



Singing In A Strange Land

**AFRICAN**  
& AFRICAN AMERICAN  
*Heritage Sunday*

**Sunday, February 25, 2024**



**WESLEY CHAPEL**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1109 South State Street | Little Rock, AR 72202



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## CHURCH DIRECTORY

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**Elder Ronnie Miller-Yow, Pastor**

[pastoryow@gmail.com](mailto:pastoryow@gmail.com)

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### PROGRAM STAFF

**Ms. Songhai Nelson**

Church Secretary

[wesleychapellr@gmail.com](mailto:wesleychapellr@gmail.com)

**Ms. Keshira Watson**

Minister In Training

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### MUSIC STAFF

**San'Darius Gillespie**

Music Director

**Christopher Rowland**

Audio Visual Technician

**Laleata May**

Choir Director

**Cory Witherspoon**

Bass Player

**Rev. Carol Blow**

Pianist

**Christian Eggerson**

Organist

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### CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE | (501) 374-7893

Request Prayer | Report Illness or Hospitalization | Report The Death of a Loved One

Schedule Baby Dedication | Request Pastoral Visit

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### WEEKLY WORSHIP AND STUDY

#### SUNDAY WORSHIP

Online Worship & In-Person Worship

8:00 AM & 10:45 AM

#### Sunday School

9:30 AM Adult Sunday School

Zoom: (681) 999-0194

and enter access code: 704980#

#### Men's Sunday School

Where: <https://bluejeans.com/972375751> ([map](#))

Join BlueJeans Meeting:

[bluejeans.com/831493370](https://bluejeans.com/831493370) (ID: 831493370)

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(ID: 831493370)

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[Joining instructions](#)

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#### Church Office Hours

Tuesday-Thursday

12 PM - 5 PM

#### Wesley Chapel UMC

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[www.wesleychapellr.org](http://www.wesleychapellr.org)

#### Social Media Handles



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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**Sunday, February 25, 2024 | 8:00 AM**  
**African American & African Heritage Sunday**

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- PRELUDE**.....
- WELCOME**..... **Elder Ronnie Miller-Yow**
- JOYS AND CONCERNS/OPENING PRAYER**..... **Elder Ronnie Miller-Yow**
- HYMN OF PRAISE**.....
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- MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS** ..... **Elder Ronnie Miller-Yow**
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- THE GIVING OF OUR GIFTS**.....
- Offertory Song*..... **Pastor Danita Waller-Paige**  
*Pastor, St. James UMC, Pine Bluff, AR*
- The Dedication of the Gifts: The Doxology**..... ***Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow***
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- SCRIPTURE READING** ..... **Psalm 137:1-7**.....
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- HYMN OF PREPARATION**..... **Pastor Danita Waller-Paige**
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- THE MESSAGE** ..... **Dr. Walter M. Kimbrough**  
*President-In-Residence*  
*Inaugural Rutgers University for Minority Serving Institutions*
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- INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**.....
- Invitational Song**..... **Pastor Danita Waller-Paige**
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- SENDING FORTH**..... **Elder Ronnie Miller-Yow**
- POSTLUDE**..... ***Let the Church Say Amen***
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# PSALM 137:1-7 | CSB

- 137** Alongside Babylon's streams,  
there we sat down,  
crying because we remembered Zion.
- 2** We hung our lyres up  
in the trees there
- 3** because that's where our captors asked us to sing;  
our tormentors requested songs of joy:  
"Sing us a song about Zion!" they said.
- 4** But how could we possibly sing  
the Lord's song on foreign soil?
- 5** Jerusalem! If I forget you,  
let my strong hand wither!
- 6** Let my tongue stick to the roof of my mouth  
if I don't remember you,  
if I don't make Jerusalem my greatest joy.
- 7** Lord, remember what the Edomites did  
on Jerusalem's dark day:  
"Rip it down, rip it down!  
All the way to its foundations!" they yelled.
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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, February 25, 2024 | 10:45 In-Person  
African American & African Heritage Sunday

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PRELUDE.....  
*Instrumentalist*

GREETINGS | JOYS AND CONCERNS | OPENING PRAYER..... Sister Renisha Ward

OPENING PRAISE AND WORSHIP.....

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS ..... Sister Renisha Ward

THE GIVING OF OUR GIFTS.....

    Offertory Song.....UAPB Vesper Choir

    The Dedication of the Gifts: The Doxology.....*Thank You Lord*

SCRIPTURE READING ..... Psalm 137:1-7 .....

SONG OF PRAISE..... UAPB Vesper Choir

THE MESSAGE ..... Dr. Walter M. Kimbrough  
*President-In-Residence  
Inaugural Rutgers University for Minority Serving Institutions*

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP.....

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SENDING FORTH..... Elder Ronnie Miller-Yow

POSTLUDE..... *Let the Church Say Amen*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

## GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER

## WAYS TO GIVE:

In order to make giving to Wesley Chapel as convenient as possible, we have developed a variety of ways:

- **EASYTITHE**

Easy Tithe allows you to deduct directly from your bank account once or recurring donation to the General Budget (regular tithes and offerings), Capital, Scholarship or Other—(please specify) using your Visa or MasterCard, or American Express Card.

[Online Giving](#)

- **CASHAPP**

Cash App provides you mobile giving access at [\\$WesleyChapelLR](#). On the second line please place your first & last name, and which area you would like to give.

- **MAIL-IN GIVING**

If you are looking to mail in your gifts this week, please send them to:

**Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church**

**Attention: Finance Committee**

1109 South State Street

Little Rock, AR 72202

## WHAT YOUR TITHES SUPPORT

Your tithes and offerings ensure that the church is able to continue to reach out to our community, and around the world, with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Your gifts empower Wesley Chapel UMC to fulfill God's vision of transforming lives by Christian Discipleship.

## Wesley Chapel Connect Card

Click on the Connect Card below to fill in your information

# Connect

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Spouse:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your age Group:**  
 Under 20    20s    30s    40s    50+

**Children:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

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**City:** \_\_\_\_\_

**State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Today's Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Visit:  1st    2nd    3rd

**How did you hear about us?**  
 Website    Facebook/Twitter    Friend  
**Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

So in Christ we, though many,  
form one body, and each member  
belongs to all the others. -ROM. 12:5

FRONT

# What's next?

**Start**

- I dedicated my life to Christ for the first time.
- I re-dedicated my life to Christ.

**Next Step**

- I'm interested in getting baptized.
- I'm interested in joining a small group.
- I would like to talk to a pastor.

**Get Involved**

- I want to become a member.
- I want to volunteer for a ministry.
- I would like to be contacted by a Leader.

**Prayer Requests/Questions:**

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## MEET OUR GUEST SPEAKER

# DR. WALTER M. KIMBROUGH

INAUGURAL RUTGERS UNIVERSITY FOR MINORITY SERVING INSTITUTIONS PRESIDENT-IN-RESIDENCE

A native of Atlanta, Dr. Walter M. Kimbrough was his high school salutatorian and student body president in 1985 and went on to earn degrees from the University of Georgia, Miami University in Ohio, and a doctorate in higher education from Georgia State University. He has enjoyed a fulfilling career in student affairs, serving at Emory University, Georgia State University, Old Dominion University, and Albany State University. In October of 2004, at the age of 37, he was named the 12<sup>th</sup> president of Philander Smith College. In 2012 he became the 7<sup>th</sup> president of Dillard University in New Orleans, Louisiana, and served for ten years.

After 17 years as an HBCU president, Kimbrough is experiencing an "intermission" where he is exploring a range of professional experiences. For spring 2024 he serves as the inaugural Rutgers University Center for Minority Serving Institutions President-In-Residence. Kimbrough served as the interim executive director of the Black Men's Research Institute at Morehouse College during the 2022-23 academic year. He continues to serve as Executive-In-Residence for the University of Southern California Race and Equity Center. In early 2022 he was appointed by President Joseph Biden to the President's Board of Advisors on HBCUs.

Kimbrough has been recognized for his research and writings on HBCUs and African American men in college. Recently he has emerged as one of the leaders discussing free speech on college campuses. Kimbrough also has been noted for his active use of social media. He was cited by Education Dive as one of 10 college presidents on Twitter who are doing it right (@HipHopPrez), and in 2015 he was named by The Best Schools.org as one of the 20 most interesting college presidents. In 2023 College Cliffs named him as one of the 55 Top U.S. College And University Presidents, and in 2021 he was named a Georgia State University Alumni of the Year award winner.

Dr. Kimbrough has forged a national reputation as an expert on fraternities and sororities, with specific expertise regarding historically Black, Latin and Asian groups. He is the author of the book, *Black Greek 101: The Culture, Customs and Challenges of Black Fraternities and Sororities*, and has served as an expert witness in a number of hazing cases.



# THE GOOD NEWS

## Weekly Announcements

### FEBRUARY MEMBER BIRTHDAY & CELEBRATIONS

Wishing blessings to those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in the month of February.

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY WESLEY MEMBERS!!

2 Ada Hollingsworth	10 Dejuane Pierre	22 Eula Smith
3 Lavatra Dean	11 Miesha Williams	24 Adolphus Spencer-Cole
6 Joyce Scott	13 Cynthia Davis	27 Nnenna Igwe
6 Tracy Smith	13 Philip Young	28 Jennifer Barnes
8 Aminah Henderson	16 Tony Delph	28 Tami East
9 Jady Boston	18 Donna Taylor	28 Prentice O'Guinn, III
10 Cynthia Bateman	19 Andrea Barnes	

If you don't see your name listed, email us at [wesleychapellr@gmail.com](mailto:wesleychapellr@gmail.com) so we can update our records and we'll add you to the next bulletin.

**BIRTHDAY TOKENS:** We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Sister Whitney Owens for her generous sponsorship of the birthday tokens for our members. Her kindness and support are truly appreciated by all. Thank you, Sister Owens, for adding joy to our members' birthday celebrations.

### WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORD

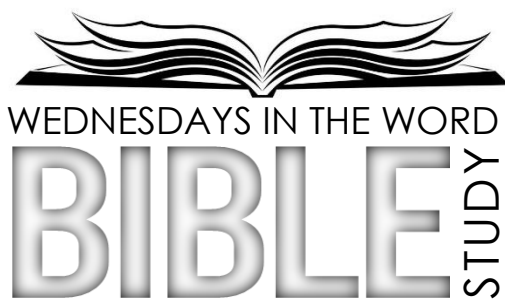
Begins: January 31, 2024

Ends: March 13, 2024

Wednesdays @ 12PM & 6PM

Noon Bible Study | Via Zoom [810 8194 7580](https://www.zoom.us/j/81081947580)

6PM Bible Study | in the Fellowship Hall



### 6 AM PRAYER CALL



Join us weekly, Monday through Friday praying over our joys & concerns:

Call In Number | (681) 999-0194

Access Code | 704980

*...Pray without ceasing | Thessalonians 5:17*

# 6AM MORNING PRAYER CALL

## Weekly Prayer Calendar

DAY	SCRIPTURE	LEADERS
Mon., February 26, 2024	Psalms 137:4-5	Mother Laverne Paige
Tues., February 27, 2024	Psalms 96:1-2	Sister Renisha Ward
Wed., February 28, 2024	Isaiah 51:3	Brother Stanley Giles
Thur., February 29, 2024	Ephesians 5:19-20	Elder Ronnie Miller-Yow
Fri., March 1, 2024	Colossians 3:16	Min. Arlo Washington

### JANUARY/FEBRUARY MISSION PROJECT | SCHOLARSHIP FUND

JOIN US IN SUPPORTING OUR SCHOLARS THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF JANUARY. OUR GOAL IS TO RAISE \$5,000 TO SUPPORT 5 STUDENTS

#### Ways to Give |

Donate to the following categories of the WC Scholarship Fund in your offering:

- Dollars for Scholars \$963.66
- Dr. Charles & Mable Donaldson Fund \$836.66
- Rev. Ronnie Miller-Yow Family Endowment \$336.66

With your support, we will be able to provide scholarship support for our students.

### Wesley Chapel 2024 -2025 Dollars for Scholars Application

Now Accepting Applications!

[Click Here to Apply](#)

# The Ronald McDonald House Ministry



**The Red Apron**  
Providing Meals That Heal

Families staying at the Ronald McDonald House are often far from the comforts of home, including freshly prepared meals. This ministry allows families to share a meal together without the stress of cooking or the expense of dining out. It's truly a ministry of compassion and love.

To participate, please contact Sister Tonisha Davis. To contribute, please mark your envelope Ronald McDonald House Ministry.

## Ministry Opportunities

- |             |   |
|-------------|---|
| February 24 | Duncan UMC                                |
| April 27    | Wesley Chapel UMC   United Women of Faith |
| June 22     | Wesley Chapel UMC   Mighty Men of Wesley  |
| August 24   | Duncan UMC                                |
| October 26  | Wesley Chapel UMC   OPEN                  |
| December 28 | Wesley Chapel UMC   OPEN                  |



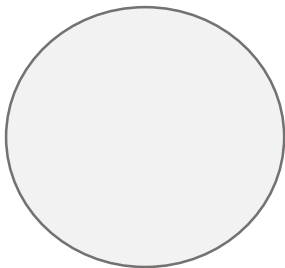
For more information, please contact Sister Tonisha Davis at [tonishat1213@gmail.com](mailto:tonishat1213@gmail.com).

## THE 2024 ATTORNEY JOHN W. WALKER ESSAY CONTEST



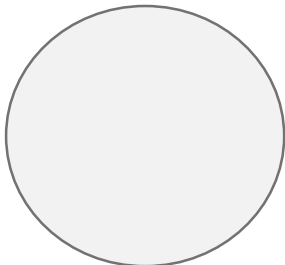
The John Walker Essay Scholarship Contest is presented by Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church to provide an opportunity for student to scholarly reflect on the impacts of education and social justice. Winners are based on the highest scores in the following categories: content, structure, language, and grammar/mechanics.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS!



*Brother Alijah McClelland*

Kindergarten | First Place Winner



*Brother Jadyn Boston*

9<sup>th</sup> Grade | First Place Winner



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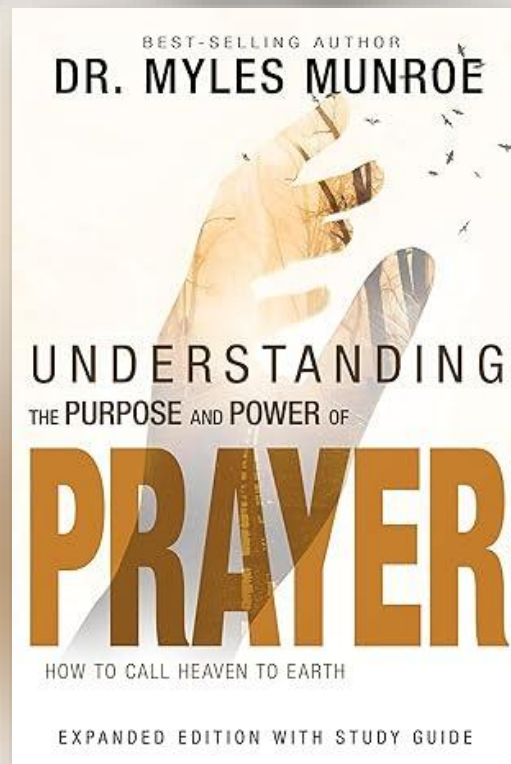
# BIBLE

STUDY

Every Wednesday, January 31 - March 13, 2024

@ NOON ON ZOOM | 81081947580  
6PM | IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Books are available  
on Amazon.  
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## WC Leadership

### Leadership Retreat Postponed

9AM – 1:30PM | Location: TBA

RSVP: [wesleychapellr@gmail.com](mailto:wesleychapellr@gmail.com)



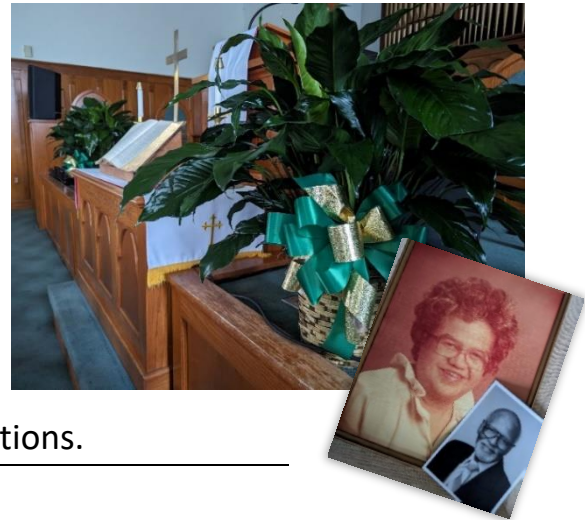
## MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!

Join the Wesley Chapel Sanctuary Choir as we continue to enhance our music ministry! We welcome new members for choir rehearsals every Wednesday from 7:30 pm to 9 pm. No experience is necessary as we will provide training.

For more details, please contact Sister Laleata May or Sister Toni Hayman. Let's make a joyful noise unto the Lord together!"

## ALTAR PLANTS

We are delighted to announce that today's Altar Plants have been generously donated in memory of Brother RT and Sister Evelyn Jackson. Both devoted many years of service to our church, with Brother Jackson contributing to the finance committee and music ministry and Sister Jackson serving on the church beautification committee. This gift is made possible by friends of Brother and Sister Jackson.



Let us continue to keep their legacy alive in our hearts and actions.



*Dear Church Family,*

*We wanted to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude for the wonderful Christmas bonuses. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are deeply appreciated, and we are truly grateful to God for each one of you. We also want to extend our thanks to the Staff Parish Relations committee for their kindness and consideration.*

*Your continued support and generosity are a tremendous blessing to us, and we are truly grateful. May God continue to pour out blessings on blessings upon each and every one of you.*

*With love and gratitude,  
The Pastor and Staff*



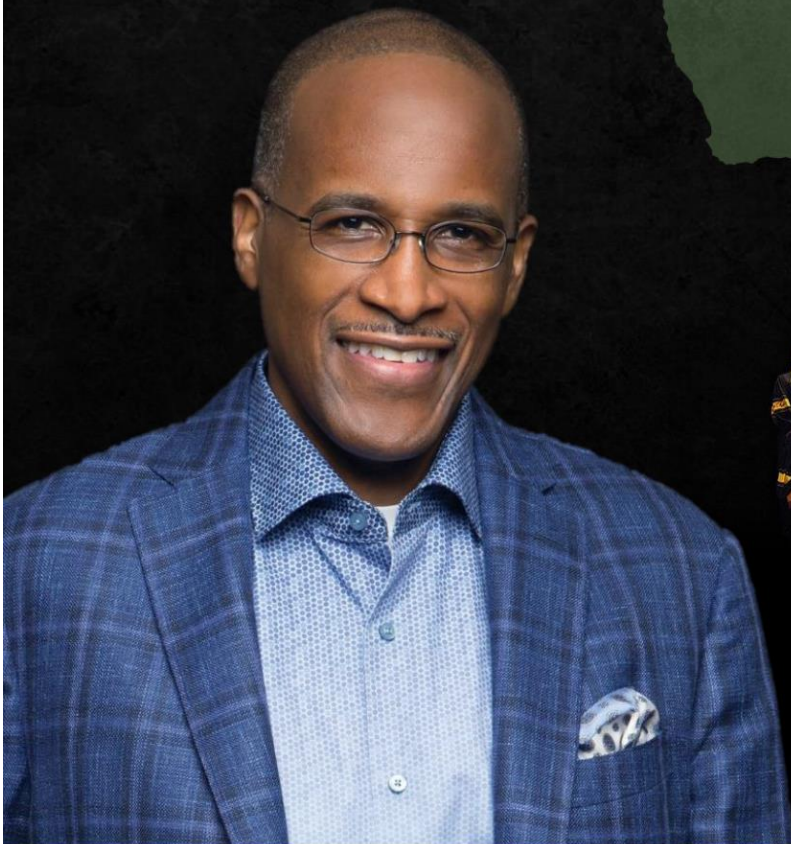
FEBRUARY  
**25<sup>TH</sup>**

Singing In A Strange Land

# AFRICAN & AFRICAN AMERICAN *Heritage Sunday*

**8AM & 10:45AM WORSHIP SERVICE**

ATTIRE | **AFRICAN AND/OR AFRICANA ATTIRE**



**PASTOR DANITA PAIGE**

8AM SPECIAL GUEST VOCALIST



**THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT PINE BLUFF VESPER CHOIR**

10:45AM SPECIAL GUEST CHOIR

**GUEST SPEAKER**

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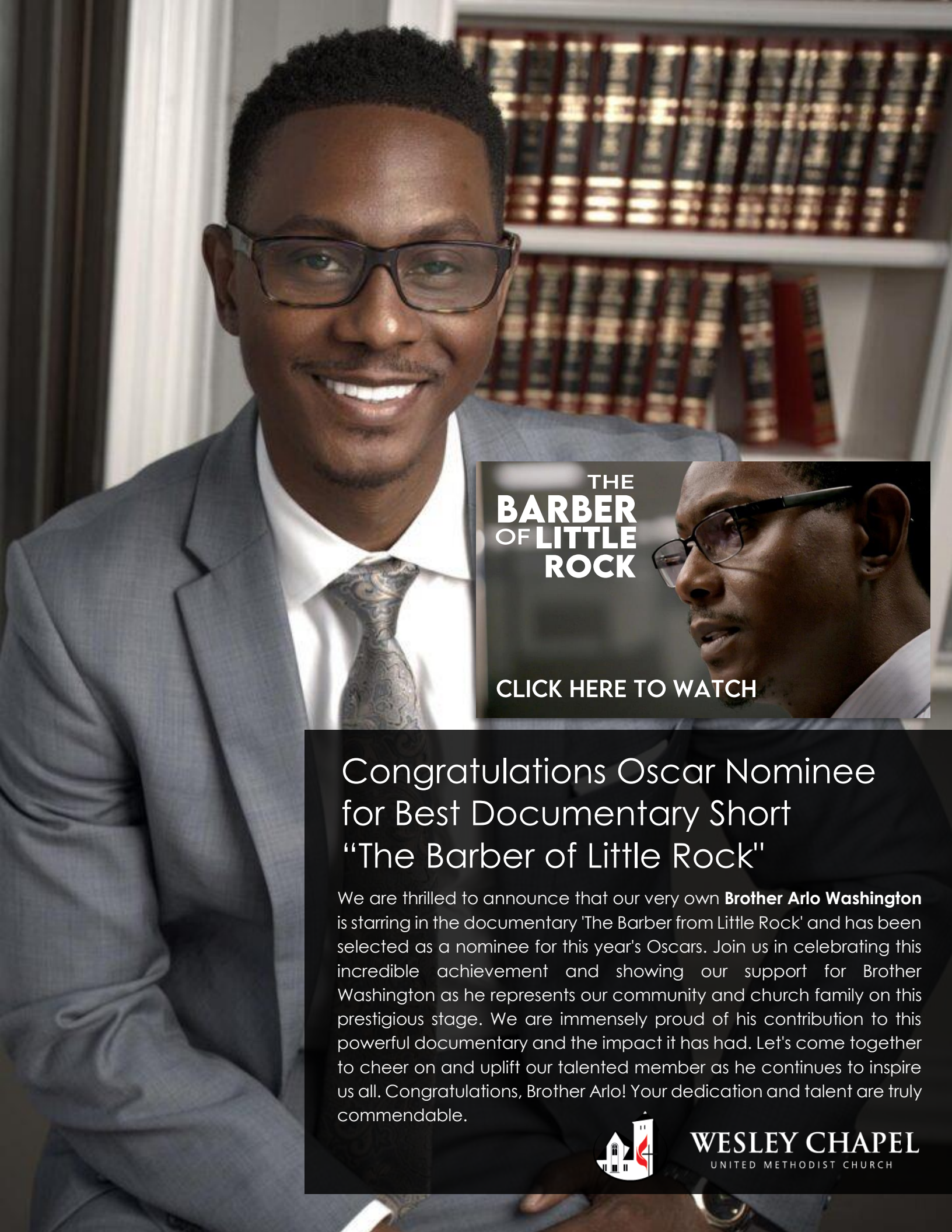
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THE  
**BARBER  
OF LITTLE  
ROCK**

[CLICK HERE TO WATCH](#)

## Congratulations Oscar Nominee for Best Documentary Short "The Barber of Little Rock"

We are thrilled to announce that our very own **Brother Arlo Washington** is starring in the documentary 'The Barber from Little Rock' and has been selected as a nominee for this year's Oscars. Join us in celebrating this incredible achievement and showing our support for Brother Washington as he represents our community and church family on this prestigious stage. We are immensely proud of his contribution to this powerful documentary and the impact it has had. Let's come together to cheer on and uplift our talented member as he continues to inspire us all. Congratulations, Brother Arlo! Your dedication and talent are truly commendable.



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Check out this article posted by the Global Ministries Higher Education and Ministry of our very own Minister in Training!

**PHILANDER SMITH UNIVERSITY STUDENT KESHIRA WATSON FULFILLS LIFELONG MINISTRY ASPIRATION**

January 3, 2024



“As soon as she heard about the college at the institute, she decided there was no other school for her—even though she’d never even seen the campus.”

No one ever had to guess what Keshira Watson wanted to do for a living. From the time she was in 2nd grade, she just knew.

“I’ve always known that I was called to ministry,” said Keshira, 22, a student at Philander Smith University in Little Rock, Ark., a historically black United Methodist school founded in 1877. “I’ve known since I was 7 years old. It was just a gut feeling.

“I used to watch my youth pastor and all of the ministers, and I was just in love with what they did, and I always wanted to be just like them.” .....

[Click here](#) to read the full article



United  
Women  
in Faith

Of



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*Congratulations*

**2024 Officers of the  
United Women of Faith Leadership Team**

Jo Webber, President

Laverne Paige, Treasurer

Faye Walker, Spiritual Growth

Florence Smith, Membership Nurture and Outreach

Mable Donaldson, Education and Interpretation

Sondra Boone-Stokes, Social Action

Donna Young, Secretary for Program Resources

Carolyn Galbreath, Chairperson on Nominations

Claudia Watson, Member At Large

Ruby Fleming, Advisor

**Announcements**

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ATTENTION All members of UWFaith,

**General Meeting**

Sunday, March 14, 2024 @ 7:00 pm

Via Zoom: Watch your emails for notifications!

This meeting is open to members and interested women.

The point of contact is Sister Laverne Paige, [lp Paige1951@comcast.net](mailto:lp Paige1951@comcast.net)



# HONORING THE 1<sup>ST</sup> FIRST Family



## *Rev. Ronnie Miller-Yow Family* Endowment Scholarship Fund

*In honor of Pastor and Mrs. Ronnie Miller-Yow and Family, an Endowment Scholarship has been set up at the Arkansas Methodist Foundation.*

*If you would like to contribute to this Endowment, please indicate on your envelope that your contribution is for the Miller-Yow scholarship.*

*Thank you in advance for your support.*



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# Children & Youth ACTIVITIES

**\*\*\*\*CHILDREN'S CHOIR\*\*\*\***  
Will meet immediately  
following worship.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
Every Sunday @ 9:00 AM  
In the Parsonage



**CHILDREN'S BIBLE STUDY**  
WEDNESDAY'S @ 6:00 PM  
In the Parsonage







# Children & Youth ANNOUNCEMENTS



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY TEACHERS

**For More Info, Contact:**  
**Sister Damaris Green | [delkdamaris@gmail.com](mailto:delkdamaris@gmail.com)**

The Wesley Chapel Children and Youth Ministries need volunteers to help with Wednesday Night Bible Study and Sunday School. We hope to recruit enough volunteers to rotate Bible Study and Sunday School teachers every other week, enhance our support for youth activities, and build a sustainable children and youth department for the future.





Greetings Wesley Chapel UMC Members & Guest,

It's that time where we are updating our records. We are looking to update addresses, phone numbers, birthdays, anniversaries and more.

To do this you can simply send an email to [wesleychapellr@gmail.com](mailto:wesleychapellr@gmail.com) or give us a call the church office at (501) 374-7893 Monday-Thursday | 11AM-5PM.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**SIGN-UP WITH WESLEY REMIND TODAY!**

You can download the Remind Application by **clicking the icon below:**



**Android**



**IOS**

Once you have downloaded the *Remind* App, you will be able to connect with Wesley Chapel to receive special church notifications.

### To Connect:

Text: **@cgf229k to 81010** or Click the link below:

<https://www.remind.com/join/cgf229k>

### For more information or assistance, please contact:

Minister Renisha Ward, (601) 502-7412

Sis. Sharon Sanders, (559) 313-4131

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# PRAYER REQUESTS

*Sister Emily Miles*

*Sister Taronda Anderson*

*(Mother of Ashlee & Racquel Anderson)*

*Brother Elton Toston*

*(Uncle of First Lady Shantella Miller-Yow)*

*Brother Curtis Jones*

*(Father of Sister Debony Washington)*

*Sister Andrea Barnes*

*Brother Robert Donaldson*

*(Brother of Brother Charles Donaldson)*

*Sis. Yasmine McClelland,  
who was in a car accident*

*Sister Mary Baynes*

*Sister Joanna Ward*

*Brother Frank Sanchez*

*Sister Ruby Fleming*

*Brother Robert &*

*Sister Sharon Richardson Collins*

*Brother Leon Adams*

*Brother Ernest & Sister Juanita Peoples*

*Brother Phillip Yow*

*Sister Edna Ricks*

*Sister Debra Elerson*

*Brother Alan Jackson, Sr.*

*(Brother of Sister Sandra Brown)*

*Sister Eugenia Moses*

*Sister Eddyce Lofton*

*Brother John Fluker*

*Prayers for the United Methodist Church*

## **PRAYERS OF SYMPATHY**

*Sis. Tonisha Davis and Family in the loss of her father, The Right Rev. Dr. Robert Alonzo Thorpe Jr.*

*Dr. Genice Perry and the Williams Family in the loss of her sister, Sister Nina Williams*

*Family of our Beloved Member, Sister Berdina Nickerson*

*Sister Gloria White Owens and the McClenton Family in the loss of her sister, Sister Bessie Faye McClenton*

*Sister Christin Butler in the passing of her husband, Brother Darren Butler*