



E-Newsletter: February 2024

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Upcoming Events

Spring 2024 Messinger-Williams Family Community Education Course Offering

Reading: *The Question of God: C.S. Lewis and Sigmund Freud Debate God, Love, Sex, and the Meaning of Life* (The Free Press, 2003) by Dr. Armand M. Nicholi, Jr.

Facilitator: Trevor Eppehimer, Ph.D.

February 26 - March 29, 2024

For More Information and Registration, [Click Here](#)

Politics of Jesus Series

The Politics of Jesus: Rediscovering the True Revolutionary Nature of Jesus' Teachings and How They Have Been Corrupted

Each Monday beginning February 5, 2024 through March 11, 2024.

For information and registration, [CLICK HERE](#)

Recording of February 5 Politics of Jesus Class



Recording of Firm Foundation Covenant Service



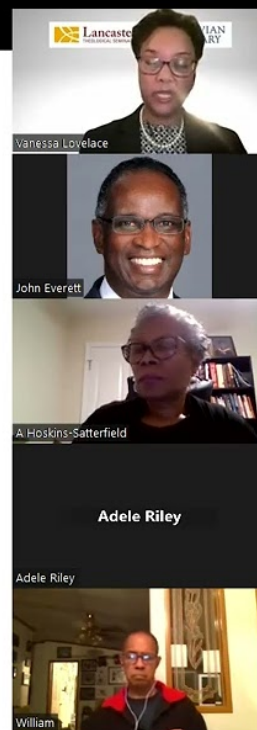


Darryl B. Starnes, Sr.

Recording of Heritage Lecture Series, Friday, February 9

WOMEN AFFECT AND ARE AFFECTED BY NATIONAL PROJECTS

- Biological reproducers of members of the nation
- Central participants in the ideological reproduction of the boundaries of the group
- Transmitters of the nation's culture
- Symbolic signifiers of national difference
- Participants in national, economic, political, and military struggles



Recording of Heritage Lecture Series, Saturday, February 10



Elevate: Creative Church Experiences Webinar

Crafting New Experiences: Unleash your imagination! Learn how to blend tradition with creativity to create worship experiences that are both meaningful and captivating. It's not just a service; it's an experience!

More information can be found: [Here](#)

[Register Here](#)

DMin Service of Candidacy

March 16, 2023

More information coming soon.



Hood Travels

Dr. Vergel Lattimore, President and Professor, gave the keynote speech – “Character Counts” for the Clergy Appreciation Luncheon of the Civitan Club of Salisbury at the Salisbury Country Club on February 1, 2024.

He attended the Livingstone College Black History Opening Program featuring former Charlotte Mayor and Architect – Harvey Gantt at the Dr. Shipman Science Annex on February 1, 2024.

Dr. Lattimore attended the Excellence in Leadership Scholarship Dinner honoring Rev. Dr. Gregory Davis, University of N.C. – Charlotte on February 3, 2024.

He attended the 23rd Livingstone College Annual UNCF “Share the Love Hall of Fame” Dinner, L.C. Hospitality & Culinary School, Salisbury, NC on February 8, 2024.

Dr. Lattimore will participate in the Federal Bureau of Prisons Virtual Community Meeting on February 15, 2024.

He will greet the A.M.E. Zion Board of Bishops Meeting at the Monroe Transformation Center, Rock Hill, SC on February 22, 2024.

Rev. Dr. Vincent W. Howell,
Director, Doctor of Ministry Program, Adjunct Professor of Leadership Ministry, has been elected President- Elect of the International Board of Directors for the Society of Manufacturing Engineers. More information can be found here: [Officers & Directors \(sme.org\)](https://www.sme.org/officers-directors)

FaithLearnThrive & The Center for Bold Leadership welcomes new Program Coordinators, Myra Davis-Bellinger & Vincia Benjamin-Miller

The Center announces recent staff changes that include both the addition of new program coordinators and the recent promotion of Dr. Rona Williams to the role of Director of the Center.

We are excited about the expansion of our teams and anticipate an incredible year of ministry, training, and development through our Center's programming.

Meet Myra

Myra is known as “the visionary/pastor’s friend,” For nearly three decades she has used her passion to help organizations thrive through clarity of vision, training, structure, and development. Co-laboring with her husband, she founded City of God Ministries International and has served as Pastor for over 20 years. Myra holds a Masters degree from Johnson C. Smith University in Social Work and a BA degree in Mass Communications from Winthrop University. Myra is the visionary behind “Operation Raise the Standard,” a leadership training initiative, and the author of Bellinger’s Administrative Guide for Churches and Non-profits. Her expertise in church leadership and structure is showcased in workshops and seminars. Myra is also the creator of “Breathe with Myra,” offering certified transformational life coaching events, retreats, and seminars. Contact: mbellinger@hoodseminary.edu

Meet Vincia

Vincia comes to our Centers from a diverse background in higher education and nonprofit management. She is a renowned contributor to the legacy of excellence at Livingstone University after having served the institution as Director of Academic Recovery Institute & Assistant Director of Summer Bridge & Director of Alumni Affairs. Most recently she boasts significant contributions to nonprofit philanthropy specializing in nonprofit sustainability (donor recognition, fundraising events, and other donor stewardship/cultivation activities). Vincia holds a Bachelor of Arts: Sociology from Livingstone College and a Master of Science: Administration of Justice and Security / Criminal Justice from University of Phoenix. She's a faithful member of Rock Hill AME Zion Church in Concord, NC and brings with her a rich and endearing devotion to the AME Zion Church. Contact: vmiller@hoodseminary.edu

Opportunities



[Russell Street Missionary Baptist Church – Pastor](#)

The Livingstone College Preaching and Worship Institute and Induction

April 3 - 5, 2024

[More Information](#)

[Click Here for Registration](#)

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Monthly Giving

We are excited to introduce an all-new and impactful initiative at Hood Theological Seminary that was launched in September - the Faithful Friends Partner Recurring Monthly Program!

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