

# CHURCH NEWS AND OTHER FEATURES

## When God Brings Heaven To You



**Evangelist Rachel Thomas**

Have you ever heard the saying, "Man, this is heaven on earth."?

There is some truth to it because when you surrender your life to our Heavenly Father, and truly become His child by faith in His Son Jesus, God will bring heaven to you on earth. Romans 14: 17.... Righteousness, peace, joy in the Holy Ghost. This is what the Holy Spirit revealed to me from God's Word in Romans 8: 1-27, and as a child of God, we can and should confess this every day. Keep it in your heart because you will experience heaven on earth. Daily confession given by the Holy Spirit to me: I am of the Spirit of Christ, and not of the flesh. I walk in the Spirit of God, and not in the flesh... There is no condemnation to me for I am in Christ Jesus, and walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit...

I am FREE for the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me FREE, from

the law of sin and death... I am filled with the righteousness of that law, and walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit...

I mind the things of the Spirit, and NOT the things of the flesh, because the carnal mind is enemy against God, and cannot please God. I am Not carnal minded, and I can please God, for the Spirit of God dwells in me.

For I know that if ANY MAN have NOT the Spirit of Christ, he is NONE of His... I am of the Spirit; and I WILL mortify the deeds of the body, so I shall LIVE... I am a Son of God for I am led by the Spirit of God...

I am an heir with the heir of God, and joint heir with Christ, so I don't mind suffering with Him, because I know that I will be GLORIFIED with Him...

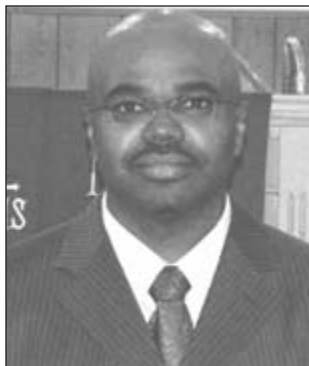
The Spirit of God helps me, and maketh Intercession for me according to the Will of God...

So I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor Angels, nor principalities, nor power, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the Love of God, which is in Christ Jesus.

Now tell me if this is not heaven on earth! Nothing and nobody can

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## Greater Gains To Hold Initial Sermon Services



**Darrell Shields**

It is with Christian dignity and great joy that Pastor Bernard Clarke and the Greater Gains Chapel AME Church family extend a formal invitation to the Initial Sermon of Bro. Darrell K. Shields and Bro. McRae Mangum, Jr.

This momentous occasion will be held on Sunday, March 29, 2009, 3:00PM at the Gt. Gains Chapel AME Church located at 1006 May Street, Savannah, GA.

Darrell K. Shields, son of Thomas & Lois Shields, Jr. grandson of the late Charles & Lessie Anderson, Sr. and Thomas Shields Sr. & Lessie Taylor. He is a native of Savannah, who has been a lifelong member of Greater Gains Chapel AME Church.

Darrell truly loves the Lord and he continues to spread the good news in the church and beyond. At church he is an active member of the Sons of Allen, Sons of Harmony Male Chorus, and the Mass Choir.

He enjoys singing for the Lord. He is married to Melinda Horton Shields, and is the father of three children Tanika, Devin and Brianna, and is "G-Daddy (grandfather)" to his granddaughters Ayannah and Amiyah.



**McRae Mangum, Jr.**

McRae Mangum, Jr. is a native of North Carolina and has been fortunate to accept his spiritual calling in Savannah, Georgia. McRae is married to the beautiful Deborah Clarke Mangum. They are blessed with two adorable children Christian Faith and Christopher Allen.

The Mangum's enjoy service at Greater Gains Chapel AME Church where McRae is also a trustee, mentor and male chorus member.

It is the request of our church family that you make plans to attend this momentous occasion. Music will be rendered by the Mass Choir and Youth Choir.

## Mt. Hermon Baptist Youth Department invites you to Anniversary/Musical

Mt. Hermon Baptist Church Youth Department invites you to join them on Friday March 27, 2009 at 7:00 pm at the Mount Hermon Baptist Church, 13813 Coffee Bluff Road, Savannah, as they celebrate their Choir Anniversary with a musical.

Come and enjoy Jesus with us as we sing praises to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.. If you are interested in being a part of this awesome event, please contact Sister Veronica E. Graham, Youth Advisor or First Lady Jacquelyn Best at 912-927-0129.

## Jesus First to Hold Friends and Family Day

Jesus First Christian Community Fellowship Church- "The Life Church" 5641 Ogeechee Road, will be hosting their Family and Friends Day on Sunday, March 29, 2009 at 8:00 a.m.

The speaker for the occasion will be Pastor Eric D. Mason, Sr. All are welcome to join in and worship. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Frazier to Preach Initial Sermon at Central Baptist



**Dea. Gerald Frazier, Sr.**

Dea. Gerald I. Frazier, Sr. of Central Missionary Baptist Church has accepted the call to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Dea. Frazier is the son of Dea. Harold & Sis. Almetha Frazier.

He is married to Sis. Wanda Frazier and is the father of 5 beautiful children and 5 wonderful grandchildren.

His initial sermon will be Sunday, March 29, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. at Central Missionary Baptist Church. Please come join us at this monumental occasion.

## General Missionary Baptist Convention to Convene

The General Missionary Baptist Convention First District Convention will convene on Saturday, March 28, 2009 at 9:00 AM.

The convention will be hosted by Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church in Groveland, GA, Dr. L. Perry McNeal, pastor.

The Church is located 244 Jerusalem Road, 912-653-2272.

We are expecting to have a highly spiritual time during the convention.

In addition to preach-

ing, praying and singing, a representative from Secure Horizon will be in attendance to provide information on Medicare benefits.

Ministry leaders will also make their reports. Churches in the First District are asked to please be represented at the Convention.

We look forward to seeing you as we worship and praise the Lord.

Rev. Sinclair L. Thorne, President Dea. McKinley Williams, Laymen President Sis. Mary Coleman, Women's President.

## It's All About Jesus to Hold Gospel Concert

It's All About Jesus Ministries, 419 Berrien Street, will have a Spring Gospel Concert Saturday, March 28th, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

The concert will

feature the group "Forgiven" and other groups and singers throughout the City of Savannah.

All are welcome to come out and worship with us.

## Living Faith to Hold Men and Women In Black And White

The Living Faith Worship Church, 1615 Coventry Street cordially invites you to attend their 50 Men and Women in Black and White Program on

Sunday, March 29, at 5pm. All men and women of faith are invited to attend. Bishop Calvin N. Singleton, Sr., Pastor

## Fifth Street Baptist to hold Spring Revival

Fifth Street Baptist Church, 19 Sterling Street, will have its annual Spring Revival April 1-3, at 7pm nightly. On Wednesday, April 1- Minister Belizaire Joseph, and the Piney Grove Baptist Church will be in charge. Thursday, April 2- Minister Vernon Galloway and the

Second Mt Pleasant Baptist Church will be in charge. Friday, April 3- Minister Oddie Luckett and the Clifton Baptist Church will be in charge. All are welcome to come and worship in this spirit-filled revival.

## Pentecostal Union to Convene

The Zion Pentecostal Union will convene at Peaceful Zion Baptist Church, 1416 Reynolds Street, March 25,26,27, & 29, 2009 Rev. Robert H. Thorpe, Pastor.

**Wednesday, March 25**-Hot Dog Fellowship at 6:30 p.m -Youth Service at 7:00 p.m. The Youth Chorus will render the music.

**Thursday, March 26**-Service begins at 7pm: Reverend Ellis S. Woods will deliver the Introductory Sermon, and the Zion Pentecostal Union Combine Chorus will render the music.

**Friday, March 27**- Service

begins at 7:30 pm. Reverend Elsie Hines will deliver the Conventional Sermon, and the Zion Pentecostal Union Combine Chorus will render the music.

**Sunday, March 29**-Sunday School will begin at 9:30 a.m., followed by the Morning Worship Service at 11:00 a.m. The Bethesda Early Baptist Choir will render the music, and pastor Reverend James Savage will deliver the Doctrinal Sermon.

The public is cordially invited to attend all of these services.

Sister LaVita Whatley, Union Reporter

## St Peter's to Hold Musical Pew Rally

St. Peter's AME Church, 626 Staley Ave., will have a Musical Pew Rally on Sunday, March 29 at 4pm.

Come let us give God the Glory!

Rev. Jonetta M. Prater, Pastor

## Word of Faith Holds Bible Study on Wednesdays

Please join Word of Faith Christian Family Center, 2415 Whitaker St., on Wednesdays for Bible Study and Prayer Service.

The services will be held from 12 noon until

12:40pm.

Come and be fed spiritually as well as physically.

Free lunch is provided. Minister Lee E. Wright, Pastor.

## First Jerusalem to Observe Holy Week Services

The One Hour Watch Family of First Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church, 4370 ACL Blvd. cordially invite you to help us observe Holy Week Services daily beginning on Monday, April 6-10 2009, at 12 noon.

Please come and help

us usher in the season of Resurrection and show our thanks unto God for his ultimate sacrifice for us.

Yours in Christ, Sis. Mary Matthews President Gregory Tyson, Pastor

## College Park to Hold Spring Revival

College Park Baptist Church, 3301 Whatley Ave., will hold its Spring Revival March 25-27.

Revivalist will be Rev. Walter Scott, Jr., pastor of the Friendship Baptist Church, Macon Ga.

The revival scripture can be found in Psalms 10:17.

The revival begins with lecturer Rev. Calbert

R. Brantley on Wednesday, Rev. Clarence "Teddy" Williams, First Tabernacle Baptist Church, on Thursday, and Rev. Brantley will return on Friday night. Services start nightly at 7pm.

All are invited to come and share in this spirit-filled revival. Pastor Robert "Chip" Brown, Host Pastor.

## 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.