

# SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

## 11th Annual White Coat Ceremony Held for Memorial Explorer Post



Members of the Explorer Post Receive White Coats

On Thursday, October 22nd, the 11th annual Memorial Medical Explorer Post White Coat ceremony was held for thirty-six high school juniors and seniors from the Savannah Chatham Public High Schools.

This partnership between Memorial University Medical Center, Armstrong Atlantic State University, Learning for Life and the Savannah Chatham Public School System gives youth the opportunity to do an in-depth and on-going exploration of their chosen Career Pathway throughout the school year.

The White Coat Ceremony marks the beginning of a year-long career development program consisting of presentations, demonstrations, basic medical skills practice, employability skills, hands-on activities, campus and worksite tours, presentations and demonstrations.

Exploring, a subsidiary of Boy Scouts of America strives to be America's foremost career and character education program for youth.

Special thanks are extended to Memorial University Medical Center's Susan Harper, Ph.D., Heather Scott and

Garrick Throckmorton for organizing this year's White Coat Ceremony, and to Dr. Martin Greenberg and Dewayne Cross, Pharm.D., for their participation in the ceremony.

Many thanks also to Jacqueline Collander-Chavis, Chief Academic Officer for the Savannah Chatham Public School System for her participation, and to Gayle Tremble, Youth Apprenticeship and Work-based Learning Coordinator for the Savannah Chatham Public High Schools for her assistance in organizing this year's program.

## Bethel AME's Carrie Butler Women's Auxillary to hold Annual Day

On Sunday, November 8, 2009, the Carrie S. Butler Women Auxiliary of Bethel A.M.E. Church will celebrate their annual day at 11:00 a.m. The guest minister will be the Rev. Lolita Hickman of Connors Temple Baptist Church, where the Rev. Bennie R. Mitchell is the pastor.

Rev. Hickman completed seminary and was ordained into the Gospel Ministry in 2007; however, her lifelong gospel-singing ministry and her extensive work experience both within and outside the Church have contributed to her wisdom in Christian living and church leadership. To God be the Glory!

Because of her great passion for the exposition of the Word of God, and her sense of urgency concerning salvation and discipleship, Rev. Hickman has been blessed to preach and conduct Women's Retreats and Bible Studies through the Savannah, Georgia area, as well as in Maryland, Florida, North Carolina, Virginia, and Illinois.

Rev. Hickman received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and Master of Science in Industrial Psychology from Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, Illinois. She graduated Cum Laude from the Samuel De Witt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University (STVU), earning a Master of Divinity degree.

Rev. Hickman is married to Norval (Joe) Hickman. Natives of



Rev. Lolita Hickman

Illinois, and recent residents of Maryland, the

Hickmans relocated to Savannah in 2007.

They are the proud parents of three adult children, and one granddaughter.

Bethel A.M.E. Church is located at 1814 East 38th Street.

Rev. Charles W. Purnell is the Pastor.

Submitted by Sis. Beverly Howell, Program Chair, and Sis. Freddie Hayes, President.

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