

2026 CHURCH CALENDAR & DIRECTORY

People With a Mind to Study & Work

JEHOVAH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

609 MANNING AVENUE, SUMTER SC 29150

THEME

KINGDOM CITIZENS GROWING IN GRACE,
ROOTED AND GROUNDED IN CHRIST

COLOSSIANS 2:6-7

WWW.JEHOVAHBAPTIST.ORG



MARION H. NEWTON, SENIOR PASTOR

JMBC Church Covenant

Throughout the Bible and church history, spiritual covenants have been made between people to obtain mutual edification and accountability. At Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church (JMBC) we have four requirements for a person to become a disciple.

- A Personal profession of Christ as Lord and Savior
- Baptism by immersion as a public symbol of one's faith
- Completion of the Added Member's Class
- A signed commitment to abide by JMBC Believer's Covenant

The Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church Believer's Covenant

In agreement with the JMBC statements, strategy and structure, led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the JMBC family, I commit myself to God and the other believers to do the following.

I will protect the unity of my church

- By acting in love toward other believers
- By refusing to gossip and excessive anger
- By being slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation
- By following the leaders

Ephesians 4:3-4; 4:29; Hebrews 13:17; I Peter 1:22

I will share the responsibility of my church

- By praying for the growth of the church
- By praying for one another
- By praying for the unchurched and inviting them to attend
- By being hospitable to our guests

II Peter 3:18; James 5:16; Luke 14:23; Romans 15:7

I will serve the ministry of my church

- By discovering and using my gifts and talents
- By being equipped to assist my pastors and leaders
- By developing a servant's heart

I Peter 4:10; Ephesians 4:11-12; Philippians 2:3-4

I will support the testimony of my church

- By attending faithfully
- By sustaining its worship, ordinances, disciplines, and doctrine
- By supporting financially with tithes and offerings

Hebrews 10:25; Malachi 3:10; Leviticus 27:30; I Cor. 16:2

I will respect the covenant I have made with my church

- By letting my pastors and leaders of ministries know when I will no longer be a part of the fellowship
- By seeking to keep this covenant

The Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church, an organized body of baptized believers, equal in rank and privilege, has as its vision and mission:

JMBC Vision Statement

To “**BUILD HEALTHY FAMILIES**” by teaching them to live out their faith at home; a faith which will overflow into the body of Christ enabling us;

To “**BUILD A HEALTHY CHURCH**” that will lift Jesus and people will be drawn into the Kingdom through the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, thereby creating an environment;

To “**BUILD A HEALTHY COMMUNITY**” and to further advance the Kingdom.

JMBC Mission Statement

Exalt the Savior, Evangelize the Lost, Execute Mission, Edify the Saints
(Ephesians 4: 11-13)

FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART

Dear Church Family,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

As we reflect on the year now behind us, my heart is filled with gratitude for each of you. Thank you for your faithful prayers, your consistent presence, your generous giving, and your unwavering support of the ministry God has entrusted to us. This past year has reminded us that the strength of our church is not found in programs or buildings, but in a people committed to loving God, loving one another, and serving our community.

Because of your faithfulness, we have been able to worship, serve, grow, and reach beyond our walls. Lives have been encouraged, needs have been met, and the gospel has continued to go forth. I thank God for you and count it a privilege to serve as your pastor.

As we look ahead to 2026, we do so with faith and expectation. Our theme for the coming year is **“Kingdom Citizens Growing in Grace, Rooted and Grounded in Christ.”** We believe God is calling us to deepen our spiritual roots, mature in our walk with Christ, and live out our kingdom identity with greater purpose and boldness.

In 2026, we will continue to focus on spiritual growth, prayer, discipleship, unity, and community impact. This vision will require all of us—praying together, serving together, giving together, and walking together in obedience to God’s will. Your continued support—spiritually, physically, and financially—will be vital as we move forward.

I encourage you to seek the Lord with us, commit your gifts and talents anew, and trust God for what He desires to do in and through our church in the year ahead. As Scripture reminds us, “He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus” (Philippians 1:6).

Thank you again for your love, faithfulness, and partnership in ministry. I am excited about what God has in store for us as we move forward together into 2026.

With gratitude and hope,

Pastor Marion H. Newton

*Pastor Marion H.
Newton*



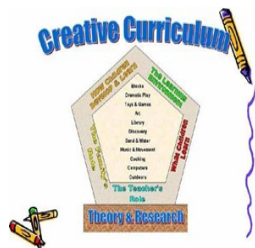
A group of approximately 15 children and four adults are posing for a group photo in a room with light-colored walls and a grey carpet. The group is arranged in two rows. In the back row, from left to right, there is an adult in a yellow cat costume, an adult in a large orange bear costume, an adult in a black cat costume, and an adult in a red cape. In the front row, there are several children in various costumes, including a blue cat, a girl in a white dress, a boy in a yellow shirt, a boy in a red shirt, a girl in a green shirt, a boy in a blue shirt, a girl in a pink shirt, and a boy in a white shirt. A large, dark, stylized tree sculpture is visible in the background.

“Where A Child Can Be A Star”



Stephanie L. Webster, Director

Bridging the Gap Between Faith and Education



**is offered to eligible children.
Please contact front office for
additional information.**



M.H. NEWTON FAMILY LIFE ENRICHMENT CENTER 2026 SCHEDULE



Home of the
**H.Y.P.E. AFTER SCHOOL
PROGRAMS**

MONDAY-FRIDAY

2:30-3:30PM CACFP FEEDING PROGRAM

**2:30-5:30PM HYPE AFTER SCHOOL
PROGRAM**

SATURDAY-BY REQUEST

SUNDAY-BY REQUEST

**JUNE 1 -JULY 16, 2026-SUMMER CAMP
8AM-4PM MON.-THURS.**

**AUGUST 24, 2026- H.Y.P.E. AFTERSCHOOL
PROGRAMS
1ST DAY OF H.Y.PE.**

**OCTOBER 2026-LIGHTS ON
AFTERSCHOOL CELEBRATION**

LET US HOST YOUR NEXT EVENT!!

415 MANNING AVENUE
SUMTER, SC 29150
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WWW.MHNLIFECENTER.ORG

2025-2026 Sumter School District Board Meeting Calendar

All persons wishing to attend the meetings by virtual means may do so via YOU TUBE Sumter School District Board Meetings and Sumter School District's Facebook Page.

July 14	Regular Meeting	District Office
August 11	Regular Meeting	District Office
August 25	Work Session	District Office
September 8	Regular Meeting	District Office
September 22	Work session	District Office
October 6	Regular Meeting	District Office
October 20	Work session	District Office
November 17	Regular Meeting	District Office
December 8	Regular Meeting	District Office
January 12	Regular Meeting	District Office
January 26	Work Session	District Office
February 9	Regular Meeting	District Office
February 23	Work Session	District Office
March 9	Regular Meeting	District Office
March 23	Work Session	District Office
April 20	Regular Meeting	District Office
May 4	Regular Meeting	District Office
May 18	Work Session	District Office
June 8	Regular Meeting	District Office

All called meetings may be scheduled and/or altered per the wishes of the Board.

Local Meetings of Interest

City Council Meetings

City Council meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of each month (except the first Tuesday in July).

The first meeting of each month, the meetings are held at 1 PM, while the second meeting is held at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers on the 4th Floor of the Sumter Opera House, 21 N. Main Street (enter thru the back parking lot, Water Department entrance, and take elevator to 4th floor).

The public may access City Council Meetings, by joining our live feed online at: www.youtube.com/CityOfSumter

Sumter County Council Meetings

County Council meets the second and fourth Tuesday at 6 p.m. in Council chambers on the third floor of the Administration building at 13 East Canal Street. Other special meetings of Sumter County Council may be called during the year, as Council deems necessary.

Regular meetings of Sumter County Council are scheduled to be held in County Council Chambers or at a location deemed appropriate by County Council on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Council will meet only one time in December to concur with other requirements of Sumter County Council.

NOTE: ANYONE WISHING TO APPEAR ON Council's agenda must give written request to the Clerk to Council and provide appropriate supporting documents to the clerk on the Wednesday before each meeting date prior to 4:00 p.m. Information can be mailed to 13 E. Canal Street, Sumter SC 29150; or fax information to 803-436-2108, or email information to council@sumtercountysc.org.

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:30am Worship Service In-person

Communion - Every Third Sunday

Baptism - 10:00 am / 3rd Sundays

WEEKLY STUDY SCHEDULE

Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00pm on YouTube

**Please refer to the JMBC Small Groups Schedule
listed in the Ministry Directory**

MONTHLY MINISTRY MEETING SCHEDULE

10:00AM - Deacon & Deaconess - Saturday before the 1st Sunday

10:00AM - Sr. Ushers - 2nd Saturday /monthly

10:00AM - Grief Support - 4th Saturday / monthly Rm. 105

10:30AM - Sr. Missionary - 2nd Saturday /monthly

9:00AM - Evangelism - 3rd Saturday /monthly

9:00AM - Trustees - 3rd Saturday each quarter

6:30pm - Children's Church (via Zoom)

6:00PM - Girl Scouts –Mondays

7:00PM - Brotherhood - Each Monday /on ZOOM

10:00AM - Sisterhood - 4th Saturday /quarterly

6:00PM - Healthcare - 2nd Tuesday /monthly via conference call

6:00PM - Hospitality - 1st Monday /monthly

6:00PM - Music & Worship Arts - Thursdays /weekly

7:00PM - Education - 3rd Tuesday /monthly

MINISTRY DIRECTORY

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803-983-7663

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Keasha Grant 803-840-1987

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Betty Burgess 803-469-7322

Minnie Evans 803-773-1840

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Ronald Gailliard 803-795-8833

Brenda Hills 803-847-1616

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Rhonda McFadden 803-651-0545

Larry Milligan 803-468-2543

Sarah Nelson 803-491-4211

Edmond Palmer 803-236-6414

Sarah Sloan 803-983-5614

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Warren Wheeler 717-856-9695

Betty Williamson 336-392-7891

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School Board Chairperson

Leola McFadden 803-418-5298

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Music & Worship Arts Ministry / Women of Worship

Shonda English 803-840-2809

Delroy White 803-972-7487

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MINISTRY DIRECTORY

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Minnie Evans 803-316-0746

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Lyndon Johnson803-983-8169

House of Hope

Audrey Keys

Monday & Wednesday
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Children/Youth/Young Adults Ministry

Ricky S. Simmons - Youth Pastor 840-1606
1st, 2nd, & 4th Sundays / The BluePrint @ 803 S. Harvin St.
8:30am

3rd & 5th Sundays @ Main Sanctuary @ 8:30AM

Children's Church

1st Sunday, 2nd, & 4th Sundays @ 609 Manning Ave @
8:30AM

3rd & 5th Sundays @ Main Sanctuary @ 8:30AM

Youth Director

Terri Kenely 316-8965

Church Attorney

J. David Weeks 775-5856

Church Office Schedule:

Office Hours:

Monday	9:00am - 5:00pm
Tuesday	10:00am - 5:00pm
Wed-Thurs	9:00am - 5:00pm
Friday	(closed)
Saturday	9:00am - 2:00pm

Office Closed

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Good Friday
Memorial Day
Juneteenth
Independence Day
Labor Day
Thanksgiving & Day After
Christmas Eve & Christmas Day
New Year's Eve & New Year's Day

JMBC SMALL GROUPS

<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Media</u>	<u>Day/Time</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Evonne Covington/ Doncella Gibson	Zoom	Thursday 7:00pm	803-773-5809 (Evonne) / 803-481-9039 (Doncella)
Pequita Bradley / Terri Kenely	Zoom	Thursday 6:30pm	803-316-8965 (Terri) / 803-840-4071 (Bradley)
Stephanie Hickmon/ Hakeem Drayton	Zoom	Saturday 12pm	803-778-2984 (Stephanie) / 803-899-3393 (Hakeem)
Evonne Covington and Evette Hickmon			
TBA	Zoom	Tuesday 7:00pm	803-464-4487 The O'Neals & Josephine Herriott (Assts.)
Ronald & Carol Gailliard	Zoom	Tuesday 7:00pm	803-795-8833
Ella Rivers Davis	Conf. call	Wednesday 7:00pm	803-305-1037 Minnie Evans & Mary Arthur (Assts.)
J. David Weeks	Zoom	Monday 7:00pm	803-968-9409
Edmond Hamilton	Conf. Call Line#1	Tuesdays 10:00am	803-225-8168
Betty Burgess	Conf. call	Thursday 11:00am	803-469-7322
		Thursday 7:00pm	
Eric & Linda Avery	Zoom	Thursday 7:00pm	803-983-4166 (for married or engaged couples)
Pastor Ricky Simmons			803-840-1606 (any youth desiring a group)
April McFadden	Zoom	Sunday 2:00pm	803-565-9274 Youth only ages 13-19
Deloris Griffith	Zoom	Tuesday 7:00pm	803-469-0686 Women only
Dot Lawson (co-lead for women's group)			803-905-1387
Betty Williamson co-lead for women's group)			336-392-7891
TBA	Conf. Call	Tuesday 11:00am	
Pastor Nate Brock	Minister's Class	Sunday 4:00pm	803-840-4835

For all YOUTH please contact Pastor Ricky Simmons at 803-840-1606. There are several youth groups meeting during the week. He will be happy to get you CONNECTED to the appropriate group!

When you text the group facilitator be sure to leave your name and preferred contact time and method.

Some groups may already be full. If your preferred group is full, do not give up! Ask that facilitator to help you find another group or you may call another group. We do not want anyone to miss out on these times of fellowship and study!

Still don't see where you can CONNECT! Please contact Pastor Nate Brock at 803-773-8233 or 803-840-4835

May the Peace of God be with you

Greetings Kingdom Family,

God is truly worthy of all praises!

It is with the joy of Jesus, that I greet you in this awesome New Year of 2026 as we continue to labor for the Lord.

We are truly blessed to have an awesome team of advisors, youth leaders, and ministry opportunities for our children, youth and young adults.

We are elated and ecstatically joyful to embrace our theme this year: “Kingdom Citizens Growing in Grace, Rooted and Grounded in Christ.” (Colossians 2:6-7)

I am truly thankful to God and you, the Kingdom Family for entrusting the children, youth, and Young Adult Team with your young people’s spiritual growth and development.

May we continue to grow together as we labor to become one in His Spirit!

Our motto: “To Know God and Make Him Known”

Yours in Christ,

Ricky S. Simmons, Youth Pastor

*Pastor Ricky S.
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CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY MEETINGS

Advisory Leadership Team	3rd Saturday every month	11:00am
BluePrint Bible Study	Small Group	Every Sunday 5:00pm
BluePrint Praise Team	Every Saturday	11:30am
BluePrint Worship Service	1st, 2nd, & 4th Sundays @ FLEC	8:30am
BluePrint Worship Service	3rd & 5th Sundays @ Main Sanctuary	8:30am
Children's Church	1st, 2nd, & 4th Sundays @ FLEC	8:30am
Children's Church	3rd & 5th Sundays @ Main Sanctuary	8:30am
Drama	Every Saturday	10:00am
Girl Scouts	Every Monday	6:00pm (during the regular school year)
Mime Ministry	Every Saturday	10:00am
Praise Dancers (all groups)	Every Saturday	1:00pm

January 2026

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ENCOURAGING GROWTH AND DEVELOPING A FOUNDATION OF ENTHUSIASM AND GRATITUDE

THOUGHT: Kingdom Citizens should have a deep, stable and secure foundation in Christ, built on love and faith.

KEY WORDS / PHRASES: Rooted, Grounded, Strengthened, Growing

January 4 – Rooted and Built Up in Christ (Colossians 2:6-7)

January 11 – Rooted and Grounded in God's Love (Ephesians 3:17-19)

January 18 – Rooted in Communication with Christ (Psalm 19:13-14)

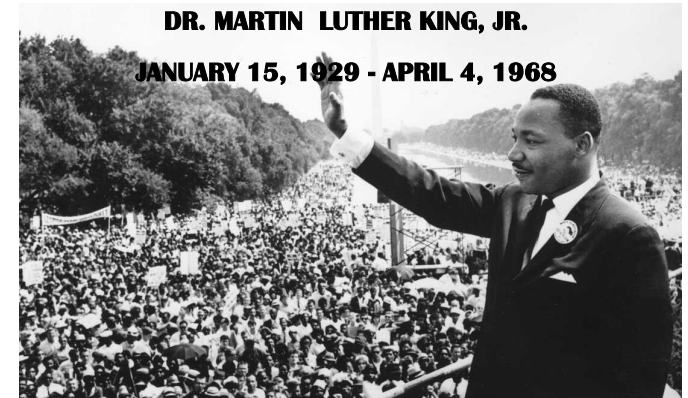
January 25 - Rooted in Sound Doctrine (II Timothy 2:14-16)

Hymn - 1st Sunday

Jesus Paid It All #89

2nd - 4th Sunday

My Hope Is Built # 223



I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day down in Alabama with its vicious racists, with its governor having his lips dripping with the words of interposition and nullification, one day right down in Alabama little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers. I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

And when this happens, and when we allow freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual: Free at last. Free at last. Thank God almighty, we are free at last.

Excerpts from the "I Have A Dream" speech

February 2026

KINGDOM CITIZENS BEING ROOTED AND GROUNDED IN THEIR ETHNIC HISTORY AND HERITAGE

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KINGDOM CITIZENS BEING ROOTED AND GROUNDED IN THEIR ETHNIC HISTORY AND HERITAGE

THOUGHT: Kingdom Citizens must understand and never abandon the social justice responsibilities commanded in the Word of God. We must study, learn and teach our history.

KEY WORDS / PHRASES: Unity, Understanding, Equality, Heritage

February 1 – Drunk Off the Wine of Injustice (Amos 5:21-24)

February 8 – Call it What it Truly is! (Isaiah 5:20-24)

February 15 – Look Back, Live Forward (Isaiah 51:1-5)

February 22 – Rooted and Grounded in Remembering (Joshua 4:21-24)

Hymn	1st Sunday	Are You Washed in the Blood #170
	2nd - 4th Sunday	Walk with Me Lord # 504



The official Black History Month 2026 theme, chosen by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), is "**A Century of Black History Commemorations**," marking the 100th anniversary of the first Black History Week in 1926 and focusing on the evolution and impact of these celebrations. It encourages exploring how these commemorations have transformed Black life and status in America over the past 100 years, while also highlighting the ongoing efforts to preserve accurate Black history against legislative challenges.

Key aspects of the theme:

- **Honoring the Past:** Celebrating the 100-year journey of recognizing Black history, from the first Black History Week in February 1926.
- **Examining the Present:** Reflecting on the meaning and impact of these commemorations in today's world.
- **Looking to the Future:** Addressing current challenges, such as book bans, that threaten inclusive and accurate historical narratives, emphasizing the need to preserve Black history.

March 2026

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KINGDOM CITIZENS BEING ROOTED IN GROWING

THOUGHT: Kingdom Citizens should never become stagnant and complacent in growing; they should always be ready to grow.

KEY WORDS / PHRASES: Growing, Expanding, Seeking, Studying

March 1 – Genuine Faith will be tested (2 Peter 1:3-8)

March 8 – Study, study and study some more!! (2 Timothy 2:15)

March 15 – Let the Word live in you (Colossians 3:16)

March 22 – Lifting the veil in your life (II Corinthians 3:18)

March 29 – **(PALM SUNDAY)** Palm Branches of Victory and Joy (Revelation 7:9-10)

HYMN	1st Sunday	Lead Me to Calvary #81
	2nd - 4th Sunday	Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus #196



For Women's History Month 2026 (March), the theme is "[Leading the Change: Women Shaping a Sustainable Future](#)," chosen by the National Women's History Alliance (NWHHA), celebrating women's crucial roles in environmental, economic, and social sustainability, building resilient communities, and fostering leadership for future generations. It's a broad theme focusing on how women design blueprints for lasting positive transformation for people and the planet.

Key Aspects of the Theme:

- **Beyond Environmentalism:** While acknowledging climate efforts, the theme expands sustainability to include equitable economic systems, social justice, and strong education.
- **Focus on Leadership:** It highlights women as mentors and creators of blueprints for systemic change, creating a more inclusive and supportive world.
- **Call to Action:** It recognizes the interconnected challenges of climate change, economic insecurity, and health disparities, emphasizing women's vital role in addressing them, according to the [National Women's History Alliance](#).

April 2026

KINGDOM CITIZENS RECOGNIZING THE BENEFITS OF BEING GROUNDED

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KINGDOM CITIZENS RECOGNIZING THE BENEFITS OF BEING GROUNDED

THOUGHT: Kingdom Citizens recognize that being spiritually rooted in God's Word yields multiple benefits, including strengthening one's faith, fostering spiritual growth, and enhancing resilience in the face of adversity. These benefits aid in understanding our identity in Christ.

KEY WORDS / PHRASES: Responsible, Motive, Resurrection, Right Direction

April 5 – **(RESURRECTION SUNDAY)** “Father, Forgive Them” **(Luke 23:32-34)**

April 12 – No longer slaves to sin **(II Timothy 3:15-19)**

April 19 - Growing in spiritual nourishment **(Psalm 1:1-3)**

April 26 – Rooted in spiritual behavior **(Job 11:13-20)**

Hymn **1st Sunday** **Because He Lives #106**

2nd - 4th Sunday **My God Is Real #249**



Dr. Maya Angelou

Poet, dancer, singer, activist, and scholar Maya Angelou was a world-famous author. She was best known for her unique and pioneering autobiographical writing style.

On **April 4, 1928**, Marguerite Ann Johnson, known to the world as Maya Angelou, was born in St. Louis, Missouri. Due to her parents' tumultuous marriage and subsequent divorce, Angelou went to live with her paternal grandmother in Stamps, Arkansas at an early age. Her older brother, Bailey, gave Angelou her nickname “Maya.”

Returning to her mother's care briefly at the age of seven, Angelou was raped by her mother's boyfriend. He was later jailed and then killed when released from jail. Believing that her confession of the trauma had a hand in the man's death, Angelou became mute for six years. During her mutism and into her teens, she again lived with her grandmother in Arkansas.

Angelou's interest in the written word and the English language was evident from an early age. Throughout her childhood, she wrote essays, poetry, and kept a journal. When she returned to Arkansas, she took an interest in poetry and memorized works by Shakespeare and Poe.

Angelou was also noted for her talents as a singer and dancer, particularly in the calypso and cabaret styles. In the 1950s, she performed professionally in the US, Europe, and northern Africa, and sold albums of her recordings.

In 1969, Angelou published *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, an autobiography of her early life. Her tale of personal strength amid childhood trauma and racism resonated with readers and was nominated for the National Book Award. Many schools sought to ban the book for its frank depiction of sexual abuse, but it is credited with helping other abuse survivors tell their stories. *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* has been translated into numerous languages and has sold over a million copies worldwide.

May 2026

KINGDOM WOMEN ROOTED AND GROUNDED IN FAITH

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KINGDOM WOMEN ROOTED AND GROUNDED IN FAITH

THOUGHT: Kingdom Women must understand that the Word of God affirms the importance of strong faith as a foundation for their spiritual development. They must be committed to demonstrating faithfulness to God in all aspects of daily living.

KEY WORDS / PHRASES: Faith, Trusting, Committed, Spiritual

May 3 – Pheobe – Women as strong spiritual leaders (Romans 16:1-2)

May 10 Hannah – Women Committing Our Children to God (I Samuel 1:1-11) **(MOTHERS DAY)**

May 17 – Jochebed – Women Trusting God for Divine Protection (Exodus 2:3-5)

May 24 – **(PENTECOST SUNDAY)** *The Outpouring of the Spirit: God's Promise Fulfilled* (Acts 2:16–21)

May 31 – Rahab – Women Rooted in their faith (Joshua 2:8-14)

Hymn **1st Sunday** **Glory To His Name #191**
4th Sunday (Pentecost) **Breathe on Me breath of God #118**



History & Origins

- **Early Peace Activism:** The holiday's roots lie in 19th-century movements by women like **Julia Ward Howe**, who in 1870 called for a "Mother's Day for Peace" to promote pacifism after the Civil War.
- **Anna Jarvis:** The modern version was established by **Anna Jarvis**, who held the first official memorial service for her mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, in 1908 in Grafton, West Virginia.
- **National Holiday:** In 1914, President **Woodrow Wilson** signed a proclamation designating the second Sunday in May as an official national holiday.
- **Commercial Backlash:** Jarvis later became a fierce opponent of the holiday's commercialization, spending her later years and wealth trying to abolish it because she felt it had been hijacked by florists and greeting card companies.

Mother to Son

By **LANGSTON HUGHES**

*Well, son, I'll tell you:
Life for me ain't been no crystal stair.
It's had tacks in it,
And splinters,
And boards torn up,
And places with no carpet on the floor—
Bare.
But all the time
I've been a-climbin' on,
And reachin' landin's,
And turnin' corners,
And sometimes goin' in the dark
Where there ain't been no light.
So boy, don't you turn back.
Don't you set down on the steps
'Cause you finds it's kinder hard.
Don't you fall now—
For I've still goin', honey,
I've still climbin',
And life for me ain't been no crystal stair.*

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KINGDOM MEN ROOTED AND GROUNDED IN FAITH

THOUGHT: Kingdom men must submit to God's authority, embody responsible leadership, and exercise dominion over their lives and spheres of influence. They must demonstrate God's rule in all areas of life, living with integrity, serving others, and acting as a strong, positive influence for their family and community.

KEY WORDS / PHRASES: Wise Instruction, Discipline, Brotherly Love

June 7 – Abel - Men Offering Their Best to God (Hebrews 11:4 and Gen. 4:1-10)

June 14 – Enoch - Men Walking Closely with God (Hebrews 11:5 and Genesis 5:21-24)

June 21 – **(Father's Day)** Noah - Men Choosing to Obey God (Hebrews 11:7 and Genesis 6:11 -7:5)

June 28 – Joseph - Men Overcoming Great Obstacles (Hebrews 11:21-22 and Genesis 50:15-21)

Hymn
1st Sunday
2nd - 4th Sunday

Glory To His Name #191
Love Lifted Me #141

Father's Day honors fatherhood celebrated in the U.S. on the **third** Sunday in June (June 19, 2025; June 21, 2026). Originated in 1910 thanks to Sonora Smart Dodd, it became a U.S. national holiday in 1972, recognized by cards, gifts, and celebrating fathers' vital roles in families and society.



Significance & Purpose

Honors Fatherhood: Recognizes the positive influence of fathers and father figures.

Appreciation: A day to thank dads for love, guidance, and support.

Family Bonds: Strengthens paternal bonds and family connections.

Official Recognition: Became a permanent national holiday in the U.S. in 1972 when President Nixon signed it into law.

A Father to His Son (Excerpts) by James Saint Simon

*What father is worthy of such a son?
Who could feel prouder than he?
When I disappoint you I am undone
My only hope is to fill you with glee*

*Since your birth, I've loved you
And foresaw our eternal friendship
So many plans yet to come true
But who can separate our bond of kinship*

*Every day I work to be a better man
To show you what that means
But in the end, I'm human
My mistakes can't be unseen*

*You're always going to be my son
No matter what you do
You won't be loved like this by anyone
I will always love you*

*I'm happy just to be your dad
And no matter who you become
Even if you did really bad
I'm still happy to be your dad.*

July 2026

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THOUGHT: Kingdom Citizens should recognize that God can replace old biases with new, righteous thinking. There is nothing wrong with letting go old ways of thinking so that we can be re-rooted for righteous service.

KEY WORDS / PHRASES: Conversion, Re-dedication, Faith, Commitment

July 4 – Wrongly Rooted in Exclusiveness (Acts 7:58)

July 11 – Re-rooted by an Encounter with the Master (Acts 9:3-9)

July 18 – Escaping from your Damascus (Acts 9:19-25)

July 26 - The Power of a Testimony (Acts 9:26-28)

Hymn **1st Sunday** **The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power #97**

2nd - 4th Sunday **Saved, Saved #139**

THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.—That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, —That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.—Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

Excerpts from "The Declaration of Independence"

August 2026

TRANSFORMING FROM BIASES IN THINKING TO ETHICAL INTEGRITY - LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF PAUL

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TRANSFORMING FROM BIASES IN THINKING TO ETHICAL INTEGRITY LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF PAUL

Thought: Kingdom citizens are expected to stand resolute for the cause of Christ when faced with challenges to their evangelism efforts. They should boldly address opposition with the Word of God.

WORDS/PHRASES: Perseverance, Empowered, Apostleship, Boldness

August 1 - Perseverance in the midst of Persecution (Acts 11:19-30)

August 8 – Empowered for Evangelism (Acts 13:1-3)

August 15 – Apostle to the Gentiles (Galatians 2:1-10)

August 22 – Boldly Confronting Hypocrisy (Galatians 2:11-14)

August 29 - Being “Almost Persuaded” is not Enough (Acts 25:13-27)

Hymn 1st Sunday At Calvary #90

2nd - 4th Sunday Keep Me Every Day #244



Black August is an annual observance honoring Black revolutionaries, freedom fighters, and prisoners by commemorating their sacrifices and the history of Black resistance against state violence and systemic oppression, originating in California prisons in 1979 to remember those killed, like George Jackson, and to advocate for political prisoners and better prison conditions. It's a month of reflection, study, and action, marked by fasting, training, and cultural events to recommit to Black liberation.

Origins & Purpose

Started in California Prisons (1979): Initiated by Black political prisoners to mourn fallen comrades, including Jonathan P. Jackson (Aug 7, 1970) and George Jackson (Aug 21, 1971).

Honors Martyrs: Commemorates those killed fighting for liberation, such as members of the Black Panther Party.

Raises Awareness: Highlights the harsh realities and oppressive conditions within U.S. prisons.

Calls for Action: Demands the release of political prisoners and emphasizes the ongoing struggle for Black liberation.

September 2026

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TRANSFORMING FROM COGNITIVE BIASES TO ETHICAL INTEGRITY – LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF PAUL

Thought: Kingdom Citizens are expected to maintain unwavering dedication throughout their lives, making engagement in the cause of Christ a continual responsibility. There is no provision for retirement from doing the Lord's work.

WORDS/PHRASES: Suffering, Revealing, Enduring, Praising

September 5 – Suffering for the Cause of Christ
(II Corinthians 11:25-26)

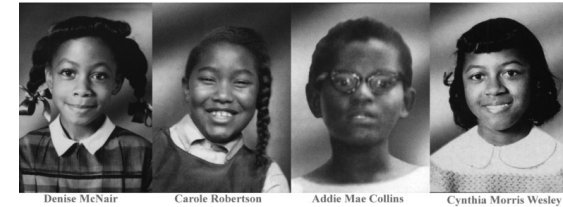
September 12 – Jesus, not “Bar Jesus”! (Acts 13:6-17)

September 19 – Making Known the Unknown (Acts 17:22-31)

September 26 – “I’ve Fought the Good Fight” (II Timothy 4:6-8)

Hymn	1st Sunday	Let Us Break Bread Together # 489
	2nd - 4th Sunday	He Leadeth Me #151

Birmingham Tense After Church Bomb Kills 4 Girls



On the morning of September 15, 1963, Denise McNair (age 11), Addie Mae Collins (age 14), Cynthia Wesley (age 14), and Carole Robertson (age 14) were killed when nineteen sticks of dynamite exploded at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama. Fourteen others were injured in the bombing.

Just five days after the bombing of the church, the Reverend C. Herbert Oliver wrote a “Report on Birmingham,” making an appeal on behalf of the Inter-Citizens Committee to prospective supporters and documenting the violence that was consuming the city. The Inter-Citizens Committee was formed in April 1960 at Trinity Baptist Church in Birmingham by Oliver, Harold D. Long, G. L. Terrell, James Lowell Ware, and J. C. Wilson, all local ministers. The committee documented “cases of alleged rights violations, both official and non-official” from 1960 to 1965, sending their accounts, mainly by mail, to press and government representatives nationwide.

In his report, Oliver catalogs seven other bombings and twelve instances of police brutality against African Americans in Birmingham from March to September 1963. Six of the twenty attacks he lists in this six-month period occurred in the wake of the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church. In his words, “The savage, brutal, murderous, and ungodly bombing of Sixteenth Street Baptist Church . . . has revealed to the whole world the evil of racism. Those few terrifying moments of the blast said what we have been trying to say to the nation for years, that there exists in Alabama the most unconscionable disregard for man and God on the part of some.”

A witness in the subsequent trial claimed that Robert Edward Chambliss, a member of the Ku Klux Klan, placed the bomb in the church. However, on October 8, 1963, Chambliss was found not guilty of murder and given a \$100 fine for being in possession of 122 sticks of dynamite without a permit. When the case was reopened in 1977, Chambliss’s niece testified against him, and he was convicted of murdering the girls.

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ROOTED AND GROUNDED IN STEWARDSHIP

Thought: Kingdom Citizens must recognize that stewardship refers to the responsible management of all the resources and abilities that we possess. It includes all aspects of life, such as time, skills, and assets. Our attitudes toward stewardship reflect personal values and priorities.

WORDS/PHRASES: Responsibility, Cheerful Giving, Right Attitude

October 4 – It Should Come from the Heart (Matthew 6:19-24)

October 11 – Walk in the Light (Ephesians 5:6-11)

October 18 – Be Stewards of God’s Creation (Genesis 1:26)

October 25 – Rooted and Grounded in Cheerful Giving
(II Corinthians 9:6-8)

Hymn 1st Sunday Give Me A Clean Heart #349

2nd - 4th Sunday Walk In The Light #515



30 YEARS AGO - OCTOBER 16, 1995

An enormous crowd consisting mostly of African American men demonstrates on the National Mall on October 16, 1995, an event known as the [Million Man March](#). Driven by their desire to see Congress act in the interests of African Americans, and to combat negative stereotypes of Black men, a disputed but undeniably high number of attendees converge for over 12 hours of speeches by leaders from many different corners of the civil rights movement.

The Million Man March was the brainchild of Louis Farrakahn, leader of the Nation of Islam, and was organized by the National African American Leadership Summit and a number of other groups. The march was largely a response to the politics of the time—with a Republican-controlled Congress and a conservative-leaning Democratic president, [Bill Clinton](#), Washington was gripped by a desire to lower taxes and cut government spending on education, housing and social programs. Organizers also expressed a desire to change the public’s image of African American men in response to high-profile scandals like the [O.J. Simpson trial](#) and [Mike Tyson’s rape conviction](#), arguing that Black men were often treated by the government and media as “sacrificial lambs” for the sins of all American men.

The event began with a Muslim call to prayer and a Christian invocation. Attendees took in speeches and performances by representatives from Africa and the Caribbean, a number of Christian ministers and other figures such as [Rosa Parks](#), Martin Luther King III, Maya Angelou, Dr. Cornel West and many more in a program that lasted more than 12 hours. Speakers and attendees emphasized responsibility, with the crowd taking a pledge to support their families, refrain from abusive behavior toward women and children, and renounce violence except in self-defense, in addition to building up Black businesses and institutions in their communities.

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ROOTED AND GROUNDED BY THE GRACE OF GOD

Thought: Kingdom Citizens understand that being rooted and grounded in God's grace means building a strong relationship with God through His Word, prayer, and supportive community. This foundation offers stability and resilience, keeping us anchored in God's love and promises.

WORDS/PHRASES: Unmerited Favor, Justified, Sufficient

November 1- Saved by Grace (Ephesians 2:8-9)

November 8 – God's Grace is Sufficient (II Corinthians 12:7-9)

November 15 – Justified by Grace (Romans 3:20-24)

November 22 – Blessed Assurance (II Corinthians 4:13-18)

November 29 - A Grace You Can Rely On (II Corinthians 1:12-14)

Hymn	1st Sunday	There Is A Fountain #84
	2nd - 4th Sunday	Blessed Assurance #27



BARACK OBAMA

**44TH President and the 1st
African American President of
the United States**

SERVED 2 TERMS

Barack Obama, as the 44th President and the first African American commander-in-chief, has consistently used Black History Month to emphasize that Black history is inseparable from American history. During his presidency and into 2025, his messages have focused on honoring the past while addressing ongoing challenges for equality.

A central tenet of Obama's perspective is that the contributions of Black Americans should not be "segregated" into a single month but recognized as fundamental to the nation's identity.

Obama often used the month as an opportunity to reflect on ongoing struggles for justice and equality, encouraging new generations to continue the work of social progress. He attended events like the 50th anniversary of the Selma to Montgomery civil rights march, linking historical events to present-day challenges.

The President and First Lady Michelle Obama hosted numerous receptions and events at the White House to honor the contributions of African Americans in various fields, including arts, music, and civil rights.

As a private citizen, Obama continues to acknowledge and celebrate Black History Month through social media posts, statements from the Obama Foundation, and initiatives like My Brother's Keeper. His messaging consistently advocates for the full integration of Black history into the broader American historical narrative and a daily commitment to living up to the example of those who fought for freedom and rights.

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Thought: Kingdom Citizens know that being rooted and grounded in the mission of Christ involves a deep commitment to living according to His teachings and drawing strength from His presence. It emphasizes the importance of a personal relationship with Christ that influences every aspect of life.

WORDS/PHRASES: Foundation, Mission, Daily Living, Benediction

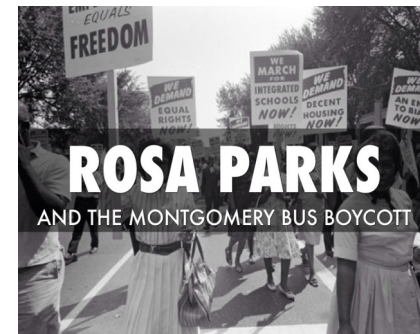
December 6 – Rooted and Growing on a Solid Foundation (Luke 6:47-49)

December 13 – Rooted and Grounded with the Shepherd (Psalm 23)

December 20 – **(CHRISTMAS)** The Word Made Flesh: Grace and Truth Revealed (John 1:14–18)

December 27 – A Year's End Benediction (Numbers 6:24-26)

Hymn	1st Sunday	Old Rugged Cross #96
	2nd - 4th Sunday	O Come O Come Emmanuel #53



The [Rosa Parks bus protest](#) refers to her December 1, 1955, refusal to give up her bus seat to a white man in segregated Montgomery, Alabama, which sparked the 381 Day [Montgomery Bus Boycott](#) led by [Martin Luther King Jr.](#), resulting in a Supreme Court ruling desegregating public buses and marking a pivotal moment in the American Civil Rights Movement. Parks, a seasoned NAACP activist, wasn't just tired but tired of giving in, and her deliberate act of defiance, planned with local groups like the [Women's Political Council](#) (WPC), galvanized the Black community to protest economic exploitation on buses, ultimately leading to integration and cementing her legacy as the "mother of the civil rights movement".

Segregated System: Montgomery buses had rigid rules, with Black riders often forced to stand even if seats were available for white passengers, as recounted by Parks herself.

Parks' Background: A dedicated NAACP secretary, Parks had a history of activism, including challenging bus segregation before.

The Arrest: On December 1, 1955, after refusing the driver's order to move, she was arrested for disorderly conduct.

The Boycott's Launch: The [NAACP](#) and WPC, who had planned for such an event, quickly organized a one-day boycott, which grew into a year-long mass protest.

MIA & MLK Jr.: The Montgomery Improvement Association (MIA) formed to lead the boycott, electing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. as its president, bringing national attention to the cause.

Exalt the Savior; **E**vangelize the Lost; **E**xecute Mission; **E**dify the Saints

Philippians 1:1-11; Ephesians 4:1-13; Matthew 28:19-20

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