

"The Church With The Warm Heart"

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"A Praying Father is a Powerful Father!"

A Happy Father's Day to all of the men in the house today! As men we have an awesome responsibility to rear our children, protect our families, transform our communities, and ultimately become the men of God we were destined to become. Our Heavenly Father has granted us the privilege and honor to be in a position to nurture, guide, and lead a future generation in the lifestyle of Jesus. As men we have an obligation to pray for our families, communities, churches, and world and then work to implement our prayers. A praying man is a man that believes in the power of God to make a change in any situation. A praying man is a man that believes that with his own strength coupled with God's power, there is nothing beyond his reach. The possibilities are endless. I am reminded in the bible that when Solomon finished praying God sent fire down:
¹ "When Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the temple." (1 Chronicles 7:1) Fire is an emblem of passion and I do believe that when men pray passion falls from heaven and consumes whatever and whoever is in its path. That passion then eventuates into power.

When men pray things begin to happen. Fiery passion falls from heaven that infects other individuals. When men pray their children get delivered from whatever has them living beneath their potential and possibility. In Mark 9:1-29, while Jesus is on the mountain experiencing transfiguration, a father brings his son to the disciples hoping and praying that his son can be delivered from his condition that seeks to destroy him. There are forces both internal and external that want to destroy the self-esteem, the quest for greatness, the mental capacity, the intellectual pursuits, and the dreams of our boys. The boy in our text suffered from an internal disorder that had him acting unlike himself and who God created him to be.

The praying father took the first step and brought him to Jesus. Jesus shows up in the nick of time to tell the father that if he has the faith, then He has the power to heal his son. Jesus casts out the deaf and dumb spirit out of the boy and presents him to his father as a healthy, whole, strong, educated, dream-filled, hope-inspired, purpose-driven young man. The lesson is that for things beyond our control, we have to involve Jesus in the lives of our sons and involve our sons in the life of Jesus. If we have the faith, Jesus has the power.

Later while in the house, the disciples, some of them fathers themselves, asked Jesus why they were so ineffective. Jesus said they needed faith (v.19), prayer and fasting (v.29). Men, this is a trifecta! This is a winning combination! If we want our sons to overcome internal and external forces that seek to destroy them, then we need faith, prayer, and fasting. We also need to expose our boys to Jesus. Prayer is powerful enough to bring fiery change and transformation to all of us. We need the power of prayer and fasting if we are going to become powerful men who do powerful things. Happy Father's Day!

FATHER'S DAY

Please check the church website, now our 'virtual church,' and your email regularly for ongoing updates.
www.wesleyumcchicago.org

SPIRITUAL THEME FOR JUNE: "Rebuilding the Community"

ORDER OF WORSHIP

COLOR: GREEN

Scripture for the month:

"¹⁷ Then I said to them, "You see the trouble we are in: Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been burned with fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, and we will no longer be in disgrace."¹⁸ I also told them about the gracious hand of my God on me and what the king had said to me. They replied, "Let us start rebuilding." So they began this good work. (Nehemiah 2:17-18)

Call to Worship

Invocation

Scripture

Matthew 2:13-23

see video, or page 4

Psalm of Praise

Psalm 17:1-7, 15

see video, or page 5

Announcements

Offering

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

"A Father Who Never Stops Dreaming"

Rev. Charles A. Woolery, Sr.

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Affirmation of Faith

Benediction

*66th Church Anniversary
Pledge Drive*



Thank you, to all who have given and continue to give sacrificially, during this challenging time.

Morning Scripture

Matthew 2:13-23 (NKJV)

¹³ And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.

¹⁴ ***When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt:***

¹⁵ And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.

¹⁶ ***Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently inquired of the wise men.***

¹⁷ Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying,

¹⁸ ***In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.***

¹⁹ But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt,

²⁰ ***Saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child's life.***

²¹ And he arose, and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel.

²² ***But when he heard that Archelaus did reign in Judaea in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither: notwithstanding, being warned of God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of Galilee:***

²³ ***And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene.***

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE	
Morning Worship (6/7/20)	81 (views)
Sunday Morning Worship Call	29 (callers)
Sunday School	17 (callers)
Prayer Group	7 (callers)
Bible Study Calls (AM=16 PM=7)	23 (callers)
TOTAL	157

Psalm of Praise

Psalm 17:1-7, 15

(R) Keep me, keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me, hide me in the shadow of your wings.

¹ Hear a just cause, O LORD; attend to my cry!

Give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit!

² From you let my vindication come!

Let your eyes see the right!

³ If you try my heart, if you visit me by night,

if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me;

my mouth does not transgress.

⁴ Concerning what others do:

I have avoided the ways of the violent by following your word.

⁵ ***My steps have held fast to your paths,***

my feet have not slipped.

(R) Keep me, keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me, hide me in the shadow of your wings.

⁶ I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;

incline your ear to me, hear my words.

⁷ Wondrously show your steadfast love,

O savior of those who seek refuge

from their adversaries at your right hand.

¹⁵ ***As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness;***

when I awake I shall be satisfied with beholding your presence.

(R) Keep me, keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me, hide me in the shadow of your wings.

PASTORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please check your email weekly for a full list of announcements, scripture readings and updates.

- **Multiple ways to worship!** Our worship services are now available online! Go to: www.wesleyumcchicago.org and click/tap **SUNDAY SERMON**. The videos are also available on other platforms, such as our church app (see SERMONS), our YouTube channel (Wesley UMC Chicago), and will be posted on our **Facebook** page each Sunday afternoon (@WesleyUMCChicago). For those who prefer a more personal experience, join the **Weekly Worship Conference Call** at 10:30 am each Sunday! Call-in info: 1-425-436-6348: code 672500#
- **Do you have the GivePlus+ app? Electronic giving just got easier!!** Vanco's **GivePlus+** app makes it as easy as 1-2-3! Just download the **GivePlus+** app, (click for [Apple](#), or [Google](#)) complete your login and profile using your email address and password, provide your bank information and that's it! You can setup a recurring payment or enter the amount each time.
- **NEW FEATURE! GivePlus+ also allows you to make contributions with a quick text message!** Simply **send a text to our DEDICATED text number, 1-833-595-0705**, with the amount you would like to contribute. Make sure to include the dollar sign before the amount. Example: \$25. Within a few minutes, you'll be sent a text with a link to register. Click on the link and enter your cardholder name and credit or debit card information. Once your registration is complete, you will receive a text verification and a receipt via email. For future giving, simply send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically!
- **Sunday School's Returned!** 9 am, Sunday mornings. Join us! Call **1-605-475-4000**; code **260259#**
- Our weekly support call has ended, unfortunately. However, should anyone feel challenged during this time or feel you need assistance, help is available. Click [here](#) or call **(312) 563-0445** for assistance through NAMI.ORG.
- **66th Church Anniversary Pledge Drive** Wesley has kicked off our **66th Church Anniversary Pledge Drive!** We are asking each member of the church to prayerfully sign a pledge, committing to one of two sacrificial giving program tiers for the first 6 months of the year: **Contractor @ \$750; Bricklayer @ \$500**, either of which may be submitted in installments or a single payment. Our faith-raising goal is **\$60,000**.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Lethell Magee	June 2 nd	Steve Smith	June 22 nd
Barbara Sanders	June 6 th	Hildegarde Burress	June 23 rd
Cheryl Cecil	June 7 th	Tondalaya Lloyd	June 25 th
Dwayne Cecil	June 8 th	Gloria Washington	June 29 th
Joshua Helm	June 10 th	Angela Curtis	June 30 th
Rivetta Goodrich	June 18 th	Sydni-Anne Pearson	June 30 th

PRAYER LIST

Below is this week's prayer list. Please keep these persons in your prayers!

(* = Church member, followed by Class Number)

<u>SHUT-IN</u>	
*Minnie Thompson (20)	*Bessie Alford-Moore (18)
*Lucille Sanders (16)	*Doris Anderson (1)
*Clarence Sanders (16)	*Spencer Plaxico (17)
*Barbara Shepherd (18)	*Jessie Stokes (19)
*Eric Geraldts (3)	*Helen Tuck (7)
*Fred Williams (20)	*Lucious Smith (12)
<u>GENERAL</u>	
*Callie Dulaney & Family (12)	Leslie Carey Kirk
*LaRue Grizzard (4)	Byron Agnew, Jr.
*Y. Shorter-Darden & Family (4)	Sam Agnew
*Gloria Banks (20)	Nannie Agnew
*Doris Echols (16)	Juanita Weatherspoon
*Mary Alice Lovely & Family (19)	Annie Lois Robinson
*Diamond Jones (12)	Jessica Smith Crenshaw
*Trinity Jones (12)	Joyce Chisem-Davis
*Lawrence Moore (13)	Carolyn Ransom
*Wilena Campbell-Watkins (5)	Sylvia Nichols
*Mark Garrett (5)	Milton Kellum
*The Plaxico Family (17)	Rosie Howard
*Denise Richardson (20)	Natesha Smith
*Clarence Rogers, II & Family (4)	James Sanders
*Jessie Gilmore (16)	Joanna Lennhardt
*Maurice & Faye Smith (17)	Martha Muhs
*Theresa Bradshaw (12)	Muriel Bolden
*The Hudson/Bradshaw Families (7 1 12)	Gregory Simms
*The Moss Family (13)	Norbert Sanders
*Rhonda Smith-Leach (4)	Brittany Porter
*Lorraine Forbes and Family (3)	Rhonda Monique Miller
*B.J. Curtis and Family (3)	Ashley Parks
*Betty Jenkins and Family (5)	Kathy Jenkins
*Dorothy Williamson and Family (10)	Rebecca Merkson
*Donna/Deborah Lomax and Family (13)	John Anderson
*Darlene Clark and Family (1)	Jerry Simmons
Vinelle Myrie	Rochelle Johnson
Alexandria Ward	The Ford & Robinson Families
Davion McNeal	Mila Kuntu
Rashaud Thompson	Ron Birton
Mae Gilliams Fizer and Family	Aiden Combs
Robert A. Watkins	Michael Miller
Aaron Thomas, Jr.	Angel Acosta
James Taylor	Anna Young
Carl Frazier	Dorothy Williams
The Baker Family	Lois Tucker
Belinda Starks	David Williams
Katherine Thompson	Owen McPherson
Katherine Evans	James Williams

SUNDAY MORNING HEALTH CORNER

Skin Cancer Prevention 4 Ways To Lower Your Risk

People of all colors, including those with brown and black skin, get skin cancer. Even if you never sunburn, you can get skin cancer.

According to the American Cancer Society, skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United States. More than 3.5 million new cases of skin cancers are diagnosed in more than 2.2 million people annually.

The good news is you can find skin cancer early. Found early, most skin cancers, including melanoma, can be cured.

There's also a lot you can do to reduce your risk of getting skin cancer.

Seek Shade

- Sun's rays are the strongest between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Wear Protective Clothing

- Long-sleeved shirt and pants.
- A wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses.

Generously Apply Sunscreen

- Use a broad-spectrum sunscreen with Sun Protection Factor (SPF) 30 or higher for protection from ultraviolet A (UVA) and ultraviolet B (UVB) radiation.
- Apply 15 minutes before going outdoors and reapply every two hours. • A wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses.

Get Vitamin D Safely

- Through a healthy diet.
- Take vitamin supplements.



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Please **NOTIFY** the church office of ALL meetings or events scheduled in the church buildings.

JUNE 2020

+ Event occurs after worship service
* Event occurs at alternate site

Please check bulletin and emails **regularly** for schedule changes.

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
31 9 am Sunday School Call 1.605.475.4000 Access code: 260259# Remote Worship & 10:30 am Call Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	1	2	3 Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	4 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	5	6
7 9 am Sunday School Call 1.605.475.4000 Access code: 260259# Remote Worship & 10:30 am Call Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	8	9	10 Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	11 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	12	13 UMW Meeting via Tele-Video Conference 10 am
14 9 am Sunday School Call 1.605.475.4000 Access code: 260259# Remote Worship & 10:30 am Call Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	15	16	17 Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	18 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	19	20
21 9 am Sunday School Call 1.605.475.4000 Access code: 260259# Remote Worship & 10:30 am Call Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	22	23	24 Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	25 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500# Wesley ZOOM Gathering 7 pm	26	27 Trustee Meeting (via Zoom) 9 am -----
28 9 am Sunday School Call 1.605.475.4000 Access code: 260259# Remote Worship & 10:30 am Call Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	29	30	1 Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	2 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	3	4 Happy 4th of July!

Social Commentary

America Has a Heart Problem — And It Needs a Transplant

by John Fountain



I'm damn near exhausted, sick and tired of trying to explain what it means to live in this skin as a black man in America. "Does that really happen to you, John?" "Not you, John?" "Just tell the cop to give you the f---ing ticket," I can still hear a white friend saying over dinner at his home a few years ago, explaining how he deals with a traffic stop. "...Man, I can't say that to a cop," I explained to no avail. "Matter of fact, I can't even allow myself to think it — afraid that the words might bubble to the surface. We know the routine," I explained. "If we are driving a nice car, a cop remarks, when pulling you over, 'This is a nice car, buddy... What do you do for a living?'" "I'm a drug dealer!" That's what I have wanted to shout, I explained, though adding that sanity, wisdom, and the desire to live always prevail.

My friend described a world foreign to me — his world — a world filled with a sense of empowerment he feels as a citizen in responding fearlessly to a cop who is being rude, disrespectful or verbally abusive. "Um-hmm, white privilege," I think to myself. "I'd be dead, man," I say aloud. "...You're not listening to John," his wife, who is also white, pleaded. It fell on deaf ears. Years later, I'm still not mad that my "friend" didn't "get it." The issue for him and so many other whites for whom the daily life of black folk in America is beyond their personal experience: He simply could not accept my truth. It didn't fit his paradigm. With white folk, sometimes, it is as if black folk have to prove that racism exists.

The idea that black folk would have to prove the existence of racism is truly evidence of how deeply systemic racial hate is ingrained in the fabric of America. It is as American as apple pie. It billows across her fruited plains and purple mountain majesties with glaring segregation in the 21st Century, which manifests in the year of our Lord 2020, as economic redlining, discriminatory lending policies and environmental and economic racism that sting the souls of black folk daily. This much is also clear: America doesn't have a police brutality problem. Not a fair housing, equal education or employment discrimination problem. America has a heart problem — a heart calcified with racial hate. And it needs a transplant — especially the hearts of those white Christian evangelicals who claim to love Jesus but hate us. (By the way, isn't hate a sin?) It is certainly not all whites. I learned long ago that all black people aren't my friend and that all white people aren't my enemy. Neither is racial hate political. It's neither red nor blue. The NFL, for example, did not suddenly grow a conscience. So black lives matter now, huh? Yeah, right. Well, get down on one knee and apologize to Colin Kaepernick and give him his job back. Then maybe we'll believe your so-called apology is really more about black lives than greenbacks. Whatever the case, please don't ask me to explain or prove racism. America, you already know. And besides, I'm sick and tired.

Little Known Black History Fact

Henry Highland Garnet

By D. L. Chandler



Rev. Henry Highland Garnet made history as the first Black minister to address the U.S. House of Representatives in 1865, but another pivotal moment in his life took place this week in 1843. Garnet's famous speech "Call to Rebellion" rallied slaves to rise up against their masters and was widely criticized by other abolitionists for being too radical.

Garnet was born December 23, 1815 in New Market, Md. The family escaped slavery and settled in New York where Garnet attended school and joined the surging abolitionist movement. He became a Presbyterian minister in New York starting in 1842.

On August, 21, 1843, Garnet addressed the National Negro Convention with the speech, demanding that the enslaved pool their resources and snatch back their freedom. The speech was denounced by attendees of the convention because of its radicalism, including by Garnet's colleague, Frederick Douglass. Douglass and other abolitionists felt that Garnet's fiery speech would stoke the fears of whites and upend their non-violent efforts.

"Brethren, it is as wrong for your lordly oppressors to keep you in slavery as it was for the man thief to steal our ancestors from the coast of Africa. You should therefore now use the same manner of resistance, as would have been just in our ancestors when the bloody foot-prints of the first remorseless soul-thief was placed upon the shores of our fatherland. The humblest peasant is as free in the sight of God as the proudest monarch that ever swayed a sceptre," Garnet said in part of his address.

Garnet later traveled to Europe in 1850 and worked in the country as a celebrated lecturer regarding anti-slavery efforts. On February 12, 1865, Garnet made his appearance at the House. Near the end of his life, Garnet chose to live out his remaining days in Liberia. He was named the U.S. Minister for Liberia, dying two months into his term.

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SAVE these Conference Call Numbers

Sunday 10:30 am - LIVE Service

1.425.436.6348

Thursday 11 am - Prayer Call

Code: 672500#

Wednesday 11 am - Bible Study:

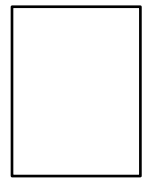
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Sunday School 9 am – Conf Call:

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Wesley's 66th Church Anniversary!

This year we will celebrate **Wesley's 66th Church Anniversary!** We are so very grateful for the years of service to this community, yet we know there is still much left to be done.

We've kicked-off our **66th Church Anniversary Pledge Drive**, "*Building for the Future.*" Program details will be shared periodically via email. Please prayerfully consider participating in this sacrificial giving program. These special gifts can be given in a single payment or in installments over several months. We need your sober commitment to support our church and serve the Lord through this ministry!

2020 Daily Bible Readings (One Year Bible Reading Plan)

Week of June 21st – June 27th

June 21

2 Kings 1:1-2:25
Acts 13:42-14:7
Psalm 139:1-24
Proverbs 17:19-21

June 22

2 Kings 3:1-4:17
Acts 14:8-28
Psalm 140:1-13
Proverbs 17:22

June 23

2 Kings 4:18-5:27
Acts 15:1-35
Psalm 141:1-10
Proverbs 17:23

2020 Vision:

"The Year of the Child"

(Matthew 19:14)

June 27

2 Kings 10:32-12:21
Acts 18:1-22
Psalm 145:1-21
Proverbs 18:1

June 24

2 Kings 6:1-7:20
Acts 15:36-16:15
Psalm 142:1-7
Proverbs 17:24-25

June 25

2 Kings 8:1-9:13
Acts 16:16-40
Psalm 143:1-12
Proverbs 17:26

June 26

2 Kings 9:14-10:31
Acts 17:1-34
Psalm 144:1-15
Proverbs 17:27-28