

Upcoming on *The Hill*

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2021 Theme: "Living the Victorious Life in Christ" (1 Corinthians 15.57)

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February 2021

March 2021

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February 2021

Black History Month: "Negro Spirituals: Songs of Deliverance" (Daniel 6.1-28)

7 National Black HIV/AIDS Sunday

9 Mid-Week Worship and Bible Study

14 Valentine's Day and Wear Red Sunday

9:45 am Sunday School Overview; 10 am Worship

28 Pastor Minor's Birthday

March 2021

"The Victory of the Cross" (Luke 23.43)

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2021

Virtual Sunday School 9:45 am

Virtual Worship 10:00 am



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"Joshua 'Fit' the Battle of Jericho" (Joshua 6.1-27)

In recognition of Black History Month, we begin a new sermon series entitled, "Negro Spirituals: Songs of Deliverance" (Daniel 6.1-28). Today, we focus on Joshua leading Israel to victory at Jericho.

We also remember Mahalia Jackson singing this song in around 1966. As Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., prepared to speak at a Chicago Civil Rights rally circa 1966, Ms. Jackson began to sing, "Joshua 'Fit' the Battle of Jericho." She saw Dr. King as a modern-day Joshua battling against the enemy of racial discrimination.

What happened in Joshua 6? Jericho would be the first real test for the Israelite army. If they failed here, it would embolden the rest of the Canaanite cities. God gave Joshua divine instructions for the defeat of Jericho.

Joshua would not lead a direct assault on the city. No, God told Joshua to have seven priests lead the Israelite army silently around the walls of Jericho one time for six days. On the seventh day, they were to march seven times. But after completing the seventh trip around the walls, the priests were to blow their horns and make a loud shout for the Lord.

Let's be honest. God's instructions to Joshua seemed crazy. What if the people of Jericho shot arrows or threw stones to kill them as they marched around? It was quite dangerous for them to march each day.

Why didn't Joshua fear the people of Jericho? It was simple. He had faith in God. It was a "fixed fight." In Joshua 6.2, God told Joshua that He was going to deliver Jericho to the Israelites. So, Joshua took God at His word.

We know what happened. Joshua, the priests and the Israelite army did as God commanded. On the seventh day at the end of the seventh circuit around the walls, the priests blew their horns while the Israelite army shouted. At that very moment, the walls collapsed! The Israelite army charged right in and destroyed the city and all the people except Rahab and her family.

What lessons may we learn from Joshua's victory? First, silence is sometimes the best "noise." It shouldn't be lost on us that God commanded those marching around the city to march quietly. Their silence allowed them to focus on God's promise of victory. Too often, we believers want to yell at the top of our lungs in the midst of trouble. Instead, God wants us to be still, quiet and listen for His calming voice.

Second, we must obey God's command. Joshua, the priests, and the Israelite did exactly as God commanded. They obeyed in every respect. That's an important lesson for us today. We must be careful not to deviate from Jesus' commandments 1 and 1a – love God and love our neighbor. Though difficult at times, Dr. King practiced agape love and we should do the same.

Finally, we must continue to obey God's command. After six days, some people might have just gone ahead and attacked the city. But they continued to obey God through the total destruction of the city. We must be careful in our Christian walk. We can't take a day off here or there to do as we please. We must be on "G" waiting on "O" when it comes to being obedient to God. If Satan has us thinking it's difficult, remember it's agape love and more agape love! That way you'll never go wrong.

Thinking of You at *The Hill*

February Birthdays

Lazaria Jackson 1 First Lady Lottie Minor 2 Portia Jackson 4
James Jackson 12 Jayden Hester 15 Selanda Wilkinson 16
Kanahya Payton 23 Pastor Michael O. Minor 28

February Wedding Anniversaries

Randolyn and L'Oreal Richards 14 Alonzo and Sarah Thompson 23

This Week's Known Prayer Requests

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4.6-7, NKJV).

Pastor and Lady Minor and the Hill Family extend our heartfelt condolences to **Dennis Family** in the transition of their loved one **Eugene Dennis**.

The Hill Family

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Mind

This Week's Black Biography: Condoleezza Rice

Condoleezza Rice, *Secretary of State, professor, diplomat*, was born November 14, 1954, in Birmingham, Alabama. Rice received a BA in political science from the University of Denver, followed by an MA in political science from the University of Notre Dame, and a PhD from the Graduate School of International Studies at the University of Denver 1981. An expert on Russia and Eastern Europe, she began teaching political science at Stanford University in 1981. From 1989 to 1991 she advised the George H. W. Bush administration on foreign policy and military issues. Rice later returned to Stanford to serve as provost in 1993. She became National Security Advisor to the Bush presidency in 2001. Rice became President George W. Bush's second Secretary of State in January 2005.

Thought for the Week: "Sometimes the bad things that happen in our lives put us directly on the path to the most wonderful things that will ever happen to us" (Nicole Reed).

Body

Today is National Black HIV/AIDS Sunday and Day. Among Black Americans, Black women, youth, and gay and bisexual men have been especially hard hit by the HIV/AIDS epidemic. A number of challenges contribute to the epidemic among Blacks, including poverty, lack of access to health care, higher rates of some sexually transmitted infections, smaller sexual networks, lack of awareness of HIV status, and stigma. Despite this impact, recent data indicate some encouraging trends, including declining new HIV diagnoses among Blacks overall, especially among women, and a leveling off of new diagnoses among Black gay and bisexual men. However, given the epidemic's continued and disproportionate impact among Blacks, a continued focus is critical to addressing HIV in the United States.

The Second Sunday in February is Wear Red Sunday (for Women and Heart Health). On next Sunday, everyone is encouraged to wear something red to bring awareness to the number 1 killer of women – heart disease.

Spirit

Today's Sunday School Lesson: "No Insignificant Witnesses"
(John 4.25-42)

Key Verse: "And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me all that I ever did" (Acts 2.17, NKJV).

Mid-Week Worship and Bible Study: We'll continue our study of Psalm 23 Tuesday in our Mid-Week Worship and Bible Study. Why don't you join us at beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Daily Noon Intercessory Prayer: During this COVID-19 pandemic, let us all pause for a few minutes of intercessory prayer each day at Noon. As you pray for your church family, extended family, and friends, be sure to pray for our President, President-elect, and nation.

I Got A COVID-19 Vaccine In Mississippi. Here's What You Can Expect.

After officials opened vaccine eligibility to any Mississippian with certain pre-existing conditions, I received a first dose of the vaccine on January 26. Here's my experience. Scheduling the vaccine appointment. This was by far the most difficult step of the entire process. I tried for more than two weeks to schedule an appointment, becoming frustrated with technical glitches in early January and testing my computer savviness later in the month.

My priority was getting a vaccine appointment for my 84-year-old grandmother. But I also knew I qualified because I have one of several pre-existing conditions that qualifies any Mississippian for a vaccine. I, like many thousands of Mississippians, rushed to the Mississippi State Department of Health vaccine scheduler website when the state received its first large batch of vaccines in early January. I couldn't get through the website because so many Mississippians logged on at the same time that the site crashed.

A few days later, I tried again when officials announced more appointments were available. The appointments had been booked up by the time I got there, but the technical glitches had been worked out.

Before you can actually book the appointment, the MSDH website asks several questions. Those questions include:

- Are you a healthcare worker/personnel?
- Are you 65 years of age or older?
- Are you between 18-64 years of age with the specifically listed underlying medical conditions?
- Do you have a history of severe allergic reactions?
- Have you received any other vaccine within the past two weeks?
- Are you pregnant, breastfeeding, or immunocompromised?
- Have you recently been exposed to a person with COVID-19 within the last 14 days, or are you currently under quarantine for exposure?
- Have you received monoclonal or antibody therapy for COVID-19 in the previous 90 days?
- Have you recently or previously tested positive for COVID-19?
- Is this your first or second dose?

After answering those questions, I was able to schedule a vaccine appointment for my grandmother in Madison County and an appointment for myself in DeSoto County.

Getting the vaccine. On January 26, I anxiously headed to the designated clinic in Hernando a little earlier than my scheduled time. I was thankful I went early after being informed they'd moved the drive-thru vaccination site to The Landers Center in Southaven for extra space.

On February 25, I'll get my second dose of the vaccine. About a week ago, the MSDH announced Mississippians can book their second dose appointment the day they receive the first dose.

Excerpts from *Mississippi Today*, Thursday, February 4, 2020

This Week on *The Hill*

Church Office Hours: Closed

Sunday, February 7

National Black HIV/AIDS Sunday

Paul Tells of His Conversion (Acts 26.9 - 18)

9:45 am Virtual Sunday School

10 am Worship and Communion

Monday, February 8

I Was Not Disobedient (Acts 26.19 - 23)

Noon Intercessory Prayer Time

Tuesday, February 9

Paul's Appeal to Agrippa (Acts 26.24 - 32)

Noon Intercessory Prayer Time

Wednesday, February 10

Paul Takes Timothy with Him (Acts 16.1 - 5)

Noon Intercessory Prayer Time

Thursday, February 11

I Have No One like Him (Philippians 2.19 - 24)

Noon Intercessory Prayer Time

Friday, February 12

A Loyal Child in the Faith (1 Timothy 1.1 - 5)

Noon Intercessory Prayer Time

Saturday, February 13

A Man of Sincere Faith (2 Timothy 1.1 - 7)

Sunday, February 14

Valentine's Day

Wear Red Sunday

Timothy and Silas Stay in Berea (Acts 17.10 - 15)

9:45 am Virtual Sunday School

10 am Worship

Worship Theme: "Wade in the Water" (Exodus 14.21-22; John 5.4)

Today's Worship Theme: Joshua "Fit" the Battle of Jericho

9:45 am Sunday School

10 am Welcome to The Hill

Call to Worship Psalm 75.1

Song of Praise

Prayer

Reminders and Visitors Welcome: Sister Anise Jefferson

Virtual Giving

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Morning Scripture: Joshua 6.20-21

Song of Praise

Message of Hope: Pastor Minor

Opportunity to Become Part of the Hill Family

Song of Praise

Pastoral Remarks

Holy Communion

Responsive Reading: 1 Corinthians 11.23-32

Blessing the Table

Serving the Lord's Supper

Virtual Right Hand of Fellowship

Doxology: "What a Fellowship"

Welcome to *The Hill*!

We are glad you have chosen to worship with us. We are a fellowship of believers dedicated to service after the benediction. We certainly hope that you have been richly blessed in worship today. If you have any questions about our church family or if our staff can be of help to you in any way, please let us know. Thanks for worshipping with us today!

"...as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers" (Galatians 6.10, ESV)
Pastor Michael O. Minor, Lady Lottie Minor, and *The Hill* Family

Becoming Part of *The Hill* Family

Our church family invites you to commit your life to Christ as His disciple and become part of our family. The opportunity to become part of *The Hill* Family is a time for reflection, meditation, and response to God. If you wish to join this congregation simply let our pastor know about your decision or talk to any ministerial staff member or church member this week. You may come by profession of faith and baptism, letter from your previous church, statement of faith, or watch care while you are in school or working away from home.