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# Johnnie Anderson Jones Sr.

## An Icon, A Legend, A Trailblazer, A Civil Rights Activist, Attorney Laid to Rest

BY MADA MCDONALD  
for The Weekly Press

BATON ROUGE, La. — Family, friends, and community members met at Mount Zion First Baptist Church on Monday, May 2, to remember the World War II veteran who made 102 trips around the sun

An Icon, A Legend, A Trailblazer, A Civil Rights Activist, Attorney, Postal Carrier, Insurance Salesman, A Warrior, A Mentor, A Father, Family Member, and A Christian Man.

A Pioneer in the Baton Rouge Community, Dr. Attorney Johnnie Anderson Jones Sr., transitioned early Saturday morning on April 23, 2022, at the Louisiana Veterans Home in Jackson, Louisiana. He was 102.

Johnnie A. Jones, Sr., was born on November 30, 1919, in Laurel Hill, Louisiana, on the Rosemond Plantation. The family farmed 73 acres of land. His parents, Henry Edwards Jones, and Sarah Ann Coates Jones conceived seven siblings. Later, the family. Headed the Civil Rights Division of the US Department of Justice.

Jones moved to Scotlandville, Louisiana. He attended the Southern



Johnnie A. Jones Sr. at his home in Baton Rouge in 2019. (Gerald Herbert/AP)

Demonstration School elementary grades in the elementary years. In the eighth grade, he graduated from High School with honors in 1940. He was 20 years of age. He attended Southern University. When his family moved from Mississippi to Louisiana, he professed to become a lawyer at an early age. His major was Industrial Arts.

Before completing his education goals and aspirations, he went into the Army. At that time, he was the First Black Army soldier to test for the position of Warrant Officer. When he entered the military, he was 22.

On D-Day, June 6, 1944, He was injured. He fought for his country and was awarded THREE U.S. Battle Stars and the French Croix DE Guerre.

In 1953, he was the first student to graduate from the Southern University Law Center. Started his law practice in the State of Louisiana. Just a few days short, the Urban Defense League hired him as its lawyer for representation of the 1953 Bus Boycott.

During his legal achievements, he was the First Black,

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### Lawmakers seek police boss' journals in Ronald Greene investigation

NEW ORLEANS, La. — Lawmakers investigating the deadly arrest of Black motorist Ronald Greene are preparing to hold the former head of the Louisiana State Police in contempt for refusing to turn over his journals after talks broke down Monday in a dispute over an entry mentioning police brutality and Gov. John Bel Edwards.

The bipartisan committee

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#### WEATHER

	<b>MON. 05/09</b> Partly Cloudy High 95°
	<b>TUE. 05/10</b> Partly Cloudy High 95°
	<b>WED. 05/11</b> Partly Cloudy High 94°
	<b>THUR. 05/12</b> Partly Cloudy High 94°

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## Student discipline bill advanced by Louisiana House committee

n House Bill 222 would prevent schools from suspending students for dress code violations and allow schools to use discretion when punishing students in elementary and middle school for possession of a gun or a knife over 2 ½ inches.

BY PIPER HUTCHINSON  
LSU Manship School  
News Service

BATON ROUGE--The House Committee on Education advanced a bill Tuesday that would require behavioral assessments before students could be expelled, placed in an alternative school, or suspended.

House Bill 222, sponsored by Rep. C. Denise Marcelle, D-Baton Rouge, would require that a student be administered an as-



Rep. C. Denise Marcelle, D-Baton Rouge

Photo by James Terry III

essment chosen by the Louisiana Department of Health before being removed from a school.

The bill also would prevent schools from suspending students for dress code violations and allow schools to use discretion when punishing students in elementary and middle school

for possession of a gun or a knife over 2 ½ inches.

Present law requires an automatic suspension for any student to be found in possession of a knife or gun.

The proposal would only allow students in grades K-8 to be suspended if they acted

“in a way that is intended to cause significant bodily harm or emotional distress to another person.”

The bill was advanced on a 5-4 vote, with two Republicans, Rep. Barbara Freiberg of

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### Louisiana House votes to end days honoring Lee, Confederates

BATON ROUGE, La. — Louisiana's House of Representatives voted Monday to officially remove Robert E. Lee Day and Confederate Memorial Day from a list of state holidays.



Rep. Matthew Willard

The bill by Rep. Matthew Willard, a New Orleans Democrat, goes next to the state Senate.

Neither Confederate Memorial Day nor the day honoring the Confederate general has been observed in Louisiana for years. They are among a list of holidays a governor can proclaim in addition to other, permanent holidays that include Christmas and Independence Day. That list also includes Washington's Birthday, National Memorial Day, and Huey P. Long Day, which honors the populist Louisiana politician

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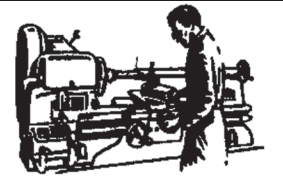
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## House passes enticement to draw some teachers back to class

BATON ROUGE, La. — The House has passed legislation aimed at drawing some retired teachers back to the classroom by increasing the money they can earn without reducing their retirement benefits.

Under current rules, former teachers can return to the classroom and earn 25% of their “final average compensation” without reducing their retirement benefits. The Louisiana Teachers Retirement System site says final average compensation is based on the highest salary earned during a set number of consecutive years for teachers hired before 2001.

The bill approved 96-0 on Monday would push up that limit to 50% of their final average compensation. The Advocate reports that the bill applies to those certified to teach math, science, English language arts, and to any teacher’s aide. If approved by the Senate, the plan would be in effect for three years.

Officials said that, under the plan, former teachers might work half a school year or select hours to maximize their impact while still



being paid.

The bill would apply to those who retired before Dec. 31, 2021.

“We have a critical teacher

shortage that has arrived at our doorstep,” said Rep. Rick Edmonds, R-Baton Rouge and sponsor of the legislation.

## Edwards declines to share personal views on leaked draft of Supreme Court abortion opinion

BY: JULIE O'DONOGHUE  
 Louisiana Illuminator

Gov. John Bel Edwards declined Wednesday to share his personal views on a leaked draft of a U.S. Supreme Court opinion that indicates the court is leaning toward overturning Roe vs. Wade — the landmark court decision that guarantees access to abortion across the country.

When asked about the draft opinion, written by Justice Samuel Alito, Edwards confirmed it would trigger a 2006 Louisiana law drafted to ban almost all abortion if it becomes the final ruling. If Roe is scuttled, Louisiana will prohibit abortion unless it is needed to prevent the death of a pregnant person or permanent harm to a “life-sustaining organ” of a pregnant



Gov. John Bel Edwards (Wes Muller/Louisiana Illuminator)

person, according to the state law on the books.

“I don’t want to go beyond that,” the governor said in an interview after a press conference focused on hurricane preparedness. Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts has emphasized that the leaked opinion is only a draft and “subject to change,” Edwards said.

Edwards, the state’s top Democrat and an attorney, has been staunchly and proudly anti-abortion since first joining the Louisiana House of Representatives in 2008. He voted for anti-abortion bills as a legislator and has signed anti-abortion laws as governor. His anti-abortion stance was part of his platform when he ran for governor in 2015

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## What’s Happening in the City of Baker

Want to know what is happening in the City of Baker? Here are some highlights of special dates to put on your calendar!

Details on events can be found on the City of Baker website <https://cityofbakerla.com/wp/events/>

**BREC Summer Camp Registration is happening now!** Summer Camp in Baker at the Baker Recreation Center begins in June and runs through August. Space is limited & financial aid scholarships are available — register today!

■ May 8 Mothers Day — Remember to Shop Baker & Shop Local!

■ May 9 Baker Forward Premier Air Channels 30.1, Cox Cable 117 or Eatel Cable 130 or on the City of Baker YouTube Channel

■ May 14 STEM Discovery Day, from 10 AM - 12 PM at Baker Workforce Development. BRSTEM will deliver a series of 7 STEM-related workshops over the next 2 to 3 months at no cost

to children and their families.

■ May 19 Veterans Day Event at Baker Auditorium — Speaker Secretary Joey Strickland COL (USA Retired), Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs Outreach Division

■ May 21 — Dr. Vincent’s Friendly Neighbor Keeper Initiative to Keep Baker Beautiful (every 3rd Saturday of each month)

■ May 26 Job Fair

■ May 30 Memorial Day

■ June 19 Fathers Day—Remember to Shop Baker & Shop Local!

■ June 20 Juneteenth Holiday (Observed)

■ June 24 Mayor Waites Annual Prayer Breakfast — 6:30AM — Tickets are \$6 — Special Guest Speaker Senator Regina A. Barrow

■ June 25 Dr. Vincent’s Friendly Neighbor Keeper Initiative to Keep Baker Beautiful (every 3rd Saturday of each month)

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“It requires that they assess the students before to see if we can intervene and figure out why they’re getting expelled, whether that’s issues relating to their home, whether they’re safety reasons, whether that’s abuse, or whatever’s going on,” Marcelle said. “We have too many of our students walking the streets during school time that are expelled and not knowing what’s going on with them.”



Rep. Vincent St. Blanc

Baton Rouge and Rep. Vincent St. Blanc of Franklin, voting in favor of the bill.

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Alma Stewart-Allen, president of the Louisiana Center for Health Equity, joined Marcelle as she presented the bill.

Stewart-Allen said that rather than having schools take a punitive approach, she would like to see students who experience trauma be assessed and referred to services to address the source of their behavioral problems.

While the bill would leave the choice of the assessment to the Department of Health, Marcelle and several committee members mentioned that the Adverse Childhood Experiences Assessment might be used.

Rep. Beryl Amedee, R-Houma, took issue with that assessment, arguing that the questions were too intrusive.

Amedee read some of the questions from the questionnaire to the committee.

“Were your parents ever

separated or divorced?” Amedee said.

“Do you live with anyone who has a problem with drinking or alcohol or uses street drugs? Was a household member depressed or mentally ill, or did a household member attempt suicide?”

Stewart-Allen argued against Amedee’s interpretation of the assessment.

“Sometimes intrusive is not bad if you’re going to get to save the child,” Stewart-Allen said.

Rep. Charles Owen, R-Rosepine, asked whether parents would have the right to opt their children out of the assessment.

Marcelle clarified that parents would have the right to decline to have their children assessed.

Owen also echoed some of Amedee’s concerns about privacy.

Marcelle responded: “I certainly want to protect people’s rights and privacy for their kids but not at the cost of a kid dying or suicide.” She pointed out that most parents will not report themselves for child abuse.

Jennifer Kerrigan, a representative of Louisiana Save our Schools, a conservative group, spoke against the bill, raising concerns about the ACE assessment.

“ACE is a study done in Southern California in 1995 and 1997,” Kerrigan said. “It

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# THIS MONTH

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**FAE FEST**  
Perkins Road Community Park  
May 7 | 1-4 p.m.

**INTERNATIONAL ASTRONOMY DAY**  
Highland Road Park Observatory  
May 7 | 3 p.m.-1 a.m.

**SATURDAY AT THE PAVILION: SWEET SUMMERTIME SOIREE**  
Zachary Community Park  
May 7 | 9 a.m.-noon

**CAMP-IN: THE AMAZING ADVENTURE**  
North Sherwood Forest Community Park  
May 7 | 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

**WOODS WALK** Hooper Road Park  
May 7 | 9:30-11:30 a.m.

**SUP 101** Greenwood Community Park  
May 10 | 6-7 p.m.

**BR3C (30N3) ADULT BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**  
North Sherwood Forest Community Park  
May 14-15 | Ages 18+

**SCIENCE ACADEMY**  
Highland Road Park Observatory  
May 14 + 21 | 10 a.m.-noon | Ages: 8-12

**LUNAR ECLIPSE**  
Highland Road Park Observatory  
May 15 | 7:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m.

**INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM DAY**  
Magnolia Mound  
May 18 | 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

**SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!** [brec.org/summercamp](https://brec.org/summercamp)

**WILD WINE WALK**  
BREC’s Baton Rouge Zoo  
May 20 | 5-7:30 p.m.

**SPRING E-SPORTS TOURNAMENT SERIES: ROCKET LEAGUE**  
Red Oaks Park  
May 21 | 12-30 p.m.

**MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL JR. HOME RUN DERBY (JRHRD)**  
Plank Road Park  
May 28 | 10 a.m.-4 p.m. | Ages: 14 and younger

**SUNSHINE SOCIAL: PROM “A WHOLE NEW WORLD”**  
Jefferson Hwy Park Ballroom  
May 20 | 6-9 p.m.

**SWAMP BIRTHDAY**  
Bluebonnet Swamp Nature Center  
May 21 | 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

**WALK IT OUT: BLOCK PARTY FIT**  
Howell Community Park  
May 28 | 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

**STEM EXPANSION**  
Highland Road Park Observatory  
May 28 | 3:30-7:30 p.m. | Ages: 12-16



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Member of the Baton Rouge Bar Association. Racial Equality cases via schools, private/public facilities in this community, and court proceedings filed at the state, local, national, and international levels.

Furthermore, he ran for the Office of District Attorney, initiated assistance to the Johnson administration, Drafted the 1964 Anti-Poverty Act, and was elected LA State Legislature Justice and appointed by Attorney General Robert Kennedy.

President Barack Obama invited her for both inaugurations in Washington, D. C.

Numerous awards, certificates, plaques, medals, pictures, memorabilia, etc., recognize his works in the Baton Rouge Community, local, state, national and international levels. He is survived by a vast host of loving family, relatives, and friends.

On a personal note, my honor to know my "PAPEE", a stronghold in my life. I will miss our long talks/conversations where I always had a writing pad to document. Quality time spent, family, breakfast/dinner outings. His wisdom, spirit, a wealth of knowledge, and presence in my life and many others will be sincerely and truly missed.

Three Words to captivate his composure as a man with so dynamic many characters, An Activator, An Innovator and A Motivator." PAPEE "I Love You Much Your Godchild, Mada

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will move "as soon as possible" to charge Kevin Reeves with contempt and begin legal proceedings to force him to turn over three handwritten journals he kept while leading the embattled agency, state Rep. Tanner Magee, who chairs the panel, told The Associated Press.

Holding the former head of the state's premier law enforcement agency in contempt would mark a drastic escalation by the committee, which already has elicited explosive testimony from current police officials that they believe Greene's 2019 death was covered up and that his beating by troopers after a high-speed chase amounted to "torture and murder."

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was done in two waves. Kaiser Permanente did it in conjunction with the CDC. This was done on adults. ACE is now extrapolated out to be used for children."

Experts say subsequent studies have validated the original findings, and ACE assessments are commonly used throughout the United States.

# School of Nursing, Ochsner partner for Jag Mobile clinic on wheels



The School of Nursing at Southern University on Thursday unveiled the Jag Mobile, it's state-of-the-art custom mobile health unit that will provide services to medically underserved communities within a 50-mile radius of the Baton Rouge campus.

"Today, we are the only historically Black college or university to have a mobile health unit in the state of Louisiana," said Sandra Brown, dean of the College of Nursing and Allied Health. "This will be archived in the School of Nursing history books for years to come."

Ochsner Health System partnered with the nursing school for the 38-foot-long unit, which will serve as a catalyst to provide more

Louisiana residents with access to quality healthcare.

"This partnership is going to go deep, and it is going to be strong and be a part of our initiative to change the health ranking in the state of Louisiana," said Christy Reeves, vice president for regional community affairs and government relations at Ochsner. "We have a big role ahead of us and this partnership is one of the most special we have at Ochsner."

The wheelchair-accessible mobile health clinic is fully equipped with two examination rooms that include state-of-the-art equipment that allows telehealth and in-person visits. Both pediatric and adult patients will be served.

Southern University undergraduate and graduate nursing students will utilize the mobile clinic to meet clinical learning objectives in conjunction with the School of Nursing's curriculum.

"Healthcare has been tough for the past two years," said Courtney Phillips, Louisiana Department of Health secretary. "To see so many people at Southern University and the students wearing their white uniforms lets me know that we still have individuals that are committed to service and the healthcare field, and that you have doubled down on your commitment to serve and educate."

The School of Nursing is lauded as one of the best nursing programs in the nation. Established in 1986, the School of Nursing at Southern currently offers four degrees: the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN); Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) with a specialty in family health; Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) with a major in nursing; and Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP).

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and 2019.

If almost all abortions are declared illegal in Louisiana, Edwards said Louisiana should consider putting more resources into programs that help pregnant people, parents of children who may lack resources, and foster care. He said his administration hasn't had any in-depth discussions about what resources might be needed because the draft opinion only became public Monday night.

Regardless of the legality of abortion, Edwards said he has been in favor of expanding government resources for young parents and pregnant people for years. He sees providing assistance to people with children and expectant parents as part of his larger "pro-life" outlook, he said.

Edwards comments came

shortly before the Louisiana House Committee on the Administration of Criminal Justice moved forward legislation sponsored by Rep. Danny McCormick, R-Oil City, to classify abortion as murder in Louisiana, regardless of existing laws or court rulings that might state otherwise. In Louisiana, a conviction of murder automatically comes with a life sentence without the possibility of parole.

McCormick's House Bill 813 would also allow the state attorney general to prosecute the proposed crime of abortion if a local district attorney declined to do so. Critics says the legislation could also criminalize not just abortion, but also emergency contraception and failure of in vitro fertilization treatments.

# Applications Open for Mayor's Youth Workforce Experience

BATON ROUGE, La— Mayor-President Sharon Weston Broome announced today applications for Mayor's Youth Workforce Experience. The program aims to employ 500 East Baton Rouge Parish youth. Those youth that have completed 9th Grade or is ages 16-24, for 8 weeks during the summer from June 6 to August 5. Applications for the program are at brla.gov/mayorsyouthworkforce.

"The Mayor's Youth Workforce Experience is focused on providing youth and young adults with a chance to discover interests, build skills, and explore careers through experiences that can serve as the foundation for educational and professional success," said Mayor-President Sharon Weston Broome.

The Mayor's Youth Workforce Experience creates a pathway to success and is an opportunity for

youth to develop skills that prepare them to meet the needs of today's workforce. Youth have the opportunity to learn educational and professional development skills that set the foundation for future employment and academic success.

Any organizations and companies interested in hosting youth for the program, contact us at 225-388-9737 or at hostsite@bigbud-dyprogram.org. Youth with any questions regarding the application are encourage to contact youth-workforce@brla.gov.



Sharon Weston Broome

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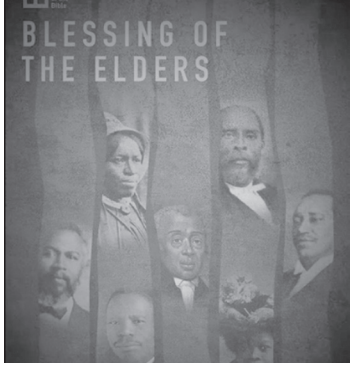
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# RELIGION

## “Blessing of the Elders”: Legacy Of The Black Church In America At Museum Of The Bible



Museum of the Bible will premiere a one-night gala experience entitled “Blessing of the Elders” in the museum’s World Stage Theater from 7–10 p.m. ET on June 23.

Blessing of the Elders will pay tribute to the faith-filled legacy of the Black Church and its historical and modern-day figures whose contributions have been foundational to America’s faith, culture and history.

Harry Hargrave, CEO of the Museum of the Bible said, “Our hope for Blessing of the Elders is to honor—past and present—Black pastors who have impacted America with their significant ministry.”

The red carpet, the invitation-only celebration will be led by a significant cast of presenters and gospel singers, including co-hosts Erica Campbell and Bebe Winans, Ambassador Andrew Young, Pastor Marvin L. Winans, Tramaine Hawkins, The Clark Sisters, Fred Hammond, Wintley Phipps, Lecrae and Denzel and Paulette Washington.



Museum Of The Bible

Honorees on June 23rd will include seven of America’s most well-known pastors and leaders including: Bishop T.D. Jakes, Dr. Tony Evans, Bishop Charles E. Blake, Pastor Shirley Caesar, Dr. A.R. Bernard, Bishop Vashti McKenzie and Dr. John Perkins. “The remarkable history of the

Black Church in America demonstrates a biblical faith under pressure that should inspire people of any generation,” remarked Dr. A.R. Bernard, Chairman of the Blessing of the Elders Steering Committee. “We are elated that the indelible mark of our community on the fabric of American society is finally

being acknowledged.” Steve Green, Museum of the Bible co-founder and chairman of the board, stated, “I’m thrilled that the inaugural event for Blessing of the Elders is being held at Museum of the Bible. The Black Church has a unique and rich history in our

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## Imagination: The Power Of The Mind



By Creffo Dollar

Do you remember using your imagination as a child? Whatever we imagined becoming, we may have been discouraged from it as adults because it wasn’t viewed as a “realistic” use of our minds. The creative ability to use our imaginations was given to us by God as a way of empowering us to bring to pass whatever we can imagine. We gain the proper perspective when we study what God says about this gift.

Perhaps we now imagine ourselves with a new car, a bigger house, or a better job. Whatever we want out of life starts with a vision in our mind’s eye, but if we don’t share the spiritual vision God has for us, we run into trouble. “Where there is no vision, the people perish” (Proverbs 29:18). Meditating on His Word allows us to catch glimpses of what He has planned for us. God wants us to be prosperous, blessed, and happy; aligning our thoughts with His gives us a 100 percent chance of success. “Roll your works upon the Lord [commit and trust them wholly to Him; He will cause your thoughts

to become agreeable to His will, and] so shall your plans be established and succeed” (Proverbs 16:3, AMPC).

Our imaginations are tools as real as hammers, chisels, saws, or anything else we can use to get the job done. Our thoughts are building blocks to bring about the manifestation of what we want. Visualization is the first step in turning a thought into something we can see. In the Old Testament, when the people visualized building a huge tower that reached all the way to heaven, it caught God’s attention. “And the Lord said, ‘Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do’” (Genesis 11:6).

The mind is incredibly powerful.

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Creffo Dollar

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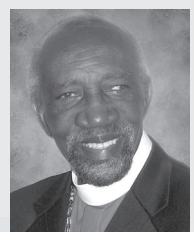
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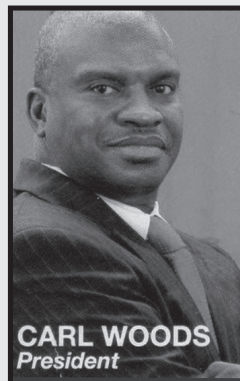


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The goals of the Better Boards Training include:

- To increase the capacity of Louisiana historic preservation-related and nonprofit organizations by strengthening the skills and strategies practiced by high functioning and effective teams.

- To support and enhance the Louisiana network of preservation organizations, staff, and volunteer leaders through constructive conversations about challenges and solutions to shared organizational challenges and development issues.

The workshop will be facilitated by Esther Hall to review key items such as

- Assessment Tools
- Skill Development
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- New Organizational Model
- Networking Opportunities and more.



### About our speaker:

Esther Hall has been involved in nonprofit work for decades, both as an executive director and active volunteer. She has served as board president and chaired nominating, strategic planning, and resource development committees, and led

a capital campaign. Her work experience spans municipal and state government, the arts and museums, non-profits, and foundations. Esther was affiliated with the National Trust for Historic Preservation beginning in 1991 and is the author of *Investing in Volunteers: A Guide to Effective Volunteer Management*

published as part of the National Trust's Preservation Book Series. She has provided consultation and training for statewide and local preservation organizations throughout the country. Currently, Esther serves as the Chair of the City of Raleigh Historic Resources and Museums Advisory Board.

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country, leaning on the Bible for strength, courage and perseverance, and this powerful story of faith needs to be told. We are privileged to play a part in this pivotal event."

This year's inaugural event will also tell the story of historically significant figures from the Black Church, such as Rev. Richard Allen, William Sheppard, Pastor Charles H. Mason, Nannie Helen Burroughs, Amanda Berry Smith, John Jasper and William J. Seymour.

Blessing of the Elders emerged from discussions between influential Black pastors in America and the Museum of the Bible Chief Relations Officer Dr. Jon Sharpe. "The goal," said Sharpe, "is to highlight the

significant history of the Black Church and the indispensable and symbiotic role the Bible played in this powerful American story. We can't find our way to a hopeful future without understanding our past."

Blessing of the Elders is guided by a steering committee whose vision statement reads: "We seek to honor Black pastors across the United States who have been committed to their call of preaching the Gospel and caring for the souls of humankind. We acknowledge and appreciate their exceptional contribution as vitally important to the development of America's biblical values."

Blessing of the Elders' June 23rd celebration is executive produced by Living Hope Productions with multimedia presentations by Dynamic Life.

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erful, and sometimes we forget just how much our thoughts control our actions. If we're not careful, we can let our thoughts enslave us. God warns us not to trust in the world's philosophies, especially when they contradict His Word. "Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ" (2 Corinthians 10:5). The enemy tries to use our imaginations against us; we must be guard against his strategies.

We have a choice as to how we think, and there's no limit on how we can use our God-given imaginations. However, using them for evil blocks us off from success. "Their fruit shalt thou destroy from the earth, and their seed from among the

children of men. For they intended evil against thee: they imagined a mischievous device, which they are not able to perform" (Psalm 21:10, 11). By contrast, God wants to use His imagination to bless us "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you," says the Lord, "thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope" (Jeremiah 29:11, NKJV).

Believers are in the midst of spiritual warfare; the battle between good and evil focuses on control of our minds. The devil may be crafty, but letting the Spirit of God direct our thoughts gives us the upper hand. "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Romans 12:2). Our imagination is our mighty weapon of warfare.

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