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BLACK LOVE MATTERS

CELEBRATING BLACK LOVE

by Rev. Kimberly Headley

Black love has appeared to have been nullified as a nonexistent entity within the black community. If there were examples of black love, what we saw were oversexualized, baby mama drama sequences that either had women walking away mad as hell or brothers looked upon as the scum of the earth. But a wonderful relief from the negativity of black love in movies, rap videos and ratchet television programs is the 44th President of the United States and his queen, President Barack and First Lady Michelle Obama



whose presence made me believe that the image of black love has shifted. The Obamas are our modern-day example of black love that is healthy, wholesome, spiritual, magnetic, poetic, timeless, respectable, self-affirming and authentic. All the magazine covers and intimate photos showed a black man and a black woman in love. Look what God has done, the images that African Americans have suffered for decades, culminate in the 44th Presidency of the United States where

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SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

John 15:12-13 ESV

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A Legacy of Love

Coretta met Martin after he was given her number by a mutual friend. Naturally, Coretta, being the classy lady she was, played hard to get. She was also surprised at how short he was. Martin tried convincing Coretta that she had all the qualities he was looking for in a spouse, but she was not entirely sold on the idea, since they only just met. Coretta did not understand how Martin could have felt that way, having not known her. But she prayed on it and then continued to see him on a regular basis. Dr. & Mrs. King are one of the most iconic couples in history - not only for their civil rights accomplishments, but also for the love and support they had for one another. Dr. King wrote a letter to his mom stating that he met his wife. This was only two weeks after meeting Coretta for the first time.



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The best way for blacks to combat prejudice and racism is to treat each other with the respect and dignity that we ask of others. We need to serve as an example of human decency and kindness.



Love & Hip Hop

In the midst of the fighting, crying, and scheming, Remy and Papoose manage to show that a wonderful relationship in the hip hop community is possible. Their apparel line Meet the Mackies sells “Black Love” t-shirts and hats. Remy and Papoose are spreading love....the Brooklyn way!



For the Love of Christ

They hung Him high, they stretched Him wide, He hung His head; for me, he died. There truly is no greater love.

A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

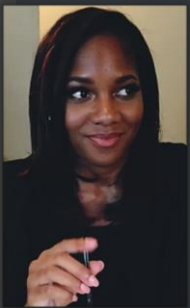
Welcome to 2017 - a wonderful opportunity to start anew!

As you can see and read, the Broadcaster has a new look and we are so excited to share it with you! You are in store for six, fun and informative issues that truly reflect our church community. In this issue, we touch on what black love is and why above anything else in our community, we should be thinking about celebrating it first. Rev. Headley discusses the celebration of black love and how we saw the very example of it with President Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama. Despite the fictitious images that are often used to describe our community, there are so many positive examples of who we can be as individuals, couples, and families. Start a movement of heart, compassion, and care, today! #blacklovematters. -ED

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THE FASHION



B E A T



By K. Hills

WELCOME BACK!

I hope you had a very Merry Christmas and an even better New Year's Celebration! As we look ahead to the spring and all the fun it will bring, we see that Valentine's Day is right around the corner. Now my favorite part of this holiday is all the chocolate that is around and will be on sale!! But there is the fun of fashion that surrounds this holiday as well!

During this season we tend to hone in on only two colors... red and pink, forgetting about the hundreds of other colors that exist in the world. Don't stop at just red and pink, incorporate the whole rainbow! Why not wear your

look best in. celebrating favorite you! Think Black has



guessed it) wardrobe.

leather jacket or be daring and pull out those black over the knee boots. Black isn't just for Halloween - give it a try on Valentine's Day too!

sweetheart's favorite color or the color they always tell you that you Break out those greens, blues and golds! Even if you are this Valentine's Day by yourself, wear your favorite color, your outfit - you know, the one that you put on and there's no stopping

Black - it will always and forever be sexy!

to be my favorite color to wear on Valentine's Day. It is sleek, adventurous, mysterious, fun, and (you sexy! It must be a staple in your

Throw on that little black dress or



Dress to impress! No matter what color you decide to wear, make sure you never forget your confidence! Whether you're dressing up for your significant other (which I'm sure they'll love) or dressing up for you - always dress to impress!

I hope you have a fun and oh so sweet, Valentine's Day!

Until Next Time Berean Beauties,
K. Hills

Ask the Nurse

February is upon us and as with any month, the 1st of the month gives us a chance to start over and do it better! Stress is a major contributor of serious health conditions and diseases. We are stressed on the job about the job, at home, and at play. Here are a few health and spiritual tips you can use to reduce your stress:

- Allow God to manage your life and help you with your daily tasks.
- Ask for help when you need it. God put us here for a reason - we were all meant to help one another.
- Think about helping others by building them up. Build your church, community and country. Teach the youth to respect and love our elders.
- Strengthen physically by eating well, getting proper rest, and exercising regularly. Strengthen mentally and spiritually through prayer, meditation, and study of the Word.
- Be receptive to receive and doubly willing to give back.
- Find your passion and share it with others.
- Wear a smile more often.

Above all, unity with God in our midst promotes health, happiness, prosperity, and growth. Let's be about that life!

Nurse
Maureen Williams



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.....we saw pictures of our President adoring his lady; date night at a small café; the famous kiss at a basketball game; the photos of their heads joined together and hands held before he went out to face the American people; the fist bumps on the campaign trail and at his last state of the union address the tears that formed in his eyes as he reminded the American people of the significance that Michelle Obama played in his presidency and in his life. This is black love...it stands through storms; it stands through accusations; it is inseparable; and unconquerable because it is solid as a Rock, as Ashford and Simpson sang and I believe it. Black love and self-love were demonstrated in the public forum through Barack and Michelle Obama. They taught us how to hold to our heritage and love in the face of opposition. Black love is resilient; Black love has the undeniable power to love in the face of hate. Black love is the epitome of a love that forgives, a love that heals, and a love that is magnanimous in its expression. President Barack and First Lady Michelle Obama not only restored faith in black love, they gave a face to it. We celebrate and salute their contribution to our nation and to black love. -KH

Cooking With Coleen

Easy Peasy

This super tasty, no-fuss green pea soup can be made in a jiffy!

Here is what you'll need:

- 1 1/2 cups of chicken stock, one 10 ounce can of green peas, 1/2 of medium-sized onion,
- 1 tablespoon of flour, 2 teaspoons of butter,
- 1 teaspoon of sugar, and a blender.

Put all ingredients in blender and blend until smooth. Heat mixture just until flour is cooked.

Serve hot. It's that easy!!!

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- Single Supplement: \$300.00
- Tips for ground guide: \$50.00

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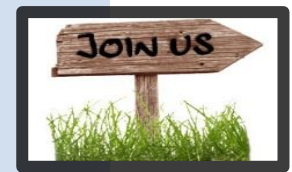
Heavy Love
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February 10th, 2017
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#blacklovematters

Recognition and respect are given to cultures and groups of people that can come together, despite their differences. You can see this unity within the Hispanic community; Asian and Jewish.....the list goes on. My question has been and remains: why can't Blacks do the same? There will always be internal differences, but why can't we put them aside in order to work together and guarantee success for all? Black people should be embracing and loving towards each other. Black love is strong and potent. It should look like something nobody has ever seen before. It should feel like a blot of sunshine, a sensational smile across someone's face, or an extended hand with the intent to help and never harm. Demonstrate black love to your brother and sister today. Black lives matter as must, black love. - Alicia Fabre

