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Why We Should Celebrate Black History Every Month of The Year

Paved in slavery, bravery and determination, Black History is full of heroes who were ready to dedicate their lives to improving the status of Blacks in society. Famous human rights activists, athletes, entertainers, musicians, politicians, scientists and many others helped make the Black community what it is today. Although some inequalities still exist, Black History is a respected and cherished part of mostly white-dominated United States history. Black History Month, celebrated annually in February in North America, is the biggest celebration of Blacks struggles from the 16th century until today.

Black History should be celebrated for the following reasons:

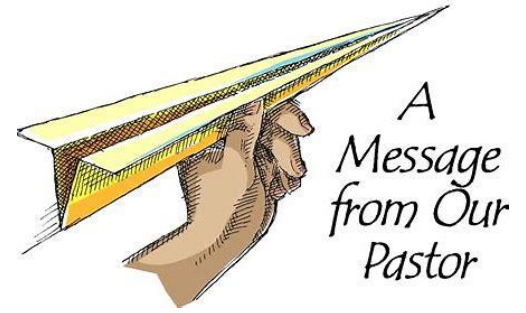
To honor the historic leaders of the black community

Heroes deserve to be honored for the sacrifice and suffering they endured for the sake of racial equality. It allows us to pause and remember their stories so we can commemorate their achievements.

Helps Us to Be Better Stewards of the Privileges We have Gained

If we don't tell the old stories, then the next generation, and we ourselves, will forget them. Too many take for granted the rights that many people before them sweated, bled, and died to secure. Apart from an awareness of the past, we can never appreciate the blessings we enjoy in the present.

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THE POWER OF LOVE!

I believe in the power of love! Although Hollywood has a way of romanticizing it, I love it. I love to see people demonstrating LOVE in a way that makes individuals feel special. When is the last time you've said I LOVE YOU? Better yet, how do you show your love?

These powerful words impact relationships and have a way of providing direction. I've learned that whatever way love is expressed, it is oftentimes embraced if you express it authentically. Use this to encourage others by your personal example of love in action. We are blessed to have a model of REAL love from God! Take advantage of each day to help others discover the power of love in their life.

GOD LOVES YOU AND SO DO !!

Pastor House

SONG OF THE MONTH
KENNY LEWIS & ONEVOICE
Featuring Charles Jenkins
"He's Been Good"



INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE
OF THE MONTH



²Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is-his good, pleasing and perfect will. **Romans 12:2**



Provides an Opportunity to Highlight the Best of Black History & Culture

All too often, only the most negative aspects of African American culture and communities get highlighted. We hear about the poverty rates, incarceration rates, and high school dropout rates. We are inundated with images of unruly athletes and raunchy reality TV stars as examples of success for Black people. And we are daily subject to unfair stereotypes and assumptions from a culture that is, in some aspects, still learning to accept us. It provides the chance to focus on different aspects of our lives as Black Americans. It encourages us to seek out and lift up the best in Black American accomplishments.

Creates Awareness for All People

Unfortunately, it seems that apart from an intentional effort otherwise, Black history is often lost in the mists of time. When we observe Black History Month, we give citizens of all races the opportunity to learn about a past and a people of which they may have little awareness.

Celebrating Reminds Us All that Black History Is OUR History

Black History, just like Asian, European and Native history belongs to us all the impact of Blacks have made on this country is part of our collective awareness. Contemplating Black History draws people of every race into the grand and diverse story of this nation.

Important Inventions by Black Inventors

Garrett Morgan - Traffic Light

Lewis Howard Latimer - Incandescent Light Bulb

Marie Van Brittan Brown - Home Security System

Otis Boykin - Electrical Resistor

George Washington Carver - Improved Soil for Planting

Elijah McCoy - Lubrication of Steam Engines

Madam C. J. Walker - Hair Care Products

Frederick McKinley - Automatic Refrigeration System

(brought great improvement to the long-haul transportation of perishable goods for long haul trucks and railroad)

Thomas L. Jennings - Dry-Scouring

(The beginning of today's modern dry cleaning)

Lloyd Hall - Food Preservatives

Patricia Bath - LaserPhaco

(A device that improves on the use of lasers to remove cataracts)



DID YOU
KNOW?

Claudette Colvin is a pioneer of the 1950s civil rights movement and retired nurse aide. On March 2, 1955, she was arrested at the age of 15 in Montgomery, Alabama, for refusing to give up her seat to a white woman on a crowded, segregated bus. This occurred nine months before the more widely known incident in which Rosa Parks, secretary of the local chapter of the NAACP, helped spark the 1955 Montgomery bus boycott.

Alice Coachman made history at the 1948 Olympics in London when she leaped to a record-breaking height of 5 feet, 6 and 1/8 inches in the high jump finals to become the first Black woman to win an Olympic gold medal. She went on to support young athletes and older, retired Olympic veterans through the Alice Coachman Track and Field Foundation.

Dr. Herbert Smitherman a physical organic chemist created Crest Toothpaste, Folgers Coffee, Bounce Fabric Softener and Safeguard Soap.

Onesimus, a slave, was a gift to a Puritan church minister Cotton Mather from his congregation in 1706. He told the minister about the centuries old tradition of inoculation practiced in Africa. The traditional African practice was used to inoculate American soldiers during the Revolutionary War and introduced the concept of inoculation to the United States.

Martin Luther King Jr. improvised the most iconic part of his "I Have a Dream Speech. The original speech was more political and less historic, and it did not include any reference to dreams. Onstage near Dr. King, singer Mahalia Jackson reportedly kept saying, "Tell 'em about the dream, Martin," and while no one will know if he heard her, it could likely have been the inspiration he needed. Dr. King then continued, "Even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream..." And then the famous Baptist preacher preached on, adding repetition and outlining the specifics of his dream. And while this improvised speech given on that hot August day in 1963 was not considered a universal success immediately, it is now recognized as one of the greatest speeches in American history.

William Tucker was the first known Black person to be born in the 13 colonies. He was born in Jamestown, Virginia in 1624. According to BlackPast.org, his parents were indentured servants and part of the first group of Africans brought to colonial soil by Great Britain.

Lucy Stanton became the first Black woman in America to earn a four-year college degree. She graduated from Oberlin College in 1850 with a literary degree.

Nat King Cole. A renowned singer and jazz pianist was the first Black American to host a TV show: NBC's *The Nat King Cole Show*.

In 1981 **Bryant Gumbel**, broadcast journalist became the first Black person to host a network morning show when he joined NBC's *Today Show*.

In 1940, **Hattie McDaniel** became the first Black person to win an Oscar for her supporting role in *Gone With the Wind*. McDaniel was unable to attend the premiere of *Gone with the Wind* in Atlanta because it was held at a whites-only theater, and at the Oscars ceremony in Los Angeles she sat at a segregated table at the side of the room; the Ambassador Hotel where the ceremony was held was for whites only, but allowed McDaniel in as a favor

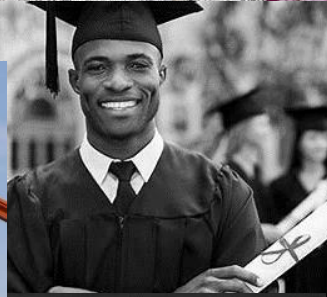
24 years later, **Sidney Poitier** became the first Black man to win an Oscar for his leading role in *Lilies of the Field*.

Statewide COVID-19 Vaccine Pre-Registration System

The new statewide COVID-19 vaccine pre-registration system is available at vaccinate.virginia.gov or by calling 877-VAX-IN-VA (877-829-4682). The Commonwealth's centralized system allows individuals to easily pre-register for the free vaccine, confirm that they are on the wait list and learn more about Virginia's vaccination program. Please note that the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) states it still may be **weeks or months** until you will be contacted regarding scheduling a COVID-19 vaccination appointment.



Mike Glass
This what "jingle bells" means – The jingle bells was for the owners to hear them trying to escape through the night. It was easier for the dogs to hear them The more I learn the more I steer away from these Pagan traditions ... teaching my kids the truth not fairy tales



Announcements and Upcoming Events

Sundays at 10am EST

Online Live Worship with TBC on Facebook with Rev. Justin D. House
Conference Call – Call (515) 603-3179 Access Code 689-859#

Mondays at 8pm EST

iBelieve Prayer Call with Rev. Justin D. House
Conference Call – Call (515) 603-3179 Access Code 689-859#

Tuesdays at 10am EST

Study in the word with Rev. William D. House, III
Conference Call – Call (515) 603-3179 Access Code 689-859#

Saturdays at 12noon EST

Let's +Stay Connected Connect with TBC family
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TO ALL MEMBERS

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