With GOD, The Sky Is The Limit!

Monroe Darcell Fields, Jr., was born March 16, 1985, to Monroe Fields and Barbara H. Fields Jones. He was the last addition to this family of four, which made Shanelle Fields a “Big Sister”! Monroe attended the Florence School District One Public Schools. Upon graduating from South Florence High School, he continued his higher education at South Carolina State University; there he earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Physical Education/Activity Management. After earning a college degree, he answered his calling and entered the Funeral Service Profession. August 2007, he journeyed to Atlanta, Georgia and attended Gupton-Jones College of Funeral Service. During his tenure there, he gained many invaluable experiences while working at the illustrious Donald Trimble Mortuary! After a year of grueling classes and working part-time, Monroe graduated from Gupton-Jones in August of 2008! He traveled to Charleston, South Carolina and completed a two year apprenticeship at Pasley’s Mortuary, under the leadership of Rev. Marvin Pasley and Rev. Ephriam Stephens! In October 2010, Monroe completed his apprenticeship and became licensed by the state of South Carolina to

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Father God we come with Thanksgiving in our hearts. Thanking You for the many blessings of the past year and for the blessing of a new dawn.

Throughout all generations, we render thanks unto Thee and declare Thy praise, morning, noon and evening! Our lives are in Thy care, our souls are in Thy keeping. The miracles we witness daily and the wondrous deeds and blessings You give us at all times, are amongst the many things for which we say, THANK YOU!!

Open our lips, O Lord, and our mouth shall proclaim Your praise! Create in us a clean heart and renew a right spirit within. Cast us not away from Your presence, and take not Your holy spirit away. Give us the joy of Your saving help; sustain us with Your bountiful Spirit.

Father God, Almighty and Everlasting Father, You have brought us safely to a new season and a new day. Please preserve us with Your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin nor be overcome by adversity. In all we do, please direct us through the fulfilling of Your purpose, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

As we travel from season to season, hear the humble voices of Your children. We live in the shadow of a danger, over which we have no control. During all seasons, we turn to You, O loving Father. Protect us from tragedies all about us. Protect us from those memories that are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal, even with the passing of time.

Father God, bless our country. Guide its leaders; show them the path of unity; make their actions conform to Your way. Knit the many, various people into one tribe; unite us, make us a family, as indeed we are, under Your loving gaze.

Father God, we pray for mankind to find the faith to believe in the messages carried by their dreams and to see beyond the visible world. We pray that everyone with whom we come in contact, can walk away with much or (at least) some of the happiness that lives within us. We pray for peace, acceptance and tolerance for all who express their love for The Higher Power.

Glory to the Father, to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen, Amen, Amen.
Our Annual Jubilee Day Program was held at Elizabeth Baptist Church, Sunday, January 9, 2011. Rev. Dr. Solomon Eaddy, Sr. is the pastor. Mrs. Ivey Nowlin Staley served as Mistress of Ceremony. Opening song, The Negro National Anthem, “Lift Every Voice and Sing”, by James Weldon Johnson was played by Min. Vernita D. Temoney. Mrs. Lillie Rogers, Effingham Branch, NAACP 2010 “Woman of the Year”, from Elizabeth Baptist Church, welcomed everyone. The response was given by Mrs. Emma Jean Sellers, the NAACP representative from Meadow Prong Baptist Church. Miss Chyna Jones, the Youth Branch president, read the scripture. Rev. Dr. Eaddy led the group in prayer.

Beautiful selections were sung by Elizabeth Baptist Church Male Chorus. Mrs. Katie B. Davis, the representative from Spring Branch Baptist Church, gave the purpose of Jubilee Day. This celebration recognizes the 148th Anniversary of The Emancipation Proclamation, which went into effect January 1, 1863. It outlawed slavery in the United States! This celebration also marks President Abraham Lincoln’s signing of the historic document, and it helps to teach the youth about the day “a major blow was struck against slavery”! The Youth Branch Praise Dancers performed. The newly elected officers were installed by Min. Vernita D. Temoney. The announcements and recognitions were given by Mr. James Wilson, President of the Branch. The closing song, “We Shall Overcome”, was played by Min. Temoney and Rev. Dr. Eaddy gave the benediction.

Refreshments were served. Thanks to everyone who took part in the program; your kindness will never be forgotten!

The Effingham Branch NAACP’s 2011 “Women of the Year Contest” is rapidly approaching! We still need additional women to sign up. Please call 843.665.2023 or 843.669.3233 to become a participant.
Our Shout-Out this month goes to Mr. B. J. McDaniel, Jr. (BKA) “BJ”. This member here at Savannah Grove Baptist Church is the son of Mr. Bernard and Mrs. Pamela McDaniel.

“BJ”, grew up in Savannah Grove Baptist Church, where he was dedicated as a baby and baptized as a pre-teen, by Pastor Canty. He likes to imitate Pastor Canty on Sunday afternoons, when he returns home from church. “BJ” serves on the Junior Usher Board and with the Communications Ministry.

This sixteen year old junior at West Florence High School is a member of the varsity football and varsity basketball teams! “BJ” was elected the 2010-2011 treasurer of the West Florence High School Student Body!

Playing sports, face-booking and spending time with friends are activities “BJ” enjoys. After graduation, he plans to attend college and become an education major.

“BJ”, you are a very outstanding young man! Continue to be the wonderful person you are! As you continue to strive on your life’s journey, your favorite scripture, Philippians 4:13, will continue to add to your strong foundation.

We, your SGBC Family, just want to say, Thank you “BJ” for portraying such a Godly, well-mannered image of a wonderful Christ-like young man! We love you!! May God continue to bless you!!! To God Be the Glory!!!!
At this moment, there are more young people in the world than there was ever before in history. At an analysis from the 2010 Teen Voice study sponsored by the Search Institute, Best Buy, and Weber Shandwick, we can find the answer to the age old question, “How do adults tap into this unbound, youthful energy that could be used to make a difference in the world?” Results from the report concluded that there are three similarities in young people who have what is needed to effectively bring about change in their communities. These similarities include a young person’s passion, access to meaningful relationships, and voice.

Simply put, almost everyone has a spark. These are the things in life that we enjoy—whether it is athletic, academic, or social. When we look at young people who are active in some way with something that they are passionate about, we see that overall they are more likely, and prepared to be a civic leader in their community.

Having a passion is a start, but how do we as individuals use this energy to effectively bring a change? If one’s mission is to really stand out and be a “purple cow” (as Seth Godin might call it), building meaningful relationships is essential. We all need role models who help us nourish our strengths. The late Judy Bonds, grassroots anti-coal mountaintop removal activist, reminded youth that, “The world is waiting on you to change it.” Youth often look up to the people who listen to them, are interested in them, challenge them, and laugh with them. These relationships can come from parents, teachers, or any other caring adults.

Even young people who have the passion and support that is needed find that they must overcome one more barrier—expressing themselves. As a result of building those meaningful relationships, teens can become aware that they can be the movers and shakers. Consequently, teens with a strong voice exemplify confidence and are ready to practice skills and opportunities to influence things that matter to them.

Year after year, youth service-learning organizations have used results from the Teen Voice studies to consider how they might need to change their organization’s focus, but it is even more interesting that these rules to engaging youth are applicable to many elements of our life. Whether it is your growing start-up, change-oriented non-profit, or entrepreneurial-driven small business that needs insight into successful internships, consider that interns that are more satisfied with a project are the ones who are passionate about the work, build relationships from the opportunity, and are given opportunities to express their thoughts.

When we as a global community begin to foster this plan to give our youth opportunities to take on leadership roles in communities, assist in developing our youth’s strengths through meaningful relationships, and build the foundation to allow youth to express themselves, the benefits to societies are limitless. The idea that our world’s issues must be left up to the “experts” is now becoming far from true. The youth of today can be seen as apart of that movement of catalysts for change, but not without your support.
The History Of Black History

By Elissa Haney

Americans have recognized black history annually since 1926, first as "Negro History Week" and later as "Black History Month." What you might not know is that black history had barely begun to be studied-or even documented—when the tradition originated. Although blacks have been in America at least as far back as colonial times, it was not until the 20th century that they gained a respectable presence in the history books.

Blacks Absent from History Books

We owe the celebration of Black History Month, and more importantly, the study of black history, to Dr. Carter G. Woodson. Born to parents who were former slaves, he spent his childhood working in the Kentucky coal mines and enrolled in high school at age twenty. He graduated within two years and later went on to earn a Ph.D. from Harvard. The scholar was disturbed to find in his studies that history books largely ignored the black American population—and when blacks did figure into the picture, it was generally in ways that reflected the inferior social position they were assigned at the time.

Established Journal of Negro History

Woodson, always one to act on his ambitions, decided to take on the challenge of writing black Americans into the nation's history. He established the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (now called the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History) in 1915, and a year later founded the widely respected Journal of Negro History. In 1926, he launched Negro History Week as an initiative to bring national attention to the contributions of black people throughout American history.

Woodson chose the second week of February for Negro History Week because it marks the birthdays of two men who greatly influenced the black American population, Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. However, February has much more than Douglass and Lincoln to show for its significance in black American history. For example:

- **February 23, 1868:** W. E. B. DuBois, important civil rights leader and co-founder of the NAACP, was born.
- **February 3, 1870:** The 15th Amendment was passed, granting blacks the right to vote.
- **February 25, 1870:** The first black U.S. senator, Hiram R. Revels (1822-1901), took his oath of office.
- **February 12, 1909:** The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was founded by a group of concerned black and white citizens in New York City.
- **February 1, 1960:** In what would become a civil-rights movement milestone, a group of black Greensboro, N.C., college students began a sit-in at a segregated Woolworth’s lunch counter.
- **February 21, 1965:** Malcolm X, the militant leader who promoted Black Nationalism, was shot to death by three Black Muslims.

Read more: The History of Black History Month (Famous People, Women, Facts, Leaders, Events) — Infoplease.com http://www.infoplease.com/spot/bhmintro1.html#ixzz1AaiLKLUK
Most people who visit Arlington National Cemetery know ahead of time at least a couple of the memorials or grave sites. But how many people know that in the southern end of the cemetery, formerly part of the Arlington Estate, there used to be a village for fugitive and liberated slaves?

Tucked away on the other side of the cemetery, in Section 27, near the Netherlands Carillon and the Marine Corps Memorial, stand more than 3,800 grave markers with inscriptions bearing the words "civilian" and "citizen." The people buried there were once residents of Freedman's Village during and after the Civil War.

Freedman's Village was established on the Arlington Estate in June 1863 as a camp for Civil War contrabands.

The name "contrabands" is traced back to Major General Benjamin F. Butler, commander at Fort Monroe. Many slaves from Virginia and Maryland escaped to Washington, D.C., seeking freedom after President Abraham Lincoln emancipated the district's slaves in 1862. Butler, who did not want runaway slaves turned away, rationalized that because slaves were considered property in the South, they could be used to help the Confederate war effort. Therefore, these "contrabands" who fled to Washington, D.C., would not be returned to their masters. They would be set free instead.

Initially the contrabands joined free blacks and were housed in several camps, including one in the Old U.S. Capitol, but because of poor conditions, including overcrowding and rapid spread of smallpox and other diseases it was necessary to move locations.

A camp was finally established in May 1863 on the Arlington Estate. The exact location of Freedman's Village is not known, but generally it is believed to have been in what is now the southern section of Arlington National Cemetery, Sections 8, 47 and 25, along Eisenhower Drive. The village was dedicated December 4, 1863.

Although the camp was set up to provide temporary refuge for freed slaves, the shelter lasted for more than 30 years.

The village was run by the Freedman's Bureau during most of its existence, and at one point used U.S. Colored Troops to protect fugitive slaves from their former slave owners.

Freedman's Village began as little more than a tent camp and grew into a community not only for refugees, but also for many of the former Arlington slaves. As the community grew, the village was able to provide housing, education, training for employment skills, church services, medical care and food for the former slaves. Homes in the village were wooden and housed two to four families each. The first school, which opened shortly after the camp dedication, began with 150 students and peaked with 900 students. In addition to children, adults could be counted among the student population.

The training center was an industrial school where people could train to become blacksmiths, wheelwrights, carpenters, shoemakers and tailors. The apprentices and trainees supported their village in such ways as making clothes and shoes for the villagers and chairs and desks for the school.

"Homes" were set up for the aged and infirm who were incapable of caring for themselves; Abbott Hospital, created in 1866, had 50 beds and a 14-member staff.

There were frequent outbreaks of scarlet fever, measles and whooping cough. Although the average death rate was two per day, it was lower than the five-per-day average in Washington, D.C.

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Silent Treatment
Mike and Joan were having some problems at home and were giving each other the "silent treatment." But then Mike realized that he would need his wife to wake him at 5:00 am for an early morning drive with some pals to go golfing. Not wanting to be the first to break the silence (and so lose the 'war'), he wrote on a piece of paper, "Please wake me at 5:00 am." The next morning, Mike woke up, only to discover it was 9:00 am and that his friends had left for the golf course without him. Furious, he was about to go and see why his wife hadn't awakened him, when he noticed a piece of paper by the bed. The paper said, "It's 5:00 am. Wake up." Men simply are not equipped for these kinds of contests.

Clearing Way?
My job as a land surveyor took me to a golf course that was expanding from 9 holes to 18 holes. Using a machete to clear thick brush in an area I was mapping, I came upon a golf club that an irate player must have tossed away. It was in good condition, so I picked it up and continued on. When I broke out of the brush onto a putting green, two golfers stared at me in awe. I had a machete in one hand, a golf club in the other, and behind me was a clear-cut swath leading out of the woods.

"There," said one of the golfers, "is a guy who hates to lose his ball!"

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There were several Baptist and Methodist churches in the area, as well a church in the village.

In addition to subsidizing the Army rations the villagers ate, farm workers grew wheat, corn, potatoes and other vegetables to sell for profit. After the war, motivation to help the freed slaves dwindled. In 1882, the U.S. Supreme Court closed Freedman's Village. The federal government obtained the rights to the Custis estate, and the land was given to the military, meaning that the civilians at Freedman's Village had to leave. On December 7, 1887, the people at the village were given 90 days to leave.

the village, with a spectacular view of the nation's capital and the Potomac River, became desirable for development. Despite impassioned protest from the freed slaves, the federal government paid the residents $75,000.00 for the buildings and property, and tore down the town in 1900.

The only trace of Freedman's Village left on the grounds are the lonely graves in Section 27 near the Iwo Jima Memorial.
Cholesterol is a fatty substance, also called a lipid, that's produced by the liver. It's also found in foods high in saturated fat, like fatty meats, egg yolks, shellfish, and whole-milk dairy products. It's a vital part of the structure and functioning of our cells. However, high levels of cholesterol in your blood may lead to the slow buildup of plaque in the arteries over time, a serious disease called atherosclerosis.

A Closer Look
So how can something your body needs be harmful? Well, not all cholesterol is considered bad. There are actually three main components doctors evaluate when you have a blood test to check your cholesterol levels. They look at LDL (bad) cholesterol, HDL (good) cholesterol, and another substance called triglycerides.

The fact is that cholesterol can be harmful to your health when there's too much of it in your blood. Whether you have high cholesterol may depend on your lifestyle. Eating a lot of fats and not getting enough exercise can cause cholesterol levels to rise. Cholesterol is also, in part, a result of your genetic makeup. Some people inherit genes associated with high levels of cholesterol. One type is called familial hypercholesterolemia. People with this genetic makeup can eat a healthy diet and exercise, and still have high cholesterol.

Everyone with high cholesterol needs to keep it under control, but it may be even more important for some groups of people, such as:
- People with a family history of early heart disease
- People with high blood pressure
- People with diabetes
- Males over age 45
- Females over age 55
- Smokers
- African Americans

If you fall into any of the categories above, ask your doctor to discuss how your target cholesterol levels may be affected.

What's Your Cholesterol Goal?
Managing high cholesterol may be different for you depending on your medical history and your health. Your doctor will look at the results of your cholesterol test, also known as a fasting lipid profile, and, using this information along with your medical background, establish a cholesterol goal for you. Always ask what your cholesterol numbers mean, based on your complete health history, so you can work together with your doctor to manage your cholesterol levels.

Cholesterol Guidelines
National Cholesterol Education Program (NCEP) guidelines recommend that all adults over age 20 have a cholesterol test at least once every 5 years. Take a look at the guidelines below to get a better idea of where your cholesterol levels should be.

**Reminder!!!**

**Don’t Forget About The SGBC WOMEN’S RETREAT 2011**

March 25-27 at Litchfield Beach & Golf Resort, Pawley’s Island, SC. Only $250 (Seaside Villas w/2 bedrooms and meals). Make checks payable to: SGBC-Women’s Retreat 2011. Pay as little or as much as you can. All monies due by January 31, 2011. Open to all women!

Break-out sessions each night with powerful and inspiring speakers!
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LEVIATHAN

THIS SFA SERPENT OF MANY HEADS REPRESENTED the FORCES of EVIL. WHATEVER the LORD HAD MADE, HE CAN DESTROY. IT ALSO APPEARS in the BOOK of JOB, ALONG with the MONSTER BEHEMOTH. THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED to PREVAIL.

LEVIATHAN is a CREATED by GOD in GENESIS and DESCRIBED in the PSALMS as the LARGEST of all ANIMALS.

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LEVIATHAN is a DRAGONLIKE CREATURE MENTIONED in the BIBLE FIVE TIMES.
Jesus as a Boy

When Jesus was 12 years old, He took a trip with His parents. They went to a special dinner.

Help Jesus and His family find the city.
Denny Doodles will be your guide.

Mary and Joseph went back to the city to find Jesus.
Where did they find Him?
Connect the dots to find out.
Denny Doodles will help.

When the dinner was over, Mary and Joseph left for home. But they left something behind.

What did they leave? Fill in the spaces from the code to find out.

From Luke 2:43

Key:

$\star = J \quad \square = E \quad \heartsuit = U \quad \uparrow = S$

Jesus was talking with the teachers at the temple.
He asked them many questions.

Draw a picture of you asking a question to your Sunday school teacher.
What kind of question would you ask?
February Birthdays

Andrea Johnson .................................(14)
Anita Williams ..................................(05)
Annie Roberts ..................................(05)
Betty Johnson ..................................(03)
Charles A. Smoot ..............................(23)
Charles Perkins ..............................(12)
Ciara Mack ...................................(14)
Durant Reid ...................................(14)
Erphail Echols ................................(14)
Evelyn Smoot ................................(12)
Faye Williams ................................(18)
Flora McRae ................................(02)
Francina Evans ..............................(14)
George R Brown .............................(20)
Hector Myers ................................(28)
Henry Brown ................................(02)
Herbert Green ..............................(23)
Jada Davis ....................................(25)
Jamel Smith ..................................(26)
James Goldwine ..............................(26)
Janie Mae Coopers .........................(07)
Kwajalcyn Johnson .........................(21)
Lorenzo Cooper ..............................(19)
Malachi Askins ..............................(27)
Marlene C. Johnson .........................(07)
Mary Echols .................................(14)
Melba Edwards ..............................(12)
Monica S Davis .............................(17)
Natasha DeVaughan .......................(03)
Narcissa James .............................(22)
Norman Singletary .........................(14)
Palmer Allen .................................(26)
Pamela Bunson Brantley ....................(26)
Sandra Howard .............................(03)
Shirley Reid .................................(14)
Theodore Allen ..............................(24)
Thomas Cooper ..............................(17)
Vincent Warner .............................(27)
Virginia Charles .........................(04)

What Love Feels

Submitted by: Phyllis H. Jackson

Love is the digitalis of the heart...the world’s most powerful stimulant. It is the stimulus to climb mountains, swim rivers, wade snow, cross deserts, sleep in the cold, work in the heat, and through it all whisper, “You are my Valentine.” It is the slowest and quickest quality: Slowest to doubt...quickest to believe, Slowest to criticize...quickest to approve, Slowest to irritate...quickest to smile, Slowest to accuse...quickest to excuse. Love is the whole world, but only for lovers. And Jacob loved Rachel...Genesis 29:18