

RADCLIFFE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH USA

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Living Legends Sunday

*Celebrating Our Seniors and Honoring
Older Americans Month*



SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026 |



11:00 AM



*“honoring God by being good
stewards of the temple.”*

– 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NRSV)

Reverend Dr. Andrew Lee Stephens Jr., Pastor



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Opening Prayer

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LITANY OF CONFESSION

Leader: Spirit of the Living God, You have breathed life into Your people and poured out Your Spirit upon all flesh, yet we confess that we have too often resisted Your movement among us.

People: Forgive us, O God, when fear has closed our hearts, when pride has divided Your people, and when we have failed to live as one Body in Christ.

Leader: You created us for witness, for unity, and for love, yet we have used our gifts for ourselves rather than for the common good.

People: Forgive us, O Lord, when we have silenced the voices You have called, ignored the visions You have given, and doubted the power of Your Spirit.

Leader: You call sons and daughters, young and old, all people everywhere, to proclaim Your mighty deeds.

People: Pour out Your Spirit upon us again, that we may live boldly, love deeply, and faithfully bear witness to Jesus Christ.

Leader: Breathe upon us once more, O Christ, and renew the face of our lives and of Your Church.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

Apostles' Creed: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

We have come this far by faith

Chorus one:

We have come this far by faith
Leaning on the Lord,
Trusting in His holy Word,
He's never failed us yet.
Singin' oh, oh, oh, can't turn a-round,
We've come this far by faith.

Verse one:

Just the other day, I heard a man say
He didn't believe in God's-Word,
But I can truly say that I have found the way,
And He's never failed me yet. Oh, oh, oh!

(Repeat Chorus)

Verse Two:

Don't be discouraged
When troubles come your-way.
He'll bear all your burdens,
And turned all your night into day. Oh, oh, oh!

Chorus Two:

We've come this far by faith,
Leaning on the Lord,
Trusting in His holy Word,
He's never failed us-yet.
Singin' oh, oh, oh can't turn a-round,
We've come this far by faith.
Singin' oh, oh, oh, can't turn a-round,
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SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading: Acts 2:1–21 *or* Numbers 11:24–30

Psalm: Psalm 104:24–34, 35b

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b–13 *or* Acts 2:1–21

Gospel: John 20:19–23 *or* John 7:37–39

PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leader

Minister Chase Garrison

Scripture Reader

Minister Chase Garrison

Music Ministry

Every Sunday Choir

Media Ministry

Director Reginald Simpson

Elder Charles Easley

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Elder Andrew Lee Stephens III

Proclamation of the Word

Rev. Dr. Andrew L. Stephens Jr.



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Living Legends Celebration 2026

“Our Living Legends, honoring God by being good stewards of the temple”

Today we give thanks to God as we honor our Living Legends—Paula and Morocco Coleman, Edward Fitts, and Jerry Leath—whose lives reflect faithful stewardship of the temple God has entrusted to them.

In a world that often measures value by achievement, we celebrate something deeper: lives marked by wisdom, perseverance, and unwavering commitment to God and community.

They remind us that stewardship is not only about what we do, but how we live—caring for the bodies, minds, and spirits God has given, and offering them daily in service to Him.

We praise God for the gift of their lives and for the immeasurable contributions they continue to make. Their witness sets a standard before us—calling us to seek God for the courage and strength to live with the same faithfulness and devotion.

Personally, I am grateful for the ways they enrich my life and ministry. Serving as their pastor is one of the greatest honors of my life.

May their example inspire us all to honor God as faithful stewards of the temple.

In Christ,

Rev. Dr. Andrew Lee Stephens, Jr.

Pastor



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May 24, 2026

Dear Living Legends,

Living Legends of Radcliffe, The Stewardship Mission Interpretation Committee celebrates you! Our Motivators, excellent examples of what taking care of our temples truly mean.

The theme chosen for the 2026 Living Legends Celebration is **"Our Living Legends, honoring God by being good stewards of the temple"**. The bible verses that represent this is: "Do you know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You were bought at price. Therefore, honor God with your Bodies". (Corinthians 6:19-20)

Our Living Legends, Paula Coleman, Morocco Coleman, Edward Fitts and Jerry Leath, you are examples, of glorifying God by taking care of your bodies (temples), by taking care of your health, adopting a healthy lifestyle, having the energy to do God's work, by giving back to your church (Radcliffe, your family and community). **Imagine the possibilities, if we all follow your examples!**

We are thankful to God for you, our Livings Legends.

Peace and love always.

Joan Moore-Moone

The Stewardship Mission Interpretation Committee

THE HISTORY OF NATIONAL OLDER AMERICAN MONTH AND THE CELEBRATION of LIVING LEGENDS IN RADCLIFFE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

2026

It was in 2003 when the Radcliffe Session approved the proposal, presented by Mrs. Herra Davis, Moderator of the Stewardship and Missions Interpretation Committee, that the church join the nation in celebrating National Older Americans Month. The historical significance of the recognition began in 1963 when President John F. Kennedy designated May as "Senior Citizens Month." In 1980 under President Jimmy Carter's leadership, the tradition was newly named "Older Americans Month." Each year the president signs a proclamation, and across the nation a variety of events and affairs celebrate the cause.

The Stewardship and Mission Interpretation Committee designated that the eldest among the congregation (those eighty-plus years of age) would be recognized as Living Legends. Psalm 90:10 KJV was referenced for the committee's age decision: *"The days of our years are threescore and ten; and if by reason of strength they be four-score years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off; and we fly away."*

An invitation is extended to the membership for persons who turned eighty years of age (since June 1st of the previous year or will be by May 31st of the current year) to participate in the month-long recognition that culminates with a special worship service and reception. The congregation has been proud to celebrate with families and friends of our Living Legends for the last sixteen years. This year we added to this esteemed group four new individuals, whose photographs and biographies follow in this booklet.

LIVING LEGENDS AND OLDER AMERICAN MONTH

In 1963, [Older Americans Month](#) was established to annually recognize older Americans for their contributions to the nation. More than 60 years later, this tradition continues each May. “The Presbyterian Church (USA) designates the first Sunday of May as the beginning of Older Adult Week, a time to honor older adults for their commitment to the life, witness, and ministry of the church. The timing may not work for your plans...you may choose any Sunday for your celebration of Older Adults”. Radcliffe chose the fourth Sunday in May to Celebrate members who have reached the age of eighty by the 4th Sunday in May, they are Radcliffe’s LIVING LEGENDS.

The theme for Older American Month (OAM) 2026 is “Champion Your Health”.

This theme emphasizes prevention, wellness, and the personal responsibility older adults take in managing their own health to maintain independence.

Biblical Meaning of Champion Your Health:

1. “Stewardship of the Temple: (1 Corinthians 6:19-20) Teaches that the body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, purchased by God. Championing health is seen as a way to honor God by taking care of the gift of life”.
- 2.” Purposeful Aging: The bible emphasize that God has a purpose for every stage of life, including old age caring for one’s health allows seniors to continue fulfilling their God-given purpose and serving their communities” (and churches).
3. “Active Stewardship: This theme aligns with taking responsibility for one’s physical well-being through proper nutrition and self-care, viewed as a form of gratitude to God for his grace”.
4. “Strength in God: (Isaiah 46:4) Even as bodies age, the focus is on the promise that God cares and sustains seniors, giving them the strength to “CHAMPION” their health, even when facing physical challenges.”

Radcliffe Presbyterian Church’s 2026 Theme for celebrating our LIVING LEGENDS is: “Our Living Legends, honoring God by being good stewards of the temple.”

Imagine the possibilities!

“Adopting a healthy lifestyle allows you to reap the benefits in terms of longer, healthy lives. The ability to give back to your family, church, community, and organizations that share your passion.

The way we choose to take care of God’s greatest creation is a way we can honor and glorify Him! “Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies” (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

Name: Paula Lynn Jarrett-Coleman

Birth: March 23, 1946 | Nashville, Tennessee

Family: Married to Theodore Morocco Coleman; mother of Azure Michele Coleman Owens; grandmother of Indigo A. Owens

Education: Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee

Employment: Retired from the Georgia Department of Family and Children Services (25 years) and New York Health and Hospitals/Harlem Hospital (20 years)

Church Involvement: A member of Radcliffe Presbyterian Church (USA) since 1990, Paula has faithfully served in numerous ministries and leadership roles, including Sunday School teacher; Vice-Moderator of the Volunteer Service Guild; Vice-Moderator and Moderator of the “C” Ladies; and leader within Presbyterian Women, where she established the Annabelle Jarrett Living Witness Award, coordinated the Backpack Ministry, and implemented the Change 4 Children Program. She also served as Deacon (2016–2022), including Financial Secretary and Treasurer, and currently serves as Elder and Moderator of Evangelism and Outreach Ministry (2023–2028). Paula also serves as Commissioner to the Synod of South Atlantic (2024–2027).

Community Service: Usher Collier Elementary School Go Team; ACTS Ministry, Inc. at the Georgia Department of Corrections women’s prison; Harlan Terrace Community Association.

Honors: Employee of the Year, Dekalb County Family and Children Services (2006); Presbyterian Women Honorary Life Membership (2005); Radcliffe PW Woman of the Year (2021)

Hobbies: Reading, bird watching, candid photography, and indoor gardening.



Name: Morocco Coleman

Place of Birth: Atlanta, Georgia
(Fulton County)

Date of Birth: April 10, 1946

Marital Status: Married

Family: Married to Paula Jarrett Coleman, Daughter Azure Michele Coleman Owens, Granddaughter Indigo Owens

Education: North Carolina Central University, Durham, N.C. BA Degree; Harrington University MA. Degree; Para Legal Certification, John Marshall Law School



Employment: Retired in 2000 from The GA. Department of Labor. Served as the Director For the Office of Veterans Programs, Statewide

Church Involvement: Financially supports the Men of Radcliffe. Participate in the Annual Community Celebration providing Veterans and Family Benefits Information

Organizations: Atlanta Branch NAACP, Tuskegee Airmen

Honors: Received The President Joseph Biden Lifetime Achievement Award 2022; NAACP Distinguish Leadership Award 1998

Hobbies: Bridge, Learning Guitar and African Djembe drum, painting and drawing, Writing-Published "Coming Full Circle"

Name: Edward M. Fitts

Place of Birth: Birmingham, Alabama

Date of Birth: September 25, 1945

Marital Status: Married-Andrea Johnson Fitts

Family: Daughter- Lynette E. Fitts, Son -Marty T. Fitts

Education: B A: Stillman College-English/Spanish

J D: Woodrow Wilson College of Law



Employment: Fitts and Associates, Attorneys at Law

Church Involvement: Ordained Elder; Deacon; Adult Class Sunday School Teacher; Usher; Treasurer Radcliffe Deacons

Organizations: Men of Radcliffe-Chaplain; Education Team-Sunday School Staff

Honors: Church Man of the Year; Sunday School Teacher of the Year; Men of Radcliffe "Outstanding Leadership Award"

Hobbies: Fishing, Basketball, Football, Swimming, Traveling

Name: Jerry M. Leath

Place of Birth: Alamance County, NC, mailing address: Elon College

Date of Birth: July 10, 1943

Marital Status: Married to Barbara E. Leath

Family: Two sons, Chris who lives in Atlanta, GA, Greg, lives in Dallas, TX

Three brothers and a sister residing in North Carolina; one sister deceased-

Education: B.S. Degree Economics, NCA&T State University, Greensboro, NC



Employment: Retired, Hoechst-Roussel Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Bridgewater, NJ

Church Involvement: Ruling Elder, 1981, Trustee 2015,2026, Commissioner to Synod of the Trinity, Chair, Pastor Nominating Committee, Stewardship Committee, PGA Nominating Committee, PGA Personnel Committee, PGA Operations Committee, Church Treasurer, Member of Session, Member, PGA Pastor 2 Pastor Team

Organizations: Current member of the American Legion, Lions International, Habitat For Humanity Local Board, PA

Honors:

Hobbies: Vegetable gardening

Radcliffe Presbyterian Church (U. S. A.)

The Stewardship and Mission Interpretation Committee

Salutes Our 2026 Living Legends

Mrs. Paula Lynn Jarrett-Coleman

Mr. Theodore Morocco Coleman

Mr. Edward M. Fitts

Mr. Jerry M. Leath

LIVING LEGENDS PRIOR TO 2026

Mrs. Margaret Adair

Mrs. Helen B. Bell

Mr. William A. Boyd

Mrs. Henra Faye Davis

Mrs. Mary Davis

Mrs. Jacqueline Dunlap

Mr. Ernest Ellis

Mrs. Margaret C. Gardner

Mrs. Gwendolyn W. Garrison

Mrs. Dorothy Leola Hudson

Mrs. Margaret A. Jacobs

Mrs. Ellen Pierce Jones

Mr. Alfred Edward McWilliams, Jr.

Mrs. LaVerne Moone Wyche

Mrs. Bettye Robinson

Mrs. Darlene Yarborough-Morgan

Mrs. Shirley Barnes

Mrs. Jeanne Blackmon

Mrs. Hazel A. Clements

Mrs. Johnnie Davis

Mr. Phillip Davis

Mrs. Delores Hooks

Mrs. Sylvia Ellis

Mrs. Irma Goggins

Mrs. Jacques Jefferson

Mrs. Shirley Leaphart

Mrs. Virginia Lewis

Mrs. Clarice McCleary

Mrs. Charlotte Osgood

Mrs. Carrie W. Peek

Mrs. Dorcas B. Simon

Mrs. Delores V. Williams

**LIVING LEGENDS
GONE BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN**

Mrs. Ina S. Atkins

Mrs. Fannye Hopkins Banks

Mr. Ernest Blackmon

Mrs. Cleo Booker

Mrs. Marion Boyd

Mr. Solomon Bynes

Dr. Richard Carroll

Mr. Willie Clark

Mr. August Clay

Mr. Rudolph "Rudy" Cohen

Mr. Morris J. Dillard

Mrs. Mary Birch Ellis

Mr. Govan Emerson, Jr.

Mrs. Carrye K. Ferguson

Mrs. Birdie Fuller

Mrs. Jenelsie Holloway

Mr. Edward Hudson

Mr. Clarence Lewis

Mrs. Betty J. McCoy

Mrs. Julia Minnifield

Mr. John T. Peek, Jr.

Mrs. Dorothy M. Pleasant

Dr. Mirian Chivers Shropshire

Mr. Eglon Bailey

Mrs. Yvonne S. Bankston

Mr. Erskine Boazman

Mrs. Lucille Bowers

Mrs. Bessie Burns

Dr. Evelyn Carroll

Mrs. Carmelita Clark

Mrs. Annie Ruth Clerk

Mrs. Ruby Clay

Mrs. Anne Cox

Mrs. Bertha Dockett

Mrs. Etheleen Emerson

Mrs. Velma Farmer

Mr. William Folks

Mr. Alfonzo Goggins

Mr. Mitchell Hooks

Dr. Wilbur Leaphart

Mr. Yeadon McCleary

Mr. Preston McCoy

Mrs. Bettye S. Mullins

Mr. Andrew G. Phillips

Mrs. Ruby T. Richards

Dr. William Shropshire

Mrs. O'Lillian Sims

Mrs. Yancey Smith

Mrs. Virginia Hawkins Stephens

Mrs. Virginia B. Tate

Mrs. Theola Taylor

Mrs. Ethel Crawford Wynn

Dr. Herman Smith

Mrs. Mary Ida Stephens

Mrs. Ernestine Stinson

Mrs. Dorothy Taylor

Mrs. Helen S. Wilson

IN LOVING MEMORY
Of
OUR LIVING LEGENDS
GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN



THE FAITHFUL STEWARDS

They served the Lord with quiet hands,
A steady rock upon the sand.
Through seasons changing, faith held fast,
A shining witness to the last.
Now labor ends, the light is shown,
They rest in peace before the thron.

Author not known

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Prayer for Divine Health and Wellness

Heavenly Father, **we** come before You today acknowledging You as **our** creator and the Great Physician over **our** life. Thank You for the gift of life and the body You have entrusted to **us**.

Lord, **we** ask that You would champion **our** health and wellness. **We** bring **our** body, mind, and spirit before You, seeking Your healing touch to restore **us** to full vitality. Strengthen **our** muscles, bones, heart, and lungs, and strengthen **our** immune system, Lord, to function exactly as You intended.

Give **us** the wisdom and discipline to care for this temple, making healthy choices in nourishment and activity that honor You. **We** break off any limitations or lethargy that prevent **us** from living life to the fullest. Protect **us** from sickness, anxiety, and stress that lower **our** immunity and steal **our** peace.

We put **our** trust in You, knowing that Your desire is for **us** to be in good health. Help **us** to walk in strength, to walk in peace, and to bear witness to Your goodness through a vibrant life. In Jesus' Name, **Amen**.

2 TAKEWAYS PLUS
