

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

A Year End Benediction

BY NATHAN

As this year draws to a close, may you give thanks for the gifts that it brought, the struggles you overcame, the joys you celebrated, and the wonders you saw.

As the inevitable rush of the holiday season approaches, may you find moments to slow down, pause, sit back, and take a few deep breaths to remember the past year, to honor all that you accomplished, and to set in your memory your favorite moments.

As the New Year approaches, may you craft goals for your year, dreams for your future, and intentions for your life; so even when barriers, struggles, and failures come your way you will have the stamina to keep going.

As the days become shorter and the weather grows colder, may hope for warmth develop deep within your spirit, may light shine brightly all around you, and that hot cup of coffee (or tea or chocolate) be even more delicious than usual.

And may the truth that you are a one-of-a-kind beloved creation, who is more than what you do, more than what you have, and more than what others might say or think about you, sink deep within your soul; so you might square your shoulders, stand firm, and become more of your fullest and truest self.

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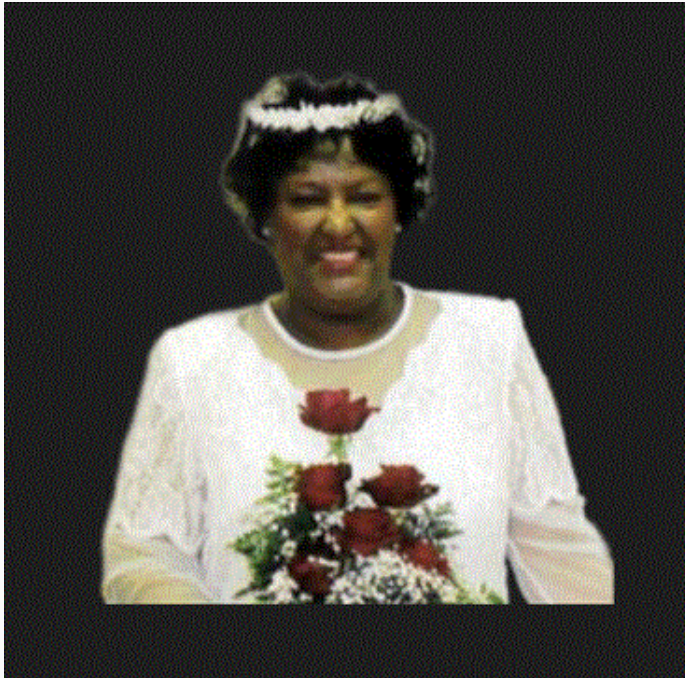
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Sympathies, Concerns, & Congrats

Our sympathies are extended to:

- **Mac White** (junior, Madison Heights, VA) on the death of their grandmother, CoRene Angus Coleman. Link to obituary is in the email.
- The family, friends, and former colleagues of **Dr. Dorothy Smith Akubue-Brice** (Professor of History Emerita), who died on Monday, December 11, 2023. (Link to the obituary is in the email.) Dr. Akubue-Brice is survived by her son, Leon Smith, her grandson, Kahil Mitchell-Smith, and her husband George Brice. Her family and friends will gather to celebrate and honor her this Friday and Saturday (details below). Condolences may be sent to her son, Leon Smith, at leonsmithesq@gmail.com.



- Visitation - Friday, Dec. 15, 6-7 p.m. at Community Funeral Home Chapel, 909 Fifth St., Lynchburg, VA 24504
- Funeral Service - Saturday, Dec. 16, 11 a.m. at New Vine Baptist Church, 616 Old Rustburg Road, Lynchburg, VA 24501

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Upcoming Interfaith Holidays

December 21 - January 1
Yule (Wicca/Paganism)

December 25
Christmas (Christian)

December 26 - January 1
Kwanzaa
(African Heritage)

Dates to Remember

Weekly on Sundays in Snidow Chapel:

- 11 a.m. Worship with Church of the Covenant
- 4:30 p.m. Roman Catholic Mass (Mass will resume on January 28, 2024)

Friday, January 26, 2024
4-5:30 p.m. Meet at Snidow Chapel
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
MEMORIAL WALK



 *Fall Semester* 
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