

Church News Network

KINGDOM CITIZENS INITIATING AND EMBRACING TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP

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THOUGHT: Kingdom Citizens know that we must reject unwholesome worldly influences and cultivate transformed minds that lead us to live in accordance with the Word of God.

KEY WORDS / PHRASES: Transformed, Steadfast, Newly Committed

January 7 - A Bold Directive for the New Year (Romans 12:1-2)

January 14- Called to Become a Transformative Leader (Exodus 3:1-10)

January 21 – Praying for Our Leaders (I Timothy 2:1-4)

January 28 – Putting Off Your Old Self (Ephesians 4:22-24)

Hymn - Take My Life and Let It Be #338

Up-coming Events

- Jan 8th State Convention One Day Session
- Jan 13th Administrative Council Meeting @ 9AM
- Jan 15th MLK JR DAY Church Office Closed
- Jan 22nd - 24th PNBC Mid Winter Board Meeting Memphis, TN
- Jan 27th Joint Board Meeting @ 9:00am
- Jan 27th CPR/AED Training @ 8AM
- Jan 27th Craft of Love @ 10AM
- Jan 28th Sisterhood Kickoff Fellowship @ 3:00pm

From the desk of the Pastor.....

I am excited to greet you in this new year of 2024! I am excited because God has brought us through another year; that alone is enough to be excited! I am excited because God used us for His glory in a mighty way in 2023; souls saved, people healed, members restored, and revived!

I am excited about the theme the Holy Spirit has given us for 2024, “Kingdom Citizens Moving from Earthly Confirmation to Spiritual Transformation” and the emphasis for January, “Kingdom Citizens Initiating and Embracing Transformational Leadership”. Romans 12:2 NIV states, Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

As we begin our pilgrimage through 2024, I want us to be excited and intentional about moving from earthly confirmation to spiritual transformation.

This means:

- Our minds must be transformed into the mind of God.
- Our actions must be transformed into the actions of God.
- Our desires must be transformed into the desires of God.

In other words, it is a transition from “I” to God, from “my life” to God’s life, and “my actions” to God’s actions.

I pray that you will be excited enough to be faithful to the work of the ministry for God’s glory.

Yes, I am excited, and to God be the Glory!

Pastor Marion H. Newton



Sumter High School Hall of Fame: Coley White



- **White, Coley: Joined Sumter School District #17 in 1970-1971.**
- **Serve as a consultant and scout for 28 years for Sumter High School.**
- **Participated with 1987 and 1990 State Champion Team.**
- **1991- State Championship runner-up.**
- **1996 - Named to Sumter’s Sports Hall of Fame.**
- **Recognized by Hines Furniture and O.J. Grady’s #51 of 100 member for coaches and players.**
- **Worked at Bates Middle School. This system, served as a student athletic prep for Sumter High School athletics.**
- **Awarded Coach of the year in Football, basketball and track and numerous awards while at Bates Middle School.**
- **2001 – 2015 worked as consultant and Assistant Coach for Bates Middle School.**
- **A member of the Disciplinary Committee for Sumter School Board #17.**
- **The Sumter Daily Item called him “The living legend.”**
- **2015 Last retirement.**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO EACH OF YOU!

January 1st
Jada McCray
Jacqueline Sharper

January 2nd
Sue Collins
Addison McFadden
Patricia Staley

January 3rd
Harry Brunson
Isaac Cocklin
Edna Coleman
Carolyn McClendon
Joseph Potts
Tacanya Washington
Cameron Williams

January 4th
Wendy Dinkins
Miriam Roman

January 5th
Diane Burgess-Butler
John Canty
Santia Davis

January 6th
Linda Avery
Azariyen Hickmon
Rosa Michael
Billy Morrow
Stephanie Price

January 7th
Tiji Murphy-Santiago

January 9th
Barbara Hopkins

January 10th
Marion Andrews
Anton Gadson
Teresa Witherspoon

January 11th
Jeffery Holland
Loretta Winn

January 12th
Nate Brock
Lisa Edmond
Charya Hardy
Delores McFadden

January 13th
Jordyn Sims

January 14th
Melanie Baker
Sean Baker
Michael Brunson
Rannie McDuffie, Jr.

January 15th
Deloris Hodge
Reynard Pringle
Boston Tindal

January 16th
Ethel China
Willie Mae Harry

January 17th
Tommi Bradley
Robert Dwyer, Jr.

January 18th
Ricky Simmons
Timothy Sturdivant

January 19th
Delores Brunson

January 20th
Geneva Hopkins
Brenda Mosley

January 21st
Robins Bates-Hopson
Yolanda Conyers

January 22nd
Roszele Catanch
Shirley Goodman
Patricia Hollman
Kelly Simmons
Eric Walters

January 23rd
Sharon Britton
Marlene Rivers
Ronald Webster, Sr.

January 24th
Terry Bullard
Sincere Gibbs

January 25th
Wyteria Andrews
Latavia Gregg
Chekayla McCray

January 26th
Tammy Bennett
Rosa Lee Henry
Maxine Robinson
DeSario Simmons
Linda Whigan
Anthony Wilson

January 27th
Terri Kenely
Tanja Martin
Rochelle Nathaniel
Chris Strong
Ruth Walker

January 28th
Goliath Trey Brunson
Alicia Pastures
Franklin Staley

January 29th
Josephine Harriott

January 30th
Helen Brown
Jonathan Toney, Sr.

January 31st
Jacqueline Sturdivant



JMBC Health Corner January 2024 Edition

It's amazing how fast we were brought through the year 2023. To all of you, HAPPY NEW YEAR! Thank God for allowing us to witness a New Year. As we enter the New Year of 2024, many of you are in the process of making New Year's Resolutions or Goals. Let's not forget to reflect on 2023. It's important for us to look at our milestones, to be transparent and true to ourselves to see areas in our lives we need to improve, and let's not forget to celebrate the accomplishments. We need to review the past before we can successfully move forward.

I challenge each of you this year, as one of your goals, to add self-care. Often times we are so busy caring for others, we forget about self. Self-care is not a selfish act. It's an act of taking better care of oneself to be your Best Self. Here are a few self-care ideas:

- Daily walk with God by studying His Word. One on One time with God heals the mind, body and soul
- Massage therapy monthly to relieve muscle tension
- Yearly medical physical exam
- Yearly or baseline eye exam, even if you don't wear glasses. (ex. Check for glaucoma, can detect any neurological condition that affects nerve cells, including Parkinson's disease and multiple sclerosis)
- If you are 60 years old or older ask your doctor about the Shingles vaccine, RSV vaccine
- Do some form of exercise at least 3 times a week (ex. walking, exercise while sitting in chair or wheelchair by moving arms and leg, running, going to the gym)
- Keep or begin journaling (putting your thoughts and feelings on paper helps clear the mind). This is good for all ages

Here's wishing you a Happy and Healthy New Year!

A NEW YEAR, A NEW START CAROL VAN ATTA

Amazingly, it's *that* time. A new year is approaching right on schedule — again. This is the time of year so many of us start making resolutions to change a certain area, or multiple areas in our lives. Maybe we have some extra pounds to shed. We might be committed to changing a specific, harmful behavior. New Year's resolutions range from simple desires to seemingly full-proof-plans for extensive life change. What we all have in common is the hope that something will change, and life will be different (and better) in the year ahead.

Every year, people ring in the New Year with goals to live differently on some level. This may be the second, third, fourth, or 15th year someone has tried to “kick the habit.” After so many misguided attempts, why would they even want to try again?

That's a good question. First consider a few additional questions...

- What if every spring, the flowers just gave up on blooming?
- What if the local birds that have migrated to some faraway place just decided to stay put on that tropical island?
- What if the sun chose to hide behind the clouds all summer long?
- Worse yet: what if Christ had not come to earth as a baby or hadn't risen from the dead?

I don't know about you, but I love fragrant flowers, sweet singing birds are pretty nice, and, oh, how I love that summer sun smiling down on me! But the thought of Christ not defeating death is downright terrifying. Without his resurrection power, we really would have no hope for permanent life change — ever. However, He was born. He died. And he most definitely did rise again. That means this year, this month, today, or even this moment, is filled with hope for a better future — in him. We don't have to white-knuckle it anymore. Whatever your “it” might be, you too can turn from your sin, and release it into the capable hands of the ultimate Life-Changer. When we desire change, we have the perfect example to follow: *Jesus Christ*. When we are ready to implement change, we have the perfect guide book: *His Word*. Finally, we have the perfect companion to strengthen our resolve: *his Spirit*.

As we pursue change God's way, hope for a better future is no longer a dream; it becomes our reality. We truly can experience freedom in our lives today, tomorrow, and forever. We can pursue our own new beginning right now. FREEDOM is an acronym that will assist you as you start your new journey.

- Follow him forward
- Repent readily
- Earnestly Pray
- Enjoy the journey
- Devour His Word
- Open your heart and mind to his truth
- Make new friends and move mountains

Sumter Baptist M&E Association

The association Brotherhood Ministry is sponsoring a workshop on Saturday, January 13, 2024 at 9:00am at Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, 14 Brand St. All the men of Jehovah are invited to attend. Pastor Nate Brock will be one of the presenters. Lunch will be served. Please come and bring a friend.

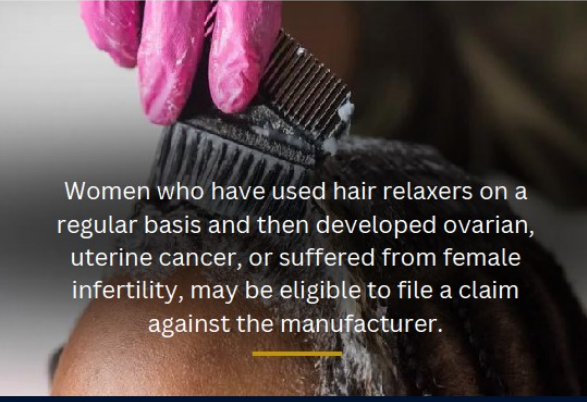
JMBC Sisterhood 2024 Kickoff

Soul Sister Heart & Soul
Sunday, January 28, 2024
3:00pm
MH Newton Family Life Center

Sisters of all ages!
Attire: Comfortable fitness attire/sneakers

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