Communion Sunday
November 17, 2019

2019 Theme: “Year of the Stretch”

"Stretch out your hand" Mark 3:5

Church Vision: The vision of GLZBC is to reach the unsaved with the saving message of Jesus Christ. Matthew 28:19-20

Church Mission: The mission of GLZBC is to lead everyone to a full life of development in Christ. Luke 4:18-19

Rev. Dr. James T. Murphy, Jr., Pastor
E-mail: James.T.Murphy@glzbc.org
Worship on the Lord’s Day
7:45 a.m. Service

Music Leaders
Musician …………. Bishop Dr. Paul Taylor and Min. Keith Exum
Minister of Music ……………………………… Bro. Robert Fairchild

Call to Worship …………………………………………………………………………………..

Invocation †† ………………………………………………………………………………….. Minister

Musical Selection (2) …………………………….. GLZ Church Choir

The Spoken Word/Sermon ……………. Rev. Dr. James T. Murphy, Jr.

Invitation to Salvation ……………….. Rev. Dr. James T. Murphy, Jr.

Worship of Giving/Prayer ……………….. Board of Directors/Deacons

(Bring prayer request as well with offering)

Welcoming of Visitors …………………… Greeter’s Ministry

Announcements …………………………………………………………………………………..

Pastoral Prayer …………………….. Rev. Dr. James T. Murphy, Jr.

Holy Communion …………………….. Rev. Dr. James T. Murphy, Jr.

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In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Sermon Notes

Message Notes 7:45 a.m.
Scripture (s):
Sermon Text:
Worship on the Lord’s Day
10:45 a.m. Service

Music Leaders
Musician .......................................................... Min. Keith Exum
Minister of Music ................................. Bro. Robert Fairchild

Praise and Worship ..........................................................

Call to Worship ..........................................................

Congregational Hymn #264 ................................. At the Cross
Worshippers may enter

Invocation ✫ ✫ ............................................................. Minister

Musical Selection ........................................... GLZ Church Choir

Welcoming of Visitors ........................................ Greeter’s Ministry

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Message Notes 10:45 a.m.
Scripture (s):
Sermon Text:
**Black History Moment...**

**CLARA HALE: “TELL THEM HOW GREAT THEY ARE”**

Clara Hale was much more than a mother, a wife and businesswoman. She was a great humanitarian, a champion of the principles of self-determination and a caregiver of all caregivers. Through her devotion to her own three children she was inspired to reach out to others in her community who were in need of nurturing. She's the founder of Hale House, one of the first facilities for addicted children. She eventually helped over 2,000 drug addicted babies and young children who were born addicted to drugs, children born with HIV, and children whose parents had died of AIDS. It was simple, she said; “hold them, rock them, love them and tell them how great they are.”

Clara Hale was born Clara McBride on April 1, 1905, in Elizabeth City, North Carolina. She was raised in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Her father was killed when she was very young. When Hale was sixteen years old her mother passed away, leaving her completely orphaned. She finished high school on her own and then married Thomas Hale. The couple moved to New York. There her husband ran a business and went to college while Hale worked as a janitor. They were married only a few years when Thomas died of cancer, leaving the young widow with three small children to support.

Hale cleaned houses and continued her job as a janitor, laboring day and night to make ends meet. Eventually she abandoned those jobs to spend more time with her children, Lorraine, Nathan, and Kenneth. She opened her home for childcare, initially keeping the children while their parents worked during the day. The youngsters in Hale’s care, many of whose parents worked as live-in domestics, became extremely attached to Hale and her family. They preferred to live all week at the Hale’s residence and stay with their own families only on the weekends.

Children came and went from the Hale residence. Her own children grew to consider each newcomer as one more sibling. Hale told Parade’s Tom Seligson, “My daughter says she was almost sixteen before she realized all these other kids weren’t her real sisters and brothers. Everyone called me ‘Mommy.’” In 1940, Hale acquired a license to take foster children into her home. She reared some 40 members of this extended family into adulthood and sent each into the world armed with a healthy dose of self-esteem. In time, Hale’s foster children grew up to have children of their own. She regarded them as her own grandchildren. Indeed, Hale raised so many children as her own that accounts of the size of her natural family vary from source to source, although most mention one daughter, one son, and an adopted son. What is known for certain is that her family fared well. Her daughter, Lorraine, earned a Ph.D. in child development and became the executive director of Hale House. Hale continued to provide foster care for over 25 years. When she retired in 1968 she could not have foreseen that her most notable endeavor, the founding of Hale House, was yet to begin.

Hale’s House started in 1969 when Clara Hale’s biological daughter, Lorraine, brought a mother and child who were addicted to drugs to Hale’s home. She later got a home license as a “child care facility” in 1970, called the Hale House. A few years later Hale purchased a larger building, a “5 story home so there could be more space and more room to fit more” and in 1975 she was able to attain a license in child-care. It was officially known as Hale House. After that time, Hale devoted her life to caring for needy children. She took in children, free of charge, who were addicted to drugs and helped them through their addictive periods. She would raise the children as if they were her own and once they were healthy she would help to find families interested in adoption. She took it upon herself to make sure the families were a correct fit and even in some cases turned families down if she thought they could not provide a good enough home for the child.

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**Bro. Earnest Blake – Health & Healing - Lakeland, FL (Sis. Carmen Holt's father)**

**Mother Evelyn Briggs – Health & Healing (Sis. LaTrelle, Bros. Jimmie & Mark Barber's mother)**

**Bro. Charles Bodenhamer**

**Sis. Jodonna Brewton – Healing (Sis. Joyce Moseley)**

**Sis. Janice Bufkin – Health & Healing, ICU – Pittsburgh, PA (Sis. Jackie Lawrence’s mother)**

**Sis. Trinity Caaffey - Health & Healing (Sis. Joyce Moseley’s great niece)**

**Sis. Charity Collins – Health & Healing (Sis. Brenda Perkins-Johnson’s mother)**

**Bro. Ted & Sis. Annie Davis – Health & Healing**

**Sis. Mary Evans – Health & Healing (Sis. Karen Talley’s mother)**

**Sis. Exum – Health & Healing (Min. Keith Exum’s mother)**

**Min. Keith Exum – strength as he cares for his mother**

**Sis. Annette Fletcher - Health & Healing**

**Sis. LaTasha Fulmer-Davis - Health & Healing (Sis. Joyce Moseley’s cousin)**

**Mother Ruth Garrett - Health & Healing**

**Sis. Yetta Howard - Health & Healing (Sis. Yedetta Felton’s sister)**

**Sis. Carolyn Hunt - Health & Healing (Friend of Sis. Jean & Dea. Don Newton)**

**Sis. Beverly Jones – Health & Healing**

**Bro. Leonard Johnson - Health & Healing (Sis. Brenda Perkins-Johnson’s husband)**

**Sis. Lola King - Health & Healing – (Sis. Inshirah Simelton’s godmother)**

**Bro. Julius Lewis – Health & Healing**

**Sis. Christel Lipscomb - Health & Healing (Sis. Malinda Paige’s sister)**

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**Mourning the loss of a loved one**

**Sis. Crystal Thomas & Family (Death of her father, Bro. Joshua Thomas)**

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**Mother Ruth Garrett – Health & Healing**

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become virtually consumed by the effort to instill hope and to inject healing into the lives of addicted parents in Harlem. The dedicated family worked day and night to support their cause. Mother Hale kept the frailest of the infants in her own bedroom, cradling them and walking the floors all night when necessary to comfort each one through the painful experience of detoxification. The younger Hales took as many jobs as was necessary to bring in the funds to support the many, many children who came into their home. “It wasn’t their fault they were born addicted. Love them. Help one another,” Hale explained to others, as quoted in the Chicago Tribune.

It is not difficult to understand why those who knew Hale adopted the appellation of “Mother” when referring to her. It is difficult to comprehend the extraordinary sense of love and commitment that must have driven Hale to suffer with these babies. Keeping the babies clean and fed, a maxim at Hale House, must have been a burden by itself.

Many were premature and sickly. Some had become addicted to heroin in the womb. The babies often suffered from shaking fits and shivering. They would scratch at their own bodies and make themselves bleed. By far the majority of babies were born addicted to crack cocaine.

Developmental delays and passivity were commonplace symptoms among the babies at Hale House. The detoxification process took weeks, and Mother Hale strictly refused to administer drug therapies to her youngsters. Instead she comforted them through their withdrawals with personal care and compassion. “We hold them and touch them,” are often quoted words from Hale, as noted in the New York Times. She continued: “They love you to tell them how great they are, how good they are. Somehow, even at a young age, they understand that.” Many of the youngsters were withdrawn in their behavior, but Hale had a knack for bolstering fragile egos by providing the children with persistent verbal reinforcement, hugs, and smiles.

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By 1984 Hale House had acquired a staff of seven college-educated care-givers along with a license to house fifteen children and a reputation for never refusing a child. In an interview with the Los Angeles Times’ Beverly Beyette, Mother Hale confessed that she would defy the authorities, but never would she leave a child in need. “Sometimes we have 30 or 40 [children],” she confessed. “[When inspectors come by] we hide them. They say, ‘Oh, Mother Hale, don’t you give us any trouble.’” Many of the children were referred by public agencies, including the police and hospitals. Others were simply

The founding of Hale House coincided closely with the growing number of AIDS patients. This deadly and incurable virus can be easily passed among drug addicts who share needles. The virus can also be passed from mother to infant. Very little was known about the disease or its treatment at that time, but Hale courageously accepted and cared for children who were known to be infected with the AIDS virus, loving and nurturing them the same as all the others.

The parents of Hale House children were offered counseling and assistance in finding housing. The goal of Hale House was to reunite the families by teaching the parents to shoulder the responsibilities of life. In order to be reunited, addicted parents were required to participate in a rehabilitation program of approximately 18 months in duration. During that time they were required to maintain contact with their children via weekly visitation. It is a testament to the success of the program that in 1989, after 20 years of operation, only 12 of the many hundreds of children who had passed through the doors of Hale House had had to be placed for adoption. Wayward youths and other addicts also received help and direction to lead useful lives.

Mother Hale was honored by President Reagan during his State of the Union address in 1985. She was invited to Washington, D.C., where she was seated next to Mrs. Reagan during the speech when the President introduced her as “a true American hero.” She received the applause of the Supreme Court and Congress with her characteristic humility. In 1989, she was honored with the Harry S. Truman Award for Public Service.

She died of complications of a stroke December 18, 1992 at the age of 87. According to Rev. Dr. James A. Forbes, Jr., Senior Minister at Riverside Church where she and her family were members, “She left instructions that there be no sad funerals.” Her funeral took place on December 23 with over 2,000 people in attendance.

Hale was honored many times during her life. Despite the accolades, throughout the years, Mother Hale’s thoughts were always with the needy children who were brought to her for assistance. In 1986, she told Herschel Johnson of Ebony that, “I’d like for it to go down in history that we taught our children to be proud Black American citizens, and that they learned they could do anything, and that they could do it for themselves.”

https://blackdoctor.org/514812/clara-hale-tell-them-how-great-they-are/
Announcements

TCSTM Presents Healthy Habits For November

Train for a Turkey Trot

Make every workout count by signing up for a walk or run at the end of the month. When you focus on performance, you're more likely to be satisfied with your training and push harder to achieve your goals. **Cut the Size!** This month is all about portion control. If it's on the unhealthy side, cut its portion at least once per meal.

- Lung Cancer Awareness Month (White)
- Carcinoid Cancer Awareness Month (Zebra Stripe)
- National Family Caregivers Month (Plum)
- Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month (Purple)
- Stomach Cancer Awareness Month®* (Periwinkle)

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Prayer Meeting
Wednesdays from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Bible Study
Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Leadership Training
Leadership Class: Deacon-Elect Joanne Johnson-O'Neal
Topic: Attitude
Book: *The Difference Maker (Making Your Attitude Your Greatest Asset)*
Author: John C. Maxwell
Date: Every 3rd Wednesday
Place: Greater Little Zion Baptist Church, Fellowship Hall
Time: 7:30 p.m. thru 8:30 p.m.

- All ministry leaders and members, please come out and bring a friend!

GLZBC Nurses’ Ministry
The Nurses’ Ministry will be taking blood pressure screening every 5th Sunday. All nurses are needed.
Thank you!
Bro. Jimmie Barber and Deacon Terri Bazemore

Missionary Ministry Meeting
The Missionary Ministry will be holding a brief meeting on today, November 17th after the 7:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. services.
Location: To the left of the church sanctuary
We need to elect new officers.
POC: Brenda Allen

Announcements

Fish and Wings Fundraiser
The MOMPA fundraiser scheduled for today, November 17th has been cancelled. The next fundraiser event will be Sunday, December 1st. Thank you!

2020 Church Officers
Please submit your 2020 Officers to the Admin Office no later than November 18, 2019. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

2020 Church Calendar
Please submit your 2020 activities, meetings and events for the church calendar to the Admin Office no later than November 18, 2019. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Bible Study
Bible Study is cancelled for Wednesday, November 27, 2019.

Office Closed
In observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday, the Admin Office will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 27th and 28th.

Thanksgiving Day Service
November 28, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.
Come let us give thanks for God’s bountiful blessing given to us.

Christmas Baskets
Submissions for the Christmas Baskets for GLZBC Members and Non-members
**Deadline to Submit Names: December 8, 2019**
Pickup: December 21st between 10:00 a.m. and Noon
Please submit your request to the Admin Office.
Please submit the recipient’s name, valid address, telephone number and number of people living in the household to the Admin Office.
POC: Missionary Ministry

Executive Council Meeting
Monday, December 16, 2019 at 7:00 PM

Annual Church Meeting
Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall
Because we did not have a quorum on November 2nd for our 3rd Quarter Church Meeting, this will be a combined meeting. We will cover 3rd quarter business, 2020 Church Budget and 2020 Church Officers.
Please arrive early so we can start on time.
Announcements

Annual Christmas Program
Bishop Paul and Pastor Lynn Taylor & the Congregation of
LIVING WATER WORSHIP CENTER CHURCH
Invite you to their
~ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM~
Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 3:00 PM
16211 Lee Highway – Gainesville, VA 20155

Food Collection for the Haymarket Regional Food Pantry
The Living Water Worship Center Church is partnering with three businesses in the Northern Va. area to collect food for the Haymarket Regional Food Pantry in Haymarket, Va. If you would like to help, you are welcome to join us in this effort by bringing a canned food along with you on December 14th at 3:00 p.m. at the Living Water Worship Center Church Christmas celebration at 16211 Lee Highway, Gainesville, Va. If you would like to send in a donation for this event, please make the checks payable to Living Water Worship Center (LWWCC) Church, PO Box 883, Gainesville, Va. 20156.

Help us feed the hungry this holiday season.
Bishop Paul A. Taylor

Responding to God's Grace
UNIT 3: Faith Leads to Holy Living
Daily Bible Readings for this week: November 18, 2019
Monday Isaiah 40:6-9
Tuesday Romans 7:14-25
Wednesday Romans 13:8-10
Thursday Romans 8:1-11
Friday Galatians 5:16-26
Saturday 1 Peter 1:3-12
Sunday 1 Peter 1:13-25

GLZBC YOUTH MINISTRY PRESENTS
Youth Bible Study
November 21st
Bible Study: 7:30 - 8:30 p.m
COME JOIN US FOR A GREAT TIME IN THE WORD
ALONG WITH SOME FUN AND FELLOWSHIP.
Address: 10185 Zion Dr. Fairfax, VA 22032
Volunteers Needed

Date: November 23rd
Time: 9:30 AM - 12 PM

Greater Little Zion Baptist Church
Ministry of Music and Performing Arts
Presents
~No Ordinary Night~
For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6 NIV

Saturday, December 14, 2019
6:00 p.m.

Featuring the Ministry of Music and Performing Arts
Choirs and Praise Dancers
and
Bro. Jeffrey Corry, guest pianist

Accepting canned good donations
Location: 10185 Zion Drive, Fairfax, VA 22032
Rev. Dr. James T. Murphy, Jr., Pastor
First Baptist Church of Merrifield’s Annual Usher Day
Sunday, November 17, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.
Dinner will be served immediately after their 10:00 a.m. service in the Charles Parker Fellowship Hall (Lower Level). ~ 8122 Ransell Road, Falls Church, VA 22012
Rev. Dr. Paul Sheppard, Pastor

Mass Choir Anniversary
The Mass Choir of Third Baptist Church invites you to come help us celebrate our Third Formal Anniversary on Sunday, December 1, 2019 at three o’clock in the afternoon.
Third Baptist Church - 917 Princess Street - Alexandria, VA 22314

5th Annual Men’s Day
Community Baptist Church
Pastor Harold Howard, Sr.
Sunday, December 1, 2019 at 3:30 p.m.
10112 Community Lane, Fairfax Station, VA 22039

CAPAC Presents... Black Nativity
By Langston Hughes
Friday, December 6th at 7:30 p.m.
Location: Hylton Performing Arts Center – Merchant Hall Theater
George Mason University, 10960 George Mason Circle, Manassas, VA 20110
Ticket Prices range from $20 to $45.
Tickets available at Hylton Performing Arts Center Box Office (703) 993-7759 or www.hyltoncenter.org

Sweet Honey in the Rock
Sweet Honey in the Rock will be coming to the Center for the Arts at George Mason University on December 7th at 4 p.m. Sweet Honey in the Rock is a critically acclaimed performance ensemble derived from African American roots. Presenting “Celebrating the Holydays”, Sweet Honey will present festive holiday music. For tickets, please visit cfa.gmu.edu or call 703-993-2787.

Northern Virginia Baptist Association, Inc. Young People’s Ministry Presents
Celebrate the Birth of Christ ~ Unwrapping Your Gift
Saturday, December 21, 2019 from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Mount Pleasant Baptist Church ~ 6477 Lincolnia Road, Alexandria, VA 22312
POC: Rev. Margaret Barr (571) 278-8293

First Baptist Church of Merrifield Women’s Ministry
Invites you to travel to Lancaster, PA to see Queen Esther At Sight and Sound Theater ~ Saturday, April 4, 2020
Charter bus will depart FBCM at 9:00 AM and return at 9:00 PM.
Cost: $160.00 - Children 12 and under $100.00 (Payment plan available)
POC: Deborah Williams (703) 298-2701 or Marjorie Brown (703) 945-8882
FBCM Address: 8122 Ransell Rd, Falls Church, VA 22042 ~ (703) 560-3247
For more information go to www.glzbc.org and click on the Community Page tab.
**Weekly Schedule**

**Sunday**
7:45 and 10:45 a.m. Worship Service - Each one bring one
7:45 and 10:45 a.m. Children’s Church 1st and 3rd Sunday (OS)
8:30 a.m. Sunday School 5th Sunday - Pastor Murphy is the Adult Class facilitator
9:45 – 10:30 a.m. Sunday School - POC: Bro. Alvin Hayes, Superintendent. June – August 2019, Theme: “Jesus Institutes the New Covenant”
9:45 – 10:15 a.m. Morning Prayer period – Main Sanctuary POC: Prayer Ministry
9:45 a.m. Worship Service 5th Sunday
1:00 p.m. Pastor’s Aide Ministry Meeting 1st Sunday (FH)
1:00 p.m. Family Ministry – Family Prayer Day, 3rd Sunday upstairs in the prayer room.

**November**
2019 Family Ministry Prayer Focus - "Thankful TO GOD" Scripture: Psalm 18:1-3, Psalm 16:11 – I love you, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call to the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies. You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Focused Family Prayer: As we take this month to celebrate Veterans’ Day and Thanksgiving, let us not forget from whom all these blessings flow, for we have seen examples of how others have sacrificed through service and care in our families and communities. Let us not forget to continually pray for all those in our midst and share our thankfulness with all that we encounter this month. May unity in families be shared. THANKING GOD THROUGH PRAYERS! POCs: Deacons Anthony & Terri Bazemore

1:00 p.m. Game of Chess, Food, Fun and Fellowship, immediately after the 11:00 a.m. service, 2nd Sundays (also please see website calendar for other dates) in the Fellowship Hall. POC: Bro. Al Hayes and Sis. LaKita Jones
1:30 p.m. Christian Education Ministry Meeting 1st Sunday – POC: Sis. La Kita Jones
1:30 p.m. Cancer Support Team Meeting (CR) 2nd Sunday
1:30 p.m. Deacons Meeting 3rd Sunday (CR) POC: Deacon Anthony Bazemore
1:30 p.m. Women’s Ministry Meeting 4th Sunday (FH) – POC: Sis. Mary Grate-Pyos

**Monday**
7:00 p.m. Church Choir Rehearsal (MS) POC: Sis. Karen Talley
7:30 p.m. Women of Zion Choir Rehearsals the Monday before the 5th Sunday POS: Sis. Beverly Wrighten

**Tuesday**
6:30 p.m. Academic Enrichment (Tutoring) POC: Deacon Dr. Al Moseley
7:00 p.m. Zion Inspirational Choir Rehearsal (the Tuesday 2 weeks before the 1st Sunday) (MS) POS: Sis. Terri Williams-Henderson

**Wednesday**
6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting - A one-hour group session led by the Deacon’s Ministry. Come and pray with us. Location: Main Sanctuary, All are welcome
7:30-8:30 p.m. Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) All are welcome

**Thursday**
6:00–8:00 p.m. GLZ Praise Dancers Ministry Rehearsal (OS) POC: BOD Dolores Claytor
7:00 p.m. Men’s Bible Study 1st Thursday of the month (FH) POC: Bro. Jimmy Jones
7:00 p.m. Church Choir Rehearsal Thursday before the 3rd Sunday (MS) POS: Sis. Karen Talley
7:30 p.m. Youthful Praise of Zion Choir Rehearsal (MS) the 2 Thursdays prior to the 2nd Sunday POC: Sis. Christian Davis
8:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. GLZ Prayer Line every Thursday, Dial: (605) 313-5141 Access Code 635104# POC: Sis. Gina Colbert or Sis. Diane Ward
8:30 p.m. Young Adult Praise Team Rehearsal (MS) the 2 Thursdays prior to the 2nd Sunday POC: Sis. Kiara Mack

**Friday**
7:00 p.m. Baptism Orientation 1st Friday (CR) – POC: Rev. Estelle Chandler
7:00 p.m. Zion Inspirational Choir Rehearsal Friday before the 1st Sunday (MS) POS: Sis. Terri Williams-Henderson

**Saturday**
8:00 a.m. Male Chorus Rehearsal (MS) POC: Bro. Walter Claytor
9:30–11:00 a.m. Women’s Bible Study 2nd and 4th Saturdays (FH)
10:00 a.m. Beautification Ministry Meeting 3rd Saturdays (CR) – POC: Sis. Annie McLaurin
10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Ushers’ Ministry Adults Meeting 4th Saturday (OS) – POC: Sis. Gloria Lofton
10:00 a.m. New Member Orientation Saturday before the 2nd Sunday
11:00 a.m. Women of Zion Choir Rehearsal the Saturday before the 5th Sunday (MS) POS: Sis. Beverly Wrighten

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