

## *Guest Message- ALM Transition Message*

Greetings in the great name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is with great joy and some remnants of sadness that I share the following details with you. As you know the Abundant Life Campus has functioned as a Campus of the First SDA Church for just under 11 years. The ministry was initiated under the Leadership of Pastor Benjamin Jones. The ministry crystalized during my tenure under the direct administrations of James Caldwell, Pastor A. Hill, Pastor Alfonzo Greene III and Pastor Alexander Lampkin. I am thankful for the impact you all have had on the New Market community, your commitment to God and your diligence in labor of which I often boast.

On Sunday August 9, 2020, I received a communication that the Abundant Life Leadership council would like to formally begin the process of moving from a company to an organized church under the leadership of the South Central Conference. The leadership council delegated a small committee comprised of Harrison Nurse, John Bailey, Curtis Manning, and Jacquelyn Shipe to work with the Pastoral Staff to oversee this transition. I met with this small committee to begin plotting the path forward on Wednesday, August 12. At that time, I shared with them the criteria for a company becoming a church. Many of the criteria have been met for quite some time. The criteria are listed below.

Have at least 50 baptized members who are in good and regular standing, which means: regular church attendance, faithful giving in tithes and offerings, and involvement in church ministry and activities.

- A minimum annual tithe of \$35,000 remitted over the prior consecutive twelve (12) month period.
- A consistent record of regular remittance of tithe and offerings to the Conference for a period of at least one (1) year.
- A demonstrated record of good financial stewardship: meeting Conference goals, bills paid on time, care of the physical plant, and the ability to meet all other financial obligations.
- At least two (2) years of operating successfully as a Company under recognized leadership, including a Pastor or Church Leader, a Membership Clerk and a Treasurer.
- Evidence of spiritual maturity, the brotherly love and unity that comes from Christ, as described in Scripture. [See 1 Corinthians 3:1-3; and chapter 13]
- Regular gatherings for corporate worship and prayer on Sabbath and at other times. Church growth in baptisms and professions of faith
- Church active in mission and outreach
- Adherence to fundamental biblical doctrine, as understood and taught by the Seventh-day Adventist Church

On Sunday August 23<sup>rd</sup> the First Church Administrative board received the recommendation from the ALM Leadership Council and voted to recommend to the South Central Conference Executive Committee for the Abundant Life Ministry to be organized into church status. We will be submitting our application to the conference this week with the hope that it will be approved at the upcoming conference Executive Committee meeting in September. President Jones has voiced his support for this transition thus far in our dialogue.

Until our transition is completed the ALM Campus will continue to function as a campus of the First SDA church under the direction of Pastor Alexander Lampkin until the transition is complete. We solicit your prayers that the hand of God would orchestrate a seamless and healthy transition, that positions ALM to thrive in ways that exceed what we could even ask for or think.

Blessings.



-Pastor Debleaire Snell

***Voicing Love in More Than Words***  
***-Linda McClellan***

During these COVID-19 times, Abundant Life Ministries remains committed to spreading God's love and encouraging our fellow man. This is one reason the ministry collaborated with its member and long-time supporter, Aundria Acklin, to provide 77 fruit baskets to the first shift employees at her place of employment, Huntsville Health and Rehabilitation.

Health Ministries Director, Linda McClellan stated, "We wanted to recognize the staff at Huntsville Health and Rehabilitation for their work caring for the sick and to support their wellbeing while they are actively engaged in taking care of others. We also wanted to shower our friend and longtime supporter, Aundria Acklin, with a token to express our love and appreciation for her avid support of Abundant Life Ministries. Aundria is an encourager. She always has a warm smile, an encouraging word, and a joy filled testimony of God's goodness."

The baskets consisting of fruits known for boosting immune health: pineapple, ginger, lemons, limes, oranges, and apples; and information outlining ways to optimize health were received by Huntsville Health and Rehabilitation Administrator, William Tyson, and two staff members. On behalf of the entire team, Mr. Tyson expressed much gratitude and shared an interest to partner with Abundant Life Ministries in future community outreach.

The Abundant Life Ministries Personal Ministries department spearheaded the project. Other contributors included the congregation's pastor, Pastor Alexander Lampkin, other ministry leaders and members.



**Caldwell sisters share their creative talents to help prepare ALM's gift baskets.**





## Lending Helping Hands



Times are tough, more difficult than they have been in a long time. Uncertainty about the future has become a reality for many. Attributable to a global pandemic that has transformed the world, millions are without employment. They are suddenly for the first time forced into long lines for food assistance due to a lack of financial resources and food insecurities. People who are no longer able to meet the challenges of providing for their families are experiencing the reality of this COVID-19 turbulence.

For Christians, this is an opportunity to serve. In this 21<sup>st</sup> Century moment, Jesus is reminding us to “Feed them”. Jesus said, “Plant the seed and I will multiply it and bless”. Jesus gives us the spirit of help. Jesus is allowing Christians to become His helping hands in this time of fear and despair.

Abundant Life’s Helping Hands Ministry answers the call to serve on the first Sunday of every month. Community Services Director Joan Robinson has partnered with other agencies to make this mission possible. Abundant Life Ministries has provided tremendous support for Helping Hands Ministry. Church members and friends have provided a refrigerator, freezer and financial support for food. Most importantly, volunteers are providing their precious time to accomplish this mission. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, Abundant Life SDA Church has furnished space inside the building to serve as a storage unit and distribution center.

The Helping Hands Ministry has partnered with Manna House, Athens Trinity SDA Church ACS, Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church, Publix and Vision Movement. Most recently the ministry had applied for a \$1,000.00 grant through Sam’s Club via the Walmart Foundation. During the month of June, the agency was favored with the presence of two members from Sam’s Club #4776. Deloris Whitman and Gina Lewis who joined the volunteers to serve the community. In addition, these angels of mercy provided refreshments for the volunteers and helped the agency’s director apply for the grant.

The number of households served by the agency’s pantry has increased dramatically. Customarily, the monthly food distribution serves approximately 60 households. Due to the partnerships with these agencies, in June of 2020, the agency was able to provide food distribution on two separate occasions. Over 160 households received assistance.

Faith that produces good works and imitates Christ is the passion of Helping Hands Ministry. God has promised to provide all of our needs according to His riches and glory. God is equipping the agency to do His work in the community and beyond. The demand is real and so is Helping Hands Ministry’s commitment to support those in need. “I was hungry, and you fed me.” This is kingdom living.

Aundria Acklin,  
Your Sister in Christ





## ALM Collaborates on the Importance of Estate Planning Basics

The Abundant Life Ministries Women's Ministries Department was pleased to collaborate with the Alabama Extension-Urban Unit of Alabama A&M and Auburn Universities on the importance of Estate Planning Basics on Thursdays, August 5 and 12, 2020. Many thanks to Donna Gullatte, Nkenge Hyter and Attorney Tinisha Glenn for their informative and engaging virtual webinars which focused on:

Estate Planning Basics - Learn the importance of having an estate plan. Explore step-by-step methods to begin writing your own estate plan using The Alabama Extension -Urban Unit's "Important Papers" Booklet.

Estate Planning Basics - Learn the importance of having a living will, will, power of attorney, advance directive, and trust.

The series will continue in September in partnership with ACES and AARP.



### Estate Planning: Important Papers

#### PROGRAM INFORMATION

PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING AN ESTATE PLAN AND WILL EXPLORE STEP BY STEP HOW TO BEGIN WRITING YOUR OWN PLAN USING THE ALABAMA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SYSTEM URBAN PROGRAMS "IMPORTANT PAPERS" JOURNAL.

Date: August 05, 2020 Time: 6:00-7:00pm

#### HOW TO REGISTER

[HTTPS://AUBURN.ZOOM.US/MEETING/REGISTER/TJCSCQOPZ  
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For More Information Contact: JAcqui SHIPE 704-562-3941



### Estate Planning Wills & Trusts

#### PROGRAM INFORMATION

PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING A WILL AND AN ESTATE PLAN. BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT WILLS, POWER OF ATTORNEY/ADVANCE DIRECTIVE/TRUST WILL BE SHARED BY ATTORNEY TINISHA GLENN OF THE GLENN LAW FIRM

Date: August 12, 2020 Time: 6:00-7:00pm

#### HOW TO REGISTER

[HTTPS://AUBURN.ZOOM.US/MEETING/REGISTER/TJUCEMURZS  
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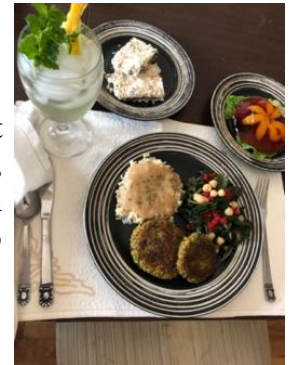
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ALM's Inaugural Flexible Foods Virtual Dinner Party was an opportunity for participants to prepare dishes incorporating seven (7) randomly selected ingredients from an alpha numeric coded list. ALL ingredients must be incorporated into their virtual dinner party menu. The randomly selected ingredients for the July 26 dinner party were mandarins, collards, ginger, figs, pecans, chickpeas/garbanzo beans, millet.



Collard greens salad with toasted pecans, thinly sliced red onions, mandarin oranges, julienne red and yellow peppers



Rice and gravy, millet patties, date fig raisin bars, collard greens, mandarin orange jello

Millet, mandarin garbanzo tofu with sesame seeds, ribboned collard greens with onions



Sweet -n- spicy collards with red and yellow peppers, red onions, leeks, red pepper flakes, jalapeño (fresh), maple syrup.



Coconut millet cheesecake

Millet, greens, pecan mandarin fig topping, ginger drink



Millet pilaf: dried apricots, Parsley, scallions, pistachios, Curry powder, salt, pepper



Garbanzo salad with diced avocado, cherry tomatoes, cilantro, diced cucumbers, feta

# The Relationship of Publishing Houses To One Another

*-Elder Naomi Barton*

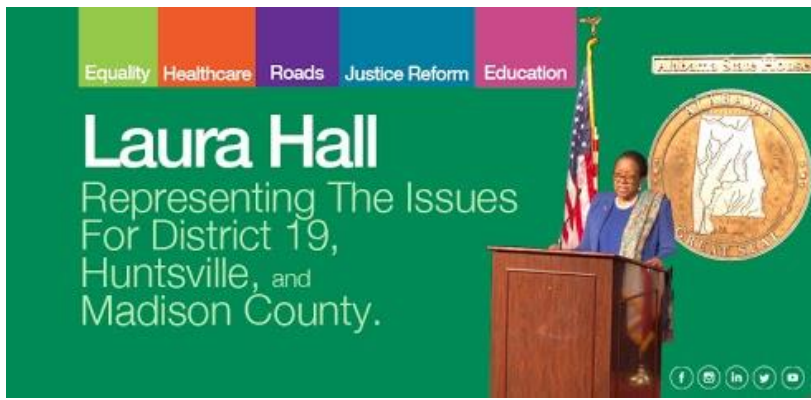
Under the figure of the vine and its branches is illustrated the relation of Christ to His followers and the relation of His followers to one another. The branches are all related to one another, yet each has an individuality which is not merged in that of another. All have a common relation to the vine and depend upon it for their life, their growth, and their fruitfulness. They cannot sustain one another. Each for itself must be centered in the vine. And while the branches have a common likeness, they also present diversity. Their oneness consists in their common union with the vine, and through each, though not in just the same way, is manifested the life of the vine. [7T 171.1](#)

This figure has a lesson, not only for individual Christians, but for the institutions that are engaged in God's service. In their relation to one another each is to maintain its individuality. Union with one another comes through union with Christ. In Him each institution is united to every other, while at the same time its identity is not merged in that of another. [7T 171.2](#)

At times it has been urged that the interests of the cause would be furthered by a consolidation of our publishing houses, bringing them virtually under one management. But this, the Lord has shown, should not be. It is not His plan to centralize power in the hands of a few persons or to bring one institution under the control of another. [7T 171.3](#)

Our work has been presented to me as, in its beginning, a small, very small, rivulet. To the prophet Ezekiel was given the representation of waters issuing “from under the threshold of the house eastward,” “at the south side of the altar.” Read [Ezekiel 47](#). Especially mark [verse 8](#): “Then said he unto me, These waters issue out toward the east country, and go down into the desert, and go into the sea: which being brought forth into the sea, the waters shall be healed.” So our work was presented to me as extending to the east and to the west, to the islands of the sea, and to all parts of the world. As the work extends, there will be great interests to be managed. The work is not to be centered in any one place. Human wisdom argues that it is more convenient to build up the interests where the work has already obtained character and influence, but mistakes have been made in this line. It is burden bearing that gives strength and development. And for the workers in different localities to be largely freed from responsibility means to place them where their characters will remain undeveloped and their powers will be repressed and weakened. The work is the Lord's, and it is not His will that the strength and efficiency shall be concentrated in any one place. Let each institution remain independent, working out God's plan under His direction. [7T 171.4](#)





## Rep. Laura Hall's COVID-19 Community Engagement Short Survey

Please use this anonymous form to assist Rep. Hall's office in assessing community needs for the COVID-19 pandemic.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeL4b38e7T-HVMFtACG4wra5Ak2hvlHDm8M-Dajji\\_YVhQJQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeL4b38e7T-HVMFtACG4wra5Ak2hvlHDm8M-Dajji_YVhQJQ/viewform)

**Respond to the 2020 Census today to help your community for the next 10 years.**

It's easy to respond online, by phone, or by mail. When everyone is counted, our communities have the opportunity to get the funding they need for things like health care, education, emergency services, and more.

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**Llena el Censo del 2020 hoy y ayuda a tu comunidad durante los próximos 10 años.**

Responder es fácil y lo puedes hacer por internet, por teléfono o por correo. Cuando todas las personas son contadas, nuestras comunidades tienen la oportunidad de recibir los fondos que necesitan para cosas como servicios de salud, educación, servicios de emergencia y más.

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# The Golden Rule

**Atheism**  
"Treat others as you would want them to treat you, and do not expect them to treat you as you would like to be treated. Think about their perspective."  
—The 10 Non-Commandments

**Paganism**  
"Honor what you would honor others for doing."  
—Hindu

**Islam**  
"This [the Children of Adam] are all of you would love to be paid, and be paid as you would love to have justice."  
—Qur'an 21:14

**Jainism**  
"A man should consider about treating all treatment as he himself would be treated."  
—Sutracharya 1.11.33

**Taoism**  
"Treat your neighbor's grain as your grain, and your neighbor's food as your own food."  
—Li Shang Kan Yin Fen

**Unitarianism**  
"We affirm and promote respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part."  
—7th Principle

**First Nations**  
"All things are our relatives, what we do to everything, we do to ourselves. All is really One."  
—Black Elk

**Christianity**  
"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."  
—Matthew 22:39

**Buddhism**  
"Do nothing unto others which would cause you pain if done to you."  
—Mahabharata 5.1517

**Judaism**  
"What is hateful to you, do not do to your fellow. This is the whole Torah, the rest is the explanation, go and learn."  
—Babylonian Talmud

**Wicca**  
"I understand that this, O children of the Earth, that that which ye deem harmful unto Earth, the very same shall ye be forbidden to do unto any living creature, the forbidden shall hurt ye first to the same."  
—The Book of Wey

**Zoroastrianism**  
"Whatever is displeasing to yourself do not do unto others."  
—Shahnameh 13.23

**Hinduism**  
"Hurt not others in ways that you yourself would find hurtful."  
—Mahabharata 5.15

**Shinto**  
"The heart of this person hurtful you is a mirror. See there your own face."  
—Shinto saying

**Baha'i Faith**  
"If I have you to be loved, I would love you, these things for the neighbor that which you choose for yourself."  
—Baha'i Faith

**Sikhism**  
"Therefore let us be the mind of all. To hurt them is not at all good. If you desire your welfare, then hurt them not anymore, listen."  
—Guru Arjan Dev 8.229

**Confucianism**  
"The way of Heaven, in their own mind that can enter as a principle of conduct for the Confucian, right, it is the same for all—respect, do not engage in others what you yourself do not desire."  
—Doctrine of the Mean 13.3

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# SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

## Abundant Life Ministries

### A FIRST SDA CHURCH CONGREGATION

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**TUESDAY EVENING STUDY/ PRAYER MEETING**  
6:45-7:45 P.M.  
Come together to pray, testify, and be strengthened by God's Word. Email [almchurch7@gmail.com](mailto:almchurch7@gmail.com) for study materials.

**SATURDAY (SABBATH) WORSHIP SERVICE**  
9:45-10:45 A.M.  
Join with other believers to praise God through song, prayer and the preaching of God's Holy Word.

**SATURDAY (SABBATH) SISTER DEVOTION**  
A weekly opportunity for women from across the nation to connect, through technology, to pray and obtain spiritual encouragement.  
CALL IN: (978) 990-5000  
Access Code: 4179568

**HEALTH SESSIONS FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH**  
3:00-4:15 P.M.  
Register at [abundantlifefcc.com](http://abundantlifefcc.com)  
Learn how to live a healthy lifestyle and fight against lifestyle diseases.

**THURSDAY BREAD MINISTRY**  
7:00-7:30 A.M.  
Pickup FREE bread & pastries from Abundant Life.

**FRIDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY**  
6:45-7:45 P.M.  
Join the weekly Lesson Study Forum to discuss what you studied and/or listen in to the discussion. Download each week's lesson from:  
<https://www.abundantlifefcc.com/lesson-study>

**ALM Goods and Services HELPING HANDS FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH**  
10:00-3:00 P.M.  
Free groceries and other goodies to help anyone in need of assistance.

**ZOOM LINK:**  
[HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/87986671507?pwd=ZS9URUM4T0Q0ZDh0bHkKIRZ2ZjZjQ209](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87986671507?pwd=ZS9URUM4T0Q0ZDh0bHkKIRZ2ZjZjQ209)  
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**FREE TUTORING: MONDAY & THURSDAY**  
3:00 P.M.  
Help your child feel more comfortable learning