

CHURCH NEWS AND OTHER FEATURES

Make Prayer Your Priority



Evangelist Rachel Thomas

As Christians, we are especially interested in prayer.

However, many people seem to view prayer as little more than a "divine credit card" They make a request and hope to receive the answer with "zero money down", meager time expenditures, and virtually no "sweat equity"(work).

While it's true that prayer is an avenue through which God blesses us (Matt. 7:7-11), to think prayer is only to meet our needs is to miss the fullness of a relationship with God.

Much more than reciting a "wish list", prayer is a conversation- between you and God, your Father. Notice

the word, conversation. This word is comprised of two Latin parts: con-meaning "with", and versere meaning to keep company".

When we combine the two, we see that conversation means to keep company with someone- in this case, God.

There are times in prayer (conversing with God) when we should speak, but there are also times when prayer means listening to His replies.

God wants to communicate with us, however we are frequently inclined to talk more than we listen.

To be effective, prayer, like any conversation requires both talking, and listening, and yet another-obedience.

SPEAK....LISTEN....OBEY
Prayer requires obedience. If we are conversing with God, but not obeying Him, then we are not truly surrendering to Him.

I have been so misunderstood at times when I relay an assignment to some, that God has given me for them. I am only being obedi-

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Greater Gaines Chapel Celebrates 122 Years

The pastor, officers and members of Greater Gaines Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 1006 May Street cordially invites you to their church preanniversary services beginning on Tuesday, March 10th with the Reverend Joey Horton and Wilmington Baptist Church; Wednesday, March 11th, the Reverend Marsha Verdree and Jerusalem African Methodist Episcopal Church and Thursday, March 12th, Pastor Timothy Griffin and Greater Victory Sounds of Praise, Sylvania, Georgia.

The one-hundred and twenty-second church anniversary celebration cul-

minates on Sunday, March 15th at 11:00 a.m. with our special guest the Reverend Frank Bedford, pastor of Barger Grove, Freewill, and Mount Zion Baptist Churches, Sylvania, Georgia.

This year's anniversary is chaired by Brother Stanley and Sister Kim Anderson along with Brother Dale and Evangelist Gloria Y. Rushin. Music will be provided by the Mass Choir. Please plan to attend this holy-ghost, spirit-filled celebration.

Reverend Bernard Clarke, Pastor.

Word of Faith and Truth to Celebrate 10th Anniversary



Pastor and Mrs. Taylor
The Word of Faith and Truth

Ministries is celebrating the church and Pastor Mike and Sis. Erma Taylor's 10th Anniversary. The public is invited to share in this anointed praise and worship celebration on March 15, at 5pm Liberty City Community Center. The center is located at 1401 Mills B. Lane. We look forward to seeing you there!

St. James Choir to host trip to see *The Color Purple*

The A.L. Washington Gospel Chorus of St. James A.M.E. Church, is sponsoring a fun filled trip to Durham, North Carolina to enjoy Oprah Winfrey's play entitled "The Color Purple."

This great event will take place on Saturday, May 16, 2009. The trip is for one day and departure and return time will be announced very soon.

This exciting bus trip will include a continental breakfast and snacks provid-

ed by the choir. In order to assure great seats, we MUST receive a deposit in the amount of \$90 as soon as possible. The remaining payment of \$90 is due on April 1. The total amount of the trip is \$180.

Please contact Adrienne Eason at 912-596-8055, Benitra Eason at 912-856-1242 or Amy Eason at (912)354-3609/(912)596-3821 for submission of all payments and questions.

Full Gospel and Love-It Productions present Black History Musical

Love-It Productions, Inc. and Full Gospel Tabernacle Church of God In Christ both of Hinesville, Georgia will present a Black History Musical: "Tell Them So They Will Know." This original production, written and produced by local playwright Donald Lovette, will highlight the contributions of African Americans in Liberty County, Georgia.

Historical figures such as Liberty County native and America's first Black Civil War Nurse, Susie King Taylor will be portrayed. Negro spirituals will be flowingly sung throughout the production.

This play will be held at Full Gospel Church of God in Christ, 809 Frank Cochran Drive, Hinesville on March 14 at 6:00 p.m. Starring roles will be played by Kenny Howard, Charlotte Lovette Norman and others.

This production follows Love-It Production's highly

successful presentation of *We Are The Change That We Seek*. We Are the Change That We Seek, a compilation of several of Lovette's original works, served as the opening event of the Liberty County MLK Observance Association in January. A Liberty County native, Lovette has also received much acclaim for his big hit stage plays *Mama Turn the Radio On* and *Come Sundown*.

Advance tickets for this event are \$10.00. Tickets at the door are \$15.00. Groups of five or more will receive one complementary ticket. Ticket locations in Hinesville are WGML Radio Station, Full Gospel Church and TOP Christian Book Store.

For additional information call Donald Lovette at (912) 368-7550, Andrew Williams at (912) 977-3293 or Full Gospel Church at (912) 368-3044.

Bethesda Early Missionary to Celebrate 29th Pastor's Anniversary



Rev. and Mrs. Savage

Bethesda Early Missionary Baptist Church, 1325 East 31st Street will celebrate Our Pastor's 29th Anniversary, 7:30 pm nightly. Special Guest churches in charge include:

March 11th- The Victory Prayer Synagogue, Apostle

E. Marion Chisholm, and St. Thomas Baptist Church; March 12th- Peaceful Zion Baptist Church, Pastor Rev. Robert Thorpe, and Mt. Bethel Baptist Church; March 13th The Zion Star Baptist Church, and The Jesus Christ Crusaders; March 15th at 4:00 P.M. Rose of Sharon Baptist Church, Pastor Shuman, and First Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, Re. Shannon Smith, and the MT. Olivet, Baptist Church, Rev. Robert Miley. The Public is invited to attend these events. Rev. James Savage, Pastor.

Irene Hamilton Liberation Choir to hold Annual Day Celebration

The Irene Hamilton Liberation Choir of St. James AME Church will hold its Annual Day celebration, Saturday, March 14, 2009, 4:00 PM at St.

James A.M.E., 632 E. Broad St. ALL are welcome to join in this sensational singing celebration! Stephen A. Lee is the Senior Pastor.

Little Bryan Deacon and Deaconess Appreciation

The Little Bryan Baptist Church, 4110 Heard Street, invite you to come out as we honor our Deacons and Deaconesses.

This program will take place March 15 at 5pm.

Evangelist Brenda Allen will deliver the anniversary message.

Dunham Tabernacle presents "Travel with The Men of the Bible"

Dunham Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, 544 Nicoll Street, invite you to "Come on and take a Trip with the Men of the Bible", on Saturday, March 14, 2009 at 6pm.

The program is sponsored by the Pastor's Aide Board.

For more information, call Minister Estella Mikell, at 354-8085. Rev. Franklin Taylor, pastor.

Oglethorpe Academy Day at Temple of Glory

The Temple of Glory Community Church, 1105 Stiles Avenue, will host 'Oglethorpe Academy Day' on Sunday, March 15th during their 11 a.m. Worship Service. The faculty, students and parents of Oglethorpe Charter School have

been invited to fellowship with the Temple Nation Family. All former students and parents are also extended an invitation to attend this service. Bishop Matthew M. Odum, Senior Pastor.

Bethel Celebrates 130th Anniversary

On Sunday, March 15, 2009, at 11:00 a.m., Rev. Charles W. Purnell and the members of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 1814 East 38th Street, Savannah, GA invites the community to join them in their 130th Church Anniversary Celebration. The theme for this momentous occasion is "Godly People Will Survive Tough Times."

Pre-anniversary services will begin on Tuesday, March 10, with the dynamic Rev. Franklin Blackshear and his congregation of Mt. Tabor Baptist Church leading the

service. On Wednesday, March 11, the Rev. Waymon Hodges and the congregation of Brownsville Baptist Church will be in charge of service. These services will begin at 7:00 p.m. nightly. The anniversary celebration will culminate on Sunday, March 15 during the 11:00 a.m. worship hour. A delightful fellowship dinner will follow the morning worship in the church's Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to come out and be blessed by the Holy Spirit. Sis Annie C. Jackson, Publicity Chairperson, Rev. Charles Purnell, Pastor.

Macedonia Missionary to Celebrate Pastor's Anniversary

The Congregation of Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, 508 E. Jones Street, will be celebrating Pastor Willie C. Rice, Jr., 11th Pastoral Anniversary. You are invited to come celebrate with the Macedonia Church family. The services for Pastor Rice will be held March 10-12, 2009, 7:00 pm nightly, and cumulating on March 15, 2009 at 5:00 pm.

On Tuesday, March 10th, Pastor Robert Miley and members of Mt.Olivet Baptist Church will be in

charge. On Wednesday, March 11th, Pastor Charles P. Roberson, Sr., and members of Kingdom Life Christian Fellowship will be in charge.

On Thursday, March 12th, Pastor C. McGill Brown and members of Second African Baptist Church will be in charge.

The celebration will culminate on Sunday, March 15th with Pastor Ricky Bready, Sr., and the members of Tremont Temple Baptist Church in charge.

New Mount Olive Baptist to hold Annual Revival

It's the time of year that we celebrate Jesus in our Annual Spring Revival.

This great outpouring of God's spirit will take place on Wednesday, March 18th through Friday, March 20th at 7:30 p.m. nightly.

Our revivalist will be our very own Pastor, Rev. S. L. Mitchell.

We solicit your support and your prayers as we believe God for this great soul stirring revival.

We look forward to seeing you in the service of the Lord!

Young To Preach Initial Sermon



The Young Family

It is with great honor that Pastor Gregory A. Tyson, Sr. and the First Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church family invites you to the Initial Sermon of Minister Andre Young which will be held on Sunday, March 15, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. The church is located at 4370 ACL Blvd.

Minister Young has been married to Mrs. Taquita L. Young for almost ten (10) years. He is the proud father of three children - Anthony and Airen Young and Khadeeja Whitaker.

He is the son of Mrs. Agnes Young and Mr. Delmus Warren Williams. He is a 2001 graduate of Armstrong Atlantic State University's Dental Hygiene

Program. He is a Licensed Dental Hygienist where he is employed by the Federal Government as a G5 Civil Service employee at Fort Stewart Army Base Dental Clinic #4.

At First Jerusalem, under the tutelage of Pastor Tyson and Elder Bobby Hall, Minister Young was ordained as a Deacon in 2006.

In 2007, he was called by God to serve and be trained in the ministry by Pastor Tyson. Minister Young says, "since I have been ordained as a Deacon or just simply a servant for God's church, this new level and capacity of humility is affording me the privilege to express orally what my life is saying to those around me".

This is Minister Young's purpose - to magnify the Lord and be the instrument he has been called to do for the up building of the church by preaching and teaching God's holy word.

Attend the Church of Your Choice!