

MORE RESOURCES



EJI REPORT | The lynching of African Americans was terrorism, a widely supported campaign to enforce racial subordination and segregation. *Lynching in America* documents more than 4400 racial terror lynchings between Reconstruction and World War II. Follow the QR Code to read EJI's Report about lynching in America. You can also get lesson plans for teaching the report to students.



WELCOME TO MOUNT MORIAH



Welcome to Mount Moriah! Established in 1890, this ministry has stood as a physical representation of the hope and determination of the African American spirit. It has served the community as a School, Community Center, Meeting Hall and Spiritual Anchor.

We are a Spiritual Anchor grounded in a liberation tradition operating as a Baptist community of faith.

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MOUNT MORIAH



MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Dr. Francys Johnson, Senior Pastor

Welcome to Sweet Magnolia

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."

Martin Luther King, Jr. in *Letter from Birmingham, Alabama jail*, April 16, 1963



FOR THE RECORD

As we celebrate Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life today it helps to revisit the journey taken to formally honor his legacy.

A holiday was first proposed after King's death in 1968 and 11 years later a vote failed in the House of Representatives despite support from President Jimmy Carter. But the King Center and its supporters continued to educate about the need to honor his vision. Musician Stevie Wonder joined by writing "Happy Birthday" in 1981 to further awareness and was among 500,000 who marched to Washington and presented a petition signed by 6 million. In 1983 the holiday became law and was first celebrated in 1986.

EQUAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE LEST WE FORGET

An important social justice work aimed at the essential act of "remembering" is taking shape in this area under the auspice of the Equal Justice Initiative.

This past week, the Statesboro-Bulloch Remembrance Coalition and Equal Justice Initiative hosted "Bulloch Bears Witness: Music, Memory, and Moving Forward" program hosted at Georgia Southern University's Carter Recital Hall. The program set out the ugly historical truth of lynching, related it to later and continuing forms of racial terror and injustice, and outlined a campaign of truth-telling and atonement.

In Georgia, 595 lynchings during that 73-year span, the second most of any state, after Mississippi, were enumerated by EJI's research. Pastor Johnson and this Church are committed to this social justice work. A trip to EJI in Montgomery is being planned.



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Church Covenant

GOD'S WORK HERE AMONG AND THROUGH US

Living out the Christian faith Together

LEADER: Having been led, as we believe by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior and, on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do now in the presence of God, and this assembly host solemnly and joyfully enters into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

RESPONSE: We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this Church in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the Church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

LEADER: We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions, to bring up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger; to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior.

RESPONSE: We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember one another in prayer; to aid one another in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and Christian courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Savior to secure it without delay.

TOGETHER: We moreover engage that when we remove from this place, we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.



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UNDERSTANDING THE SEASONS

The liturgical calendar is a yearly cycle that corresponds to the life of Jesus from His birth to His resurrection, and then to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

Epiphany - while many know it as the day marking 12 days after Christmas and the time to take down the Christmas tree and decorations, it's actually a holiday with significant meaning. Let's take a look at the origin and traditions of this holiday today.

Epiphany means "appearance or manifestation." Throughout the world, Christians celebrate it on January 6 - 12 days after Christmas Day. Many countries refer to it as "Three Kings Day." On this day, Western Christianity recognizes Christ's manifestation to the Gentiles. The Gentiles, represented when The Magi visited the child Jesus and showed how God's gift of the Good News is for all people. Eastern Christianity observes Jesus' baptism on this day. His baptism revealed his identity to mankind. In the East or the West, Epiphany celebrates God revealing himself to the world.

The Church Year begins at Advent. From then, through Pentecost, Christians concentrate on the life and work of Christ. For the rest of the year—Pentecost to Advent—the church year focuses on the teachings of Christ and the applications to the Christian life. The ultimate purpose of the church calendar ensured that Christians covered the entire breadth and depth of the Gospel in the course of a year. The six-month period from Advent to Pentecost covers all six major events: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost.

● ● ● ABOUT THE COVER | A digital image of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Read more on the King Philosophy at <https://bit.ly/3DcyZTF>

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Order of Service

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

A Sunday to Remember Martin Luther King, Jr.

January 22, 2023 | 11:30 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Teacher - Deacon David Williams

Lesson Text: Isaiah 58:6-10; Time of Action: between 700 and 695 B.C.; Place of Action: Jerusalem. Golden Text: "And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noonday" (Isaiah 58:10).

CALL TO WORSHIP

Gospel Medley including *I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me*, Doxology, Church Covenant as a Responsive Reading, and *Let the Words of My Mouth* as the Response.

Mount Moriah will utilize all our resources to provide a Christ-centered setting where people in this community can be redeemed to a personal relationship with Christ, reconciled to God and his people, restored to wholeness, to well-being, and revived for a full life involved in service to others. In this church, everyone is welcomed and affirmed. In this community, you can be redeemed, reconciled, restored, and revived.

SERVICE OF LIGHTS

What Shall I Render

Today, we acknowledge the life and legacy of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King. Both were modern-day prophets who

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Fight On

Offertory Claim - *I am a consistent Tither, a Bountiful Sower, and a Cheerful Giver. I have confessed my sins; therefore GOD rebukes the Devourer for my Sake, and GOD makes all Grace abound toward me!* Malachi 3:1-11 and II Corinthians 9:5-8

SONG OF PREPARATION

Completely Yes

THE PREACHED WORD

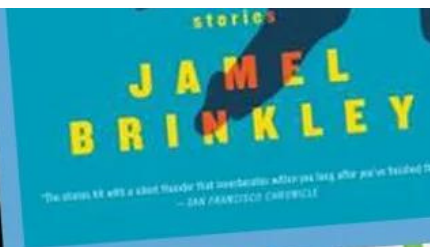
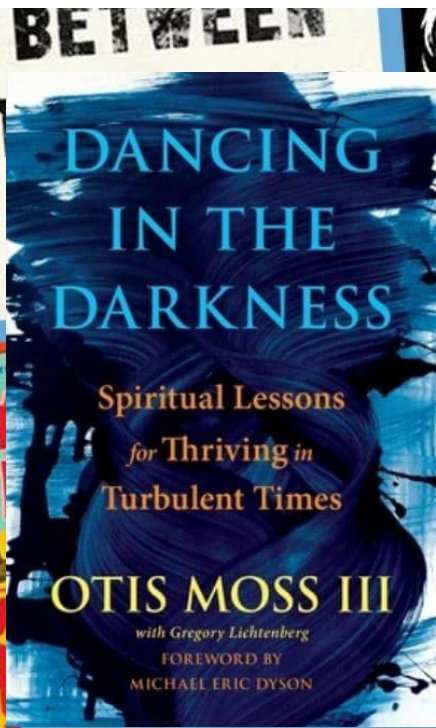
Rev. Dr. Francys Johnson

Behold, Here Cometh the Dreamer

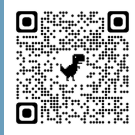
BENEDICTION

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13

Lectionary: Isaiah 9:1-4 • Psalm 27:1, 4-9 • 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 • Matthew 4:12-23



A guide to uplift our spirits as we work for justice in these politically turbulent times--from Reverend Otis Moss, III, Senior Pastor at Chicago's Trinity United Church of Christ and one of the country's most renowned and beloved spiritual and civil rights leaders.



Actionable SWOT

	Helpful	Harmful
Internal	<p>STRENGTHS</p> <p><i>How can we leverage our strengths?</i></p>	<p>WEAKNESSES</p> <p><i>How can we mitigate our weaknesses?</i></p>
External	<p>OPPORTUNITIES</p> <p><i>How do we exploit the opportunities available to us?</i></p>	<p>THREATS</p> <p><i>How can we dissolve the threats we face?</i></p>

The Actionable SWOT Analysis doesn't just ask "What IS?" – it asks the next logical question, "What do you do about it?" I firmly believe that without that question, the SWOT analysis falls flat – and does not deliver its full "punch."

Prioritize the Impact

Another way to take action on your SWOT analysis is by looking at it through the lens of priority. Ask yourself:

- Which of these strengths really helps me accomplish my goals?
- Which of these weaknesses really hurt me the most?
- Which of these opportunities (fully realized) would have the greatest positive impact?
- Which of these threats (if they came to pass) would hurt me the most?

Once you've thought through these questions, you can begin to process which actions would have the most impact.