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PRAYERS AND ACTION FOR MARK COLEMAN

We take this time out to pray for all those who have been impacted by violence this year, and to ask our Creator to give these individuals and their families peace and comfort during this Holiday season. As we continue to work with all interested groups and individuals to curb violence in this community, we know that we must first put aside our differences and come together as a community to bring about the change we want.

We also want to especially lift-up Mr. Mark Coleman today who is currently still hospitalized from injuries he suffered while on the golf course at the Links at Whitehaven. While golfing, Mark had a dispute with Wesley Caldwell. Instead of walking away like Mark was attempting to do, Caldwell struck Mark in the head with a golf club causing Mark significant brain injuries. Caldwell is to be arraigned today and there is a call in the community for Caldwell's charges to be upgraded from aggravated assault to attempted murder which should be heard and supported.

Mr. Coleman has been a fixture in Memphis civic life for some time. He has served on numerous boards and worked for several elected and appointed officials spanning the years. Mark has been a dedicated friend and supporter of the NAACP with respect to working with the Branch on voting issues and other community concerns. While we continue to pray for Mark, we will also continue to demand justice for Mark and for all of those impacted by violence in our community.

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