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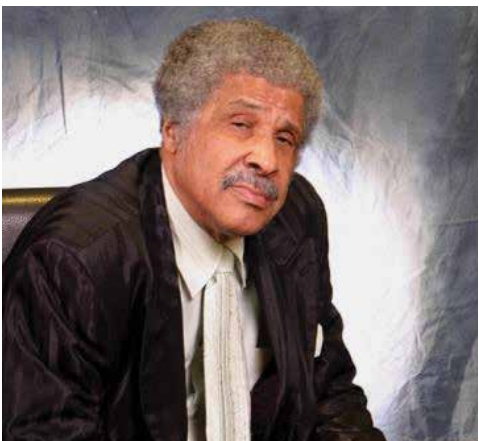
The 69th Annual National Lectureship held among African American churches of Christ will take place during the dates of March 24-28, 2013, in the city of Houston, Texas. This event which is the oldest and largest annual gathering of African American Christians from across the nation will be hosted by the Fidelity Church of Christ and will convene at the Houston Hyatt Regency Downtown.

The selected theme for the 2013 Lectureship encounter is entitled “A Return to the Ancient Order.” In order to secure your accommodations, please contact the Houston Hyatt Regency Downtown directly at (800) 421-1442. Single, double, triple, and quad room rates at the Hyatt Regency are \$89.00.

Registration cost for the Lectureship is \$165.00 which includes all amenities and a Lectureship

Banquet Ticket. You can register for the Lectureship by personal check or online ([www.69thnal.com](http://www.69thnal.com)) via PayPal by clicking the “Add to Cart” button on the website. Registration mailing instructions are also listed on the website. Please be advised that church checks or personal checks will not be accepted at the Lectureship or after February 1, 2013.

For further information, please contact Theaster Maloy, Sr., Fidelity Church of Christ (832) 656-5915; Frank Melton, Jr., Shady Acres Church of Christ (713) 733-0868; Paul D. Jones, North Wayside Church of Christ (281) 448-0953; Robert Ravenell, Scenic Woods Church of Christ (713) 633-1970; or Audrey A. Broom, Administrative Assistant (713) 674-5131 - (281) 787-8281.



**Dr. R. C. Wells, Chairman  
Annual National Lectureship**



**“One Lord... One Faith... One Baptism”**



## 68th Annual National Lectureship a Tremendous Success “The Gospel, God’s Connecting Power”



The 68th Annual National Lectureship hosted by the Newburg Church of Christ in the city of Louisville, Kentucky, was indeed a complete success in every imaginable way. Ministers, elders, deacons, and Christians from all across the country convened at the Hyatt Regency Downtown in Louisville, Kentucky, during the dates of April 3-8, 2012, to witness unparalleled history in the making. For the first time in National Lectureship history, the host congregation presented a program format whereby one speaker was selected to give the final homily each evening at the close of services.

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At the request of the host congregation, Dr. W. F. Washington of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, presented a series of challenging messages which captivated and motivated those who were in attendance. According to Brother Kenneth E. Fleming, host Minister of the Newburg Church of Christ “This was the greatest event that has ever occurred among the congregations in Louisville.” Dr. Washington spoke to the needs of the Church in the 21st century in addition to those who know not the Lord Jesus in the pardoning of their sins.

Dr. R. C. Wells, Chairman of the National Lectureship and Minister Emeritus of the Harlem Church of Christ in New York City, reminded the attendees in his “Purpose of the Lectureship” statement that our objective was and continues to be an irrefutable desire to “speak the same thing” and there

should be “no divisions among us.” Also, presented for the first time at the National Lectureship was a small scale collection of pictures and biographies relative to African American preachers in the Church of Christ. Dr. Wells who created this “Gallery of Stars of the Faith” serves as curator of this priceless compilation. He also provided a tour for those present discussing the many treasured artifacts he has in possession.

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The final attendance total for the 2012 Louisville National Lectureship was estimated to be nearly 1700; not including approximately 800 who were present for the “Lectureship Regional Singing” on Saturday afternoon and those who attended the National Lectureship Banquet held on Saturday evening.



**Dr. W. F. Washington Speaking at the 2012 Louisville Lectureship**

## 38th Annual Ministers’ Institute Conference



Greetings and felicitations from the New Golden Heights Church of Christ and in the mighty name of heaven’s Hero. Preparations are now being made to once again host the 38th Annual Ministers’ Institute Conference. This national preacher’s forum is where men of God who share like precious faith come together to fellowship and commiserate with each other.

It is here that young aspiring preachers are afforded the opportunity to speak before a national audience and proclaim the unsearchable riches of God’s favor. It is also here that men of God from across the brotherhood meet in a relaxed atmosphere to collaborate, renew kindred spirits, and strengthen one another.

We look forward with great anticipation to you being here January 19-24, 2013, to hear what God has to say concerning our present dilemma and our promised destiny.

*The Bible is our final authority and the only authority in matters of religious practice.*

Workshop sessions will address local church matters common to all local preachers. This five day Institute and Conference will provide opportunities to discover resources and best practices that will encourage preachers to continue in “the faith once delivered.” Leadership workshops will continue positing fruitful ideas for Christian Development, Human Functionality, and local Church Synergy.

Needless to say, the Cross and our commitment to the Crux of Christ are under constant attack. The existence of God, the Historical Jesus, and the inspiration of the sacred Scripture are under vicious attack by the ideologies of secularism and modernism.

However, the Ministers’ Institute Conference is comprised of men who believe the Bible not only “contains” the Word of God, but the Bible is in fact the inspired Word of God. The Bible is our final authority and the only authority in matters of religious practice. It is our firm belief that there has never been a time more pregnant in the history of our nation and universe when God is in need of faithful men who will emphasize truth and expose error. We firmly believe

the force of Matthew 16:18 to be as poignant now as it was when it was articulated by the Lord. As a result, three powerful truths emerge: 1) Revelation 2) Identification 3) Authorization.

Therefore, it is from this premise and the total universe of the New Covenant, we humbly launch the 2013 MIC Lectures. We are requesting your attendance and requiring your prayers in our effort to make the Ministers’ Institute Conference this year the most significant ever held.

You can register for this great convocation online at [www.ministersinstituteconference.com](http://www.ministersinstituteconference.com) or if you prefer to submit your registration by mail please forward it to:

**Ministers’ Institute  
PO Box 5488  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida  
33310**

Registration cost for the MIC is \$160.00 and for further information please call (954) 735-2907, (954) 733-3385 or (954) 882-6710. Hotel accommodations should be made directly with the Renaissance Fort Lauderdale – Plantation at (954) 472-2252.

## Recommended Reading to Enhance Your Awareness



This book entitled *Realizing the California Dream* by Dr. Calvin H. Bowers, tells the story of African American churches of Christ in the city of Los Angeles, CA. The author shares with the reader how these congregations be-

gan and then grew. Leading figures such as R. N. Hogan, S. R. Cassius and his son A. L. Cassius, played major roles in the inception and development of these young churches.

In addition to discussing how each of these churches began, topics such as group singing, race and racism are included. A special section on African American women in the Church

of Christ salutes twelve outstanding women who realized their dream in different ways.

Dr. Bowers is a recipient of the Roy Wilkins Education Award from the Inglewood Branch of the NAACP. He has two Master of Arts degrees from Pepperdine University: one in Religious Education and one in Speech Communication. In 1981, he

received his Doctorate of Education from the University of Southern California. He is also the author of *Ollie’s Kids: A Family’s Journey*, which chronicles his own family and serves as a prototype for Black family life.

Dr. Calvin H. Bowers continues to serve as one of the Ministers of the Figueroa Church of Christ in Los Angeles, CA.

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# A Brief History of the Annual National Lectureship Among African American Churches of Christ

The Annual National Lectureship among African American Churches of Christ was first suggested by the late R. N. Hogan in 1942, during his ministry with the Stonewall and Waco Street Church of Christ in Houston, Texas. The agenda of this meeting was to discuss the need of a National Lectureship among the African American Church of Christ similar to that of the white brethren.

Hogan believed that a National Lectureship would help synchronize both the preaching and teaching of New Testament doctrine and foster a means of fellowship for preachers who would attend. G. E. Steward, in addition to Levi Kennedy, Jr., and J. S. Winston, each agreed with the concept that a Lectureship of this nature would serve a great need in our brotherhood.

In the year of 1944 at the Bowser Christian Institute school meeting in Fort Smith, Arkansas, Steward suggested they should begin to make plans for the Lectureship which had been discussed in Houston, Texas, two years earlier.

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To fully comprehend the purpose of the Lectureship, one must understand the dynamics and rationale for which it was conceived. In the decade of the forties, very few Ministers in our fellowship were able to maintain local congregations and evangelize new areas. In many instances, new congregations would be established following gospel meetings without a leadership structure to sustain them. Therefore, the fundamental objective of the Lectureship was to resolve this situation by providing the following initiatives:

- To help synchronize and unify the speech of gospel preachers and church leaders.
- To enhance spiritual fellowship in the areas

of Bible study and worship through the medium of joint participation.

- To teach sound biblical doctrine against the tenets of liberalism, digression, and apostasy.
- To encourage and strengthen the work of congregations in whose area the Lectureship would be held.
- The Lectureship is never to become an organization with authority to legislate laws and rules to be bound on local congregations.
- The Lectureship is never to become a delegated convention, with men of local congregations who would have voice in policy-making decisions that would be binding upon churches. All local churches of Christ are autonomous in government and they are subject to Christ.
- The Lectureship is never to become a vehicle for settling church confusion and division. Church problems and conflict are the responsibility of the local congregations and can only be mediated and resolved with the local congregation

The dates of the first Lectureship among African American Churches of Christ were March 22-24, 1945, with a total of thirty-six (36) Ministers in attendance. Due to the tremendous success of the Lectureship encounter, it was recommended that it should be held every year. This suggestion was unanimously agreed upon by those present and it has been held annually since that time.

In the year 1948, the Annual National Lectureship was held in Chicago, Illinois and hosted by the Michigan Avenue Church of Christ where Levi Kennedy, Jr., served as Minister. At the behest of J. S. Winston, a registration fee of \$7.00 was required for out of town attendees to help defer expenses. During the Chicago gathering, it was agreed that the Ministers who actually began the Lectureship would serve as advisors to congregations who would host the Lectureship in future years.

It was further agreed that both Levi Kennedy, Jr., and J. S. Winston would assist hosting congregations in making necessary preparations. Levi Kennedy, Jr., was appointed as Chairman of the Lectureship, visiting with all the congregations who served as host and assisting them with their program until his illness in 1969. After the death of Kennedy on December 30, 1970, G. P. Holt was selected as the new Chairman and served in this capacity until 1975. A. C. Christman, Sr., succeeded Holt and served as Chairman until 1988. In the year 1988 at the Lecture-

ship held in St. Louis, Missouri, Dr. Clyde Muse was appointed as Chairman and served as such until his passing in the year 2007. Presently, Dr. R. C. Wells has assumed the position as Chairman of the Annual National Lectureship Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee of the National Lectureship has increased with Ministers from various sections of the brotherhood. During the Annual Lectureship gathering, this Committee meets and consults with Ministers and church leaders who request for the Lectureship to be hosted in their city. The Committee also assists the host congregation with any on-site assistance and direction during the event itself.

In the year 1970, the National Lectureship was hosted by the D'Antignac Church of Christ in Augusta, Georgia, where Richard Williams served as Ministering Evangelist. This was the first Lectureship experience where hotel accommodations and services were utilized. This visionary strategy was afforded by Dr. Andrew Hairston, Ministering Evangelist of the Simpson Street Church of Christ in Atlanta, Georgia, and it has obviously proven itself necessary in regards to massive convocations of this era.

In the year 1971, the National Lectureship was hosted by the University Church of Christ in Cleveland, Ohio where J. S. Winston served as Ministering Evangelist. This was the first Lectureship experience where study cell workshops were featured as an integral component of the Lectureship format. Workshops discussing different aspects of congregational leadership such as the eldership and deacons have been emphasized in these settings.

In addition, study cells and workshops pertinent to the role of women in the church, teacher preparation, effective youth ministries, church growth, biblical interpretation, information technology, evangelism and soul winning, have now become important features of the Annual National Lectureship. Furthermore, a separate Ladies Program and Luncheon have been incorporated into the framework of the National Lectureship.

In the year 1973, G. E. Steward suggested that area congregations should consider hosting local, state, and regional Lectureships. It was Steward's belief this practice would give an opportunity for more congregations to attend and participate. As a consequence, many states and regions throughout the brotherhood today have local lectureships and they have

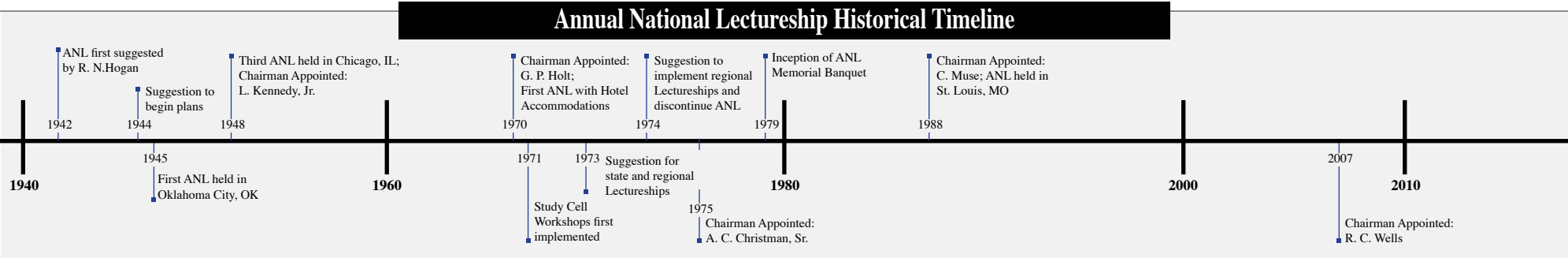
proven to be helpful in a variety of different ways.

In 1974 at the National Lectureship in Louisville, Kentucky, Steward again suggested that since the Annual National Lectureship had become quite costly in matters of economics, each state should conduct its own Lectureship and the National Lectureship should be discontinued. However, it was the consensus of Ministers and church leaders in attendance that the National Lectureship should continue because of the many distinct attributes it affords; such as national acquaintances and fellowship that would not otherwise be realized.

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In the year 1979, John O. Williams who then served as Ministering Evangelist of the Central Church of Christ in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, conceived the idea of having an Annual Banquet in concert with the National Lectureship. The objective of this banquet is to celebrate and honor the memory of deceased African American Church of Christ Ministers who have made significant contributions for the cause of Christ. In an effort to continue the idea of the late John Oscar Williams, a set of plaques have been developed on which the names of all deceased African American Ministers of the Church of Christ are inscribed. In 1988, at the 44th Annual National Lectureship held in St. Louis, Missouri, the plaques made their initial debut and have been displayed at every Annual National Lectureship since that time.

According to available statistics, the ministerial attendance for the Annual National Lectureship held among African American Churches of Christ has substantially increased from thirty-six (36) in 1945, to well over two-hundred. The total average attendance for all participants of the Lectureship has grown to approximately twenty-five hundred (2500) [contingent upon proximity], with representation from Jamaica, Bermuda, the Bahamas, and Nigeria, West Africa.



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# In Remembrance of the Late Evangelist Paul Silas Settles

## Former Minister of the Settegast Church of Christ – Houston, Texas



**Paul Silas Settles**  
**Settegast Church of Christ**  
**1908-1969**

Paul Silas Settles was born May 11, 1908, in Shelby County, Cordova, Tennessee, to the parents of Cornelius and Mariah Bowles Settles. He was baptized into the body of Christ in the year 1939 under the preaching influence of G. E. Steward. Known for his vast literary accomplishments in addition to his oratorical excellence, Paul S. Settles became one of the most proficient proclaimers of truth among African-American churches of Christ.

His manner of dress was always impeccable, which mirrored his philosophy that God's representative should be reflective of whom he serves. Countless numbers were brought to Christ across the country as a re-

sult of the dynamic and provocative preaching style of Evangelist Paul S. Settles. Having served the Settegast congregation (North Wayside Church of Christ) in Houston, Texas, for a number of years, Paul S. Settles passed away from this life on August 11, 1969.

Although he is "absent from the body" the work of Paul Settles continues to live on. As a staunch defender of the faith and supporter of Christian education, his lifelong contributions to the visible kingdom are still ever present.

### **"The Answer to World Peace"** **(Isaiah 2:1-4; Isaiah 9:6;** **I Timothy 2:1-2)**

Sermon given by Paul Silas Settles at the  
 21st Annual National Lectureship  
 Kansas City, Missouri, 1965

Man is forever seeking the answers to great and vital questions. Sometimes he seeks answers from within and sometimes he seeks answers from others. Sometimes man seeks answers from existing circumstances around him. But any of the previously named sources from which man seeks to find answers, they are often deficient and very shallow.

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The question now becomes as it relates to our subject: What is the correct answer to world peace? There is but one place to find the answer, namely, Christ of the Bible. We must remember the words of Jeremiah "Man cannot direct his own steps" (Jeremiah 10:23). Hence, man is in need of a guide. As a plumbline according to Amos 7:8, Christ is our standard and our rule. All things must be judged by Christ as the standard.

As a ruler according to Micah 5:2 and Matthew 2:6, Christ is a Governor that shall rule the people of God. Furthermore, as a ruler, Christ has been given all authority and power in heaven and in earth (Matthew 28:18). Christ is the one who satisfies the needs and desires of mankind. He not only satisfies the needs of man, but on the cross Christ opened a fountain for the removal of all uncleanness (Zechariah 13:1). This fountain is for the cleansing of sin so that we may receive light and walk in the light in order to have peace (Philippians 4:7; I John 1:7-9).

How was Christ to save the world? The Lord Jesus Christ was to save the world through His sacrificial death on the cross. The apostle Paul says in Galatians 4:4, 5: "But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons." The Lord came to this world for the express purpose of saving the world from sin. Paul again, in writing to Timothy says that "...Christ came into the world to save sinners..." (I Timothy 1:15).

Let us understand also the nature of Christ's kingship. The kingdom of God is

not material or political. He said to Pilate "My kingdom is not of this world" (John 18:36). The kingdom of God is not "meat and drink" [material], "but righteousness, and peace" [spiritual] (Romans 14:17). The kingdom of God is where Christ reigns within the hearts and lives of men, not over them in a political and material manner.

Since Jesus Christ is our plumbline, ruler, fountain, King, and sacrifice, let us all follow Philippians 4:8: "Finally brethren, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of a good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

The kingdom of Christ is His Church (Matthew 16:18, 19; Luke 22:29, 30). When He comes again, Christ will terminate His reign and deliver up His kingdom to God (I Corinthians 15:23-27).

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Why not become subjects of His kingdom today so that you can have the peace of God "which passeth all understanding" (Philippians 4:7). Faith, repentance, confession, and baptism, will put you into Christ's Church (Acts 2:47).

## Recommended Reading to Enhance Your Awareness



Samuel Robert Cassius was an ordinary man who lived an extraordinary life. A former enslaved African American from Virginia, Cassius was the product of a biracial union, a house-slave, Jane, and probably his physician and politician owner, James W. F. Macrae, a relative of General Robert E. Lee.

During the Civil War, Cassius and his mother relocated to Washington, D. C., where he worked as a "contraband" and enrolled in the first school for African American children in the nation's capital.

In this school, young Samuel encountered a white school teacher from Connecticut, Frances W. Perkins, who whetted his appetite for knowledge, steered him toward the ministry, and inspired to teach in his adult years. While residing in the Washington, D. C.,

Cassius also "shook hands" with President Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, and a host of other white and black dignitaries. Cassius married Effie Festus-Basil

in Washington, D.C. in 1874. In the early 1880s the family relocated to Brazil, Indiana, where he toiled as a coal-miner and where he converted to the Churches of Christ, a religion tracing its American origins to Barton W. Stone and Alexander Campbell, variously known as the Stone-Campbell Movement or Restoration Movement.

In 1891 Cassius, driven by a religious impulse as well as a desire for economic advancement, took up residence in the Oklahoma Territory where he lived until 1922. In Oklahoma he worked as a preacher, educator, farmer, entrepreneur, postmaster, and politician. Cassius fathered eleven children with his first Effie (who died in 1895) and twelve with his second wife, Selina Daisy Flenoid, who he married in 1898.

In 1920 Cassius published *The Third Birth of a Nation*, a response to and denunciation of Thomas Dixon's 1905 racist novel *The Clansman* and D. W. Griffith's 1915 inflammatory movie, *"Birth of a Nation."* Cassius reissued his book in 1925. From 1922 until 1925, Cassius lived and

preached temporarily in Ohio, Illinois, Minnesota, and California, before settling in 1926 in Colorado Springs, Colorado, where his eventful life ended on August 10, 1931.

Because he consistently incorporated social and racial issues into his religious writings, Cassius often found himself at odds with whites in the Stone-Campbell Movement, the very people he relied on for monetary support. He advocated a Booker T. Washington-style self-help ethos while at the same time firmly resisting racism wherever he encountered it. Largely invisible in a world dominated by such towering figures as Washington, Frederick Douglass, Ida B. Wells, and W. E. B. DuBois, Cassius lived a life of virtual obscurity beyond the circle of the Stone-Campbell Movement. His story is important because, as a racial militant and separatist, he presaged the schism that would engulf and fracture the Churches of Christ in the 1960s, when blacks and whites went their separate ways and formed two distinct groups in one religious fellowship.

By combing through a plethora of primary

sources that Cassius left behind in both religious and nonreligious journals, Edward J. Robinson has successfully reconstructed and recaptured the essence of Cassius' complex and extraordinary life. This book offers the first full-length study of a man of remarkable attainment despite daily obstacles and resistance.

The recommended books mentioned in the *Christian Courier* can be obtained online through wholesale book distributors such as amazon.com, Barnes & Noble, alibris.com, or Indigo.com.

### In the Next Issue

**"The Transition  
 from Enemy  
 to Advocate"**  
 by  
**Don Burnell Holly**  
**Memphis, TN**



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# Hillcrest Church of Christ Receives Million Dollar Surprise

The Hillcrest Church of Christ located in Decatur, Georgia, where Dr. Richard L. Barclay serves as Evangelist, has continued to experience the favor of God despite the recent loss of one of its leaders. Following the sudden and shocking death of Elder Donald A. Perry on July 27, 2012, the congregation had very little to lift the dark veil of sadness and sorrow from their memory. But Chick-fil-A, Brother Perry's employer for thirty years, has done their best to renew their spirits.

The company did it by embracing a cause close to the heart of Brother Perry and his widow Marilyn, with contributions totaling \$1 million dollars. The announcement made by officials on Sunday, September 9, 2012, at the morning service was simply breathtaking. The gift, announced by Donald "Bubba" Cathy, Senior Vice President of the company, assured the success of the \$5.2 million dollar Church project that includes a 1300 seat sanctuary, a new administrative wing for the education program, conference rooms, and a state-of-the art nursery.



**Don and Marilyn Perry**

"Marilyn Perry affirmed her hope that contributions would go to the Hillcrest building fund, and we will honor those wishes," said Barclay, Senior Minister of the Hillcrest

Church. The most ambitious goal of the congregation was to raise \$2 million. As a result, this timely gift put the Church on the brink of success. Construction of this massive project already underway is expected to be completed in a year. It will be the biggest expansion since the congregation was established in 1945.

Marilyn Perry thanked Chick-fil-A at a ceremony and expressed hope that the gift would be a unifying force behind the Lord's work. "Let us all come together, even former members who have moved away because we have work to do in this community" she said. "Let us keep faith with Don – he really loved this Church."

Don Perry, who left his wife and three adult sons, was a leader both at the Hillcrest congregation and in his profession. He joined Chick fil A as a communications specialist in 1983, and rose to become Vice President of Corporate Public Relations and chief spokesman for the \$4 billion company. He guided a program that saw the company expand from an Atlanta-based regional company to a powerful national brand.

Don, who grew up on his father's farm in South Georgia, milking cows before school, went on to become one of the first African Americans to succeed in the communications program at the University of Georgia. Earlier this year Don was asked how a country boy came to become a communications pioneer. He said he observed how his father with only a grade school education emerged as a community leader. "I went off to Georgia to learn how to do that even better" he said. And he did. Recently he was voted as one of the top 50 graduates in communications at Georgia.

For all his business success, his most challenging and most satisfying work was in the Church. When asked to reflect upon his work as an elder he stated: "I'm still learning. But the consuming challenge is to try to keep brothers and sisters on the same page, pulling together for Christ in an environment that is so diverse in so many different ways. The Church represents vastly different age groups with widely differing economic levels and life experiences. On top of that, we serve a transient fellowship with many



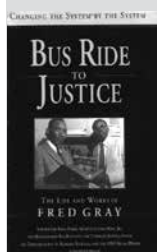
**Corporate Officers of Chick-fil-A  
with Marilyn Perry and Minister Barclay**



coming and going. Management of personalities is a major part of a Church leader's job. There is nothing in business management nearly as challenging as keeping Church folks pulling in the same direction. But we love the Lord and we love Hillcrest. We are blessed to have the talent and guidance from a great man like Richard Barclay."

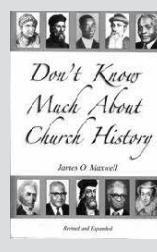
The Hillcrest Church of Christ has also been blessed to have Don Perry along with his loving and appreciative friends at Chick-fil-A. The Senior Leadership Team will name the newly constructed administrative wing in honor of Don Perry.

## Recommended Reading to Enhance Your Awareness



Fred Gray grew up in Montgomery, Alabama, and had to leave the state to finish his education because blacks could not then attend Alabama law schools. He returned to his hometown in 1954 and became one of two black lawyers in the city. He was, he writes, "determined to destroy everything segregated that I could find." He did not have to wait long. When Gray's friend Rosa Parks was arrested in 1955 for violating the segregated seating ordinance on a Montgomery bus, 26-year-old Martin Luther King, Jr., was chosen to lead the Mont-

gomery Bus Boycott, and 24-year-old Fred Gray became his and the Movement's lawyer. Gray's legal victory in the federal courts ended the boycott 381 days later. Over the five decades since, Gray has won scores of civil rights cases in education, voting rights, transportation, health, and other areas. He represented the Freedom Riders, the Selma-to-Montgomery marchers, the victims of the Tuskegee Syphilis Study, and many more. *Bus Ride to Justice* is the exciting story of a courageous life in the courtrooms of America and in the pulpits of churches where Fred Gray began as a child preacher and continues today, and of a strong human being filled with love and admiration for his fellow man.



This book entitled *Don't Know Much About Church History* is a must for your reading especially if you "Don't Know Much About Church History." The book covers 20 centuries of major events in church history along with two detailed timelines. One timeline is a general description of church history and the other refers to African American church history.

The celebrated author of this literary work is Dr. James O. Maxwell, Minister Emeritus of the Roswell Church of Christ in Kansas City, KS, and Vice President of

Southwestern Christian College in Terrell, TX. Dr. Maxwell received his Doctor of Ministry degree from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, TX. He is also the distinguished author of several publications including *There is a Lion in the Way*; *Hush Your Mouth*; and *Super Bowl Seven: A Commentary on the Symbols in Revelation*.

As a prolific writer, debater, author, and educator, Dr. James O. Maxwell continues to serve the Roswell Church of Christ as an elder of the congregation while simultaneously serving as Director of Institutional Development for Southwestern Christian College.

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