



GOODWIN'S *Good News*



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LINDA D. THOMPSON

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HARRISBURG, PA

Submitted by: Sister Pat Guest



Linda D. Thompson was elected the first African-American Mayor of Pennsylvania's Capital City, Harrisburg, on November 3, 2009 and was sworn-in on January 4, 2010. She earned a Bachelor's degree in Communications, with a minor in Political Science from Howard University. She is also a graduate of Leadership Harrisburg.

In 2001, Ms. Thompson was elected to Harrisburg City Council and re-elected to a second term in 2005. Prior to being elected as Mayor, she served as President of the Harrisburg City Council and the Chair of the Council's Administration Committee. She also chaired the Council's Community and Economic Development committee for four years, recommending approval of legislation continuing the city's development totaling \$1.4 billion in new revenue, expanding the city's tax base and revitalizing the city's neighborhoods. As chair of this committee, she provided strong leadership for the renewal of inner city neighborhoods, recommending approval of \$11 million dollars in new revenue for decent and affordable housing revitalization.

Ms. Thompson focused her leadership efforts on development processes, methodologies and initiatives that were centered on economic development to increase mi-

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C. KIM BRACEY

Mayor of the City of York, PA

Submitted by: Sister Pat Guest



C. Kim Bracey was elected the first African-American Mayor of the City of York on November 3, 2009 and was sworn-in as the 24th Mayor, January 4, 2010. Previously she served as the appointed Director of the Department of Community Development for the City of York from June 2003 until January 2009.

As the director of Community Development, Kim oversaw operations of the Bureau of Health, the Bureau of Housing and the Bureau of Permits, Planning and Zoning. Prior to her appointment as the Community Development Director, Kim served as the Executive Director of the South George Street Community Partnership and the Weed & Seed AID Coordinator for the City of York from 1999-2003. She was charged with revitalizing a 60-block area of southeast York City. The organization was instrumental in galvanizing neighborhood residents to take a more active role in their community while working with other stakeholders to change the appearance of the area.

Kim was born and raised in York where she attended York City schools and is a proud graduate of William Penn Senior High School. Kim attended Bloomsburg University and in 1984 joined the United States Air Force

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DEAR CHRISTIAN FRIENDS:

We have been blessed to see another year. I want to thank all the Deacons, Trustees, and all the Ministries for a wonderful job this past year.

In 2010, I would like to see the Tree of Life in full bloom. Please support this worthwhile effort, by contacting Deaconess Barbara E. Jackson. This year, three more Ministers-In-Training will deliver their Initial Sermons: MIT John Wilson, MIT Keith Moore and MIT Kirsten N. Harris. Please come out and support them.

As you have heard me say over and over again, that changes are going to be made at Goodwin and I am proud to say that some have been made. Changes that were needed for the good of the Church as a whole. I am asking everyone to please get involved in one of the many Ministries. Goodwin, we made a difference last year, but there is lots of work that still needs to be done. I preached all year saying that in order to accomplish our goals, we need to start tithing more, volunteering more and working together more as a church family, and you stepped up to the plate. Thank you!

We must continue to pray for each other in these hard times. Please continue to pray for the people in Haiti. Continue to donate to their cause and help rebuild their communities, hopes and dreams. Remember to bring all your items to the Altar, so they can be blessed before we send them.

Goodwin, let us continue to keep our minds focused on the Lord so we can continue to be a church “Blessed To Be A Blessing” to others in our church and in the community.

Sincerely,

Rev. Dr. James D. Jackson

A NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

2010 FOCUS WORDS

365 – Black This month we celebrate what has been designated as Black History month. As African Americans we should celebrate our history...our being, 365 days per year. Let us not be “boxed” into one month of celebrating our history.

In previous issues of Goodwin’s Goodnews, we spotlighted African American “firsts” in inventions, politics, arts and sciences, medical, etc. — those we’re all familiar with and those we’ve probably never heard of. This issue shines the spotlight on two local African American “firsts”.

While we celebrate our history, it is also important to remember in total disregard to race, color or religion, God has a purpose for each of our lives, He created us for a purpose. We were made by God and for God. *Ephesians 1:11-12: In Him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of Him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of His will, in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of His glory.*

*Sister Pat Guest, Sister Sheila Baylor
and Deaconess Beulah Chambers*

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| January | - | Religiosity |
| February | - | Hope |
| March | - | Peace |
| April | - | Purpose |
| May | - | Will |
| June | - | Soul |
| July | - | Grace |
| August | - | Charity |
| September | - | In His Service |
| October | - | Family |
| November | - | Belief |
| December | - | Enlightenment |



GODLY HUMOR!

Submitted by JoAn Tracy

Latest news reports are that five terrorist cell groups have been operating in many of our churches. They have been identified as: Bin Sleepin, Bin Arguin, Bin Fightin, Bin Complainin, and Bin Missin.

Their leader, Lucifer Bin Workin, trained these groups to destroy the Body of Christ. The plan is to come into the church disguised as Christians and to work within the church to discourage, disrupt, and destroy.

However, there have been reports of a sixth group. A tiny cell known by the name Bin Prayin is actually the only effective counter terrorism force in the church. Unlike other terrorist cells, the Bin Prayin team does not blend in with whoever and whatever comes along.

Bin Prayin does whatever is needed to uplift and encourage the Body of Christ. We have noticed that the Bin Prayin cell group has different characteristics than the others. They have Bin Watchin, Bin Waitin, Bin Fastin, and Bin Longin for their Master, Jesus Christ to return.

NO CHURCH IS EXEMPT!

(However, you can spot them if you bin lookin and bin goin.) **“Prayer Changes Things”**

COURT SETS ATHEIST HOLY DAY

An atheist created a case against Easter and Passover Holy days. He hired an attorney to bring a discrimination case against Christians and Jews and observances of their holy days. The argument was that it was unfair that atheists had no such recognized days. The case was brought before a judge. After listening to the passionate presentation by the lawyer, the judge banged his gavel declaring, “Case dismissed!”

The lawyer immediately stood objecting to the ruling saying, “Your honor, How can you possibly dismiss this case? The Christians have Christmas, Easter and others. The Jews have Passover, Yom Kippur and Hanukkah, yet my client and all other atheists have no such holidays.”

The judge leaned forward in his chair saying, “But you do. Your client, counsel, is woefully ignorant.”

The lawyer said, “Your Honor, we are unaware of any special observance or holiday for atheists.”

The judge said, “The calendar says April 1st is April Fools Day. Psalm 14:1 states, ‘The fool says in his heart, there is no God.’ Thus, it is the opinion of this court, that, if your client says there is no God, then he is a fool. Therefore, April 1st is his day.

Court is adjourned..”; You gotta love a Judge that knows his scripture!

GODLY HUMOR

Submitted by: Sister JoAn Tracy

Subject: My Credit Report

If my life was a credit report and I was trying to obtain salvation based on my score, I wouldn't get it.

My history shows that I've been **delinquent** in praise, **past due** in prayer, my worship has been in **collections** and I've missed a **few payments** (tithes) or only paid **half** (you know how we put \$20 in the basket and feel like we've done God a favor).

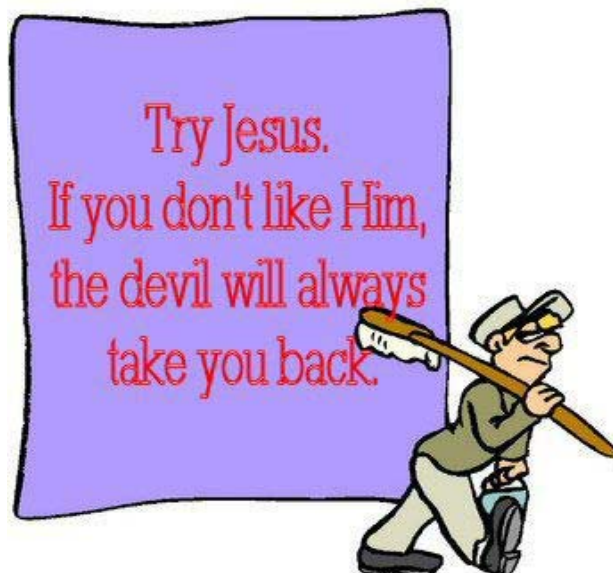
Not to mention that my **debt** (sin) to **income** (blessings) ratio is **too high**.

BUT I thank God that I was able to file **bankruptcy** (repentance) and **it cleared me** of all of my **debt** (sin). Now I have a **co-signer** (**Jesus**) whose score is **FLAWLESS**... Not one **blemish** (sin) on His report. So now.... **I QUALIFY for EVERYTHING! Most importantly I've inherited eternal life** and I didn't have to put one penny down. All of my closing costs were *covered* when **Jesus laid down His life for me!!!!**

I hear that my future home has all of the upgrades, too.

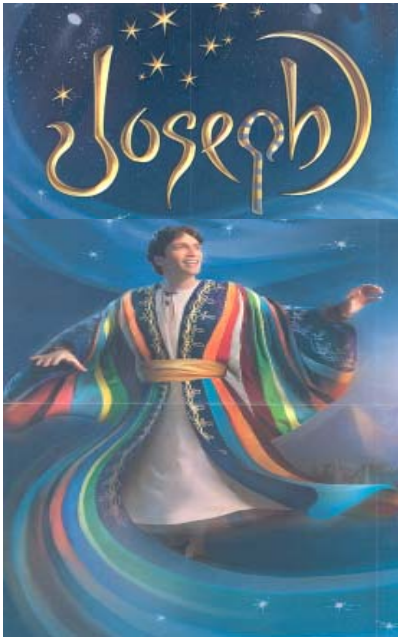
Hardwood floors? Please!! I'll be walking on gold!

Thank You, **Lord**, for your unmerited mercy, grace & favor!!!



**GOODWIN MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH
DEACON MINISTRY**

presents



March 27, 2010
*Sight and Sound Theatre
Show and Meal Package*

The buses will leave the Church parking lot promptly at 10:30 a.m.

Dinner will be served at Good and Plenty Restaurant following the show.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2010

- February 21, 2010 - MIT John Wilson, Initial Sermon, 3:00 p.m.
- February 24, 2010 - Lenten Service, Minister Jackie Keys - 6:00 p.m.
- February 26, 2010 - Clergy Meeting, Pastor's Office - 7:00 p.m.
- February 27, 2010 - YAMS Joy Night (Sanctuary) - 5:00 p.m.
- February 28, 2010 - Black History Program, FLC - Drama Ministry - 4:00 p.m.

MARCH 2010

- March 3, 2010 - Lenten Service, Minister Arlene Gadsden, 6:00 p.m.
- March 5, 2010 - Clergy Movie Night: "Finding Nemo", Hosted by Pastor Jackson, 6:30 p.m.
- March 6, 2010 - CBA One-Day Session
- March 8, 2010 - CATALYST Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- March 8, 2010 - DEACONS, 7:00 p.m.
- March 8, 2010 - DEACONESS, 7:00 p.m.
- March 9, 2010 - Sunday School Teacher's Mtg., 6:00 p.m.
- March 10, 2010 - Lenten Service, Rev. Vera Watson, 6:00 p.m.
- March 12, 2010 - Clergy Movie Night: "The Fire Proof", Hosted by Rev. Tom Keys, 6:30 p.m.
- March 17, 2010 - Lenten Service, Minister Helen Jones, 6:00 p.m.
- March 18, 2010 - Youth Fellowship Dating Seminar, 6 p.m.
- March 19, 2010 - Clergy Movie Night: "Ten Commandments". Hosted by Rev. Vera Watson, 6:30 p.m.
- March 21, 2010 - MIT Keith Moore, Initial Sermon, 3:00 p.m.
- March 23, 2010 - Women's Fellowship "Bible Trivia" Meeting, 7:00 p.m., FLC
- March 24, 2010 - Lenten Service, Rev. Dolly Tate, 6:00 p.m.
- March 26, 2010 - Clergy Movie Night: "The Passion of Christ". Hosted by Pastor Jackson
- March 27, 2010 - Deacon Family Ministry trip to Sight and Sound to see "Joseph". Bus leaves at promptly at 10:30 a.m.
- March 31, 2010 - Lenten Service, Rev. Michael Stanley, Day of Silence, 6:00 p.m.

APRIL 2010

- April 1, 2010 - Lenten Service: The Lord's Supper, Rev. Solomon Baxter, 6:00 p.m.
- April 2, 2010 - Good Friday Service - Seven Last Sayings of Christ, 6:00 p.m.
- April 3, 2010 - Laymen Lenten Breakfast
- April 4, 2010 - Sunrise Service, Rev. Mattie Nash, 6:30 a.m.
Usher Easter Breakfast
- April 4, 2010 - Sunday School Easter Program, 8:30 a.m.

BLACK HISTORY

Submitted by: Sister Pat Guest

The North Carolina A&T FOUR: The Significance of February 1, 1960



On February 1, 1960 in Greensboro, North Carolina, four A&T freshmen students, Ezell Blair, Jr. (Jibreel Khazan), David Richmond, Franklin McCain and Joseph McNeil walked downtown and “sat - in” at the whites – only lunch counter at Woolworth’s. They refused to leave when denied service and stayed until the store closed.

A chronology of events that occurred as a result of this bold action by these four young men included:

- February 2, 1960 - twenty- five other students from A&T and other Greensboro colleges and universities joined them the next day.
- During the next ten days, students across the state participated in similar sit-ins.
- By the third week of February 1960, demonstrations had spread to at least 250 major cities and towns in the US in which over 400 demonstrations took place by the end of 1960.
- Woolworth’s was desegregated by the end of July 1960
- As a result of this movement, significant events in civil right history occurred:
- The passage of the 1960 Civil rights Bill
- The Interstate Commerce Commission ruling in September 1961 against racial segregation on interstate carriers and terminals
- The first National Public Accommodations Act in 100 years (Khazan 2004)

Jibreel Khazan recounts *that on Sunday night, January 31, 1960, we decided we were going to request equal service for all Americans at F. W. Woolworth’s lunch counter on Monday, February 1, 1960.*

The legacy of these four heroes proves the true potential and appeal of nonviolence. It was their protest that became the model and inspiration for later civil rights, anti-war and women’s liberations movements. These four young men forever changed the course of history by their bravery and courage.

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nority and women-owned businesses, eradication of dilapidated, abandoned properties, blighted neighborhoods, workforce development, and increased homeownership for low to moderate income citizens. She is author of the “Leave No Senior Citizen Behind Property Tax Relief Program,” an initiative designed to assist senior citizens in meeting their property tax obligations to ensure they can remain in their homes. She is also author of Opportunities Unlimited Program, which provides youth, ages 14-21, with intensive assessment, job readiness, life skills, basic computer training and the guidance and support of case managers.

Mayor Thompson is a board member of the South Central Youth Council and an appointed board member of the South Central Workforce Investment Board. She is an active member of the Goodwin Memorial Baptist Church and the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Epsilon Omega Chapter.

Mayor Thompson has two loving parents, one son, three grandchildren and eight siblings.

THANKS TO OUR MILITARY FOR THEIR SERVICES AND PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP THEM IN PRAYER!

CDR Angela Bouknight -

(Daughter of Sister Barbara Lewis)

AIRMAN Nathaniel C. Ellis -

(Son of Deacon & Deaconess Paul C. Ellis)

Rashanda M. Dalton, CTT3 (SW) -

(Daughter of Sister Alicia Dalton)

Robert Gary - (Cousin of Sister Yolanda Humphrey)

AZAN Brooke Gibson -

(Daughter of Deacon & Deaconess George Jackson)

E6 Petty Officer Tamara M. Blackwell Reed -

(Daughter of Brother & Sister James Blackwell)

PFC Michael Summerford, Jr. -

(Son of Sister Dorothy Scott)

SSGT Christopher Young -

(Son of Brother & Sister Charles Young)

SSGT Ladonna D. Thomas -

(Daughter of Deaconess Vickie Brown)

CPT Cedric Sherard, Jr. -

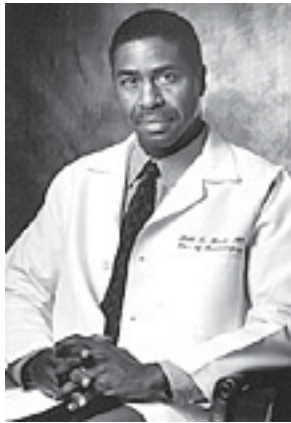
(Son of Brother & Sister Cedric Sherard, Sr.)

SGT Dustin Jackson - (Son of Sister Verilyn Downing)

NOTE: If there are other members of our congregation, with family in the military, please contact Deaconess Beulah Chambers with Names and Addresses.

BLACK HISTORY

Submitted by: Sister Pat Guest



Keith L. Black

Keith is an American neurosurgeon specializing in the treatment of brain tumors and a prolific campaigner for funding of cancer treatment. He is chairman of the neurosurgery department and director of the Maxine Dunitz Neurosurgical Institute at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, California.

Keith Black was born September 13, 1957 in Tuskegee, Alabama. His mother was a teacher and his father was the principal at a racially segregated elementary school in Auburn, Alabama. Black's parents relocated the family to Shaker Heights, Ohio. Black attended Shaker Heights High School.

Already interested in medicine, Black was admitted to an apprenticeship program for minority students at Case Western Reserve, and then became a teenage lab assistant for Frederick Cross and Richard Jones (inventors of the Cross-Jones artificial heart valve) at St. Luke's Hospital in Cleveland. At 17, he won an award in a national science competition for research on the damage done to red blood cells in patients with heart-valve replacements. He attended the University of Michigan in a program that allowed him to earn both his undergraduate degree and his medical degree in 6 years. He received his M.D. degree from the University of Michigan Medical School in 1981.

After serving his internship and residency at the University of Michigan, in 1987 he moved to the UCLA Medical Center in Los Angeles, where he later became head of UCLA's Comprehensive Brain Tumor Program. In 1997, after 10 years at UCLA, he moved to Cedars-Sinai Medical Center to head the Maxine Dunitz Neurosurgical Institute. He was also on the faculty of the University of California, Irvine School of Medicine from 1998 to 2003. In 2007 he opened the new Johnnie L. Cochran, Jr Brain Tumor Center at Cedars-Sinai, a research center named after the famous lawyer who had been Black's patient and supporter.

Black has been a frequent subject of media reports on medical advances in neurosurgery. He was featured in a 1996 episode of the *PBS* program *The New Explorers* entitled "Outsmarting the Brain". *Esquire* included him in its November 1999 "Genius Issue" as one of the "21 Most Important People of the 21st Century." He has been cited as an expert in reports about whether mobile phone use affects the incidence of brain tumors. He is also noted for his very busy surgery schedule: a 2004 *Discover* article noted that he performs about 250 brain surgeries per year, and that at age 46 he had "already performed more than 4,000 brain surgeries, the medical equivalent of closing in on baseball's all-time career hits record." (As of 2009, Black's surgery count had risen to "more than 5,000 operations for resection of brain tumors").

In 1997, *Time* magazine featured Black on the cover of a special edition called "Heroes of Medicine". The accompanying article described Black's reputation as a surgeon who would operate on tumors that other doctors would not, as well as aspects of his medical research, including his discovery that the peptide bradykinin can be effective in opening the blood-brain barrier.

In 2009 Black published his autobiography, co-authored with Arnold Mann, entitled *Brain Surgeon*.

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where she served honorably until 1994 achieving the rank of E-6. Among her medals and citations, she received the National Defense Service Medal and the Air Force Good Conduct Medal with 2 devices.

Kim chose to return to York in 1994 to work for the Crispus Attucks Association, where she managed the national local program of YouthBuild AmeriCorps.

Continuing the spirit of community activism, Kim currently serves or has served on the Boards of York Hospital, the Martin Library, and the York County Community Foundation, namely because of their organization's missions and their commitment to serving the York community. She is also the Founding President of the York Chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, a 30-year old national organization whose mission is to develop leaders to rebuild their communities and redirect the energies of younger Black people who live in those communities. She is an active member of the Friendship Baptist Church and serves as the church's Treasurer.

She is married to Vernon and together they are the proud parents of a son, Brandon, daughter Arianna and grandparents to one grandson Brandon Jr.

BLACK HISTORY

The Dred Scott Decision

Submitted by: Bro. Melvin Johnson

Dred Scott was the name of an African-American slave. He was taken by his master, an officer in the U.S. Army, from the slave state of Missouri to the free state of Illinois and then to the free territory of Wisconsin. He lived on free soil for a long period of time.

When the Army ordered his master to go back to Missouri, he took Scott with him back to that slave state, where his master died. In 1846, Scott was helped by Abolitionist (anti-slavery) lawyers to sue for his freedom in court, claiming he should be free since he had lived on free soil for a long time. The case went all the way to the United States Supreme Court. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Roger B. Taney, was a former slave owner from Maryland.

In March of 1857, Scott lost the decision as seven out of nine Justices on the Supreme Court declared no slave or descendant of a slave could be a U.S. citizen, or ever had been a U.S. citizen. As a non-citizen, the court stated, Scott had no rights and could not sue in a Federal Court and must remain a slave.

At that time there were nearly 4 million slaves in America. The court's ruling affected the status of every enslaved and free African-American in the United States. The ruling served to turn back the clock concerning the rights of African-Americans, ignoring the fact that black men in five of the original States had been full voting citizens dating back to the Declaration of Independence in 1776.

The Supreme Court also ruled that Congress could not stop slavery in the newly emerging territories and declared the Missouri Compromise of 1820 to be unconstitutional. The Missouri Compromise prohibited slavery north of the parallel 36°30' in the Louisiana Purchase. The Court declared it violated the Fifth Amendment of the Constitution which prohibits Congress from depriving persons of their property without due process of law.

Anti-slavery leaders in the North cited the controversial Supreme Court decision as evidence that Southerners wanted to extend slavery throughout the nation and ultimately rule the nation itself. Southerners approved the Dred Scott decision believing Congress had no right to prohibit slavery in the territories. Abraham Lincoln reacted with disgust to the ruling and was spurred into political action, publicly speaking out against it.

Overall, the Dred Scott decision had the effect of widening the political and social gap between North and South and took the nation closer to the brink of Civil War.

CAN YOU IDENTIFY ME?



Barbara Jordan
M. L. King, Jr.
Joe Frazier
Michael Jackson
Rosa Parks
W.E.B. DuBois
Michael Jordan
Oprah Winfrey

Condoleezza Rice
Muhammad Ali
Shirley Chisholm
Harriet Tubman
Malcolm X
Sammy Davis, Jr.
Frederick Douglass
Barack Obama

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MINISTRY UPDATES



Women's Fellowship Ministry President's Message

My words are too few and inadequate to express my thanks to the Membership of the Women's Fellowship Ministry in electing me as your President for a fourth term.

With a very dedicated Executive Committee and with the fluent advice of the Past Presidents, Past Officers and our Advisor, my duties as President are easily administered. So with heartfelt thanks, I voice my sincere gratitude to you, the Membership, to the Executive Committee and to those whose advice I wisely seek.

The purpose of the Women's Fellowship Ministry is to bond women together in one fellowship of faith and service for the uplifting of God's Kingdom. This special ministry gives women the opportunity to share their God-given gifts and talents to edify others in the body of Christ. Many women who are "tops" in Christian service today were discovered while diligently working in a Women's Ministry—why not join us?

The Theme for 2010 is: "Reflecting on the Past, Reaching to the Future, Rejoicing in the Lord." Plans are already under way to repeat one of our past programs, invite renowned speakers, and plan for the future of this wonderful Ministry as we enter a new decade.

The Women's Fellowship is a growing Ministry and we shall continue to develop into a Ministry "Second to None" serving in our church and in our community. Don't let your religion become routine—join us. We need you!

Ethel Rogers Grundy



Goodwin Memorial Baptist Church

RASPA Ministry Report

Submitted by: *MIT John Wilson*

Since October 2009, the Recovery and Support Prison Aftercare (RASPA) Prison Ministry conducted Worship Services at the Dauphin County and Cumberland County correctional facilities. No services were held at any of the State facilities during this period.

Services were conducted for men and women, and during the services, 33 individuals accepted the call to salvation:

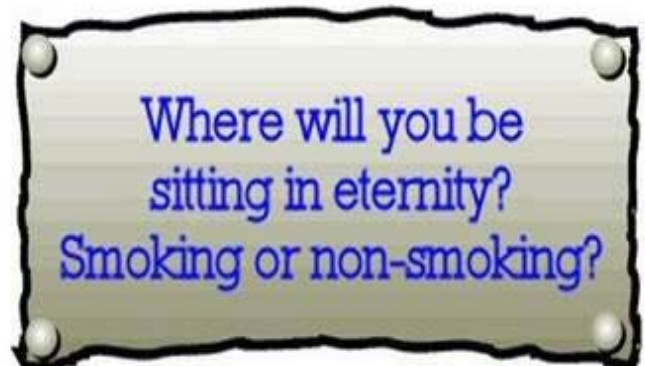
- First-time Salvation - 7 inmates
- Rededications - 26 inmates

The ministry continues to offer and provide Bible study lessons to inmates that request them. We follow-up in writing with individuals that come forward for salvation or rededication, providing spiritual guidance for their new or renewed Christian walk, along with Bible study materials.

Though we did not visit any State institutions this period, we continue to get inquiries from inmates at some of these facilities. Often the inquiries pertain to services needed for transitioning back into society; others include requests for spiritual counseling and prayer.

After careful consideration and seeking direction from the Lord, Reverend Tom Keys made the decision to step down from his role with RASPA to focus on the other responsibilities God has called him into. We are very grateful for Reverend Keys' faithfulness over the years and his tireless efforts to serve and support the efforts of RASPA. The Lord used Reverend Keys to preach the Good News of Jesus Christ to many that were lost, and as a result, numerous souls were saved. We wish Reverend Keys well in his continued service to God.

As always, we solicit your continued prayers that the Lord's purpose will be fulfilled through the efforts of RASPA.



MINISTRY UPDATES

“HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS”: A CELEBRATION OF GOODWIN’S COLLEGE STUDENTS

By Sis. Twilah Shipley



Being “home for the holidays” is a special time, especially for college students. On Saturday, December 26, 2009, the Women’s Fellowship Ministry held a celebratory brunch for fifteen college students. This was the third year that the Women’s Fellowship Ministry recognized Goodwin’s college students during the Christmas holidays. The brunch gives the Women’s Fellowship Ministry and the entire Goodwin family an opportunity to express our love to Goodwin students who have graduated high school and are pursuing higher education. In addition to being guests of honor at the brunch, all of the students received a gift card. The Women’s Fellowship Ministry recognized the following students: Allison Carothers, Christina Chambers, Jonathan Chambers, Kelsey Davis, Morgan Davis, Ericca Dent, Jamielle Geary, Breanna Gumby, Teerah Goodrum, Debra James, Kylee Johnson, Shannon Kirkham, Kenneth Mickens II, Chanel Moore and Jaren Tucker.

The College Cluster Committee, chaired by Sis. J. Yvonne Pittman and Deaconess Eula Webster, instituted some changes to this year’s brunch. First, instead of *older* adults, *young* adults were in charge of the program. Bro. Mark Walker served as Master of Ceremonies. Young adults gave the welcome and purpose, prayed, and our resident poet, Jonathan Chambers, performed a special spoken word presentation. Second, we dined on a scrumptious brunch prepared by our Culinary Arts Ministry, in the comfort of *home* in the Family Life Center, instead of at a local restaurant. Third, in addition to a freshman, sophomore, junior and senior providing testimonials about their college experiences,

including their successes and challenges, we were treated to an exceptional spiritual feast, courtesy of our own Bro. Durrell E. Brown.

Bro. Brown delivered a stirring message, “Run until you finish!” His text came from Proverbs 3:5, 6 and Proverbs 16:3. Bro. Brown’s message challenged college students and everyone in attendance. Bro. Brown is a 2009 graduate of John C. Smith University. In 2009 he won the First-Year Teacher Award from the Teach for America organization. As a result of winning this award, the Belk organization, a department store chain founded in North Carolina more than one hundred years ago, pledged \$200,000 to Bro. Brown’s alma mater on his behalf.

As a church family, let’s continue to encourage and pray for all of our college students.

“Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom.” ([George Washington Carver](#))

THE TIME IS NOW

by Jonathan Chambers

We all admire our own figures... like Malcolm X,
But I have a question... who’s gonna’ be Malcolm next?
We praise MLK and recite his texts,
But who will awaken that spirit on the balcony steps?
We respect Rosa Parks... but nowadays we don’t protest,
We’re just quick to take that seat when its time to rest.
We’ve been freed from the master... the chains and ropes,
But now we build our own slave ships... and now we’re
floating in the same boat.

Trapped behind our blinds we’re blind with no hope,
Singing we shall overcome in that same old note.
We don’t believe we can rise up against the grain,
And that the Son we praise shines amidst the rain.
We say the man weighs us down... they don’t give
us any options.

Tell that to President Obama... or even
Mayor Linda Thompson!
They’ll rise up to the occasion...
instead of placing the blame,

While we sit here waiting on the world to change,
Sitting here waiting on the world to change,
Sitting here watching the world burst in flames.

**But wait... I can’t change the world...
look at the color of my skin.**

If they could do it back then...

I’m sure we can find a way in 2010!



Women's Fellowship Ministry

"The Me You Do Not Know"

Submitted by: Sister Ethel R. Grundy

Minister Helen C. Jones is spotlighted in this edition of the Goodwin Newsletter. Helen is a native of Harrisburg and the daughter of the late Clarence Coates and Sandra M. Rawls. She was born a twin in a family of two brothers and two sisters. After graduating from Harrisburg High School, Helen attended Kaplan Career Institute graduating with second honors. She is currently enrolled in the Andersonville Theology Seminar pursuing an associate degree in Christian Education.

She is married to that great tenor singer, Louis and is the proud mother of a combined family of eight children and ten grandchildren. According to Helen her very first job was with the Department of Community Affairs working in the secretarial field. She is presently employed as a Certified Nurse's Aide with the Visiting Angels, Inc.

Helen has been an active member of Goodwin for over ten years and preached her initial sermon on Sunday November 22, 2009. She serves faithfully as a member of the Gospel Choir, Women's Fellowship Ministry, Associate Minister, Sunday School Teacher, and President of the Redeemed Support and Recovery Ministry. Her favorite scripture is Proverbs 3: 5-6, her favorite song is "Precious Lord" and her favorite food is spaghetti.

In her spare time she enjoys traveling, swimming, fishing and sewing. Her favorite vacation spot in the world is Orlando, Florida and her most treasured possession is her health. When asked what has given her the greatest satisfaction or fulfillment in life she replied her grandchildren and feeding and helping the homeless. Helen said if I could change one thing about myself, my prayer would be—Lord give me "More Patience."

THE GMBC REDEEMED SUPPORT & RECOVERY MINISTRY

Submitted by: Min. Helen Jones

The Redeemed faith based support and recovery ministry, is a group of sessions, speakers and biblical text to offer help to all who are dealing with life debilitating issues such as divorce, gambling, sex, substance abuse, co-dependency, abusive relationships, finances, grief and other family related issues. Our group is to minister, education, offer fellowship and support to those who desire to be physically, emotionally, socially and most of all spiritually free.

Matthew 6:33, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness: and all these things shall be added unto you."

Come and be a part of your recovery and watch God show up in your life, like never before! Our sessions will be starting soon. So check your bulletins for upcoming events. All are welcomed: Trust only in God...

GOODWIN MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH LAYMEN MINISTRY

"RISE UP O'MEN OF GOD"

I greet you with Jesus' Joy! Allow me to introduce myself, as the new president of the Goodwin Memorial baptist Church Laymen Ministry for 2010. My name is Bro. Donald W. Shepherd. Some of you may know me as a member of the Deacon Ministry, the Music Ministry; the Senior Citizens Ministry; as a member of the New Harvest Ministry; and the Men's Sunday School Ministry. But, I pray that all of you know me or get to know me as a Born Again Believer, a servant of the Most High God! I introduce myself as "Brother" because in the Laymen Ministry all Men are brothers without titles.

The Men of Goodwin Memorial Baptist Church are recognized throughout The Central Baptist Association; the Pennsylvania Baptist State Convention; The National Baptist Convention; and the World Baptist Alliance, through the work of such men as the late Brother Olin Harris, and others and now our Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. James D. Jackson.

All men of Goodwin are already members of the Laymen Ministry, but in order to carry out the Mission of GMBC and the Mission of the Laymen to fulfill the motto of Goodwin, "A Church Blessed To Be A Blessing" we must be organized for training and identifying the talents of each man. As Bro. Robert Baber, the late former President of CBA Laymen Ministry President, and Father of our CBA current Moderator, Rev. Melvin R. Baber, taught us, "an untrained man is a dangerous man."

We want to thank Bro. Herbert Cole for his leadership during the last eight plus years. In the Laymen Ministry, leaders step down, they don't step aside or quit, but continue to support the ministry. I suppose it could be said, as has been said about old soldiers, "Laymen presidents never die, they just fade away! Thank you Bro. Cole. I look forward to your continued support to the Laymen Ministry.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

*GMBC Laymen Ministry President
Bro. Donald W. Shepherd*



Submitted by: *Deaconess Beulah Chambers*

2010 Census to Begin

WARNING: 2010 Census Cautions from the Better Business Bureau

Be Cautious About Giving Info to Census Workers by Susan Johnson

With the U.S. Census process beginning, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) advises people to be cooperative, but cautious, so as not to become a victim of fraud or identity theft. The first phase of the 2010 U.S. Census is under way as workers have begun verifying the addresses of households across the country. Eventually, more than 140,000 U.S. Census workers will count every person in the United States and will gather information about every person living at each address including name, age, gender, race, and other relevant data. The big question is - how do you tell the difference between a U.S. Census worker and a con artist? BBB offers the following advice:

**** If a U.S. Census worker knocks on your door, they will have a badge, a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag, and a confidentiality notice. Ask to see their identification and their badge before answering their questions. However, you should never invite anyone you don't know into your home.**

**** Census workers are currently only knocking on doors to verify address information. Do not give your Social Security number, credit card or banking information to anyone, even if they claim they need it for the U.S. Census. REMEMBER, NO MATTER WHAT THEY ASK, YOU REALLY ONLY NEED TO TELL THEM HOW MANY PEOPLE LIVE AT YOUR ADDRESS. While the Census Bureau might ask for basic financial information, such as a salary range, YOU DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER ANYTHING AT ALL ABOUT YOUR FINANCIAL SITUATION.**

The Census Bureau will not ask for Social Security, bank account, or credit card numbers, nor will employees solicit donations. Any one asking for that information is NOT with the Census Bureau.

AND REMEMBER, THE CENSUS BUREAU HAS DECIDED NOT TO WORK WITH ACORN ON GATHERING THIS INFORMATION. No Acorn worker should approach you saying he/she is with the Census Bureau.

Eventually, Census workers may contact you by telephone, mail, or in person at home. However, the Census Bureau will not contact you by Email, so be on the lookout for Email scams impersonating the Census. **Never click on a link or open any attachments in an Email that are supposedly from the U.S. Census Bureau. PLEASE SHARE THIS INFO WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS.**

BAPTIST ACTIVITIES

Submitted by: *Deaconess Beulah Chambers*

February 25-26, 2010 - The Pennsylvania Baptist State Convention will meet in its Mid-Winter Board of Directors' Meeting at The Four Points Sheraton Hotel, Harrisburg. In addition to meetings of the Executive Board and Board of Directors, various ministries will meet in Break-out Sessions. Representatives from across the State will be in attendance to support our newly-elected President, Rev. Benjamin T. Hailey. Our Pastor, Rev. Dr. Jackson was recently installed as Treasurer and Deaconess Marian Elby was recently installed as President of the Nurses Ministry. Goodwin will be represented by various Past Officers and Ministry Leaders.

March 6, 2010 - The Central Baptist Association will convene in its Quarterly One-Day Session at Tabernacle Baptist Church, Harrisburg. Rev. Melvin Baber serves as Moderator and Pastor Jackson serves as Vice-Moderator at Large. Goodwin's Youth as well as Adults will be represented as Officers and other Delegates.

June 21-25, 2010 - The National Baptist Congress of Christian Education will meet in its 105th Annual Session in Houston, Texas.



Black History

Submitted by: Sister Pat Guest



VICE ADMIRAL REGINA BENJAMIN USPHS 18th Surgeon General of the United States

Vice Admiral Regina Marcia Benjamin, United States Public Health Service (USPHS), born October 26, 1956 in Mobile, Alabama currently serves as the 18th Surgeon General of the United States. She previously ran a nonprofit medical clinic in Bayou La Batre, Alabama.

On July 13, 2009 President Barack Obama announced the choice of Benjamin for the position of Surgeon General of the United States and as a Medical Director in the regular corps of the Public Health Service. Benjamin was unanimously confirmed by the United States Senate on October 29, 2009. On October 7, 2009, Benjamin was unanimously approved by the United States Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Benjamin graduated from Fairhope High School in Fairhope, Alabama, and then attended college at Xavier University of Louisiana in New Orleans where she was initiated into Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She is also a member of the second class of the Morehouse School of Medicine. She received her M.D. degree from the University of Alabama at Birmingham and completed her residency in family practice at the Medical center of Central Georgia. After entering solo practice in Bayou La Batre, Benjamin worked for several years in emergency rooms and nursing homes to keep her practice open. After receiving an MBA from the Freeman School of Business at Tulane University she converted her office to a rural health clinic.

Benjamin is former associate dean for rural health at the University of South Alabama's College of Medicine in Mobile, where she previously directed the Alabama Telemedicine Program. She serves as the current president of the Medical Association of the State of Alabama. In 1995, she was elected to the American Medical Association's board of trustees, making her the first physician under age 40 and the first African-American woman to be elected. She also served on the Florida A & M University Board of Trustees after being appointed by Florida Governor Jeb Bush. From 2008-2009, she served as Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Federation of State Medical Boards, a national non-profit organization representing the 70 medical boards of the United States and its territories.

Benjamin is a diplomate of the American Board of Family Practice and a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians. She was a Kellogg National Fellow and also a Rockefeller

Next Generation Leader. She has served on a variety of boards and committees, including the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured, Catholic Health East, Medical Association of the State of Alabama, Alabama Board of Medical Examiners, Alabama State Committee of Public Health, Mobile County Medical Society, Alabama Rural Health Association, Leadership Alabama, Mobile Area Red Cross, Mercy Medical, Mobile Chamber of Commerce, United Way of Mobile, Physicians for Human Rights and Deep South Girl Scout Council.

She was appointed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala to the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act Committee and to the Council of Graduate Medical Education. In Alabama, she formerly served as vice president of the Governor's Commission on Aging, and also formerly as a member of the Governor's Health Care Reform Task Force and the Governor's Task Force on Children's Health.

Benjamin is founder and CEO of the Bayou La Batre Rural Health Clinic in Bayou La Batre, Alabama. Bayou La Batre is a small shrimping village along the Gulf Coast. The clinic was destroyed in 2005 by Hurricane Katrina and in 2006 by a fire on New Year's Day, one day before the scheduled reopening. She made headlines when she rebuilt the clinic a second time. Benjamin was the subject of a Reader's Digest article that chronicled her efforts to rebuild the clinic after Hurricane Katrina.

In 1998 she was the United States recipient of the Nelson Mandela Award for Health and Human Rights. Benjamin was named by *TIME* magazine as one of the "Nation's 50 Future Leaders Age 40 and Under." She has been featured in *New York Times* article, "Angel in a White Coat," and was chosen "Person of the Week" by ABC's World News Tonight with Peter Jennings, "Woman of the Year" by CBS This Morning, and "Woman of the Year" by People Magazine. She was also featured on the December 1999 cover of *Clarity Magazine* and received the 2000 National Caring Award, which was inspired by Mother Teresa. In 2006, she was awarded the papal cross Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice by Pope Benedict XVI.

In 2008, Benjamin was named one of America's Best Leaders by U.S. News & World Report. In September 2008, she was one of that year's class of 25 in the MacArthur Fellows Program, nicknamed the "Genius Awards," receiving a grant of \$500,000 over five years from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. In 2009, she received the American Medical Association Foundation Leadership Award.

Can You Identify Me? Answers

1. Frederick Douglass
2. Barack Obama
3. Rosa Parks
4. Condoleezza Rice
5. M. L. King, Jr.
6. Michael Jackson
7. Malcolm X
8. Oprah Winfrey
9. W.E.B. DuBois
10. Michael Jordan
11. Harriet Tubman
12. Muhammad Ali