



PASTOR ROBERT E. JONES

I received the following e-mail yesterday, March 2nd.

Hello Prayer Warriors, Colleagues, Family Members and Faithful Friends.

Yesterday morning right around 9 a.m. my father took his last earthly breath in the loving hands of my mother at Hospice of Dayton. The evening before, he was surrounded by my mother, myself and my wife Cari along with a number of his family who had driven up from North Carolina that day to say their goodbyes. There were tears, singing of hymns and of course many prayers. Before we all left for the evening we gathered in a circle holding hands with my father and offered gratitude for his life and all that he did. At the last amen there was a marked shift in his breathing, an indication that his body, heart, mind and soul were all moving into alignment towards the final moment of transition.



The next morning at 8:55 a.m. cradling his head, my mother kissed his forehead and sat back to see his final exhale. The remainder of the morning was spent preparing my father to be transferred to the funeral home.

This Friday, March 6th at College Hill Community Church

10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Viewing of the Body

12 p.m. Funeral Service

Repass Reception immediately following.

There will be no graveside burial in Dayton as my father requested to be cremated with some of his ashes being returned to the earth of his birth in North Carolina, later this year.

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JOIN US EACH SUNDAY
WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:30 AM (Bi-Lingual Worship)
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS 9:45 AM

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

Emerson Bleicher	March 3	Tamara Daniels	March 26
Ronald Leath Sr.	March 3	Desiree McGriff	March 26
Lakesia Humphrey	March 6	Keziaha McGriff	March 27
Marvin Griffin	March 11	Cayeline Richardson	March 27
Ruth Francine Bragg	March 13	Zakiya Harris	March 30
Isaac Allen Hulbert	March 15	Nelson Stone Sr.	March 30
Brea Boyd	March 16	Fay Day	March 30
Kilian Boyd	March 16		
Jose Vidal	March 19		
Nelson Stone III	March 20		
Emerson Morales	March 23		
Alexis March	March 23		
Juanita Hampton	March 24		
Nancy Garner-Bruce	March 26		

happy
birthday !!



THINGS TO CONSIDER

"If you can't fly, then run, If you can't run, then walk, If you can't walk, then crawl, but whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward." - **Martin Luther King Jr.**

"The best and most beautiful things in this world cannot be seen or even heard, but must be felt with the heart." - **Helen Keller**

"You are the only Bible some unbelievers will ever read."
John MacArthur

"If you judge people, you have no time to love them."

Mother Theresa

"You will never forgive anyone more than God has already forgiven you."

Max Lucado

"Becoming a Christian is the work of a moment; being a Christian is the work of lifetime."

Billy Graham

"God loves each of us as if there were only one of us"

Augustine

"The ballot is stronger than the bullet."

Abraham Lincoln

"Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself."

Leo Tolstoy

PRAYER LIST

Terrence Boyd
The Bragg Family
Betty & Jan Brecht
Geneva Brown
Marco Antonio Camacho
Derrick Daniels/Family
Paula Drake & Family
Vicki Eason
Doris Evans
Janet Fahlen
Don Gaskins Family
Isabella Green
Hilario Antonio Gutierrez
Diann Harris & Family
Obie Harris
Family of Otis Henderson
Andrea Hirtle
Chante Johnson
Jose Jones Family
Pastor Robert E Jones Family
Michael Love



Jackie McKenzie
Bob Moore & Fam
Carolyn Moore
Filomena Nicacio
Misael & Olivia
Margaret Oglesby
Charles Peterson
Bernetha Pulliam
Melanie Shoop
Kiffany Stargell &
Parents
Mary Steele
Nelson Stone, Sr.
Dorris Thompson
Gerry Thompson
Jimmy/Sue Thompson
Ronals Todd
José Vidal & Family
Pastor & Rev. Karen
Young

An Elder or Deacon will be available to pray individually with anyone who desires prayer immediately after the worship service at the front of the church in the choir stand. Say a special prayer for our sick and shut-ins & those in need of improvement in their health.



Under the Care
of College Hill
PRAYER
WARRIORS

PASTOR ROBERT E. JONES (continued from page 1)



My mother and I and all our families are so grateful for your words, prayers and calls of encouragement during this time. I am sure we will see many of you this Friday and for those who cannot make it, we know your loving hearts continue to hold us high.

We are asking in lieu of flowers or other comforts to my mother and I, that contributions be made to the Dayton Foundation. My parents started a scholarship fund there for ministerial students wanting to specifically bring ministry into the urban setting where funding for training can often be limited. There is a donation page on the Dayton Foundation website that you can use to make direct and secure donations online. If you wish

to send checks or contact them directly, the name of the fund is the *Pastor Robert E and Karen Jones Urban Ministry Scholarship Fund*.

I am deeply saddened by the loss of my father, and like many of you have felt my heart break, thinking how can I go on, how and where will inspiration come from now? Who will truly model the essence of God's love now? The answer is you, me and everyone that was graced by my father's presence. In all of my institutional education, I still have learned more from observing my father about life and ministry than anywhere else. Remind yourself that no matter where you stand the ground is holy and no matter who you are speaking to (regardless of your opinion of them) they are your brother/sister in life. Treat every interaction with Life as a gift from the Holy Spirit; and the essence of my father and his life's work will continue through you.

The healing of loss never ends it simply continues to grow and transform, however we have a choice in our relationship with that grief. Are we willing to let it be fertile soil to eventually yield the blossoms of love or something else? I pray we all choose everyday just as my father did, today is a day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Please feel free to pass this on to anyone you think may not know. I have done my best to capture as many emails as I can, but there is always someone else in my father's large circle of connection.

If you would like to share a special Robert E. moment in next month's newsletter, please send it to jsbpups@aol.com or mail it to Jan Brecht, 7036 Park Vista Road, Englewood, Ohio 45422.

Lent-A Question of Sacrifice By Shedding Or Adding On

This past Sunday, being the first Sunday after Lent, the combined children's and teen Sunday school classes explored the concepts of giving up something for Lent, or focusing on a behavior which would reflect God's great love for us. Hopefully, it would become a behavior we would keep long after Lent. We decided upon trying to do at least one kind thing each day of Lent.

Our goal was to think of a different idea for each day. We were not able to come up with 40, but we want to share what we have. Perhaps our ideas will inspire you to take kindness wherever you find yourself each of the remaining days of Lent. Some similar ideas are edited or combined due to space.

Mind your parents and teachers with a good attitude.

Befriend someone, especially someone who might be friendless.

Forgive others and yourself.

Pick up trash (gloves, please) and don't litter.

Talk nicely, don't yell even when you are mad.

Refrain from ugly talk like cussing, or bad name-calling.

Respect others' ideas of giving or taking on something. Who are you to judge?

Smile at everyone.

Don't judge others by what they have or don't have.

Remember your manners of saying please, thank you, excuse me.

Surprise your parents do not just your usual chores, but also something unexpected.

Do something kind for a person on the street. Give them food, or gloves, water or a prayer.

If someone is annoying you, ask them nicely to stop. Or see if you can just ignore them.

If you want to be treated nicely, try always to treat others nicely.

Take peace with you, act peacefully where you are, and return in the same way.

Think of God and Jesus each morning, asking for their help during the day. Think of them each night with thanks,

Receive God's blessings and bless others as you are blessed every day of Lent and afterwards.

The CHCC Children Class (Teachers Judy McCray and Pat Townsel)

The CHCC Teen Class (Teacher Marcus Johnson)

Submitted by Pat Townsel

Bach Society Performs Sacred Works on Eternal Light and Life March 22

The Bach Society of Dayton probes some of life's deepest questions and God's merciful presence with us in times of transition in its next concert, "Divine," on Sunday, March 22, at 4:00 pm at the Kettering Adventist Church. The Mozart *Requiem* and contemporary composer Morton Lauridsen's ethereal *Lux Aeterna* represent music across the centuries that speaks of faith in eternal light and life. Soloists and orchestra join the chorus in a marvelous afternoon that will uplift your soul. See Larry Hollar soon.



The CRUCIAL 2020 Primary Election-March 17th

Absentee Voting by Mail – Begins Feb 19th- 28 days before election

EARLY IN-PERSON Voting-at Board of Elections Begins Feb 19 and includes the two Saturdays, one Sunday and the Monday before Election Day

Election Day Voting – March 17 – Polls open 6:30am - 7:30pm

Check to be sure you are still registered and where your polling place is:

lookup.ohiosos.gov/voterlookup.aspx



The **2020 College Hill Directory** is available. If you did not receive one, you may get a copy at the church office.

If you wish to have an 8 1/2 x 11 copy with larger print, e-mail Kathy at lakeskathy@gmail.com and I will print a copy for you and bring it to church.

Thank you and we will continue to notify you of changes as they come in!

Peace and love, Kathy Lakes



Move your clock ahead one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night March 7th. Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 8th.

"GRIEF SEMINARS" Offered

Dr. **Alan Wolfelt**, the noted and best-selling author, educator, and renowned grief counselor, will lead two seminars in April focusing on grief. The seminars are being co-sponsored by Presbytery of the Miami Valley

A Community Seminar, April 16, 7:00-9:00 P.M., will be held at Southminster Presbyterian Church, 7001 Far Hills Ave., Centerville. *Understanding Your Grief: One Day at a Time* will be an evening of hope and healing. When someone in your life has died you are faced with the difficult, but important, need to mourn. This compassionate program provides you support in your personal grief experience.

A Professional Seminar, April 17, 9:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M., (includes a 1 hour break with provided lunch) will be held at Beaver Creek Golf Club, 2800 New Germany Trebein Rd., Beaver Creek. *When Grief is "Complicated:" A Model to Understand, Identify and Companion Grievers* is an advanced level workshop which will help members of the caregiving community explore the critically important topic of "complicated" grief. Dr. Wolfelt will present his model for understanding, identifying and companioning grievers lost in the wilderness of grief.

POOR PEOPLES' MARCH: A National Call for Moral Revival

In 1968, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and many others called for a "revolution of values" in America. They sought to build a broad, fusion movement that could unite poor and impacted communities. Today, the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival has picked up this unfinished work. From Alaska to Arkansas, the Bronx to the border, people are coming together to confront the interlocking evils of systemic racism, poverty, ecological devastation, militarism and the war economy, and the distorted moral narrative of religious nationalism. We understand that as a nation we are at a critical juncture — that we need a movement that will shift the moral narrative, impact policies and elections at every level of government, and build lasting power for the poor and impacted.

OHIO Rally - April 23

Dayton is honored to be chosen as the site for the OHIO Rally

Poor Peoples' March on WASHINGTON, DC

June 20, 2020 Bus transportation for \$100.00 RT



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DATES TO REMEMBER

March 8 Daylight Savings Time Begins
March 14 Deacon's Meetint
March 17 Primary Election Day - **VOTE**
March 22 Bach Society Concert



SESSION



REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SESSION
must be received by March 11 to be included in the Session agenda that is prepared and sent to all Session Elders. The next Session meeting will be held at 6:00 pm March 17.

THE MISSION STATEMENT FOR COLLEGE HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH

We are a family of Christians who intentionally include all God's children as we live in faithful obedience to God's command to love one another and seek justice, using Jesus as our example. We strive to serve God's people and connect to each other personally, spiritually and socially.