

*"The Church With The Warm Heart"*

July 25, 2021



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**WELCOME  
HOME!**

## **“A Lost Cause”**

According to Dr. James Cone's seminal work, God of the Oppressed (1975), God has a preferential option for the poor and the oppressed. That is, God does all God can do to help alleviate the pain and problems of oppressed peoples all over the world. This is not to say that God doesn't love or care for middle class and wealthy people. However, Cone argues that our biblical tradition does not hide the fact that God goes out of God's way to uplift and restore marginalized and oppressed people.

Dr. Cone wrote the book to make academia aware that Black Theology is a legitimate discipline and contextually it is suggesting that since African-Americans are a part of the oppressed class, then God is on our side in our quest for full-equality and opportunity in America. Of course, he uses the scriptures to support his thesis using the biblical history of the nation of Israel, the Black experience, and the gospels.

He was onto something. When a serious student of the Hebrew and New Testament scriptures reads about the history of the fledgling faith community called Israel and how God had a preferential option for them, coupled with the ministry of Jesus who ministered among the marginalized, you can't help but to see that God is the God of the oppressed.

I say this to remind all of us that the church's mission to make disciples involves seeking to find those people who have been victims of oppression so much so that they don't trust anyone, not even the church. Life has been rough and rugged for them and, to them, God has been nowhere to be found. They have given up on “the good” and have feasted on a diet of cynicism, fatalism, and nihilism. The Christian church to them is viewed as another instrument of oppression, white-washed to provide the foundation for a white supremacist ideology. They indeed are ‘lost’ but they didn't get lost by themselves. They have had some help. Our mission is to recover ‘lost’ people. We have people who are ‘lost’ in poverty; ‘lost’ in hopelessness; ‘lost’ in fear and anger; ‘lost’ in distrust; ‘lost’ in hate; ‘lost’ in chasing earthly treasures; and some are even ‘lost’ in the church.

Based on what the bible says, I feel that if God has a preferential option for the oppressed, the least of these, and the lost, then so should the church. When Jesus gave the Great Commission it wasn't presented as an option. It is a command. A mandate. Ask yourself, how many persons have you brought to Christ? How many persons have you brought to church?

There are people waiting to join a church like ours. They just have to be introduced. Won't you facilitate that introduction? Have a great week.

# NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Please check the church website, now our 'virtual church,' and your email regularly for ongoing updates.  
[www.wesleyumcchicago.org](http://www.wesleyumcchicago.org)

**SPIRITUAL THEME FOR JULY: "God is Faithful"**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

COLOR: GREEN

**Scripture for the month:** *"Through the LORD's mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness."* Lamentations 3:22-23 (NKJV)

**Call to Worship**

**Invocation**

**Scripture** Exodus 36:1-7 see video, or page 4

**Psalm of Praise** Psalm 14 see video, or page 5

**Announcements**

**Offering**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Pt. 7 of Sermon Series:** "I'm Coming Back to Church"

**Today's Message:** "When Worshipers Go to Work" Rev. Charles A. Woolery, Sr.

**Invitation to Christian Discipleship**

**Affirmation of Faith**

**Benediction**

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE	
Worship (sanctuary)	80
Worship Video (07/18/21)	26 (views)
Worship Conference Call "	16 (callers)
Sunday School (in-person: 11   callers: 2)	13 (attendees/callers)
Prayer Group	3 (callers)
Church Council Meeting	8 (callers/viewers)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>146</b>

# Morning Scripture

## *Exodus 36:1-7 (NKJV)*

<sup>1</sup> “And Bezalel and Aholiab, and every gifted artisan in whom the LORD has put wisdom and understanding, to know how to do all manner of work for the service of the sanctuary, shall do according to all that the LORD has commanded.”

<sup>2</sup> *Then Moses called Bezalel and Aholiab, and every gifted artisan in whose heart the LORD had put wisdom, everyone whose heart was stirred, to come and do the work.*

<sup>3</sup> And they received from Moses all the offering which the children of Israel had brought for the work of the service of making the sanctuary. So they continued bringing to him freewill offerings every morning.

<sup>4</sup> *Then all the craftsmen who were doing all the work of the sanctuary came, each from the work he was doing,*

<sup>5</sup> and they spoke to Moses, saying, “The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work which the LORD commanded us to do.”

<sup>6</sup> *So Moses gave a commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, “Let neither man nor woman do any more work for the offering of the sanctuary.” And the people were restrained from bringing,*

<sup>7</sup> *for the material they had was sufficient for all the work to be done—indeed too much.*

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## RETURNING TO ‘IN-PERSON’ WORSHIP

### **THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW**

Masks are **REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES** while inside the church.

**Social Distancing is required.**

Ushers will provide direction on where to sit.

**Bulletins will not be distributed to the congregation.**

Announcements and digital screens will be used to follow service, or you may open your digital bulletin using a mobile device.

**Hymnals and church Bibles will not be used.** Please follow the screen projections.

**Offering plates will not be circulated** among the congregation.

# Psalm of Praise

## Psalm 14

***(R) My hope is lost; breathe life upon me.***

<sup>1</sup> Fools say in their hearts, “There is no God.”

***They are corrupt,  
they do abominable deeds,  
there is none that does good.***

<sup>2</sup> The LORD looks down from heaven on all people,  
to see if there are any that are wise,  
who seek after God.

***<sup>3</sup> They have all gone astray,  
they are all alike perverse;  
there is none that does good,  
no, not one.***

***(R) My hope is lost; breathe life upon me.***

<sup>4</sup> Have they no knowledge, the evildoers  
who eat up my people as they eat bread,  
and do not call upon the LORD?

***<sup>5</sup> There they shall be in great terror,  
for God is with the generation of the righteous.***

<sup>6</sup> You would confound the plans of the poor,  
but the LORD is their refuge.

***<sup>7</sup> O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion!  
When the LORD restores their fortunes,  
Jacob shall rejoice and Israel shall be glad!***

***(R) My hope is lost; breathe life upon me.***

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## Save the Date!

Saturday, August 28, 2021 | 2 pm-4 pm

***School Supplies Give-away!***

(Details provided in coming weeks)



## 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.
- **Opening Up after COVID-19** As our city, state and now, our church, have opened up, we urge our members to be conscientious and discerning about minimizing possible exposures during this confusing time. Those who have been fully vaccinated may still decide to wear masks as an extra level of protection, as there is currently no protocol for confirming vaccination status.

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

James Gittens	July 1 <sup>st</sup>	Delisha Tripplett	July 5 <sup>th</sup>	Jeffery Brunt	July 19 <sup>th</sup>
Rinaldo McCrary	July 1 <sup>st</sup>	Ricardo Williams	July 8 <sup>th</sup>	Dwond Donahue	July 21 <sup>st</sup>
Brittany Plaxico	July 1 <sup>st</sup>	Caleb Cecil	July 9 <sup>th</sup>	Irett KoKo Madje	July 21 <sup>st</sup>
Bythiah Webster	July 1 <sup>st</sup>	Denise Magee	July 9 <sup>th</sup>	Carla Davis	July 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Shaun Williams	July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Gwendolyn Watkins	July 9 <sup>th</sup>	Samuel Graham	July 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Shaunice Williams	July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Babatunde Agbaje-Williams	July 12 <sup>th</sup>	Patricia Greenwood	July 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Diamond Jones	July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Mattie Kellum	July 17 <sup>th</sup>	Troy Hodge	July 25 <sup>th</sup>
Lorraine Forbes	July 5 <sup>th</sup>	Mecca Helm	July 18 <sup>th</sup>	Betty Petty	July 29 <sup>th</sup>
Stephanie Miller	July 5 <sup>th</sup>	Delilah Rucker	July 18 <sup>th</sup>	Leighton Cullars	July 30 <sup>th</sup>

***Please be sure to say "Happy Birthday" to our members celebrating birthdays in July!***

## PRAYER LIST

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

(\* = Church member, followed by Class Number)

<b>SHUT-IN</b>	
*Minnie Thompson (20)	*Bessie Alford-Moore (18)
*Lucile 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)	

<b>GENERAL</b>		
*Callie Dulaney & Family (12)	Nannie Agnew	Katherine Thompson
*LaRue Grizzard (4)	Byron Agnew, Jr.	David Williams
*Gloria Banks (20)	Jessica Smith Crenshaw	Owen McPherson
*Doris Echols (16)	Joyce Chisem-Davis	Gregory McPherson
*Mary Alice Lovely & Family (19)	Carolyn Ransom	James Taylor
*Diamond Jones (12)	Sylvia Nichols	James Curtis
*Trinity Jones (12)	Milton Kellum	The Baker Family
*Lawrence Moore (13)	Rosie Howard	Anna Young
*Wilena Campbell-Watkins (5)	Natesha Smith	Dorothy Williams
*Mark Garrett (5)	James Sanders	Lois Tucker
*The Plaxico Family (17)	Joanna Lennhardt	Katherine Evans
*Denise Richardson (20)	Martha Muhs	Carl Frazier
*Clarence Rogers, II & Family (4)	Muriel Bolden	Robert A. Watkins
*Jessie Gilmore (16)	Gregory Simms	Aaron Thomas, Jr.
*Maurice & Faye Smith (17)	Norbert Sanders	Michael Miller
*Theresa Bradshaw (12)	Brittany Porter	Angel Acosta
*The Moss Family (13)	Rhonda Monique Miller	Vinelle Myrie
*Charles & B.J. Curtis and Family (3)	Ashley Parks	Alexandria Ward
*Odis & Lucinda Franklin Family (20)	Kathy Jenkins	Davion McNeal
*Ena Davis (1)	Rebecca Merkson	Willie Moore
*Doris Thompson (19)	John Anderson	Peaches Clark
*Helen York and Family (5)	Jerry Simmons	Larry Clark
*Dawn Funches-Fox and Family (10)	Rochelle Johnson	Justin York
*Chester Plaxico (17)	The Ford & Robinson Families	Russell York
*Barbara and John Sanders & Family (3)	Mila Kuntu	Percy & Essie Hayes
*The Porter Family (5)	Ron Birton	Mildred Forest
*The Family of Lucious Smith (12)	Aiden Combs	Takia Yearby
*The Family of Heustis Williams (1)	Rashaud Thompson	The Weddington Family
*The Family of Sandra Lewis (16)	Leslie Carey Kirk	James Williams
*Daphne Hicks and Family (10)	Douglas Hargray	Juanita Weatherspoon
*Laniya Bradley & Family (7)	Robert Leach	Rev. Gessel Berry, Jr.
*Donna Lomax and Family (13)	Mwata Bowden	Robert Leach
*Lillye Hart and Family (3)	Brenda Lewis	Lenora Omar
*Erica Clark & the Clark Family (1)	Raymond Darden	Ethan Carson
*Ben & Joyce Davis and Family (1)		

Please remember to update the church office with needed changes to the prayer list!

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

# JULY 2021

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>Remote Worship &amp; 10:30 am Call</b> Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> UMW Planning Meeting 6 pm	<b>30</b> A.M. Bible Study Is on <b>Summer Break</b>	<b>1</b> Remote Prayer Group 11 am Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> United Methodist Men Monthly Mtg 9 am (via Zoom)
<b>4<sup>th</sup> of July</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#	5	<b>6</b> UMW Planning Meeting 6 pm	<b>7</b> A.M. Bible Study Is on <b>Summer Break</b>	<b>8</b> Remote Prayer Group 11 am Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	9	<b>10</b> UMW Meeting (via Zoom) 10 am
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<b>18</b> <b>WELCOME HOME!</b> 9 am <b>Sunday School</b> <b>10:30 am</b> <b>In-person Worship</b> (with call-in option)	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> UMW Planning Meeting 6 pm	<b>21</b> A.M. Bible Study Is on <b>Summer Break</b>	<b>22</b> <b>Prayer Group Call</b> 11 am Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Board of Trustees Monthly Mtg 9 am
<b>25</b> 9 am <b>Sunday School</b> <b>10:30 am</b> <b>In-person Worship</b> (with call-in option)	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> UMW Planning Meeting 6 pm	<b>28</b> A.M. Bible Study Is on <b>Summer Break</b>	<b>29</b> <b>Prayer Group Call</b> 11 am Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

## THANK YOU!

*for your support during the last 15 months!*

*For those that are with us this morning, it's great to have you back!*

*For those unable to be with us in person today, KNOW that we are together in SPIRIT!*



# SUNDAY MORNING HEALTH CORNER

## Early Symptoms of Diabetes

Did you know that diabetes affects about 9.4 percent of the U.S. population? Studies have shown that nearly 1 in 4 adults with diabetes (7.2 million Americans) are unaware that they have the disease. Another 84.1 million Americans have prediabetes, and nine out of ten adults have prediabetes and don't know they have it.

Here are some early symptoms of diabetes to look out for:

- Hunger and fatigue.
- Being thirstier.
- Dry mouth and itchy skin.
- Blurred vision.
- Slow healing cuts or sores.
- Unplanned weight loss.
- Nausea and vomiting.
- Pain or numbness in feet or legs.

Warning signs can be so mild that you don't notice them. Specifically for type 2 diabetes. With type 1 diabetes, symptoms usually happen quickly, in a matter of days or a few weeks and are much more severe.

You are also more likely to develop type 2 diabetes if you are over the age of 45, overweight, or are not physically active. If you experience any of the above symptoms or anything abnormal, talk to your doctor.

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# Social Commentary

## First Victim of 1919 Race Riots Will Get Grave Marker

by Neil Steinberg



On a sweltering Sunday afternoon in July, Eugene Williams and four friends hopped a produce truck to the lakefront. There they recovered a large raft they'd hidden and went out on Lake Michigan. The year was 1919, and the day was July 27, but it might as well have been this year and yesterday when it comes to explaining why Chicago is the city it is, and faces the problems it does. "A pivotal moment in the city's history, and significant in the nation's history," said Adam Green, an associate professor of history at the University of Chicago.

The raft drifted away from the "race's answer to Atlantic City," the Black beach at 25th Street and toward the beach at 29th Street, which white Chicagoans had staked out as their own private property. "He happened to float across a perceived line," said Green. A white immigrant, George Stauber, stood on the breakwater and began throwing rocks at the boys. One hit Williams in the forehead, and he slid off the raft and drowned. His friends rushed to a lifeguard, and then the police. A white officer refused to arrest Stauber, and stopped a Black officer from doing so. Seven days of riots followed Williams' death. People were shot, stabbed, stoned, pulled from streetcars and beaten to death, houses burned, blocks reduced to ruin. Thirty-eight Chicagoans died in the unrest.

"People lost a sense of existing within a shared civil community," said Green, referring to 1919, though it sums up too many situations today. "They engaged in this primal battle to enforce upon African Americans a subordinate place. We think of it in such macro terms, we lose track of the individual people. The 38 who lost their lives." Williams was buried in an unmarked grave. A century passed. Two years ago, on the centennial of the riots, Chicago magazine published a story by Robert Loerzel, "Searching for Eugene Williams", collecting what little is known of Williams' brief life.

"Just a regular kid like us," a friend recounted to an academic, half a century later. "A pretty smart boy." The article ends with Loerzel, a peripatetic historian, searching Lincoln Cemetery in Blue Island for his grave and finding only grass. "I thought to myself, 'That's not right,'" said attorney Scott Priz. "It is not right that this, the most consequential murder in Chicago's history. A kid's murdered in this incredibly tragic way, and there's not even a marker over his grave." Priz had a thought too few have. "I told myself, 'This is something I can actually help fix.' I want to fix this wrong." So Priz and others raised \$5,000, and had a marker made, which they are dedicating Saturday. The ceremony is particularly significant now, as state legislatures across the country throw rocks at our nation's actual history, trying to drive it away.

# Little Known Black History Fact

## **Bessie Stringfield**

by D. L. Chandler



**Bessie Stringfield**, better known as the “Motorcycle Queen of Miami,” is a pioneering motorcyclist who broke down barriers for Black riders and women alike. The late Stringfield is historically known as the first Black woman to ride across the United States, riding well into her later years. Stringfield was born in Jamaica in 1911 to a Black Jamaican father and a white Dutch mother. The family migrated north to the United States and settled in Boston, Mass. Tragedy struck when Stringfield was just five-years-old, when her parents died. An Irish woman primarily raised her from that point on.

At 16, Stringfield was given a motorcycle by her caregiver, a 1928 Indian Scout. Three years later, at the age of 19, she embarked on the first of eight cross-country trips with stops at carnivals and stunt shows. She made a name for herself as a Black woman motorcyclist earning money on her long road trips. However, because of her race and gender, she would often have to sleep outside on her motorcycle because hotels wouldn’t take her in. Stringfield was married and divorced six times but never had children. She kept the last name of her third husband, Arthur Stringfield throughout her career. As her carnival stunt career slowed, Stringfield shifted gears and worked for the U.S. Army as a civilian motorcycle dispatch rider during World War II. She was the only woman in her unit and was essentially trained as a soldier.

Although she was a fearless rider, she endured racist attacks and taunts including people attempting to run her off the road. The incidents made her stronger and she decided to not let the prejudice of others get in the way of her love of motorcycles. Stringfield eventually settled just outside of Miami, Fla. and worked as a nurse. Stringfield eventually founded the Iron Horse Motorcycle Club. She also still partook in races, winning one such event disguised as a man though she was denied the prize money when she revealed her true gender. It was in Miami where she earned her nickname and rode on one of her many Harley-Davidson bikes performing tricks.

Stringfield rode up until her death in 1993. She was 82. In 1990, the American Motorcyclist Association honored Stringfield in a Harley-Davidson exhibit. In 2000, the AMA named its “Superior Achievement by a Female Motorcyclist” award after her. In 2002, she was posthumously inducted into the Motorcycle Hall of Fame.

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**SAVE these Conference Call Numbers**

**Sunday 10:30 am - Service**

1.425.436.6348

**Thursday 11 am - Prayer Call**

Code: 672500#

**Wednesday 11 am - Bible Study:**

1.312.626.6799

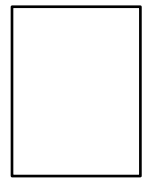
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**Sunday School 9 am – Conf Call:**

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Code: 260259#



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**Homebound Seniors and People with Disabilities**

Chicago Dept. of Public Health is starting a program for **in-home vaccination of seniors and people with disabilities who are homebound**. This service is being provided by uniformed Chicago Fire Department community paramedics who can produce identification.

***Call: 312-746-4835***



**2021 Daily Bible Readings (One Year Bible Reading Plan)**

**Week of July 25<sup>th</sup> – July 31<sup>st</sup>**

**July 25**

2 Chronicles 14:1-16:14  
Romans 9:1-24  
Psalm 19:1-14  
Proverbs 20:1

**July 26**

2 Chronicles 17:1-18:34  
Romans 9:25-10:13  
Psalm 20:1-9  
Proverbs 20:2-3

**July 27**

2 Chronicles 19:1-20:37  
Romans 10:14-11:12  
Psalm 21:1-13  
Proverbs 20:4-6

**2021**

***“The Year of Restoration”***

**(1 Peter 5:10)**

**July 31**

2 Chronicles 29:1-36  
Romans 14:1-23  
Psalm 24:1-10  
Proverbs 20:12

**July 28**

2 Chronicles 21:1-23:21  
Romans 11:13-36  
Psalm 22:1-18  
Proverbs 20:7

**July 29**

2 Chronicles 24:1-25:28  
Romans 12:1-21  
Psalm 22:19-31  
Proverbs 20:8-10

**July 30**

2 Chronicles 26:1-28:27  
Romans 13:1-14  
Psalm 23:1-6  
Proverbs 20:11