



## When God is Doing A New Thing

Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. [Isaiah 43:18-19](#)

Our God is a God of new beginnings and likes doing new things; it is all over creation! He designed our bodies always to produce new cells, new hair; we are always experiencing new days, years, and seasons. We have a new life in Christ, with new opportunities and new challenges. And one of His last promises in the Bible is Him making all things new. ([Revelation 21:5](#))

As God created us in His image, we have a liking for new things as well. We are always producing and buying new stuff and seeking new experiences and sensations. The funny thing, though, is that whenever God begins doing new things in our lives, we firmly resist it. That's the one occasion when we rather stick to the old.

I admit being guilty of that because, like most, I don't like change. I have envisioned my life a certain way and resist anything that threatens to put it on a different path. So when God does a new thing in my life, my first reaction is to oppose it and cling on to my old familiar ways.

For example, last year, God closed a door and refused to open it despite my many prayers. Instead of accepting it and going down the hallway into the unknown to seek for a new door He might have opened, I camped at that old door and resolutely kept banging on it (more on this story in my post [What to do when God says no](#)).

However, I have learned that it is vital to embrace the new things God is doing; to let go of past opportunities, and prepare for the new things ahead.

When God is doing something new, it sometimes requires us to step into the unknown, which may feel uncomfortable, scary, and even unpleasant at first. We might be tempted to hold on to the life we know where everything is familiar. But we need to let go of the old, trust God and embrace what He is doing. Otherwise, we will miss out on all the good things God wants to do to us and through us.

Take Abraham, for instance. God did a new thing in Abraham's life when He asked Abraham to leave his land, his family, and everything he has ever known to go to a new place.

Abraham decided to trust God and abandon his old life. And through his obedience, the nation of Israel came to be, as well as the lineage of Jesus.

The apostles are another example. Peter, John, and James abandoned their former lives of fishermen to follow Jesus and become His disciples. By embracing the new thing God did, they helped build the church and led many to salvation.

Likewise, with Paul, after he encountered Jesus on the road to Damascus, he accepted his new role as an apostle to the gentiles and let go of his old life as a Pharisee. God accomplished many things through Paul's, and his teachings make up half of the New Testament.

However, once we have decided to trust God and step into something new, we need to get ready for challenges. That's because when God does a new thing, it is usually accompanied by a period of testing and preparation. As we are not always prepared to accomplish the tasks He has set for us, He develops and tests until we are ready. And His training ground is in the wilderness.

Take the example of Joseph, son of Jacob. Joseph came from a family of farmers and shepherds, and he probably planned to be one too. But God told him He would do a new thing in his life, and Joseph would become a person of vital importance. But before that came to pass, Joseph went through a period of testing and preparation during thirteen years of servitude and imprisonment.

David is another example. He was the last of eight sons in his family and was entirely unimportant. But God did something new in David's life and appointed him as the next king of Israel. However, David did not walk into his kingdom right away. First, he went through a period of testing and preparation for about fifteen years before he reigned as king.

Other people went through a period of testing and preparation like Moses, John the Baptist, and even Jesus. After Jesus was baptized, He spent forty days of testing in the wilderness before He began His earthly ministry.

It is essential to not only let go and embrace what God is doing; but also to endure the testing that comes with it patiently. Otherwise, we will share a similar fate to that of the children of Israel.

God did something new when He delivered the Israelites from slavery; He uprooted them from everything they had ever known to take them to a new land. But before God brought them to the promised land, He purposely led the children of Israel through a longer path to strengthen and prepare them for the things to come. The desert was their period of testing and preparation, but they failed it.

They didn't let go of their old lives, but longed for the good old days and wanted to return to Egypt. They didn't patiently endure the hardships of the testing; instead, they **complained and grumbled** the whole time. Lastly, they did not trust God and refused to enter the promised land. Due to that, God punished them and made them wander in the wilderness for forty years.

Friend, don't let this be your story.

I didn't want it to be mine, but in the past, I behaved like the Israelites. But I am learning to trust God and to follow Him even if it is in the unknown beyond my comfort zone. I am trying to let go of my plans and step into His because God's plans are exceedingly and abundantly better than anything anyone can ever imagine.

If you feel God doing a new thing, don't resist it like the children of Israel, but embrace it! Let go of the former things, and endure the testing and preparation that will inevitably follow. If we trust Him, He will lead us to higher places and accomplish beautiful and marvelous things through us.

Grace and peace to you!

<https://www.wordsoffaiithopelove.com/when-god-is-doing-a-new-thing/>



## It's Beginning to Look A lot Like 2023

Greetings and Salutations,

Happy New Year to ALL of our disciples and to all who are new members of this makeup of the called by God. Scriptures declares this “called” as Paul shares in the book of 2 Corinthians 6:17 “Come out from among them, the unbelievers, and separate yourselves from them says the Lord”, which brings me to my introduction as we begin to focus on the New Year of 2023. God is calling us from amongst the deficiencies and unclean realities that we see and are surrounded by on a daily basis. Coming into this year, not knowing, but yet trusting that God has made provisions, God has given us this day our daily bread, that we have no need to rest within the unrighteousness of this world. And that’s why we thank HIM sooooo much... because He is a kind God and equally that kind of God.

As we prepare for that which God is doing at Grace, I want to welcome all of those who have taken this moment to be obedient to the Spirit of the Lord through conviction by re-affirming your relationship with Christ and His Church. Often we find out that the grace of God is not cheap and we also come to experience that His love is so powerful that we get to “taste” what it’s like to have a second chance. We thank God not only that we get a second chance, but we get a third and so many more to be in right relationship and covenant with Him first and then with one another. The preamble to our covenant says it this way “Having been led as we believe by the spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, in the name of the Son and in the name of the Holy Spirit; we do now in the presence of God, angels and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into this covenant with one another, as one body in Christ”. We must always remember that our relationship, as it is demonstrated through the appearance of the cross, is not only vertical, it is equally horizontal.

Grace, we are working on Re-Imagining our vision to present to God first and then to you the changes needed to move forward. There are a few things that we have completed and to make this announcement we will re-establish our choirs going back to the choir stand and re-

institute our processions and recession. Sunday School will also start up on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of this month beginning at 9 am.

There is so much to share, however, we will hold as much as possible until our Church Gathering later this month. God is not done with this HOUSE of HOPE yet.

Let us continue to keep one another lifted in prayer and let us keep our community lifted in prayer. We look forward to seeing you all at our meeting and to show you that this is the Church where “Hope Happens Here”.

Pastor J. Henry Buck, Jr.

***MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND PUT IT  
IN YOUR SCHEDULE!***

***JANUARY 21, 2023 AT 10:00 A.M. IN  
THE J.B. MURRAY SOCIAL HALL***

***COME SEE WHAT GOD HAS FOR US TO  
WORK ON THIS YEAR!***

***SEE YOU THERE!***



ANNUAL  
CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING



## A Black History Moment from AAHM, GBCOG

### 20 Powerful Martin Luther King Jr. Quotes to Remind You of His Message

They still ring true today.

By Katie Bowlby, Digital Director, Hearst Magazine, Updated : Jan 17, 2022



More than 50 years have passed since Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee, but his words are just as meaningful as they were during the peak of the Civil Rights Movement. The Civil Rights leader died at age 39, but his impact continues to this day. From his most famous "I Have a Dream" speech to his letter from a Birmingham jail, his message is truly timeless.

For many, the third Monday in January means a day off from work, but don't let the anniversary of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday pass without reflecting on his words and his legacy. Of course, you don't need a special day to take his inspirational quotes to heart. While you're likely familiar with his unforgettable "I Have a Dream" speech from the 1963 March on Washington, there are so many more quotes and speeches to explore. It doesn't take a holiday to think about these words and share them with your family: "The time is always right to do what is right." And we could all use a reminder from this quote from the Nobel Prize Winner's 1967 "Where Do We Go From Here?" address: "I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear." Take these words to heart, and be grateful for Dr. King's legacy. Some of his quotes:

1. "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."
2. "Let us realize that the arc of the moral universe is long but it bends toward justice."
3. "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."
4. "The time is always right to do what is right."
5. "Keep feeling the need for being important. Keep feeling the need for being first. But I want you to be the first in love. I want you to be the first in moral excellence. I want you to be the first in generosity."
6. "I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear."
7. "Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred."
8. "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

9. "When we let 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!' "

10. "In some not too distant tomorrow the radiant stars of love and brotherhood will shine over our great nation with all their scintillating beauty."

11. "You can kill the dreamer, but you can't kill the dream."

12. "Forgiveness is not an occasional act. It is a permanent attitude."

13. "We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope."

14. "We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools."

15. "I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. That is why right, temporarily defeated, is stronger than evil triumphant."

16. "Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase."

17. "There are some things so dear, some things so precious, some things so eternally true, that they are worth dying for. And I submit to you that if a man has not discovered something that he will die for, he isn't fit to live."

18. "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?' "

19. "Let no man pull you so low as to hate him."

20. "Well, I don't know what will happen now. We've got some difficult days ahead. But it doesn't matter with me now. Because I've been to the mountaintop. And I don't mind. Like any man, I would like to live a long life. Longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will. And He's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over. And I've seen the promised land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people will get to the promised land. And I'm happy, tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord."

Submitted by,

Ms. Inez D. Henry, President, AAHM, GBCOG

Mrs. Marlene Patterson, Vice President, AAHM, GBCOG



From the keyboard of the editor

**Happy New Year, My Brothers and Sisters in Christ!**

**I hope you all had a Christmas filled with the Lord's Blessings, and that you are looking forward, in prayerful anticipation, to those that He has in store for you in 2023!**

**I had quite a Christmas this year. My grandson is now 21 months old and was able to enjoy some of the family Christmas traditions. In addition to other "holiday" things we were able to share the insanity of walking through the Dyker Heights neighborhood to view Christmas lights in 12 degree weather.(Beautiful, but crowded and COLD!) Visiting with family members during the holidays is always special. Johnny hung out with his family at their Christmas party until well past his bedtime! Both of his grandmothers ended up being more tired than he was by the end of the night...See, that's why God gives babies to young people! And yes, "Oma" did cook Christmas dinner and we were able to eat it together before Magda had to leave for her 12 hour night shift at the hospital.**

**Yes, I had a blessed, but somewhat disturbing Christmas. Having lost so many of our members this year, my heart was heavy for those whose loved ones had transitioned, and this was their first Christmas without them.**

**The other thing that was disturbing happened as we were stuck in traffic trying to get into Manhattan. We were stuck under an overpass and over on the sidewalk against the wall were three igloo-like "structures" made of cloth. One of them had a huge umbrella in front of it as if someone was trying to ward off the rain. A youngish man was walking between the cars stuck in traffic, gesturing eating. My son-in-law rolled down the window a little to hear what the man was saying. He said "My wife and I live here," pointing to the setup on the sidewalk. "Tonight we are so hungry, do you have anything you could spare?" We had no food with us, but I did have a few dollars which I gladly gave him. Traffic moved then, so we could move, but throughout the week that incident stayed on my mind. It was the coldest night of the year: the temperature had dropped to 15 degrees with a wind chill of 3 degrees, yet all he asked for was a little food. I wondered if a child was with them since there were three "structures". Even though New York's code blue was in effect, I realize that they couldn't abandon their "home" and couldn't take it with them to a safer shelter.**

**I have prayed for that couple almost every day since then. You know, we are used to panhandlers here in Philadelphia, and there are some that I have given to, but none of them have stayed on my heart as that couple.**

**When I came back home and saw our former center space, I asked myself (and I guess I asked God too) if we have no center because our purpose was not in His will. Could it be that we're supposed to do something else with that property, like provide temporary housing for homeless families? I'm praying for God to make clear His will for me and for us in 2023. I know He has a plan for us and that it will be revealed in His time. I'm praying for open ears and an open heart to receive whatever it is that's His will.**

**Grace, God is a prayer-answering God. Have you looked around and seen how He is blessing us? I have, and I thank Him..."Beloved, now we are the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; ..." 1 John 3:2**

**Happy, healthy and blessed 2023 to you and yours from the Beacon Staff, Grace! God bless.**

*Sandi*



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My Dear Friend!

## YOU'RE THE BEST!

Your thoughtfulness and overwhelming generosity to the Uganda Mission Project helped many men, women and children in need in Jinja and Kampala, Uganda. I am happy to let you know that the Mission Team who has partnered with the Christian Humanitarian Aid Organization from Canaan Family Life Center, will be returning to Uganda this coming **February 1, 2023**, so that we can once again provide help, food, clothing, education, medical care, and emotional support in this severely improvised country where child mortality rates are skyrocketing at alarming rates, many due to AIDS and Malaria. The need is overwhelming in Uganda, but we intend to make a difference one child at a time.

**Because you cared**, I along with the six other members of the Team, will be able once again to give personal testimonies, minister and encourage the children and adults in any way needed. We will take supplies and other miscellaneous gifts. The greatest gift we can offer is the love of Jesus Christ! We want each person to understand that their life matters and God has a plan for them to be with him for eternity. **We will also distribute the pillowcase dresses, lovingly made by the women of Grace**, to girls and teens who are so grateful and appreciative of our kindness.

Well, now you know the facts. Here is how I'm praying you can help. The cost of my trip with airfare, food, lodging, ground transportation, water, and ministry projects will be \$3,200. Your gift of any size is greatly appreciated. **We also want you to partner with us in prayer knowing this is a God-sized opportunity that will require great faith.** We are asking for you to pray for our physical safety, spiritual growth, protection, and for opportunities to share Jesus Christ's love with the people of Uganda. If you are able to make a donation, please see me by **January 20, 2023**, as I will be leaving for Uganda on February 1, 2023.

As Jesus said in Matthew 25:35-40, "for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was



thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me' Then the righteous will answer Him saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You? "And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, in as much as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'"

In a world full of "No," "I can't," "Maybe next time," I am so happy you said "Yes" and I am praying you will say "YES!" again. Blessings will flow your way because of your helped to feed the hungry, thirsty, homeless, the imprisoned and those in need of something to wear. For as much as you did it for one of the least of these, you did it for Christ.

I pray you will continue to support the Uganda Mission Project efforts to do what our Father has asked us all to do....**Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself (Matthew 22:39)**. There is so much more that needs to be done.

Thank you so much.

Yours in Christ and Missions,

*Sandie Jordan-Gordon*





## HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE WELLNESS MINISTRY OF GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH OF GERMANTOWN

The purpose of the Wellness Ministry is to support the members of Grace to live healthy lives according to the plans of our heavenly Father. The scriptural

foundation for the Wellness Ministry can be found in James 5:13-16. In this scripture the body of Christ is called to pray, support, and encourage one another, while going through a physical or mental health crisis. This ministry desires to live out those same characteristics that are found in James 5:13-16 within the community of faith here at Grace.

Each month within the pages of the “Grace Beacon” you will find an article from the Wellness Ministry. The articles will focus on health awareness issues for that particular month. It is the ministry’s prayer that you the reader will find the information to be helpful and that you will possibly share the information with your family members and friends.

— Minister Carolyn Blackson

### WELLNESS MINISTRY’S DID YOU KNOW? JANUARY 2023



January is National Blood Donor month.

Did you know...

- that 1 in 7 patients entering a hospital will use blood?
- that a single blood donation can save two or more patients in need?
- that 1 in 3 African American blood donors are a match for a sickle cell patient

Now that you know, why not consider donating blood this New Year? You can contact the American Red Cross at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) for how to sign up to make a donation.

January is Cervical Cancer Awareness month.

Did you know...



- that cervical cancer is a disease in which cancer cells arise in the cervix, which connects the uterus to the vagina?
- that cervical cancer is no longer the leading cause of cancer deaths for women in the United States
- that although cervical cancer is no longer the leading cause of deaths in women there are still 14,500 women in the United States who will receive a diagnosis of cervical cancer and that more than 4,200 of those women will die from the disease

Now that you know, please make an appointment with your gynecologist to have a screening done.

January is also Glaucoma Awareness month.



**JANUARY GLAUCOMA  
AWARENESS MONTH**

Did you know....

- that glaucoma is a leading cause of vision loss and blindness in the United States?
- that African Americans over the age of 40 are at a higher risk than other ethnicities?
- that having family history of glaucoma also puts you at higher risk?

Now that you know, why not contact Wills Eye Hospital at 215-928-3000? Or if you already have an ophthalmologist, please call and make an appointment to get a dilated eye exam.

## Finally - Leadership Seminar - Part 2:

The Board of Christian Education of Grace invites you to attend

**“Christian Leadership —————▶ Moving FORWARD”**

**Leading God’s People in Christian Growth**

**A Church Leadership**

**Seminar for the Leaders of**

**Grace Baptist Church of Germantown**

**Saturday, January 28, 2023**

**10:00 a.m - 1:30 p.m.**

**J.B. Murray Social Hall  
Grace Baptist Church of Germantown**

**25 W. Johnson St.**

**(215) 438-3215**

**Rev. Dr. J. Henry Buck, Jr.**

**Senior Pastor**

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**or(215) 849-7155**

**NOTICE FROM  
THE BOARD OF DEACONS:**

**NOONDAY IN-PERSON PRAYER MEETINGS ARE  
CANCELLED UNTIL APRIL 2023 BECAUSE OF THE  
VARIOUS WINTER INCLEMENT WEATHER  
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**AT 6:00 P.M. FOR BIBLE STUDY AND AT 7:00 P.M. FOR VIRTUAL PRAYER  
MEETING.**

**- ZOOM ONLY**

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**COMING IN FEBRUARY  
CHILD PROTECTION POLICY TRAINING  
IT'S TIME FOR RE-CERTIFICATION  
OF ALL WHO WORK WITH CHILDREN  
AT GRACE.**

**DATE AND  
REGISTRATION  
DETAILS TO BE  
ANNOUNCED.**



Are You President, Vice-President or  
Chair of a Grace Ministry? Are you a  
Deacon, Trustee or Minister here at  
Grace? Then mark your calendar for an  
**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

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**meeting**  
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It's the beginning of a new year and we  
need you to help with planning this year's  
Ministries' Activities.

When? **February 2, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.**

How? **Via ZOOM (Zoom link will be  
forwarded later)**

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03-04-2023	12:30 - 4:00 pm
04-07-2023	12:30 - 4:00 pm
05-07-2023	12:30 - 4:00 pm
06-07-2023	12:30 - 4:00 pm

Dorothy Emanuel Recreation Centre,  
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Tony Smith (January 7th)  
Real Estate Investing



Andres Marin (February 4th)  
Culinary Arts



Hassan Demarco (March 4th)  
Elevated Barbering Business



Brett Parker (April 7th)  
Establishing Credit



Ashlee Cooper + Team (May 7th)  
Drone Piloting

## Sick & Shut-in List – 1/3/23

### OUR KNOWN SICK AND SHUT-INS:

Dr. K. Wesley Alford  
Mrs. Dorothy Allen  
Ms. Joyce Allen  
Mrs. Cora P. Barlow  
Deacon Robert Berkley  
Mrs. Luvonia Bivens  
Ms. Dolores J. Bouldin  
Mrs. Mary Bush  
Mr. Leonard Carter  
Mrs. Shirley Carter  
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Mrs. Juanita Dade  
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Mrs. Patricia Lomax  
Mrs. Jacqueline (Garden) Marshall  
Ms. Celesta McLean  
Mrs. Helene Morris  
Mr. James Napoleon  
Mr. Joseph Norman  
Mrs. Florence Palmer  
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Mrs. Virginia Thomas  
Ms. Alice Whitaker  
Ms. Sandra White  
Mr. Anthony Williams  
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Mr. Darryl Jones, **Magee Rehabilitation**, 1513 Race Street (02)

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Ms. Ellen Corbett, **Phoebe Wyncote**  
Mr. George Beach, **ProMedica Total Rehab+**,  
Mr. Christopher and Mrs. Ludell Roberts, **Springfield Crossings Rehab and Health Care**,  
Ms. Keisha Way, **Towne Manor East**,  
**PRAYER LIST:**  
Ms. Linda Lawrence, **sister**, of Mrs. Barbara Autry  
Mr. Kevin Barlow, **son** of Mrs. Cora P. Barlow  
Ms. Annette M. Jackson and Mrs. Shirley Macon, **sisters** of Mrs. Cora Barlow and Mrs. Theresa Smith  
Ms. Joanne Evans, **friend** of Mrs. Patricia Beach  
Ms. Karen Beyers and Mr. Eugene Beyers  
Ms. Norma Birkett  
Mrs. Shyolanda Nichols-Brown of Denver, CO  
Ms. Juan Clairbourne of Las Vegas, NV, **cousin** of Rev. Dr. J. Henry Buck, Jr.  
Aeesha Butts, **mother** and Teesha Butts, **daughter**  
Ms. Janey Martin, **mother** of Mrs. Betty J. Coleman  
Mr. Robert Corbett, **brother** of Mr. Fred Corbett & Ms. Ellen Corbett  
Ms. Elizabeth Corbett  
Mrs. Helena Dennis, 125 E. McIver Road, Darlington, SC 29532, **mother** of Ms. Lisa Dennis  
Mrs. Mildred Elliott  
Mr. Willie Evans, **father**, Ms. Tiffany Evans  
Mrs. Parthenia Gardner, **sister** and Mr. Tyrone Randolph, **son** of Mrs. Geraldine V. Gilmore  
Mrs. Geraldine V. Randolph-Gilmore  
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Mrs. Christina Pleasants-Johnson  
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Ms. Yvonne Love, **sister** of Ms. Vinnette Love  
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Mr. Vito Scutti  
Mrs. Matilda Simmons, **sister** of Ms. Alice Whitaker & Mr. Landon Whitby  
Mrs. Lisa Williams, **wife** of Mr. Anthony Williams  
Tr. Lunita Williams and Ms. Monica Williams  
Mrs. Ellen L. Williams  
Mrs. Mae F. Williams

# January Calendar

\*Birthday

\*\*Anniversary

\*\*\*Memorial

B 01 William Butler, Jr.  
B 01 Fonda E. Jacob Blake  
B 04 Don Jose` Stovall  
B 05 Cheryl Johnson  
B 05 Eli Singleton  
M 07 Edwina A. Baker  
B 07 Agnes B. Jones  
B 07 Tyrone L. Beach, Jr.  
B 07 Tyrone L. Beach, Sr.  
B 07 Cameron Isaac Alston Hodges  
B 07 Josiah Israel Simms  
B 07 Carolyn P. Wimbush  
M 08 Natalie V. Jones  
B 11 Raylea Harris  
B 11 Shameriah Diggs Washington  
B 13 Darryl L. Jones  
B 15 Grace McCollum  
B 16 Tatiana Greer  
B 16 Corinne C. Jones  
M 17 Hilda H. Carter  
B 17 Iris Lewis  
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B 26 Paulette Reed  
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B 31 Joanne Johnson  
B 31 Wanda F. Marshall  
B 31 Elijah Murray  
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