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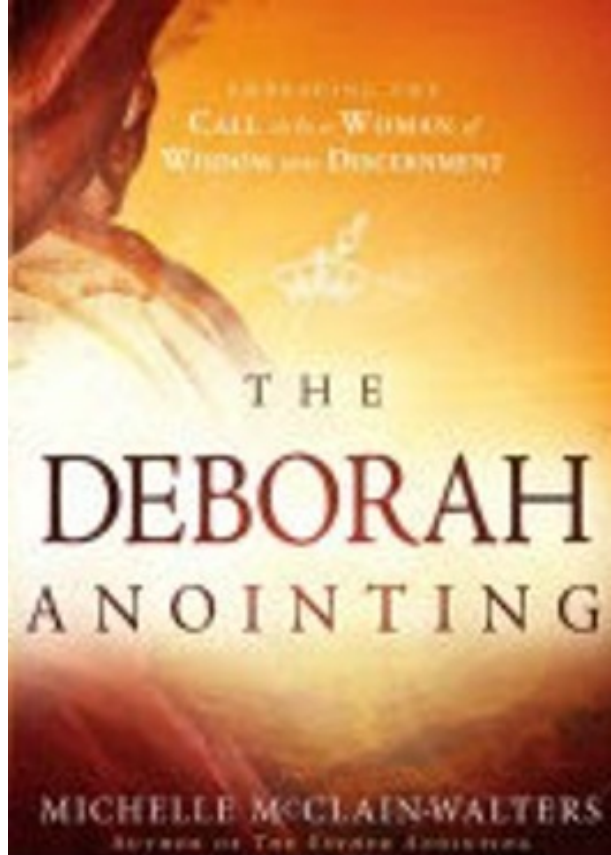
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The banner features a purple background on the left with a white envelope icon and the text "STAY CONNECTED!". The right side shows a church service with a large congregation. A logo in the top right corner depicts a dove and an open book. A thumbs-up icon is positioned below the main title.



**WOMEN'S
HISTORY
MONTH**

The graphic features three stylized profiles of women's heads in shades of green, orange, and brown, set against a light yellow background. The text "WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH" is written in bold, dark brown capital letters to the right of the profiles.



Women's History Month

Recap of McClain-Walters The Deborah Anointing

This is the last take-a-way from Judge Deborah. Author Michelle McClain-Walters, spotlights Judge Deborah and her journey in being obedient to God in the book *The Deborah Anointing*. Our last feature for a recap from God Ordained (GO!) Care Group member, **Sis. Joy Brewton** shares her take-a-way from this dynamic study:

My Care Group's Life-Changing Journey Through "The Deborah Anointing", Author Michelle McClain-Walters.

Our Care Group, God Ordained, recently completed the book "The Deborah Anointing" — and it was truly life-changing. If you're looking for inspiration to step into your divine calling as a woman of faith and influence, this book is a must-read.

Being part of a Women's Study Care Group has been one of the greatest blessings of my life. The women in our group are not my biological sisters, but they are my sisters in every other way. They are kind, gracious, generous, compassionate, strong, humble and intelligent. They continually seek to grow closer to God and faithfully hold each other accountable as sisters. As we studied "The Deborah Anointing" together, we laughed, cried, shouted in praise, and sometimes sat speechless in awe at the powerful truths the Holy Spirit revealed to us through this book.

Deborah's story is one of courage and obedience. As a judge, prophetess, military strategist, and mother to Israel, Deborah broke cultural norms — not out of rebellion, but out of faithful obedience to God. She led her people to freedom by leaning into the strength and wisdom God gave her. This book challenges women to rise above societal constraints and embrace their God-given callings as intercessors, leaders, and sources of wisdom in their homes, ministries, and communities.

Deborah's life reminds us that submission to God's order is not weakness — it's strength. You don't have to choose between using your gifts and obeying God's will — Deborah did

both. This book teaches that worship and intimacy with God are the foundation for effective leadership and influence. When we allow the Spirit of God to shape our lives for kingdom purposes, great things happen.

There are Deborahs among us today — women speaking life and courage into their families, leading with strength and wisdom in ministry, and standing as beacons of faith and integrity in the workplace and society. This book is a blueprint for any woman seeking to walk boldly in her purpose with courage, wisdom, and unwavering faith. Sisters, — take time to study this amazing book and join a Care Group. I promise it will be life changing.

New Salem Women's Ministry Opportunities: Women of Power (WOP) Ministries include, the Clothing Boutique and Community Dinner, contact Min. Brenda Troy, director of WOP at btroy@newsalemares.com

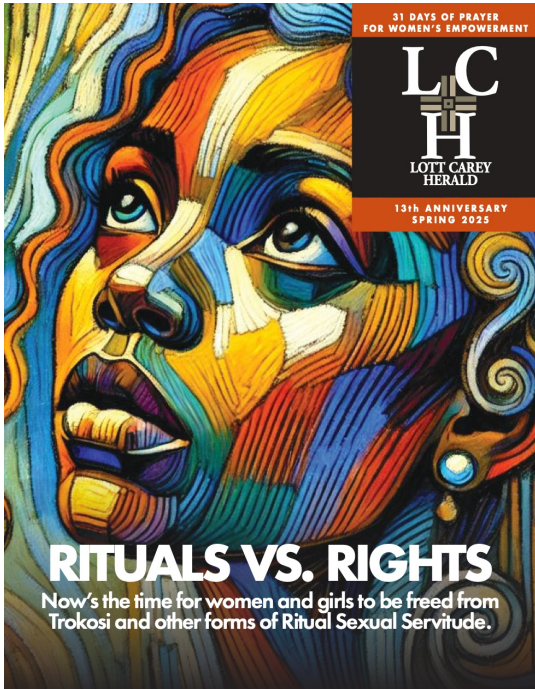
Information on Women's Care groups or Care groups in general, Join a CARE Group

Join a Women's CARE Group

Additional information: Carol Waytes, CARE Group Ministry

Email CARE Group Leaders

Lott Carey Foreign Mission: 31 days of Prayer for Women's Empowerment



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Join Minister Brenda Troy, second Vice President of WOMEN IN SERVICE EVERYWHERE (WISE) of Lott Carey's Mission Women's division in the 31 days of Prayer for women all over the world. Both Min. Troy and Rev. Dr. Merlyn Ruffin are featured prayer warriors for this momentous

Got Hospitality?



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The Hospitality Ministry is looking for volunteers in the following areas: S.O.S. (Saints of Security), Ushers, Welcome Ministry, and Nurses' Ministry.

S.O.S. (Saints of Security): Ensures a safe worship environment and supports church security.

Nurses' Ministry: Provides care for worshippers in need of physical assistance and supports the Pastor and guests.

Ushers: Create a warm, welcoming environment, maintain order, and ensure safety.

Welcome Ministry: Greets visitors and members with a friendly and

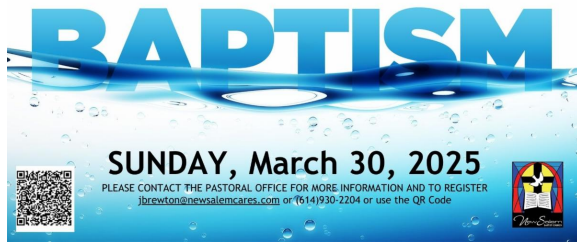
opportunity to pray for our sisters all over the nation. Click on link below for more information.

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helpful attitude.

If you're interested, visit www.newsalemcares.com to learn more and complete the ministry interest form. For questions, contact Minister Brenda Troy at btroy@newsalemcares.com. We hope you'll consider serving in one of these vital areas!

Baptisms



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Baptisms will take place on Sunday, March 30, 2025 at the 10:00 a.m. Worship Services. Please contact the Pastoral Office at (614)930-2204 or jbrewton@newsalemcares.com to register.

Baby Dedications



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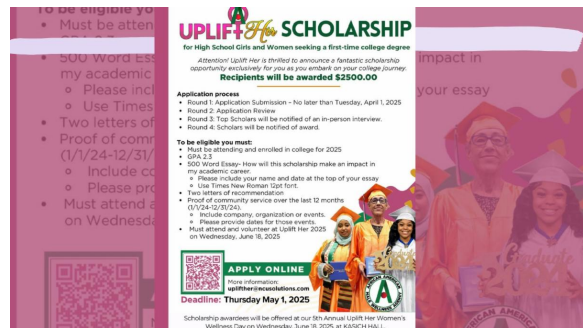
Music Rehearsals



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Music rehearsals will continue to be held in the mini fellowship hall area at New Salem. Please see the specific dates and times on the graphic above or contact Rev. Dr. Merlyn Ruffin at mruffin@newsalemcares.com or at (614) 930-2222.

Uplift HER Scholarship



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Member Spotlight

A member spotlight graphic for Dr. Lucretia Long. On the left is a portrait of Dr. Long, a Black woman with short, curly black hair, wearing a bright red top and large hoop earrings, smiling. To the right, the text 'member spotlight' is in white, 'Lucretia Long' is in a large, yellow, cursive font, and a yellow circle is partially visible. At the top right is the New Salem logo. Below the name, there are two lines of congratulatory text.

**member
spotlight**
*Lucretia
Long*

Congratulations to Dr. Lucretia Long on reaching 35 years of Service with The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center. She has been a member of New Salem for 25 years.

She has served as ministry lead for the Health Connections ministry. She is currently a member of the Cleveland Sims Sunday School class.

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The Enewsletter is proud to pilot the Member Spotlight. The Member spotlight will periodically feature members of New Salem who are recognized by their jobs, community service or an award. If you are a member and would like to be recognized, please submit your name, picture, type of recognition and contact information to the Editor of the Enewsletter at mlope@newsalemcare.com.

Join us Easter Sunday at New Salem!

A purple-themed poster for the Easter Resurrection Celebration. The background shows a church interior with people seated. The text is centered and reads: 'NEW SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH', 'RESURRECTION', 'CELEBRATION', 'EASTER SUNDAY', 'JOIN US', 'APRIL 20th', 'AT ONE OF OUR SERVICES', '7:30 AM OR 10 AM', and the address: 'TEMPORARY SITE CORINTHIAN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, 3161 E 5TH AVE, COLUMBUS, OH 43219'. A small logo is in the bottom right corner.

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Save the date and plan ahead for our Easter Services on Sunday, April 20th at 7:30am and 10:00am. We look forward to seeing you as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Services will still be held at our temporary location, Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church, 3161 E. 5th Ave. Columbus, OH 43219.



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Health Corner

From Midwives to Medical Pioneers: The Legacy of African American Women in Maternal Health

By: Dr. Christopher Brown, MD, MPH

Throughout history, African American women have played a crucial role in maternal health. From the days of slavery to modern times, they have been at the forefront of caring for mothers and babies, often in the face of great challenges.

The Legacy of Midwives

African American midwives, often called “granny midwives,” were essential in their communities. They provided care when hospitals were segregated or too far away. These brave women used their skills and knowledge passed down through generations to help mothers safely deliver their babies.

Just like the Hebrew midwives in the Bible who saved babies despite Pharaoh’s orders, these midwives stood up for what was right. They fought for the health and dignity of mothers and babies, even when it wasn’t easy.

Modern-Day Medical Pioneers

Today, African American women continue to lead in maternal health. Dr. Joia Crear-Perry, founder of the National Birth Equity Collaborative, works tirelessly to improve Black maternal health outcomes. She fights against the unfair treatment that leads to higher death rates for Black mothers.

Another shining example is Dr. Helen O. Dickens, who became the first African American woman board-certified in obstetrics and gynecology in Philadelphia. She founded a health clinic for young mothers and worked hard to increase the number of minority students in medical school.

In our own community, Restoring Our Own Through Transformation (R.O.O.T.T.), founded by Jessica M. Roach, continues this legacy. This Black women-led organization offers doula support, education, and advocacy to improve maternal health outcomes. R.O.O.T.T.'s approach is grounded in Reproductive Justice, focusing on autonomy and trusting Black Women and Families.

Ongoing Challenges and Hope for the Future

Despite progress, Black women still face higher risks during pregnancy and childbirth. In 2023, the maternal mortality rate for Black women increased, highlighting the urgent need for change.

But there is hope. More African American women are becoming doctors, midwives, and health advocates. They're working to make sure all mothers get the care they deserve. By learning from the wisdom of the past and using modern medical knowledge, these women are creating a brighter future for maternal health.

As a community, we can support this important work. We can educate ourselves, advocate for better healthcare, and pray for the safety and well-being of all mothers and babies. Together, we can honor the legacy of those who came before us and build a healthier future for generations to come.

Disclaimer: The articles written by Dr. Brown are intended for informational purposes only and should not be considered a substitute for professional medical advice, diagnosis, or treatment. Readers are advised to consult their own doctor or healthcare provider for any personal medical concerns. The information provided is based on Dr. Brown's expertise and research but may not apply to every individual's unique circumstances. These articles do not represent the views or endorsement of Dr. Brown's employer or any other affiliated organizations.

New Salem Hospitalization & Bereavement Line



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contact the church, at **614 554-6417** or email us at
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