

# Church Announcements

## HEALTH

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### Linwood Baptist Church

Linwood Community  
off highway 21 East of Alto

### Family and Friends Day

3:00pm Sunday,  
October 23rd

Rev. Vertis Thacker, Pastor  
(The public is invited to attend)

### Elm Grove Baptist Church

Highway 110 North  
Rusk, Texas

### Women's Day Celebration

11:00a.m.

Speaker  
Minister Brenda Mallard Davis  
Timothy Bircher, Pastor  
(The public is invited to attend and  
Dinner will be served)

### New Community United Methodist Church

920 MLK  
Jacksonville, Tx. 75766

### Family and Friends Day

October 9, 2016  
3:00pm

Speaker  
Rev. Larry Smith Fellowship Baptist  
Dallas, Texas  
  
Pastor, Rev. Edward Smith

### Mt. Olive Baptist Church

215 Collins Street  
Rusk, Texas 75785

### Musician & Choir Annual Appreciation

October 23, 2016  
3:00pm

Speaker  
Rev. J. R. Mumphrey  
Greater Calvary Baptist Church  
Dallas, Tx.  
Rev. Jerry Leviston, Pastor  
Sam O'Neal, Deacon  
Mary Foreman, Choir President

neighborhoods. And it requires that we go beyond the traditional scope of care by addressing the socioeconomic needs that contribute to mental health, including access to affordable housing, food security and more. Going beyond the traditional scope also means that our nation must address the care of our military veterans. Current statistics reveal that 18 to 22 veterans die by suicide each day in America because of their unique mental and behavioral health needs. Some of these veterans are African-Americans; we must do more to help all vets. That's one reason for Ascension's participation in the federal Veterans Choice Program, which was formed to improve the quality and access of care to veterans nationwide. All of these programs and investments are important, but real gains in this fight will not come without the support and participation of the African-American community overall. We must stop viewing mental illness in America as if it were a personal failing rather than a serious health concern. And we must

help our loved ones and neighbors to stop neglecting the care they need because of stigmas that surround mental health. These stigmas must be addressed and overcome. While communities of color are having important conversations about mental health, we can do more. Breaking down these barriers will compel us not only to recognize the necessity of mental health care, but also to marshal our support for family, friends and neighbors who are seeking the help and treatment they need. Together, we can build a healthier, stronger community, where getting support for mental health problems is not a sign of weakness, but one of strength. Patricia A. Maryland, Dr.PH, is the President of Healthcare Operations and Chief Operating Officer for Ascension Health, the healthcare delivery subsidiary of Ascension, the nation's largest non-profit and largest Catholic health system.

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Jennifer Williams - Oct. 10  
Shirley Davis - Oct. 10  
Shirley Clark - Oct 5th  
Wanda Adams Oct. 25  
Sue Alexander - Oct. 26  
Carolyn Reed - Oct. 8

Daphne Session - Sept. 10  
Wendy Mclaughlin - Sept. 12  
Triniti Small - Sept. 26  
Marcus Carter - Sept 2  
Maxine session - Sept. 16  
Brenda Black Oct. 11  
Glen Dennis - Oct 11  
Charles Denman -Sept. 2  
Jerome Reed - Oct. 8