

Rev. Elmore Garner, Pastor

A Monthly Newsletter

February's Fulfillment Hour Lessons Unit 3: Self-Controlled, Upright, and Godly Faith

The four lessons in this closing quarter of study will focus on the Books of Acts, James, and First Timothy. They will provide specific examples of faith as both belief and action.

February 4th – Faith without works is dead (James 2:14-26)

Golden Text - James 2:26 (AMP)- "For as the human body apart from the spirit is lifeless, so faith apart from [its] works of obedience is also dead."

A body without the spirit or breath is dead. It does not move, act, live, or work. It is empty, totally useless and worthless. It is a dead body. So it is with faith: faith without works is dead. It does not move, act, live, or work. Faith without works is empty, totally useless and worthless. It does not live for Christ, does not follow Him in righteousness or purity nor work for Him in reaching people and meeting the needs of a destitute world.

February 11th – A Disciplined Faith (James 3:1-12)

Golden Text - James 3:8 (AMP) - "... the human tongue can be tamed by no man. It is a restless (undisciplined, irreconcilable) evil, full of deadly poison."

Believers must control the tongue. It is not fitting or right for a believer's tongue to be

untamed.

- 1) It is totally inconsistent for a believer's tongue to be untamed. A believer is just like a fountain, a fountain for God. Does a fountain that is supposed to bring forth sweet water bring forth bitter water?
- 2) It is contrary to the nature of believers to have an untamed tongue. A believer is just like a fig tree. Does the fig tree bear olives? Or a vine, figs? No fountain yields both salt and fresh water. No good tongue yields both words of blessing and words of cursing. Only an evil tongue could do this.

February 18th – Faithful Disciples (Acts 9:36-43)

Golden Text -Acts 9:40 (AMP) - "But Peter put them all out [of the rooml and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, Tabitha, get up! And she opened her eves: and when she saw Peter, she raised herself and sat



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upright."

There are at least three incidents in Scripture where the dead were raised in similar circumstances.

- 1) Jesus and Jairus' daughter (Matthew 5:40-42).
- 2) Elijah and the widow's son (1 Kings 17:17-24).
- 3) Elisha and the Shunammite's son (2 Kings 4:18-37, esp. 2 Kings 4:32-37).

February 25th – Fight the Good Fight of Faith (1 Timothy 6:11-21)

Golden Text - 1 Timothy 6:12 (AMP) – "Fight the good fight of the faith; lay hold of the eternal life to which you were summoned and [for which] you confessed the good confession [of faith] before many witnesses."

Note: the believer is in a desperate struggle for eternal life. Laying hold on the prize of eternal life is the struggle. Eternal life is the goal for which the man of God is fighting.

THE FULFILLMENT HOUR MINISTRY'S FEBRUARY'S 2018 THREE "E'S" REPORT

EFFECTIVENESS

Banners By Departments:

Attendance:

Children Department – 83 students Youth Department – 129 students Young Adult Department – 58 students Adult Department – 274 students Joined Church Family – 50 new members

EFFICIENCY

Class Enrollment, Attendance Percentage:

Children Department – 72% Youth Department – 79% Young Adult Department – 49% Adult Department – 69%

EXCELLENCE

Offering:

Children Department – \$139.65 Youth Department – \$105.00 Young Adult Department – \$305.00 Adult Department – \$1,110.00 Yearly Offering – \$1,659.65

THE FULFILLMENT HOUR MINISTRY'S ANNUAL REPORT 2017

EFFECTIVENESS

Banners By Departments:

Attendance:

Children Department – 1035 students
(Daily Avg. 20 students)
Youth Department – 1114 students
(Daily Avg. 21 students)
Young Adult Department – 757 students
(Daily Avg. 15 students)
Adult Department – 3668 students
(Daily Avg. 71 students)
New Family Members – 50
New Children & Youth – 13
Total attendance 7,048 students
Yearly avg. 136 students

EXCELLENCE

Perfect Attendance:

Children Department – 2 students Youth Department – 0 students Young Adult Department – 1 student Adult Department – 10 students

Offering:

Children Department – \$1,942.43 Youth Department – \$1,250.02 Young Adult Department – \$5,521.10 Adult Department – \$16,493.55 Yearly Offering – \$25,207.10

The Promises of God In five translations

Proverbs 12:19 (KJV) – "The lip of truth shall be established for ever: but a lying tongue is but for a moment."

Proverbs 12:19 (NIV) – "Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue lasts only a moment."

Proverbs 12:19 (NLT) – "Truthful words stand the test of time, but lies are soon exposed."

Proverbs 12:19 (MSG) – "Truth lasts; lies are here today, gone tomorrow."

Proverbs 12:19 (AMP) – "Truthful lips shall be established forever, but a lying tongue is [credited] but for a moment."



Making the GRADE Mount Calvary's 2017-2018 3.0 RECIPIENTS

The 3.0 Club gives special recognition for all K-12 Mount Calvary students that meet the requirement of earning a 3.0 or above grade point average. Those students who further meet the Sunday School attendance requirements of no less than 7 Sundays per 9 week semester also receive a monetary gift.





SECOND GRADE: HONOR ROLL - Kaidon Redeaux-son of Sis. Kimberly Kornbacher THIRD GRADE: HONOR ROLL - Kammendi Jones-daughter of Sis. Jennifer Pete, and granddaughter of Bro. Joseph and Sis. Blanche Pete FOURTH GRADE: HONOR ROLL - Camron

Greene-son of Bro. Eric and Sis. Julie Green, Anna Pettis-daughter of Sis. Christe Pettis, Amyiah Deville-granddaughter of Sis. Suzanne Deville.



SIXTH GRADE: HONOR ROLL - Edward Pettis-son of Sis. Christe Pettis SEVENTH GRADE: HONOR ROLL - Adrieanna Savoie-daughter of Sis. Tempest Thomas, Kyla Clark-daughter of Sis. Janet Sonnier, Anthony Bellamy-son of Sis. Christine Bellamy, KeAura Clark-daughter of Sis. Janet Sonnier, Saniya Foreman-daughter of Sis. Valarie Thomas

3.0 Ja'Qualon Pettieway-grandson of Sis. Georgia Balka EIGHTH GRADE: 3.0 - Marcus Greene-son of Bro. Eric & Sis. Julie Green.



NINTH GRADE: 3.0 -Tryniti Foreman-daughter of Sis. Valarie Thomas, Alexandria Iles-daughter of Bro. Wilbert and Sis. Chantal Iles TENTH GRADE: BANNER ROLL - Desiree Jackson-daughter of Bro. Bryan and Sis. LaMechia Allison HONNOR ROLL - Lacey Pitredaughter of Bro. Deueul and Sis. Vanessa Pitre, Santia Riggs-daughter of Anthony & Sis. Santana Mitchell 3.0 - Jadyn Bellamy-daughter of

Sis. Christine Bellamy, Jamal Bellamy-son of Sis. Christine Bellamy ELEVENTH GRADE: HONOR ROLL - Maya Wilson-daughter of Bro. Kerrel & Judge Sharon Wilson 3.0 - LaMontae Myers-son of Sis. Moneaka Myers & Travis Myers TWELFTH GRADE: HONOR ROLL - Jasmine Parker-daughter of Sis. Janet Clark.

If you want to go quickly, go alone.

If you want to go far, go together.



The following reviews are the last of the fourth class.

I have fully enjoyed the information presented by our instructors. They were well prepared and very excited about sharing their information to all. The classroom participation and involvement was outstanding. [At the end of class] we all commented "I Will!." I have a desire to serve God more fully in this Christian journey.

Rev. Harold Robinson Sr.

The "I Will!" class has enlightened me to the facts of how much our attitudes are reflective in how we serve, worship, care for others, and love God or not!!!

Deaconess Leeida Robinson

We attended the "I Will!" class under the teaching of Rev. Henry and Deaconess Patsy Carston. The class was very informative. We learned how to live our lives according to how God wants us to do it. We must "give," we must worship Him in Spirit and truth, we must "Love" one another, and "Serve" as servants of God. To God be the glory.

Deacon Linton Johnson Jr. Deaconess Monica Johnson

I am so very grateful for Rev. Henry and Deaconess Patsy Carston for their serve in following Pastor Garner's vision. Through their guidance, I have learned so much on giving, serving, and following Christ. Because of this class my knowledge and understanding has improved. Thank God for the Holy Spirit who exercises the power of the Father and the Son in my life.

No name

The "I Will!" has prepared me to be a better person. I believe the church is in a better place to accept God's purpose since taking this course. In joining this class I have learned a lot about how to praise God, and how to respond to God's calling.

Bro. Lee Henry

17 members have already enrolled for the next class session.

You can sign up today!



The Fulfillment Hour have been engaged in this ministry for several years. Rev. Harold Robinson Sr., Deaconess Leeida Robinson, Rev. Henry Carston, Deaconess Patsy Carston, Deacon Donald Charles, and Bro Oscar Harmon are the ministry instructors. This ministry meets at the Calcasieu Juvenile Detention Center two nights a month, the second and third Monday at 7pm to teach a Bible lesson.

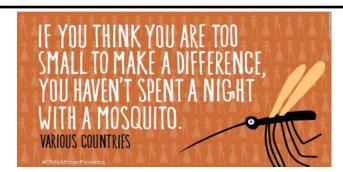
The JDC ministry reflects our first core value, "We believe that people matter to God and to us." In First John 3:18-19 (NLT) God's Word tells us, "Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions. Our actions will show that we belong to the truth, so we will be confident when we stand before God."

As you walk into the front foyer of the housing unit, there is a quote on the East wall. It reads, "A hundred years from now, it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of home I lived in, or the kind of car I drove, but the world may be different because I was important in the life of a "Child."

The Calcasieu Juvenile Detention Center presently house thirty-two of our youth incarcerated in 2018. During the 2017 calendar year, the Calcasieu Parish Juvenile Detention Center daily average was some 22 youth. Of these youth, some showed no interest in God's Word, some attended because there was nothing else to do for that hour, but there were some who attended with a sincere desire for God to change their lives. It is a challenging undertaking, difficult at times, but rewarding to see some of our children responding to God's Word.

On January 8th, Rev. Harold Robinson Sr. and Bro. Harmon ministered to nine boys and four girls at the Calcasieu Facility.

On January 15, Bro. Harmon ministered to eleven youth.



The Fulfillment Hour Recognition Award Winners for the Fourth Quarter of 2018 (October - December)

Their pictures and Christ-like traits will be on display on the west wall in the educational wing.

Tía Brown

Children's Dept. (Class #2)

(Teachers: Deaconess Terri Shelton and Sis. Anna Harmon)

Daughter of Sister Courtnee Brown

Recognized for her spiritual growth, faithfulness, consistency in class attendance, and participation in discussions. She is also in the Usher's ministry.

Lacy Pitre

Youth 's Dept. (Class #5)

(Teachers: Deacon Benjamin Jacob, Deaconess Debra Jacob,

and Sister Blanche Pete)

Daughter of Brother Deueul and Sister Vanessa Pitre Recognized for class faithfulness, participation in class, kindness toward classmates, obedient and respectfulness to teachers. She was voted Mt. Calvary Queen 2018 as well as honored as a 3.0 recipient.

Bro. Stanley Shelton Jr.

Young Adult's Dept.

(Teachers: Deacon Tommy Mumford, and Sisters Gwendolyn Garner, Carla Clark)

Recognized because he is quiet but has the heart of a servant. He severs with the right motives that are to put God's will first and others before himself.

Rev. August Pete

Adults Dept. (Class #15)

(Teachers: Rev. Henry Carston, Rev. Leonard Burrell,

and Rev. Harold Robinson Sr.)

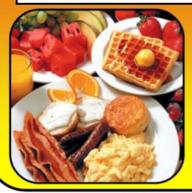
Recognized his contribution, faithfulness, and joyful participation in the learning process during the "I Will" discipleship class.

Join the Fulfillment Hour Ministry as we thank these disciples for their achievements of displaying their unique Christ-Like character traits.



3 fun-filled activities planned: come to all, come to two, or come to one.

BREAKFAST



- 9:00am 11:00am
- Ryan's Restaurant (4051 Ryan St, Lake Charles)
- Dutch Treat
- Park-N-Ride from Church (Optional, arrive by 8:30am)

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- · 12:00pm 2:00pm
- Church Fellowship Hall
- Light Snacks Provided
- \$20 per person (must pre-pay by 2/18/18)
 (See Christine Bellamy or Veronica Pete for payments)

MOVIE



- 3:30pm (approx.)
- Cinemark Movie Theater (Prien Lake Mall)
- Movie TBA
- Park-N-Ride from Church (Optional, arrive by 2:15pm)
- Pre-Pay for Ticket \$5.75 by 2/18/18 or Purchase at Theater (See Christine Bellamy or Veronica Pete for payments)

Mount Calvary Baptist Church Celebrates

Pastor Elmore Garner 26th Appreciation Service *Boys & Men of Calvary You're Invited*



Saturday, March 10, 2018 8:30 Am Ryan's Restaurant

(Dutch Treat)





Church Member	Jennifer White
Membership at Mt. Calvary	25 years
Family at Mt. Calvary	Husband Kenneth White, brother, Delafosse family, Sias family, Morris family
Ministry Involvement	Sunday School, Music/Director of Choirs, Mission, and Christian Education Board
Hobbies	Embroidery/Crafting, reading, and listening to music
Community Involvement	*Active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (chapter's hostess) *National Association of University Women *Top Ladies of Distinction (scholarship chair) *Southwest Louisiana Musicians Guild (held several leadership positions)
Favorite scripture	Psalms 27:1
Employment/ Retirement	Retired from Calcasieu Parish School Board after 33 years of service Presently the proud business owner of

Creative Artworks by Jen

Submitted by Sis. Marlene Marks

hildren's Corner

Scripture Scramble: Put the words in the correct order on the lines below. This scripture is found in Matthew 6, King James Version.

first	kingdom	and	his	these	be	unto
of	righteousness	seek	уе	things	shall	you
the	But	God	and	all	added	



Celebrating the Black Entrepreneurial Spirit

BLACK MISTORY MONTH

Submitted by Sis. Chantal Landry-Hes

Black entrepreneurs in America can be traced as far back as the 18th century. Men and women who took the opportunities given to them, or created by them, who overcame obstacles of racism, sexism, and economic depression just to name a few, and forged their way into life on their own terms.

A few such notable people recorded in Black American History were William Alexander Leidesdorff, Jr., who is recognized as the "African Founding Father of California" and first black millionaire in America, owning various businesses one being the City Hotel, the first hotel in San Francisco. Annie Malone, noted as one of the first African American female millionaire in America made possible through her creation of the Poro College, which focused on cosmetics for black women. It was through her college that another black female gained her knowledge, started her own beauty business, and became a self-made millionaire, Madame C.J. Walker. And Charles Richard Patterson & Frederick Patterson, a father and son team who were the first African Americans to manufacture cars putting them in direct competition with Henry Ford.

So many more black people throughout history answered the call to blaze their own trail can be easily researched with just a few keystrokes. But thanks to Brother Harmon's enthusiastic telephone call recently asking me to share the story of my great-grandfather, I have the opportunity to shine a spotlight on someone I personally knew that can't easily be Googled because he didn't make a product that changed the world, but he made a huge difference to the world around him. In fact, I've expanded that request to share with you two other black entrepreneurs in my life.

I'll start with my great-grandfather, Charlie Goodwill, Sr. He was a quiet, gentle, unassuming



husband, and father of four. He was born in Crowley, LA, in 1904. Around the age of five he picked up a shoeshine box and walked the streets of the town shining shoes for a nickel a pair. Thus began a life-long career of a Master Bootblack.

Charlie, or MaDaddy to family, and Mr. Charlie to the public, moved to Lake Charles in 1920. He worked his trade in various locations downtown then found his home at the Majestic Barber Shop in the Noble Building on Pujo Street. It was at this location he spent over six decades in business.

The times being what

they were in the south with segregation and Jim Crow laws, Lake Charles was no different. Employment opportunities for persons of color were largely restricted to low-paying service jobs like maids and janitors. However, MaDaddy used his self-taught skill to be his own boss and made a life and a name for himself. With his wife, Nevel (Golden) Goodwill, he raised a thriving family as a shoe shiner. According to the American Press Newspaper article on March 2, 1983, "he leaned over some notable feet - and they all came out better for the experience." To name a few: Dwight Eisenhower, then colonel on Army exercises in LA; actors Lorne Greene and Dale Robertson. and boxer Jack Dempsey. MaDaddy wasn't a star-stuck man however, his focus was on the shoes. When asked about the changes of shoes throughout the years he stated "improved quality of leather and workmanship, as well as better polishing products" made the job easier "otherwise, the procedure remains about the same."

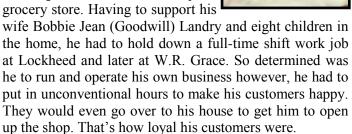
As I stated before when my great-grandfather started in the business he charged a nickel a shine. At the time of the article, his price had gone up to one dollar. Even in the 1980's one must wonder how did a man earn enough to support a family on \$1 per shine. One reason had to be, as they say in real estate, "location, location, location." Situated in the heart of downtown at the time, and in the Majestic building, most if not all of Lake Charles' heavy hitters and businessmen came through there. This is how he earned his good name. My MaDaddy could go into any car lot, furniture store, bank, etc. and they knew him, did business with him, and as is family lore he always PAID CASH for his purchases and always bought high quality products. He and Ma, as we called my great-grandmother, were a good team with money. He made it and she was an eagle-eyed steward over it. Another reason he was able to sustain a healthy quality of life for his family was that "procedure" mentioned before. A male cousin who learned the trade under MaDaddy told me how once when working with him, he too wondered how did MaDaddy make his money. He closely observed him. As the story goes, a man came into the barber shop and MaDaddy asked him if he'd like a shine. The man refused and made his way to barber's seat. Well, MaDaddy picked up his brush and started lightly brushing the dust of the man's shoes just as he was setting them up on the chair and then before you knew it, while the barber commenced to doing his job, MaDaddy started a full shoe cleaning. Once done the man handed him \$5! Another "procedure" was the showmanship of the shine. After the initial cleaning, then the polish and brush, and then the show would start. MaDaddy would pick up his polishing rag and really go to work making that rag pop, dance and shine to a rhythm. Oh, and he was a master at the Spit Shine. Turning that \$1 shine into a hefty tip.

His impact on those around him are lasting even until today. MaDaddy taught his son the business when he was young and years later most of his grandsons. One cousin once told me that he started his first bank account with the money he earned working with MaDaddy. The men in the family learned a trade that put money in their pockets and taught them a strong work ethic and how to manage their money. And they all lovingly credit MaDaddy for those lessons that aided them on their chosen paths in life. It didn't stop with the males of the family either. At least three of my aunts worked with him and this was a great help to them in lean times. Being a great-grand, by the time I was old enough to work MaDaddy had retired, but I learned from my aunts and my uncle. That's right! The summer after my high school graduation I became a proud bootblack, running my own stand in the Lake Charles Hilton Hotel on Lake Shore Drive. It was previously operated by my uncle. Coincidentally, that's where I met my husband, Will who worked there in the banquet department. I also moved to Austin, TX during that summer shining shoes and made enough money to come back and pay my way into SOWELA. I admit I tried to make my rag pop and dance like my MaDaddy but my best gimmick was just being a woman. Men were surprised to see an attractive woman shining shoes and doing a great job at it. One aunt started a bootblack side business when she moved to Texas. So as I said, Mr. Charlie Goodwill, husband, father, grandfather, and entrepreneur made a mighty impact in his world.

Those aunts and uncle of mine didn't just get their entrepreneur spirit from their grandfather. Their father, my maternal grandfather, **James Edward Landry**, **Sr.** was also a man to do things his way.

"Tip" as he was known to family and friends was an entrepreneur at heart. Born in 1932 in Lake Charles, he had great aspirations of owning his own business and in his way he fulfilled that dream. He owned and operated Landry's Barber Shop.

He got his start cutting hair at Thibodeaux's Barber Shop on Moeling Street next to Triplets grocery store. Having to support his

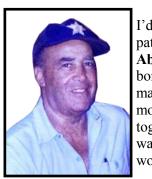


Over time he expanded the shop to include gifts and novelties. He also sold housewares, and even art. Some were of his own making. I vividly remember a beautiful mosaic galloping horse made of broken mirror pieces. I also remember the endless supply of little coin

purses and pop guns we children could always help ourselves to.

My Papaw's greatest impact I believe, was on the community. His was the kind of barber shop that always seemed to be a fun place for neighborhood friends and customers to gather together, get haircuts, purchase novelty gags, and swap tall tales with jazz playing in the background and usually some good food cooking somewhere.

Today, several of his children have kept the legacy of his entrepreneurship alive with careers varying from seamstress, storyteller/actress, inventor, realtor, and professional structural cleaner and remover.



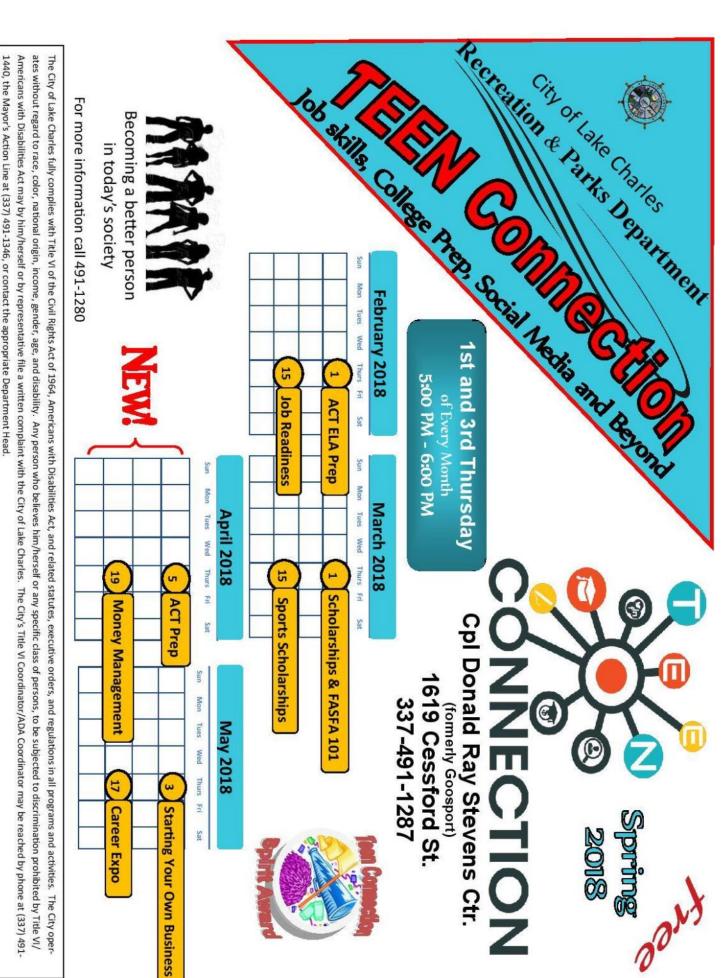
The last black entrepreneur I'd like to tell you about is my paternal grandfather, Alvin Abraham Lawrence, Sr. He was born in St. Martinville in 1924. He married Martha (Willis) Lawrence, moved to Lake Charles, and together they had five children. It was here that he learned auto body work.

Pawpaw, as we grandkids called him, worked for an auto body shop owned by a man named Lambert, who happened to be a white man. Now Pawpaw was a fiercely independent black man and once he learned the business well enough he thought why work to put money in someone else's pockets when I can work for myself. So that's just what he did. For over fifty years he operated Lawrence Paint and Body Shop, on N. Prater Street.

Pawpaw Lawrence brought all four of his sons into the business and he employed several men from the area over the years. His was one of only two black-owned auto body shops in Lake Charles. He had many contracts including ones with the Sheriff and Police Departments, and Fondell Funeral Home. My birthfather said that working for his dad taught all the men not only a trade for life but self-worth and independence. It was important for them to see a black man making his own way in the world. Even though only two of the four sons stuck with the business until he closed it, they all carried on the life lessons learned from Pawpaw.

I recently met a man that knew both of my grandfathers. His father passed away when he was young and even though he had at least one brother, it was the men of the neighborhood that took him in and gave him the male guidance he needed. Both of my grandfathers gave him work and treated like him like family.

So, those are my stories. All three of my forefathers embodied the African proverb, "It takes a village..." and I couldn't be prouder. This Black History Month, I challenge you to dig through your family history. Interview your relatives. Discover the interesting, heroic, and mighty roots and branches that make up your family tree and pass on the legacies.



1440, the Mayor's Action Line at (337) 491-1346, or contact the appropriate Department Head

Personal Responsibility

"THERE'S A HOLE IN MY SIDEWALK"

"I walk down the street.

There is a deep hole in the sidewalk. I fall in.

I am lost... I am helpless.

It isn't my fault.

It takes forever to find a way out.

I walk down the same street.

There is a deep hole in the sidewalk. I pretend I don't see it.

I fall in again.

I can't believe I am in the same place. But, it isn't my fault.

It still takes me a long time to get out.

ANTHONY BELLAMÝ **DEACONESS RUBY WILKINS** SISTER BLANCHE PETE SANTIA RIGGS **XAVIER ILES DAVID FONDEL DEACONESS ANNA MARTIN DEACONESS ESSIE THOMAS BROTHER NIGIL ASHWORTH** 8 **BROTHER LEE FONTENOT** 14 **BRYLYN HARDY** 14 **MARCUS GREENE** KAIMORA CLARK DEACONESS MONICA JOHNSON 26 I walk down the same street. There is a deep hole in the sidewalk. I see it is there.

I still fall in. It's a habit.

My eyes are open.

I know where I am.

It is my fault. I get out immediately.

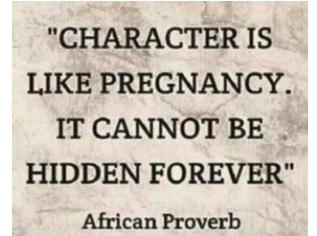
Walk down the same street.

There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.

I walk around it.

I walk down another street."

— Portia Nelson





The Sunday School Fulfillment Hour Newsletter is a monthly newsletter. Submissions are due **by the third Sunday** of each month, either by email or dropping in Bro. Harmon's church office mailbox.

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