantic Records.^{[38][39]} In January 1967, she traveled to Muscle Shoals, Alabama, to record at FAME Studios and recorded the song, "I Never Loved a Man (The Way I Love You)", backed by the Muscle Shoals Rhythm Section. Franklin only spent one day recording at FAME, as an altercation broke out between manager and husband Ted White, studio owner Rick Hall, and a horn player, and sessions were abandoned.^{[30][40]} The song was released the following month and reached number one on the R&B chart, while also peaking at number nine on the *Billboard* Hot 100, giving Franklin her first top-ten pop single. The song's b-side, "Do Right Woman, Do Right Man", reached the R&B top 40, peaking at number 37. In April, Atlantic issued her frenetic version of Otis Redding's "Respect", which shot to number one on both the R&B and pop charts. "Respect" became her signature song and was later hailed as a civil rights and feminist anthem.^[30]

Franklin's debut Atlantic album, *I Never Loved a Man the Way I Love You*, also became commercially successful, later going gold. Franklin scored two more top-ten singles in 1967, including "Baby I Love You" and "(You Make Me Feel Like) A Natural Woman". Her rapport with producer Jerry Wexler helped in the creation of the majority of Franklin's peak recordings with Atlantic. In 1968, she issued the top-selling albums *Lady Soul* and *Aretha Now*, which included some of Franklin's most popular hit singles, including "Chain of Fools", "Ain't No Way", "Think" and "I Say a Little Prayer". That February, Franklin earned the first two of her Grammys, including the debut category for Best Female R&B Vocal Performance.^[41] On February 16, Franklin was honored with a day named for her and was greeted by longtime friend Martin Luther King Jr. who gave her the SCLC Drum Beat Award for Musicians just two months before his death.^{[42][43][44]} Franklin toured outside the US for the first time in May, including an appearance at the Concertgebouw, Amsterdam where she played to a near hysterical audience who covered the stage with flower petals.^[45] She appeared on the cover of *Time* magazine in June.^[46]

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Franklin's success expanded during the early 1970s, during which she recorded top-ten singles such as "[Spanish Harlem](#)", "[Rock Steady](#)" and "[Day Dreaming](#)" as well as the acclaimed albums *Spirit in the Dark*, *Young, Gifted and Black*, and her gospel album, *Amazing Grace*, which sold more than two million copies. In 1971, Franklin became the first R&B performer to headline [Fillmore West](#), later that year releasing the live album *Aretha Live at Fillmore West*.^[47] Franklin's career began to experience problems while recording the album, *Hey Now Hey*, which featured production from Quincy Jones. Despite the success of the single "[Angel](#)", the album bombed upon its release in 1973. Franklin continued having R&B success with songs such as "[Until You Come Back to Me](#)" and "[I'm in Love](#)", but by 1975 her albums and songs were no longer top sellers. After Jerry Wexler left Atlantic for Warner Bros. Records in 1976, Franklin worked on the soundtrack to the film *Sparkle* with [Curtis Mayfield](#). The album yielded Franklin's final top 40 hit of the decade, "[Something He Can Feel](#)", which also peaked at number one on the R&B chart. Franklin's follow-up albums for Atlantic, including *Sweet Passion* (1977), *Almighty Fire* (1978) and *La Diva* (1979), bombed on the charts, and in 1979 Franklin opted to leave the company.^[48]



Franklin performing on April 21, 2007, at the [Nokia Theater](#) in Dallas, Texas

The Arista era (1980–2007)

In 1980, after leaving Atlantic Records,^[49] Franklin signed with [Clive Davis's Arista Records](#) and that same year gave a command performance at London's [Royal Albert Hall](#) in front of [Queen Elizabeth](#). Franklin also had an acclaimed guest role as a waitress in the 1980 comedy musical *The Blues Brothers*.^{[50][51]} Franklin's first Arista album, *Aretha* (1980), featured the No. 3 R&B hit "United Together" and her Grammy-nominated cover of Redding's "[I Can't Turn You Loose](#)". The follow-up, 1981's *Love All the Hurt Away*, included her famed duet of the title track with [George Benson](#), while the album also

included her Grammy-winning cover of [Sam & Dave's "Hold On, I'm Comin'"](#). Franklin achieved a gold record—for the first time in seven years—with the 1982 album *Jump to It*. The album's title track was her first top-40 single on the pop charts in six years.^[52]

In 1985, inspired by a desire to have a "younger sound" in her music, *Who's Zoomin' Who?* became her first Arista album to be certified [platinum](#). The album sold well over a million copies thanks to the hits "[Freeway of Love](#)", the title track, and "[Another Night](#)".^[53] The following year's *Aretha* album nearly matched this success with the hit singles "[Jumpin' Jack Flash](#)", "[Jimmy Lee](#)" and "[I Knew You Were Waiting for Me](#)", her international number-one duet with [George Michael](#). During that period, Franklin provided vocals to the theme songs of the TV shows *A Different World* and *Together*.^[54] In 1987, she issued her third gospel album, *One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism*, which was recorded at her late father's New Bethel church, followed by *Through the Storm* in 1989. Franklin's 1991 album, *What You See is What You Sweat*, flopped on the charts. She returned to the charts in 1993 with the dance song "A Deeper Love" and returned to the top 40 with the song "[Willing to Forgive](#)" in 1994.^[55]

In 1998, Franklin returned to the top 40 with the [Lauryn Hill](#)-produced song "[A Rose Is Still a Rose](#)", later issuing the album of the same name, which went gold. That same year, Franklin earned international acclaim for her performance of "[Nessun dorma](#)" at the [Grammy Awards](#), filling in at the last minute for [Luciano Pavarotti](#), who had cancelled after the show had already begun.^{[56][57]} Her final Arista album, *So Damn Happy*, was released in 2003 and featured the Grammy-winning song "Wonderful". In 2004, Franklin announced that she was leaving Arista after more than 20 years with the label.^[58] To complete her Arista obligations, Franklin issued the duets compilation album *Jewels in the Crown: All-Star Duets with the Queen* in 2007.^[59] The following year, she issued the holiday album *This Christmas, Aretha*, on DMI Records.^[60]

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Later years (2008–2018)

Franklin performed "The Star-Spangled Banner" with Aaron Neville and Dr. John for Super Bowl XL, held in her hometown of Detroit in February 2006. She later made international headlines for performing "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" at President Barack Obama's inaugural ceremony with her church hat becoming a popular topic online. In 2010, Franklin accepted an honorary degree from Yale University.^[61] In 2011, under her own label, Aretha's Records, she issued the album *Aretha: A Woman Falling Out of Love*.

In 2014, Franklin was signed under RCA Records, controller of the Arista catalog and a sister label to Columbia via Sony Music Entertainment, and was working with Clive Davis. An album was planned with producers Babyface and Danger Mouse.^[62] On September 29, 2014, Franklin performed to a standing ovation, with Cissy Houston as backup, a compilation of Adele's "Rolling in the Deep" and "Ain't No Mountain High Enough" on the *Late Show with David Letterman*.^[63] Franklin's cover of "Rolling in the Deep" was featured among nine other songs in her first RCA release, *Aretha Franklin Sings the Great Diva Classics*, released in October 2014.^[64] In doing so, she became the first woman to have 100 songs on Billboard's Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Songs chart with the success of her cover of Adele's "Rolling in the Deep", which debuted at number 47 on the chart.^[65]



Franklin singing at the 2009 inauguration of President Obama.

In December 2015, Franklin gave an acclaimed performance of "(You Make Me Feel Like) A Natural Woman" at the 2015 Kennedy Center Honors during the section for honoree Carole King, who co-wrote the song.^{[66][67][68][69]} During the bridge of the song, Franklin dropped her fur coat to the stage, for which the audience rewarded her with a mid-performance standing ovation.^[70] She returned to Detroit's Ford Field on Thanksgiving Day 2016 to once again perform the national anthem before the game between the Minnesota Vikings and Detroit Lions. Seated behind the piano, wearing a black fur coat and Lions stocking cap, Franklin gave a rendition of "The Star-Spangled Banner" that lasted more than four minutes and featured a host of improvisations.^[71] Franklin released the album *A Brand New Me* in November 2017 with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, which uses archived recordings from her past. It peaked at number 5 on the Billboard Top Classical Albums chart.^[72]

Music style and image

According to Richie Unterberger, Franklin was "one of the giants of soul music, and indeed of American pop as a whole. More than any other performer, she epitomized soul at its most gospel-charged."^[73] She had often been described as a great singer and musician due to "vocal flexibility, interpretive intelligence, skillful piano-playing, her ear, her experience".^[74] Franklin's voice was described as being a "powerful mezzo-soprano voice".

She was praised for her arrangements and interpretations of other artists' hit songs.^[75] Describing Franklin's voice as a youngster on her first album, *Songs of Faith*, released in 1956 when she was just 14, Jerry Wexler explained that it "was not that of a child but rather of an ecstatic hierophant".^[76]

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Personal Life

After being raised in Detroit, Franklin relocated to [New York City](#) in the 1960s, where she lived until moving to [Los Angeles](#) in the mid-1970s. She eventually settled in [Encino, Los Angeles](#) where she lived until 1982. She then returned to the Detroit suburb of [Bloomfield Hills, Michigan](#) to be close to her ailing father and siblings. Franklin maintained a residence there until her death. Following an incident in 1984, she cited a fear of flying that prevented her from traveling overseas; she performed only in North America afterwards.^[77] Franklin was the mother of four sons. She first became pregnant at the age of 12 and gave birth to her first child, named Clarence after her father,^[78] on January 28, 1955. According to the news site [Inquisitr](#), "The father of the child was Donald Burk, a boy she knew from school."^[79] On January 22, 1957, then aged 14, Franklin had a second child, named Edward after his father Edward Jordan.^[20] Franklin did not like to discuss her early pregnancies with interviewers.^[80]

Both children took her family name. While Franklin was pursuing her career and "hanging out with [friends]", Franklin's grandmother Rachel and sister Erma took turns raising the children.^[81] Franklin would visit them often.^[82] Franklin's third child, Ted White Jr., was born in February 1964^[83] and is known professionally as Teddy Richards. He has provided guitar backing for his mother's band during live concerts.^[84] Her youngest son, Kecal Cunningham was born in 1970 and is the child of her road manager Ken Cunningham.^[85]

Franklin was married twice. Her first husband was Theodore "Ted" White, whom she married in 1961 at age 19.^{[86][87]} Franklin had actually seen White the first time at a party held at her house in 1954.^[88] After a contentious marriage that involved [domestic violence](#), Franklin separated from White in 1968, divorcing him in 1969.^[89] Franklin then married her second husband, actor [Glynn Turman](#), on April 11, 1978 at her father's church. By marrying Turman, Franklin became stepmother of Turman's three children from a previous marriage. Franklin and Turman separated in 1982 after Franklin returned to Michigan from California, and they divorced in 1984. At one point, Franklin had plans to marry her longtime companion

Willie Wilkerson.^[90] Franklin and Wilkerson had had two previous engagements stretching back to 1988. Franklin eventually called the 2012 engagement off.^[91] Franklin's sisters, [Erma](#) and [Carolyn](#), were professional musicians as well and spent years performing background vocals on Franklin's recordings. Following Franklin's divorce from Ted White, her brother Cecil became her manager, and maintained that position until his death from lung cancer on December 26, 1989. Sister Carolyn died the previous year in April 1988 from breast cancer, while eldest sister Erma died from throat cancer in September 2002. Franklin's step-brother Vaughn died two months after Erma in late 2002.^[92] Her half-sister, Carl Kelley (née Jennings; born 1940) is C. L. Franklin's daughter by Mildred Jennings, a then 12-year-old congregant of New Salem Baptist Church in Memphis, where C. L. was pastor.^[92]

Franklin was performing at the [Aladdin Hotel](#) in [Las Vegas](#), on June 10, 1979, when her father, C. L., was shot twice at point blank range in his Detroit home.^[93] After six months at [Henry Ford Hospital](#)

still in a state of coma, C.L. was moved back to his home with 24-hour nursing care. Aretha moved back to Detroit in late 1982 to assist with the care of her father, who died at Detroit's New Light Nursing Home on July 27, 1984.^[94]

Some of her music business friends have included [Dionne Warwick](#), Mavis Staples, and Cissy Houston, who began singing with Franklin as members of the [Sweet Inspirations](#). Cissy sang background on Franklin's hit "Ain't No Way".^[95] Franklin first met Cissy's daughter, [Whitney](#), in the early 1970s. She was made Whitney's honorary aunt, not a godmother as has been occasionally misreported, and Whitney often referred to her as "Auntie Ree".^[96]

When Whitney Houston died on February 11, 2012, Franklin said she was surprised by her death.^{[97][97]} She had initially planned to perform at Houston's memorial service on February 18, but was unable to attend due to a leg spasm.^[98] Franklin was a registered [Democrat](#).^[99]

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Health Problems

Franklin dealt with weight issues for years. In 1974, she dropped 40 pounds (18 kg) during a crash diet^[100] and maintained her new weight until the end of the decade.^[101] She again lost weight in the early 1990s, before gaining some back.^[102] A former chain smoker who struggled with alcoholism, she quit smoking in 1992.^[103] She admitted in 1994 that her smoking was "messing with my voice",^[104] but after quitting smoking she said later, in 2003, that her weight "ballooned".^[105]

In 2010, Franklin canceled a number of concerts, after she decided to have surgery for an undisclosed tumor.^[102] Discussing the surgery in 2011, she quoted her doctor as saying that it would "add 15 to 20 years" to her life. She denied that the ailment had anything to do with pancreatic cancer, as had been rumored.^[106] On May 19, 2011, Franklin had her comeback show in the Chicago Theatre.^[107] In May 2013, she canceled two performances to deal with an undisclosed medical treatment.^[108] Later the same month, she canceled three June concerts and planned to return to perform in July.^[109] A show scheduled for July 27 in Clarkston, Michigan was canceled due to continued medical treatment.^[110] She canceled an appearance at a Major League Baseball luncheon in Chicago honoring her commitment to civil rights on August 24^[111] and also a performance of September 21 in Atlanta.^[112] During a phone interview with the Associated Press in late August 2013, Franklin stated that she had a "miraculous" recovery from her undisclosed illness but had to cancel shows and appearances until her health was at 100%, estimating she was about "85% healed".^[113] Franklin later returned to live performing, including a 2013 Christmas concert at Detroit's MotorCity Casino Hotel. She launched a multi-city tour in mid-2014, starting with a performance on June 14 in New York at Radio City Music Hall.^[114]

In 2017, Franklin canceled a series of concerts due to health reasons. During an outdoor Detroit show, she asked the audience to "keep me in your prayers".^[115] In July 2017, Franklin reemerged, appearing to have lost more weight before a performance at the Wolf Trap in Virginia.^[116] In 2018, she canceled a series of shows, citing doctor's orders. Franklin's final performance was at the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine in New York City during Elton John's 25th anniversary gala for the Elton John AIDS Foundation on November 7, 2017.^[117]

Final illness and death

On August 13, 2018, Franklin was reported to be gravely ill at her home in Riverfront Towers, Detroit.^{[118][119]} She was under hospice care and surrounded by friends and family. Stevie Wonder, Jesse Jackson and ex-husband Glynn Turman visited her on her deathbed.^[120] Franklin died at her home on August 16, 2018, aged 76.^[121] The cause was reported to be pancreatic neuroendocrine tumor.^{[122][123][124]} Numerous celebrities in the entertainment industry and politicians paid tribute to Franklin, including former U.S. president Barack Obama who said she "helped define the American experience".^[125] Civil rights activist and minister Al Sharpton called her a "civil rights and humanitarian icon".^[126]

A memorial service was held at New Bethel Baptist Church on August 19.^[127] A private funeral was arranged for August 31, following a two-day public viewing of Franklin's casket at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit.^[128]

Honorary degrees

Franklin received an honorary degree from Harvard University in 2014,^[143] as well as honorary doctorates in music from Princeton University, 2012;^[144] Yale University, 2010;^[145] Brown University, 2009;^[146] University of Pennsylvania, 2007;^[147] Berklee College of Music, 2006;^[148] New England Conservatory of Music, 1997;^[149] and University of Michigan, 1987.^[150] Franklin was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters by Wayne State University in 1990 and an honorary Doctor of Law degree by Bethune–Cookman University in 1975.^[151]

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Legacy and Honors

Franklin received a star on the [Hollywood Walk of Fame](#) in 1979, had her voice declared a Michigan "natural resource" in 1985,^[129] and became the first woman inducted into the [Rock and Roll Hall of Fame](#) in 1987.^[130] The [National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences](#) awarded her a [Grammy Legend Award](#) in 1991, then the [Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award](#) in 1994. Franklin was a Kennedy Center Honoree in 1994, recipient of the [National Medal of Arts](#) in 1999, and was bestowed the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2005.^[16] She was inducted into the Michigan Rock and Roll Legends Hall of Fame in 2005.^[131]

Franklin became the second woman inducted to the [UK Music Hall of Fame](#) in 2005. She was the 2008 [MusiCares Person of the Year](#), performing at the [Grammys](#) days later. Following news of Franklin's surgery and recovery in February 2011, the [Grammys](#) ceremony paid tribute to the singer with a medley of her classics performed by [Christina Aguilera](#), [Florence Welch](#), [Jennifer Hudson](#), [Martina McBride](#), and [Yolanda Adams](#).^[132] That same year she was ranked 19th among the [Billboard](#) Hot 100 All-Time top artists,^[133] and ranked first on the [Rolling Stone](#) list of Greatest Singers of All Time.^[134] In 2013, she was again ranked first in [Rolling Stone](#) magazine's "100 Greatest Singers" list.^[135] Inducted to the [GMA Gospel Music Hall of Fame](#) in 2012, Franklin was described as "the voice of the civil rights movement, the voice of black America" and a "symbol of black equality".^{[136][137]} Asteroid [249516 Aretha](#) was named in her honor in 2014.^[138]

"American history wells up when Aretha sings," President Obama explained in response to her performance of "A Natural Woman" at the 2015 Kennedy Center Honors. "Nobody embodies more fully the connection between the African-American spiritual, the blues, R&B, rock and roll—the way that hardship and sorrow were transformed into something full of beauty and vitality and hope".^[139] On June 8, 2017, the City of Detroit honored Franklin's legacy by renaming a portion of Madison Street, between Brush and Witherell Streets, "Aretha Franklin Way".^[140] On January 29, 2018, [The Oakland Press's](#) correspondent [Gary Graff](#) confirmed that the [American Idol](#) runner-up Jennifer Hudson will take the role to play Franklin in her coming biopic.^[141] The news was announced by the film's executive producer [Clive Davis](#), who made public their decision on the choice of actors casting in the film two days before Graff's article was published. An all-star tribute concert to Franklin, celebrating her music, is scheduled for November 14, 2018, at [Madison Square Garden](#) in New York City.^[142]

Studio albums

- [Songs of Faith](#) (1956)
- [Aretha: With The Ray Bryant Combo](#) (1961)
- [The Electrifying Aretha Franklin](#) (1962)
- [The Tender, the Moving, the Swinging Aretha Franklin](#) (1962)
- [Laughing on the Outside](#) (1963)
- [Unforgettable: A Tribute to Dinah Washington](#) (1964)
- [Runnin' Out of Fools](#) (1964)
- [Yeah!!!](#) (1965)
- [Soul Sister](#) (1966)
- [Take It Like You Give It](#) (1967)
- [I Never Loved a Man the Way I Love You](#) (1967)
- [Aretha Arrives](#) (1967)
- [Take a Look](#) (1967)
- [Lady Soul](#) (1968)
- [Aretha Now](#) (1968)
- [Soul '69](#) (1969)
- [Soft and Beautiful](#) (1969)
- [This Girl's in Love with You](#) (1970)
- [Spirit in the Dark](#) (1970)
- [Young, Gifted and Black](#) (1972)
- [Hey Now Hey \(The Other Side of the Sky\)](#) (1973)
- [Let Me in Your Life](#) (1974)
- [With Everything I Feel in Me](#) (1974)
- [You](#) (1975)
- [Sparkle](#) (1976)
- [Sweet Passion](#) (1977)
- [Almighty Fire](#) (1978)
- [La Diva](#) (1979)
- [Aretha](#) (1980)
- [Love All the Hurt Away](#) (1981)
- [Jump to It](#) (1982)
- [Get It Right](#) (1983)
- [Who's Zoomin' Who?](#) (1985)
- [Aretha](#) (1986)
- [Through the Storm](#) (1989)
- [What You See Is What You Sweat](#) (1991)
- [A Rose Is Still a Rose](#) (1998)
- [So Damn Happy](#) (2003)
- [Aretha: A Woman Falling Out of Love](#) (2011)
- [Aretha Franklin Sings the Great Diva Classics](#) (2014)
- [A Brand New Me](#) (2017)

List of number-one R&B singles

- "I Never Loved a Man (The Way I Love You)" (1967)^[152]
- "Respect" (1967)^[153]
- "Baby I Love You" (1967)^[154]
- "Chain of Fools" (1967)^[155]
- "(Sweet Sweet Baby) Since You've Been Gone" (1968)^[156]
- "Think" (1968)^[157]
- "Share Your Love with Me" (1969)^[158]
- "Call Me" (1970)^[159]
- "Don't Play That Song (You Lied)" (1970)^{[160][161]}
- "Bridge over Troubled Water" (1971)^[162]
- "Spanish Harlem" (1971)^[163]
- "Day Dreaming" (1972)^[164]
- "Angel" (1973)^[165]
- "Until You Come Back to Me (That's What I'm Gonna Do)" (1973)^[166]
- "I'm in Love" (1974)^[167]
- "Something He Can Feel" (1976)^[168]
- "Break It to Me Gently" (1977)^[169]
- "Jump to It" (1982)^[170]
- "Get It Right" (1983)^[171]
- "Freeway of Love" (1985)^[172]

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BIRTHDAYS

JULY

July 1st

Adams, Kathy
 Burch, Regina
 Dennis, Tequesta
 Gaines, Audrey
 Gant, Kenita
 Mack, Keith
 Peeler, Elisha
 Pettway, Nell
 Pittman, Carolyn

July 2nd

Breeden, Paula
 Dikko, Ann
 James, McBroom Leonora
 Martin, Tywanda
 Pirro, Delilah
 Smalls, Henry
 Thomas, Andrew

July 3rd

Bardliving, Andre
 Blake, Michael
 Collier, Tamiko
 Edmunds, Wilma
 McIntosh, Lemie
 Pagan, Carlos
 Smith, Dan
 Williams, Imani
 Wright, Anthony

July 4th

Buster, Kenneth
 Charles, Claretta
 Cox, Linda
 Gardner, Jennifer
 Henley, Lawrence
 Johnson, Jannine
 Miller-Luciano, Jasmin
 Piires, Tatiana
 Pride, Tynesha
 Pride, Felicia

July 5th

Cox, Anthony
 Jackson, Antoniette
 LaRose, Dania
 Okhiria, Felix
 Rogers, Billy
 Taylor, Terence

July 6th

Cook, Jerrell
 Gordon, Kelly
 Holly, Synethia
 Parker, Natachia
 Pearson, Sheryl
 Thomas, David
 Walker, Alice
 Walker, Rita

July 7th ,

Barr, Tony
 Colbert, Maurice
 Cox-Prince, Alicia
 Jackson, Darlene
 Knight, Alice
 Lincoln, Minnie
 McGhee-Maxwell, Denise

July 8th

McKoy, Margaret
 MUNRO, CHERYL
 Roacher, Mary
 Roberson, Tiffany
 Soares, Michael
 Sutton, Herbert

July 9th

Johnson, Connie
 Johnson, Jodi
 Seabrook, Cynthia
 Simmons, Diedre
 Smith, Reginald
 Staton, Nakisha

July 10th

Dennis, Shelby
 Inabinett, Issac
 Johnson, Brenda L.
 Martin-Velez, Anthony
 McKinney, Quamaine
 Mosley, Melzie
 Teray, Mary
 Vielot, Yeharar

July 11th

Addison, Janie
 Bond, Lola
 Dewitt-Smith, Gerald
 Glenn, Tanya
 Gorham, Natsha
 Grasty, Tamille
 Iribarren, Alexander
 Jeune, Cynthia
 Murphy, Lisa
 Statum, Georgia
 Strain, Heather

July 12th

Adams, Barbara
 Earley, Maurice
 Grisby, Sophia
 Kennerly, Blaine
 Petteway, Jeniaya
 White, Shawn

July 13th

Bradshaw, Michelle
 Cooper, Darryl
 Dyer, Mildred
 Griffin, Minuette
 Johnson, Linda
 Jones, Tavarrea
 King, Tyrone
 Pettway, Kye
 Roberts, Alpha

July 14th

Adetona, Adetola
 Bailey, Brittany
 Barr Williams, Nicole
 Bennett, Johnette
 Geter-McClain, Terri
 Hardy, Joe
 King, Kenneth
 Lobban, Ida
 Lowe, Dorothy
 Ragin, Erica
 Roselle, Ruthe
 Stone, Ronald
 Upchurch, Walter

July 15th

Austin, Michelle
 Cohen, Crystal
 Dyer, Marian
 Kinston, Beryl
 McLeod, Eva
 Randolph, Dorletha
 Roach, Andrew
 Sheffield, Javante
 Williamson, Shaqirah

July 16th

Foster, Lucy
 Howard, Quincie
 Johnson, Ronald
 Liggins, Jason
 Miller, Connie
 Sayles, Gregory
 Williams, Devora

July 17th

Arroyo, Andrea
 Blackwell, Kim
 Clarke, Vernal
 Ess, Clarence
 Hamilton, Leie
 Lewis, John
 Mercer, Vera

July 18th

Bentley, Rameika
 Boissiere, Dionne
 Bradley, Lovelle
 Brown, Yvonne
 Grayson, Larry
 Jennings, Pamela
 Johnson, Joseph
 Phelmetta, Robin
 Sims, William
 Taliaferro, Albert
 Winston, Wayne

July 19th

Cummings, Gregory
 Darby, Alonzo
 Hill, Lillian
 Lee, Octavia
 McClain, Tierra
 Patrick, Whitney
 Ruiz, Linda
 Santos, Melissa

July 20th

Anderson, Angela
 Credle, Jimmy
 Freeman, Arthur
 Hamilton, Tiffany
 Jones, Rufus

July 21st

Alston-Carr, Pia
 Foster, Eartha
 Grasty, Tiffany
 Hill, Jovon
 Small, Michele
 Thomas, Tamara

July 22nd

Cuttino-Muniz, Kiara
 Donald, Shakia
 Gomes, Constance
 Johnson, Glen
 King, Sharifa
 Miley, Krishna
 Paulk, Shaunda
 Roseboro, Valerie
 Rucker, Shanika
 Young, Robert

July 23rd

Bailey, Rohan
 Bendolph, Courtrey
 Eison, Vivian
 Grant, Lauren
 Sanders, A.J.
 Stewart, Kimone
 Williams, Tahila

July 24th

Anderson, Jesse
 Collier, Gisselle
 Foster, Richard
 Mazon, Nicki
 Oliver, George
 Pettway, Eulalia

July 25th

Blackwell, Antionette
 Blackwell, Ronald
 Church, Kyle
 Foster, Shaun
 Gatison, Malcolm
 Gilbert, Melvin
 Marini, Tracey
 Taylor, Walter
 Thomas, Deanna
 Upchurch, Lisa
 Walton, Michael
 Williamson, Simone

July 26th

Best, Kelley
 Blackwell, Mako
 Brantley, Tavon
 Brown, LaTasha
 Brown, Peggy
 Cheatham, Timothy
 Ewell, Bernard
 Geyer, Elani
 Jefferson, Emma
 Mosely, Claudine
 Pettway, Donna
 Reid, Rachel
 Richardson, Kellie

July 27th

Dobson, Tyheem
 Ennis, Barrington
 Miller, David
 Nunn, Aja
 Phillips, Cassandra
 Roper, Tasha
 Scales, Genise
 Scott, Kim
 Simmons, Terry
 Williams, Jeffrey
 Zenquis, Jessica

July 28th

Bernabel, Daniel
 Giles, Larry
 Morris, Willie Mae
 Young, Catherine

July 29th

Christie, Linda
 Dailey, Rykem
 Johnson, Tonya
 Jones, George
 Jones, Charlie
 Pounce-Carr, Jacqueline

July 30th

Bethea, Angel
 Black Smith-Tompkins, Michelle
 Bultron, Miranda
 Dunn, Robbi
 Geyer, Edward
 Jean-Gilles, Toya
 Journey, Dixon
 Miller, Laura
 Rose-White, July

July 31st

Gamble, Desmond
 Hodges, Sean
 Miller, Lillie
 Moore, Aaron
 Norris, Yvette
 Sherrod, Hans
 Tabscott, Keith
 Toms, William
 Williams, Gwen



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AUGUST

August 1st

Blackwell, Patrice
 Bohannon, Henry
 Caribe, Bonnie
 Hill McCall, Bernadette
 Holden, Emma
 Smith, Artent
 Vermont, Terence

August 2nd

Bloschichak, Deandra
 Feaster, Amira
 Lumpkin, Jeffrey
 Murphy, Lois
 Powell, Rochelle
 Slade, Keith
 Spearman, Lynda

August 3rd

Carther, Anthony
 Cesar, Alain
 Gary, Soraya
 Myers, Frances
 Perez, Elizabeth
 Perry, Leonard
 Ruffin, Dametrius
 Sanon, Caroline
 Santos, Dwayne

August 4th

Durrah, Robert
 Jones, Lindsey
 Lee, Henry
 Plata, Julena
 Rankin, Lisa
 Roundtree, Shamoni Laraye
 Simmons, Sonya
 Warren, Terence
 Wright, Rickie

August 5th

Baptista Dix, Frances
 Bass, Gloria
 Bevel, JeRel
 Campbell, Rosa
 Dempsey, Dontay
 Hall, Shawna
 Jones, Barbara R.
 Jones, Tykeem
 Myrie, Adrian
 Pettway, Ryan

August 6th

Alvarez, Danielle
 Dickey, Nicole
 Hodges, Lonnie
 Holmes, Naomi
 Jackson, Loretta
 Lamar, Quinne
 Oquendo, Crystal
 Shepard, Shannon

August 7th

Berry, Patricia
 Bush, Jessica
 Dewitt-Smith, Janet
 Hayes, Willie
 James, Tina Marie
 Studivant, Bernadine
 Tate, Tonya
 Taylor, Tiffany
 Tucker, Velva

August 8th

Anderson, Ina
 Baker, Carolyn
 Boahen, Stephen
 Combs, Catherine
 Green, Frankie
 JeanBaptiste, Jazmin
 Spillman, Guy
 West, Rashiyydaa

August 9th

Blackwell, Grace
 Dewitt-Smith, William
 Goodwin, Ninoshka
 Jones, Samuel
 LaRose, Terrence
 Maxwell, Eugene
 Nichols-Rhoden, Lynette
 Noel, Valrie
 Pettway, Christopher

August 10th

Reid, Ronnie
 Scott, Sarina
 Turman, Kara
 Velez, Pedro
 Allen, Lacy
 Bendolph, Genesis
 Daniels, Freddy
 Dixon, Quinnette
 Fulton, Nancy
 Grace, Jr, James
 Graves, Marquisha
 Parker, Tina
 Pettway, Joe
 Reynolds, Byron
 Williams, Ella June

August 11th

Bracey, Lisa
 Chest, Debra
 Estrada, Nelly
 Horton, Linard
 McMillan, Henry
 Robinson-Turner, Loretta
 Smith, James
 Thompson, Petrelle'
 Washington, LaTonya
 Whittington, Karen
 Williams, Dwan
 Wilson, Mark

August 12th

Batson, Manuel
 Desrouilleres, Stacy
 Gardner, Glover
 Kennedy, Inell
 Lamar, Senetta
 Moore, Gregory
 Powell, lasia

August 13th

Brown, James
 Dalrymple, Damian
 Gant, Gayle
 Johnson, Carla
 Pettway, Dennis
 Riddick, Chakena
 Scales, Isaac
 Walker, Janet

August 14th

Abdul-Karim, Samira
 Boyd, William
 Cannady, Carol
 Ely, Ruby
 Evans, Michael
 Hopkins, Brianna
 Hutchinson, Raquel
 Lemdon, Mable
 Shaner, Michelle
 Sherrod, Twana
 Upchurch, Jerry

August 15th

Bradley, James
 Gathers, Devoria
 Hamilton, Carlton
 Hopkins, Eric
 Lazarus, Theresa
 Springer, Teagan
 Upchurch, Harold

August 16th

Brown, Ma'Khi
 Grisby, Lee
 Livingstone, Dolores
 Miller, LaShalle
 Spearman, Glenn

August 17th

JeanBaptiste, Julian
 Johnson, Chamyia
 Johnson, Chanea
 Jones, Lyle
 Norris, Joseph
 Rayell, Akiam
 Romero, Robin
 Santiago, Angelica
 Vazquez, Crucito
 Whitaker, Shanta

August 18th

Boyd, Joan
 Cruz, Desiree
 Hawthorne, Marvin
 Holloway, Fern
 Steele, Rodney

August 19th

Allen, Toquirah
 Danso, Kwabena (NaNa)
 Ebron, Crystale
 Fenwick, Victoria
 Jordan, Sarita
 Lawhorn, Kendall
 Lewis, Michelle

August 20th

Hawkins, Barbara
 Laws, Shalishea
 Lowe, Jonathan
 Pettway, Patricia
 Proctor, Joseph
 Raines, Grover
 Williams, Adrienne

August 21st

Blackwell, Monique
 Blaine, Elnora
 Commodore, LaShonda
 Ebron, Lorraine
 Godfrey, Venus
 Moraes, Tyler
 Moye, Renee
 Paul, Edward
 Smith, Emajai
 Watson, Marsha
 Williams, Patricia

August 22nd

Bryant, Mary
 Hardison, Stephanie
 Jackson, Kenneth
 Mooney, Kayloni
 Pettway, Annie Mae
 Thomas, Joshua

August 23rd

Abraham, Jazmine
 Baker, Andre
 Cotter, Doreen
 Jackson, April
 Keller, John
 Rogers, Clara
 Rogers, Wanda
 Royster, Ivy

August 24th

Bethune, Elijah
 Gardner, Trendon
 Gray, Kevin
 Harrell, Sarah
 Higgins, Justin
 Santiago, Emily

August 25th

Brown, Tinerra
 Hanna, Vickie
 Jones, Glenda
 Marrow, Evelyn
 Murray, Malcom
 Williams, Ronald
 Wilson, Vincent

August 26th

Dennis, Kathie
 DeVane, Edward
 Ebron, Shelby
 Hudson, Curtis
 Jackson, Walter
 Johnson, Otis
 Jones, Maxine
 LaRose, Timothy
 Parker-Ervin, Latoya
 Wells, Desirae
 Williams, James

August 27th

Anderson, Brooke
 Badgett, Quamisha
 Brown, Twanjuri
 Forney, Kiesha
 Lee, Ryan
 Paul, Shamika
 Pryor-Davis, Janisha
 Randolph, George
 Vann-Dennis, Justine

August 28th

Blanding, Regina
 Jones, Teresa
 Patterson, Gail
 Stanley, Chyna
 Vermont, Regina
 Wallace, Shirlene
 Wray, Juliet

August 29th

Dyer, Carmen
 Gautier, Edith
 Goodwin, Roderick
 Hart, Latoya
 Higgins, Clive
 Pettway, Nyasha
 Pierre, Ketteline
 Rawls, Alfreda
 Stewart, Charles
 Vermont, Jada

August 30th

Barr, Audrey
 Booker, Gwendolyn
 Bush, Andrea
 Charles, Shawn
 Craddock, Allison
 Gardner, Germar T.
 Harrison, Anthony
 Miller, Bernetha
 Myrick, Antonio
 Pryce, Michael
 Smith, Jordan
 Thomas, Joyce

August 31st

Combs-Baldwin, Gaye
 Fleming, Kieth
 Freeman, Kazmain
 Kingwood, Jocelyn
 Richardson, Joseph
 Tuck, Tanjala
 Wilson, Cecelia

Sept 1st

AbdulBassir, Mufasna
Davidson, Mark
Roan, D. Jordan
Smith, Regina
Taylor, Anita
Young, Mitchell

Sept 2nd

Burgos, Lisa
Dempsey, Brenda
Estrada, Daniel
Graham, M. Renee
Laing, Melody
Lark, John
Lindsay, Deidre
Mills, Sharnette
Timmons, Charles
White, Lisa

Sept 3rd

Allen, Joyce
Barnes, Tiffany
Boston, Ian
Cooper, Calvin
Elliott, Robin
Escalera, Aida
Fuller, Mona
Gooden, Jasmyn
Greene, Justice
Ryan, Mary

Sept 4th

Brown, Mary
Gonda, Jasmine
Gonzalez, Genaro
Jackson-Colson, Gwen
Lindsay, Bruce
Mason, Nelcie
McCray, Stephanie
McKinney, Fred
Melvins, Robert

Sept 5th

Gray, Carolyn
Lee, Avery
Martin, Eddy
Oliver, Leron
Perry, Laman
Tinney, Lashawn
Walton, Kandeisha

Sept 6th

Burton, Patricia
Butler, Wayne
Delva, Shirley
Gandy, Levern
Gardner, Brittany
Gilford, Neal
Holley, Adara
Holloway, Briana
Johnson, Trenton
Jones, Joyce
Rogers, Joan
Sims, Deborah
Stewart, Jennifer
Suggs, Linda

Sept 7th

Black-Lykes, Mary
Delva, Rony
James, Joshua
McFadden, Gloria
Merriman, Alison
Owens, Sean
Pettway, Tekeyla
Ratley, Monica
Taft-Jackson, Valencia
Testman, Rakema
Walker, Sandra

Sept 8th

Ashley, Robert
Chavannes, Dave
Hudson, Vance
Jackson, Jakeith
Jorge, Juanita
Lee Riviears, Sean
Madden, Angela
Palmar, Melaney
Purvis, Travis
Richardson, Betty
Williams, Latisha
Yates, Trevis

Sept 9th

Bawala, Tamara
Caviness, Bernard
Christy, Aliyah
Clarke, Cynthia
Dennis, Lawyer
Francis, Shereffia
Lyn, Emlyn
McCarroll, Alberta
Miller-Wilson, Nicole
Mines, Deidra
Rainey, Juaniece
Turner, Shana

Sept 10th

Black, Jacqueline
Burton, Carlton
Gallimore, Shelia
Jackson, Tanya
James, Wendy
Leger, Lydine
Milton, Dejon
Royals, Robin
Searight, Tiona
Simeone, Gina
White, Dorcas
Zenquis, Manny

Sept 11th

Dewitt, Chris
Green, Kendra
Kennedy, Robert
Mercer, Danyne
Tate, Charles
Turner, Falon

Sept 12th

Brown, Tenesha
Commodore, Kyle
Cooper, Tyshon
Foster, Consuelo
Hinds, Eartha
Mebane, Gerald
Norfleet, Ingrid
Patton, Cathy
Rivera, Maria
Simeon, Deidre
Walden, Terrell
Wilson, Mary

Sept 13th

Cummings, Sasha Lavie
Hamilton, Ebony
Hargrove, Starlina
Jackson, Nieja
James-McKnight, Jenika
Jones, Shaniece
Oliver, James
Williams, Archeze K.
Wint, Wayne

Sept 14th

Aponte, Diane
Bember, Sheila
Brown, Andre
Day, Erica
Hall, Gary
Jennings, Mary
Miller, Elise Coleman
Patterson, Christopher
Searight, Tonie
Smith, Rolanda
Tucker, Rashaun
Williams, Ashleigh

Sept 15th

Akinloye, Tanisha
Brunson, Machel
Cox, Robert
Curran, Queen
Graham, Calvin
Johnson, Jaczues
Jones, Lowell
Littlejohn, Anthony
Lukowski, Joseph
Richardson, Tatiana
Rucker, Lamont
Smith, Alisha
Walker, James
Wilson, Marrian

Sept 16th

Borrero, Hector
Greatheart, Carrie
Holland, Carolyn
Martin, Henrybell
Miller, Willie
Padilla, Gualberto
Watley, Angela

Sept 17th

Burtey-Fio, Mavis
Colin, Vanessa
Crosby, Vida
Gonzalez, Miguel
Green, Paige
Johnson, Stephen
Murray, Nasiyra
Perry, Myeisha
Purdie, Keith
Roberson, Joann
Spaulding, Lonnie
Vanttochen, Alexis



Sept 18th

Allen, Irene
 Blackwell, Jackie
 Davis, Lorraine
 Dixon, Doris
 Dotson, Regina
 Green, Mark
 Holden, Wasinetta
 Howard, Edwina
 Lazarus, Jaqueline
 McKnight, Terry
 Nesmith, LaTira
 Spearman, Kimberly
 Thompson, Toni-Ann
 White, Gail

Sept 19th

Bonney, Ranita
 DeGourville, Kiara
 Fuqua, Jeanne
 Hudson, Dolores
 Little, Margaret
 Malone, Nanette
 Perrin, Venita
 Ryan, Esther
 St. Cloud, Marie
 Stevenson, Russina
 Tate, Calvin
 Valentine, Florence
 Wright, Jasan

Sept 20th

Baptista, Juanita
 Boston, Phyllis
 Cunningham, Bruce
 Daniels, Deborah
 Harper, Rufina
 Kitchings, Vantasia
 Pettway, Tyechia

Sept 21st

Black, Christopher
 Bohannon, Elnora
 Burrows, Cheryl
 Day, Jeanette
 Draper, Shamar
 Grisby, Billie Gene
 Lebron, Melkeya
 Mitchell, Sylvia

Sept 22nd

Blake, Gloria
 Fedrick, Darrel
 Goodman, Chris
 Jefferson, Nathaniel
 Johnson, Briana
 Jones, Tamira
 McElveen, Maurice
 Murphy, Wilfred
 Reed, Ronald
 Taylor, Shantesha
 Thompson, Desha
 Washington, Anna
 Williams, Shelley
 Williams, Denzel

Sept 23rd

Counts, Allen\Figueroa, Irene
 Gordon, Channa
 Hicks, Leola
 Higgs, Alyce
 Holden, Joycelin
 Jefferson, Sonia
 Smith, Sean
 Wilson, Darnell
 Woodard, Giovanna

Sept 24th

Craig, Millicent
 Fordham, Sapphire
 McKenzie, Nicole
 Sims, Andeana

Sept 25th

Barnes, Eric
 Bennett-Coleman, Cynthia
 Davis, Christopher
 Fedrick, Deborah
 Jackson, Edvena
 Murphy, Cynthia
 Taylor, Stefanie
 Weaver, Beatrice

Sept 26th

Dunn, Bernadine
 Franklin, Ashley
 Fulton, Latoya
 Gibson, Parkie
 Holley, Denise
 Moore, Monica

Sept 27th

Bentley, Doris
 Brown, Phyllis
 Brown, Amber
 Dotson, Richard
 Gary, Beverly
 Jefferson, Michael
 Kyle, Althea
 Mebane, Jeraldlyn
 Rivera, Alex
 Spencer, Linda
 Stewart, Pamela
 Wright, Louis

Sept 28th

Brooks, Equan
 Brooks, Elasia
 Burns, Vivian
 Fearce, La'Tonya
 Fountain, Shivaun
 Grant, Theresa
 Menzie, Ronald
 Robinson, Carlaesha
 Young, Star

Sept 29th

Boyd, Patricia
 Brunson, Cynthia J.
 Cato, Alvin
 Childs, Mary Lou
 Cubero, Maria
 Foster, Maria
 Holloway, Anjerice
 Hudson, Robin

Johnson, Kaneisha
 King, Maria Foster
 Miller, Joseph

Sept 30th

Bradley, Anika
 Cureton, Annette
 Edwards-Wood, Carolyn
 Lazaro, Talia
 Lewis, Richard
 Paiva, Aurelia
 Roldan, Luz
 Smith, Douglas
 Stewart, Michael
 Wilson, Annette

Happy
 Birthday



SEPTEMBER 2018 - BACK TOGETHER AGAIN

Organized Prayer Time

Prayer time is 7:00am to 7:10am beginning 9/1/2018 through 9/30/2018. Conference Dial-in Number: 319-527-3510, Participant Access Code: 1119333#. See Rev. Alicia Tyson-Sherwood for more information. To playback prayer: 319-527-3518, access code is 1119333#. This is not a toll free call, Long Distances Charges May Apply. Note: Do not announce yourself if you call after 6:58am. Please mute your phone so that prayer will not be disturbed. Ephesians 4:11-13 NIV Reference number for September 1, 2018 is 2403#

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Psalm 67 Pastor D. Rich
2 Matthew 26:6-11 Sis. Barnes	3 Ephesians 2:10 Bro. Hill	4 Nehemiah 8:1-5 Bro. Newton	5 Proverbs 31:25 Sis. Thompson-Bennett	6 Galatians 6:9 Rev. Sherwood	7 Genesis 16:13 Deacon Gardner	8 Isaiah 40:31 Sis. Smith
9 Isaiah 43:2 Sis. Simmons	10 Joshua 1:9 Rev. Williamson	11 Proverbs 18:10 Deacon Paul	12 Psalm 31:24 Sis. Hasan	13 Proverbs 3:5-6 Bro. Cummings	14 2 Corin. 1:3-4 Deacon Smith	15 Isaiah 41:10 Rev. Tucker
16 Psalm 23:4 Deac. D. Seawright	17 Philippians 4:7 Deac. JeanBaptiste	18 Psalm 37:4-5 Min. Blackwell	19 Ephesians 5:20 Rev. Boissiere	20 1 John 5:14-15 Deacon P. Jackson	21 John 15:7 Deacon Adetona	22 Proverbs 13:22 Deacon Vermont
23 1 John 4:4 Bro. White	24 2 Corin. 10:3-5 Sis. Ellis	25 Psalm 1:3 Deacon Smith	26 Philippians 4:13 Deacon Hurst	27 Jeremiah 29:11 Bro. Newton	28 Psalm 34:8 M.I.T. Langley	29 Psalm 139:13-18 Deacon Febres
30 Matthew 6:25-34 Deacon Adetona						
OUR WORTH TO GOD						



September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 8:30 AM Men's Fellowship Ministry / Mtg. 10:00 AM Ministers' Meeting
2 8:30 AM Sunday School 8:45 AM Prayer 9:30 AM Worship Celebration 9:45 AM Mount Aery Cafe	3	4 6:00 PM MAAFA Rehearsals 7:00 PM Music Ministry Rehearsal	5 12:00 PM Daytime Bible Study 7:00 PM Bible Study	6 7:00 PM Music Ministry Rehearsal	7	8 8:30 AM Men's Fellowship Ministry Mtg. 9:00 AM New Disciples Ministry Class 9:00 AM Spiritual Gifts Class/Part II)
9 8:30 AM Sunday School 8:45 AM Prayer 9:30 AM Worship Celebration	10 6:00 PM Fellowship Ministry Meeting	11 6:00 PM MAAFA Rehearsals 7:00 PM Music Ministry Rehearsal	12 12:00 PM Daytime Bible Study 1:00 PM Outlets 7:00 PM Bible Study	13 5:00 PM Women's Weekend 6:30 PM Deacon's Meeting 6:30 PM Ushers Meeting 7:00 PM Music Ministry Rehearsal	14 5:00 PM Women's Weekend	15 8:30 AM Men's Fellowship Ministry / Mtg. 9:00 AM Women's Weekend 10:00 AM Missionary Meeting
16 8:30 AM Sunday School 8:45 AM Prayer 8:30 AM Women's Day Worship Celebration	17	18 6:00 PM MAAFA Rehearsals 6:00 PM Missionary Meeting 7:00 PM Music Ministry Rehearsal	19 12:00 PM Daytime Bible Study 7:00 PM Bible Study	20 6:30 PM Junior Ushers Meeting 7:00 PM Music Ministry Rehearsal	21	22 8:30 AM Men's Fellowship Ministry / Mtg. 2:00 PM MAAFA Rehearsals
23 8:30 AM Sunday School 8:45 AM Prayer 9:30 AM Worship Celebration	24	25 6:00 PM MAAFA Rehearsals 7:00 PM CONNECT 7:00 PM Music Ministry Rehearsal	26 12:00 PM Daytime Bible Study 1:00 PM Outlets 7:00 PM Bible Study	27 7:00 PM Music Ministry Rehearsal	28	29 8:30 AM Men's Fellowship Ministry / Mtg. 1:00 PM MAAFA Rehearsals

“Building Up the Body of Christ through the Gifts of the Spirit”

Christ chose...so that his people would learn to serve and his body would grow strong. This will continue until we are united by our faith and by our understanding of the Son of God.

Ephesians 4:11 – 13

Spiritual Gifts Fall Sessions:

Session#1 on Saturday, October 13
(9:00-11:00 am)

Session#2 on Saturday, November 17
(9:00-11:00 am)

