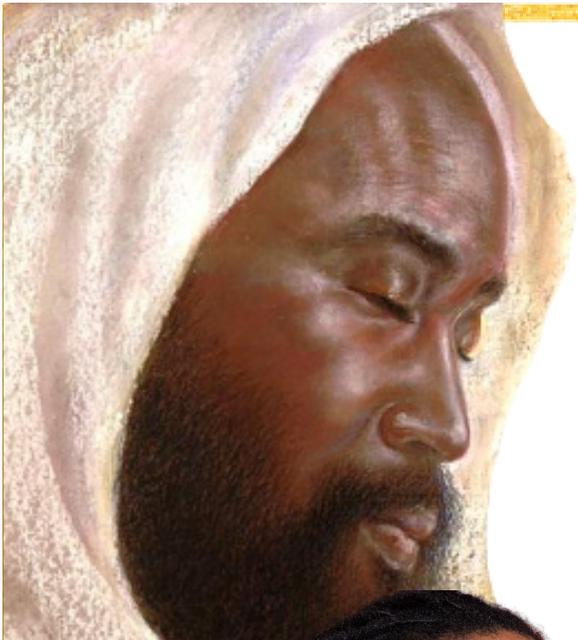


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Missionary Baptist Church

Resurrection Sunday

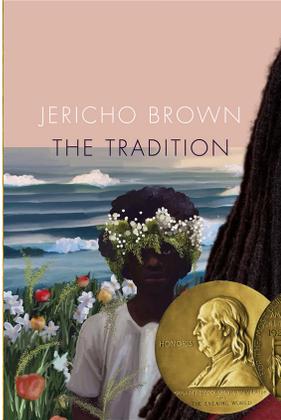
Rev. Dr. Francys Johnson, Senior Pastor

Raymond



The Tradition

Aster. Nasturtium. Delphinium. We thought
 Fingers in dirt meant it was our dirt, learning
 Names in heat, in elements classical
 Philosophers said could change us. Star Gazer.
 Foxglove. Summer seemed to bloom against the will
 Of the sun, which news reports claimed flamed hotter
 On this planet than when our dead fathers
 Wiped sweat from their necks. Cosmos. Baby's Breath.
 Men like me and my brothers filmed what we
 Planted for proof we existed before
 Too late, sped the video to see blossoms
 Brought in seconds, colors you expect in poems
 Where the world ends, everything cut down.
 John Crawford. Eric Garner. Mike Brown.



The Tradition is a 2019 poetry collection by Jericho Brown. The collection won the 2020 Pulitzer Prize for Poetry. Judges of the prize called the book "a collection of masterful lyrics that combine delicacy with historical urgency in their loving evocation of bodies vulnerable to hostility and violence."

Our Vote

MVP STATUS?

*We Can Fix Our Local Political Systems By
 Kicking Out The Problematic Politicians Who
 Fail To Champion Justice For Us.*

Voter registration is one of those things we should check regularly for lots of reasons—maybe you moved, got married, changed your name, or, honestly, you might have been purged from the voter rolls. It happens! But you don't have to get ready if you stay ready.



ADINKRAHENE, King of the Adinkra symbols meaning Authority



Resurrection Sunday

Sweet Magnolia Missionary Baptist Church

April 17, 2022 | 9:00 AM

PRELUDE

Hold to God's Unchanging Hands, a traditional Spiritual inspired by Genesis 15

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Unforgettable Leader - Matthew 26:17-30

CALL TO WORSHIP

O Magnify the Lord/Glorious Day, a Medley as inspired by Liturgy of the Palms along with *Spirit of the Living God* as a Chant and *The Doxology*

SERVICE OF LIGHTS

The Altar Candles acknowledge Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The history of Black women spearheading the fight against sexual assault is an important reminder not only of who started and leads this movement but also of how whitewashed content related to the movement continues to be. A powerful example of this is the case of Recy Taylor, an African American woman who, despite being blackmailed, refused to stay silent, and spoke out in 1944 against the white mob who had gang-raped her. Today, Black women continue to lead the movement to spread awareness about sexual assault and make positive changes.

OFFERING

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

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S TABLE

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 with *Just for Me* by Kenneth W. Louis inspired by Luke 22:14-23:56

HYMN OF PREPARATION

I Love the Lord by William H. Monk as inspired by Liturgy of Passions

THE PREACHED WORD

Rev. Dr. Francys Johnson

BENEDICTION

The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and coming in from this time forth and forevermore. Psalm 121:7-8

POSTLUDE

Ride On King Jesus, a Spiritual as inspired by Luke 19:28-40



Gye Nyame recognizes the supremacy of God over all beings, and therefore revered by all.



Responsive Reading

The Church Covenant

Strengthening Our Relationship with God and Mankind

LEADER: Having been led, as we believe by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior and, on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do now in the presence of God, and this assembly host solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

RESPONSE: We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this Church in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the Church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

LEADER: We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions, to bring up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger; to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior.

RESPONSE: We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember one another in prayer; to aid one another in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and Christian courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Savior to secure it without delay.

TOGETHER: We moreover engage that when we remove from this place, we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.



ONLINE

4 WAYS TO GIVE

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SUNDAY



Dwennimmen is a symbol of strength with humility. Humility is a cherished virtue among the Akans



The Church Commitment

Strengthening Our Resolve to be Effective Witnesses

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 and well-being, and revived for a full life involved in service to others.** In this church, everyone is welcomed and affirmed. At Sweet Magnolia, you can be redeemed, reconciled, restored, and revived.



Miracles happen every day and on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, we all witness the hand of God sweep through Pembroke and North Bryan County in a deadly Tornado. We give God praise for saving Rosalind Gillard, Harry Bostick, Orin Williams, and the Campbell Family and so many others in the community.

A state of emergency has been declared in Bryan County in response to a tornado that touched down in the Pembroke and Ellabell areas on April 5, 2022. Mount Moriah has been assisting the aforementioned families from Day 1. To support this outreach, please see Jushara Coples 912.429.0970 or Shere Ranger at 912.220.1438.



God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

HWEMUDUA is a symbol of the measuring stick, of critical examination and control.



Our Time

By Esau McCaulley

Excerpt from Guest Column printed in the New York Times
What Good Friday and Easter Mean for Black Americans

James Cone's important work of theology "The Cross and the Lynching Tree" connects the crucifixion of Jesus with the lynching of Black bodies: both are manifestations of evil inflicted as a means of control. Since the time of the hush harbors, we have found solace in the idea that the God they worshiped knew the trouble we'd seen. He experienced it himself. The hip-hop artist Swoope said, "Christ died in the Blackest way possible, with his hands up and his momma there watching him."

But the story of Jesus does not end with his death. In the Gospels, Jesus claimed that he had power over death. Christians believe his resurrection vindicated that claim. The body that God raised was the same body that was on the cross. After his resurrection, Jesus' disciples recognized him. They ate and talked with him. His body was transformed and healed, no longer subject to death, but it still had the wounds from his crucifixion. There was continuity and discontinuity with the person they knew.

"The conspicuous absence of the lynching tree in American theological discourse and preaching is profoundly revealing, especially since the crucifixion was clearly a first-century lynching."

— JAMES H. CONE, THE CROSS AND THE LYNCHING TREE

Jesus' resurrection has implications not just for his body, but for all bodies subject to death. Christians believe that what God did for Jesus, he will do for us. The resurrection of Jesus is the forerunner of the resurrection of our bodies and restoration of the earth. There are endless debates and speculations about what type of bodies we will have at the resurrection. Will we all receive the six-packs of our dreams? Will we revert to the bodies we had in our 20s? I do not find these questions that intriguing. What is compelling to me is the clear teaching that our ethnicities are not wiped away at the resurrection. Jesus was raised with his brown, Middle Eastern, Jewish body.



ODO NNYEW FIE KWAN, a symbol of happiness literally meaning "LOVE NEVER LOST ITS WAY HOME."

Our Money

APRIL IS FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH

Money Habits You Should Start Using Today

Tanisha A. Sykes is a personal finance expert. Follow her on Twitter @tanishastips.

As a little girl growing up in a West Philly row house with my Grandmom, her five daughters, and their six kids, I marveled at how my Gmom, now 86, kept the home running on all cylinders.

Aside from keeping a tidy abode, she always “handled her business,” especially when it came to money. Was she rich? No. But she was a smart money manager who understood what personal finance experts have been evangelizing for years: Building wealth has more to do with creating good money management habits than it does with pulling down a big paycheck.

For example, my grandmother taught me to:

- Pay with cash.
- Buy only what I need.
- Eat at home.
- Pay all my bills on time.
- Don't spend without a budget.

Simple enough advice to remember, but sticking to it can be a challenge, especially for African Americans, who experience higher unemployment and lower incomes than the general population.

Case in point: The median income of black households in 2014 was \$35,398, compared with the national median of \$53,657, according to the U.S. Census Bureau's annual report on Income and Poverty in the United States.

Even for those African Americans who are doing well, the truth is that we still experience less intergenerational inheritance, higher rates of caretaking for extended family, and differing patterns of homeownership.

One way to take steps toward closing the wealth gap is to return to the kind of financial lessons my grandmother espoused. Learn five ways you could make her proud, and help yourself in the bargain under the tab Money Matters at the Church website.

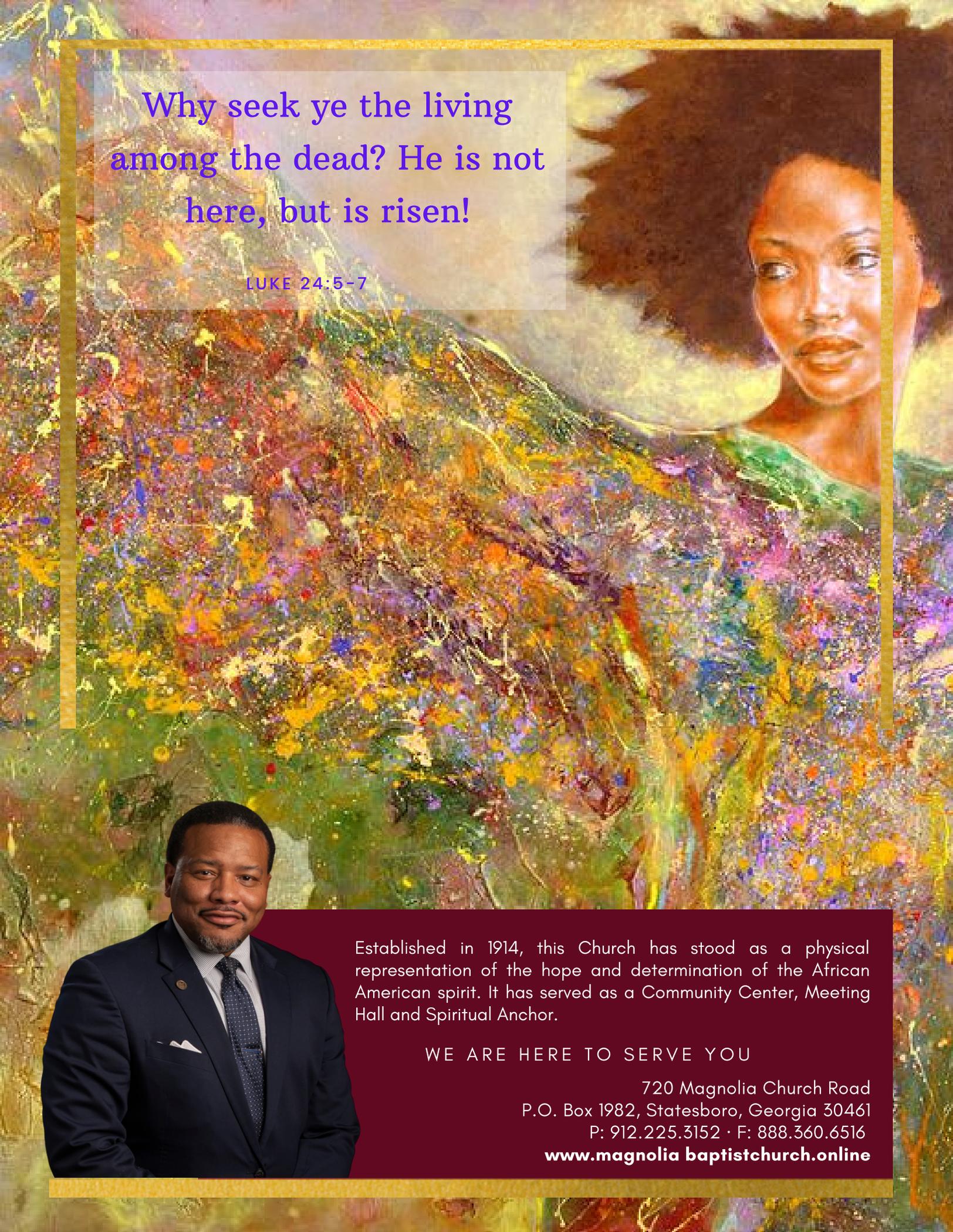


WEBSITE EXTRA | As empowered people, we know our money is a tool that can be used in our liberation or enslavement. **Follow QR Code above to find more resources that help you be a good steward over all that God provides.**



ABE DUE, a symbol of the Palm Tree meaning wealth, resourcefulness, and self-sufficiency.





Why seek ye the living
among the dead? He is not
here, but is risen!

LUKE 24:5-7



Established in 1914, this Church has stood as a physical representation of the hope and determination of the African American spirit. It has served as a Community Center, Meeting Hall and Spiritual Anchor.

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