



Atlanta Metro Life!

From Pastor Paige



Hey Family!

As we inch closer to Christmas there's always excitement in the air. The entire atmosphere seems to be enveloped in festive ambiance. Christmas trees in your fav department store. Festive music on your apple or Spotify playlist. Even Elder Danny sent me a Christmas movie link of a guy that looks like me! It truly is a wonderful time of the year. As I think

about how much anticipation there is for Christmas to come, I think about how much anticipation there is for Christ to come. I know we've been waiting a while, but keep your anticipation up! As Luke 12:35-40 says,

"Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, 36 like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him"

Stay ready family!

Happy Holidays,

Pastor Paige

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(THIS AUTHOR, INA OGDON, WROTE A POEM THE SUMMER OF 1912 WHEN HER FATHER WAS INJURED IN AN AUTO ACCIDENT AND SHE LEARNED A POWERFUL LESSON.)



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History is Every Month
and so is Black History



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SATURDAY**





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AMERICAN HISTORY IS BLACK HISTORY
“MODERN COMMUNICATION - THE CELL PHONE”
Adapted from CBM Newswire & Wikipedia

Dr. Henry T. Sampson, Jr., a living legacy will be remembered during a memorial service planned at Rolling Hills Covenant Church (North Campus) in Rolling Hills Estates, CA on July 11, 2015.



Sampson remembers a career day at Morehouse College that changed his life and, “Contrary to what you read on the Internet, I did not invent the cell phone,” but was a pioneer in the technology now used in cell phones.

Sampson’s journey from Jackson, Mississippi to West Lafayette occurred thanks to the intervention of an unknown Purdue graduate. “I was attending Morehouse in Atlanta. I went to Senior Career Day even though I was a sophomore. I spoke to a Pfizer rep, a Purdue grad who bragged about Purdue. I worked in Chicago that summer and took a bus to West Lafayette to check out Purdue. It was love at first sight,” recalled Sampson.

Purdue prepared Sampson, “Excellent. Everything I know about chemical engineering I learned at Purdue.” While a Purdue student, Sampson was instrumental in establishing the Omega Psi Phi fraternity chapter at the university earning his Bachelor’s Degree.

From 1956-61, Sampson worked as a research chemical engineer at the U.S. Naval Weapons Center, China Lake, Calif., in high-energy solid propellants and case-bonding materials for solid-rocket motors.

“The U.S. Naval Ordinance Test Station was a godsend. When I graduated from Purdue, I found many companies would not hire an African American engineer,” stated Sampson.

Background from Wikipedia

Henry Thomas Sampson was born on April 22, 1934, in Jackson, Mississippi, to Henry T. Sampson Sr. and Esther B. (Ellis) Sampson. [2][3] He graduated from Jackson's Lanier High School in 1951. He then attended Morehouse College in Atlanta, before transferring to Purdue University, where he became a member of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity. He received a Bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Purdue University in 1956.[4] He graduated with an MS degree in engineering from the University of California, Los Angeles, in 1961. Sampson also received an MS in Nuclear Engineering from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign in 1965, and his PhD in 1967. He was the first African American to earn a PhD. in nuclear engineering in the United States.[5]

More details below the January 2026 Issue of Atlanta Metro Life



Community Service Plans:

As this New Year begins, we want this upcoming year to be filled with Hope, Health, Help, and Love shown through our open hands to serve. We want to ensure that we continue to serve our community and members, giving everyone the chance to get more involved.

Community Services needs a team so we can plan and organize service projects more efficiently and be better steward of our time. If you would like to join the Community Service Team, please give me a call at 404-263-8492. Whether it's with organizing donations, planning one of the projects, or marketing so we can get the community involved, we welcome anyone who would like to help.



The following projects are the goal for this year:

- Create 20 flood/emergency buckets to donate to families in a crisis/natural disaster.



- School Supply Drive
- Health Fair
- Fall Festival
- Can Goods Drive
- Blankets for Biscuits
- Toiletries Kits

Again, we would like to say thank you to everyone who supported the Community Service Ministry last year. Praise God for our loving church family! It takes the congregation as a whole to support and uplift the community around us, and I am excited about what God has in-store for us in the upcoming year!

Be blessed,
Serita Walker
Community Service Ministry Leader





“Running For Freedom, A Series.

(Online Guide Magazine)

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Hi, Marika,” Julia greeted. “Since the teacher isn’t here yet, we want to ask you something that’s been bothering us.” It was early. The school bell hadn’t rung yet. Thirteen-year-old Marika faced her two classmates, Ágnes and Julia, who had come strutting across the room. Both girls’ faces showed that they were up to no good. Marika’s tummy tensed at Julia’s words. Ever since an illness had held her back a grade, she’d felt uncomfortable around classmates. Whenever they whispered or pointed in her direction, she felt sure they were making fun of her for being in seventh grade with her sister, Ilona, who was a year younger. “What is it?” she asked. “Did I do something?” Julia elbowed the other girl to speak up too. Ágnes moved forward, closing the gap between herself and Marika. “We’re just wondering why we never see you or your sisters in church on Sundays,” Ágnes asked. “Doesn’t your family go to Mass?” Marika stood silent for a moment, wondering what to say. She knew they wanted to embarrass her, to force her to confess that her family, unlike most Hungarians, was not Catholic. She wasn’t ashamed of their religion, but she didn’t want to argue about it either.

Stalling, Marika fingered one pigtail and looked out the window, pretending to think of an answer while silently asking God to give her the words. Seconds later she felt a rush of courage. She turned and looked directly into Ágnes’ steel-gray eyes. “We never go to Mass because we aren’t Catholic. But we do go to church every week on the Sabbath. That’s Saturday.” “Saturday?” the girls said in unison. They gave each other puzzled looks, shaking their heads in disbelief. Ágnes leaned closer, backing Marika against the

chalkboard.

“Why would you do that?” she demanded.

“It’s stupid to go to church on Saturday!

That’s when everyone works! My papa works every Saturday in his grocery store, all day long. Don’t you know you’re supposed to go to church on Sunday? The priest says so!”

Marika felt her courage fading. She glanced at the classroom door, hoping to see the teacher entering. But the door remained closed while the other students busily talked in small groups. Even Ilona was busy and hadn’t seen what was happening. Only God could help her.

Finally she decided to ignore Ágnes and focus on Julia, who wasn’t acting as mean.

“My family is Seventh-day Advent-ist. We honor the Sabbath because that’s what God’s Word says to do. You can read it for yourself.” Julia looked doubtful, but she pulled on her friend’s sleeve to make her step back. “Come on, Ágnes, let’s go. The teacher will be here any minute.” As they turned to leave, Ágnes gave Marika one last defiant stare.

“I’m going to look that up,” she challenged, “even though I know you’re wrong.”

Relieved that the incident was over, Marika nodded and found her seat. Besides worshipping on Saturday, she wondered how she could explain that her family’s faith was different from other religions in many ways. For Marika and her family, religion was a lifestyle, not something done only at church once each week.

(Continued Below Newsletter)



“PRAISE AND WORSHIP”

PRAISE & WORSHIP

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YOU MAY FEEL THAT PRAISE & WORSHIP IS JUST ABOUT THE SINGING, THE CLAPPING, REJOICING AND THAT'S PART OF IT BUT ITS ABOUT SO MUCH MORE.

"GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO MUSIC"

*SING TO THE LORD, FOR HE HAS DONE GLORIOUS THINGS" (ISAIAH 12:5)

*SING AND MAKE MUSIC FROM YOUR HEART TO THE LORD" (EPHESIANS 5:19)

_____ Bernita L. Long, Praise Team Leader





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STORY BEHIND THE SONG: “BRIGHTEN THE CORNER”

The year was 1913. Homer Rodeheaver makes his way to the platform in the tabernacle at Columbus, Ohio. The crowd of five thousand anticipates the excitement yet to come. To begin this evening of meeting with God, Homer has chosen a new song written because of a car accident.

Ina Ogdon had plans to speak that summer of 1912 at Chautauqua, a Methodist camp in western New York. Just days before her departure, her father was injured in an automobile accident. Choosing to care for her father, the potential audience of 10,000 became an audience of one. Through her despair and disappointment, she was finally able to make up her mind that no matter what, she would learn to brighten the corner where God had placed her. She prayed that God would give her a way to encourage others to face life's problems with the right attitude. The answer was a poem.

Homer stands in the Billy Sunday tabernacle in Ohio with trombone in hand. At the first notes, the dust rises from the sawdust floor as thousands jump to their feet. Then, the air fills with the musical sounds and words of Ina Ogdon's song from a poem written that fateful summer of 1912. For the next 22 years, "Brighten the Corner" would open every Billy Sunday meeting and become the theme song for the Sunday campaigns

Mrs. Ogdon thought she would reach thousands that summer; but instead, she has reached millions. More than 25 million copies of her song have been printed. Billy and Homer gave the song to over 100 million in the 200 tabernacles they built across America. Even now, I share the song as I do the "Billy Sunday Story" in churches. This proves once again, what Dr Al Smith once said "God's ways aren't always our ways, but they're the best ways."

Do not wait until some deed of greatness you may do,
Do not wait to shed your light afar,
To the many duties ever near you now be true,
Brighten the corner where you are.

Just above are clouded skies that you may help to clear,
Let not narrow self your way debar,
Tho' into one heart alone may fall your song of cheer,
Brighten the corner where you are.

Refrain

Brighten the corner where you are!
Brighten the corner where you are!
Someone far from harbor you may guide across the bar,
Brighten the corner where you are.

Let your light so shine before men,
that they may see your good works,
and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Matthew 5:1

THIS MONTH'S NEWS

We are Family in 2026

FORGIVENESS

MERCY

KINDNESS

SACRIFICE

Celebrating the Birthdays and Anniversaries of our members -

Happy Birthday – January

Birthdays'

**Ruth Reeves	Jan	8
**Regina Pearson	Jan	13
**Jaleesa Clark	Jan	23

Let us celebrate your wedding anniversary with you; send dates to admin@atlmetrodda.org

January Anniversary(s)

PRAYER MEETING: WED. 7:30 PM

Zoom Meeting ID: 853-4344-3792

Passcode: 540222

Church Calendar - 2026

Religious Liberty - 1/10/26

Stewardship - TBD

Women's Ministry - May 2026

Night of Praise - May 2026

VBS - July 2026

School Supply Drive - July 2026

Praise & Paint - Sept 2026

Fall Festival - 10/11/26

Blankets for Biscuits - Oct. 2026

Holiday Can Drive (Nov./ Dec.)

Really Living Bible Study Team; Bible Study Training - look for details about classes in a later issue.

Great Bible Courses - You can "Study" or invite someone to study! bibleschools.com/en/165



Pray for **The Unreached People Groups** around the world, get more info at joshuaproject.net.

Community Services - 2026

You want to join the Team, Please call Serita at 404-263-8492. The focus of Community Services during the first quarter will be learning and getting to know the families in our area and their needs.

Community Services needs a team so we can plan and organize service projects more efficiently and be better steward of our time. If you would like to join the Community Service Team, please give me a call. Whether it's with organizing donations, planning one of the projects, or marketing so we can get the community involved, we welcome anyone who would like to help.

What Has Been A Blessing? Email your thoughts on what has been a blessing, or not to admin@atlmetrodda.org

"Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."

1 CORINTHIANS 15:58

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