

SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

President to Propose New Small Business Jobs and Wages Tax Cut



Pres. Barack Obama

WASHINGTON, DC –

Recently in Baltimore, Maryland, President Obama announced details of the Small Business Jobs and Wages Tax Cut, one of his new proposals to create good jobs in America.

In Wednesday's State of the Union Address, President

Obama outlined a series of ways he will fight to create good paying jobs and continue our economic recovery.

One of these proposals, the Small Business Jobs and Wages Tax Cut, will put more Americans back to work by giving businesses – particularly small business – a tax

cut for new hiring. The new proposal will also provide tax incentives for businesses to expand wages for their employees.

Through the Small Business Jobs and Wages Tax Cut: Businesses will receive a \$5,000 tax credit for every net new employee that they employ in 2010.

The total amount of the credit for any one firm will be capped at \$500,000, to ensure that the majority of the benefit is targeted at small businesses.

Start-ups will be eligible for half of the tax credit; Small businesses that increase wages or hours for their existing employees will be reimbursed for the Social Security payroll taxes they pay on real increases in their payrolls. This bonus would be based on Social Security payrolls, so it would not apply to wage increases above the current taxable maximum of \$106,800; Firms will be able to claim the credit on a quarterly basis, which gets money out to businesses quickly and provides an early incentive to hire and increase payrolls.

Mont Zion to hold Women's Prayer Breakfast

On Saturday, February 13, 2010, the Women of Mount Zion Baptist Church will host a Prayer Breakfast at 8:30 AM.

The guest speaker will be Minister Lolita Hickman of the Connor's Temple Baptist Church where the Reverend Dr. Bennie R. Mitchell is pastor. Minister Hickman has a great passion for the exposition of the word of God. We thank God for this gifted woman of God. To God Be The Glory!



Min. Lolita Hickman

The theme for the

breakfast is "There Is Power In Prayer", Chronicles 7:14. Please join us as we are expecting a powerful move from God. Your presence and prayers will be blessing to the women of Mount Zion.

Mount Zion Baptist Church is located at 1008 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Reverend Michael S. Stamps, Sr. is the pastor.

Should you need further information, please call Sister Diana V. Stamps, Coordinator, at 232-6888.

9th Annual Leadership Conference - February 4-6



Rev. Clarence Moore

First African Baptist Church and Tremont Temple Baptist Church are extremely honored and excited about hosting the 9th Annual Leadership Conference this year, which will be facilitated by President Clarence Moore.

This year First African will be the site of this worthwhile event. Rev. Moore, a native of Greenville, Mississippi, is the illustrious pastor of Good Shepherd Baptist Church in Augusta, Georgia. During his tenure as pastor of Good Shepherd, the church has experienced many positive changes and tremendous growth. Membership has increased to more than 3000.

services have been established to respond to the holistic needs of the membership and the community.

Under Pastor Moore's leadership the church instituted the Preaching/Teaching format during revival, the Mini Congress/Revival, Saturday Morning Bible Study, Children's Church, and an accredited Bible Academy.

Good Shepherd, with the dynamic and visionary leadership of Rev. Moore, is active in local, state, and national Christian growth activities which includes President of the GMBC of Georgia, Inc.

Registration for this event will be \$10. Registration and a light sup-

per are from 6:00 to 6:45 p.m., with workshop session to begin at 7:00 p.m. Call First African, 233-6597 or Tremont Temple, 234-0167 for more information

Rev. Thurmond N. Tillman and Rev. Ricky A. Bready are the pastors.

The 2009 Junior League Thrift Sale Raises \$126,898.00

The Junior League of Savannah recently held its 62nd Annual Thrift Sale, its largest annual fundraiser to support its community projects. This year's event raised a total of \$126,898.00 for advocacy for women and children.

"We are excited that this year's event was so successful, especially since the money we raise is used to fund our projects to help the community," stated Julie Allen, current President of the Junior League of Savannah. "This event is not just a fundraiser for us, it's also a community service to offer merchandise at discounted prices. We have shoppers who come year after year and wait on line for endless hours until the doors open. We enjoyed visiting with them and getting to know them; these connections are what make Thrift Sale so valuable."

Over 200 people turned out for the Preview Cocktail Party and Auction, which takes place the night before the Thrift Sale, to bid on exceptional items donated by close to one hundred local businesses to support the cause.

"We are immensely appreciative of the support

this community has shown to the League and our endeavors," Allen noted. "This event could not have been a success without the efforts of hundreds of League members and community partners, particularly our platinum sponsors, Publix Super Markets Charities, Levy Jewelers and SunTrust."

The funds raised from the 2009 Thrift Sale will go towards community funding that furthers the goal of advocacy for women and children in need throughout the Low Country, Coastal Empire and Golden Isles.

Non-profit organizations

whose missions align with this goal are encouraged to apply to the Junior League for funding consideration.

The Junior League of Savannah is an organization of over 1,000 women committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

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