



“CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY: DOING WHO I AM”

Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying: “Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.” Isaiah 6:8

THE PASTOR’S PEN

June 20, 2021

JUNETEENTH DAY A NATIONAL HOLIDAY

On Thursday, June 17th, President Joseph Biden signed legislation into law establishing June 19th as Juneteenth National Independence Day – a US federal holiday commemorating the end of slavery in the United States

On January 1, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, proclaiming “that all persons held as slaves” within the rebellious states “are, and henceforward shall be free.’ although the proclamation was limited and did not actually end slavery.

It would be two years after the issuing of the Emancipation Proclamation, on June 19, 1865, that Union Army Major General Gordon Granger rode into Galveston, Texas, and told the enslaved people of their emancipation.

On this day, we recognize and honor two people who have sacrificed and struggled to see this day come to pass:



**Rev. Ronald V. Myers, Sr., M.D., Founder & Chairman
National Juneteenth Observance Foundation
1956 - 2018**

Ms. Opal Lee

In 2016, at the age of 89, she decided to walk from her home in Fort Worth to Washington, D.C., in an effort to get Juneteenth named a national holiday. She traveled two and a half miles each day to symbolize the two and a half years that Black Texans waited between the issuing of the Emancipation Proclamation, on Jan. 1, 1863, and the day that message arrived in Galveston, where Black people were still enslaved, on June 19, 1865. Ms. Lee, at 94 years old, was at the White House when President Biden signed the bill into law.



WORK FOR THE WEEK

JUNE MEMORY VERSE

"²¹The human mind may devise many plans, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will be established.

Proverbs 19:21 (NRSV)

JUNE MEDITATION QUOTE

"If all seeds that fall were to grow, then no one could follow the path under the trees."

Ghanaian Proverb

TODAY'S STUDY QUESTIONS AND MEDITATION:

Do I know that Jesus is my shepherd? _____

Do I know Jesus' voice? _____

FOR THE YOUTH

Do I know that Jesus is my shepherd and I am one of His sheep? _____

The way that I know my mom and dad's voice is the way that I know the voice of Jesus _____