

ABOUT THE COVERS



Tamara Natalie Madden (1975 -2017) was a Jamaican-born mother, mixed-media artist, and professor of art and visual culture at Spelman College in Atlanta. On November 4, 2017, she died at her home in Snellville, Georgia, only two weeks after being diagnosed with Stage 4 ovarian cancer. She was 42.



WELCOME TO MOUNT MORIAH



Welcome to Mount Moriah! Established in 1890, this ministry has stood as a physical representation of the hope and determination of the African American spirit. It has served the community as a School, Community Center, Meeting Hall and Spiritual Anchor.

We are a Spiritual Anchor grounded in a liberation tradition operating as a Baptist community of faith.

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MOUNT MORIAH



MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Dr. Francys Johnson, Senior Pastor

ELLA JOSEPHINE BAKER
1903 – 1986



Until the killing of black men, black mothers' sons, becomes as important to the rest of the country as the killing of a white mother's sons, we who believe in freedom cannot rest until this happens.
— Ella Josephine Baker



A History of Racial Injustice

On March 18, 1831, the Supreme Court issued an opinion in Cherokee Nation v. Georgia, sidestepping the issue of whether Georgia could extend its law over the Cherokee tribes, and instead ruling that the Cherokee Nation was not a "foreign nation"—so the Supreme Court had no jurisdiction to hear its claims.



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Deeper Understanding

FASTING FOR LENT



February 22 - April 8

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this is a Season of replacing or repair of the worn out, run-down, or broken.

Lent consists of the forty days before Easter in which Christians prepare to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ by practicing the spiritual disciplines of fasting, prayer, and penitence. Sundays are always excluded as fast days during Lent because they are mini-Easters that symbolize the weekly celebration of Jesus' resurrection.

MEATLESS MONDAYS | Abstain from all meat.

TEN DOLLAR TUESDAY | Spend \$10 or less for the entire day.

WATER ONLY WEDNESDAYS | Abstain from all other beverages.

THRICE THURSDAYS | Pray a minimum of three times..

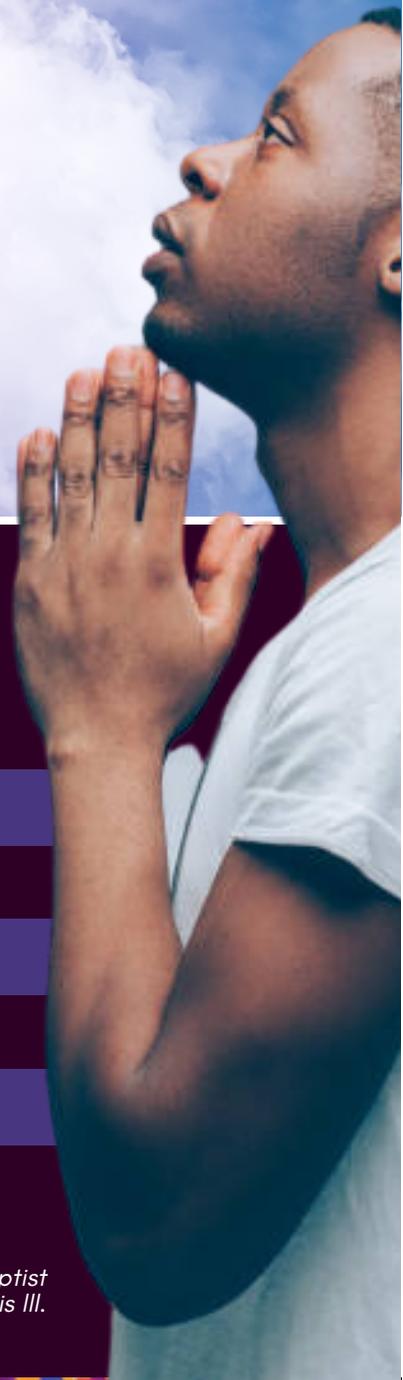
FRIED-NOT-FRIDAYS | Abstain from all fried foods

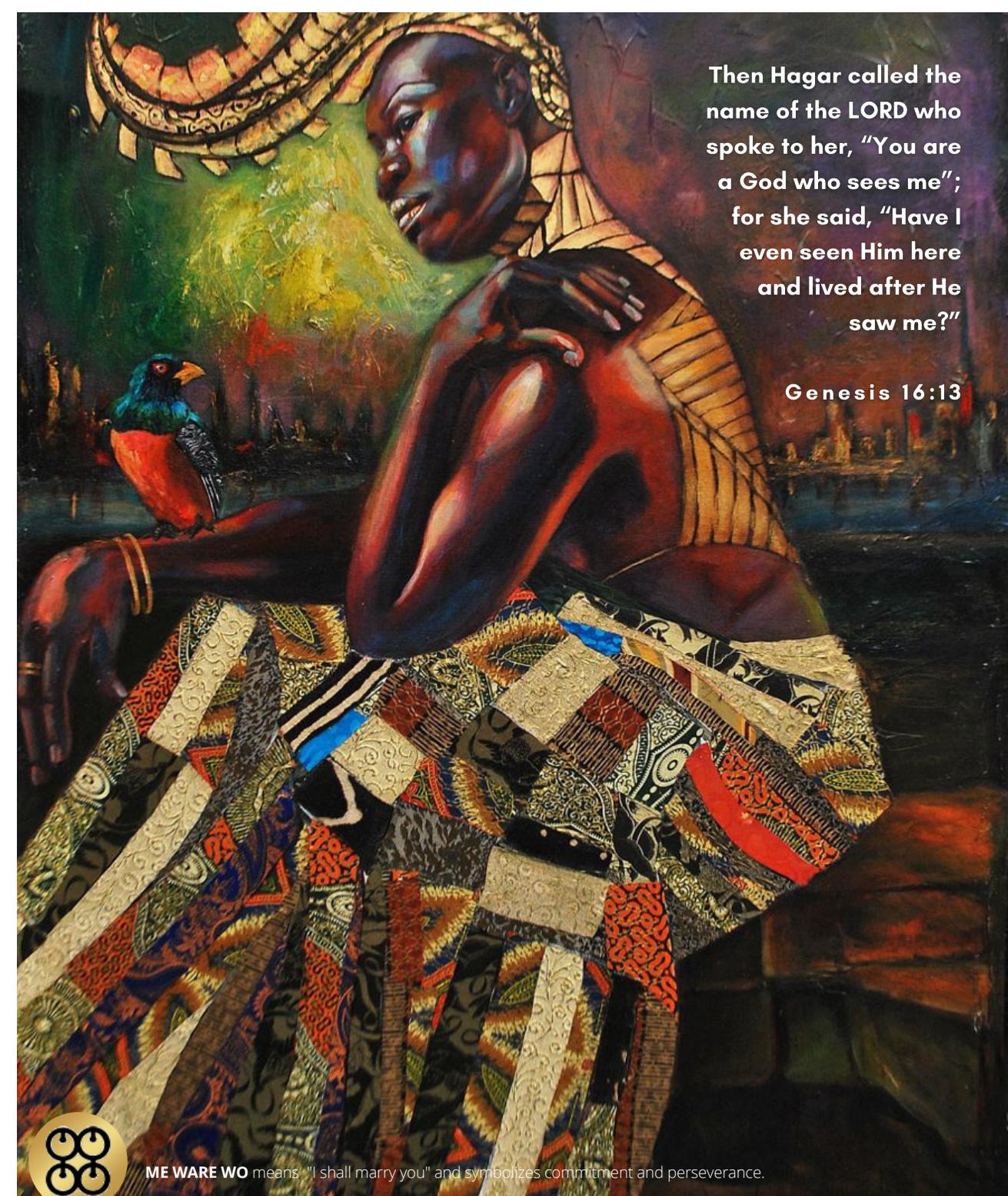
SILENT SATURDAYS | At least one hour in silent meditation.

This sacrifice is in connection with the members of Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Pleasantville NJ by Pastor Willie Dwayne Francois III.



ADINKRAHENE is the King of the Adinkra symbols meaning Authority





Then Hagar called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, "You are a God who sees me"; for she said, "Have I even seen Him here and lived after He saw me?"

Genesis 16:13

Responsive Reading

In Praise of brilliant, beautiful and brave Black Women

LEADER: In memory of Isabella Baumfree who was transformed into Sojourner Truth because the Lord called her to travel up and down the land being a sign and to declare truth to her people. She responded to the man who charged that he cared no more for her than a fleabite, "Maybe not, but the Lord willing, I'll keep you scratching."

PEOPLE: Let the brilliant, beautiful, and brave Black women keep coming as we scratch out justice in the land.

LEADER: By the witness of Harriet Tubman, who in spite of a \$40,000 price on her life, challenged her people to "be free or die", and who courageously led them to freedom. She never lost a passenger as she showed her people a better way.

PEOPLE: Let the brilliant, beautiful, and brave Black women keep coming as conductors to keep a people on track to freedom.

LEADER: By the inspiration of Ida B. Wells and the First National Confederacy of Colored Women; Mary Margaret Washington and the National Federation of Afro-American Women; Mary Church Terrell and the National League of Colored Women; Rosa Parks whose tired feet inspired a nation to stand up; and Fannie Lou Hamer who left her cotton sack behind her and founded the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party from whence she took her seat at the 1964 Democratic Convention. These countless women worked hard to inspire, encourage, and register voters so that we could move forward.

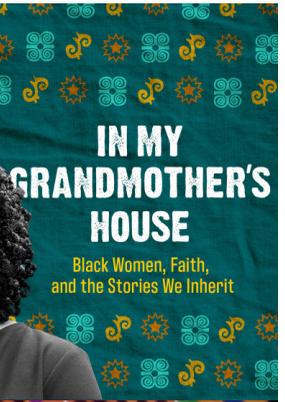
PEOPLE: Let the brilliant, beautiful, and brave Black women keep coming as we hammer out political opportunities for women who will change the course of history.

LEADER: We recognize women like Julia Kidd Stout who became the first African American woman elected to the bench in Philadelphia, Constance Baker Motley who was the first Black woman federal judge, and numerous other women of the Judiciary, including Leah Ward Sears, the first African American woman elected to a State Supreme Court and the first African American woman to serve as a Chief Justice of any State Supreme Court.

TOGETHER: Let brilliant, beautiful, and brave Black women keep coming as we render decisions that are equitable, compassionate, and morally sound. Let strong Black women keep coming until we have transformed America and made of this world a brotherhood and sisterhood where there is room for all and we "turn to each other and not on each other".

BOOK RECOMMENDATION

In My Grandmother's House, Yolanda Pierce, dean of Howard Divinity and recently named Dean of Vanderbilt Divinity, builds an everyday womanist theology rooted in liberating scriptures, experiences in the Black church, and truths from Black women's lives. Pierce centers Black Women's experiences while teasing out the tensions of race, spirituality, trauma, freedom, resistance, and memory.



IN MY GRANDMOTHER'S HOUSE

Black Women, Faith, and the Stories We Inherit



ANANSE NTONTAN means "spider's web" and symbolizes wisdom and creativity.



ME WARE WO means "I shall marry you" and symbolizes commitment and perseverance.

Welcome to Sweet Magnolia

In the name of God who reveals herself to be more than we ever expected. Amen. The insistence that God is male and only male has not rung true to more than half the people on the planet from the time the Israelite Judean elite began to codify their sacred texts shaping the religions that have descended from them.

- Dr. Wil Gafney



#WHM2023 | March is Women's History Month. We are "Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories" throughout the month. This theme is adopted from the National Women's History Alliance, which spearheaded the movement for March to be declared National Women's History Month.

History helps us learn who we are, but our power and dreams are immediately diminished when we don't know our history.

POWER | Terrica Redfield Ganzy leads the Southern Center for Human Rights (SCHR), where she is dramatically transforming the criminal legal system through direct representation, impact litigation, policy advocacy, and public education.

Recognizing the achievements of women in all facets of life - domestic workers, science, community, government, literature, art, sports, and medicine - has a significant impact on the development of self-respect and new opportunities for girls and young women.

4 WAYS TO GIVE
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ONLINE SMART PHONE MAIL SUNDAY

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Order of Service

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH | FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 26, 2023 | 11:30 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Deacon David Williams, Teacher
Called from the Margins of Society

Lesson Text: John 4:7-15, 28-30, 39-41; Time of Action: 27 A.D.; Place of Action: Sychar of Samaria. Golden Text: "And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did" (John 4:39).

CALL TO WORSHIP

Gospel Medley, Doxology, Responsive Reading, and *Let the Words of My Mouth* as the Response.

Sweet Magnolia will utilize all our resources to provide a Christ-centered setting where people in this community can be 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

Sis. Kim McGhee, Special Tribute

Today, we light the candles on the Altar, acknowledging March as Women's History Month. Specifically, we thank God for the brilliant, beautiful, and brave Black women who have shaped our history and those who are telling our story today in word and deed.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

Music Ministry

THE PREACHED WORD

Hagar - A Woman of Faith - Lesson 3: Through the Fire

BENEDICTION

May the God who saw Hagar, who listened to Hagar, who blessed Hagar, who sustained Hagar, and who gave Hagar a legacy of many peoples also see, hear, bless, and keep you in your struggle and success. Amen. Genesis 16:6-14

This Week's Lectionary: Ezekiel 37:1-14 • Psalm 130 • Romans 8:6-11 • John 11:1-45



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