

Deeper Understanding

MOTHERS AND THEIR SONS



We heard the gut-wrenching cries of George Floyd calling out for his mother moments before his death in 2020. Black motherhood has often been centered in the analysis of the Black family — and for Black men, the maternal connection is vital, political, and liberating. In a series of portraits, photographer Laylah Amatullah Barraynasked Black sons to share some perspectives about their beloved mothers.

WELCOME TO SWEET MAGNOLIA

Happy Mother's Day! Established in 1914, the name Magnolia honors the Mother Church founded in 1864 near Louisville.

Affectionately known as Sweet Magnolia, this ministry has stood as a physical representation of the hope and determination of the African American spirit. We are a Spiritual Anchor grounded in a liberation tradition operating as a Baptist community of faith.

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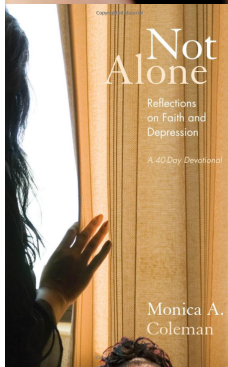
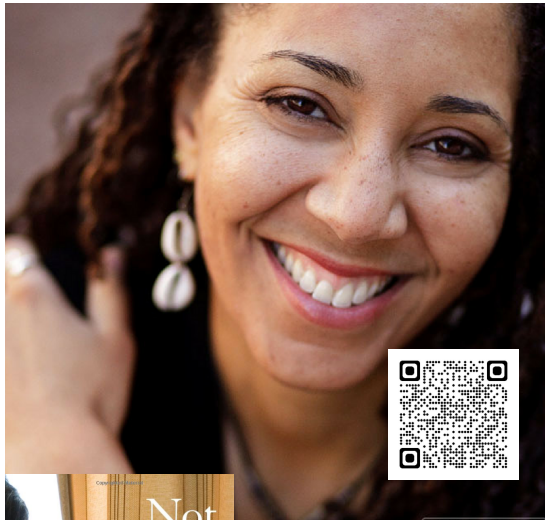
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Dr. Francys Johnson, Senior Pastor

Welcome to Sweet Magnolia

You don't have to pretend that sadness isn't a part of your life and faith.

— Monica A. Coleman, *Not Alone: Reflections on Faith and Depression*



#nomoreSTIGMA | Why are we focusing on this issue? Only 1 in 3 Black Americans who could benefit from mental health treatment receive it.

Reducing the stigma could increase the likelihood that individuals with mental health issues will seek treatment. Treatment could help them live happier, more fulfilling lives.

Breaking down the stigma will likely involve a two-pronged approach; increasing the number of culturally competent providers and changing the narrative surrounding mental illness.

Together, this Month we will do just that - change the narrative. Let this work begin with you.



SCHOLAR IN FOCUS | Monica A. Coleman is John and Patricia Cochran Scholar for Inclusive Excellence and Professor of Africana Studies at the University of Delaware. She spent nearly fifteen years in graduate theological education at the Claremont School of Theology, the Center for Process Studies, and the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago. Coleman has earned degrees from Harvard University, Vanderbilt University, and Claremont Graduate University. Answering her call to ministry at 19 years of age, Coleman is an ordained minister in the African Methodist Episcopal Church and an initiate in traditional Yoruba religion.

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MEIWARE WOC means "I shall marry you" and symbolizes commitment and perseverance.

Order of Service

MOTHER'S DAY

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2023 | 9:00 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Teacher - Deacon Johnnie Tremble

Lesson 7: Healing A Man Who Cannot Walk using Acts 3:1-11 focusing on the Golden Text: "And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God." Acts 3:8 KJV

CALL TO WORSHIP

I Will Trust in the Lord Medley followed by *The Doxology*, the Litany, and *Let the Words of My Mouth* as the Response.

Sweet Magnolia utilizes all our resources providing a Christ-centered setting where people in this community are redeemed to a personal relationship with Christ, reconciled to God and his people, restored to wholeness, to well-being, and revived for a full life involved in service to others. In this church, everyone is welcomed and affirmed. In this community, you can be redeemed, reconciled, restored, and revived.

SERVICE OF LIGHTS

Special Remarks from Frist Lady Meca Williams-Johnson in honor of Mothers with *I Remember Mama (Instrumental)* by Shirley Ceasar

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Collection of Tithes, Offerings, and Pledges with *You Reign* by William Murphy.

Offertory Claim - *I am a consistent Tither, a Bountiful Sower, and a Cheerful Giver. I have confessed my sins; therefore, GOD rebukes the Devourer for my Sake, and GOD makes all Grace abound toward me!* Malachi 3:1-11 and II Corinthians 9:5-8

SONG OF PREPARATION

Lord Keep Me By Day by Le'Andria Johnson

THE PREACHED WORD

Rev. Dr. Francys Johnson

BENEDICTION

Go, confident in the knowledge of God's love for you, assured of the healing touch of Jesus upon you, and emboldened by the transforming power of the Holy Spirit within you.



Lectionary: Acts 17:22-31 • Psalm 66:8-20 • 1 Peter 3:13-22 • John 14:15-21

GYE NYAME means "except for God" This symbolizes the Supremacy of God.



FOR MOTHERS WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD - SOMETIMES

Sometimes I catch a glimpse,
In softened waves of blue,
My child, my heart ...when I see a smile,
I can't help but think of you.

Sometimes these waves fill oceans.
And feelings string on every shore,
A collections of each memory
And every way I wish for more.

Sometimes I watch for answers
Because each day I call to you.
I ask for faith and courage
And strength...to help me through.

Sometimes I ask for bravery
Like dolphins in the deep,
Because time moves oh so slowly,
And sometimes the road is steep.

Sometimes I want to scream.
This was not what I had planned.
Why you ever suffered,
A mom can't understand.

Sometimes I hear your laughter
And remember you at play,
But My Child I always miss you.
Not sometimes, but every day.



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Responsive Reading

Mother's Day was declared a national holiday in 1914, and throughout its over 100-year history, families have created ways to honor the day and create lasting memories.

We pray for moms whose children are grown.

Grant them joy and satisfaction for a job well done.

We pray for moms experiencing changes they could not predict.

Grant them rest and peace as they trust you for the future.

We pray for pregnant women who will soon be moms.

Grant them patience and good counsel in the coming months.

We pray for moms who face the demands of single parenthood.

Grant them strength and wisdom.

We pray for moms who enjoy financial abundance.

Grant them time to share with their families.

We pray for moms who are raising their children in poverty.

Grant them relief and justice.

We pray for step-moms.

Grant them patience, understanding, and love.

We pray for moms who are separated from their children.

Grant them faith and hope.

We pray for moms in marriages that are in crisis.

Grant them support and insight.

We pray for moms who gave up their children for adoption.

Grant them peace and confidence as they trust in your providence.

We pray for adoptive mothers.

Grant them joy and gratitude for the gift you have provided.

We pray for women who think about becoming mothers.

Grant them wisdom and discernment.

We pray for women who desperately want, or wanted, to be mothers.

Grant them grace to accept your timing.

We pray for women who have assumed the mother's role in a child's life.

Grant them joy and the appreciation of others.

We pray for persons who are grieving the loss of their mother.

Grant them comfort and hope in Christ's resurrection.

MEMORY VERSES

Joshua 1:9

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."



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PLEDGE

Campaign



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BEYOND
YOUR TITHES

COLLECTIVE
ACTION

Every Member is a **BELIEVER**
Every Believer is a **GIVER**
Every Leader is a **TITHER**

Why Do We Give?

Giving at Sweet Magnolia is not tied to salvation or compulsion but out of a sincere desire to honor God. We believe that by working together we can improve the human condition and a beloved community. As we study the life of Jesus of Nazareth, it is clear that he had more to say about money than nearly any other subject. Our use of money is an indicator of our love relationship with God. Through scripture, we know that God is the creator and owner of all things. We are responsible for managing that which has been entrusted to us.



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ABOUT THE COVER | CELEBRATE YOUR LEGACY

Natasha, a 31-year-old photographer at N Bee Photography, and her 35-year-old cousin Shakeibra both know how blessed they are to still have their 91-year-old great-grandmother, Wilsie, in their lives as adults. Recently, the duo decided to stage a photo shoot to take gorgeous updated family portraits that they can appreciate now and share with future generations later. And speaking of future generations, Shakeibra has a 15-year-old daughter, Kylea, who has four living generations of women up her branch of the family tree – for those silently counting on their fingers, that's five full generations!

To celebrate their rare family dynamic and cap off the fun photo shoot, Shakeibra decided to direct and star in a recreation of a TikTok video she'd seen of another family's four generations. In the video, Kylea appears first, saying "Hi! Mom?" as she waves her mom into the frame before walking away. Shakeibra repeats her daughter's actions, calling her own mom, 55-year-old Debra, into the frame, who then welcomes her 71-year-old mother, Gloria, before Wilsie ends the video with: "Hi! Five generations!"



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