

RELIGIOUS NEWS AND FEATURES

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 1855 - 2008: 153 years of Worship in the Diocese of Georgia



Rev. Cheryl A. E. Parris

was established in 1872.

In 1943, the articles of merger between the two parishes were signed by the two Vestries and the Bishop. St. Matthew was chosen as the patron saint. Reverend Gustave Caution, a former rector of St. Stephen's was called as Rector of the new congregation. He served until 1968. Today, the rector is Reverend Cheryl A. E. Parris. She has served the parish since August 2007. Mr. Charles M. McMillan is the Senior Warden and Mr. Richard Outing is the Junior Warden.

In celebration of their anniversary, the parish is sponsoring several events during September. The events are as follows: Friday Sept. 19th - Evening of Music - 6pm; Saturday, Sept. 20th - Carnival - noon; Sunday, Sept. 21 - Anniversary Service - 10am - preacher: Rev. Robert Wright, Rector, St. Paul's, Atlanta, GA; Monday, Sept. 22 - St. Matthews Day - Evening Prayer and supper - 6pm. An invitation is extended to the public. Call the church office at 912-233-5965 for details on any event.

All events will be held at the church.

In September 2008, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 1401 M. L. King, Jr. Blvd., Savannah, GA, celebrates 153 years of service and worship in the Diocese of Georgia. We are grateful to God and the many clergy and faithful who have aided our work and mission in Savannah. Their commitment and labor have given us a strong base on which to build our future. We thank God who has called us to labor where we have been planted.

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church was organized in 1943 through the merger of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church founded in 1855 and St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, which

Pastoral Care Ministry For Laity Workshop

September 18 - November 20, 2008 - Thursdays, 6:00 pm- 8:30 pm

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 1401 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., will be hosting a 10-week course in Pastoral Care Ministry for Laity. This course is designed to encourage and train Lay Christians to exercise a min-

istry of pastoral care within the local congregation and community.

Anyone with support from their congregation is invited to participate. This course is open to youth 16 and up, and adults from the Episcopal Church and other church traditions. Call (912) 233-5965 for details.

Holy Spirit Lutheran Men's Group Barbeque Dinner Sale

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church Men's Group, 622 East 37th St. will hold a monthly Barbeque Dinner Sale on Saturday, September 20, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Call 233-5354 for additional information.

Annual Harvest Day at Dunham Tabernacle Missionary Baptist

The pastor, officers, members and friends of Dunham Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church invite you to share in their Annual Harvest Day program on Sunday, September 21, 2:30 p.m. The guest will be Sis. Quentina Miller-Fields of Mt. Hermon Missionary Baptist.

Celebrating 39 Years of Ushering at St. Luke Missionary Baptist

St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church Junior and Youth Usher Ministry invite you to help them celebrate the 39th year anniversary on September 21, 2008, at 5:00 P.M. The celebration will be held at 418 W. 38th Street. Rev. Dr. L. E. Aiken, Pastor

and Sis. Betty J. Bates Junior and Youth Usher Advisor.

I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness. Psalms 84:10

Jesus First Christian Community Fellowship to Celebrate Holy Convocation

Pastor Eric Mason & the Jesus First Christian Community Fellowship Church will be celebrating Holy Convocation 2008- "People Coming Together" Learning to Survive In Their Hard Place. Special guest include:

Bishop Wiley Jackson - Atlanta GA, Wednesday, October 1st - Thursday, Oct. 2nd. at 7:00 p.m.; Pastor Kenneth Kirksey, Waycross Georgia, Friday, October

3rd, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor Ricky Harvey, Phoenix AZ, Saturday, Oct. 4th - 7pm and Sunday, Oct. 5th. at 8am; Louise Flynn, Waycross Georgia, Saturday, 11:00 a.m.; and Dr. Apostle Idell Cheever, Savannah GA, Sunday, October 5th, 6:00 p.m.

Please come out and be a part of the Service. For further information, you may contact Jesus First Church at 912-236-1083.

Connor's Temple Church's Financial Planning Ministry to host Estate Planning Seminar

The Financial Planning Ministry of Connor's Temple Baptist Church will host its 3rd quarter financial workshop/seminar on Saturday, September 20, 2008 beginning at 10:00 a.m. and ending at 12:00 noon at the Con-Ed Family Resource Center, 714 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd, Savannah.

This quarter's topic, ESTATE PLANNING, will be facilitated by Attorney Charles W. Bell, Principal Partner of the law firm Charles William Bell & Associates.

As a service to the community at large, Connor's Temple Baptist Church launched its Financial Planning Ministry in January of this year and has held two prior events. The first focused on basic personal

financial management, and the second was on home ownership.

The objective of the current seminar is to raise citizens' conscious levels about the very essential need to prepare for, and control their own destinies when rendered incompetent or at such time life ceases. Some topics to be discussed in the ESTATE PLANNING segment will include structuring a Will, artificial life support, guardianship of elderly parents and grand children, the effects of various Powers of Attorney and much more.

The public is again invited and strongly urged to attend this very informative FREE seminar. Please register on line at www.ctfinan.eventbrite.com, or call 912/232-8291.

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8 p.m.

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