

The Fruits of Eden NEWSLETTER

By Citizens of the Nation of Gods and Earths of Savior Cee



Allah's 5%



-- We Continue --

Black August rises
with the memory of those who
stood
when standing came with a
price.

We honor the names we know
and the many we may never
know,
the brothers, the sisters,
the families who sacrificed
and continued to build.

They gave their voices,
their freedom,
their comfort,
and some gave everything.

Their courage left us a
foundation.
Their commitment left us an
example.
Their sacrifice left us a
responsibility.

So we remember,
not to remain in yesterday,
but to strengthen today.

We study.
We teach.
We build.
We stand.

We honor their victories
by building the next one.

Black August, the Unfamiliar Faces, and the Sisters Who Continue the Work

Black August is a time of remembrance, study, discipline, and reflection rooted in the history of Black resistance and the struggle of political prisoners. It calls our attention to those who stood against oppression, those who sacrificed their freedom and sometimes their lives, and those who remained committed even when victory was nowhere in sight. While many recognize names such as George Jackson, Jonathan Jackson, and Assata Shakur, there are countless unfamiliar faces whose names may never appear in our history books. Yet their courage, work, and commitment helped carry the struggle forward. That is important for us to remember.

History often teaches us to recognize the person standing at the microphone, whose photograph became famous, or whose name became associated with a movement. But no movement is built by one person. Behind every recognizable face were people organizing meetings, feeding families, raising babies, writing letters, providing transportation, teaching political education, raising money, visiting prisoners, distributing information, opening their homes, and taking care of their communities. Many of them were women. Many were sisters whose names we may never know.

They did not have to be famous to be committed. Their courage was demonstrated through what they were willing to do. Their commitment was demonstrated by how long they were willing to continue doing it. And their victories were not always victories they personally lived long enough to see. That gives Black August meaning beyond remembering the past.

As sisters today, we must ask ourselves what commitment looks like in our time. We may not face the exact circumstances that our sisters faced decades ago, but there is still work before us. Our babies need us. Our families need us. Our communities need us. We still have knowledge to obtain, institutions to build, stories to preserve, people to educate, resources to create, and one another to support.

Sometimes we imagine courage as one extraordinary act. But courage can also be consistency. It is continuing to build when resources are limited. It is teaching when nobody applauds. It is protecting our babies even when the work becomes exhausting. It is speaking truth when silence would be easier. It is standing firmly on our Square when compromise would make us more comfortable. It is using whatever knowledge, skill, talent, or ability we possess to contribute something greater than ourselves.

This is where the unfamiliar faces of Black August speak directly to us. They remind us that we do not need recognition to have purpose. We do not need thousands of followers to influence our people. We do not need our names recorded in history before we begin making history. Some of the greatest contributions to our collective victories have been made quietly by people who simply recognized that something needed to be done and decided to do their part.

For us as sisters, that understanding carries a particular responsibility. We are builders, educators, organizers, mothers, daughters, sisters, creators, protectors, and community members. Each of us possesses something that can contribute to the advancement of our people. Our roles may be different, but commitment does not require us to all perform the same function. It requires us to recognize our function and perform it with purpose.

Black August therefore asks more of us than remembrance. It asks us to study, reflect, and eventually, it asks us to move. We honor courageous women by developing courage within ourselves. We honor committed sisters by becoming more committed. And we honor the victories of those who came before us by continuing to build victories for those who will come after us.

Some of our names may become known. Most will not. That cannot determine the value of our work. The sisters before us did not always know whether they would witness the results of what they were building. Still, they organized. Still, they taught. Still, they loved. Still, they resisted. Still, they cared for the people. Still, they continued. And guess what? That is courage. That is commitment. And every righteous advancement produced through that work becomes part of our collective victory.

In Allah's World Manifest, the question before us is no longer simply, "What did they do?" The question is, "Sisters, what are we doing with what they left us?" We honor their courage by having courage. We honor their commitment by remaining committed. We honor their victories by building the next one. Peace!



"Some names made the history books. Others simply made history. We honor every sister whose courage, sacrifice and commitment helped move our people forward."

— Queen I-Wisdom
Understanding
Earth

Star's Corner

"Let's grow, learn, and shine together!"



We are so excited to have you with us! Star's Corner is a safe and joyful space where our children shine through learning, creativity, and culture. Here, we build together just like we are at Parliament or a social equality reading, solving puzzles, exploring history, and celebrating who we are. Parents, thank you for sharing your stars with us. Babies, remember: you are bright, powerful, and loved.



Show Us Your Shine! Did you earn a school award, certificate, or special recognition? Bring those grades home with pride, whether it's A's, B's, or simply showing growth, we want to celebrate YOU!

We also love seeing your creativity in action. Share photos of what you baked, built, or wrote. And don't forget our favorite, grab a book, hold it up high, and snap a picture of yourself reading.

Let's showcase the many ways our babies shine bright by emailing: thefruitsofeden@gmail.com

KEEP SHINING!

At Star's Corner, we believe every child is a star waiting to shine brighter through the power of reading. Our Read & Shine Program encourages children to explore stories that expand their minds, strengthen their character, and connect them to culture and truth. Families are invited to submit reading logs and photos of their reading adventures because every page turned is a step toward brilliance!

STAR'S CORNER CHALLENGE!

Courage in Action!

This month, we learned about people who showed **COURAGE** and **COMMITMENT** to make life better for our people. Now it's **YOUR** turn!

YOUR CHALLENGE

Choose **ONE** courageous action to complete this week!

- Read a book about a courageous Black person.
- Stand up for someone who needs support.
- Help a family or community member without being asked.
- Learn something new and teach it to someone else.
- Encourage another child who is having a difficult day.
- Write or draw about a Black woman who inspires you.

Courage isn't only something we learn about in history. Courage is something we can practice **TODAY!**

DREAM BELIEVE ACHIEVE

Star's CORNER BOOKS OF THE MONTH

"Reading is one of the greatest investments you can make because every page adds value to your mind."

- SPARKLE'S TRUE GLOW** BY BRI & NELLIE D.
- COLOR MY FRO** BY CRYSTAL SWAIN-BATES
- NATURALLY ME!** BY CRYSTAL SWAIN-BATES
- JADEN TOUSSAINT, THE GREATEST** BY MARTI DUMAS
- BOOKS THAT INSPIRE. STORIES THAT EMPOWER. READ. GROW. SHINE!**
- WHEN I WAS THE GREATEST** BY JASON REYNOLDS

★ READ MORE. DREAM BIGGER. BE YOUR GREATEST! ★

WORD OF THE MONTH

FORTITUDE (FOR-tuh-tood) is being strong inside and not giving up when something is hard. Using your inner strength to get through hard times.

MONTHLY JOURNAL CHALLENGE: Think about a time when you wanted to give up, but you kept trying. Write or draw about it! Finish This Sentence: "I have fortitude because I _____."

SUPREME MATHEMATICS: How does having Knowledge of Self give us the Power and fortitude to remain firm when we are faced with opposition?

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH: "Courage helps us face the struggle. Fortitude keeps us standing through it. Commitment keeps us working until we produce the victory."

- When opposition comes, how do we know when to stand firm, when to adjust, and when to choose another way forward?
- Why is fortitude necessary when we are working toward a goal that may take a long time to achieve?

ONE SIGNATURE CAN HELP BUILD CHANGE:

Petition for
COMPREHENSIVE REFORM
of the
SOUTH CAROLINA PARDON AND PAROLE BOARD

SIGN THE PETITION. SHARE IT. BE THE CHANGE.

REFORM TODAY. TRANSFORM TOMORROW.
OUR VOICES. OUR RIGHTS. OUR FUTURE.

SIGN THE PETITION TODAY: change.org/PardonParoleReformSC

Justice Fairness Compassion Second Chances Community Safety

One Voice. One Action. Stronger Together.

Why This Petition Deserves Our Attention

Change does not happen simply because we recognize that something is wrong. Change requires people willing to do something about it.

Yaa Majesty Earth has created a Petition for Comprehensive Reform of the South Carolina Pardon and Parole Board, calling attention to how parole decisions are made and proposing reforms intended to make the process more informed, fair, transparent and focused on successful rehabilitation and reentry.

The South Carolina Board of Pardons and Paroles holds tremendous responsibility. Its seven members have the authority to grant or deny parole and pardons and make other important decisions affecting incarcerated people, their families, victims and our communities.

The petition asks an important question: Do members of the South Carolina Pardon and Parole Board have access to all of the professional expertise and information needed to make informed decisions about rehabilitation, readiness for reentry, and public safety? One of the petition's central proposals is the inclusion of a licensed psychologist or psychiatrist on the Board. It argues that mental health, rehabilitation, behavior and readiness to return to the community cannot always be fully understood without appropriate professional expertise. The petition also proposes Interim Parole Boards within correctional facilities, bringing together qualified individuals such as case managers, mental-health professionals, chaplains or other trained staff to help evaluate people approaching parole eligibility. The goal is to provide the Parole Board with a more complete picture of an individual's rehabilitation and readiness for successful reintegration. This is bigger than the incarcerated individual.

When someone returns home, they return to a family and a community. A parole system that makes informed decisions and takes rehabilitation, accountability, mental health, support systems and public safety seriously affects all of us. Whether you have an incarcerated loved one or not, criminal-justice reform is a community issue. And this is where we come in. A petition sitting online cannot create momentum by itself. People must read it. People must discuss it. People must sign it. Most importantly, people must share it.

We are asking everyone who supports this effort to do something simple:

1. Read and sign the petition.
 2. Send it to 3–5 people.
 3. Ask each of those people to sign it and send it to another 3–5 people.
- Be one of the people who moves it forward. If 10 people each reach 5 people, that's 50. If those 50 each reach 5 more, that's 250. If those 250 continue the same process, that's 1,250 people reached. That's collective action. PEACE!

“ONE VOICE CAN CALL ATTENTION TO CHANGE, BUT OUR VOICES BECOME MUCH HARDER TO IGNORE when we use them together.”

— QUEEN I-WISDOM UNDERSTANDING EARTH —

STREET Justice 2026 CLOTHING DRIVE

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COATS HOODIES GLOVES HATS SOCKS

COMMUNITY ALERT

Bluff Estates 2nd Annual Walk Against Violence

Date: Saturday, September 26, 2026

Main Event Time: 10:00 AM–5:00 PM

Walk Against Violence: Starts at 10:00 AM

Walk Starting Point: Palmetto Dr., Columbia, SC 29209

Main Location: Bluff Road Community Park, 148 Carswell Dr., Columbia, SC 29209

Contact: 803-413-5612

Email: 48communityawareness@gmail.com

BLUFF ESTATES 2ND ANNUAL WALK AGAINST VIOLENCE.
OUR COMMUNITY. OUR CHILDREN. OUR FUTURE.

OPERATION SAVE OUR YOUTH

STOP THE VIOLENCE

TOGETHER, WE CAN BREAK THE CYCLE AND BUILD A BETTER TOMORROW.

EMPOWER OUR YOUTH **EDUCATE OUR MINDS** **INSPIRE OUR FUTURE** **UNITE OUR COMMUNITY**

WALK AGAINST VIOLENCE STARTS AT 10:00 AM
PALMETTO DR., COLUMBIA, SC 29209

FESTIVITIES
12:00PM – 5:00PM
FOOD • MUSIC • GAMES
VENDORS • RESOURCES
FAMILY FUN & MORE!

UNITED WE RISE. TOGETHER WE THRIVE. OUR YOUTH. OUR FUTURE.

STOP THE VIOLENCE. SAVE OUR YOUTH. SECURE OUR FUTURE.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 2026
10:00AM – 5:00PM
BLUFF ROAD COMMUNITY PARK
148 Carswell Dr., Columbia, SC 29209
YOUTH, FAMILIES, COMMUNITY.

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Understanding's Legal Corner

"Know the System: Part One"

Understanding Self Allah

ATTENTION!

Knowing your rights before you enter the legal system can make a difference. Learn the laws that apply to your situation, keep copies of important documents, read everything before signing it, document important conversations and deadlines, and ask questions when you do not understand legal language. Remember that you have the right to remain silent when questioned by law enforcement and the right to seek legal counsel. Knowledge of the system does not guarantee victory, but entering it informed is far better than entering it unaware.

In this edition of Understanding's Legal Corner, I will speak upon the overall justice system as it relates to the majority of Black people in America.

One thing many people do not know is that much of the American legal tradition grew out of English common law. English settlers brought this legal tradition with them, and principles of English law became deeply embedded within the colonies and, eventually, American law.

But we must also remember the reality in which America's legal institutions developed. During slavery, Black people could legally be treated as property. The law did not provide enslaved Black people with the same protections enjoyed by those recognized as free citizens. Instead, laws were used to maintain the institution of slavery and the power structures surrounding it.

Then came the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which abolished slavery and involuntary servitude "except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted."

Those words should make us want to learn as much about the legal system as possible. How does it function? What are the rules that govern it? How can we use knowledge of those rules to protect ourselves?

People with wealth and resources understand the importance of obtaining knowledgeable legal representation. But what exactly does that lawyer know? What laws, procedures, precedents, arguments and weaknesses in the prosecution's case does that lawyer recognize? What legal avenues exist that the average person may never have learned about?

Most importantly: Can we learn the system too? Yes, we can. A lawyer once told me that the legal system is not simply about the truth. It is also about who can present the most convincing version of the facts. When I heard that, I thought about Iceberg Slim and Goldie from The Mack. I know, old school. But dig it. They understood the power of words and presentation. In a courtroom, however, persuasion must work within rules of evidence, procedure and law. Prosecutors construct arguments. Defense lawyers construct arguments. Each side attempts to convince the judge or jury that its interpretation of the evidence should prevail. This is why knowledge of the system matters. *To be continued...*

Remember: This article is provided for educational purposes only and should not be considered legal advice. If you have questions about a specific legal situation, consult a qualified attorney licensed in South Carolina.



Did you know Joan Little's fight for her life became a historic victory during Black August?

While incarcerated in North Carolina, 21-year-old Joan Little said she defended herself against a jailer who sexually assaulted her. She was charged with murder and faced the possibility of the death penalty. Her case became a national cause, bringing together supporters from the Black liberation, civil rights, women's rights, prisoners' rights and anti-death-penalty movements.

On August 15, 1975, Little was found not guilty, becoming the first woman in U.S. history to be acquitted after arguing that she used deadly force to defend herself against sexual assault. Her victory remains significant in Black August commemorations today.

Joan Little's story reminds us that courage can mean refusing to surrender your voice even when the odds appear to be against you. Her case also shows what can happen when people organize around someone whose voice might otherwise go unheard.



Did you know Safiya Bukhari's journey into activism began with feeding children?

Before becoming a member of the Black Panther Party, Bukhari was a college student studying toward a career in medicine. Her involvement began when she volunteered with the Panthers' Free Breakfast for Children Program, helping prepare meals and assist children with homework.

She joined the Black Panther Party in 1969 and later became deeply involved in advocating for political prisoners. After experiencing imprisonment herself, Bukhari continued that work following her release and helped build the Jericho Movement, dedicated to bringing attention to and seeking freedom for U.S. political prisoners.

Her life reminds us that commitment doesn't always begin with a grand plan. Sometimes it begins by recognizing a need in our community and deciding: "I can do something about that."

What need do you see among our people that you can help address today?

Queen I-Wisdom Understanding Earth



BREAKING NEWS: VICTORY B.U.T. THE STRUGGLE CONTINUE

...Through this liaison work, The Fruits of Eden continues its mission of cultivating knowledge, supporting literacy, and strengthening communication between communities, both inside and outside the institutions. For those who have not registered, please do so to ensure proper communication and support.

Steps: 1. Register with us. How? Write us or go to a Captain. (see below) 2. Go through the Chaplain to request participation. 3. Sign up through the kiosk under NGE. **Be patient.** 4. Attend and build consistently.

Mathematics is order, move accordingly. What we do now sets the foundation for those coming behind us. Peace!



Help Reform South Carolina's Parole System: We're advocating for vital reforms to improve the South Carolina Pardon and Parole Board. The current system lacks the necessary mental health expertise, impacting the rehabilitation of inmates and community safety. Please support our petition to:

- Include licensed mental health professionals on the board.
- Create Interim Parole Boards for better case management.

Your voice matters! Sign the petition and help us promote a just and compassionate parole process. Visit <https://chnng.it/Z9n5M5Pxby>

SIGN UP NOW



Upcoming Events

- **"POSTPONED" Saturday, September 19th:** Join The Fruits of Eden (Star's Corner) and Just Move Universal Outreach Family for an afternoon of bowling, books, and family fun at Royal Lanes 106 Central Avenue, Goose Creek, SC 29445 from 12-3 PM.

Although the event has been postponed, we are still accepting book donations. You can also donate clothing to the Street Justice Foundation to support our babies affected by sickle cell. Email us for information on how to donate.

- 120 Classes are available, email for more information.
- **Sunday, September 20th:** Join the Gods and Earths in Florence at McLeod Park 620 Santiago Drive Florence, SC 29501 from 2-5 pm for a Parliament.

Ongoing Initiatives

- **Fresh fruit Initiative:** Donate fresh fruits for the babies to take home at each event.
- **Prison Reform:** A statewide effort focused on transforming parole practices, improving prison conditions, and expanding culturally grounded rehabilitation with a key priority includes advocating for SCDC to formally recognize the Nation of Gods and Earths (NGE).
- **Star's Corner Read & Shine Rally:** Encouraging the babies to read and write. Donate your gently used books for the babies.
- **Walk/Run Initiative:** Get up and move by yourself or with a partner.
- **Don't forget to add your name to our registry (Book of Life).** To do so, get with a captain, write or email thefruitsofeden@gmail.com. Provide your honorable and righteous name, Enlightener's info, current lesson or completion of 120, Interior or Exterior, Approximately what year did you start your NGE strive, and contact info.



Just Move Universal Outreach

Throughout the Year: Just Move Universal Outreach will be accepting school supplies, canned goods and drinks for the weekly feeding and building of SCDJJ participants and other special programs.

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