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Tonee was preceded in death by his mother, Louise Calhoun; father, George Carter; grandparents, Willie Mae Carter and Horace Carter; aunt, Gay Carter; and uncle, Horace Carter Jr.

Tonee leaves to cherish his memories his spouse, Michelle 'Micki' Carter; daughter, Nicole 'Nikki' (Tyron 'Ty') Berrian; granddaughters, Paris and Palyce Berrian; all of Atlanta, GA; sister, Kathy Wilder, Kankakee, IL; devoted 'baby sister', Georgette Carter, Chattanooga; brothers, Eddie Calhoun, Clifford 'Wayne' Calhoun, and Craig Calhoun all of Kankakee, IL; Grady Mathews and Terry Carter, both of Chattanooga; uncles, Cyrus (Virginia) Carter, Roland Carter, and Mack (Tekelia) Kelly, all of Chattanooga; aunt, Deborah Kelly, Chattanooga; 'mom' Gradie Carter, Chattanooga; mother-in-law, Willa Cain, Atlanta, GA; sisters-in-law, Marilyn 'Denise' Sharpe, Atlanta, GA; Anita Duncan, Kenosha, WI; brother-in-law, Albert (Bridget) Ford Jr, Atlanta, GA; forever friends, Ricky Cotton and Kurt Mitchell, both of Atlanta, GA; David Anthony Woods, Chattanooga; and Carlos Whitaker, Nashville, TN; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who loved him dearly.



Sunday, October 9 is dedicated as Pastor Appreciation Day, and the entire month of October is designated as Pastor Appreciation Month.

By Robin Smith

Pastors, you are appreciated by the Chattanooga News Chronicle, its staff, leadership, and readership. Pastors, we need you now, more than ever.

Some may believe being a pastor is a job. Granted, there are likely those who may treat the position as a vocation. However, being a pastor is a calling that comes with great accountability and responsibility.

Sure, the definition of a pastor, in Merriam-Webster, is a "spiritual overseer" as is used in the Bible to be the spiritual leader, elder, and bishop. The word is also recognized to mean herdsman which ties to its Latin origins, which mean shepherd. In Scripture, David began as a humble shepherd who cared for, bound up wounds, protected, fed, led to water, fought, and killed predators, and tended individual sheep and the flock. The shepherd would leave the herd to find the stray. The shepherd used the rod with the sheep as a blunt instrument to discipline, protect, and a weapon if needed. The staff urged along the sheep, rescued them from pits and entanglements, and gave the shepherd a walking stick for support.

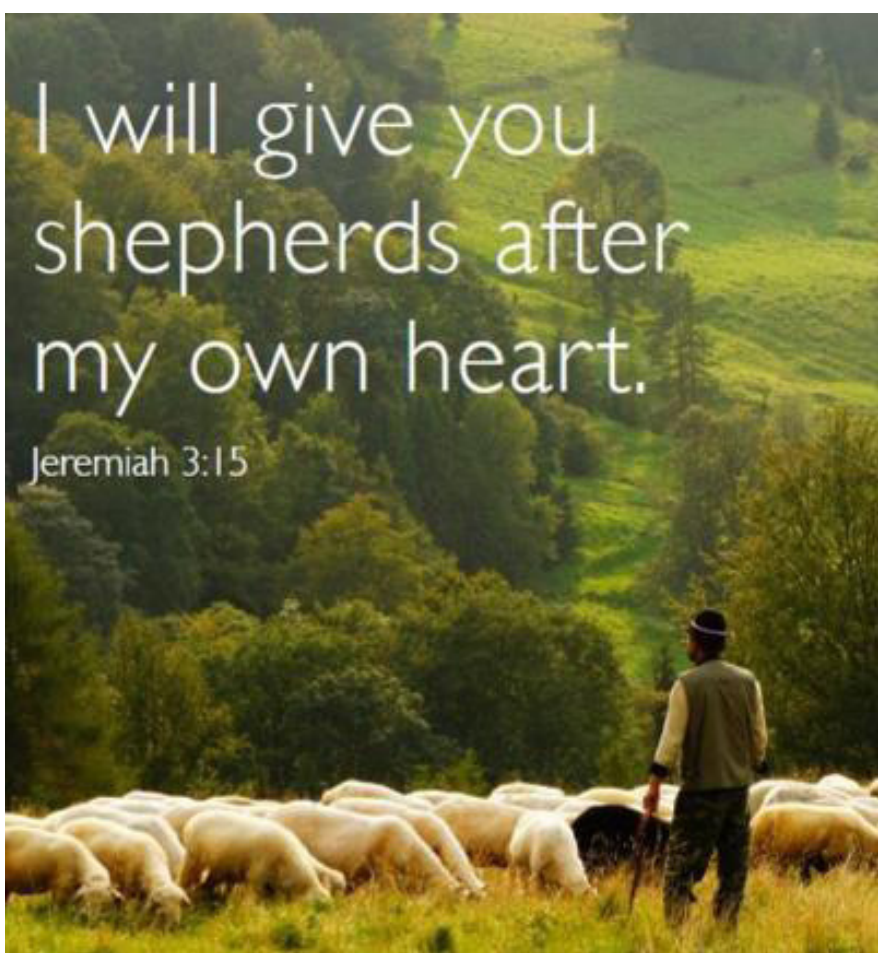
Today, many who serve as shep-

herd and pastor do so in a part-time or even lay, or voluntary, capacity.

Regardless, to those who study the Word of the Living God and prepare to share inspiration, correction, and explanation each week for us to grow and bear fruit as our Lord expects, accept our thanks. For those who take calls from families in crisis and minister in ways that words can't explain in times of need, we are grateful. For the hospital bedsides and the gravesides by which you stand speaking hope and healing eternal, our words are inadequate to express our thanks. For the missed baseball games, recitals, class plays, date nights, and any of your own family's moments of memories and importance sacrificed while serving others, we can't give thanks enough.

Pastors, you are shepherds in this life. You do lead your assigned flock with a calling issued by One Whose reward is great, yet Who speaks of suffering as a state for which we are to exult (Romans 5:3). Your sacrifice, your service, and all you do is seen by the Father Who called you and keeps us all.

We celebrate you, Pastors, and need you now in these days, more than ever.

**Murphy:** from front

as well."

DA Wamp said students who commit crimes need consequences.

"There's a line in this community that we have to draw in the sand right now," she said. "Because you don't think a 16- or 17-year-old needs to go to prison until it's your child that they shot, period."

However, Wamp, who often sees some of the city's youth, said it's never their goal to add to students' records.

"We don't put scars on our juveniles' records," she explained. "We want to make sure they can get out and be productive still, even if they go through the juvenile justice system."

Chief Murphy said it's important stu-

dents know they have a mentor they can trust in a time of need.

"Coming from the stance of not wanting to lock people up, you want to have that mentor there," she said. "That person there that relates. Someone from the community working with these children."

Community leader Price said that in the long run, this isn't an issue to be solved only in the schools, since it has an impact on the entire city.

"The reality is this right here," he said. "It doesn't matter the color of our skin, what background you come from. None of that stuff matters. The reality is, as residents of Hamilton County--as it relates to our kids--all of this stuff affects all of us."



Chattanooga Police Chief Celeste Murphy (right) speaks Monday night during "The State of Our Youth" panel discussion, hosted at Pneuma Christian Center. Hamilton County District Attorney Coty Wamp is seated to her left.

Jackson: from front

lins, Alaska's Lisa Murkowski and Utah's Mitt Romney--joined all Democrats in voting for her.

Judge Jackson, 52, was born in Washington, D.C. and grew up in Miami. Her parents attended segregated primary schools, then attended historically black colleges and universities. In a 2017 lecture, Judge Jackson traced her love of the law back to sitting next to her father in their apartment as he tackled his law school homework--reading cases and preparing for Socratic questioning--while she undertook her preschool homework, which was coloring books.

Judge Jackson stood out as a high achiever throughout her childhood. She was a speech and debate star who was elected "mayor" of Palmetto Junior High and student body president of Miami Palmetto Senior High School.

But like many Black women, she still faced naysayers. When Judge Jackson told her high school guidance counselor

she wanted to attend Harvard, the guidance counselor warned that Judge Jackson should not set her "sights so high."

That did not stop Judge Jackson. She graduated magna cum laude from Harvard University in 1992. Then attended Harvard Law School, where in 1996, she graduated cum laude and was an editor of the Harvard Law Review. She later clerked for a federal trial court in Massachusetts, a federal appeals court covering northeastern states and for Justice Breyer.

Judge Jackson worked in private practice before joining the U.S. Sentencing Commission in 2003 and becoming a federal public defender in 2005.

She began her judicial career as a U.S. District judge in Washington, D.C., in 2007. President Biden nominated her to the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals last year. The Senate confirmed her for that position in a 53-44 vote.

Judge Jackson lives with her husband, Patrick, and their two daughters, in Washington, DC.



The Supreme Court held a special sitting last Friday, for the formal investiture ceremony of Associate Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson. President Biden and Vice President Harris attended. Credit: Collection of the Supreme Court of the United States.