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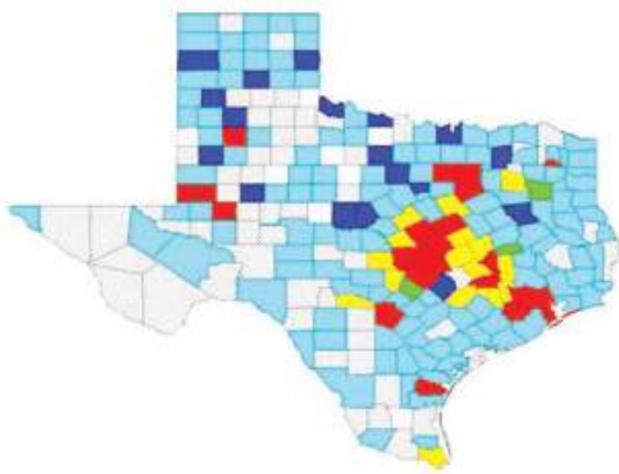
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## Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins urges locals to take precaution as Flu Deaths This Season Rise to 18



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2017 - 2018 Texas Influenza Surveillance Activity Report - Photo Credit: Texas Department of State Health Services

(DCHHS) - Seven more people have died of the flu in Dallas County, bringing the total number of Dallas County flu-related deaths this season to 18, health officials tell NBC 5.

Dallas County Health and Human Services said Tuesday that six of the patients were residents of Dallas and one patient was a Garland resident. All patients had health conditions considered to be of "high risk" and died after complications from the seasonal flu.

The deceased patients were aged between 47- and 88-years-old. DCHHS did not release their names.

“Older adults, individuals with chronic health conditions, pregnant women, young children and infants are more vulnerable to flu illness,” said Dr. Christopher Perkins, DCHHS health authority/medical director. “With influenza activity on the rise, individuals in these groups should take special precaution as we continue throughout the season.”

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says the flu season nationwide is far worse than what they saw last year at this time.

Last year, 12 states had widespread cases, but this year there are 46. More than 400 people have died from the flu around the country.

“As flu season escalates it’s important that all individuals take precautions to prevent and reduce the severity of the flu,” said Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins. “Prevention is truly the best medicine and it’s not too late to get your flu shot. If you have flu-like symptoms, please help protect yourself and others by staying home from work or school and calling your doctor as soon as possible to discuss anti-viral medication.”



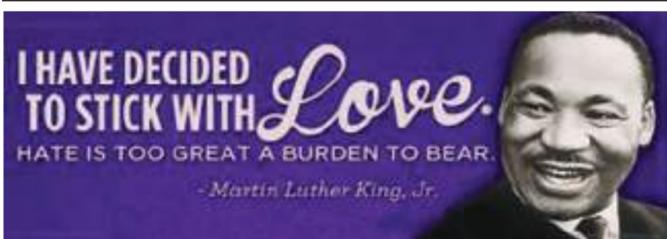
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# EDITORIAL PAGE

## Ephesians 6:11 "Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil."

(PATHEOS) - Before you start your day, and certainly, before you walk out the door, make sure to put on the full armor or "whole armor of God." You'll need each and every piece (Eph 6:14-18) in order to "stand against the schemes of the devil." That's why Paul tells us to "put on" or "take up" the armor more than once. He knows our human tendency to forget, just like we might miss starting our day off with prayer and with the Word of God. If we leave these two out, and then also leave of the armor of God, we're leaving an opening for the enemy.



Colleen White, Ed.D.  
Editorial Columnist

## A Little Bit of Faith: Include God in the New Year

With a New Year dawning, many of us are looking for our new beginnings. This is a time for us to look over the past year and see how we can change or improve things in our lives. However, when we are focused on Christ, we know that our plans, when they are aligned with His plans, can help us to start our New Year off on the right foot.

However, we tend to start our new beginnings without looking to God for His advice. We have our new start planned right down to the smallest details. We may have even made our list and have it taped to our mirror in the bathroom or have it taped to the refrigerator. With our plans neatly written down and placed around the house, we are off to a new start.

There's the rub. We are once again starting a New Year with our plans and not trying to include God in our plans and seeking His will or His way. I once heard someone say when we make plans, God laughs. Why does God laugh? He laughs because we think that we are in control, but we are not. God's way for our lives is always the best way, we should fall in line with how He (God) would like for our lives to be.

God's plans are always best and can exceed our plans far beyond what we could ever comprehend. In the book of Jeremiah, it says, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11).

Therefore, when we include God in our plans, He has already worked things out for us. Once we include Him, He will make our crooked paths straight because we are putting our plans in accordance with His plans and His will. May your 2018 be filled with Christ's love, His joy, and His peace. Amen? Amen!

**Happy New Year!**

## King's Lasting Impact on Equity in Education Martin Luther King, Jr. was a Champion for Equity in Education

By Stacy M. Brown  
(NNPA Newswire Contributor)

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s influence on the Civil Rights Movement is indisputable, but his fight for equity in education remains a mystery to some.

That fight began with his own education.

"He clearly had an advanced, refined educational foundation from Booker T. Washington High School, Morehouse College, Crozer Theological Seminary, and Boston University," said Reverend Jesse Jackson, Sr., the founder of the Rainbow PUSH Coalition. "His education in his speeches and sermons were apparent and he wanted us all to have that type of education."

King completed high school at 15, college at 19, seminary school at 22 and earned a doctorate at 26.

"Dr. King laid down the case for affordable education for all Americans, including Polish children—from the ghetto and the barrios, to the Appalachian mountains and the reservations—he was a proponent for education for all and he believed that strong minds break strong chains and once you learn your lesson well, the oppressor could not unlearn you."

Rev. Al Sharpton, the founder and president of the National Action Network (NAN), said that NAN works with Education for a Better America to partner with school districts, universities, community colleges, churches, and community organizations around the country to conduct educational programming for students and parents.

"The mission of the organization has been to build bridges between poli-

cymakers and the classrooms by supporting innovations in education and creating a dialogue between policymakers, community leaders, educators, parents, and students," Sharpton said. "We're promoting student health, financial literacy, and college readiness in our communities, just like Dr. King did."

King was a figure to look up to in both civil rights and academia, Sharpton told the NNPA Newswire.

"Then, when you look at his values, he always saw education, especially in the Black community, as a tool to uplift and inspire to action," Sharpton said. "It's definitely no coincidence that a number of prominent civil rights groups that emerged during Dr. King's time, were based on college campuses."

Sharpton added that King routinely pushed for equality to access to education.

"Just as importantly, he always made a point to refer education back to character—that we shouldn't sacrifice efficiency and speed for morals," Sharpton said. "A great student not only has the reason and education, but a moral compass to do what's right with his or her gifts. It's not just important to be smart, you have to know what's right and what's wrong."

Dr. Wornie Reed, the director of Race and Social Policy Research Center at Virginia Tech who marched with King, said when he thinks of King and education, he immediately considers the late civil rights leader's advocating that "we should be the best that we could be."

"King certainly prepared himself educationally...early on he saw that education played a crucial role in society, but



perceived it as often being misused," Reed said. "In a famous essay that he wrote for the student newspaper at Morehouse in 1947, he argued against a strictly utilitarian approach to education, one that advanced the individual and not society."

Maryland Democratic Congressman Elijah Cummings, who remembers running home from church on Sundays to listen to King's speeches on radio, said King had a tremendous impact on education in the Black community.

"Dr. King worked tirelessly to ensure that African Americans would gain the rights they had long been denied, including the right to a quality education," said Cummings. "His fight for equality in educational opportunities helped to tear down walls of segregation in our nation's schools."

Cummings continued: "He instilled hope in us that we can achieve our dreams no matter the color of our skin. He instilled in us the notion that everyone can be great, because everyone can serve and there are so many great advocates, who embody this lesson."

In support of education equality, civil rights leaders across the country are still working to ensure all students, regardless of color,

receive access to experienced teachers, equitable classroom resources and quality education, Cummings noted further.

For example, the NAACP has done a tremendous amount, across the country, to increase retention rates, ensure students have the resources they need, and prepare students for success after graduation—whether it be for college or a specific career path, Cummings said.

During his Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech in Oslo, Norway, King said: "I have the audacity to believe that peoples everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for their minds, and dignity, equality, and freedom for their spirits."

The need for high quality education in the Black community is universal and the route to get there may be different, but education does matter, Jackson said.

"Dr. King told me he read a fiction and a non-fiction book once a week. He was an avid reader and, in the spirit of Dr. King, today we fight for equal, high-quality education," said Jackson. "We fight for skilled trade training, affordable college education and beyond."

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8:00 a.m.  
Bible Class  
9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship  
10:45 a.m.  
Evening Worship  
6:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Prayer Service - 7:00 p.m.  
Bible Class - 7:30 p.m.

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**Sunday Worship**  
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## Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner Guest Speaker For 5th Annual In Conversation Event

Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner Guest Speaker For 5th Annual In Conversation Event The Zan Wesley Holmes Jr. Community Outreach Center will present its 5th annual In Conversation—An Evening with Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner and Dr. Zan Wesley Holmes Jr. at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16, at the St. Luke Community United Methodist Church, 5710 East R.L. Thornton Freeway.

Come and hear the conversation on local and national affairs as Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner talks about how we confront our current challenges. The Honorable Helen Giddings is

honorary chair for the event.

The Zan Wesley Holmes Jr. Community Outreach Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Proceeds from this event will support Frazier House and other Outreach Center programs, services and operations.

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For more information, tickets or sponsorships, contact Fannie Smith at [inconversation@zwhjcc.org](mailto:inconversation@zwhjcc.org), 214.454.8624 or visit [www.zwhjcc.org](http://www.zwhjcc.org).



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## Winter Wellness Tips



**(StatePoint)** A busy lifestyle and cooler weather can take a toll on the body, especially for those who suffer from chronic aches and pains. Whether the cause of your pain is due to injury, stress, or poor sleep, there are many ways to feel better while avoiding future pain.

To stay well this season and naturally manage muscle pain, consider these tips from professional ballroom dancer Tony Dovolani, who's no stranger to the subject of pain management.

• Stretch. Stretching is not just for before or after a work-

out. Stretch throughout the day to keep blood flowing, particularly if you have a job that keeps you sedentary.

• Eat right. Your diet should include lean protein and healthy carbs. "And I eat my vegetables, too!" says Dovolani. "Mainly spinach, string beans and broccoli."

Figure out which vegetables you like best, and be sure to incorporate them into your diet.

• Hydrate, hydrate, hydrate! Water is necessary for muscle repair. Drink water throughout the day and especially when you're active.

• Apply heat. Heat is a time-less remedy, and it's clinically proven to relieve pain associated with muscle tension and stress, helping to relax muscles and improve blood flow. The increased blood flow restores oxygen and nutrients to inflamed areas to help accelerate healing.

"After every rehearsal and performance, I use heat to soothe the aches and pains and improve blood flow to my neck and shoulder muscles," says Dovolani, whose pain relief routine includes using The Sunbeam Renue Neck Wrap. "It's great for providing relief to the back of my head, neck and shoulders."

Because it features an adjustable neck collar that contours to the shape of the neck of the user, it can provide high-level, concentrated heat for targeted relief.

Don't let aches and pains set you back. With a healthy, active lifestyle and simple, natural remedies, you can feel your best.

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# SPORTS PAGE

## 7 Day Weather Forecast for DFW

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### Former NFL Player Aaron Maybin, Coppin State Student Samierra Jones Help to Raise Nearly \$80,000 for Students in Baltimore



Former NFL linebacker Aaron Maybin is raising money for students in Baltimore city schools. (Aaron Maybin/Twitter)

By Lauren Victoria Burke (NNPA Newswire Contributor)

Thousands of people stepped up to help former NFL linebacker Aaron Maybin raise money for students in Baltimore's public schools after his tweets showing students wearing jackets and winter hats inside a classroom went viral.

The former NFL player has continued to raise awareness about the issue by promoting a clothing drive and other initiatives to support the students.

A senior at Coppin State University named Samierra Jones set up a "GoFundMe" account to support Maybin's effort.

The GoFundMe page says that, "Baltimore City Public Schools are currently operating with an inadequate heating system. Students are still required to attend classes that are freezing and expected wear their coats to assist in keeping them warm. How can you teach a child in these conditions? This fundraiser will help in purchasing space heaters and outerwear to assist in keeping these students warm."

Jones, who also graduated from the Baltimore city public school system, according to the GoFundMe page, said that the fundraiser would help to purchase, space heaters and outerwear to help the students stay warm; the page also noted that supporters could donate hats, gloves, coats and socks for the students.

In less than a week, nearly 2,100 people contributed \$76,199.

On January 6, Maybin tweeted, "It's been amazing to see the outpouring of support from the community. Thank you to everyone that has helped to push this issue and donated resources. Please keep them coming! #MyBmore"

Most of Baltimore's public schools reopened on Monday, January 8, after public outrage forced a city-wide shutdown last week, according to USA Today.

"Four schools failed to make the grade Monday, and students were sent home from another school after a pipe burst," USA Today reported. "Baltimore serves more than 80,000 students at 177 schools and programs."

Last week, Maybin tweeted: "It's really ridiculous the kind of environment we place our children into and expect them to get an education. I got two classes in one room, kids are freezing, Lights are off. No computers. We're doing our best but our kids don't deserve this."

Maybin continued: "All the money in the world for building jails. But not enough for basic public school necessities."

Maybin teaches at Matthew A. Henson Elementary in Baltimore.

Maybin played football professionally for the Buffalo Bills and the New York Jets.

Like Maybin, many who followed the story on social media acknowledged the

irony of the amount of tax money that is spent on jails and prisons as compared to what is spent on the public school system.

"Baltimore's K-12 public school students and teachers are on the front lines watching this city talk about juvenile crime while the State of Maryland, Baltimore's mayor, and @BaltCitySchools can't even keep classrooms properly heated during freezing weather," tweeted Lawrence Brown on Twitter. "As studies have determined, however, Maryland severely UNDERFUNDS our schools, creating deep issues."

According to the Baltimore Sun, "Baltimore schools have had to return millions in state funding for building repairs after projects to fix failing heating systems and roofs grew too expensive or took too long."

The Sun report continued: "Since 2009, city schools have lost out on roughly \$66 million in state funding for much-needed repairs after approved projects ran afoul of state regulations meant to prevent waste, state records show. The money could have funded dozens of new heating systems at schools where the heat is now failing."

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### AP college football poll: Alabama is No. 1 in final poll for 11th time

(AP) — Alabama was voted No. 1 in the final Associated Press college football poll after the Crimson Tide beat Georgia in the national championship game. Unbeaten Central Florida finished sixth.

The Crimson Tide received 57 of 61 first-place votes from the media panel after its 26-23 overtime win on Monday night. UCF received the other four and finished with the best ranking in the history of the program. The Knights are the first bowl-eligible team to finish the season undefeated and not win a national title since TCU in 2010. Ohio State was 12-0 in 2012, but banned from the postseason by the NCAA.

Georgia finished second, its best ranking since 2007, and Oklahoma was third, followed by Clemson and Ohio State.

The AP national championship is the 11th for the Crimson Tide, three more than any other school, and fifth under coach Nick Saban since 2009. Saban joins the late Alabama coach Paul "Bear" Bryant as the only coaches with five AP titles.

Alabama is the first preseason No. 1 to finish No. 1 since Southern California in 2004 and the 11th overall. For the fourth time, two teams from the same conference finished Nos. 1 and 2. The last three times it has happened involved Southeastern Conference teams at the top (2007, 2011 and now 2017).

Washington State, which lost to Michigan State 42-17 in the Holiday Bowl, was the only team ranked in the final regular-season poll to fall out of the Top 25



after the bowl season. North Carolina State moved in after beating Arizona State 52-31 in the Sun Bowl and finished No. 23.

#### AP COLLEGE FOOTBALL POLL

The AP Top 25 is determined by a simple points system based on how each voter ranks college football's best teams. A team receives 25 points for each first place vote, 24 for second place and so on through to the 25th team, which receives one point. The rankings are set by listing the teams' point totals from highest to lowest.

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School	Record	Points	Pvs
1. Alabama (57)	13-1	1,521	4
2. Georgia	13-2	1,454	3
3. Oklahoma	12-2	1,374	2
4. Clemson	12-2	1,292	1
5. Ohio State	12-2	1,286	5
6. UCF (4)	13-0	1,248	10
7. Wisconsin	13-1	1,194	6
8. Penn State	11-2	1,120	9
9. TCU	11-3	974	13
10. Auburn	10-4	917	7
11. Notre Dame	10-3	857	14
12. USC	11-3	839	8
13. Miami (Fla.)	10-3	769	11
14. Oklahoma State	10-3	758	17
15. Michigan State	10-3	705	18
16. Washington	10-3	668	12
17. Northwestern	10-3	528	20
18. LSU	9-4	368	16
19. Mississippi State	9-4	359	24
20. Stanford	9-5	336	15
21. South Florida	10-2	267	23
22. Boise State	11-3	251	25
23. North Carolina State	9-4	232	-
24. Virginia Tech	9-4	126	22
25. Memphis	10-3	119	19

Others receiving votes: Washington State 84, South Carolina 46, Iowa State 36, Army 33, FAU 32, Troy 14, Fresno State 13, San Diego State 3, Iowa 2.

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**A STATEMENT FROM CONGRESSWOMAN EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

By **Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson**

The Republican dominated Congress and a "rule by wealth" president have passed draconian tax legislation that favors extremely wealthy Americans, and the super elite among corporations.

Now some in this bemused alliance intend to turn their attention to cutting vitally important programs such as Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security. This we must not allow them to do.

Medicare and Medicaid, signed into law by former President Lyndon Baines Johnson, in 1965 protect the elder-

ly and others, providing them with medical care.

The Social Security system was created in 1935 when former President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed legislation ensuring that those Americans who reached the age of 65 would receive retirement income.

To tamper with these programs, which are safety nets for many of our citizens, would be a great failure in American democracy. It would be unconscionable, mean-spirited and wrong.

Attempting to undo sacred promises made to our citizens would be tantamount to refusing safe harbor to returning members of the military who have fought abroad

to protect us, and our freedoms.

The rhetoric used by those who want to destroy our safety nets is colored by talk of "entitlement reform." In actuality those who oppose the programs are hostile to seniors, to the middle class and to the disabled.

Their political thought is embedded in a philosophy that believes that only the strong have a right to survive.

I will not sit idly by in Washington as some come after programs that are crucial to our citizens. I will resist any attempt to dismantle or destroy them with vigilance and discipline. I shall not be moved!



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**Grammy & Stellar Award winner Brent Jones Live Recording in Waco**



(Hollywood, CA) Riding high on the success of his smash hit "He Rose", JDI Records presents Grammy & Stellar Award winner Brent Jones in a Live Recording Session on Sat, Feb 10, 2018 at the Victorious Life Church in Waco, TX (doors open at 5:00 pm & live recording starts at 6:00 pm)

Backed by the 60 voice-strong Waco Community Choir, Brent Jones' Live Recording is the one of the top gospel events of the year. Renowned for his classics "He Rose", "Don't Wait Till Midnight" (featuring Coko from the Grammy-winning

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With general admission tickets starting at \$10.00 in advance, \$15.00 at the door or \$20.00 for VIP reserved seating, Brent Jones & JDI Records are kicking off 2018 with a bang. Tickets are available now at:

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