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The Green

How Beautiful Are the Feet of Those Who Bring Good News By Mary H. Yancy

On Missionary Day, we discussed, Romans 10:15, "And how can anyone preach unless they are sent?" As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news." God has given us clear instructions and commanded us, 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, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. (Matt. 28:19-20) This plan of salvation, revealed through the gospel, or good news, is still in effect. It hasn't been changed or rescinded. We acknowledge not all believers are called to be preachers or teachers, but all are called to be messengers of God's Word. Our God decided



to use people-- ordinary people-- young and old alike to proclaim the gospel. He has given us an opportunity that the angels don't have. This is a sacred trust that should make us feel a personal responsibility. Before we were redeemed, someone proclaimed the gospel to us and we were freed from the bondage of sin. Paul quotes the beautiful feet from (Isa. 52:7). Here it pictures a runner, bringing the good news of the fall of Babylon. Those runners probably had calloused and unsightly feet, but their message of deliverance was beautiful for the soul. "Beautiful Feet Make the Mis-

sion Possible" Jesus' mission: "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." (Luke 19:10) Now the buzz word in society is that every church and organization should have a mission statement, to identify their purpose. Greenwood's mission statement is "Reaching the Lost and teaching the Cross" The word missionary comes from a Latin word, meaning one who is sent. God has ordained, that hearing the Word of God is essential. The responsibility of spreading the Word, belongs to every believer. People must hear the gospel to respond and believers must deliver the gospel for the lost to hear it. When we get to heaven, we might imagine, our Savior, saying to us, "Oh what beautiful feet you have!" "Beautiful Feet Make the Mission Possible"

#Never Again By Jewel Mcgahee



**Join the Mission
“Reaching the
Lost and
Teaching the
Cross”**

Saturday, March 24, 2018, students all across America, gathered in Washington D.C to express their views about the need for change. Although the main march was held in our nation’s capital, satellite marches were also held in cities all across America (including Memphis) to focus on changes in gun laws to make students feel safer at school. These young

people took a stand and they will make a difference. This fight, by America’s children, is similar to the fight of black children and youth in the Civil Rights movement of the sixties. Many black children, teenagers and young adults joined the fight for rights, by going to marches, facing harsh violence and some even went to jail. Some worked in the movement with their parents, while others stood against their parents.

There were even black and white college students who dropped out to commit 100% of their time to the movement. Just like the #Never Again students, they joined the struggle to not only shape their own futures, but to also open the possibilities of a more just world for the generations to come.

The Never Again movement represents a new day in America for future generations. Where do you stand? Joshua 24:15

Register To Vote!

Shelby County, Tennessee, will hold general elections for County Mayor, County Commissioner, County Assessor of Property, County Clerk, County Register of Deeds, County Sheriff, County Trustee, Circuit Court Clerk, Criminal Court Clerk, Juvenile Court Clerk and Probate Court Clerk on August 2, 2018.

If a race has more than two candidates for a party nomi-

nation, a primary will be held on May 1, 2018.

Register to vote!

You may register to vote at the Election Commission, 980 Nixon Drive Memphis, TN 38134. Or you may call: 901-222-1200 or visit the website on line at: Govotetn.com. Ninety days before the election any Voter aged 60 or older may call 901-222-1200 to have a ballot sent to their home address. This ballot must be com-

pleted and returned to the Election Commission by Election Day to be counted.



Black History Program By Magnolia Littlefield

Deborah Taylor and Magnolia Littlefield reflected on racial desegregation of schools, restaurants, theaters, and city buses where blacks were not allowed to enter the front doors or sit with whites. On Dec. 2, 1955, in Montgomery, Alabama, Rosa Parks was arrested and jailed for refusing to give up her seat on the bus for a white man. Her courageous act of protest was considered the spark that ignited the Civil Rights Movement of Desegregation.

Attorney Prince Chambliss, a member of our Men’s class, shared a personal life story, of his wife Pat, who was a childhood friend to one of the little girls who died in the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham Alabama on Sept. 15, 1963. Pat was to attend church that Sunday with her friend, but because of white supremacist terrorists having threats on Dr. King’s life, who was the preacher of that church, Pat’s parents were afraid, so they said, “ No” to the invitation. Pat’s little friend died that day and we are blessed that we have Pat with us, today. “God is so good”.

Kim Wicks and Kayla Ores gave the history on the Voting Rights Act Amendment XV of the US Constitution that was passed in 1869 and ratified in 1870. Participants, in the Civil Rights Voting March to Selma, Alabama, were beaten by troopers. Jim Crow, created poll taxes, literacy tests and Klansmen scare tactics, to deny blacks their fundamental rights, until President LB Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act into law in 1965. Although, the Voting Rights Act passed, it was not enforced in the south, where black population was high. The black vote, just as today, threatens the political status quo.



3.18.18 Annual Missionary Day



2.24.18 Minister Spouses Around the World Tea



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Monthly Greenwood Updates

- ⇒ April 1 Easter —Sunrise Worship Service 7am/ Breakfast 8a/
Easter Program 9a/Worship Service 10:30a
- ⇒ April 7 Women’s Ministry Trip/NED mtg. Martin Memorial
Temple CME 9a/Missionary Workshop 10a
- ⇒ April 10 Church Conference 6p
- ⇒ April 14 NED Stewardess Annual Day, Martin Temple 10a
- ⇒ April 17 Fourth Quarterly Conference 6:30p
- ⇒ April 21 Ushers Workshop 11a/WTR BOCE & Lay Ministry
Training Day, New Hope Henning, TN 9a
- ⇒ April 22 VBS staff Meeting after Worship Service
- ⇒ April 28 Rust College Banquet 7p
- ⇒ April 29 Church Anniversary/ Family & Friends Day

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www.greenwoodcme.com

Were you There ?

