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Who's Who at St. Luke



Minister Vernon Harrington, President of the Men's Fellowship

Vernon Harrington (Ronnie) grew up in Humboldt, Tennessee. At a young age, he attended Lane Chapel C.M.E. Church and was active in many youth activities of the church. After graduating Humboldt High School, he attended and graduated from The University of Tennessee at Martin, earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management. After completing requirements of R.O.T.C., Vernon was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army. During his college years, Vernon was also a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and served as Polemarch (President) for two years. He was a member of Student Government Association on the UTM campus, and served as a minority representative. He currently works for Supervalu in the capacity of Shift Supervisor.

Vernon accepted his calling to the ministry on March 11, 2007 and presented his first sermon on September 16, 2007 here at St. Luke C.M.E. Church. He is currently taking Bible Extension courses at Salem Baptist Church. Vernon inspires to grow his ministry and continue his service to the Lord. His favorite scripture comes from Psalms 34:1: "I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth"

Vernon has been happily married to Felicia Harrington for 17 years, and they have two beautiful daughters, Tiffany (age 12) and Jasmine (age 9).

UPCOMING EVENTS

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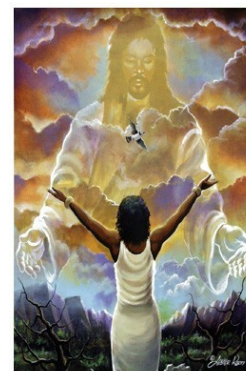
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Water Baptism - What does it symbolize?

According to the Bible, the symbolism of baptism declares that three things happen to believers who are baptized: (1) they die with Christ to their old self; (2) they rise with Christ to become a new creature; and (3) they are incorporated in their new life with a living community which looks for the coming of the Lord (Romans 6:1-11). Contrary to what some denominations teach, it seems obvious that a Christian's baptism must necessarily require a responsible decision to accept Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, and therefore, must be delayed until an age of reason or discretion (knowing right from wrong within God's perspective).

In short, Jesus Christ commands baptism for His followers. Although the act of baptism does not cause eternal salvation, it seems that any believer who refuses baptism should truly examine his or her conversion.

"Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age'" (Matthew 28:18-20).

**Thank God for Wonderful Fathers!****What Makes A Dad**

God took the strength of a mountain,

The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,

The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,



The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,

Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it ... Dad

Author unknown

Monday Wash Day

Lord, help me wash away all my selfishness and vanity, so I may serve you with perfect hum through the week ahead.

Tuesday Ironing Day

Dear Lord, help me iron out all the wrinkles of prejudice I have collected through the years so that I may see the beauty in others.

Wednesday Mending Day

O God, help me mend my ways so I will not set a bad example for others.

Thursday Cleaning Day

Lord Jesus, help me to dust out all the many faults I have been hiding in the secret corners of heart.

Friday Shopping Day

O God, give me the grace to shop wisely so I may purchase eternal happiness for myself and all others in need of love.

Saturday Cooking Day

Help me, my Savior, to brew a big kettle of brotherly love and serve it with clean, sweet bread of human kindness.

Sunday The Lord's Day

O God, I have prepared my house for you. Please come into my heart so I may spend the day and the rest of my life in your presence.

Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.'

The Overflow of Your Heart

"For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks" (Matthew 12:34).

Have you said something recently that you wish you hadn't? The Bible says that your words reveal what's going on inside of you. If you go around speaking negative words of defeat, putting others down, and complaining all the time, it's a sign that you need to refocus your heart and mind. It's a sign that your "overflow" is polluted. Our bodies work a lot like a computer. What you put on the hard drive of your heart will show up on the monitor of your mouth. The good news is that you can reprogram your mind the same way you can reprogram a computer. The Bible says that our minds are renewed—or reprogrammed—by the Word of God. The more you read and study His Word, the more it will transform you from the inside out. Start today by asking the Lord to reveal anything in your heart that needs changing. Make Him first place in your life. Fill your heart with the good treasure of God's Word so that blessings come out of your mouth. Let the overflow of your heart be filled with faith and expectancy, and you'll see God's hand of blessing in every area of your life.

A Prayer for Today

Father in heaven, I humbly come before You and ask that You cleanse my heart and mind of anything that isn't pleasing to You. Fill me with Your faith, peace, joy, and love so that I can overflow with Your goodness today. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW BLACK HISTORY?

Granville T. Woods



Born in Columbus, Ohio, in April 23, 1856, Granville T. Woods dedicated his life to developing a variety of inventions relating to the railroad industry. To some he was known as the "Black Edison,"

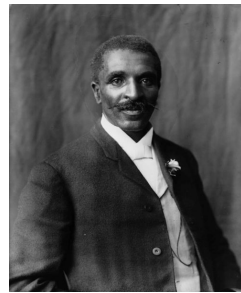
both great inventors of their time. Granville T. Woods invented more than a dozen devices to improve electric railway cars and many more for controlling the flow of electricity. His most noted invention was a system for letting the engineer of a train know how close his train was to others. This device helped cut down accidents and collisions between trains.

Granville T. Woods literally learned his skills on the job. Attending school in Columbus until age 10, he served an apprenticeship in a machine shop and learned the trades of machinist and blacksmith. During his youth he also went to night school and took private lessons.

Although he had to leave formal school at age ten, Granville T. Woods realized that learning and education were essential to developing critical skills that would allow him to express his creativity with machinery.

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

In 1872, Granville T. Woods obtained a job as a fireman on the Danville and Southern railroad in Missouri, eventually becoming an engineer. He invested his spare time in studying electronics. In 1874, Granville Woods moved to Springfield, Illinois, and worked in a rolling mill. In 1878, he took a job aboard the Ironsides, a British steamer, and, within two years, became Chief Engineer of the steamer. Finally, his travels and experiences led him to settle in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he became the person most responsible for modernizing the railroad.



George Washington Carver

It is rare to find a man of the caliber of George Washington Carver. A man who would decline an invitation to work for a salary of more than \$100,000 a year (almost a million today) to continue his research on behalf of his countrymen.

Agricultural chemist, Carver discovered three hundred uses for peanuts and hundreds more uses for soybeans, pecans and sweet potatoes. Among the listed items that he suggested to southern farmers to help them economically were his recipes and improvements to/for: adhesives, axle grease, bleach, buttermilk, chili sauce, fuel briquettes, ink, instant coffee, linoleum, mayonnaise, meat tenderizer, metal polish, paper, plastic, pavement, shaving cream, shoe polish, synthetic rubber, talcum powder and wood stain. Three patents were issued to Carver. From Wikipedia, the free ency-

Christian One Liners

Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember, Moses started out as a basket case.

Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisors.

May

19 Clifton Buchanan
29 Christine Buchanan

June

5 Lincoln Huffman
8 Maurice Horton
Marshana

10 Kendra Huffman

Phillip March

12 Amanda Davis

Alvin DeSayles

Timothy Hill

13 Faye Weatherspoon

19 Nettie Howell

20 Shawn Robinson

Helen Warren

Bradley Wright

22 Rosa Mae Allen

24 Jada Minor

26 Darlene Easley

27 Mae Kendrick



Happy Mother's

Day!

May 11th