

FEB. 2021

SAINT MARK'S MONTHLY NEWS

The month of **FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH** through the Education Ministry of our church. The activities for this month will be presented by Dec. Danny Wynne on Sunday, February 7th. We ask that you continuously pray for our services and activities. Sis. Jayne McCullough, Chairlady and Sis. Gladys Wynne, Advisor.

GRATITUDE – We give all praises to God and we thank our Pastors, Members and Friends who shared with us during our 51st Leadership Revival. We thank God for Pastor Murray Martin, Sis. Deedra Grant and all the participants on the program. May God continue to bless you throughout year. To God Be the Glory! The Leadership Team 2021.

PRAYER LINE - We encourage our members to please call in to our prayer line each day at 6:30 pm. The prayer line number is (515) 604-9712. The access code is 127 857.

SYMPATHY – The St. Mark Family extends our sympathy to the following members in the loss of their loved ones: The Scott and Collins Family in the loss of a cousin; Brother Andrus Russaw in the loss of his brother; and the Buggs, McHenry and Marks Family in the loss of Bro. Earnest Bugg's sister. May God sustain you and your family.

February Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries may submit a picture on TODAY or next Sunday. You may also contact Sis. Deandra McCullough, Sis. Tammille Thomas-Smith or Brother Anthony Madison if you need to have a picture.

COLLEGE STUDENTS

If you are interested in sending our student members a financial donation here are their cash apps:

- Patrick Brown, Jr.-cash app - \$Prbrownjr
- Colbi Clark - \$colbiclark12
- Trina Fisher - \$Trinaloveprivate
- Edshina Gentry - \$EDGENou17
- Joylynn Harris - \$JoylynnHarris
- Myrical Marks - \$QueenMarks18
- Cameron Scott - \$htxcam23
- Annetta (McGaffie) Washington - \$Nettao6o6

SCRIPTURES FOR THE WEEK

Isaiah 26:3-4 -"You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord himself, is the Rock eternal."

Psalms 55:22 - "Cast your burden on the Lord, and he shall sustain you: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved."

Psalms 46:1 -"God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in times of trouble."

Isaiah 41:10 -"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Matthew 6:34 -"Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient is the day is its own trouble."

Matthew 11:28-30 -"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

John 14:27 -"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

The Debt We Couldn't Pay

"Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you" (**Ephesians 4:32 NLT**).

One day Simon Peter went to Jesus and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" (**Matthew 18:21 NKJV**).

Maybe Peter wanted to impress the Lord with his willingness to forgive. He probably thought Jesus would say, "Seven times! Let's give Peter a round of applause. That is incredible! I can't believe you with your forgiving attitude!"

But Jesus essentially said, "Seven times? I was thinking of 70 times seven." Was Jesus saying that we could forgive someone up to 490 times, and then on the 491st offense, we could nail them to the wall? No. Jesus was advocating unlimited forgiveness. He was saying, "You forgive them over and over again."

Jesus then went on to tell a story about a king who decided to collect what his servants owed him. But one of the servants who owed him a significant amount couldn't pay the debt. So the king ordered that the servant, his wife, his children, and everything he had must be sold to pay the debt. But the desperate servant threw himself down before the king and begged for mercy. The king, feeling sorry for this man, decided to immediately erase the entire debt.

Then Jesus continued with the story: "But when the man left the king, he went to a fellow servant who owed him a few thousand dollars. He grabbed him by the throat and demanded instant payment. . . . He had the man arrested and put in prison until the debt could be paid in full" (**Matthew 18:28, 30 NLT**).

When the king heard about what happened, he threw the unforgiving servant into prison until he paid the king everything he owed. God has forgiven us of the most enormous debt imaginable: all of our sins. Therefore, if God has done that for us; then surely, we can extend that same forgiveness to others.

It's only reasonable that we who are forgiven should also forgive.

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Count all your blessings for another birthday"!!!

FEBRUARY:

- 1st** Sis. Monai Aycock (18 years of service)
- 4th** Sis. Dora Gobert – 84 years young (8years of service)
Sis. Carolyn Wiley (46 years of service)
Sis. Karen McGaskey
- 5th** Sis. Angela Toussaint (31 years of service)
Bro. Colbi Clark (12years of service)
- 7th** Sis. Shelia Kuykendall (33 years of service)
- 8th** Sis. Jackie Darden (48 years of service);
- 9th** Bro. Frenard Jackson – 65 years young (new convert)
- 10th** Sis. Peggy Holmes (49 years of service)
- 13th** Sis. Pamela Moore (13 years of service)
Landon Williams
- 15th** Kairey Marks (11 years of service)
- 18th** Lauren Lavern Jackson
- 19th** Sister Kendra Griffith (38 years of service)

21st Avery Scott

25th Rev. Eric Wright (10 years of service)

26th Rev. Joe Anderson (95 years young) (53 years of service)

27th Sis. Gladys Wynne – 86 years young (66 years of service)

Sis. Wilhelmina Clay – 82 years young (64 years of service)

MARCH

1st Bro. Kevin Lewis (41 years of service)

Bro. Ichi

3rd Montrei Newman (7 years of service)

WHAT A Blessing to ALL the above and MAY GOD

THIS IS HOW FEBRUARY BECAME BLACK HISTORY MONTH



CARTER GODWIN WOODSON (1875 - 1950)
American Historian and Educator

He set the foundation for what would become today's national Black History Month, observed each February.

In the early 20th century, while he earned a Masters degree from the University of Chicago and a Ph.D. from Harvard, both in history, Woodson witnessed how black people were underrepresented in the books and conversations that shaped the study of American history. According to the way many historians taught the nation's past, African Americans were barely part of the story—a narrative that Woodson knew was not true. So in 1915, he and Jesse E. Moorland founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (now the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, or the ASALH). The organization would promote studying black history as a discipline and celebrate the accomplishments of African Americans.

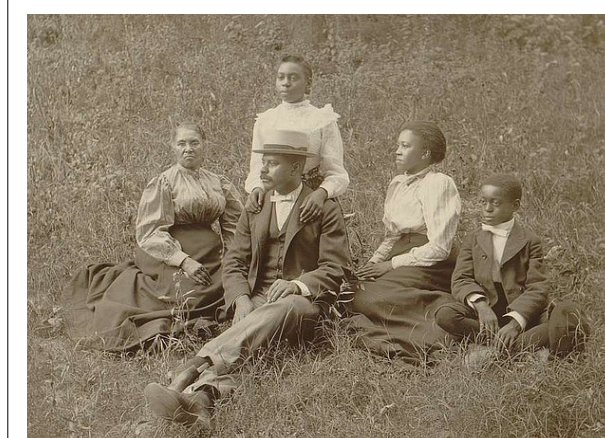
If a race has no history, it has no worthwhile tradition, it becomes a negligible factor in the thought of the world, and it stands in danger of being exterminated," Woodson said of the need for such study.

In 1926, Woodson and the ASALH launched a "Negro History Week" to bring attention to his mission and help school systems coordinate their focus on the topic. Woodson chose the second week in February, as it encompassed both Frederick Douglass' birthday on February 14 and Abraham Lincoln's birthday on February 12.

The celebrations and studies spread quickly, as the ASALH tells it, driving demand for teaching materials and spurring the formation of black history clubs. But, though a newfound understanding of black culture and literature was spreading amongst the middle class, the idea of expanding the week to a month did not come until several decades later. During the Civil Rights Movement, Freedom Schools in the South embraced the week and its curriculum message as a way to contribute to the mission. By the mid-1960s, the most popular textbook for eighth-grade U.S. history classes mentioned only two black people in the entire century of history that had transpired since the Civil War—and that problem could no longer be ignored. It was in that decade that colleges and universities across the country transformed the week into a Black History Month on campus.

A number of mayors had already adopted the celebration as a municipal event by the time President Gerald Ford decreed Black History Month a national observance in 1976, on both the fiftieth anniversary of the first iteration and America's bicentennial year. "In celebrating Black History Month,"

Ford said in his message, "we can seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history."



Presidents have issued national decrees with each year's theme since the 1970s. African American History Month's 2021 theme is "The Black Family: Representation, Identity and Diversity" focusing on the historical impact and study of African American kinship.