

# *"The Church With The Warm Heart"*

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## **“The Mission of the Church is to *Make Disciples*”**

It was Dietrich Bonhoeffer who said that “salvation is free but discipleship is costly.” Mr. Bonhoeffer was intrigued by what he called the “cost of discipleship”. In fact, he was so intrigued by it that he penned a book with the same title. In the book, he argues that modern-day Christians prefer a sanitized version of Christianity that allows them to do anything they want without being asked to submit or sacrifice for the sake of the gospel. He argues that modern-day Christians want ‘cheap grace.’ To him, cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, communion without confession. Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, and grace without Jesus the Christ.” To follow Jesus is a costly endeavor. And I don’t mean cost as in money. I mean “costly” as in it will cost you something like your time and talents, your energy and focus. Jesus gave His life to give birth to the church. The least we could do is to continue His work of building it up.

Since we are disciples of Jesus and therefore followers of Jesus it behooves us to truly follow Him. Bible readers recognize that Jesus had a mission to save those who He considered ‘lost’ because their connection to God had been severed. In Luke chapter 15 we see His theology of the lost unfold. When He is criticized for sharing table fellowship with known sinners such as tax collectors and people who could or did not adhere to the Mosaic Law, he tells three parables in chapter 15. And all of the parables have the same message: Heaven rejoices and has a party when one sinner reconnects with God. Evangelism is a rewarding yet costly endeavor. One we must engage in if we are going to be a church that makes disciples out of unbelievers and unchurched people.

According to Sam Chan, author of *Evangelism in a Skeptical World*, “the essence of evangelism is the message that Jesus Christ is Lord. Evangelism is our human effort of proclaiming this message—which necessarily involves using our human communication, language, idioms, metaphors, stories, experiences, personality, emotions, context, culture, locatedness—and trusting and praying that God, in His sovereign will, will supernaturally use our human and natural means to effect his divine purposes.” Evangelism is a rewarding yet costly endeavor. It will inconvenience you. It will move you out of your comfort zone. It will cause you to do things you never thought you would do. It will cause you to express your faith. It will cause you to share your story of how God saved you. It will cause you to be transparent in order to share your testimony with coworkers, friends, and family. It will cause you to face rejection by those who don’t have time to hear what you have to say.

Our theme for the month of October is “Making Disciples”. This month we will creatively come up with ways to fulfill our mission to make disciples by focusing on the ministry, message, and methods of Jesus to seek and save the lost. Believe it or not, Jesus is not supposed to be a secret. Please read Matthew 28:18-20. Have a great week.



# Morning Scripture

## Genesis 39:13-23 (NKJV)

<sup>13</sup> And so it was, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and fled outside,

<sup>14</sup> ***that she called to the men of her house and spoke to them, saying, "See, he has brought in to us a Hebrew to mock us. He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice.***

<sup>15</sup> And it happened, when he heard that I lifted my voice and cried out, that he left his garment with me, and fled and went outside."

<sup>16</sup> ***So she kept his garment with her until his master came home.***

<sup>17</sup> Then she spoke to him with words like these, saying, "The Hebrew servant whom you brought to us came in to me to mock me;

<sup>18</sup> ***so it happened, as I lifted my voice and cried out, that he left his garment with me and fled outside."***

<sup>19</sup> So it was, when his master heard the words which his wife spoke to him, saying, "Your servant did to me after this manner," that his anger was aroused.

<sup>20</sup> ***Then Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were confined. And he was there in the prison.***

<sup>21</sup> But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him mercy, and He gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

<sup>22</sup> ***And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners who were in the prison; whatever they did there, it was his doing.***

<sup>23</sup> ***The keeper of the prison did not look into anything that was under Joseph's authority, because the LORD was with him; and whatever he did, the LORD made it prosper.***

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# Psalm of Praise

## *Psalm 106:1-12*

***(R) Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn grateful praise.***

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD!

***O give thanks to the LORD who is good;  
whose steadfast love endures for ever!***

<sup>2</sup> Who can utter the mighty doings of the LORD,  
or show forth all God's praise?

***<sup>3</sup> Blessed are they who observe justice,  
who do righteousness at all times!***

<sup>4</sup> Remember me, O LORD, when you show favor to your people;  
help me when you deliver them,

***<sup>5</sup> That I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones,  
that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation,  
that I may glory with your heritage.***

***(R) Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn grateful praise.***

<sup>6</sup> Both we and our forebears have sinned;  
we have committed iniquity,  
we have done wickedly.

***<sup>7</sup> Our forebears, when they were in Egypt, did not consider your wonderful works;  
they did not remember the abundance of your steadfast love,  
but rebelled against the Most High at the Red Sea.***

***<sup>8</sup> God saved them for the sake of his holy name,  
to make known the mighty power of God.***

<sup>9</sup> God rebuked the Red Sea, and it became dry;  
and led them through the deep as through a desert.

***<sup>10</sup> So God saved them from the hand of the foe,  
and delivered them from the hand of the enemy.***

<sup>11</sup> And the waters covered their adversaries;  
not one of them was left.

***<sup>12</sup> Then they believed God's words;  
they sang God's praise.***

***(R) Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn grateful praise.***

## 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](http://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.
- **The United Methodist Men's Day Service** will be **Sunday, October 25, 2020**. The guest speaker of the day will be Ronald Williams. The theme of the day and sermon title will be: **"Racism Jeopardizes America's Soul."** The service will be made available online and via our church app.
- **Annual Church Conference** will be held at **7 pm, this Thursday, October 15, 2020**. SPRC will meet at 6:15; the conference begins at 7 pm. All reports **should have been submitted by September 30, 2020**. If you have outstanding documents or have any questions, please contact Vickie Powell-Bass.

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Alita Williams	October 6 <sup>th</sup>	Shani Smith Walton	October 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Quinton Moss	October 7 <sup>th</sup>	Calvin Fox	October 24 <sup>th</sup>
Mark Garrett	October 8 <sup>th</sup>	Paulette Myrie-Hodge	October 24 <sup>th</sup>
Albert Porter	October 10 <sup>th</sup>	Christopher Davis	October 25 <sup>th</sup>
Norma Long	October 16 <sup>th</sup>	Wilena Campbell-Watkins	October 26 <sup>th</sup>
Ronald Williams	October 16 <sup>th</sup>	Cayden Woolery	October 27 <sup>th</sup>
Sierranise Brunt		October 28 <sup>th</sup>	

## 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 Gerald (3)	*Helen Tuck (7)
*Fred Williams (20)	*Lucious Smith (12)

<u>GENERAL</u>		
*Callie Dulaney & Family (12)	Leslie Carey Kirk	Katherine Thompson
*LaRue Grizzard (4)	Byron Agnew, Jr.	Shatarah Ridley
*Y. Shorter-Darden & Family (4)	Sam Agnew	David Williams
*Gloria Banks (20)	Nannie Agnew	Owen McPherson
*Doris Echols (16)	Juanita Weatherspoon	James Williams
*Mary Alice Lovely & Family (19)	Annie Lois Robinson	James Taylor
*Diamond Jones (12)	Jessica Smith Crenshaw	James Curtis
*Trinity Jones (12)	Joyce Chisem-Davis	The Baker Family
*Lawrence Moore (13)	Carolyn Ransom	Anna Young
*Wilena Campbell-Watkins (5)	Sylvia Nichols	Dorothy Williams
*Mark Garrett (5)	Milton Kellum	Lois Tucker
*The Plaxico Family (17)	Rosie Howard	Katherine Evans
*Denise Richardson (20)	Natesha Smith	Carl Frazier
*Clarence Rogers, II & Family (4)	James Sanders	Robert A. Watkins
*Jessie Gilmore (16)	Joanna Lennhardt	Aaron Thomas, Jr.
*Maurice & Faye Smith (17)	Martha Muhs	Michael Miller
*Theresa Bradshaw (12)	Muriel Bolden	Angel Acosta
*The Hudson/Bradshaw Families (7   1   12)	Gregory Simms	Tammy Pompeo
*The Moss Family (13)	Norbert Sanders	Sharon Cruikshank
*Darlene Clark and Family (1)	Brittany Porter	Vinelle Myrie
*Lorraine Forbes and Family (3)	Rhonda Monique Miller	Alexandria Ward
*Charles & B.J. Curtis and Family (3)	Ashley Parks	Davion McNeal
*Betty Jenkins and Family (5)	Kathy Jenkins	Willie Moore
*Dorothy Williamson and Family (10)	Rebecca Merkson	Peaches Clark
*Donna/Deborah Lomax and Family (13)	John Anderson	Larry Clark
*Odis & Lucinda Franklin Family (20)	Jerry Simmons	Justin York
*Ena Davis (1)	Rochelle Johnson	Russell York
*Gwendolyn Watkins (7)	The Ford & Robinson Families	Percy & Essie Hayes
*Doris Thompson (19)	Mila Kuntu	Mildred Forest
*Helen York and Family (5)	Ron Birton	Takia Yearby
*Dawn Funches-Fox and Family (10)	Aiden Combs	The Anderson Family
Rashaud Thompson	Mae Gilliams Fizer & Family	The Marshall Family

# SUNDAY MORNING HEALTH CORNER

## Creating Healthy Habits

We've all caught the "health kick" bug at some point. The aftermath? Falling into the cycle of wanting to get healthy but not knowing where to start, and slowly slipping back into old habits. If you believe that maintaining a healthy lifestyle is a challenge, you are not alone. However, with strategic planning, focus, and determination, you can take control of your health once and for all.

Here are a few tips you can follow to help you create and maintain new lifestyle changes:

- **Start simple.** Don't try to completely change your life in one day. Taking on too much can be overwhelming. Set realistic goals.
- **Get a buddy.** Get a friend to go on your health journey with you to keep you accountable.
- **Replace lost needs.** Search for healthy versions of your favorite foods.
- **Stay consistent.** Consistency is key if you want to make a habit stick.
- **Set priorities.** Prioritize your goals and have a clear understanding of what it will take to meet them.
- **Remember the "why."** Throughout your journey, stay focused on your goals and reasons for setting them.
- **Talk to your doctor.** To be safe, consult your doctor before making drastic changes in your diet or physical activity routine.



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# OCTOBER 2020

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

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
<b>27</b> 9 am <b>Sunday School Call</b> 1.605.475.4000 Access code: 260259#  <b>UMW Women's Day Service &amp; 10:30 am Call</b> Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	1 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> UMM Meeting (via Zoom) 9 am
<b>4</b> 9 am <b>Sunday School Call</b> 1.605.475.4000 Access code: 260259#  <b>Remote Worship &amp; 10:30 am Call</b> Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	<b>8</b> Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women 10 am (via Zoom)
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<b>25</b> 9 am <b>Sunday School Call</b> 1.605.475.4000 Access code: 260259#  <b>UMM Day Service &amp; 10:30 am Call</b> Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	<b>29</b> Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> UMW Meeting via Zoom Conference 10 am -----

# Social Commentary

## **‘All Our Lives, We’ve Had to Fight’**

by John Fountain

*“Oh that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!” Jeremiah 9:1*

Dear Chicago of 100 years from now, I write to you from the year 2020, at a tempestuous time — a time when Black Lives still don’t matter. A time of a world pandemic — amid its claim, so far, of nearly 210,000 American lives and more than 7.3 million infections. Amid the mounting threat of nationwide social chaos, and the swell of hateful racial chatter that seems to be pushing this country to the brink of explosive disaster.

I write with a heart broken by the centuries-old travail of my people, still regarded as inhuman beasts. As if we, of the Negroid race, are not created equal and endowed by the Creator with certain inalienable rights. All our lives we’ve had to fight. I write to you, dear future Chicago, as a native son, born in the hometown of Emmett Louis Till. Reared in this broad-shouldered city of segregation that is segregated still. Where life for Black folk in DuSable’s town is a bittersweet pill and no crystal stair.

Where the public education system is still separate, unequal and patently unfair. And 401 years after African slaves stepped shackled upon America’s shores, we are, as free men, no less abhorred. And the daily peril of living while Black in America, of walking while Black, of driving while Black, of talking and breathing and sleeping while Black is our daily crucible. Racism institutional. And the weight of this historic burden upon the backs of Black folks’ so damn irrefutable.

Where the “problem” of the 20th century — as Du Bois identified it 117 years before my dispatch — is still, in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, the “color line.” For justice in America still is not colorblind. Our prophets and our sons and daughters, America has slaughtered. From Dr. King to Breonna Taylor, our Black Bodies she has ruptured. We say their names: Trayvon Martin, George Floyd and Eric Garner... Innocent blood cries from premature graves. But America answers again and again: “No justice today.”

No justice. It just is. Today I see a Chicago that rises to protect property and the shimmering Magnificent Mile more fervently and expeditiously than it does Black lives. An America that inflicts upon us violence then expects us to sit nonviolently silent. A news media that is appalled by “violence” against ATMs. That perpetuates stereotypes with jaded views that fill print pages and nightly news that daily miss our story. We are mere shadows in their allegory. And this has become crystal clear, though it is of no surprise: This city cares more about a damn horse than it does Black lives. Inasmuch as I am an optimist, it is hard during this current state of affairs to keep my sight, to still see the light. For the Black body is assaulted all day and all night.

Except, even as racism seems to hasten its pace toward our demise, like Maya Angelou, I sing, less hope should die: “You may kill me with your hatefulness, But still, like air, I’ll rise.” We sing: “Still we rise...” Even with tears in our eyes. O Lord, hear my cry.

# Little Known Black History Fact

## Anna Julia Cooper

By D. L. Chandler



Born into slavery, **Anna Julia Cooper** had the odds stacked against her but rose above her circumstances. Today, 56 years after her passing, is the 160<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Black feminist icon, activist, and scholar. Anna Julia Haywood was born to a slave mother and their owner in Raleigh, North Carolina in 1858. She attended high school at what is now known as St. Augustine's University in Raleigh before entering Oberlin College and earning both a bachelor's and master's degree in Mathematics. She worked at Wilberforce University and St. Augustine's before heading to Washington, D.C. to teach high school. In 1877, she married George Cooper, who died when she was just 21.

It was in Washington that Cooper crossed paths with **Mary Church Terrell**, the co-founder of the National Association of Colored Women. In 1892, alongside Helen Appo Cook, Cooper co-founded the Colored Women's League. That same year, Cooper released her first book, *A Voice from the South: By a Black Woman of the South* and became a notable civil and women's right champion.

It was during this period that Cooper became perhaps the most vocal advocate for equality for Black women, stating that the nation would become stronger on the backs of educational fortification for the oppressed segment of the population.

At the age of 67, Cooper became just the fourth African-American woman to earn a Ph. D. from the University of Paris in France. The AKA sorority sister also performed several speeches and wrote dozens of essays related to her life's work. She also became aligned with the Black Liberation movement, among several other academic and social pursuits. Cooper is also the only woman quoted in the U.S. passport book, with this quote:

*"The cause of freedom is not the cause of a race or a sect, a party or a class – it is the cause of humankind, the very birthright of humanity." – Anna Julia Cooper*

Professor, author and former MSNBC personality Melissa Harris-Perry founded The Anna Julia Cooper Center on Gender, Race, and Politics in the South at Wake Forest University in North Carolina. Anna Cooper lived to the age of 105, passing in February 1964 in Washington, D.C.

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**Sunday 10:30 am - LIVE Service**

1.425.436.6348

**Thursday 11 am - Prayer Call**

Code: 672500#

**Wednesday 11 am - Bible Study:**

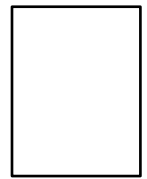
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**Sunday School 9 am – Conf Call:**

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***Wesley's 66<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary!***

This year we will celebrate **Wesley's 66<sup>th</sup> 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 **66<sup>th</sup> 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 October 11<sup>th</sup> – October 17<sup>th</sup>**

**October 11**

Jeremiah 16:16-18:23

1 Thessalonians 4:1-5:3

Psalm 81:1-16

Proverbs 25:6-8

**October 12**

Jeremiah 19:1-21:14

1 Thessalonians 5:4-28

Psalm 82:1-8

Proverbs 25:9-10

**October 13**

Jeremiah 22:1-23:20

2 Thessalonians 1:1-12

Psalm 83:1-18

Proverbs 25:11-14

**2020 Vision:**

***"The Year of the Child"***

(Matthew 19:14)

**October 17**

Jeremiah 30:1-31:26

1 Timothy 2:1-15

Psalm 87:1-7

Proverbs 25:18-19

**October 14**

Jeremiah 23:21-25:38

2 Thessalonians 2:1-17

Psalm 84:1-12

Proverbs 25:15

**October 15**

Jeremiah 26:1-27:22

2 Thessalonians 3:1-18

Psalm 85:1-13

Proverbs 25:16

**October 16**

Jeremiah 28:1-29:32

1 Timothy 1:1-20

Psalm 86:1-17

Proverbs 25:17