

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER NEWSLETTER 2023

Greetings Family and Friends,

We greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, It is with great pleasure and honor to give a word of encouragement to you at this time in our lives, our family has experienced a great deal of sorrow from January until now.

The Matriarch of the Whitlock~Ginn~Rodd family Mrs. McDella S. Washington affectionately known as "Mrs. Della", Was born on March 12, 1923 in Luray, South Carolina, she received her Heavenly wings on January 4, 2023. "God has made everything beautiful for its own time" (Ecclesiastes 3:11a NLT).

Life is full of contrasts. We go through mountains, and we go through valleys. We go through successes, and we go through failures. We have wins, and we have losses. In weather, there are four seasons. However, in your life, there are dozens of different seasons. And, every season of life includes both good and bad times, but God is able to see us through. Yes, sorrow may endure for a night, but we are reminded that Joy cometh in the morning.

Job said, "It is appointed unto man once to die, and then the judgment. The important thing to keep in mind is that we don't have to die the second death, Jesus came that we might have life and have it more abundantly, this gives us hope. If you need comfort, let God comfort you. If you need strength beyond yourself, let Him strengthen you. If you need wisdom, ask and the Bible promises that it will be given to you." (James 1:5).

As hard as the tests and trials may be, allow God to be God. Allow Him to do the supernatural work that only He can do. Allow Him to strengthen and increase your faith in this season of hardship or affliction.

I read where Lazarus died and one of the sisters said Lord if you had been here my brother would not have died and Jesus said He will live again and she said yes Lord in the resurrection here is your shouting moment when He said: "I AM THE RESERECTION THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE, No matter the storms, the sorrows, or how bad a situation has gotten just remember He is there all the time to comfort us."

As we approach this Thanksgiving season, we are reminded to "Be thankful every day and not just the 4^{th} Thursday in November."

May God Bless You All With Love.

Your Chaplain,

Rev. S. L. Raymond

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WHITLOCK~GINN~ RODD FAMILY REUNION 2024

Information for our WGR 44th Family Reunion is attached to this newsletter and is also on our WGR Facebook page (<u>I am a Whitlock Ginn Rodd!</u>).

Our host and their committee will post reunion information, reminders and updates on our family Facebook page until the reunion date.

All forms are in the attached (WGR 2024 Itinerary) reunion information. If you need any forms or need assistance completing any of the forms or have any questions regarding the reunion, feel free to call Ebony Black at 332-200-7428 or Jantrell M. Williams at 912-220-9983. They will be happy assist you.

WGR REUNION CONTRACT INFORMATION SHEET:

COMMITTEE FOR OUR 44TH WHITLOCK~GINN~RODD ANNUAL FAMILY REUNION

Host: Jantrell M. Williams (912) 200-9983

Treasure: JoeQueata Francisco (702) 673-0544

Banquet: Janet W. Moultrie (912) 412-2021

Barbecue: Geraldine Brown (803) 383-6691

Jacqueline Greene (912) 231-0526

Activity Coordinator: Ebony Black (332) 200-7428

T-Shirts: Jantrell Williams (912) 220-9983

Welcoming Committee: Mattie England, Bertha Williams

CONGRATULATIONS TO WGR FUTURE GENERATION



Congratulations on the new additions to our family!

This is your family saying "Hello!", to the newest members of our family!

May these children's steps be committed to the Lord. May whatever they put their hand to be in accordance with His will for them

May God direct and establish every one of their plans.

- Thangelo Jr. and Shay Whitlock welcomed baby Trayce Whitlock on August 6, 2023
- Tanasia Whitlock and Benny Smith welcomed baby Sakani Smith on September 24, 2023
- Sylvonia and Thangelo Whitlock are proud grandparents of babies Trayce & Sakina listed above. The family is from the tree of Joe Whitlock, Sr.
- Monique Hector welcomed baby Myla on October 31, 2023
- Greg and Bonnie Washington~ Hector are the proud grandparents of Myla.
- Myla is from the tree of Marion Washington ~Minnie Whitlock.



A PRAYER OF HEALING AND THANKSGIVING

Dear Lord: We thank Thee for food and remember the hungry. We thank Thee for health and remember the sick. We thank Thee for friends and remember the friendless. We thank Thee for freedom and remember the enslaved. May these remembrances stir us to service that Thy gifts to us may be used for others. Amen.

LET US REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR SICK & SHUT-INS:

Hazel Whitlock, Jennifer Rodd, Henry 'Junior' Whitlock, Janese Whitlock, Virginia Manigo, Myra Jamison, Lois Huger, Melvin Raymond, Sabrina Murdaugh, Peggy Washington, James Lilley, Aaron Harrison, Sr. Norris Whitlock, Patricia Williams, Delrenia Bodrick, Leslie Bodrick, Monique Hector, Myla Hector, Alexis Bradley, Lovely Mixon, Martha Lawrence, and anyone that is not mentioned in this post that are not mentioned. "Know that our God is able".

WHITLOCK~GINN~RODD FAMILY 80 YEARS + CLUB:



I didn't get old on purpose
It just happened.
If you're blessed,
It could happen to
YOU!

The older you get
The more you become
Like a computer.

You start out with plenty of memory
And drive, but then you
Become outdated and
You have to have all

Your parts Replaced!

Don't get all-weird About getting older Our age is merely the

Number of years the world
Has been enjoying us!
"I don't mind getting older
But, my body is taking it badly."

"Young at heart

Thank You Lord For Keeping our elders for another year.

Name:	Age:	Family Tree:
Ora Smith	105	Honorary Member
Ruth Cox	92	Minnie "Binkie" Ginn
Dorothy Rodd Smart	92	Amos Rodd
Richard Rodd	92	Amos Rodd
Ben Sanders	89	Minnie 'Binkie' Ginn
Hazel Whitlock	90 (Dec.9)	Walter Whitlock
Henry 'Junior' Whitlock	90	Joe Whitlock, Sr.
Cressie Walker	89	Rodd Family
Virginia Manigo	87	Joe Whitlock, Sr.
Martha Lawrence	86	Family Friend

Earline Lagair	85	Agnes Whitlock
Maj. Arthur Lee Murdaugh	84	Joe Whitlock, Sr.
Thomas Rodd	84	Butler Rodd
Geraldine 'Gerri' Brown	82	Walter Whitlock
Mary Ann Brown	82	Joe Whitlock, Sr.
Carolyn Lawton	81	Iva Whitlock
Hilda Goodridge	81	Joe Whitlock, Sr.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Trevaughn Sheppard Nyla Corbin Jennifer Rodd Luciana Marie Grav Cierria Austin **Gregory Hector** Megan Dickerson **Angie Gray** Mickell Raymond **Amber Brown Shaquette Drayton Anne Murray** Aeris Breanna Allen **Robin Bamberg Norris Whitlock** Clara Jamison **Devonte Martin** Malik Baqi Vera Mae Samuels **Curtis Edward** George Q. Brown CJ Holmes

Walter B. Clark **Zariah Washington David Walker** Willie Whitlock, Jr. **Moneak Mack** Carl Holmes **Robert Mixon Crystal Martin** Jernel Chisolm **Arianna Edwards** Ka'Zariah Washington **Alex Choute Beverly Michael Allyson Cabanas** Jantrell Moultrie Rodriguez Whitlock, Sr. Emanuel Kent Whitlock, Jr. Andre Lloyd Jonathan Alexander Antoinette M. Wilson Tequan Whitlock

Happy Maniversory! PEIERRATING BOLVE

Years ago, two holy souls were
Bonded together in a holy Christian ritual.
The Whitlock~Ginn~Rodd Family
Is wishing them a happy 60 + Wedding Anniversary.
May God shower you with joy
And love for the rest of your life.
"Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

*	Junior & Janese Whitlock	68 Years
*	Hezekiah & Sarah Deligar	65 Years
*	Helen & Fred Frazier	61 Years

Happy Anniversary!

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY. Janese & Henry Whitlock Stephanie & Tom Finch Diane & Herbert Williams Hezekiah & Sarah Deligar

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Hazel Whitlock
Wishing You God's Blessing on Your
90th Birthday.

As you, celebrate your 90th birthday. May God's blessings be with you always.

May he surround you with tender loving care and may

His presence be ever near.

May He make all your wishes come true, Not just today

But, all year through.



Alayissa Harrison **Cameron Stark** Kalani Leach Norman (Alex) Solomon Shu~Shu Russell Carol Rodd-Curtis **Dennis Jamison** Charles L. Roberts **Ashanti Williams** Deborah Allen **Eriel Stark** Tyrell Chisolm **Deja Holmes Rudy Whitlock** Rudolph Whitlock Schenteria Blake (twin) Schanequa Blake (twin) Taylor Ford

Pamela Ferguson **Hazel Whitlock Kevin Whitlock Kyree Whitlock** Condarrio Murdaugh **Precious Williams Jayarus Williams Desmond Williams** Hezekiah Deligar Jr. Hezekiah Deligar III **Devonte Martin** Jeremiah Moultrie Amber Peince Stanley "Cherokee" Drake Tangelo Whitlock, Jr. Nautica Whitlock Valentine Lupemba Antonio Brewer, Jr. Linda Solomon **Jacob Williams**

Alexis Bradley BreAnnah Martel Whitlock Tricia Whitlock Thangelo Whitlock, Sr. **Deborah Williams** Diondra Gray Mary Evans Vilette Harrison **Patrick Whitlock Darius Horlback Tonya Williams** Cleveland Ferguson, Sr. **Antwan Brown** Walter Samuels

Porshe Robertson

Abriona Lockwood Ronnie Farmer

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Emmanuel and Tricia Whitlock
Helen & Fred Frazier
Mary Ann & Warren Brown
Jennifer & Naanam Deligar
Octavia & Stanley Wright
Patrice & Kennard Bruton
Samuel & Clara Jimson
Charlene & Dexter Washington

THANKING GOD FOR HIS BLESSINGS IN 2023

We draw back from difficulties, yet not one of us is exempt from some kind of trouble. And yet in the midst of those trials we can thank God, because we know that He has promised to be with us and that He will help us. We know that He can use times of suffering to draw us closer to Himself: "Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance" (James 1:2-3, NIV).

As the year is winding down, I invite you to continue to give thanks to God for how He has kept, strengthened and provided for you all year long. During challenging seasons, keep a grateful heart as reassurance and a reminder of God's faithfulness, unconditional love, and consistency in your life. Continue to pray to God and give thanks for His protection, strength, provision, new opportunities, and God's Word.

Cultivating an ongoing heart of praise and thanksgiving to God throughout the year is an act of worship and encourages our spirits when life gets tough. Giving thanks is the catalyst that keeps us moving forward in faith and reminding us that we are not alone. Give thanks today and every day.

WE REMEMBER:



What we once have enjoyed we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes part of us.

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Lovelle Davis Catherine Hopkins Amelia Davis Willard Whitlock **Linda Williams Nicole Martin Robert Williams** Ricky D. Rodd **Marion Washington** Elder Charles E. Black Agnes L. Jefferson-Huger Rodriquez D. Whitlock, Sr. **Daisy Belle Williams** Sadie Green Randolph Manuel Kenya Raymond **Kevin Whitlock** Henry Mann Mollie Whitlock Stella Whitlock **Angus Whitlock** Julia Singleton

Edith Solomon

November 10, 1920 - August 6, 2014 November 10, 1928-January 30, 2016 November 10, 2010 November 11, 1948-January 22, 2010 November 14, 1948- March 9, 1995 November 14, 1967-December 22, 2011 November 15, 1925-July 16, 1999 November 21, 1968-December 2, 2007 November 22, 1931-August 10, 2008 November 24, 1939-June 24, 2016 November 25, 1915-June 2, 1994 November 26, 1971-February 1, 2019 November 27, 1915-June 16, 1982 November 29, 1929- December 2019 December 5, 1931-July 17, 2014 December 7, 1975-January 19, 1995 December 10, 1954 - March 8, 2022 December 17, 1935-May 23, 2002 December 18, 1909-December 5, 1979 December 24, 1894-March 23, 1985 December 24, 1930-January 16, 2006 December 29, 1923-July 13, 1981 December 31, 1945-July 4, 2018

CONDOLENCES

Darlene Fields

New Jersey

To Jackie and Ebony Black on the loss of their First cousin Darlene Fields, in New Jersey. The Tree of Walter Whitlock.

Sinclair Brown

August 13, 1946 ~ October 9, 2023 Brooklyn, NY

Sinclair was the husband Leona Whitlock~Brown. Leona is the sister of Sinclair is survived by his wife Leona one daughter LaKeisha Brown, Bronx, NY Barry Brown and Kyrie Brown both of Brooklyn, NY. Brothers-in-laws Henry "Junior" (Janese)Whitlock, Varville, SC, Norris Whitlock, Manhattan, John (Laura) Whitlock, Brooklyn and Joe (Greta) Whitlock, Marietta, GA, Hilda Goodridge, Brooklyn, NY, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other family members and friends. The family of Joe Whitlock, Sr.

Ms. Abigail Verdree

October 14, 1957 — October 12, 2023 Savannah, Georgia

Abigail Verdree was born October 14, 1957 in Savannah, GA to the late Brooks and Virginia Verdree.

Gail was a born-again believer and loved studying God's word. She had a special love for children and an exceptional passion for cooking which led her to accept the position with the Savannah Board of Education. She loved helping family and people in the community. She was a babysitter and caretaker to friends & family members.

She was a graduate of the 1975 class of Windsor Forest High School. Abigail was employed with the Chatham County Board of Education for many years.

She is survived by her son, Jamaal Verdree, a brother, Ronald Gerrard, both of Savannah, GA, three sisters: Deborah Gerrard Allen (Kenneth, deceased), Alice Walker(David) Savannah, GA and Diane Underwood (Brian) of Edison, NJ. In addition, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

The Tree of Agnes Whitlcock

BARBARA'S INSPIRATIONAL CORNER

The Four Candles: A Story About The Power Of Hope



"Hope is being able to see that there is Light despite all of the darkness." Desmond Tutu

I came across this simple yet powerful story about hope recently and thought I would share it with you. If you've ever felt despair, suffered setbacks or tragedies, or generally been at the receiving end of one or more curveballs thrown by life at you, this is a wonderful story that will lift your spirits and inspire you.

Once there were four candles burning in a room at night and they started talking to each other.

The first candle said, "I am Peace but at the moment there is constant upheaval and unrest. It seems no one wants me anymore. I can't stay here."

With that, the candle extinguished itself.

The second candle said, "I am Trust but everywhere I look, I see lies, deceit, and selfishness. I don't think I'm needed anymore."

With that, the second candle extinguished itself.

The third candle said, "I am Love, I can burn all day but no one seems to have time to tell each other about me. They are all so busy. I can no longer stay here either."

With that, the third candle extinguished itself.

It's getting pretty dark by now and just then a young boy enters the room and seeing the extinguished candles says, "Why didn't you burn to the end? How can you leave like this?"

The fourth candle says to the boy, "Don't fret child. I am Hope, and while I am burning you can light the other candles again."

With that, the boy takes the candle of Hope and relights the candles of Peace, Trust, and Love.

Here is what we can learn from this beautiful and inspiring story:

No matter how dark it gets all around you and no matter how lonely, deserted, or helpless you feel, never lose hope. Hope is incredibly powerful – it has the ability to bring back to you everything you have lost.

So, whenever you encounter difficult and challenging times, always keep your candle of hope protected and lit. Because if it keeps on burning, you can easily light all other snuffed-out candles again and bring back light into your life.

