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### Happy Birthday!



Hattie Ranson  
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Celebrate Father's Day June 17  
Honor thy Father...

I cannot think of any need in childhood as  
strong as the need for a Father's  
protection.

---Sigmund Freud---

Congratulation Graduates 2007



**Kaneta Simpson** – Granddaughter of Mary  
Simpson Graduated from High School with  
special honors.

# Melva's Corner

## POWER PLUS

(Colossians 1:9-11)

**Central Truth:** Directed by Holy Spirit power we can speak boldly, bring encouragement, judge fairly and wisely, omit gossip, offer prayer for others, love others as ourselves, and actively display and use the gifts the Holy Spirit has given us.

Most of the time we associate the word "power" with authority, great and noble deeds in military battles, influence in governing people, knowledge in making scientific and medical discoveries, leadership in being the CEO of a big corporation, etc.

As Christians, we also associate "power" with the visible display of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and how those present that day eventually changed a world that continues to change because of their influence.

We usually think of power in big letters — "POWER" — but there is also a display of "power" in other ways. God did not express His pleasure in His Son at His baptism with a bolt of thunder and lightening, but with the flutter of wings of a dove that came to rest upon Him.

But what about power for those of you who face the challenges of daily life or aging? Can you no longer go out and change the world for the Kingdom? Do you think that Holy Spirit "POWER" does not apply to you? Can you still be empowered to do the work of the Kingdom in important ways?

One very powerful way is to be an example to others of what "Christ in you" means. (Colossians 1:27) Directed by Holy Spirit power we can speak boldly, bring encouragement, deal fairly and wisely, refrain from gossip, offer prayers for others, love others as ourselves, and

actively display and use the gifts the Holy Spirit has given us.

Let's be honest — we all change physically as the years pass.

However, the more important consideration is how we are changing spiritually. As Paul wrote to Christians in Ephesus, he talked about putting off the old person with its sinful actions and attitudes, and putting on the new person, recreated with Christ-like qualities (Ephesians 4:17-32NRS). This is not an once-in-a-lifetime activity. No, transformation to be like Christ is an ongoing process.

In God's eyes, we change immediately from the "old man" (as the Bible would say) to the "new man." We are a new creation! (II Corinthians 5:17) However, becoming like Jesus is not something that's done overnight; it's a process that we live by taking one-step at a time.

And we can do that, can't we? We can take another step past the first, and then another one, and another . . . And these little steps may not seem like much at the time, but when you look back you see progress — big progress! The apostle Paul called it transformation. And we're not alone in having it happen in our lives: the Holy Spirit is at work to help us in this gradual, but transformational change.


**Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. (II Corinthians 3:17-18 NRS)**

God doesn't expect you to run the mile in four minutes, but He promises to give you the strength to keep going the distance until you finish the course and receive your reward because you have kept the faith. That's good news!

If we are going to grow, we must change.

Acknowledging that the Holy Spirit is working in this way may take away the frustration of those who feel trapped by their circumstances. Circumstances are really the times that God can use to empower us. The Holy Spirit is the means by which we accomplish it. Don't forget to trust in God's wonder working power found in the Holy Spirit no matter your life circumstances! Now that's real power!

#### Scriptural References:

For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy. (Colossians 1:9-11 NKJV) 

### HOW TO COME OUT OF YOUR DESERT PLACE

(Isaiah 43:19)

**Central Truth:** God has a plan for you!

There are times when we find ourselves in a spiritual "dry" spell. No rhyme or reason for it, just something that happens to us all. Some call it "depression," others are just tired and uninspired.

Sometimes it is like slogging alone through the desert under a hot sun, nothing to drink or eat, not even knowing at times what it is we need. We just know that we need SOMETHING.

Sometimes in those times we forget to pray, or we are too discouraged to pray, but take heart! The desert experience is actually a positive thing!

I would like to suggest **10 steps** that may give you the encouragement you need:

1. Accept the fact you are God's creation — There are those who would like to be different and spend time and money in the process. Although it is good to take good care of your appearance, when it becomes an obsession, you can get depressed wondering why you can't look like somebody else. Remember, God loves you just as you are!
2. Accept God's forgiveness — One of the main ways to beat depression is to have peace of mind. As you find sins in your life, you must confess them. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us." (1 John 1:9)
3. Look at yourself through God's eyes — Thank Him for His presence in your life and believe what His Word tells you about His love for you.
4. Remember Paul's words of encouragement — "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength." (Philippians 4:13) God's power is working in you and through you even when you don't see or feel it.
5. Try visualizing how God is perfecting you — Resist the temptation to think about yourself as a failure. We all have failed in one way or another. Think of yourself as someone growing in Christ. Remember the bumper sticker: "Be patient with me; God's not finished with me yet."
6. Write down your goals and dreams — Ask God to help you with your goals. If you want to lose weight, to kick a bad habit, or improve yourself, then write down your goals; with God's help, you will be determined to achieve them. Reaching targeted goals always bring satisfaction.

7. **Be positive — With Christ you should anticipate ultimate success. Avoid those who are always complaining, irritated, or criticizing. They are contagious.**
8. **Anticipate the abundant life God has in store for you — God has a plan for you. Romans 12 reveals this wonderful truth. The plan is flexible, giving you the option to fill in the blanks. God will help you build your life!**
9. **"Seek first the Kingdom of God" — Matthew 6:33 makes it clear that you cannot sell out to greed or selfishness. Kingdom business should come first; God has promised to provide for your needs. Do not do it backwards. If you run after things, you will never have enough. Seek God and you will have everything.**
10. **Surrender your life to God and serve people — to a depressed lady, a friend suggested that she should start giving away her prize orchids to a nearby nursing home. When she died, the local paper said: "Orchid lady dies leaving hundreds of friends."**

You have heard it said that happiness is a choice. Why not make it your choice? You can start that choice today!

Need more help? Here you go:

- **Always remember, when you are in the desert, feeling spiritually dead, God is watching over you EVEN MORE: Deuteronomy 32:10 — "He found him in a desert land, And in the howling waste of a wilderness; He encircled him, He cared for him, He guarded him as the pupil of His eye."**

- **When you are in that "desert place" and feeling defenseless, God is protecting you, ready to do battle with anyone or anything that may do you harm. Joshua 8:14 — "It came about when the king of Ai saw it, that the men of the city hurried and rose up early and went out to meet Israel in battle, he and all his people at the appointed place before the desert plain. But he did not know that (there was) an ambush against him behind the city." The ambush was divinely planned for Ai's men by God to protect His people**
- **Satan is at the ready when you hit these times in your life; You need to be extra vigilant, using the tools God has given you, such as the Bible, friends, worship and prayer. Luke 4:1-2 — "Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led around by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And He ate nothing during those days, and when they had ended, He became hungry." Notice that Jesus was led around by the Spirit. Though tempted He emerged victorious.**
- **You can rest in Him, by knowing that God is in control and has your best interest at heart. You can further remedy any wrongs that you may have done, through confession or by making amends. Isaiah 40:3 — A voice is calling, "Clear the way for the Lord in the wilderness; Make smooth in the desert a highway for our God."**
- **With God, all will be made new, alive, fresh as the morning. In other words, tremendous spiritual growth can happen in the midst of our dry desert. I have found this to be especially true for me.**




- **Isaiah 43:19** — "Behold, I will do something new, Now it will spring forth; Will you not be aware of it? I will even make a roadway in the wilderness, Rivers in the desert."
- You can look forward to a period of richness and radical joy if you rest in the knowledge that "this too shall pass". God is with us. **Isaiah 51:3** — "Indeed, the Lord will comfort Zion; He will comfort all her waste places. And her wilderness He will make like Eden, And her desert like the garden of the Lord; Joy and gladness will be found in her, Thanksgiving and sound of a melody."

So there you have it. We can praise God in our "desert places"! We are not alone, we are protected, we are vigilant, we prepare, we are reborn, and we rejoice!

And when others wonder about the sparkle in our eyes and the spring in our step, we are more than happy to give God the glory!

#### Scriptural References:

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## Higher Mountains...Higher Praises

**THANKFUL**  
Melva McClain

Hi Everyone, I just want to praise God for the safe arrival of my aunt, Bessie Thomas, from California on Saturday May 19th. My aunt has dealt with health issues in the past and her planned trip home was a major topic of family discussions.

As I saw her bright and shining face enter the Jackson Municipal Airport gates my

heart was lifted to the heavens. Our family is so thankful for her safe trip and requests your prayers for an equally safe return trip on May 26th.

#### GRADUATION BLESSINGS

Lena Williams

I attended the 5th grade graduation of my grandchildren Iris and Jamari today. It really blessed me. The class was a huge total of 131 children. Iris received several really nice awards and was among a number of kids who received a special award for being an ideal Boyd Elementary student. Jamari received several high achievement awards including Open Doors and was in the top 25 of his class. I experience such emotional moments during graduations. Today the class sang a song that I am still singing in my heart. It's called "Yes You Can" . . . It says, "You can make it . . . Yes you can . . . your power lies just within . . . If you believe . . . If you receive . . . You will achieve. It was so TOUCHING to hear those youngsters sing such a strong powerful message today. I was blessed by all of them.

#### PRAYER BOOKS

Lena Williams

I was blessed yesterday with two (2) more prayer books from Christian World Ministries. <http://www.christianword.org/>

I had given my first books to others who needed them. I emailed them and they sent me not one but two more. I was so humbled by their love in action. I have proclaimed this prayer book as my weapon and my constant friend.

These books are totally free and are shipped right out to you upon request. Melva has shared this with the ministry as well. I pray everyone will take advantage of Christian Word Ministries great website and their mission to equip the body of Christ with anointed effectual fervent prayers.

**FOR AS DENISE THINKS IN HER HEART SO  
SHE IS**  
Denise Jones

My husband was told his job was CLOSING and April 27<sup>th</sup> would be their last day. Letters and 401K statements were sent out.

Today is May 10<sup>th</sup> and my husband is still on the job and working OVERTIME HOURS! The word is . . . for some reason the company will not be CLOSING!

*IT AIN'T FAIR.....IT'S FAVOR!*

**More Praise:** I just want to join my sister Melva in praising God for my aunt's safe trip to Jackson. We had a wonderful family party on May 24<sup>th</sup> to honor both her and God!

**A TRIP OF A LIFETIME**  
Jannice Horton

**Original Prayer Request from Jannice Horton:** Hi All, Provine High School Band is going on a trip to *New York*. We are leaving May 16th (11:00 am) and returning on May 20th. Please pray for our safe going, and returning.

Thank you very much.

**Praise Report:** Thank you all for your prayers. We made it back safe in town Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. We had a wonderful time. The students really had a trip of a lifetime. It was for pleasure and also educational.

The tour guide representative gave us a brief history of New York: We visited the Apollo Theatre, attended the Broadway show: The Color Purple; the Statue of Liberty; and most of the main attractions in the city.

We give a Big Shout Out to our beloved Band Director, Mr. Carlton Williams who made it all happen for the students.

Most of all, as Mr. Williams said at arrival, lets give, "**God a Hand of Praise,**" for a safe journey.

**IN HIS PRESENCE**

**6:00 P.M. HOUR OF PRAYER**



Use this wonderful supernatural tool the Lord has blessed us **with the 6 o'clock hour of power.** This is the time to intercede for the needs of others, the concerns of the ministry, and to pray for the leadership within our community, our nation, and our world.

Bring all of your cares and burdens to the altar and encourage others to do the same.

Lives are being changed. Breakthroughs are happening in 2007.



**FATHER'S DAY PRAYER**

God our Father,  
in your wisdom and love you made all things.  
Bless those fathers who have taken upon themselves, the responsibility of parenting.  
Bless those who have lost a spouse to death . . . or divorce who are parenting their children alone. Strengthen them by your love that they may be and become the loving, caring persons they are meant to be.  
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.  
Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect.  
Please grant t this request through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Home Bible Workshop Schedule



Mark your calendars for the **June and July 2007** dates. Please join us and take the next step in your walk with God.

June 16<sup>th</sup> & June 30<sup>th</sup>

The Message...  
“**God’s Power Promises**”  
Includes Nationwide Video Conferencing

July 14<sup>th</sup>

National Bulletin Board Synergy Meeting  
(Entrepreneur Business Plan Training Session)

5:00 – 7:00 PM CDT

✉ 1050 Ridgeside Drive  
Brandon, MS 39042

☎ Phone: 601-824-7498

✉ Email: [melvamccain@bellsouth.net](mailto:melvamccain@bellsouth.net)

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## 3rd QUARTER TELECONFERENCE

Saturday, July 28

8:00 A. M. CDT

Toll Free Dial-In Number  
1-888-422-7124

Participant Code: 730940



## WEBSITE OFFERINGS

(Article Excerpts)

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

GOLDEN NUGGETS

### VICTORY IN THE ENEMY’S CAMP

The city was surrounded by the enemy and slowly but surely starving to death. Donkey heads were being sold on the streets for food. Humanity had sunk to its lowest possible level. It could not get much worse.

A local preacher confronted the city leadership with a message. “By this time tomorrow, there will be so much food that bushels of flour will be sold on the streets for pennies.” One leader stood to question such a bold prophecy and the preacher pointed his finger in his direction and replies: “You’ll see it with your own eyes, but you will never taste any of it!”

What a prediction: A city going from famine to feast in 24 hours? From donkey head soup to a chicken in every pot? Doesn’t it sound like election year politics with too many empty promises? Who is this preacher trying to kid? There would have to be a military victory followed by an economic miracle and all occurring in one day! Who could possibly accomplish all of this?

Meanwhile, in another part of the city, near the outside wall were four men with leprosy, a gruesome disease believed at the time to be highly contagious. Anyone with leprosy was considered an outcast from society. These poor men could not even remain in the city to starve with the rest of the people. They were shunned, feared and abandoned.

One leper had an idea. “Why stay here to die? Let’s go to the enemy’s camp outside the gate and surrender? If they spare us, we might get some food and live. If they kill us . . . hey we’re dying anyway!” They all

agreed, so in the middle of the night, four starving lepers shuffled and hobbled their way down the hill to the enemy's camp to surrender and hopefully get a meal.

Here comes the miracle! The sound of their shuffling feet was somehow magnified to resemble the attack of a mighty army. The sleeping soldiers heard the noise, panicked and ran for their lives leaving their weapons, clothes and all of their food behind. What made these hardened soldiers run? The sound of four sick, starving lepers stumbling down the mountain to surrender.

As the lepers reached the camp they were greeted with silence and the inviting aroma of freshly cooked food. "It's party time!" one shouted (not really but you get the point). They ate and drank, carried away money, clothes and all the food they could eat. Then they said to each other: "We're not doing right. This is a day of Good News and we are keeping it to ourselves. We must report this to the city."

At first the city didn't believe the lepers shouting outside the gate, but they sent a scouting party and found everything to be true. The enemy had run away leaving the whole lot behind. The gates were opened and everyone rushed out to eat and take away whatever could be found. Food was so plentiful that a bushel of flour could now be sold for pennies as predicted. The leader who originally questioned the preacher was assigned the duty of counting everything that was brought back. In the confusion, he was trampled to death, all as the preacher predicted.

Wild? Yes, but it's true. (Except the "It's party time" part) Read it in II Kings 6:24 - 7:20. But what can we learn?

- God is in the midst of all your circumstances and situations: God never abandons you.
- Ordinary Humans Beings are used by God to accomplish great miracles: Four Lepers?

- Our bold faith and willingness to take on godly risks honors God: This means you.

Hearing this story and others like it, gave me the courage to retire early and plunge into fulltime ministry. Maybe, hearing this can inspire you to do something bold for God.

After all, if God can use four lepers to accomplish a great miracle, just think what can be done with you and me! 📖

### ✪ NEW CLOTHES ✪

Adam and Eve undid their beautiful relationship with God when they ate the forbidden fruit. Adam's story? The woman made me do it. Eve said it was the serpent's fault.

Let's not quibble and look for someone to take the rap. It happened and the effects on Adam and Eve were immediate. For the first time they felt stark naked before God and each other. And they hid. From themselves maybe? Maybe. But mostly they hid from God.

One of the questions God asked them was, "What have you done?" God didn't ask this question for His own benefit. He knew the answer. He asked it for Adam and Eve's benefit and for our benefit.

"What have you done?" Now that's a question that lays bare the past of every one of us. Yes, what have we done that makes us the way we are? That makes us want to run and hide? What have we done that makes us fear the future? What have we done that makes us so ashamed . . . so naked?

The next part of the story isn't pleasant. God curses them. Man, woman, the serpent . . . the whole bunch. But maybe God isn't being hateful and vindictive. Maybe He is just describing the logical consequences of their behavior. "Because of what you have done, this is what must happen: You will no longer have a close relationship with me."



It's a sad story.

But the last part of this sad story encourages us. God, with His own hands, makes clothing for them. No, they couldn't go back. They couldn't go back to the garden and be completely open again. It was too late for that. But they could go forward in a new way. Clothed by God.

It would take thousands of years to completely understand that Christ would be the protective clothing God gives to people who are naked, ashamed and hiding because they see "what they have done."

**"For all of you who have clothed yourselves with Christ" (Gal. 3:27).** Clothed with Christ we have a new life. We are forgiven of "what we have done"—and we go forward. Not back to the garden, but forward to the garden. 📖

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### NEW PAGES – POWERFUL MESSAGES

If you have missed **"GOLDEN NUGGETS"**, they are back. Visit the McClain Ministries website for new messages.



**Morning** GOOD MORNING SAINTS!

### COMMUNICATION INNOVATIONS

#### McClain Ministries Media Center

Interested in Biblical teachings for Spirit-led living? In Romans 12:2 it says, **"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God"**.

Be blessed or send blessings to those you love, with your purchase of these CD's, Study Guides and Audio Cassettes. For ordering information, visit the **Media Center Brochure** on the website.

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

COMING JULY 2007

### McClain Ministries Internet Radio Station



### Internet radio is a broadcasting service transmitted via the Internet

**July 1<sup>st</sup>** we go "live" with our first broadcast. And because the radio signal is relayed over the Internet, it is possible to access the stations from anywhere in the world—for example; you can listen to an Australian radio station from Europe or America. This makes it a popular service for people who have interests that may not be adequately catered to by local radio stations.

Ownership of a 24 hour Internet radio station will increase our opportunity to share the uncompromised Word of God as well current topics of interest. With one click you can experience recorded as well as live programming in an instance.

The live programming will be specifically geared to our Entrepreneur program as well as meeting the needs of our community. The programming is a massive undertaking that we initiated April, 2007 and will complete in its entirety - September, 2007.

McClain Ministries looks forward to serving the global community with yet another project.

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**McCLAIN MINISTRIES**  
**National Bulletin Board**  
**Synergy Session**  
**Entrepreneur Business Plans**

**General Synergy Session Information:**

Instructor led workshops will cover a three-month period. All training material and supplies will be made available during each session. Sessions will be two (2) hour durations. Each class will not exceed twenty (20) participants. Audio Tapes will be made available to participants upon request after each session. Homework will be assigned between session dates.

**Session Dates:**

May 5, 2007  
June 2, 2007  
July 14, 2007

**Overall Objectives:**

develop business plan writing skills

develop research skills

develop oral presentation skills

**Course Objectives:**

demonstrate business plan writing skills

demonstrate research skills

demonstrate oral presentation skills

**Course Guides:**

[ENTREPRENEUR BUSINESS PLAN -START UP BUSINESS](#)

[ENTREPRENEUR BUSINESS PLAN - ESTABLISHED BUSINESS](#)

**Future Course Enrollment Dates:**

August 4, 2007  
November 10, 2007

**All activities are sponsored through donations to McClain Ministries and provided without charge to participants.**

## **McCLAIN MINISTRIES**

### **National Bulletin Board Synergy Session**

### **Business Plans**

It is essential for Entrepreneurs to have a realistic, working business plan when you're starting up a business.

A business plan is a written document that describes a business, its objectives, its strategies, the market it is in and its financial forecasts. It has many functions, from securing external funding to measuring success within your business.

The guides for both start-up and established businesses are located on our website and will show you how to prepare a high-quality plan using a number of easy-to-follow steps.

This workshop will help you create a business plan to guide your business through the start-up or growth phase, a search for capital, or any other endeavor your business undertakes. It is essential that your business plan reflects your personality and your goals. As the business owner, you need to decide what your business' short and long-term goals are and you need to make most of the planning decisions.

Creating your business plan is an extremely useful exercise for you to go through because it forces you to think about many avoid - your industry, position in the manufacturing capabilities, pricing, profitability. Taking the time to do  issues business owners would rather market, competition, development and risks you may face, and ultimately your this yourself will help you stay focused.

For your business to succeed, you need to know where you're going and how you'll get there. Creating a business plan forces you to set goals, determine the resources you will need to carry out your plan.

Research has shown that companies with a written plan (done the right way) have revenues and profits over 50% higher than those without a written plan. Of businesses that succeed over 5 years or more, more than 90% have a written business plan. And not just any plan will do - your plan must be written correctly. Our workshop will help you do just that! It doesn't matter your level of experience, we can help you see clearly what's needed to build your winning business plan.

### **NEXT SESSION**

## **June 2**

**National Bulletin Board Synergy Meeting  
(Entrepreneur Training Session II)**

**Required enrollment – Limited 20 participants per session**

**5:00 – 7:00 PM CDT  
1050 Ridgeside Drive  
Brandon, MS**

**McClain Ministries  
Business Plan Workshop  
May 5, 2007**







# Civil Rights Leaders, Friends Shocked by Yolanda King's Death, Recall Her Dynamic Spirit



**Date: Thursday, May 17, 2007**

**By: Sherrel Wheeler Stewart, [BlackAmericaWeb.com](http://BlackAmericaWeb.com)**

On Saturday, just days before she died in Santa Monica, Calif., at age 51, Yolanda King captured the attention of her audience with theatrics in Langhorne, Pennsylvania, and then delivered to them a stern warning on the disproportionate risk of stroke in the black community.

"She had watched her mother suffer from a debilitating stroke, and Yolanda King committed herself to raising the awareness of strokes and the warning signs," Dr. Emil Matarese, a national spokesman for the American Stroke Association, told [BlackAmericaWeb.com](http://BlackAmericaWeb.com).

"She told them how she stopped smoking after 20 years, went on a diet and began exercising," Matarese said.

The cause of King's death has not been announced. Former Mayor Andrew Young, a lieutenant of her father's who has remained close to the family, told the Associated Press that King was going to her brother Dexter's home when she collapsed in the doorway.

Yolanda King came of age during the civil rights movement. As an adult, she grew to champion her own causes designed to encourage nonviolence and lead people to seek inner peace. In the wake of her death on Tuesday, voices throughout the country echoed praise for the eldest daughter of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King.

Metro Atlantans started to show up at the King Center before dawn Wednesday to express their condolences at the sudden passing of Yolanda King.

The eldest daughter of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. died Tuesday night in California, nearly a year-and-a-half after the death of her mother, Coretta Scott King. Yolanda King, 51, is survived by her sister, Rev. Bernice A. King, and brothers Martin Luther King III and Dexter Scott King.

"I will make sure I stop and just give my condolences to Martin and Dexter and Bernice. You know, they've given so much back to the world and my breath is just absolutely taken away by that," said Sandra King, who has no relation to the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. family.

"There are no words. Apparently her mission and her time was up and whatever it was she was born to do in the world, she fulfilled her purpose," Sandra King said at the King Center, where she stopped on her way to work.

**Mourners sought peace at the final resting place of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King. William Marshall said, "I needed to come down and just pay my respects to the King family, what they mean to me and my family, to everybody's family."**

**The president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, which was founded by Dr. King and is based in Atlanta, said Yolanda King's spirit touched many lives.**

**"She'll be remembered as a lady of distinction, a lady of class, a lady of positive thinking. She is one who I've never seen express anything of sadness. She was always uplifted," said Charles Steele. Steele said he was surprised by Yolanda King's death and that he met with her in January. He said she was in good spirits and seemed healthy.**

**The Georgia State Conference of the NAACP also offered its condolences to Yolanda King, an author, actress, and producer who was regarded as a life-long advocate for peace and non-violence.**

**"Yolanda King used her God-given creative talent, to help continue the civil rights movement," said Mr. Edward DuBose, President of the Georgia State Conference NAACP. "Through her use of the performing arts, she illuminated the NAACP's mission of fighting for equality and eliminating racial hatred and racial discrimination around the world."**

**Congressman John Lewis, who served alongside Dr. King during the Civil Rights Movement, released a statement from his office in Washington D.C.**

**"It is so unreal. It is unbelievable that Yolanda King left us so young. She was born just about a month before the Montgomery Bus Boycott began, and she grew up in the Civil Rights Movement," Lewis said.**

**"To be the daughter of Martin Luther King Jr. carries an extra burden," the statement continued. "But Yolanda wore the mantle with such dignity. She had the grace of her mother and the intellect of her father."**

## **CELEBRATE JUNE NINETEENTH**

### **Flight After Freedom**

**June 19, 1865 - The Oldest Known Celebration of the End of Slavery**



**We Must Never Forget**

# McCLAIN MINISTRIES

**Deuteronomy 16:17:** Every man shall give as he is able according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which he hath given thee.

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