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# RAFTING CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

*GROWING AS A CHURCH WITH A REDEMPTIVE PURPOSE*

# BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

Month



# *October*

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# SCRIPTURAL IMPACT

## REPENTANCE AND A LIFE THAT GLORIFIES GOD

### *Prayer of the Month*

Father God, we praise you for the Holy Spirit who grants us wisdom. Fill us with life. Guards our hearts and illuminate our mind to comprehend the good news of Jesus Christ. Let us settle for nothing less than the pure unadulterated truth that you have revealed to us in your Holy Word. For we confess that apart from you, we can do nothing; so, please forgive us for the ways in which we have disobeyed your Word to put our own selfish desires before the needs of others.

By the Holy Spirit, we ask that you lead us into repentance and a life that glorifies you. Help us to resist the allure of this world; deceitful philosophies; and promising, hollow pleasures that ultimately lead to death and destruction. Put a deep desire in our heart to know the wisdom of the Bible, and use it to transform and renew our mind. Use each one of us to exemplify your Holiness and love to this world as we aspire to follow Jesus and put his commandment into action.

Make us your gospel light this week to those wondering in darkness among our families, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. Embolden us as well as our brothers and sister across the world to proclaim unashamedly our faith in Jesus Christ. Use our testimony for your glory to help save souls.

All this we pray in the name of Jesus, amen.

*Deacon Robert Dinkins*



# SCRIPTURAL IMPACT

## STAY IN YOUR PLACE *Scriptural Presentation*

**Hebrews 9:1-28; 10:19-31**

**Deacon John Singleton**

**August 24, 2023**

- But only the high priest entered the inner room only once a year and never without blood, which he offered for himself and for the sins the people had committed in ignorance.
- The Holy Spirit was showing that the way into the Most Holy Place had not yet been disclosed as long as the first tabernacle was still functioning.
- This is an illustration for the present time, indicating that the gifts and sacrifices being offered were not able to clear the conscience of the worshiper.
- They are only a matter of food and drink and various ceremonial washings—external regulations that apply until the time of the new order.
- But when Christ came as high priest of the good things that are now already here, He went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not made with human hands; that is to say, is not a part of this creation.



# MINISTRY IMPACT

## FAITH TRIUMPHS. LAW FAILS *Adult Sunday School Lessons*

### *Unit 2: Faith Triumphs, Law Fails*

Oct. 1	<i>Inward and Outward</i>	Romans 2:12-24
Oct. 8	<i>Old and New</i>	Romans 7:1-12
Oct. 15	<i>Works and Faith</i>	Galatians 2:11-21
Oct. 22	<i>Spirit and Flesh</i>	Galatians 3:1-14
Oct. 29	<i>Freedom as an Heir</i>	Galatians 3:23; 4:7

"Since we live by the Spirit,  
let us keep in step with the  
Spirit" Galatians 5:25 [NIV].

*Join us in the sanctuary for Sunday School at 9AM.*

# HEALTH IMPACT

## BREAST CANCER AWARENESS Month

*No matter who you are or where you live, breast cancer may touch your life. It's necessary to understand the warning signs of breast cancer, your risk of breast cancer and what's normal for you so you can take action if there are any changes in your breasts or underarm areas (Komen.Org).*

### **Some Resources**

#### **National Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc.**

Includes information on men's breast cancer.

#### **Susan G. Komen Health Equity Revolution**

Focuses on breast cancer among Black women.

#### **Black Women and Breast Cancer**

Offers a personalized guide (Merck).

#### **Black Men and Breast Cancer**

Shares research on the incidence of breast cancer among Black men (American Cancer Society).

#### **Male Breast Cancer**

Includes information about symptoms, causes, and diagnoses (Mayo Clinic).



# CONNECTIONAL IMPACT

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT *Emma Dinkins-Jackson*



At the age of five, Emma saw a Black American nurse who was visiting Rafting Creek Elementary School, teaching students proper dental hygiene. This ignited her passion for medicine. From that day forward, she resolved to become a nurse.

After completing high school, Emma continued her educational journey at the University of the District of Columbia (UDC), earning an Associate Degree of Science in Nursing. While at UDC, she was elected President of the Student Nursing Association (SNA); presiding over SNA board meetings, meeting with the Dean of the College of Nursing on a regular basis, and serving as a liaison for nursing students.

She then went on to pursue a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing at Notre Dame of Maryland University, graduating with honors (*Cum Laude*). Emma started her nursing career at the Washington Hospital Center in the District of Columbia, specializing in kidney and pancreas transplants.



# CONNECTIONAL IMPACT

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT. CONTINUED

After many years in the Washington Metropolitan Area, she returned to her hometown of Rembert, SC, and continued her nursing career at Prisma Health Toumey, serving as a medical/surgical nurse. She later went on to work for Veteran's Rehabilitation in Columbia, SC.

Emma is currently employed by the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (SC DHEC) for the Pee Dee Region, where she serves as a public health nurse with the COVID-19 Outreach Response Team. There, she strives to improve the quality of life for all South Carolinians by protecting and promoting the health of the public and the environment. Emma is also employed, part-time, at the MUSC-Kershaw location as a surgical nurse.

After returning home, Emma joined her beloved childhood church--Rafting Creek Baptist Church where she currently serves on the Public Relations Committee and on the Senior Missionary Ministry.



***Let The Work I Have Done  
Speak For Me***

**Emma Dinkins-Jackson**

# Happy Birthday

William Sanders

Erica Jefferson

Gaysher Glover

Derrius Wright

Xavier Holmes

Hattie Collier

Eula Osborne





# CONNECTIONAL IMPACT

## ANNIVERSARY OBSERVANCES

### *Public Relations Committee, 9.10.2023*



**Committee Members:** *Back, Left to Right:* Alvenia Drakeford Dinkins, Bonnett Nash, Emma Dinkins-Jackson, Wallace Dinkins; *Front:* Nancy Dinkins, Myra Wright; *Not in Photograph:* Hattie Wade

During the morning devotional service, Emma Dinkins-Jackson read the opening scripture and Bonnett Nash offered the opening prayer. The message, by the Rev. Melvin Mack, was "Ambassadors for Christ" and was based on 2 Corinthians 5:16-21.



# CONNECTIONAL IMPACT

## ANNIVERSARY OBSERVANCES. CONTINUED

### *Trustee Ministry, 9.17.2023*



Evangelist Glenda Miller delivered the morning devotion. The title of her message was "Equipping the Saints for the Future," and the Scripture was Ephesians 4:12. Evangelist Miller is an associate minister at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church in Rembert, SC.

Receiving recognition for "Dedicated and Outstanding Service as Trustee" were Wallace Sanders, James Collier, Jeffery Sanders (pictured left to right), Willie Sanders, and Teddy Collier (not pictured).



# CONNECTIONAL IMPACT

## World TEACHERS' DAY



Being a teacher provides the unique opportunity to make a transformative and lasting impact on the lives of others, contributing to shaping sustainable futures and offering personal fulfilment. However, the world faces an unprecedented global teacher shortage exacerbated by a decline in their working conditions and status.

*With the theme "The teachers we need for the education we want: The global imperative to reverse the teacher shortage," the 2023 celebrations will aim to put the importance of stopping the decline in the number of teachers and then starting to increase that number at the top of the global agenda.*

*Through various activities, they will advocate for a dignified and valued teaching profession, analyze their challenges, and showcase inspiring practices to attract, retain, and motivate teachers and educators. It will also examine the ways in which communities, and families recognize, appreciate, and actively support teachers (unesco.org).*



# RAFTING CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

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## Public Relations Committee

<b>Wallace Dinkins</b>	President	<b>Hattie Wade</b>	Health & Wellness (Newsletter)
<b>Alvenia Drakeford Dinkins</b>	Chief Publisher	<b>Emma Dinkins-Jackson</b>	Health & Wellness (Facebook)
<b>Myra C. Wright</b>	Secretary	<b>Bonnett Nash</b>	Researcher/Chaplain
<b>Nancy Dinkins</b>	Web Updater		

## Meetings and Rehearsals

*Meetings and rehearsals will be held by Zoom or Conference Call until notified otherwise.*

### Deacon Ministry

Thursday, Before 1st Sunday, 6pm

### Brotherhood

2nd Saturday, 9am

### Children/Youth

Saturdays, Before 2nd & 4th Sunday, 12pm

### Inspirational Choir

1st & 3rd Saturdays, 11am

### Male Choir

1st & 3rd Saturdays, 10am

### Ministers & Deacons Spouses Ministry

3rd Saturday, 12pm

### Pastor's Aide Ministry

2nd Saturday, 11am

### Senior Missionary Ministry

2nd Saturday, 12pm

### Thursday Night Scriptural Presentations

Weekly, 6pm

### Young Women's Auxiliary

1st Saturday, 10am

### Trustees

2nd Wednesday, 6pm

Winter Months, 4th Sunday, After Church