

# ALL NATIONS CONNECT

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## IMPORTANT DATES

**Women's History Month**  
March 1-31

**Sabbath, March 7**  
**Guest Speaker:**  
Elder Gayle White

**Thursday, March 12**  
7:00 p.m. – Board Meeting

**Sabbath, March 21**  
**Guest Speaker:**  
Jeanice Warden Washington  
Potluck

**Friday, March 28**  
12:00 p.m. – Memorial Service  
for Gwendolyn Meridith

## PASTOR'S CORNER

Hey All Nations family! Something new is cooking! Yes, I'm excited about our shed project moving forward (see that section in the newsletter). I'm excited about our new members, as well as our recent chili cook off social. I'm excited about our new newsletter! I believe it will be an additional tool to help us stay connected as a church family. However, what I'm really excited about is what God has been doing at our church. He's been answering our prayers, He's been our comforter, our healer, our provider, and our all in all. Prayer and supplication has taken a prominent role in our church.



EUSTACE A. LAURIE III, *Pastor*

Despite the insanity of our world today, God still continues to show us that He is alive and well. In Psalm 139: 5-14, the psalmist reminds us that God encircles us, places His hand on us, He's omniscient, He's omnipresent, He turns darkness into light, and we can praise Him because we are fearfully and wonderfully made. Enjoy the first issue of our new church newsletter. ●

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The chili cook-off made its return for the first time in several years.



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# ANC'S CHILI COOK-OFF RETURNS WITH FOOD, FUN, AND FELLOWSHIP

BY MAURICE WHITE

Last month, our church hosted a lively chili cook-off that brought together about 50 people—both young and old. Five talented members entered their chili into the contest showcasing their culinary skills. After much anticipation, Charisse Palmer took home the first-place honor, followed closely by Larry McGee in second place, and Debbi Lewis in third place.

The event was filled with laughter and camaraderie as everyone enjoyed playing Bingo and engaging in various group games, ensuring a fun time was had by all.

Thank you to all who joined in the fun and to those who helped set up and clean after the event. ●



## MAURY D. JACKSON VISITS ANC

BY DAKOTA WHITE AND ARAYA MOSS

Last month, Maury D. Jackson, D.Min. Chair, Pastoral Studies Department and Associate Professor Practical Theology, HMS Richards Divinity School of La Sierra University, spoke at ANC for Black History Month celebration Sabbath.

His message, entitled “Family Formation, Social Deformation, and Faithful Reform” highlighted those three key points. He implored ANC to challenge surface reading of the Bible, discern God’s presence amid clutter, and apply lessons to contemporary issues in our personal lives.

Dr. Jackson is an ordained minister of the Adventist church. He researches, writes, and teaches in the area of practical theology. He studies the practical arts of preaching and the church’s pastoral vocation to the larger community, i.e., reconciliation of communities that struggle with racism, sexism, classism...etc.



*Maury D. Jackson*

To watch the February 14 livestream, visit [youtube.com/@allnationsdachurch5618](https://youtube.com/@allnationsdachurch5618). ●



# BUILDING FOR MINISTRY

Shed remodel multipurpose space

## Why this project matters

Our existing 569 sq. ft. storage shed will be thoughtfully remodeled into a multipurpose ministry space—allowing us to better support worship, learning, fellowship, and outreach using space we already have. This project strengthens our ability to serve our church family and surrounding community in more effective and welcoming ways.

## How this space will be used

- Worship team & music ministry rehearsal space
- Ministry meetings and small group gatherings
- Future community food pantry storage

ESTIMATED COST  
**\$150,000**

A 20% contingency will be budgeted for.

## Funding Plan (a combination of):

- Church reserves
- Loan from the Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
- Charitable donations



## LEARN MORE

[allnationsmonrovia.org/capital-improvement](http://allnationsmonrovia.org/capital-improvement)

Questions? Contact David Hall or Dakota White.

# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

MARY N. BERMUDEZ

Mary began attending All Nations in October 2024, seeking to reconnect with her faith and find peace. She became a member in January 2025.

She grew up in the Adventist church, where her father served as an elder and her mother as a deaconess. Her daughter, Jolleen, inspired her to return to God and her faith. Her son, Dylan, also attends on occasion.

Mary owns her own CPA firm and works as a tax professional. In her free time, she enjoys walking her dogs, cooking with Jolleen,



Left to right: Mary with her children Dylan and Jolleen.

traveling, and spending time with family. At home, she cares for what she lovingly calls “the zoo”—two dogs, five cats, and one fish!

Her favorite verse is: “With God, all things are possible.” — Matthew 19:26

We’re so thankful Mary is part of the All Nations family! ●

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2	Michael Roberts
3	Jo Ann Dave
3	Arica Henderson
5	Andrea Boyd
5	Ana Marie Dichoso
6	Zuri O'Balles
15	Minnie Scott
18	Sonia Williams

Special congratulations to Minnie Scott, who is turning 100 years old this month! May the Lord continue to bless you.

## SABBATH SCHOOL

**9:30 a.m.** – In-person/Zoom Sabbath School

Zoom ID: 960 6089 1296  
Passcode: 145041 or  
Mobile number: +1 669 444 9171

For more info, text:  
Al (626) 826-2144

**10:00 a.m.** – Children's Sabbath School (fellowship hall)

## PRAYER MEETING



- **Wednesday evening in-person/Zoom prayer and Bible study**

- 7:00-7:30 p.m. – prayer time
- 7:30-8:00 p.m. – Bible study

Meeting ID: 966 6378 2914

Passcode: 128620 or

Mobile number: +1 669 444 9171

- **Friday night prayer**

- 7:00 p.m. every Friday

ZOOM ID: 690 357 0732

Passcode: 327648

- **Women in prayer** – 7:30 p.m. every first and third Friday

ZOOM ID: 815 2275 1305

Passcode: 128205



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