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## In Brief

### CTC Meeting

The McCormick County Transportation Committee will meet Thursday, Jan. 17 at the McCormick County Administrator's Office at 9 a.m.

### Authors Night

Dacre Stoker will be at the McCormick County Library Thursday, Jan. 17 at 6:30 p.m. He is the great-grandnephew of Bram Stoker and the international bestselling co-author of *Dracula: The Undead*, and *The Lost Journal of Bram Stoker*.

The public is invited.

### Benefit for Shonda O'Briant

The Long Cane Academy Class of 1995 invites you to a reunion and birthday bash honoring Shonda O'Briant on Saturday, Jan. 19, 8 p.m. - midnight, at the McCormick Country Club. Entertainment will be provided by DJ Jeff Jackson. Pre-pay \$20/person or \$30 couple to <https://paypal.me/ashleyharper0215>. Tickets at the door are \$25/person or \$40 couple. All proceeds will go directly to Shonda O'Briant.

### HSMC Garage Sale

Saturday, Jan. 19, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at 210 South Mine Street (next to Huddle House on Hwy 28) in McCormick. Two buildings filled with furniture, appliances, rugs, lamps, glassware, kitchenware, lighting, linens, artwork and so much more. New items arriving daily means a huge selection of ever changing bargains! If you have any items you wish to donate, please call for pick up (864-391-5001 or email [HSMC2000@gmail.com](mailto:HSMC2000@gmail.com)). Money collected benefits the cats and dogs in the care of the Humane Society of McCormick County.

### Cat Cafe

Join the Humane Society of McCormick County for "Cat Cafe Sunday", Jan. 20 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Cat Cafe affords visitors the opportunity to visit the cat shelter, enjoy a cup of coffee or tea, and meow around with our cats and kittens. Their communal and private rooms offer you the chance to sit and play with the HSMC shelter cats, enriching not only their day but also yours! Light refreshments served. Catnip optional. For more information or directions, please call 864-391-2349.

### RWMC

The Republican Women of McCormick County's first meeting for 2019 is Monday, Jan. 21. It will be at the Talmadge Center, 219 South Main Street in McCormick. They will have a Meet-n-Greet at 10 a.m., the business meeting at 10:30 a.m. and the guest speaker will share at 11:30 a.m. Following, they will enjoy lunch in the cafe. Make reservations with Faye Hood at 864-852-9489 or [hoodannice@yahoo.com](mailto:hoodannice@yahoo.com). The guest speaker will be Diane Hardy, organizer of the Palmetto Panel Conference; which brings national experts to discuss critical issues of today. If you join or renew RWMC in January or February, you will save 10 percent (\$18 vs \$20) on your membership. Please come!

### Book Signing

Local author Allistar Banks' has written a new book, *A Colorful Balloon Ride*. It is available for purchase on Amazon and at McCaslan's Bookstore of Greenwood. Banks will be at the Chamber on Friday, Jan. 25 from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. to sign her book.

### Important Meeting

The Rev. Holloway is calling an urgent meeting on Friday, Jan. 25 at 5:30 p.m. at the McCormick County Library. This meeting is for all pastors and other concerned citizens.

Rev. Holloway's personal lobbyist has given him some concerns the citizens need to prepare for in McCormick County.

### Chamber Dinner

The Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting and Dinner will be held on Thursday, Jan. 31, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Talmadge Fitness & Wellness Center. This is a great opportunity to meet Chamber members, consider becoming a member if you are not already, and to network with your local community. Guest speaker will be Mike Ellis from the Little River Electric Company.



Chris Singleton will speak about "Building Bridges of Hope and Healing" at the McCormick Middle School gym, Saturday, Feb. 9. Singleton's mother, Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, was one of nine Charleston worshippers shot and killed three and a half years ago.

## Son of Charleston church shooting victim to talk 'hope & healing' Feb. 9

By Bob Stockton

Three and a half years ago a white supremacist shot and killed nine worshippers in a Charleston church, and the son of one of those victims will share his thoughts in five different forums in McCormick early next month.

"South Carolina and the world was shocked by the racially motivated murders of those nine people at Emanuel AME Church," said Pastor Jim Kinsler of the McCormick County Community Relations Council.

"One of those killed was the mother of Chris Singleton, and his message of hope and healing is born out of the pain and tragedy of that horrible event. Listeners will be moved to tears and inspired to action by Chris and

the timeless truth he shares," said Kinsler, Pastor of the Lutheran Church By The Lake.

Singleton is a professional baseball player but considers his "Building Bridges of Hope and Healing" a greater mission. His major appearance is as the keynote speaker at the McCormick County Community Relations Council's annual banquet at 5 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 9 at the McCormick Middle School gymnasium.

Singleton will also speak to McCormick school students on Friday, the McCormick County Ministerial Alliance at 9 a.m. Saturday at Hickory Knob State Resort, and at two churches on Sunday, 9:15 a.m. at Lutheran Church By The Lake and 11 a.m. at Shiloh AME.



## Historical Tour set for Feb. 3

Award winning historian Jenny Kelly will conduct a tour of historic sites to celebrate an ongoing renovation of historical markers beginning at 3 p.m. on Feb. 3. The guided tour will start at Long Cane Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, established 1771. The tour will continue to historical sites: the Long Cane Massacre, the Revolutionary Battle of Long Cane, and Colonial Era Fort Boone. For more information contact Jenny Hagen Kelly at 864-379-2753.

## Dr. Linda Tucker guest speaker at Dr. King celebration

The 12th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration will be held Sunday, Jan. 20 at 3 p.m. This event will take place at the McCormick Middle School gymnasium. The guest speaker for the occasion will be the Rev. Dr. Linda Tucker, pastor of Holy Spring Baptist Church.



Dr. Tucker was born in McCormick to Harvey Lee Murray and the late Mary Frances Adams Murray. She is also the daughter of Ruth Eberhart Murray. She has been married to Billy Tucker for 44 years and they have three children, Justin (Michelle), Jordan and Leigh Ashley.

Dr. Tucker worked as a medical technologist at Comanche County Memorial Hospital for 35 years and also worked as a registrar for the New Life Bible School. She has served in ministry for more than 25 years and finally accepted the call on her life in 2009.

Dr. Tucker served as an ordained elder and minister at New Life Fellowship in Lawton, Okla., until she returned to McCormick three and one half years ago. Dr. Tucker presently serves as the senior pastor of Holy Spring Baptist Church in McCormick. She has been licensed and ordained by the Savannah Goodwill Association.

Pastor Tucker currently holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Biblical Studies, a Masters of Arts in Biblical Studies, Master of Divinity in Pastoral Care and Doctorate of Theology Degree from Minnesota School of Theology. Her favorite scripture is found in Joshua 24:15 (KJV) "And it seems evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose lands ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Music will be provided by Holy Spring Baptist Church Choir, Al Bell and Light of Life Choir and Benetra (Boss Lady) Calhoun. Please come out and help celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a true champion for freedom and equality. This event is sponsored by the McCormick MLK committee.

## Rev. Ligon to speak at Dr. King program

The Rev. Lebbie Lee Ligon will be speaking at the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Program at the Mims Community Center #3 in Willington on Monday, Jan. 21.

The celebration begins with the traditional March from the Little Mill Baptist Church at 10 a.m. and will proceed to the Center at 2458 SC Highway 81. The program will begin after the marchers arrive, approximately at 11 a.m.

Rev. Ligon answered the call to ministry in 2001 and is currently the pastor of Mt. Zion AME Church in McCormick. She also is the coordinator of the Piedmont Conference Women in Ministry and is on the Piedmont Conference Board of Examiners.

The Mims Community Center looks forward to Rev. Ligon's presentation and invites the community to be a part of this special commemoration.

For further information contact Dorothy Rivers, president of the Mims Community Center, at 391-2095.



### The Mims Foundation Scholarship Dance

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