Beloved Pastor, CW Wallace announces Retirement as Senior Pastor of Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church

By Jackie Hardy
NDG Contributing Writer

Pastor Curtis W. Wallace will preach his final sermon as senior pastor from the pulpit of Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church on Sunday, Jan. 26, at the 10 am service.

Wallace has faithfully served as the senior pastor for the past 30 years, and last year he announced his plans to retire as he felt the time was right to step down as the senior pastor.

“I just knew this was the right time to take a rest from pastoring,” adds Wallace via a phone interview with the North Dallas Gazette. But, Wallace is emphatic he is not retiring from preaching. He plans to continue his passion for teaching the word of God through his Curtis W. Wallace Ministries (https://www.drcurtiswallace.com/).

According to Wallace, it has been rewarding to serve as one of three pastors in the history of Pilgrim Rest almost 85-year existence. Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church’s website states the church began September 1935. The founding pastor was the late Rev. S.G. Gooden, Sr. The first service was held under a tree of a parishioner’s home. In recent years, under the guidance and leadership of Wallace, has continued to grow in becoming one of the largest and recognized African American churches within the Metroplex.

Over the past three decades, Wallace’s vision allowed the execution of several ministries. He established a mentorship program for young boys as well as ministries to serve both single and married couples. He has also developed the Worship and Fine Arts Ministry (WFAM), Pilgrim Rest Overcomers Program (PROP), Souls Winners Action Team (SWAT), Caring, and Reaching Everyone (CARE). Also, through his vision and leadership, the church built Pilgrim Rest Village, a senior living facility in the effort to serve the aging population within the community.

Evangelism has genuinely been the center of everything Pastor Wallace has done in his tenure at Pilgrim Rest. Over the years, his heart for evangelism bore much fruit from the more than 4,500 people the church has been able to reach and lead to Christ through its Pris...

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Rev. Charles Jones

By Andre T. Johnson

If anyone can greatly attest to this notion, it’s Charles Jones.

Consider, for instance, how during his youth, Jones recalls vividly the days during which his mother had steadfastly gone to great lengths to ensure her family’s single-parent household was covered, both in the natural and the spirit.

“I learned how to be strong watching my mom battle through some difficult seasons in life,” Jones told Making Headline News during a recent interview. “There were many times as a single mother she made sacrifices to ensure we were covered. She went without to make sure we had.”

For what it’s worth, it is due in large part to those valuable, life-altering lessons Jones had embraced as a young lad that, by all accounts, have greatly shaped the overall landscape of his life, a life that has catapulted him to the divine purpose for which God created him.

Fast forward a few decades later, and here’s Jones, savoring his rightful and well-deserved place as the Founder and Senior Pastor of New Creation Fellowship Church, the flourishing ministry he organized in February 2011 amid what he described as “a deep concern” for his family, friends, and the community.

For Jones, 42, his rise to conviction and appropriate sentence will come in the near future,” Jefferson family attorney, S. Lee Merritt, stated in a news release.

“Interestingly, as Jones explained, even when recurring injuries reduced his effectiveness to play for a high-profile Division I football program — thus “halted my aspirations as an athlete,” he acknowledged — there was that one person besides God who could review federal civil charges against Dean.

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Atatiana Jefferson

By Stacy M. Brown

As we enter into a new year, it’s important that we do not forget the December 20th indictment and pending trial of Aaron Dean, a former Fort Worth, Texas police officer, on murder charges in the shooting death of Atatiana Jefferson, an African American woman and Xavier University graduate.

Atatiana was fatally shot by Dean on October 12 while in her home and playing video games with her young nephew. Her violent death deserves justice. If convicted, Dean could face a life sentence for his crime.

Jefferson, 28, and her 8-year-old nephew were inside the home late at night when a neighbor noticed a door ajar and called a non-emergency number to ask the police to perform a welfare check.

Dean, 35, and a partner arrived at Jefferson’s home, startling the aspiring doctor and her nephew. When Jefferson peeked through the window to see what was causing the commotion outside of her house, Dean opened fire.

The officer resigned from the department within hours of the shooting and was arrested on murder charges two days later.

“While Atatiana’s family is relieved, they are cautiously optimistic that a conviction and appropriate sentence will come in the near future,” Jefferson family attorney, S. Lee Merritt, stated in a news release.

“This is a huge first step in the long road for this family,” Merritt stated.

Attorneys for Dean declined to comment.

Jefferson, a 2014 Xavier University biology graduate who worked in the pharmaceutical industry, was contemplating becoming a doctor.

The shooting came only days before a jury convicted former Dallas police officer Amber Guyger for the murder of Botham Jean, a black man who worked in accounting and auditing for the powerhouse firm of Price Waterhouse Coopers.

Guyger received a controversial 10-year sentence in prison for her crime.

“I cannot make sense of why she had to lose her life,” Fort Worth Police Chief Ed Kraus stated during an October news conference announcing Dean’s arrest.

Dean was released on $200,000 bond, and his police union vowed to support his defense financially.

Kraus has stated that he would also refer the case to the FBI so that the agency could review federal civil rights charges against Dean.

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The danger of the ‘ethno-nationalist’ state

By Bill Fletcher, Jr., NNPA Contributor

One of the most common features of right-wing populist and fascist movements is the demand for ethnic and/or racial purity. During the course of the 20th century we saw it in its egregious forms in colonial and white minority regimes in the global South, and in the Nazi-led persecution and, later, Holocaust against the Jews.

Ethnic regimes were largely favored in the mainstream media of the global North until the early 1990s, even when troubling events, such as genocide in Burundi, were unfolding. It was only with the disintegration of the former Yugoslavia in the early 1990s and the Rwandan genocide (1994) that it became more than apparent that another wave of ethnic cleansing and ethno-nationalist regimes were unfolding.

What are ethno-nationalist regimes? They are political systems that quite openly privilege the alleged rights of a given ethnic or so-called racial group. Apartheid South Africa was certainly an example of a long-running such regime. But the Rwandan genocide when right-wing Hutus went to war to openly eliminate Tutsis (and those Hutus who allied with Tutsis) using the pretext of a civil war, was yet another example.

Right-wing populist leaders such as Donald Trump in the USA, Benjamin Netanyahu in Israel and Narendra Modi in India are quintessential examples of leaders who promote ethno-nationalist regimes. Contrary to early 20th century fascists and 19th century “scientific racists,” they do not rely on the rhetoric of racial superiority or inferiority in justifying their politics. Rather, they argue either the incompatibility of different racial/ethnic groups and/or that the specific racial/ethnic group which they claim to represent has been, allegedly, aggrieved over the years.

The situation in India at this very moment is illustrating the evolving and serious dangers of ethno-nationalist regimes. The political forces around Modi and his political party—the BJP—have been promoting anti-Muslim rhetoric and practices for years. Their objective is nothing short of eliminating the secular basis of India and replacing it with a Hindu ethno-nationalist state. The recent legislation, advanced by Modi and passed in Parliament that offers citizenship to refugees from neighboring countries UNLESS they happen to be Muslim demonstrates the depths of depravity of such regimes. It is, therefore, not surprising that India is exploding.

Netanyahu is a close cousin—politically speaking—of Modi’s. He and his party—the Likud—have always aimed to eliminate the Palestinian presence from not only the occupied Palestinian territories, but from Israel itself. But it is not only the Palestinians that Netanyahu, et al. wish to eliminate. The language of the regime when it comes to other alleged outsiders is particularly provocative and echoes that of Hindu fascists in India in describing undocumented immigrants, in the case of Israel, as “infiltrators.”

Right-wing populism and ethno-nationalism have become major parts of the global political landscape. It is not only the appearance of Donald Trump, nor is it just Britain’s Boris Johnson. It has emerged, like chicken pox, in numerous places. And, if one is not careful, it can emerge even within the ranks of the oppressed when, in desperation, we sometimes seek to distinguish ourselves from some “Other.”

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The Methodist Church is coming apart

By Joseph J. Horton

The initial reports read to me a bit like the losers won, but the church of my upbringing is on the verge of coming apart after decades of internal turmoil. The details of the deal will be important, but leaders of the United Methodist Church have agreed in principle to an amicable parting of liberal and conservative factions.

For background, I was baptized, confirmed, and married in the United Methodist Church. I left because of battles within the church. Battles about issues on which there should be agreement for a church worthy of the name.

Tears come to my eyes as I remember a notice about a prolific prayer vigil being torn down from the bulletin board of the last Methodist church I attended. The announcement even said “No signs. No protests.”

There are three key elements to the emerging agreement: pensions, local church property, and startup money for a conservative denomination.

Conservative pastors who leave the denomination will be promised their Methodist pensions. Making this provision of the agreement work will be especially challenging.

The proposed agreement will let local congregations keep their church buildings. In other denominations, liberals have asserted (and they may be legally correct) that local church property is owned by the denomination, not the local church. Thus lawsuits and counter suits have been filed.

It will be the liberals who maintain control of the United Methodist Church in America. Their willingness to allow conservative congregations to keep local property is honorable.

Less than honorable has been American liberals’ resistance to the influence and importance of the African Methodists.

This past summer, orthodox theology with regard to sexuality and LGBT issues was affirmed by a vote of delegates to the General Conference. The orthodox position would not have been affirmed had it not been for the votes of the Africans.

Liberals for years had been refusing to submit to the church’s official doctrine in the Book of Discipline by ordaining openly practicing homosexuals and blessing same-sex marriages. It was the African votes at the General Conference that led to the affirmation of the traditional doctrine. But American liberals were unmoved by the votes of the Africans and continued to violate church teaching.

A final part of the agreement is that the conservative congregations will be given $25 million to start a new denomination. The liberals evidently get everything else, such as campgrounds and retreat centers. This seems like a paltry sum to give to the party with the most members if we consider the African members as being equal to the American members.

There are many orthodox Christians and congregations in the Methodist Church in America and Africa. If the proposed agreement passes, they will be free to pursue the Christian faith in the Wesleyan tradition without internal discord. May God bless them.
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DART seeking student art for 2020 contest

With one month left for K-12 students to submit entries for DART’s 2020 Student Art Contest, don’t delay or you might miss your chance to “paint the town.”

Contestants can compete to earn a spot for their design on DART buses and trains, plus cash and other prizes.

Contest Details:
- The contest is open to public school, private school and home-school students in kindergarten through the 12th grade.
- Designs must be original work by the student and should illustrate the theme “Paint The Town Ride DART.”
- Entry deadline is Feb. 28, 2020.
- One entry per student. No group entries are allowed.
- All entries must measure 11” high by 17” wide and be laid out horizontally.
- High school students now have the option of submitting their entry online. All digital entries must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, February 28, 2020 at dart.org/artcontest
- The student’s name, student’s email, grade level, school name, school address, teacher’s name, email, phone number, parent’s name, email and phone number, should be easily viewed on the back.

DART will notify the winners by March 11. The artwork becomes the property of DART and may be used with appropriate credit to the artist. By entering, contestants consent to have their name and photograph appear as one of the winners.

A gallery of the previous art contest winners is available for viewing at dart.org/artcontest.

Local Zeta Phi Beta celebrating 100 years of service

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated - Kappa Zeta Chapter and the area DFW Zeta Alumni Chapters will be marking 100 years of scholarship, service, sisterhood, and finer womanhood, with a week-long celebration throughout the month of January.

The Dallas and Northeast Texas Chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association is holding its first-ever virtual gala, “Enchanted: An Event to Remember” to help raise funds to fight Alzheimer’s and put the spotlight on support services to those affected.

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DART Metroplex Centennial Week activities in the DFW Metroplex will include:
- “A Royal Centennial Museum Unveiling” from 6:30-7:30 PM on Thursday, Jan. 16, the African American Museum of Dallas located at 3536 Grand Avenue, Dallas Texas 75210
- 100 Year Celebration - DFW Area Alumni Chapters - Thursday, Jan. 16, at 6:20 PM in Addison at Vinetti’s located at 14833 Midway Road, STE 105, Addison Texas. Admission free all night.
- The Centennial Soiree - Friday, Jan. 17 at 8 p.m. at Jamie’s Rhythm, located at 2051 Northwest Highway in Dallas. Admission free all night.
- Celebrating 100 Years of Finer Womanhood - Saturday, Jan. 18 at 9 p.m. at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, 920 E. 14th Street in Plano.

DCHHS reports fifth flu-related death of 2019-2020 season

Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) is reporting the fifth flu-related death in Dallas County for the 2019-2020 season. The patient was 85 years of age and a resident of Cedar Hill. For medical confidentiality reasons, DCHHS does not provide additional identifying information.

“We have seen an early increase in flu activity in Dallas this season. While we cannot predict the severity or duration of the flu season from year to year, the best way to protect yourself and others is to get your flu vaccine”, said Dr. Philip Huang, DCHHS Director and Health Authority.

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It’s crazy,” Jones said, explaining the constant pursuit of his wife back during his undergraduate years. “I chased her for two years on campus and she wouldn’t give me the time of day, but in my moment of isolation and when I was battling suicidal ideations, God used her to minister to my brokenness.”

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Since erecting his ministry, Jones undoubtedly has made his presence felt, not just throughout his congregation, but throughout his family, considering his father is now serving in the ministry.

“I started preaching in the latter part of 2000, and he was called to ministry shortly after, if I’m not mistaking,” said Jones, whose first sermon was given at the church of his wife’s father, Superintendent Ray Lee Smith the Greater Rose Hill Church in Terrell, Texas. “My biological father’s ministry wasn’t a result of mine. I thank God he got saved and (God) called him, though.”

Ironically, Jones served fervently in Smith’s ministry for a little more than a decade which, to his credit, essentially served as a sign of things to come.

“Superintendent Smith nurtured my gifts and instructed us in the way of holiness,” Jones said. “I’ve never known anyone like him. It has always been a pleasure to sit at his feet and much of the favor I have is a direct result of my connection to him. If we serve well, God will bless us.”

For Jones, God has surely blessed his family and extended his ministry for such a pivotal time as now.

Eight years and counting to be exact.

“My servitude transcended the pulpit and Sunday morning services,” Jones said. “God told me to make His life easy, hold Him up and do whatever was necessary in order for Him to facilitate vision.”

Just as his praying mother had taught him back in the day.

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DCCCD, TXServes assists veterans and their families

Every year, thousands of veterans and active service members need help with basic needs like food and clothing as well as education and work opportunities. To help ease those burdens, Dallas County Community College District (DCCCD) has joined TX-Serves - North Texas, in providing opportunities, resources, and activities to the district's military-connected students, their families, and the community.

“We are excited to be a part of this initiative,” said Phil Hoy, director of military community engagement, outreach, and recruitment for DCCCD. “It will allow us to support student success through referrals to appropriate community partners and provide community support through response to incoming referrals.”

TX-Serves-North Texas, a program of United Way of Tarrant County Mission United, is one of the newest regions in the America Services network, using technology and dedicated professional staff to provide streamlined referrals between participating service providers.

DCCCD is among nearly 100 service providers currently in the network. Through this network, veteran services advocates make connections with dedicated professionals to assist members of the military and their families, said Jody Addison, manager of veteran services at Richland College.

Addison recently helped a student obtain legal assistance to address child support issues.

“This network assures that all student veterans receive assistance until their cases are resolved,” said Addison, who recently used the network to help a student obtain legal assistance in a child custody and visitation issue.

North Texas is home to a large military population and collaboration are vital to providing and delivering service to these valuable community members, Hoy said.

For more information or to register for service, visit TX-Serves-North Texas at https://northtexas.american-serves.org or call 817-317-0764.

Irving resident shares with students how to weather the storms

By Ray Cerda

Ray Cerda was a 16-year-old finishing up his junior year of high school. He had just played in the Irving High School Black/Gold game and was preparing for a summer of fun, college visits and training to be the starting quarterback of the Irving Tiger football team.

Instead, Cerda spent the summer of 1981 in a rehabilitation center relearning basic motor skills.

Cerda was ejected through the sunroof of a pickup in a late-night accident on Highway 114 between Grapevine and Irving. After four days in a coma, he awoke as a quadriplegic, confined to a wheelchair for the remainder of his life.

Despite the obstacles, Cerda was resilient. He graduated with his class. He earned an associate’s degree from North Lake College and later a bachelor’s degree from the University of Texas at Arlington before launching a 30-year career in municipal government, starting as a seasonal employee and retiring as director of parks and recreation from the City of Irving in 2018.

“After a couple of weeks of going, ‘what am I going to do now?’ after I retired, I decided to go ahead and write a life story,” he says.

“I had kept a journal my entire career, and I had written things down.”

Cerda compiled those reflections and a list of life lessons into a self-published book, The Life I Didn’t Expect (available on Amazon). Over the last two weeks, Cerda visited student-athletes at Irving, MacArthur and Nimitz high schools sharing his story and copies of the book.

“At their age, they don’t realize you’re not invincible, anything can happen to you,” he says. “No matter how connected you are, how popular you are, how smart you are, you’re not invincible. Things can change in a heartbeat. I’m living proof of that.”

That’s why he’s sharing his story. He hopes to inspire anyone facing a tragedy.

“Just because things happen to you in a tragic situation, know that the sun is going to come out tomorrow,” he says. “You can still be a productive citizen and have fulfillment in your life. You can overcome anything that comes your way.”

Having the talk with your kids, the big money talk

By: Gregg Murset
CEO BusyKid

Discussing the nitty-gritty of personal financial situations has typically been viewed as taboo. It is one of the topics you do your best to avoid at holiday gatherings along with politics, religion and asking adult children when they are getting married or having kids.

However, as more and more people face increasing debt, learn to use invisible money rather than try to explain finances, the need to talk to their kids about money starting at a young age.

According to T. Rowe Price’s 2019 Parents, Kids & Money Survey, half of all parents have some reluctance to discuss money with their kids, and 73% of parents who are caring for an aging family member in addition to their kids, don’t want to broach the topic. Some parents would rather discuss the “birds and bees” than try to explain finances.

So, if you’re facing thousands of dollars in student loan debt, living paycheck to paycheck, or financially successful but unsure about things like investing, how can you make talking to your kids about money less intimidating? Remember, no matter how uncomfortable or scary the conversations might be for you, if you don’t talk to your kids about money now, you’re setting them up for almost certain failure on some level. So, here are my suggestions on where you should start:

Start Slow & Make It Simple – Forget buying books or watching YouTube videos that will even put the biggest hardcore financial nerds to sleep. Once your kids know the actual value of money, then it comes down to three simple rules – 1) Earn money through hard work; 2) Save more than you spend and 3) Never borrow more than you earn.

Be The Example – As a parent, you already have years of life experiences to use for “The Talk”, though you think some of them don’t set the best example. I disagree. No matter if you have a great credit score or poor one, have thousands or hundreds in savings, or huge debt or no debt, your life experiences are great lessons to pass down to your kids. Nobody is perfect but you only need to be burned once to know not to stick your fingers in the fire again. Put your pride away and let your kids learn from your errors.

Play With It – Let’s go old school for a second. “Monopoly”, was the board game of choice in my competitive family. Almost every weekend we bought, sold, paid rent, experienced bankruptcy and learned how to manage money. The battle wasn’t over until you had a row of hotels on your properties just waiting for someone to come by and pay up big. The game still exists today, provides the same great hands-on experience for kids and allows everyone the chance to connect away from technology for a bit.

It’s Invisible Money Now – Fewer and fewer cash purchases are being
on, SWATS, and Transition Ministries.

“Every ministry I tried to start in the church, it was biblical. The bible teaches us to ‘go ye, therefore, and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,’ so to win souls and to go out on the street corner and talk to people that is biblical,” Wallace stated. He believes this is why evangelism is the central focus of his ministry work.

The Transition Ministry, started by Wallace, is also a vital evangelism component to Pilgrim Rest. The mission of the ministry is reaching the un-churched or those without hope. Giving them a Christ-centered structure to an otherwise lost community. Their motto is “Glorifying God One Soul at a Time.”

“This ministry is what the Lord gave him, and we have been doing this for 10 years now. His main focus is evangelism, and he is totally with it 100 percent,” commented Catherine Butler of Pilgrim Rest. She commended Pastor Wallace’s commitment and passion for evangelism.

Wallace grew up in Paris, Texas, a city located 98 miles northeast of Dallas-Fort Worth. He is one of 11 children to his now-deceased parents, Archie and Ola. Preaching was a part of his DNA as Wallace shares with North Dallas Gazette he comes from a long line of preachers within his family.

“I am a third-generation pastor. Both of my grandfathers were pastors on my mother’s side and even on my dad’s side. There were eight boys in my family, and all eight of us were pastors,” he adds.

He enjoyed serving in the ministry, where he shared his passion for preaching with his now four deceased brothers CB, Willie, Donald, and Gerald. He also served along with his three surviving brothers Johnny, Harvey (Pastor of Mount Rose Missionary Baptist Church, that they were gifted musicians and singers in their own rights. One of his sisters, Veola, sang with a local gospel group called The Good Cheer Gospel Singers.

The Wallace Family Sing is an annual family tradition that spans generations of Wallaces. They come together to fellowship on the third Sunday in March. This sacred time of coming together ends with worship and singing at Mount Pisgah Baptist Church, the church where they grew up in Paris.

Wallace recalls how the Wallace Family Sing began with them singing and playing the piano in the house. Fondly remembers being called to pastor shortly after graduating from college. In the four years of pastoring, Wallace was grateful for the opportunity to pastor some of his family members.

“It was an honor and a privilege to pastor the Church. Under his leadership, Lily Grove grew to what is now defined as a megachurch. According to Wallace, the church is still growing as he advised every pastor succeeding him has needed to expand to accommodate the growth of the church. “Seeing a church grow to me is almost like seeing your child or children grow,” shares Wallace in regards to one of his greatest satisfactions in being a pastor. “When I took the church in Houston, it was a very small church, and God just blessed it, and it grew and grew, but when I look back on my life and what God was preparing me for was Pilgrim Rest.”

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“There’s a scripture in the bible that I told our church, Pastor Wallace emulates. And it’s in James 1:26-27 where it talks about that a man of God is pure in religion, undefiled before God, who takes care of the fatherless, the widow, orphans, and those that are in prison. Pastor Wallace definitely and truly is a man of God,” sentiments shared by Pastor Lee Brodie, Leader of Pilgrim’s Rest Prison Outreach Soul Saving Evangelist (POSSE) ministry and Director of Coalition of Churches in Prison Ministry (cocipm.org).

“It’s been such a wonderful journey than it doesn’t seem like 30 years,” Wallace, in summary, to capture what the past three decades have been like for him.

Within that journey, Wallace was able to share some of it with his wife of almost 50 years, Phyllis Wallace, who passed away in November of 2017. He also shared the journey with their two children, three grandchildren, and, most recently, his four great-grandchildren.

On Jan. 24, over 600 individuals will be attending a sold-out black-tie event held at the Sheraton Hotel in downtown Dallas. The grand occasion is to express their final appreciation for Pastor Wallace’s work, legacies, and leadership. Each of them believe they greatly benefited from an enduring pastor and friend.

People from the neighborhood would gather in their own room, spilling out into the front yard to listen and enjoy the family’s singing.

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“There’s a scripture in the bible that I told our church, Pastor Wallace emulates. And it’s in James 1:26-27 where it talks about that a man of God is pure in religion, undefiled before God, who takes care of the fatherless, the widow, orphans, and those that are in prison. Pastor Wallace definitely and truly is a man of God,” sentiments shared by Pastor Lee Brodie, Leader of Pilgrim’s Rest Prison Outreach Soul Saving Evangelist (POSSE) ministry and Director of Coalition of Churches in Prison Ministry (cocipm.org).

“It’s been such a wonderful journey than it doesn’t seem like 30 years,” Wallace, in summary, to capture what the past three decades have been like for him.

Within that journey, Wallace was able to share some of it with his wife of almost 50 years, Phyllis Wallace, who passed away in November of 2017. He also shared the journey with their two children, three grandchildren, and, most recently, his four great-grandchildren.

On Jan. 24, over 600 individuals will be attending a sold-out black-tie event held at the Sheraton Hotel in downtown Dallas. The grand occasion is to express their final appreciation for Pastor Wallace’s work, legacies, and leadership. Each of them believe they greatly benefited from an enduring pastor and friend.
Several Texas Democrats are lining up to challenge Republican John Cornyn in the 2020 Senate race

By David Wilfong
NDG Contributing Writer

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Dallas Cowboys believe McCarthy is ‘a great catch’ as new head coach

By Dwain Price
NDG Sports

FRISCO – Mike McCarthy was so comfortable after spending the night at the home of Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones last weekend that he decided to stick around for a while.

For a long time.

McCarthy, who was 135-85-2 while coaching the Green Bay Packers from 2006 until he was fired on Dec. 2, 2018, following a 20-17 upset loss to the Arizona Cardinals, was introduced Wednesday as the new coach of the Cowboys.

He replaces Jason Garrett, who was technically still the Cowboys’ head coach. But Jones didn’t let semantics get in the way of him finally getting the man he thoroughly thinks will lead the Cowboys to the promised land.

Of course, Jones reportedly has a history of meddling with the inner-workings of his head coach. Jones doesn’t like the criticism and added:

“Believe it or not before I got to be involved with the Dallas Cowboys – and that’s all I’m going to say about this – on my desk was, ‘If you’re willing to give others the credit you’ll conquer the world.’ Bam!

“Somehow this thing has turned me into something perceived that I don’t like about it.”

McCarthy knows a thing or two about championship quarterbacks

Meanwhile, McCarthy has some pretty gaudy sheepskin on his resume in that he’s worked with Hall of Fame quarterback Joe Montana when he was the offensive coordinator of the San Francisco 49ers in 2005. When he was coaching the Packers, McCarthy also coached Hall of Fame quarterback Brett Favre and future Hall of Fame quarterback Aaron Rodgers.

Now, McCarthy gets a chance to work with quarterback Dak Prescott while also incorporating running back Ezekiel Elliott into an offense that had its problems this past season when the Cowboys finished the season with an 8-8 record.

“There is no doubt that you need to shake my hand and he says, ‘And you need to be the coach of the Dallas Cowboys,’ “ McCarthy said. “So I jumped up and hugged him.

“And I’ll stop right there. We had a helluva time.”

The Cowboys haven’t won the Lombardi Trophy, aka the Super Bowl, in 24 years. Thus, a generation of kids who are now young adults has never seen the Cowboys win a Super Bowl and are personally unaware of their former dominance in the National Football League.

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An opportunity that wasn’t lost on McCarthy.

“Jerry is telling the story about the purchase of the Dallas Cowboys and at the end of the story he leans over to me and he grabs me by the forearm and reached out to shake my hand and he says, ‘And you need to be the coach of the Dallas Cowboys,’ “ McCarthy said. “So I jumped up and hugged him.

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McCarthy also had some fun at Wednesday’s press conference when, as the Green Bay coach in a divisional playoff game against the Cowboys some five years ago, he threw a challenge flag that led to that infamous reception by Dez Bryant being overturned via replay. A few years later, thanks to some input from Stephen Jones, who is the executive vice-president and director of player personnel for the Cowboys, the NFL changed that rule and added that Bryant did indeed make that successful catch on fourth down.

“I want to tell you exactly what happened,” McCarthy said while laughing.

“That was one hell of an athletic play (by Bryant). I was impressed.

“I think it was clearly a technical rule at that time, which Stephen has since gotten changed on the (NFL) Competition Committee. I can’t tell you how many people from Dallas have told me about that play. It was a great catch, I can say now. But it wasn’t then – technically.”

The Cowboys are just delighted that they have what they perceive to be a “great catch” in Mike McCarthy.
NDG Book Review: Following the path of the Overground Railroad

By Terri Schlicthenmeyer

Your tickets have been purchased.

Reservations were made in your name and all that’s left is packing. Yep, you’re heading out for the weekend, a week, a month, gone on the trip of a lifetime and as you’ll see in “Overground Railroad” by Candacy Taylor, it’s a trip your grandparents might’ve been denied.

Ron was just 7 years old when he was told to sit still and be quiet in the backseat of his parents car, where he listened as a police officer questioned his father by a country road. Even when he was an old man and stepdad to Candacy Taylor, he remembered the tension coming from the front seat of that car.

Her stepfather’s stories helped Taylor understand many things, including why he and Black folks his age preferred to travel at night, on side roads. At about this same time, Taylor’s white friends began expressing outrage over white supremacists and she replied with facts about incarceration of black men. To her, the three histories were one: Black people have always been denied equality.

In the twentieth century, that inequality largely resulted from Jim Crow laws which, among other humiliations, allowed restaurants, hotels, and gas stations to refuse service to Black travelers. On the road, brave or desperate African Americans risked violence or even death by testing the laws; in years following the Depression, those laws gave Victor Green an idea.

Green lived in Harlem, worked as a mailman, and saw a future where Black people owned cars (rare, in the 1930s) they could insure (also rare). With help from other mailmen, information on Black-owned businesses that Black travelers could visit was gathered and published in a book that was initially Harlem-centric. Subsequent editions of The Green Book led African American travelers to safe restaurants, hotels, and gas stations across the country.

Says Taylor, Green never made much money from his project, but “his reward was much more valuable… for every business he listed, he may have saved a life.” As a history of African American travel in the Twentieth Century, “Overground Railroad” is incredible, filled with great continuity and plenty of side-stories to make it come alive. Author Candacy Taylor makes it exquisitely personal with tales from her stepfather and her deep appreciation for all he’d endured, leading to other stories of DWB; how the travel industry foolishly thwarted African American travel and its buying power; how things changed; and the constant reassurance of The Green Book.

That history makes this book incredibly fascinating. It could’ve been even better, had Taylor stuck with the topic. Instead, occasionally and from the beginning, mass incarceration and institutional racism are inserted into this narrative on travel. One could perhaps argue that they’re peripherally relevant but, though it’s not overwhelming, that feels like a discussion for a different book.

Still, ignore the distraction. Don’t let it chase you away from this stellar tale, told with detail and an abundance of photos. If you’re looking for a lively, well-rounded history book, “Overground Railroad” is just the ticket.

Irving MLK celebrations will feature Dallas Black Dance and Soul Rep Theatre

Residents and guests are invited by the City of Irving to honor the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. on Jan. 19 at the Irving Arts Center, 3333 N. MacArthur Blvd. The free event will be held at 6 p.m. in the art center’s Carpenter Performance Hall. The evening will feature performances from the Dallas Black Dance Theatre, Antioch Christian Church and Soul Rep Theatre, and will incorporate the theme “Keep Moving Forward.” Additionally, the event will include essay readings from the winners of the Parks and Recreation Department’s essay contest. Contestants were divided into three categories, determined by grade level and judged on clarity, grammar and incorporation of this year’s theme, “Keep Moving Forward.”

Dr. King led the 1955 Montgomery bus boycott and in 1957 became the first president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). With the SCLC, he led an unsuccessful 1962 struggle against segregation in Albany, Georgia, and helped organize the nonviolent 1963 protests in Birmingham, Alabama. He helped organize the 1963 March on Washington, where he delivered his famous “I Have a Dream” speech.

Event admission and parking are free.

For more information, call 972-721-2501 or visit Irving Events.

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trained the AI model with each subject’s own data. Intersubjective differences are so significant, that training the system using cohort data would not give the same results. Personalized therapy based on the new system could be more effective than current approaches.

“The performance of AI algorithms trained over cohort ECG-data would be hindered by these inter-subject differences,” says Pecchia. “Our approach enables personalized tuning of detection algorithms and emphasize how hypoglycemic events affect ECG in individuals. Basing on this information, clinicians can adapt the therapy to each individual. Clearly more clinical research is required to confirm these results in wider populations. This is why we are looking for partners.”

The research appears in Scientific Reports.

Source: University of Warwick
Getting your credit report

By Lisa Weintraub
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Attorney, FTC, Division of Consumer & Business Education

Now that you know why credit matters, it’s time to get your credit in order. Sometimes the hardest part is getting started. The first step is to pull your credit report.

How do you get your credit report? Request a free copy at annualcreditreport.com or by calling 1-877-322-8282. Other sites may charge money or may be set up to steal your personal information.

Here’s what to expect when you go to annualcreditreport.com: First, you’ll fill out a form with your name, address, phone number, and Social Security number. Make sure you’re using a secured internet connection, like at home — not public Wi-Fi.

Next, you’ll pick which reports you want. You’re entitled to a free report each year from each of the nationwide credit bureaus – Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. Sometimes one bureau will have slightly different information than the others. So, you’ll want to make sure all three reports are accurate. You can get the reports all at once or stagger your requests to keep an eye on things throughout the year. The choice is up to you.

Last, you’ll answer questions about the person you know best – you. They may be about prior addresses, names, businesses, or any other personal information. This is to make sure it’s really you ordering your report. If you have trouble with the online questions, you can call 1-877-322-8282.

Then, you’ll get a copy of your credit report. You can look at it then or download it to review later. Just remember to keep the report stored securely — either under lock and key if it’s paper, or on a password-protected device if it’s digital.

For more tips, read Free Credit Reports. Curious about what to do next? Stay tuned for our next two blogs about how to read your credit report and how to fix any mistakes on it. Each day you’re moving closer to getting a handle on your credit in the new year.

You can earn money while learning to install low voltage systems

If you are interested in earning a weekly stipend while participating in free job training, there is an opportunity to participate in a training program at Frazier House. The Zan Wesley Holmes Jr. Community Outreach Center is offering a free job training class in the low voltage field to teach trainees how to install home theatres, Internet service, and satellite dishes in this 4-week training course.

To be considered for this program, you must apply and attend an orientation at Frazier House on Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 9:30 a.m. Register here: https://www.zwhjcoc.org/low-voltage-registration-form

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made each year. In a survey of more than 2,000 Americans, U.S. Bank found that 50 percent of respondents said they carry cash with them less than half of the time they are out, and a Pew Research Center study showing about 3 in 10 Americans said they make no purchases with cash in a typical week. Cash is far from gone, but “Invisible Money” is the new king in town.

“Invisible Money” is used by plastic cards, P2P money apps and lenders, and anything else tied to money moving digitally. Your kids probably see you using credit and debit cards all the time, and some may even understand the connection between the plastic card and money. Most probably don’t until they experience it through a gift card or a parent lending a card for a purchase.

Some night during dinner, place all your credit and debit cards on the table and explain to your kids what they are, how they are used and the responsibilities that come with having them. If you’re really brave show them the account balances to drive home the point that this isn’t free money. Remember, “Be The Example!”

Practice, Practice, Practice! – No one can be good at anything without practice.
Resolving to start a business? Website trends to consider for 2020

(Stateline) Is your New Year’s resolution the big step of starting a business? One of the first things you’ll need to do is build a website. Today a website is not only your brand, but it also provides the tools you need to operate your business, and is the central point for you to communicate with your customers.

Web development platform Wix recently took a look at website creation form Wix recently took a look at website creation data for the U.S. in 2019 and found some interesting facts. One significant statistic found is that about 50 percent more websites were built the week after January 1 than the week prior. That means that if you decide to start a business early in 2020, you likely won’t be going it alone.

A key website feature to keep in mind when building your site is live chat. Almost half of sites implement a live chat feature to communicate with current customers and attract potential new customers. In any business, it’s important from the beginning to be responsive to customers, and doing so can be a key differentiator in growing your business.

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waitress came to take our order. It was then that I had a thought giggling at the top of my head. That is always a dangerous situation. I decided to go with it.

"Ma’am," I said as seriously as I possibly could, "I am a Yahooist, and according to our religion, your Monday is our Wednesday.

I am sure she never heard of a Yahooist because I never heard of one either. She looked rather strangely at me, and I continued, "Does that mean I can have the Wednesday free pie today?"

Looking at me for a few moments, she then broke out in laughter. I guess she knew I was joking.

"A Yahooist, you say." Then she took our order and went to the kitchen.

I heard some laughter coming from the kitchen area when she went back, and every waitress that walked by our table looked at me and said, "Yahoo." The manager laughed rather heartily and then walked back to the kitchen.

Maybe I should think a little more seriously about creating a Yahooist group of people. We sure could make a lot of people smile and laugh that otherwise would not do any of that.

Then our waitress came back with our meal and greeted both of us by saying, "Yahoo." Then my wife and I shouted "Yahoo" back, and all of the customers around our table started to laugh and say, "Yahoo.

As my wife and I were eating our lunch, I thought that I had accomplished my purpose for the day. I love making people laugh and smile. That is what I call a good day. I know I can’t make everybody smile or laugh, but I can make some people and those of the people I focus on.

As customers departed and passed our table, they all smiled and said, "Yahoo." I cannot remember when I had a better day.

As we were finishing our meal, the waitress brought our ticket to the table. She commented by saying, "It sure was nice to meet a real Yahooist. I hope you come back again." Then, as she left, she chirped, "Yahoo.

“Sure you made an impression with her,” my wife commented.

As I looked at the ticket, I noticed that the pie we ordered was not on our ticket. For some reason, she forgot to include it on our ticket. I called her back and asked about why the pie was not included on my ticket.

"Isn’t today your Wednesday?” she said. “On Wednesday, the pie is always free.” As she walked away, she cheerfully said, "Yahoo." I have found that it always pays, and pays wonderfully, to make somebody smile.

The theme of my life is, “A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken” (Proverbs 15:13).

My goal is never to let a day go by without causing somebody to smile.

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Blessed are the peace-makers: for they shall be called the children of God. Matthew 5:9.

It has been told that after listening to some children hollering and screaming at each other while talking on the phone, a man wondered why the guardian didn’t stop them.

And while listening to another young lady describe her employer’s conduct during her “first and last day” of employment on that job; the man wondered why an employer would speak to a “first day, especially,” employee in that manner.

After all, a peaceable individual speaking in a calm voice initiates good will and actively promotes peace within a home or a place of business.

Individuals learn by watching the actions of others; some are lead to think that to get along with people and to succeed in this world, one must be intimidating, abusive, aggressive, mean-spirited and even violent.

Many medical reports indicate that anger and hostility can become triggers for strokes and heart attacks. One journal, speaking of people with heart disease, compared explosive anger to poison.

It stated that, “Getting really mad can mean getting really sick.” Violence, anger, and frustration can cause sleep problems, stress, stomach and nervous conditions which can affect one’s health.

On the other hand, those who pursue peace can develop “a calm heart” and reap many helpful benefits.

Learning God’s purpose for a peaceful world and developing a new attitude can do wonders for cultivating a calm heart.

God’s word, doctors, and many individuals can tell you from personal experience as well, that developing a peaceable spirit can improve your emotional, physical and spiritual health.

Ephesians 4:22-24; Isaiah 65:17; Micah 4:1-4, and Proverbs 15:13 Happier relationships with others will benefit when you display a peaceable spirit. “Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor (scream), and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you.” Ephesians 4:31 & 32.

Those who display an aggressive, mean-spirited behavior and abusive speech often drive others away and find themselves along, without dependable friends, family, co-workers and employees.

When a person is enraged he/she stirs up contention, but one that is slow to anger quiets down quarreling. Hope for the Future: A peaceable spirit shows honor and respect for mankind; and for the expressed Will of God. “Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.” Psalm 34:14.

When we acknowledge God and learn to obey His life-giving teachings, this opens the door to a personal friendship with Him and with mankind.

With a strong relationship with God, we gain “the Peace of God” which is an excelling peace regardless of the challenges that life may bring.

Yes, it’s practical to be peaceable, and then we can experience a ‘calm heart’, a ‘meaningful relationship’ and a ‘solid hope for the future’. These blessings can be yours when you do your best to “be peaceable with all men.”

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