

# Ebenezer Celebrates 79<sup>th</sup> Women's Day Observance

(AUSTIN, TX) - The Ebenezer (Third) Baptist Church will celebrate the 79<sup>th</sup> Women's Day Observance on Sunday, May 28, at 10:30 a.m. at the church located at 1010 East 10<sup>th</sup> Street.

The guest speaker will be Rev. Dr. Glenell Marie Lee-Pruitt, pastor of St. Matthew African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church in Shreveport, LA and Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs at Jarvis Christian University in Hawkins, Texas.

As a dynamic executive leader at Jarvis, Lee-Pruitt established international programs to enhance student experiences globally. She was also instrumental in Jarvis receiving the Change Agent Award from UNCF for work with the Career Pathway Initiative. In addition, to her distinguished academic achievements Lee-Pruitt has a long and successful record of service in the African Methodist Episcopal Church. She has served in pastoral ministry for 25 years in the states of Mississippi and Louisiana.

Lee-Pruitt, will address the exciting Women's Day theme for this year, Women Under Construction: Being Built on the True Foundation, based on the scriptures Matthew 16: 13-19.

The Women's Day Observance will also feature special music led by Lamonica Lewis, the Director of Music at Wesley United Methodist Church in Austin and Precious Coleman, Professor of Music at the University of Incarnate Word in San Antonio. The Ebenezer Women's Chorus will provide musical selections during the service.

Leading up to Women's Day will be a Candlelight Service on Friday, May 26, at 7 p.m. in the church sanctuary. The guest speaker for this occasion will be Deborah Duncan Hurdle, a program coordinator, and licensed master social worker, with



Rev. Dr. Glenell Marie Lee-Pruitt

the City of Austin's Public Health Department. In this role Hurdle serves Austin and Travis County with health promotion and community outreach to improve quality of life and increase life expectancy for residents. Hurdle is a faithful member of St. James Missionary Baptist Church and manager of the Health Ministry at the church.

The public is invited to attend both worship events. The Rev. Dr. Ricky Freeman is Senior Pastor of Ebenezer. For more information contact the church at 512-478-1875 or email: ebenezer@ebc3austin.org.

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8:45 a.m. Christian Education Ministry in-person or via Zoom.

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. - Midweek Prayer Service via Zoom\*

\*Contact the church office at ebenezer@ebc3austin.org for link.

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## African American Literacy Statistics by Gitnux

(GITNUX) - While 84.2% of African Americans aged 25 and older have a high school diploma or higher, only 70% graduated within four years compared to 89% of whites. Additionally, while 34.2% of black adults (18-24 years) were enrolled in college in 2020, only 26.1 % were proficient readers at 4th grade level compared to 46.7 % for whites; similarly 54.9 % had a proficient reading score at high school level compared to 76 .1%. Furthermore, 35 percent of African American 4 year old children are enrolled in state funded preschool programs but 10 .5 percent meet the reading readiness benchmark as opposed to 28 percent who make up the United States illiterate demographic with low literacy skills that has not significantly declined since 1992.. These figures highlight how much work needs to be done towards closing these gaps so that all students can benefit from equal access and opportunities when it comes to education regardless of race or ethnicity.

## URBAN LEAGUE TO CELEBRATE HEALTHY AWARENESS DAY MAY 20th IN AUSTIN AND NATIONALLY



(AUSTIN, TX) – With the idea that all residents in Central Texas should have the opportunity for an equitable quality of life with access to affordable health care solutions, the Austin Area Urban League will promote **Healthy Awareness Day** this month on **May 20**.

The promotion is being sponsored by the local Urban League affiliate, one of 90 across the nation that serve 300 communities and 1.7 million residents.

In Austin, the effort is a special project of the Urban League *Guild*, an organization comprised primarily of local members who are 45 years old and older. Some of these members have been involved with the league for a quarter century or more, and the current *Guild* president is Grova Jones, who once served as chairman of the Austin League's board of directors.

The *Guild* will seek to spread word of the Urban League's programs throughout this month via personal appearances on newspaper and broadcast stations and programs, through outreach via the League affiliate's social media contacts and lists, and with outreach to other organizations with related interests in improving the health of Central Texans.

### The Problem

African Americans, Latinos and other groups continue to suffer from a high burden of chronic diseases. Diabetes, hypertension, heart and cardiovascular disease, Alzheimer's and other types of dementia, prostate cancer, depression and tobacco use are all leading indicators of poor health outcomes, especially among these groups.

While Central Texas enjoys relatively good access to health care and insurance coverage, these advantages are not always available or utilized by African Americans and Latinos, and education about their availability is needed.

### The Solution

The *Guild* and the Urban League believe we must promote better health by encouraging people to improve their habits and to take intervention efforts earlier, whether through education, testing, or acting on existing medical issues. They encourage you to get involved and work to improve your own health and that of the community.

We can all make a difference through awareness that encourages better, healthier habits for all people.

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"This life, therefore, is not righteousness, but growth in righteousness; not health, but healing; not being, but becoming; not rest, but exercise. We are not yet what we shall be, but we are growing toward it. The process is not yet finished, but it is going on. This is not the end, but it is the road. All does not yet gleam in glory, but all is being purified." --- Martin Luther

Romans 5:1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ

Kenneth Hill, Pastor

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