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A Message From Pastor

Welcome to the inaugural edition of the Lilydale Connection. This newsletter serves as another vehicle to keep our members and friends connected to our church.

It is my prayer that as you read about the happenings within our congregation, a sense of community will be strengthened among us.

In a post-pandemic time, we all need to strengthen the ties that bind us together. May this newsletter do just that.

Thank you, Sister Ruby Cooper, for serving the church in this effort. May we all be blessed, and God glorified.

Reverend Alvin Love, Pastor

*Praying
for You*

We are praying for our sick, shut in and bereaved families.

From the lips of Jesus:

“My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.”

2 Corinthians 12:9a.

Lean on and continue to put your trust in him.

Jesus will see you through your circumstance.

God Bless You!

**EVANGELISM
AND
DISCIPLESHIP**



**CAROLYNE L. BROWNE
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD, 2022**



On Sunday, January 1, 2023, the Carolyn L. Browne Scholarship Award for Year 2022 was presented to Miss MiShaye Hearn during the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service held at the Legacy Campus in Park Forest, IL, by Sis. Leilani Howell.

**A Snippet of Miss Shaye's 500-Word Essay:
"My Active Life at Alma College."**

As an active African American student at Alma College, I have many plans before I graduate from u n d e r g r a d . I will be continuing my education in b u s i n e s s as I have a new level of interest in learning more of the ropes when it comes to calculating, budgeting, and creating financial statements and promotions after this Fall 2022 semester. This semester really helped me see my potential strongest points in the business world which would be marketing and finance. This next semester should continue to open my eyes to my options. I will be working hard to maintain my second language, Mandarin Chinese, and potentially gaining a third language as an opportunity of learning Korean as this upcoming summer has risen. My main goal is to continue to gain as much knowledge and increase my tool bag.

As a member of the Black Student Union, we have plans to make more changes socially and, in the classroom, to make the campus more inclusive and educated. As the treasurer of the Black Student Union, I oversee budgeting our funds, planning events, and attending student congress meetings. I am also on the budget committee for the student body as a whole and will continue to help other organizations with their funding from the school.

As a member of the Alma Choir, we are given the fun and educational opportunity to travel and sing for numerous events this upcoming Winter and Spring semesters. Not only are we touring the Midwest, but as Covid is easing, we are aiming to travel abroad to Scotland!

This will be a new horizon as I will get to know music history as well as singing outside of the school's demographic as a representative of my school. I think it is also important to mention that I am the only African American student in the Alma choir and choir in general. Not only will I represent my school as I wear the traditional tartan around my neck, but I will also be a representative of my people. I always keep in mind that I am not only representing my home, but also my race on campus.

I am a member of the Alma College Dance Company. I have had an interest in dance since high school, started dance classes at Alma as a freshman and it has now become a hobby plus exercise routine. I recently participated in the Faculty Choreographed Dance Concert and plan to participate in the Spring concert next semester.

As I have grown, I am now in the process of becoming more well-rounded and want to cease opportunities as they come my way or as I seek after them to continue bettering myself for myself and others.

**CONGRATULATIONS
MiSHAYE!**



SUNDAY SCHOOL

*“Rooted And Grounded In God’s Word: B2BN2023
(Back to Basics in 2023)*

HERE, THERE, EVERYWHERE

There is a class for every individual to attend Sunday School. From Early Childhood to Senior Adulthood. **In-Person and Virtually.**

The 2023 session of the **WOMEN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** began Sunday, February 5th at 9:30 a.m., at the Heritage Campus.

THIS CLASS IS “IN-PERSON” ONLY!

STUDY: Because Faith Matters, Lifestyles of Twelve Women of the Bible.

TEXTBOOK: The Bible.

RESOURCE: “Every Woman in the Bible.”

AUTHORS: Sue and Larry Richards.

Sis. Vikki McKenzie, Sunday School Superintendent.



BUS MINISTRY

The Lilydale First Baptist Church has a 35-Passenger Church Bus operated and maintained by Deacon Milton Heatly: a very careful and caring licensed operator. If you are interested in riding the Church bus to the Legacy Campus for the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service, please contact the Church office at: (773) 785-8623 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. by Thursday of the upcoming Sunday.

For cost efficiency, a minimum of 10 passengers are needed to sign up for bus transportation to the Legacy Campus. If there are less than 10 passengers, the Deacons will still make arrangements to get you to and from the church.

Much Love and Many Blessings to Deacon Heatly for his dedicated service to the Church.

CONGRESS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION VIRTUAL WORKSHOP

Members from the Sunday School Department and the Christian Education Committee attended the Greater New Era Congress of Christian Education Workshop on Saturday, February 11, 2023. The two presenters were Dean Carolyn Davis from the Olivet MBC on “Maintaining Baptist Doctrine in the Curriculum,” and our very own Pastor, Rev. Dr. Alvin Love on “In-Person Participation.”

Both presentations were excellent and filled with choice nuggets. Members in attendance were: Sunday School Superintendent, Sis. Vikki McKenzie, Teacher, Rev. Mary Momon, Teacher, Sis. Michelle Gant, Teacher, Sis. Jackie Powell, Christian Education Director, Dean Carrie Wyatt, Dean Adrienne Sims, and Dean Ruby Cooper.

Rev. Dr. Robert C. Jones, Congress President
Sis. Ollie Holmes Mayfield, Dean
Rev. Dr. Jarvis J. Hanson, Moderator

THE MISSION CHAT & CHEW

On Saturday, February 18, 2023, thirty (30) Mission members from the adult circles gathered together for a Chat and Chew Fellowship. It was a great fellowship filled with love and much laughter. Many members had not seen each other since the pre - Covid days, two and one-half years ago. It was said to me "this reminds me of our old days!" I agreed. The last Chat & Chew was held in 2015 under the presidency of Sis. Ruby Cooper.

The **CHAT** included but not limited to:

- 1) Introduction Period
- 2) Game Playing:
 - *The Pinning of Safety Pins.* Winner Sis. Toylee Harris;
 - *Bible Trivia.* Winner Sis. Ruby Cooper;
 - *Never Have I Ever.* Winner Sis. Loretta Lones,
- 3) Presentations.

Sis. Geraldine Turner brought biblical highlights on "Caring For One Another," "Marriage," and on an African American Inventor, Ms. Marian Rogers Croak. Ms. Croak is Vice President of Engineering at Google, and the inventor of VOIP (voice over Internet protocol) technologies. That is converting voice data into digital signals to facilitate an easier transmission over the Internet rather than using traditional phone lines. Many Mission members were amazed to hear about Ms. Marian Rogers Croak.

There was one adult visitor, Ms. Barbara Searles, a close friend of Sis. Turner and the godmother of Attorney LeDeidre Turner. Pastor Love gave closing remarks and prayer.

The **CHEW** included a breakfast buffet of boiled eggs, deviled eggs, sausage, fruit, pastries, home-made pound cake, juice, coffee and water.

Two of the three past living presidents, Sis. Fannie Early and Sis. Ruby Cooper were in attendance supporting our current General Mission President, Sis. Pamela L. Jenkins.

YOUTH BOWLING EVENT



The Lilydale Foundation, Judge Drella and Deacon Thomas Savage hosted a 3-hour "Bowling Event" on January 7, 2023, for Lilydale First Baptist Church (LFBC) youth who were home for the holidays. More than 40 students got together to bowl, talk, relax, drink soda, and eat pizza, nachos, and wings from 5:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. at the Centennial Lanes Bowling house in Tinley Park.

Pastor and Mrs. Love, Director Keisha Brown, several adult leaders, and parents said, "We really enjoyed the cakes" that were shared by BYF President MiShaye Hearn, who turned 21 years old and Miss Camille Garner who celebrated "Sweet 16." It was a fun time, and much love was shared.

Sis. Brown is holding a short Baptist Youth Fellowship (BYF) meeting in February to plan 2023 events. LFBC youth meet regularly to fellowship and study God's Word. They also commit to community service and assist seniors with chores and shopping. All youth in the community can attend BYF meetings.

Judge Drella C. Savage



VOTE YOUR CHOICE !
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2023



SELFIE SUNDAY SNAPSHOTS IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY

Pastor Love asked us to personally invite others through Social Platforms to join us in worship.





CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH



The UTMSF presented its 8th Annual Black Heritage Program on Sunday, February 19, 2023. It can be viewed on the Lilydale First Baptist Church YouTube Channel, the UTMSF YouTube Channel, and Facebook.

The Christian Education Ministry held one of its two virtual roundtable discussions on Wednesday Night, February 22, 2023, at 7 p.m.
Topic — Project 1619: The year that enslaved Africans were carried by ship into the British colony of Virginia, one year prior to the Mayflower. The discussion was facilitated by Pastor Love to a group of 40 multi-generational adults. Guest panelist was Mr. Ted Williams, producer of the 1619: “The Journey of a People Musical.” Stimulating exchanges on slavery were shared. The driving point was and is without Our Black History there will be no American History.
Next Wednesday Night, March 1, 2023, at 7 p.m. discussion
Topic — African American AP Class: Truth Telling in African American History. Christian Ed invites you to join them. Dean Carrie M. Wyatt, Director.



CONGRATULATIONS TO MISS MORGAN JACKSON
who was featured in the Black Heritage Performing Arts Community Concert on Saturday, February 11, 2023.

Morgan, 12 years of age, played Emmanuel by Norman Hutchins on the bass guitar accompanied by her father, Trustee Anthony Jackson, along with the brother of Sister Nell Glenn, Mr. Marvin Glenn. The concert included the Muntu Dance Theatre, Wooten Coral Ensemble and the Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra. The Mistress of Ceremony during the first half of the concert that Morgan featured in was Channel 7 News Weekend Morning Anchor, Ms. Samantha Chatman. At Morgan’s same age, her father was a guest soloist for two days with the Youth Symphony Orchestra. The entire concert can be watched on the Black Heritage Performing Arts Community Concert YouTube.
Sis. Eleanor Jackson



AWESOME JOB MORGAN!
YOUR CHURCH FAMILY IS VERY PROUD OF YOU.



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TO YOUR HEALTH: By The Nurse's Aide Ministry
FEBRUARY IS NATIONAL HEART HEALTH MONTH

With the many health challenges that we face, the Nurse's Aide Ministry shares valuable information on: Hypertension, High Cholesterol and Hyperglycemia, all which have major effects on your heart health.

▪ **Hypertension** is a condition in which the force of the blood against the artery walls is too high. Hypertension and High Blood pressure run hand and hand. Hypertension is usually defined as blood pressure above 140/90, and is considered severe if the pressure is above 180/120. It is a good practice to keep track of your blood pressure if you feel you are experiencing symptoms of hypertension. However, medical tests and a diagnosis from a doctor is required to classify your hypertension and/or high blood pressure. High blood pressure often has no symptoms. Over time, if untreated, it can cause health conditions, such as: heart disease, strokes or kidney disease. **Moderate or severe headaches, anxiety, shortness of breath, nosebleeds, palpitations, or feeling of pulsations in the neck** are some signs of high blood pressure. Often, these are late signs that high blood pressure has existed for some time, therefore annual checks with your doctor are recommended for all adults.

▪ **High Cholesterol** can limit blood flow, increasing risk of heart attack or stroke. It is detected by a blood test. High cholesterol can be inherited, but it is often the result of unhealthy lifestyle choices, which make it preventable and treatable. A healthy diet, regular exercise and sometimes medication can help reduce high cholesterol. High cholesterol has no symptoms. A blood test is the only way to detect if you have it. According to the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI), a person's first cholesterol screening should occur between the ages of 9 and 11, and then be repeated every five years after that. The NHLBI recommends that cholesterol screening occur every one to two years for men ages 45 to 65 and for women ages 55 to 65. People over 65 should receive cholesterol tests annually. If your test results are not within desirable ranges, your doctor might recommend more-frequent measurements. Your doctor might also suggest more-frequent tests if you have a family history of high cholesterol, heart disease or other risk factors, such as diabetes or high blood pressure.

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▪ **Hyperglycemia** commonly known as High Blood Sugar can have causes that are not due to underlying disease. Examples include recent consumption of a high carbohydrate meal or medication side effects. Hyperglycemia, affects people who have diabetes. Several factors can play a role in hyperglycemia in people with diabetes. They include food and physical activity, illness, and medications not related to diabetes. Skipping doses or not taking enough insulin or other medication to lower blood sugar also can lead to hyperglycemia. It is important to treat hyperglycemia. If it is not treated, hyperglycemia can become severe and cause serious health problems that require emergency care, including a diabetic coma. Hyperglycemia that lasts, even if it is not severe, can lead to health problems that affect the eyes, kidneys, nerves and heart. Recognizing early symptoms of hyperglycemia can help identify and treat it right away. **Watch for: frequent urination, increased thirst, blurred vision and feeling weak or unusually tired.**

Please remember, if you are experiencing any of these symptoms listed in this article, please visit your Healthcare professional.

As Christians, 1 Corinthians 3:16 tells us our bodies are temples of God, so let us care for our bodies both physically, and spiritually.

Be Blessed!



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Sunday School In-Person & on Zoom each
 Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
 Sister Vikki McKenzie, Superintendent



WORSHIP
YouTube:
Lilydale First Baptist

Prayer Meeting Every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m

Intercessory Prayer Line

Monday—Friday 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.

Prayer Line: 1-605-313-5109
Access Code # 535544



Text Us
a Prayer
Request
833-833-9895

UP-COMING EVENTS

March 19th—Nurse's Aide Anniversary
 3:30 PM. Dr. Joel D. Taylor, Guest Preacher

March 25th—GNE Mission Festival, 1:00 p.m.
 B.T. Little Community Center, Chicago, IL

March 30th—Baptist General State Woman's
 Retreat Springfield, IL

April 9th—Easter Sunday Services & Programs
 More information forthcoming

April 23rd—Mission 110th Anniversary
 More information forthcoming

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We pray that this publication will strengthen
 our CONNECTION with one another as we
 labor together in God's vineyard.

Love & Blessings,

Sister Ruby M. Cooper
 Director of Publication