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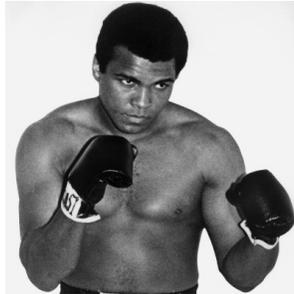
"A Church Where Everybody is Somebody and Christ is Lord of ALL"

"Making the Impossible Possible"

For with **God** nothing shall be  
**Impossible**

Luke 1:37

Expecting Greater in 2016 !



**Mohammed Ali**

January 17, 1942 -  
June 3, 2016 (age 74)

## Mohammed Ali and Me.

By this time of my life I have visited and or lived and or passed through several American states. Almost all of them; but never Kentucky.

You wouldn't know it but in the 1960s during the 'metamorphosing' phase of Cassius Clay becoming Mohammed Ali and all the stuff that occurred during the Civil Rights era, my personal lifelong aspiration had been to visit Louisville, Kentucky on the very first opportunity I would have.

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**Independence Day** of the [United States](#), also referred to as the **Fourth of July** or **July Fourth** in the U.S., is a [federal holiday](#) commemorating the adoption of the [Declaration of Independence](#) on July 4, 1776, by the Continental Congress declaring that the [thirteen American colonies](#) regarded themselves as a new nation, the United States of America, and no longer part of the [British Empire](#).<sup>[1]</sup> Independence Day is commonly associated with [fireworks](#), [parades](#), [barbecues](#), [carnivals](#), [fairs](#), [picnics](#), [concerts](#), [baseball games](#), [family reunions](#), and political speeches and ceremonies, in addition to various other public and private events celebrating the history, government, and traditions of the United States. Independence Day is the [National Day](#) of the United States. From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia



**Edward Allen Carter, Jr.**

May 26, 1916-  
January 30, 1963 (age 46)

## African Americans, Heroes, and World War II

### I. Introduction:

One million African American soldiers were deployed in the European theater of operation, and were assigned to support/logistical commands rather than combat soldiers.

In spite of the protests lodged by the African American community to the U.S. government against segregation in the U.S. Military, the Armed Forces continued to maintain its policy of Segregation/Discrimination. Henry Stimson, the Secretary of War stated during World War II: "In

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Dear Church Family,

Greetings In the Name of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ

We give a shout out to the First Lady Eledia, Women's Day Team, and all the members for an awesome Women's Day Worship Experience. We all left challenged and inspired.

Wow what a blessed Birthday I had. The Lord really smiled on me with his love, peace, and joy. I was showered with love from my lovely soulmate Eledia, my flower that blooms all year long. Thanks to my beloved family, church family, and friends for showering me with love, gifts, smiles, hugs, and so much more! I am just overwhelmed by the many greetings from my Facebook Friends. It may have seemed little to you, but it meant so much to me. You make 63 feel so good! I pray God's riches blessings to you and yours.

Special Note: Thanks to Bishop Mildred Bonnie Hines for giving me my 24<sup>th</sup> appointment to the Cross Street AME Zion Church. I am privilege to serve the most loving, caring, sharing, spirit-filled congregation in all Christendom. I love you at the Cross! The New Conference year has begun with emphasis on Evangelism. Join us in prayer that the Lord will continue to bless us spiritually, numerically, and financially.

Philippians 1:6 New International Version

being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

We are pressing forward with great expectation as we celebrate 193 years of Christian service. It's a great day in Zion!

Faithfully Yours,

Reverend Moses L. Harvill, Pastor

**The fruit of the Spirit** abides in us and it is up to us to cultivate it so that we may experience the blessing and the fullness of the Spirit. God is the husbandman..."He prunes, nurtures, waters and protects His own. The indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit will energize and control every faculty of our nature when our will joins the will of God. Then the "beauty of the Lord will be upon us" (Psalm 90:17) and "we shall bring forth fruit unto God" (Romans 7:4)."

### **FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT: PEACE**

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, PEACE, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance:..." (Galatians 5:22,23)

PEACE = completeness, soundness, well-being, grace, righteousness.

The removal of sin through the sacrifice of Christ, creates inward PEACE, unhindered by the world's strife. The PEACE of God in the heart, a tranquility of mind as a right relationship to God. That means a free and clear conscience.

True PEACE without God is impossible. "It is not a psychological adjustment, or a sorting out of disturbing pressures to keep them in equilibrium."

How Do we get this PEACE?

1. It comes first with salvation. PEACE cannot reign where sin is. If we let the PEACE of God rule in our hearts, sin will always be challenged.
2. Confession of sin to the Lord restores fellowship and retains PEACE.
3. Through constant contact with God.
4. Through prayer and thanksgiving.
5. Harmony with others. Reconciliation takes the place of conflict.

Look for the signs of PEACE in persons who:

- seek unity and cooperation - works in harmony with others
- is not ruled by confusion or strife
- is not jealous, envious or argumentative
- seeks to reconcile rather than hold grudges
- has a prayerful, thankful spirit
- is not anxious or worried

### **Warning**

**Be aware of the enemies of PEACE - anxiety, strife, worry**

Additional Scriptures:

Isaiah 26:3, Colossians 3:15, John 14:27, Hebrews 12-11-15, James 3:18, 2 Peter 3:14, Matthew 5:9

### **God's Provision Prayer**

Great is your faithfulness, O God, my Father. Morning by morning new mercies I see. I know that your hands will supply all that I need. Thank you, Lord, for your loving care and supply in my life. I claim the promises of your Word today. I believe your Word, and I look forward to all you are going to do in my life.

You are Jehovah-jeer, my provider. You know exactly what I need, when I need it, and how my needs will best be met. Thank you for the delight you experience as you give me the desires of my heart. I love you, and you love me.

Thank you, Father, for your great mercies which are new in my life each morning. Your grace and loving favor are upon me

and within me. Indeed, your loving kindness is better than life to me. Thank you for always providing me with my daily bread, and so much more. I rejoice in you and in the knowledge that you are the God of more than enough.

Thank you, Father, for caring about me and my loved ones. I know you want all needs to be met, and you cannot fail in meeting them. I praise you for the wonderful realization that you do fulfill all your promises in my life.

Thank you for your word which will never return to you void. I claim the promises of your Word for me, my family, and our lives. I take my stand upon the solid promises of your Word, Father. Thank you for meeting my every need. Amen



### God's Blessing Upon Your Home

**Key Scripture:** "The wicked are overthrown, and are not: but the house of the righteous shall stand" (Prov. 12:7).

**Key Thought:** Through wisdom, a home is built. (See Prov. 9:1.)

**Prayer:** Father, your Word declares to me that a home is built through wisdom, and by understanding it will be established. By knowledge all the chambers of my home will be filled with precious and pleasant riches.(1) Therefore, I ask you for the wisdom, the understanding, and the knowledge your Word promises to me.(2) As for me and my family, we will serve you,(3) and walk continually in the wisdom you have granted to us.(4)

Thank you for all the promises of your Word which declare to me that your blessing will be upon my family and home. I choose to obey you, Father, and in so doing, I know you will command your blessing upon my home.(5) I greatly rejoice in your blessing, Lord, because you are establishing my home.(6) You are prospering,(7) protecting,(8) and blessing (9) my home because of your mercy(10) and your everlasting love.(11)

Father, you have filled my heart with gladness. I am able to sleep peacefully in my home, because you are keeping my home safe. (12) I put my total trust in you, and this gives me tremendous joy. Your blessing and your favor protect me and my home like a shield.(13) Because of this, I know that my home will be blessed and remain standing.(14)

Fill our home with your loving presence.

**References:** (1) Proverbs 24:3-4; (2) James 1:5-6; (3) Joshua 24:15; (4) Proverbs 2:6-7; (5) Deuteronomy 28:8; (6) Proverbs 24:3-4; (7) Proverbs 15:6; (8) Psalms 91; (9) Genesis 22:17, (10) Psalms 107:1; (11) Jeremiah 31:3; (12) Psalms 4:7-8; (13) Psalms 5:11-12; (14) Proverbs 12:7.

### Giving God First Place

**Key Scripture:** "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty" (Rev. 1:8).

**Key Thought:** You belong to God.

**Prayer:** Dear God, I realize I am not my own. I have been bought with a price - the price of the precious blood of Jesus.<sup>1</sup> I am crucified with Christ. Nevertheless, I live; yet it is not I, but it is Christ who lives within me. The life I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me.<sup>2</sup> I embrace your Word which tells me that I am dead to sin, and my life is hid with Christ in God.<sup>3</sup>

Because of your great love, I am risen with Christ, and I will seek those things which are above, where Christ sits at your right hand.<sup>4</sup> Father-God, I commit myself to giving you first place in my life at all times. I will seek first your kingdom, and your righteousness, and I thank you for taking care of me.<sup>5</sup>

Your Word declares that my heart will be found where my treasure is. Lord, I want you to be my treasure.<sup>6</sup> You are the one God, the Father of all, and you are my Father. You are above all and through all, and in all believers.<sup>7</sup> Help me, Father, to keep you first in my life, and to keep all the priorities of my life in line with yours.

Father, I am so honored to be your child, and I appreciate the presence of your Holy Spirit both with me and within me.<sup>8</sup> Lord, it thrills me to know that you have first place in my life in the here-and-now, and I rejoice to know that this will continue throughout all eternity, and we will be together forever.<sup>9</sup>

You are my love, you are my life, you are my breath, you are my all in all.

**References:** (1) 1 Corinthians 6:20, (2) Galatians 2:20, (3) Colossians 3:3; (4) Colossians 3:1; (5) Matthew 6:33; (6) Matthew 6:21; (7) Ephesians 4:6; (8) John 14:17; (9) Revelation 19:6.



## Sunday School is a Family Affair

8:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. We have classes for all ages – 3 to 103  
New Members Class meets at the same time.  
(For Transportation Needs Please call the Church 860-344-9527)

### Come Grow with US!

#### MATCHING WORDS WITH ACTION

**YOUR WORDS** will tell others what you think. **YOUR ACTIONS** will tell others what you believe.

**Devotional Reading:** 1 Peter 1:13-23

**Key Verse:** It is not the hearers of the law who are righteous in God's sight, but the doers of the law who will be justified. Romans 2:13

**Central Thought:** We honor God by living in obedience to God's requirement of us.

**Lesson Objective:** To help in the recognition of the hypocrisy of claiming to belong to God while breaking God's law.

17) But if you call yourself a Jew and rely on the law and boast of your relation to God 18) and know his will and determine what is best because you are instructed in the law, 19) and if you are sure that you are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness, 20) a corrector of the foolish, a teacher of children, having in the law the embodiment of knowledge and truth, 21) you, then, that teach others, will you not teach yourself? While you preach against stealing, do you steal? 22) You that forbid adultery, do you commit adultery? You that abhor idols, do you rob temples? 23) You that boast in the law, do you dishonor God by breaking the law? 24) For, as it is written, "The name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles

because of you."

25) Circumcision indeed is of value if you obey the law; but if you break the law, your circumcision has become uncircumcision. 26) So, if those who are uncircumcised keep the requirement of the law, will not their uncircumcision be regarded as circumcision? 27) Then those who are physically uncircumcised but keep the law will condemn you that have the written code and circumcision but break the law. 28) For a person is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is true circumcision something external and physical. 29) Rather, a person is a Jew who is one inwardly, and real circumcision is a matter of the heart--it is spiritual and not literal. Such a person receives praise not from others but from God.

#### Lesson Introduction

Many people talk about appreciating the world around them, but do not demonstrate it with their actions. Not matching words with actions amounts to hypocrisy. What causes such inconsistency? The psalmist sings praises that the earth is full of the wonders of God's creation and glorifies God for the beauty, consistency, and order in creation. However, Paul insists that, while some people teach others how to obey the Law and live in ways consistent with God's creation, they do not obey the Law themselves and do not have it written on their hearts. The law was given to enable those who received it to act in a manner consistent with the orderliness of

God's creation. In our lesson today, we see how Paul describes the failure of those to whom the Law was given. He elaborates on the nature of their hypocrisy when they relish the fact of being given the Law but do not follow it. By contrast and for clarification, Paul asserts that some who were not given the Law instinctively observed it and were pleasing to God. The point is, however, that all are expected to act in accordance with the requirements of God and live upright lives that honor and not disrespect God.

#### Lesson Outline

I. Equality Before God: Roman 2:14-21a  
II. Living Consistently with God's Law: Vv. 21b-29

#### Lesson Comments

I. Equality Before God: Roman 2:14-21a  
Paul goes to great lengths to explain how Jews and Gentiles have equality before God's judgement, regardless of whether or not they had the Law. He shows that the Law is not an advantage to the Jews or disadvantage to the Gentiles. He makes it clear that breaking the Law neutralizes both privilege and circumcision. Circumcision is a sign of the covenant that God made with Israel (Lev. 12:3). Through later generations, the Jews came to regard circumcision as a guarantee of God's favor, putting more value on the physical circumcision than on the circumcision of the heart. This, Paul labors to show the hearers, was a sad mistake on their part. He points out that Gentiles often obeyed the laws

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**Pray for all of our children, teens, young adults in this school years that God's hands will be upon them keeping them from all hurt, harm and danger. Also pray for all of our families, friends, and all of God's children.**

# THE ARMOR OF GOD

**EPHESIANS 6:10-18**  
 "... Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes." v. 10, 11

**The Shield of Faith** (Eph. 6:16)  
 Faith is being sure that God will keep His promises. Faith in God protects you when you are tempted to doubt.

**Feet Prepared with the Gospel of Peace** (Eph. 6:15)  
 The Gospel of Peace is being right with God and being contented in troubled times. Jesus said peacemakers were blessed.

**The Helmet of Salvation** (Eph. 6:17)  
 Put on the Helmet of Salvation by believing that Jesus Christ died for your sins and rose again.

**The Breastplate of Righteousness** (Eph. 6:14)  
 Righteousness is being honest, good, humble, and fair to others. It means standing up for weaker people.

**The Belt of Truth** (Eph. 6:14)  
 Truth keeps us from giving in to the world's beliefs. Compare your beliefs and actions to the truth of the Word of God.

**The Sword of the Spirit** (Eph. 6:17)  
 which is the Word of God. God's Word is our offensive weapon. When we tell others what the Bible says, the Holy Spirit helps people see their bad thoughts and actions, and makes them want to be forgiven.

### Ephesians 6:10-20 (New King James Version)

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age,<sup>[a]</sup> against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; 18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints— 19 and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

## Read the BIBLE in ONE Year

### July

1. Psalms 112-114
2. Psalms 115-118
3. Psalms 119
4. Psalms 120-123
5. Psalms 124-128
6. Psalms 129-132
7. Psalms 133-136

8. Psalms 137-139
9. Psalms 140-144
10. Psalms 145-147
11. Psalms 148-150
12. Proverbs 1-3
13. Proverbs 4-7
14. Proverbs 8-11
15. Proverbs 12-14

16. Proverbs 15-18
17. Proverbs 19-21
18. Proverbs 22-24
19. Proverbs 25-28
20. Proverbs 29-31
21. Ecclesiastes 1-3
22. Ecclesiastes 4-6
23. Ecclesiastes 7-9

24. Ecclesiastes 10-12
25. Song 1-4
26. Song 5-8
27. Isaiah 1-3
28. Isaiah 4-6
29. Isaiah 7-9
30. Isaiah 10-12
31. Isaiah 13-15

### AUGUST

1. Isaiah 16-18
2. Isaiah 19-21
3. Isaiah 22-24
4. Isaiah 25-27
5. Isaiah 28-30
6. Isaiah 31-33
7. Isaiah 34-36

8. Isaiah 37-39
9. Isaiah 40-42
10. Isaiah 43-45
11. Isaiah 46-48
12. Isaiah 49-51
13. Isaiah 52-54
14. Isaiah 55-57
15. Isaiah 58-60

16. Isaiah 61-63
17. Isaiah 64-66
18. Jeremiah 1-2
19. Jeremiah 3-5
20. Jeremiah 6-8
21. Jeremiah 9-12
22. Jeremiah 13-16
23. Jeremiah 17-20

24. Jeremiah 21-23
25. Jeremiah 24-26
26. Jeremiah 27-29
27. Jeremiah 30-32
28. Jeremiah 33-36
29. Jeremiah 37-39
30. Jeremiah 40-42
31. Jeremiah 43-46

### SEPTEMBER

1. Jeremiah 47-49
2. Jeremiah 50-52
3. Lamentations 1-5
4. Ezekiel 1-3
5. Ezekiel 4-7
6. Ezekiel 8-11
7. Ezekiel 12-14

8. Ezekiel 15-18
9. Ezekiel 19-21
10. Ezekiel 22-24
11. Ezekiel 25-27
12. Ezekiel 28-30
13. Ezekiel 31-33
14. Ezekiel 34-36
15. Ezekiel 37-39

16. Ezekiel 40-42
17. Ezekiel 43-45
18. Ezekiel 46-48
19. Daniel 1-3
20. Daniel 4-6
21. Daniel 7-9
22. Daniel 10-12
23. Hosea 1-4

24. Hosea 5-7
25. Hosea 8-10
26. Hosea 11-14
27. Joel 1-3
28. Amos 1-3
29. Amos 4-6
30. Amos 7-9

### Pentecost

Pentecost is the birthday of the Christian Church and reveals the descent or outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the believers in the upper room. (see Acts 2:1-4) The day of Pentecost also occurs fifty days after the Passover

### The Season After Pentecost

The Season After Pentecost is sometimes referred to as Whitsuntide or Trinity season. This period has also been divided by some denominations into The Season After

Pentecost and Kingdome tide. When the period is divided, The Season After Pentecost covers 10-14 Sundays, and Kingdome tide covers 13-14 Sundays.

**Color:** Red is the liturgical color for the Season After Pentecost. Red is symbolic of loyalty, power, witness, Christian zeal, blood, fire, the work and ministry of the church, and the Holy Spirit.

Name of God	Meaning	Application
<b>JEHOVAH –TSIDKENU</b>	The Lord Our Righteousness	Jesus is the King who would come from David’s line, and is the one who imparts His righteousness to us.
<b>YAH, ORJAH</b>	“I AM<“ The One Who Is The Self-Existent	God never changes. His promises never fail. When we are faithless, He is faithful. God promises His continuing presence.
<b>YHWH</b>	“I AM<“ The One Who Is The Self-Existent One	God never changes. His promises never fail. When we are faithless, He is faithful.
<b>ADONAI</b>	The Lord My Great Lord	God is the Master and majestic Lord. God is our total authority.

*(Carter from page 1)*

tactical organization, in physical location, in human contact, the Negro soldier is separated from the White soldier as completely as possible". He further contended that the Army could not operate as a sociological laboratory while it prepared for war. General George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army concurred in this view. As he saw it, desegregation of the Army would destroy morale, "established by the American people through custom and habit" so the U.S. military legitimized racism, segregation and discrimination. One of the consequences of this policy was that the commissioning of African American officers was discouraged. Secretary of War, Stimson further stated: "Leadership is not embedded in the Negro Race yet and to try to make commissioned officers of them to lead men into battle - Colored Men that is - is only to work a disaster to both."

## II. The War (European Theater of Operations)

On the 26th of December 1944, Lt. General John C.H. Lee, Commanding General of the Communication Zone of the European Theater of Operations, penned the following letter to all base and section commanders in the Communication Zone: "The Supreme Commander desires to destroy the enemy forces and end hostilities in this theater without delay. Every available at our disposal must be brought to bear upon the enemy. To this end the Commanding General, Communication Zone is happy to offer to a limited number of Colored Troops who have had infantry training, the privilege of joining our veteran units at the front to deliver the knock out blow. The men selected are to be in the grades of Private First Class and Private. Noncommissioned Officers may accept reduction in rank in order to take advantage of this opportunity..."

Mixing White and African American soldiers in the same Combat Team,

Squad, Company, Battalion, Regiment or even Division was a radical departure from tradition Army policy.

Lt. General Walter Beadle Smith, Eisenhower's Chief of Staff, pointed out that such a policy, if carried out would provide ammunition to every Negro Organization, pressure group and newspaper. He speculated that their argument and attitude would be.

"...while the War Department segregates colored troops unto organizations of their own against the desires and pleas of all the Negro race, the Army is perfectly willing to put them in the front lines mixed in units with white soldiers, and have them do battle when an emergency arises. Two years ago I would have considered the marked statement the most dangerous thing that I had seen in regard to Negro relations."

In spite of the grumbling and griping, the Army began to accept Negro volunteers, assigning to Divisions already in combat or soon would be committed to combat role.

The strategic and tactical situation of the Allies in early December was not in very good shape, to wit:

Allied armies were deployed on a North-South axis extending from Holland in the North to Saar in France in the South. In their drive across Northern France and Belgium and entry into Germany proper, the Allies had sustained appalling casualties. The campaign of the Hurtgen forest had cost over 25,000 dead and wounded. The offensive, Market-Garden, an airborne drop into Holland whose purpose it was to "bonce" the Rhine river and strike to the heart of the industrial Ruhr was a failure, practically destroying the Allied Airborne Army.

Further South, General Patton's Third army had just completed its campaign in the province of Lorraine. This

campaign cost the allies an additional 25,000 casualties.

I mention the tactical situation of the allies and the casualties incurred in order to emphasize the numbers of dead, wounded and "hors de combat" had sustained from D-Day (June 6, 1944) to early December 1944.

Cognizant of the critical manpower situation, Ground Forces Command had, since July, been engaged in a training program to convert basic privates from other arms and services to combat arms, i.e. Infantry, Artillery, Armor. The training program excluded African Americans.

The theater estimated on the 8th of December that by the end of the month there would be an overall deficiency of more than 23,000 riflemen. Such a deficiency would effectively curtail plans for pressing the attack against Germany.

Now it was against this background that the U.S. Army began to assign the African American volunteers to previously all white combat divisions.

## III. Sergeant First Class Edward A. Carter, Jr. A Volunteer

Of the 10,000 African American soldiers who responded to the special appeal of General Lee some 2,800 were actually assigned to infantry and armored divisions. These divisions were already on the line, and most had experienced combat. They were deployed in the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 69<sup>th</sup>, 78<sup>th</sup>, 99<sup>th</sup> and 104<sup>th</sup> Infantry Divisions as separate platoons and to the 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> armored division as separate companies.

Carter's unit was the Seventh Army Infantry Company Number 1 (Provisional) attached to the 56<sup>th</sup> Armored Infantry Battalion, 12<sup>th</sup> Armored Division.

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Carter was no stranger to combat: He had fought as a teenager in China with Chiang Kai-shek against the Communist; he served in the International Brigade in their struggle against Franco Spain, and now on March 23rd, 1945, Private Carter was facing combat once more. The deeds Private Carter performed on that day led him to be recommended to be awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Carter's unit, in concert with the Third U.S. Army was advancing toward Speyer, Germany. Speyer, a city of about 50,000 was a target in a race to secure bridgeheads.

The tank on which Carter and other infantrymen were riding came under heavy small arms and anti-armor fire, unit Members thought the fire had come from a large warehouse on the outskirts of town. This resulted in Carter volunteering to lead three other soldiers on a patrol against the German position. They advanced toward the structure and took cover where they located and assessed the approximate enemy strength. They left this cover to cross 150 yards or so of open fields to the warehouse.

One American soldier was soon killed and Carter sent the two survivors back to hold the position covering his advance. There another comrade was killed and the other seriously wounded by German defenders. Carter inched his way to a place of safety behind a ridge 30 yards away and endured an exchange of gunfire with the warehouse. Along the way, his deadly fire knocked out two enemy machine gun nests and a mortar crew.

He paid a price though, as a machine gun burst put three bullets through his left arm. Continuing, he was knocked to the ground by another wound to his left leg. Then after taking "wound tablets" a drink from his canteen was interrupted with

another wound through his left hand. Three shrapnel wounds followed and were credited for pain he endured the rest of his life.

After enduring Carter's close proximity and periodic fire, the German officer in the warehouse finally sent eight soldiers to flush him out and finish him off. He lay still for two hours until the patrol approached him, thinking the blood-soaked American soldier was dead.

Suddenly, Carter, seriously wounded, opened fire with his .45-caliber submachine gun. He shot six of the enemy dead and took the other two prisoner. Using them as a human shield, the sergeant made his way back to the American tanks. As another Act of Courage, Carter refused to be evacuated until he could report all he had observed and extract needed information about the enemy's emplacement from his German speaking prisoners. As a result of his actions, Carter was awarded the Distinguished Service, America's second highest military award for valor.

IV. Medal of Honor

In 1992, Secretary of the Army, John Shannon commissioned an independent study to identify unrecognized African American heroes from World War II. In May 1996, the study was completed under the title, The Exclusion of Black Soldiers from the Medal of Honor in World War II.

In 1997, President Clinton awarded the Medal of Honor to Seven African American who had previously been awarded The Distinguished Service Cross. On January 13, President Clinton presented Carter's posthumous Medal of Honor to his son, Edward Allen Carter III in Washington, D.C.

By Dr. Jerome H. Long

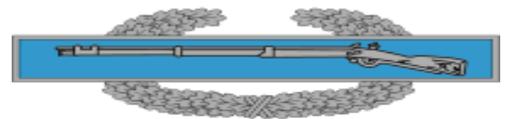
**Allegiance:** United States of America  
**Service/Branch:** Chinese Nationalist Army, Abraham Lincoln Brigade, United States Army

**Years of Service:** 1932, 1937-1938, 1941-1949

**Rank:** Sergeant First Class  
 Unit: 56th Armored Infantry Battalion, 12th Armored Division

**Battles/Wars:** Second Sino-Japanese War, Spanish Civil War, World War II

**Awards**



Combat Infantry Badge



Medal of Honor



Bronze Star



Purple Heart



Army Good Conduct Medal



American Defense Service Medal



European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Medal



World War II Victory Medal

*(Words from page 5)*

and committed righteous deeds more so than the Jews, who were proud to have been given the Law. Paul declares that some people instinctively do what the Law requires and their conscience guides them to do what is right. God accepts this as meeting God's requirements, even though such persons had never even seen the written Law nor committed themselves to following it. On the other hand, Paul's fellow Jews had a high opinion of themselves, which made them feel that the laws of God did not apply to them, but rather to others who were not so "favored."

## **II. Living Consistently with God's Law: Vv. 21b-29**

In his rather pointed questioning and elaborations, Paul makes it clear that living consistently with God's law is what counts. It's goodness is available instinctively to all. This type of living, Paul's fellow Jews had not done, and therefore, were in no greater favor with God than those who never had the law and never lived lives pleasing to God. In fact, Paul shows that those who had the law and boasted of their circumstances were a dishonor to God. They were held quite accountable for dishonoring God in their hypocrisy. God is about equal opportunity in judgement and praise of their lives. Paul strikes hard at the fact that God is not pleased with hypocritical living, and he evens the playing field where God's judgement applies to both

*(Ali from page 1)*

That was to fulfill just this one mission I always had. To meet and may be hang out with Ali, my 'kin' folk; and to chat with him. If that ever happened, I was going to suggest to him to change his name to Kwame Ali.

Want to know why?

Well, for one thing, we had him all covered; this is back in Ghana in those days, as one of our siblings. My family, and especially mother, loved this kid so

Jews and Gentiles. For both, God judges and forgives, but one is no more favorable nor condemned than the other. It is made clear that God is both merciful and just in examining character and action.

### **Lesson Sidelights**

As Christians, we want to obey the Law of God and live in ways consistent with God's creation. Knowing God's written Word, we will be held accountable for upholding it. Yet, we see that the real "mark" of being a follower of God is a spiritual matter of the heart, integrity, and lifestyle. We must have the inner spiritual power to live outwardly in a manner that is pleasing to God. What we speak, we must live out for all to see that we are for real in Christ Jesus. We cannot merely recite the Word and ignore the reality of living it daily. We know that it is not always easy to live up to God's demands, but we seek God's guidance through the Holy Spirit to empower us in living righteously. We are ever aware of God's loving-kindness in our lives as we seek to overcome our failures and shortcomings. God is merciful and has given us Jesus Christ as our guide and example for righteous living, who also is our intercessor when we fail to measure up. In Christ, God always gives us second chances if we are willing to appeal to God through Jesus Christ our Savior.

### **Lesson Applications**

Knowing what is right and doing what we

much, you would think she gave birth to him. And I had done all the research on him. Cassius Marcellous Clay was born on a Saturday. That is right, January 17, 1942 was a Saturday. And as an Akan native he would have been named Kwame Clay to begin with. As for his religious conversion and subsequent spiritual awakening and all that leading to his adoption of the Moslem name, I was used to that. See, I had been christened Peter and was in the process of adopting Cephas in its place. Coincidence? We'll see. Same kind of spiritual awakening and personal

know is right presents a problem for all of us. We may know or believe the goodness of principles for living, but often fail to practice them, for one reason or another. We may recite them to other people or even our children, and yet not live by them ourselves, maybe because it was or is not convenient for us to do so. It may be that we feel that we are more privileged than others, that we don't have to follow the rules like others are required to do. We've heard people proudly declare, "Do as I say and not as I do." This is because they know that their actions do not always match their words. But what gives them the right to disregard the rules they believe others should follow? Nothing and no one. The truth of the matter is that we are always watching each other closely in order to perceive a correct pattern for living. Those whom we choose to follow make a strong impression on us, whether for good or bad. What we see them do, we think is the right thing, and we are sorely disappointed when and if we discover that we have been misled. It would probably amaze each of us to realize how many people, young and old, are watching us to see if they can find the right way to behave in various situations. We are accountable for living a reputable life that is helpful and not hurtful to others who are looking for guidance.

From The Young People-Adult Quarterly  
(Ages 18 and up)  
International Sunday School Lessons for Christian Teaching

discovery of who I really was at that time? May be, may be not.

Just fast forward a little bit. Ali defeats Liston in February 1964, and in May he is in Ghana.

Ghanaians go bananas. My family was no exception. The entire country went crazy. Kwame Nkrumah gives him Kente cloth as an honor and may be, to replace his American jeans. When Ali put on that Kente outfit, you would think he was a

*(Ali on page 11)*

*(Ali from page 10)*

Ghanaian for sure. I kid you not; I was able to physically, manually, touch Mohammed Ali on the shoulders. The bare part of his shoulders that was not covered by his Kente cloth made that possible. The one event in my life that will always live with me. It was during his appearance at the Accra sports stadium where thousands had gathered to see and to hear him talk and do some staged exhibition boxing with his younger brother. I maneuvered my way past everyone to the point where I was able to reach out and touch him on the shoulders. Even though his back was turned to me, I was able to feel the sweat on his body and that was when the transformation happened. I touched Ali

and whispered "you are my hero" in his ears.

For a period, I was some kind of cult hero for that effort. I could do nothing wrong, for a while and as long as the fad lasted. As strong and resilient as I thought I was at that time, I am now convinced that had Ali started any kind of a cult organization, that I would have been one of the enthusiastic followers. Thank God that never happened.

Very remarkable - that as a descendant of slavery he still rose to become the 'king' of the entire world. The greatest of all time. He declared it and we all bought into it. Nobody will ever be the same and no one will ever take his place.

To Ali it was the rumble in the jungle.  
To George it was the mugging in the jungle.  
But to me it was the doping on the ropes.

God only knows how things happen!

By Kwame Ocansey

Note:

Muhammad Ali was an American Olympic and professional boxer and activist. He is widely regarded as one of the most significant and celebrated sports figures of the 20th century. From early in his career, Ali was known as an inspiring, controversial and polarizing figure both inside and outside the ring.

### The Beauty of Holland

I am often asked to describe the experience of raising a child with a disability - to try to help people who have not shared that unique experience to understand it, to imagine how it would feel. It's like this...

When you're going to have a baby, it's like planning a fabulous trip - to Italy. You buy a bunch of guidebooks and make your wonderful plans. The Coliseum, The Michelangelo David. The gondolas in Venice. You may learn some handy phrases in Italian. It's all very, very exciting.

After months of eager anticipation, the day finally arrives. You pack your bags and off you go. Several hours later the plane lands. The flight attendant comes in and says, 'Welcome to Holland.'

"Holland?!?" you say, 'What do you mean Holland? I signed up for Italy. I'm supposed to be in Italy! All my life I've dreamed of going to Italy.'

But there's a change in the flight plan. They landed in Holland and you must stay.

The important thing is that they haven't taken you to a horrible, disgusting, filthy place, full of pestilence, famine and disease. It's just a different place.

So you must go out and buy new guidebooks. And you must learn a whole new language. And you will meet a whole new group of people you would never have met.

It's just a different place. It's slower-paced than Italy, less flashy than Italy. But after you've been there awhile and catch your breath, you begin to look around, and you begin to notice that Holland has windmills. Holland has tulips. Holland even has Rembrandts.

But everyone you know is busy coming and going from Italy, and they're bragging about what a wonderful time they had there. And for the rest of your life you will say, "Yes, that's where I was supposed to go. That's what I had planned."

And the pain will never, ever go away, because the loss of that dream is a very significant loss.

But if you spend your life mourning the fact you didn't go to Italy, you may never be free to enjoy the very special, the very lovely things about Holland.

Source Unknown

## For God's Blessing, Put Him First

By Rick Warren — June 27, 2016

***"You should live in a way that proves you belong to the God who calls you into his kingdom and glory" (1 Thessalonians 2:12 GW).***

The Kingdom of God is a present reality. It's what we're to be doing on the earth right now. The power of God is the present resource. It's the energy you get to do what God wants you to do once you're surrendered and submitted to his will.

God's glory is the reason. It's not the reality or the resource. It is the present reason for everything. It's all for God's glory.

Romans 11:36 says, *"Everything comes from him and exists by his power and is intended for his glory"* (NLT, second edition).

I talk to people all the time who say, "I have so much, and yet I feel unfulfilled. I've got a good family. I've got a good job. I've got great kids. I've got good friends. I've got a good congregation to be a part of. Why am I so unfulfilled?" It's because you were made for more than this! You were made for more than survival. You will never find fulfillment in life until you begin to live in God's Kingdom, by God's power, and for God's glory.

How do you live a fulfilled life — the kind of life that you were designed by God to live?

The Bible says in 1 Thessalonians 2:12, *"You should live in a way that proves you belong to the God who calls you into his kingdom and glory"* (GW).

What does it mean to live in God's Kingdom? It means you make God's agenda your agenda. You make God's will your will. You care about what God cares about. Whatever you want God to bless, put him first in that area.

What does it mean to put God first in your life? I made up a little acrostic, FIRST, to give you five things you need to put God first in.

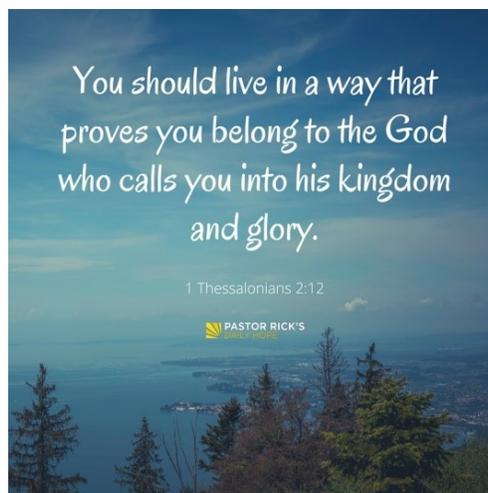
**Finances.** If you want God to bless your finances, even during a recession, you must tithe. Sorry! There's no other alternative.

**Interests.** Put him first in your hobbies, your career, and your recreation. Give God first consideration in every decision.

**Relationships.** Put him first in your family, your marriage, and your friendships.

**Schedule.** That means you give him the first part of every day. You get up and sit on the side of your bed every morning and say, "God, if I don't get anything else done today, I just want to love you a little bit more and know you a little bit better."

**Troubles.** You need to turn to God first when you have a problem. Prayer should never be your last resort. It should be your first choice.



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READ: Psalm 122:6-9

*I urge...that petition, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people. 1 Timothy 2:1*

**A** women’s prayer group in my country holds regular monthly prayer sessions for Ghana and other African countries. When asked why they pray so incessantly for the nations, their leader Gifty Dadzie remarked, “I Look around, listen to and watch the news. Our nations are hurting: war, disaster, diseases, and violence threaten to overshadow God’s love for humanity and His blessing upon us. We believe God intervenes in the affairs of nations, so we praise Him for His blessings and cry for His intervention.”

The Bible reveals that God indeed intervenes in the affairs of nations (2 Chron. 7:14). And when God intervenes, He uses ordinary people. We may not be assigned huge tasks, but we can play our part to help bring about peace and the righteousness that exalts a nation (Prov. 14:34). We can do that through prayer. The apostle Paul wrote, “I urge, then, first

of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness” (1 Tim. 2:1-2).

As the psalmist exhorted the ancient Israelites to “pray for the peace of Jerusalem” (Ps. 122:6), so may we pray for the peace and healing of our nations. When we pray in humility, turn from wickedness, and seek God, He hears us.  
Lawrence Darimani

*Lord, we pray today for peace of our nations. We ask for Your intervention as we turn to you in confession and repentance. We praise You for Your blessing and Your provision.*

*Prayer for those in authority is both a privilege and a duty.*

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## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

### Sunday

**8:30 a.m. Church School**

**10:00 a.m. Worship Service**

2nd Sunday Senior Usher Board Meeting (following service)  
Youth Meeting 1st & 4th Sunday's (following service)

### Monday

7:00-9:00 p.m. Bible Study, Eddy Shelter  
6:00 p.m. Zumba  
7:00 Media Ministry (1st and 3rd of month)

**Tuesday *Special Prayer for Pastor Harvill***

6:00—7:00 p.m. Prayer meeting and bible study.

### Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Zumba  
6:00 p.m. Ministerial Staff (1st of month)  
7:00 p.m.. Praise & Worship Choir rehearsal,  
8:00 p.m. Men's Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday

6:00 p.m. Steward Board  
7:00 p.m. Trustee Board (2nd of month)  
7:00 p.m. Unity Choir Rehearsal

**Friday *Day of Fasting***

6:00 p.m. Vision Choir (3rd & 4th of month)  
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Cross Street Recovery Ministry (room 2)

### Saturday

10:00 a.m. Pastors Aide (2nd)  
11:00 a.m. Security Ministry Meeting (2nd Saturday of month)  
12:00 noon Missionaries (2nd Saturday of month)

## MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday, July 3rd

First Sunday in Conference Year—All Choirs Singing

Thursday, July 7th • 6:00p.m.

**Combined Steward Board & Trustee Board Meeting**

Sunday, July 10th

**Members Pre-Organization meeting** following abbreviated worship service

**Ice Cream Social for children after service**

Monday, July 11th - Friday, July 15th, Tuesday, July 19th,

Thursday, July 21st & Friday, July 22nd

**Vacation Bible School**

Please contact Sister Sylvia Pina with any questions

Friday, July 15th

**Hartford District C.E.D. Convention** (One day only)

Held at Mount Pleasant A.M.E. Zion Church, Danbury, CT

Saturday, July 16th • 3:30pm.

**Pastor Preaching** at Shiloh Baptist Church, Middletown, CT

Wednesday, July 20th - Wednesday, July 27th

**General Conference**—Greensboro, NC

Thursday, August 11th - Saturday, 13th

**Eastern Regional Meeting C.E.D. A.M.E. Zion Church.** Cross St. Host Church.

Saturday, August 27 • 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

**Cultural Bazaar & Back to school Extravaganza**

### Doxology

*Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy. To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.*

Jude 24-25



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**"I am a Christian"**

By Maya Angelou

When I say ... "I am a Christian"  
I'm not shouting "I'm clean livin'."  
I'm whispering "I was lost,  
Now I'm found and forgiven."

When I say ... "I am a Christian"  
I don't speak of this with pride.  
I'm confessing that I stumble  
And need Christ to be my guide.

When I say ... "I am a Christian"  
I'm not trying to be strong.  
I'm professing that I'm weak  
And need His strength to carry on.

When I say ... "I am a Christian"  
I'm not bragging of success.  
I'm admitting I have failed  
And need God to clean my mess.

When I say ... "I am a Christian"  
I still feel the sting of pain.  
I have my share of heartaches  
So I call upon His name.

When I say ... "I am a Christian"  
I'm not holier than thou.  
I'm just a simple sinner  
Who received God's good grace, somehow!

**The Lord's Prayer**

Matthew 6:9-13 (KJV)

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.



Then the Lord answered me and said:  
Write the vision and make it plain on tablets,  
that he may run who reads it.  
Habakkuk 2:2

**The Jabez Prayer**

And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying,  
**"Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!"** So God granted him what he requested.  
1 Chronicles 4:10 (NKJV)

**"God's Word**

*For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart"*  
Hebrews 4:12

**Prayer:** Forever, O Lord, your Word is settled in heaven. I bless you because you have given me rest according to all that you have promised to me. Not one word of all your good promises has ever failed. In light of this truth, I will walk in your Word at all times. I love your Word, Father, it is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. All of your words are pure, O God, and you are a shield to me. Lord God, your way is perfect, and

your Word is tried. You are a shield and a mighty buckler to me as I trust in you. With your Word you made the heavens, O Lord. all of your promises are yes in Christ, unto your glory, O God. You have spoken through your Word since ancient times, in order to give light to those who sit in darkness, and you guide my feet in the way of peace.

Your Word is quick, alive, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword. It pierces even to the dividing asunder of my soul and spirit, and of my joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of my heart.

Father, I am thankful for your Word, and I will endeavor to walk in the light of your Word all the days of my life.

**If you were to die today, do you know where you will spend eternity ???**

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