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## James Davis Educational/Library Memorial Fund

The Fund President • Missionary Vicki C. Davis Napper

This issue of the James Davis EML "DOOR POST" Newsletter, visits the idea of "Is There No Balm In Gilead?" The Balm of Gilead (a rare perfume) used medicinally, mentioned in the Bible, and named after the region of Gilead, is where it was produced. The Expression of Jeremiah has come to signify a universal cure in figurative speech. Scriptural references to the balm of Gilead inspired literary and cultural allusions. "There is a Balm in Gilead!"

This issue also begins the James Davis Educational Memorial Library's 16th year, and the Door Post's second year. The Curator's goal of "renewed visibility" of our Library in its 15th year was accomplished, Next year's goal is: "encouraging more use of our library."

Congratulation to **Deacon Aaron Waffer**, who is our newly appointed **librarian**. Sincere thank you's to **Sister Fredda Shepherd** for donating wonderful Black History books and to **Miss'y. Jacquelyne Waffer** for wonderful medical books.

**"WHERE GOD GUIDES, GOD WILL PROVIDE!"**

## THE DOOR POST SCRIPTURE:

"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf." (Hebrews 6:19-20 NIV).

**"THE MOTTO: 'FAITH IT, 'TIL WE MAKE IT!"**

Renew "Trust In the LORD" in 2019: He controls our past, present, and future.  
The "Door Post" Staff.



## THE DOOR POST James Davis EML Newsletter • Sixteenth Year

Jr. Mother Iris A. B. Barnett, BA, MS • Curator

**Is There No Balm in Gilead?:** Is there no physician here? I'm lead to ask these questions because the actions of people today can be truly depressing: idolatry, adultery, homosexuality, chronic diseases are running rampant; mistreatment of strangers, widows and orphans; disrespect for human life (killings reported daily) and so much more. This "Jeremiad" (a long mournful complaint) includes a long list of woes. All these increasing numbers "cause and symbolize" God's tears for His human creation, acting like an unfaithful non-trusting spouse, and rebellious children.

**Has God's Judgment come to us?** Has God's judgment on such unfaithfulness come to us, America, and the world? No, not fully yet! We still abide under "Grace and Mercy." This second year's issue of James Davis EML, Newsletter dares to ask these questions, "Is there no balm on earth? Is there no Great Physician here (Jeremiah 8:22)?"

**The Balm of Gilead:** literally was a topical medicine made from a local tree. This is not the treatment alluded to in these questions. We refer to the Physician who can salve the eternal wounds of "rebellion and separation" from God Himself. This Balm is salvation!

**God Is Faithful To Heal And Restore Us!:** Jesus is the Great Physician who is coming again with eternal healing. He is still a marvelous healer. He was born to restore our souls back to God. Jesus, alone, is the balm we need to heal our sin-sick souls, right now. We must beg for forgiveness, confess our shameful behavior; fast, pray for healing and become new !

We Honor BLACK INVENTORS at PAW this month.

Your continued donations of: \$10 per month, made out to: James Davis Educational/Library Memorial (ELM) Fund; located on our church envelops, are greatly needed, to keep moving forward in 2019. Have you contributed?

**SUPPORT ALL FUNDRAISERS!**



Library Hours: Sundays 11-11:30 AM

NEW Articles - deadline: 3rd Sundays

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**KINGDOM BUILDER TIPS:**

**“Balm In Gilead”**

**Pastor Eugene Collins, III**

- \* **Can we see:** builders, the Great Healing Salve, who saves, is in our midst, rejoicing over us. He will rest in silence, and make no mention of our past sins. He will exult over us with singing (Zeph. 3:17). Why not trust Him? Sing from the heart to Him!
- \* **The Passover Meal:** ends with songs from the Hallel (Psalms 113-118). Jesus, approaching death, sang, the “**Cords of death**” entangled Me” (116:3).
- \* **Trusting God:** He sang praises for His Father’s love (117:2); and sang thanks to Him for Salvation (118:14). Singing brought Him comfort.

**Jesus Sang** to teach: trust God! He is with us in whatever we face.

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First Women’s Day! **“THE DOOR POST”** Feature Article

**Praise and Worship, COGIC**

**1st. 2019 Women’s Day:**

began with an awesome theme: **“Trust in the Lord!”** Mother Cora Willis, (Women’s Department President), set the pace by encouraging all to, “Trust God, and have a song in our hearts;” to help carry us through the difficult times of today.

Missionary Victoria Only introduced our main speaker: Missionary Vicki Napper. She blessed us with a remarkable, spirit filled, holy message coming from (Proverbs 3:5-6; Psalms 147:5; 119:105, 139:7-12; Genesis 18:14; Job; Romans 11:32; Ephesians 5:18b-20; Philippians 4:6-7; and Rev. 19:6). Although it may seem difficult to trust the Lord because of our situations, we must remember to ask ourselves, “why should-



n’t we” trust our Savior? He is the all powerful One who delivered us, the King of the Universe, He’s omnipotent, and we are never out of His sight. We must be humble; be in total submission. How do we do this? Just trust Him, all storms aren’t meant to destroy us. Some are meant to move debris out of our way. Sing and mean it, “I Surrender All,” Acknowledge Him, listen, cherish His Word with a song in our hearts. “T’is so Sweet to Follow Jesus.” “What a Friend we Have in Jesus.” “He Will Take Care of You.” Songs are **meat** when going through! He will give us peace. He is our healing **balm**



**BALM OF GILEAD:** (Above and Below) **BALM = CITY = METAPHOR**

**THINK IMAGE: “BALM IN GILEAD”**

The **Balm** is a high-quality ointment with healing properties, taken from flowering plants growing in Gilead. The **city**, a prominent biblical place located east of the Jordan River; is well known for its spices and ointments. Judges: Jair, Jephthah; King Jehu, and the prophet Elijah, were all from Gilead. Many Bible events happened in Gilead. (See Gen. 31:20-23, 25, 32:1, 37:25; Deut. 3:13-15, 34:1-4; Num. 32-40; Judg. 20:1; 2 Sam. 17:24-26; Jer. 8:22, 46:11).

The **Metaphor**: Jeremiah, in a dark place, discouraged and mourning for his people, cries out: “Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has not the health of my poor people been restored?” He is searching his soul; he is actually saying, “there must be a balm in Gilead,” for he has found it as the sure foundation of his own faith. **Ponder This Image!** There is a balm here. We can affirm God’s presence and healing in the midst of this world. Our hope, trust, and faith is surly grounded in a God whom revives our souls again. and again.

**The Old African-American Spiritual:**

This **Spiritual** compares the healing balm to the saving power of Jesus — the one true treatment that never fails to heal our spiritual wounds. The **Refrains**: “There Is A Balm In Gilead” **1).** *There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul. Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work’s in vain. But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. 2).* *Don’t ever*

*feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend, and if you look for knowledge, he’ll n’er refuse to lend. 3).* *If you can’t preach like Peter, if you can’t pray like Paul, just tell the love of Jesus, and say he died for all. H. Thurman*, grandson of a slave (and noted theologian), says this spiritual’s insight is, “optimism, that grows out of the pessimism of life and transcends it.”