

Life on Life

Women's Bible Study

Learn the Word, Live the Word, And Love Each Other.

Tuesdays @ 9:30 am • Education Center Youth Room A

FEBRUARY 2018

February 6th

Facilitator Meeting

February 13th

Potluck

February 20th

Black History Month Special
Feature

February 27th

Workshop: Guy Earle

Black History Month Trivia

1. Who was the first African American Major League Baseball Player?
2. Where was Malcolm X Killed?
3. What year was the Thirteenth Amendment ratified, abolishing slavery?
4. Who was the first African American Noble Peace Prize Winner?
5. Sarah Goode was the first African American woman to receive a patent. What did she invent?

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God is Faithful

My nephew asked me the other day, how did I choose which university to attend. I had to laugh because when I was deciding on which college to attend I didn't have the option to get online and look at universities, or even the ability to

visit different schools to see what I liked. I never visited Howard or even been to Washington D.C. but I knew that was where I wanted to go. I studied black history and Howard University had a long legacy of producing leaders. Howard was my dream school. I still remember the disappointment I felt when I told my dad.

“Absolutely not,” He said, “You need to find a college within 3 hours of this house.”

I knew better than to disobey my father, so I started looking at schools closer to home. I was familiar with the University of Texas because of sports. Also, Austin was exactly 3 hours away, so that's how I chose where to go to school. At least that's how I thought I chose UT. As I reflect on my decision I realize it was all God. He had a plan that I could not see at 18 years old. The University of Texas is where I met my future husband of 38 years. It's where I made lifelong friends, whom I introduced to OCBF. Through that one decision many lives have been impacted and changed for the better.

So what did I tell my nephew?

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I told him that God has a plan for his life and even though he can't see it yet God is trustworthy. He knows what He's doing. He is doing more than we can see based on our circumstances.

What I thought at the time was an overprotective dad and a missed opportunity, was really God placing me right where I needed to be. It is so tempting to limit God's work to what we can see and feel, but I have learned that at any given moment God is working behind the scenes and doing 100 different things. God will lead we just have to follow.

My journey has taught me to trust God more than my eyes, my emotions, and my family and friends. God used that very flawed decision-making process to bring me to where I am now. God will use whatever He needs whether it be a burning bush, a traumatic event, or a perceived overprotective dad to set you on the road to your future.

In Mark 4:35-41, it is clear that God has a plan, and even though we can't see it, He wants us to trust His plan. So, I don't know what decision my nephew will make regarding college. I don't know what challenges you are facing. I do know that I trust God to do what He's always done, Be faithful.

Zelda Freeman

Trivia Answers:

- 1. Jackie Robinson**
- 2. Manhattan's Audubon Ballroom**
- 3. 1865**
- 4. Ralph Bunche**
- 5. Folding bed**

SWEETHEART CUPCAKES

PREP: 20 MIN COOK: 20



Ingredients

- 1 (18.25 ounce) package white cake mix
- 1 1/4 cups water 1/3 cup vegetable oil 3 egg whites
- 8 drops red food coloring
- 2 drops raspberry candy oil

Directions

1. Preheat an oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Line a standard muffin tin with paper cupcake liners.
2. Beat the cake mix, water, vegetable oil, and egg whites together on low speed for 30 seconds, then on medium for 2 minutes, until smooth. Fill cupcake liners 1/3 full with white batter; set aside.
3. Stir 4 drops of red food coloring into the remaining bowl of batter to make the batter pink, stir in the raspberry oil. Pour 1/3 of pink batter into a resealable plastic bag and set aside.
4. Mix more food coloring into the remaining bowl of pink batter until it is an orange/red color and pour the batter into a resealable plastic bag. Cut a corner off the bag, stick the open tip into the center of each cup of white batter and squeeze in about two tablespoons of red batter.
5. Cut the corner off the bag with the pink batter, stick the open tip into the center of the red batter and squeeze about 1 tablespoon pink batter into each cup.
6. Bake the layered cupcakes in the preheated oven until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean, 15 to 20 minutes. Cool completely before frosting.