

CHURCH NEWS AND OTHER FEATURES

The Simple Gospel With Pastor W. Anthony Jones, I



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"Season Of Preparation"

Before you can experience the season of blessings, you must first deal with the season of preparation.

Whatever God has for you to do He will prepare you for it just as He did those before you. Moses spent forty years in the house of Pharaoh learning the wisdom of the Egyptians (Acts 7:22), and then he spent his next forty years learning the lessons on leadership (Exodus 3: 1). The last forty years of Moses life, he spent leading God's people. Jesus spent thirty years preparing for three and a half years of ministry.

The work of God is not to be entering into likely or unadvisedly. Before due season comes, there is a season that is call preparation. The season of preparation is Learning. Learning is necessary for our Christian development.

In these days it seems like the average minister is not willing to invest any time in preparing for the work of God.

We all need someone who is more experience then we are to tutor us in the work of God (Galatians 4:1-2).

After Saul's (Paul) conversion on the Damascus road he spent three years in school learning ministry, then he journeyed to Jerusalem, and spent fifteen days with Peter (Galatians 1:17, 18). Next comes waiting. Waiting reveals patience, and patience is always rewarded with favorable results.

In Nehemiah 1:11, Nehemiah prayed for one hundred and twenty days to God about the burden he had to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. His pray was not only for favor but also direction. Nehemiah patiently waited until God opened the door. Have you patiently waited for God to open the door? This last one is critical. Timing- you got to know when God is telling you to move. Let me say that again, you got to know when God is tell you to move.

I have been privileged to have Pastored two churches, and now the co-founder of Christ Church International. I was led to open my heart to a co-workeR of mine at the time about a desire I had to start a ministry. He listened and immediately he opened his church doors to us to start this ministry.

For this we will forever be grateful to Pastor Lee Terry Miller. Whenever you set out to do the work of God, make sure you have the endurance to see it to the end. And that's the simple gospel.

"Changing, Tomorrow, Today!"

6th Annual WSOK Gospel Music Awards



E. Larry McDuffie, Program Director, 1230 WSOK

The 2009 Gospel WSOK Music Awards will be held on Sunday, October 11, 2009 at St. John Baptist Church, 522-5-228 Hartridge St.

Votes for the nominees can be cast online.

The awards are sponsored by Brown's Family Restaurant and WSOK.

Visit www.1230wsok.com for more information.

First Union Missionary to hold "Harvest Day Celebrations"

The First Union Missionary Baptist Church, 535 Berrien Street, Rev. Matthew Southall Brown, Jr. Pastor will be celebrating Youth Harvest Day and Annual Harvest Day.

Youth Harvest Day is Sunday, October 11, 2009 at 11:00am. The speaker for this occasion will be Minister Issac Felton, a member of Jonesville Baptist Church, Savannah, Georgia.

Annual Harvest Day is Sunday, October 18, 2009 at 11:00am. The speaker for this occasion will be Sis. Phelicia Barnes, a member of Second St. John. Baptist Church.

Please come out and worship with us as we celebrate these joyous occasions. any questions or for more information, please call 912-233-4251.

New Mount Olive to hold Fall Revival

The Pastors, Officers and Members of the New Mount Olive Baptist Church, 835 Chevis Road, invite the community to worship with them as they hold their annual Fall Revival, October 21-23, at 7:30p.m. nightly.

Our guest speaker will be Pastor E. Timmons, Jr., of

New Anderson Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Riceboro, Ga.

We are asking each and everyone to comeout and support this beautiful, soul-saving Fall Revival.

Rev. S.L. Mitchell, Senior Pastor.

St. Philip Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School has ended for another year, but the lessons learned shall endure for a life time. The Vacation Bible School Committee made a rewarding and purposeful change this year in its program. Purposeful because the committee wanted to address many concerns and rewarding because the change proved to be successful.

It has been said" that God gives you what you need when you need it", also that "God's time is not man's time". How true these two phrases are. . This year's theme, "Using God's Word to Handle Today's Problems: Doing The Right Thing", proved to be what we needed and on time. Sister Swannie M. Richards stated that "after fourteen years as Director of the SPAME Church's Vacation Bible School, that more was needed to address today's societal ills. That our children and adults needed help. So she prayed and asked God to show her what He wanted her to do; she waited and she received her answer."

This is what I mean by God giving you what you need when you need it and doing it in His time frame. Life is tough for both children and adults alike. However, God has given us a life plan; all we need to do is obey. Never mind that He was thoughtful and generous and gave us free-will, but remember that in His generosity He will never leave us, because He loved us first and He loves us best. That is

why it is critical that we apply God's Word to our lives, daily.

We all need each other. God gave each of us a purpose in life, and that purpose will be fulfilled, be it through following the law or through Devine intervention, you will get the right answer when you need it, and that answer is that God is Love and He loves each of us and we are to love each other as He loves us.

That is the essence of the lesson that was taught this year. If you love God then you will love yourself and others. Remember, it is easy to do the popular thing, but it is hard to do the right thing.

Being a Christian is not an easy life but it is a rewarding one. It is a life of love, .service, respect, friendship, stewardship, rules, regulations, conflict, self-denial, obedience, patience, kindness, sisterhood, brotherhood, wisdom, mercy, justice, forgiveness, forgetfulness, truth, faith, loyalty, peace, grace and much more. We trust you will find it in your loving heart to join us next year as we continue to use God's Word to handle today's problems by doing the right thing and remembering the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do also unto you", Matt. 7:12 KJV (paraphrased).

Yes, LOVE does conquer all.

By: Diann B. Scott VBS Planning Committee

First African to hold Men's Emphasis and Deacon's Appreciation

First African Baptist Church at Franklin Square will celebrate the Feast of the Tabernacle with Men's Emphasis and Deacon's Appreciation, Sunday, October 18, 2009.

The guest speaker for the 10:30 morning worship is

Larry Chisholm, Chatham County District Attorney.

The event will include a recognition of First African Baptist Church's deacons and banquet for the men.

The senior pastor is Rev. Thurmond N. Tillman.

Greater Pentecostal to hold Shepherd's Celebration Revival

Greater Pentecostal Temple, 5905 S. Okatie Highway, Hardeeville S.C., invites you to our Shepherd's Celebration Revival honoring Dr. Deloris M. Young and Elder Joseph Young.

Special guests will include: October 9- Elder Larry Dunning, Macon, Ga.;

October 16-Bishop Matthew Odum, Savannah, Ga; October 23-Bishop Michael Butler, Orangeburg, S.C.; October 25-Elder James Rodges, Savannah, Ga.

For more information, call 843-784-6988, or toll free 1866-708-3686. All are welcome.

St. Philip to hold Homecoming Revival

St. Philip Monumental A.M.E. Church, 1112 Jefferson St., will be having a "Homecoming Revival" beginning Sunday, October 10 - 14th. The theme for this year is "Revive Us Again".

The festivities will kick off with a family and friends picnic on Saturday, October 10 at Tom Triplett Park beginning at 12 noon. Church services will begin on Sunday, October 11 at 10:30 a.m. and nightly beginning on October 12, at 7 p.m. nightly with pastor George

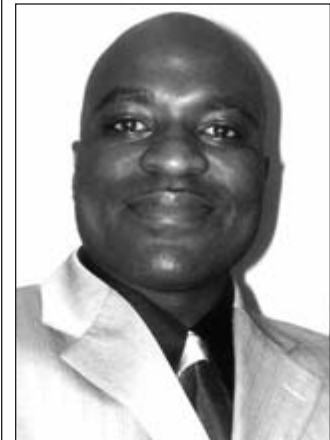
Moore, Jr. bringing the message.

Guest speaker for October 13 and 14 will be Pastor James G. Rodges of Jonesville Baptist Church.

The revival will culminate on October 14 at Jonesville Baptist Church, 5201 Montgomery St. For more information please call 912-233-8547.

Sis Sheren Ervin, and Bro. Christopher Floyd, Chairpersons, George Moore, Jr. Senior Pastor.

Royal Church of Christ to hold Ordination



Dea. Jonathan C. Ferrell

You are invited to witness the Ordination of two of our servants in ministry, Deacon Jonathan C. Ferrell to "Minister" Johnathan C. Ferrell and Sister Barbara A. Gaines to "Teacher" Barbara A. Gaines on Sunday October 25th 2009 12:00 noon at The Royal Church of



Sister Barbara A. Gaines

Christ, 1902 Rogers Street. Pastor Elder Willie Ferrell will deliver the message and officiate the Ordination.

Ferrell will be assisted by Minister Rhondie Belton and Apostle Wanda Jenkins. You don't want to miss this historic event.

Wilmington to Celebrate 153rd Anniversary

Wilmington Missionary Baptist Church, 3321 Skidaway Road, will be celebrating its 153rd Church Anniversary October 12-16 at 7p.m. nightly.

You are cordially invited to share in this joyous occasion with us.

Come out and bring your friends!

For more information contact the church at 354-1772.

Joey Horton, Pastor

St. John to host Annual Family and Friends Community Picnic



Rev. Dr. George P. Lee, III

St. John Baptist Church "The Mighty Fortress" will host its 11th Annual Family and Friends Day Community Picnic on Saturday, October 10, 2009 from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Matilda Beasley Park (located on East Broad Street next to East Broad Elementary School). The surrounding community is invited to join us for food, fun, games, and fellowship.

On Sunday, October 11, 2009, the public is invited to continue fellowshiping with us during our 11th Annual Family and Friends Day Worship Services beginning at 7:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. respectively.



Our very own pastor, Rev. Dr. George P. Lee III will deliver both messages. The theme for the occasion is "Fellowship of Friendship."

We look forward to meeting and greeting all of you as we give thanks and praise to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for the marvelous works he has done, and to the entire Savannah community for your continuous support of our church, our pastor, and our ministries.

St. John Baptist Church "The Mighty Fortress" is located in historic downtown Savannah, Georgia at 522-528 Hartridge Street (between East Broad and Price Streets).

Transportation for the physically challenged is provided by calling 912-232-8507 or 877-432-8507.

Asbury United to Celebrate 139th Anniversary



Bishop Violet Fisher

Asbury United Methodist Church, 1201 Abercorn St., will celebrate its 139th Anniversary on October 15-18.

The theme for this year will be "Hold on to God's

Vision: Where There is No Vision the People Perish".

The anniversary celebration will feature Bishop Violet L. Fisher, 2008 Emancipation Proclamation speaker. Bishop Fisher returns to bless the city of Savannah. On October 15-16, there will be a Revival. Community Wide Prayer Breakfast hosted by the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, Emancipation Ministers and Baptist Union will be held October 17, 8:00 am at the Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, 622 E. 37th St. Rev. James Nelson, Pastor. The Culmination Services, Asbury Day Celebration Worship Service will be held on Sunday, October 18 at 11am. We invite you to join us as this dynamic woman of God lifts up the name of our Lord and Savior.

Beverly Flowers, Pastor