

"The Gospel, God's Connecting Power"

Romans 1:16



Churches of Christ
68th National Lectureship

April 3-8 2012

Hyatt Regency Downtown

Louisville, KY



Congratulations to the 68th Annual Churches of Christ National Lectureship



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For Our
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Sunday

Sunday School.....9:00 AM
AM Worship.....10:00 AM
Bible Study.....5:00 PM
PM Worship.....6:00 PM

Tuesday

Bible Study.....7:30 PM

MEDIA MINISTRY

Television

WPLG, Channel 10

Sundays
5:30 AM

Radio

WSWN, 900-AM

Monday-Friday
9:00 – 9:15AM

OUR CHRISTIAN PURPOSE

We are a congregation striving to glorify God and His Son, Jesus Christ, in the fulfillment of His mission on earth, and continuing steadfastly in the Apostles' doctrine, fellowship, breaking of bread and prayer, awaiting the second coming and glorious appearing of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ --

Greetings From The City Of Louisville

“The Gospel, God’s Connecting Power”
(Romans 1:16)



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68th National Lectureship



Welcome To Louisville

Elders

Clarence Duncan

Lafayette McDonald

Ronald McKinney

Deacons

Mark Eubank

Troy Marables

Ronnie Moore

Mitch Nelson

Travis Prentice

Trent Weatherspoon

Rodney Young

The 2012 Annual National Lectureship of Churches of Christ will convene in the great city of Louisville, Kentucky, April 3, through April 8, 2012, at the Hyatt Regency Louisville Hotel. Our theme for this year is ***"The Gospel, God's Connecting Power."*** The Greater Louisville area of Churches of Christ welcomes you to our city to enjoy great fellowship with the saints of God in this part of the vineyard.

We are anticipating a great Spirit-filled, Soul-stirring, Sound-doctrinal Lectureship at this year's event. Not only will we have great Preaching and Teaching, but this year we also will have great Singing. We have added a National Lectureship Regional Concert to this year's program with some of the best acappella singing groups this side of heaven. This event will take place on Saturday April 7, 2012, from around 12:00 P.M – 3:00 P.M. The ticket price will be \$10.00 and can be purchased the day of concert.

Nick-named the *Derby City*, Louisville's Churchill Downs has been home of the Kentucky Derby since its inception in 1875. Come and experience the rich culture of one of the fastest growing metropolis on the Ohio River. You can shop and dine at *4th Street Live*, one of our city's latest attraction within walking distance from the hotel. Enjoy the scenery and recreation of our beautiful *Waterfront Park*, pick up your very own personalized miniature Louisville Slugger bat from our famous *Louisville Slugger Museum*. For more excitement, test your skills against Louisville native and boxing great, Muhammad Ali, in the interactive *Muhammad Ali Center*. The possibilities are endless which is why the Derby City is most recently referred to as *Possibility City*. Louisville is also known for having the nation's oldest operating Mississippi-styled stern wheel steamboat, *The Belle of Louisville*. Come back and join us on May 18th for Acapalooza... an acappella concert aboard the historic Belle of Louisville.

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Welcome to Louisville, Kentucky and to the 68th Annual National Lectureship

Welcome to the state of Kentucky and to the city of Louisville, for the 68th Annual National Lectureship held among African American churches of Christ. Kentucky, popularly known and advertised as the "Blue Grass State," will hopefully be inspired, encouraged and challenged, to become greater citizens in the visible kingdom of God's dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, as the result of hosting this Lectureship.

Louisville, the largest city and capital of the state of Kentucky, housing approximately 300,000 people, is home of the world renowned Kentucky Derby. This centennial event which draws over 500,000 visitors and fans from across the nation each year is only one of its many notable attractions.

Spiritually speaking, welcome also to the 68th Annual National Lectureship; an edifying enriching event based solely upon the preaching and teaching of the Holy Scripture. The Lectureship is designed to promote and provoke a sincere, honest interest in obeying the Lord Jesus Christ (Hebrews 5:8) and speaking ONLY as the "oracles of God" (I Peter 4:11).

Historically speaking, the Annual National Lectureship sponsored and supported by local congregations of the churches of Christ throughout the country, was and continues to be motivated by a desire to "speak the same thing." The Holy Scripture clearly, plainly, and irrefutably teaches there should be "no divisions among you..." (I Corinthians 1:10).

If every attendee adopts this time treasured truth, we today as New Testament Christians can assist in extracting and eliminating every false way (Psalms 119:104); every false prophet (Matthew 7:15); and every false doctrine (II John 1:9). To this end, may every saint strive to uplift and uphold the prophetic pronouncement of the apostle Paul: "Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:3).

Because He Lives,

*Dr. R. C. Wells, Evangelist/Chairman
Annual National Lectureship Advisory Committee*



**Dr. R. C. Wells, Chairman
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April 3, 2012

Greetings:

As Governor of the Commonwealth, I welcome you to Kentucky for the 68th Annual National Lectureship. Thank you for again choosing Louisville for this special occasion, the largest event hosted by the Churches of Christ.

I applaud the members of the Newburg Church of Christ for serving as the host church and its minister, Kenneth Fleming, Sr., and I commend the Lectureship's commitment to bring purpose to people's lives and create vibrant and active congregations. We hope this occasion will bring continued inspiration as you minister to those around you.

The River City boasts some of the Southeast's best attractions, including the Louisville Slugger Museum, the Muhammad Ali Center, The Frazier International History Museum, 4th Street Live and the Kentucky Derby Museum at Churchill Downs. I hope you will have the opportunity to explore the many attractions and activities the River City offers, making it one of the best cities to host events such as yours.

Please accept my best wishes for a successful National Lectureship and Regional Singing and an enjoyable stay in Louisville.

Sincerely,

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Steven L. Beshear



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April 3, 2012



Dear Friends,

It is my honor and privilege to welcome you to the 68th Annual National Lectureship of the Churches of Christ.

We are grateful that the Newburg Church of Christ and its minister Kenneth Fleming, Sr., have been given the honor of hosting the 2012 Lectureship. The Newburg Church of Christ has been a vital thread in Louisville's rich ecumenical tapestry for many years and their efforts have made our community stronger and a better place to live.

Sharing views, enhancing spiritual fellowship, encouraging good works and setting agendas to unify your efforts will be accomplished throughout this week. I know you will get much work done and leave us energized and ready to tackle the challenges ahead.

And we do live in challenging times, but it is the prayer, belief in a higher power and faith embodied by the Churches of Christ that give hope to all of us.

Again, welcome to Louisville and best wishes for a productive and enjoyable visit.

Sincerely,

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Darryl Owens

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“Remembering Those Who Walked Before Us”

“The Gospel, God’s Connecting Power”
(Romans 1:16)



Great Preachers of the Early Twentieth Century Who Walked Before Us

Boatwright, Otis H.
Bynum, D. J.
Campbell, Alexander
Carson, F. F.
Childs, J. Robert
Daniel, J. T.
Dowell, Calvin
Ghant, James
Gray, Albert, Sr.
Gray, H. H.
Grimsley, Columbus
Holt, A. C.
Holt, Marion Francis
Johnson, Howard U.
Jones, L. M.
Kennedy, Levi (Lee Ghant)
Livingston, F. A.
Lymon, Fred Tom
Melton, Samuel
Roundtree, Elmo
Shows, David
Simmons, Robert V.
Smalling, Era
Strong, D. C.
Vinson, Bennie

Bowdre, Alvertice, Sr.
Burson, Jesse
Carter, Quincy C.
Cathey, Owens
Colston, Acey J.
Davis, Samuel
Durley, LeRoy
Echols, Golden
Harrison, Matt
Johnson, Sutton
Jones, Alonzo
Kennedy, Levi Albert, Sr.
McClinton, Nathan
McCloud, Mack
McGilbra, German
Nunley, R. F.
Murray Charles
Perkins, A. E.
Ramsey, John T.
Rutledge, Louis
Sowell, Frank
Thompson, B. B.
Vaughner, John R.
Womack, S. W.
York, T. H.

*"God fearing, Christ honoring, Bible based and Holy Spirit filled preaching...
it will outlast the pyramids, outweigh the cargoes of commerce, overcome all obstacles,
and cast a darkened shadow upon the evils of this world.*

*"Bible based and Holy Spirit filled preaching...
it will kindle the mind, energize the will, disturb the conscience, stir the heart, clear the vision,
purify the motive, rectify distorted perspectives and then cause joy bells to ring in one's soul.*

*"If men are to be transformed rather than reformed...
if men are to be redeemed rather than remodeled...
if lifestyles are to be revolutionized rather than institutionalized...*

‘SOMEBODY MUST COME PREACHING!’

“Remembering Those Who Walked Before Us”

A

Abner, Alford - Miami, FL
 Adams, William - Oklahoma City, OK
 Aker, O. L. - Jasper, AL
 Alexander, Eddie - Sarasota, FL
 Alexander, L. H. - Midland, TX
 Amos, W. C. - Indianapolis, IN
 Anderson, E. W. - Houston, TX
 Anderson, Lawrence - Chicago, IL
 Anderson, O. L. - Seattle, WA
 Andrews, Jesse - Jefferson, TX
 Anthony, John - Toledo, OH
 Ashurst, James - Birmingham, AL

B

Bacon, James B. - Riverside, TX
 Baker, William - Louisville, KY
 Bellanfant, Dee - Chicago, IL
 Benford, David C. - Fort Worth, TX
 Biddings, Early B. - Bastrop, LA
 Bishop, Jesse - Detroit, MI
 Black, Homer - Inkster, MI
 Bond, Robert - Memphis, TN
 Bowdre, Alvertice, Sr. - Dallas, TX
 Bowser, G. P. - Detroit, MI
 Boatright, O. H. - Nashville, TN
 Braddock, J. W. - Memphis, TN
 Braden, Nathaniel - Memphis, TN
 Bradley, Scott - Gilmore, TX
 Broughton, Alexander - Fort Worth, TX
 Brown, E. D. - Rochester, NY
 Brown, Hubert - Dallas, TX
 Bullock, Cecil - Hickman County, TN
 Bumley, Herbert - Forney, TX
 Burson, Jesse - Knoxville, TN
 Burson, S. T. - Knoxville, TN
 Burton, Vencil - Fort Worth, TX
 Busby, T. H. - Little Rock, AR
 Butler, J. M. - San Francisco, CA
 Butler, P. E. - Akron, OH
 Byles, Luther - Tupelo, MS

C

Campbell, Alexander - Nashville, TN
 Campbell, O. B. - Edgewood, TX
 Caperton, C. L. - Chattanooga, TN
 Carmen, Will - Chicago, IL
 Carney, Andrew Sr. - Nashville, TN
 Carvin, Rufus - Canton, OH
 Carson, F. F. - Richmond, CA
 Cassius, Amos L. - Los Angeles, CA
 Cassius, Samuel R. - Denver, CO
 Caruthers, Jefferson - Rockford, IL
 Carter, C. - Kannapolis, NC
 Carter, Ernest - Crossett, AR
 Carter, Quincy C. - Raleigh, NC
 Cathey, Owens - Urbana, IL
 Chappell, Melvin - Dallas, TX
 Chatman, Charlie - Montgomery, AL
 Christman, A. C. - Dallas, TX
 Christmon, David - Cincinnati, OH

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Clay, John Henry - Pasadena, CA
 Clayton, Hamlet - Seattle, WA
 Clemons, John C. - Los Angeles, CA
 Coleman, Robert - Dallas, TX
 Colston, Acey J. - Racine, WI
 Cook, Jesse - Wichita, KS
 Cook, W. H. - Houston, TX
 Cooper, James - Mobile, AL
 Cosby, Earnest - TX
 Cothrun, James - Norcross, GA
 Cowens, A. J. - Raleigh, NC
 Crooms, J. E. - Big Springs, TX
 Crowe, Lee - Los Angeles, CA
 Culbreath, John - Philadelphia, PA

D

Daniels, J. L. - Tampa, FL
 Daniels, J. T. - Chicago, IL
 Daniels, M. C. - Houston, TX
 Davenport, Alex - Detroit, MI
 Davidson, T. J. - Morrison, TN
 Davis, Archie - Pine Bluff, AR
 Davis, Jesse - Fort Worth, TX
 Davis, John - Miami, FL
 Davis, Samuel - Nashville, TN
 Debara, George
 Debow, Richard H. - Terre Haute, IN
 Debow, George - Terre Haute, IN
 Derrick, A. E. - Fresno, CA
 Dethrow, Albert - Jackson, TN
 Dicker, Wilson - Rochester, NY
 Donley, Henry - Toledo, OH
 Dowell, Calvin - Nashville, TN
 Drew, Ed - Lebanon, TN
 Dudley, S. J. - Valdosta, GA
 Dulan, Andrew - Topeka, KS
 Dulin, Reginald B. - Dallas, TX
 Dunnam, A. V. - Houston, TX
 Dunwood, Raymond J. - Hopewell, VA
 Durley, LeRoy - Milwaukee, WI

E

Echols, Golden - Detroit, MI
 Edwards, William - Chicago Heights, IL
 Elder, Millard - Dallas, TX
 Ellis, Tulsa - San Francisco, CA
 English, Dennis M. - Memphis, TN
 English, Dewitt - Louisville, KY
 English, Paul D., Sr. - Harlem, NY
 English, Paul D., Jr., Denver, CO
 English, William - Compton, CA
 English, W. B. - Detroit, MI
 Evans, Charles, Jr. - Milwaukee, WI
 Evans, N. L. - Texarkana, TX
 Evans, William Jr. - Los Angeles, CA
 Everett, Robert - Dallas, TX

F

Fisk, James - Milwaukee, WI
 Fitzgerald, Thomas - Indianapolis, IN
 Fitzhugh, A. W. - Memphis, TN
 Flurry, I. M. - Fort Smith, AK
 Foreman, John - Ardmore, OK
 Foster, Ben, Jr. - Terrell, TX
 Foulkes, Norris - Robbins, IL
 Foutz, Humphrey - Baltimore, MD
 Franklin, James - Houston, TX
 Franklin, Leroy - Tucson, AZ
 Fulson, Arthur - Rockford, IL

G

Gamble, V. - North Little Rock, AK
 Gates, Collins - Giddings, TX
 Gates, Samuel Louis - Nashville, TN
 Geeter, Fred A. - Enterprise, AL
 Ghan, Duel, Sr. - Maywood, IL
 Ghan, James - Hickman County, TN
 Gibbs, Shelton, Sr. - Dallas, TX
 Gibbs, Shelton, Jr. - Fort Worth, TX
 Glover, D. - Birmingham, AL
 Godbolt, W. W. - Los Angeles, CA
 Goodloe, Paul - Indianapolis, IN
 Goodwin, I. L. - Montgomery, AL
 Gray, Albert, Sr. - Nashville, TN
 Gray, H. H. - Muskogee, OK
 Green, J. W. - Savannah, GA
 Green, Kenneth - Dallas, TX
 Green, Robert - Lyons, TX
 Green, William - Ada, OK
 Greer, S. D. - Saint Louis, MO
 Greer, U. S. - Jacksonville, FL
 Grimsley, Columbus - Fort Lauderdale, FL
 Guthrie, Horace - Nashville, TN
 Guthrie, Lee - Birmingham, AL

H

Hall, Woodrow - Chicago, IL
 Hamilton, Anderson - Chicago, IL
 Hannon, Jesse - Corinth, MS
 Hannon, Jesse - Saint Petersburg, FL
 Hardison, L. C. - Chicago, IL
 Hardison, Tom - Nashville, TN
 Hardy, Lee - Nashville, TN
 Harmon, Johnny - Saint Petersburg, FL
 Harper, Cardie L. - Chicago, IL
 Harper, T. L. - Terre Haute, IN
 Harris, John - Huntsville, AL
 Harrision, Matt - Atoka, OK
 Henry, Harold - Saint Louis, MO
 Henry, J. P. - Cocoa, FL
 Herring, Chester - Anderson, IN
 Hervey, C. V. - Plummerville, AK
 Hervey, Joseph - San Diego, CA
 Hogan, R. N. - Los Angeles, CA
 Holden, Fred - Chicago, IL

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Holmes, Alfred - Houston, TX
 Holt, A. C. - Nashville, TN
 Holt, G. P., Sr. - Dallas, TX
 Holt, Marion F. - Kansas City, MO
 Holt, Marion V. - Kansas City, MO
 Hooks, Dan - Montgomery, AL
 Horn, Robert H. - Stamford, TX
 Howard, Linnie - Savage, MS
 Hozell, Florence - Miami, FL
 Hughes, Jafas - Newark, NJ
 Hughes, Harvey - Miami, FL
 Hughes, Robert L., Sr. - Zion, IL
 Hughes, Roy - Oklahoma City, OK
 Humphreys, Fred - Chicago, IL
 Hunt, Garner - Nashville, TN
 Hunt, Wilson - Longview, TX

J

Jackson, G. A. - Nashville, TN
 Jackson, Herman, Sr. - Chicago, IL
 Jackson, Roy A. - Dallas, TX
 Jackson, Samuel - Jacksonville, FL
 Jackson, Thomas O. - Tuskegee, AL
 Jacob, R. E. - Fort Smith, AK
 James, Jesse - Birmingham, AL
 James, Robert L., Sr. - Little Rock, AK
 Johnson, E. R. - Lake Park, GA
 Johnson, G. A. - Cookeville, TN
 Johnson, Howard U. - Newark, NJ
 Johnson, Isaiah - Chicago, IL
 Johnson, Jesse, Sr. - Indianapolis, IN
 Johnson, Lovette - Dallas, TX
 Johnson, Marshall - Bakersfield, CA
 Johnson, Sutton - Lebanon, TN
 Johnson, Wiley - Midway, TX
 Johnson, Winter I. - Wichita, KS
 Jones, Alonzo - Chattanooga, TN
 Jones, G. G. - Chicago, IL
 Jones, L. M. - Oklahoma City, OK
 Jones, Rovergial - Tulsa, OK
 Jones, Willie - Dallas, TX
 Jordan, Samuel L. - Chicago, IL
 Jordan, Sandy - Nashville, TN
 Judkins, Sam - Chicago, IL

K

Keeble, Marshall - Nashville, TN
 Kelly, Richard - Chattanooga, TN
 Kennedy, Levi A., Sr. - Centerville, TN
 Kennedy, Levi, Jr. - Chicago, IL
 Kennedy, Lee Ghant - Centerville, TN
 Kennedy, Melvin - Jersey City, NJ
 Kirksey, Cortez - Selmer, TN
 Kolb, John H. - Detroit, MI

L

Lane, Ernest - Memphis, TN
 Lee, Eugene - Hobbs, NM
 Lee, Herman - Flint, MI
 Lee, Horace, Sr. - Dallas, TX
 Legg, Silas S., Jr. - Benton Harbor, MI
 Leverett, John - Paducah, KY
 Lewis, Lowell, Sr. - Quanah, TX
 Lewis, Lowell, Jr. - Jackson, MS
 Lewis, N. L. - Tulsa, OK
 Lewis, Vanderbilt - Los Angeles, CA

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Livingston, F. A. - Seattle, WA
 Locke, Cathey C. - Dallas, TX
 Logan, Napoleon - Houston, TX
 London, R. L. - Toledo, OH
 Lovelace, Virgil - Cleveland, OH
 Lowrey, John - Memphis, TN
 Lyman, Tom F. - Robbins, IL
 Lyons, A. J. - Muncie, IN

M

Mack, Lacie - Tulsa, OK
 Martin, Booker T. - Gary, IN
 Martin, L. J. - Miami, FL
 Matthews, Bonnie - Corsicana, TX
 Medlock, Leroy - Pontiac, MI
 Melton, Leroy O., Sr. - Houston, TX
 Melton, Samuel - Houston, TX
 Merchant, T. H. - Bryan, TX
 Merchant, T. H. - Marshall, TX
 Merrit, M. C. - Miami, FL
 Middleton, G. W. - Caldwell, TX
 Miller, Luke - Bradenton, FL
 Mitchell, H. E., Jr. - Albuquerque, NM
 Mitchell, Joe N. - Lawton, OK
 Mitchell, Kelly K. - Montgomery, AL
 Moore, Charles - Flint, MI
 Moore, Charlie - Nashville, TN
 Moore, Cottry - Detroit, MI
 Moore, Ralph - Racine, WI
 Moore, Roscoe M. - Saint Louis, MO
 Moore, Russell H. - Wichita, KS
 Morgan, C. C. - Frederick, OK
 Morrison, L. B. - Muskogee, OK
 Murphy, Henry O. - Gary, IN
 Murray, Charles - Newark, NJ
 Myles, Mark, Sr. - Chicago, IL

Mc

McAdoo, William - Cleveland, OH
 McCall, James - Pontiac, MI
 McClain, Clifford - Nashville, TN
 McClinton, Jacob - Youngstown, OH
 McClinton, Nathan - Chicago, IL
 McCloud, Mack - Montgomery, AL
 McCollum, E. B. - Glen Allen, AL
 McCollum, Curtis - Perris, CA
 McCoy, Delwood - Jacksonville, FL
 McGilbra, Cullen - Kermit, TX
 McGilbra, German - Dallas, TX
 McGilbray, Will A. - Apple Valley, CA
 McGill, J. Frank - Louisville, KY
 McGrue, Larry - Vallejo, CA
 McGuire, Leroy A. - Vallejo, CA
 McIntosh, Oneal - Memphis, TN
 McIntyre, Sewell - Sellers, AK
 McLemore, Roscoe - Chicago, IL
 McNeal, William - Harvey, IL
 Muse, Clyde - Oklahoma City, OK

N

Nelson, Charlie - Clemmons, NC
 Nichols, Lemmie - Chicago, IL
 Nicks, James - Redbird, OK
 Nixon, Kermit - Dallas, TX
 Nixon, Macil - Greenfield, TX
 Nunley, R. F. - Martin, TN

O

Owens, William Hubert - Memphis, TN

P

Pace, Jesse Solomon - Chicago, IL
 Patterson, Alonzo N. - San Antonio, TX
 Payne, Clifford - Miami, FL
 Pennington, J. W. - Coatsville, PA
 Penny, Loan B. - Fort Smith, AK
 Perkins, Arthur - Los Angeles, CA
 Perkins, A. E. - Indianapolis, IN
 Phillips, Anderson, Jr. - Birmingham, AL
 Phillips, Bill - Nashville, TN
 Phillips, E. D. - Nashville, TN
 Pitts, Carroll, Jr. - Los Angeles, CA
 Porter, I. H. - Stephens, AK
 Porter, Jesse - Muskogee, OK
 Powell, Leroy - Ada, OK
 Price, Kenneth - Evanston, IL

R

Raince, Charles - Jefferson, TX
 Ramsey, John T. - Chicago, IL
 Rand, Charles - Jefferson, TX
 Redden, Anthony - Alton, IL
 Redding, Ellis - Detroit, MI
 Reed, Artie - Saint Louis, MO
 Reese, James - Nashville, TN
 Reeves, Georae - College Park, GA
 Rice, F. L. - Valdosta, GA
 Rice, O. L. - Clarendon, TX
 Richardson - San Antonio, TX
 Rickman, E. G. - Springfield, MO
 Ricks, George - Tusculumbia, AL
 Ricks, Percy - Tusculumbia, AL
 Riley, Eugene - Sacramento, CA
 Roach, J. E. - Greenville, MS
 Roberson, William - Murfreesboro, TN
 Robertson, Joe - Miami, FL
 Robin, George - Muskogee, OK
 Robinson, Jesse - Kilgore, TX

Robinson, Roy - Dayton, OH
 Rodgers, A. J. - Port Arthur, TX
 Rodgers, Richard - Carson, CA
 Rose, Alonzo Z. - Valdosta, GA
 Rose, Jimmy - Inkster, MI
 Roundtree, Elmo - Bradenton, FL
 Rout, John H. - Gaffney, SC
 Rucks, Alfred - Lebanon, TX
 Rucks, Thomas - Tuscumbia, AL
 Russell, Peter - Nashville, TN
 Rutledge, Louis - Memphis, TN

S

Sams, Roosevelt - San Antonio, TX
 Scates, W. N. - Camersville, TN
 Scott, C. H. - Los Angeles, CA
 Scott, Edgar - Houston, TX
 Sellers, Henry - San Antonio, TX
 Settles, Paul - Houston, TX
 Shavers, Leon - Dallas, TX
 Shields, Buford - Cleveland, OH
 Shields, Ulysses - Corinth, MS
 Shows, David - Indianapolis, IN
 Silver, John - Saint Petersburg, FL
 Simmons, H. B. - Birmingham, AL
 Simmons, Robert - Saint Petersburg, FL
 Simon, Joe - Denison, TX
 Simonton, Warren - Los Angeles, CA
 Smalling, Era - Nashville, TN
 Smiley, John - Buffalo, NY
 Smiley, Paul - Cleveland, OH
 Smith, Bernard - Hallendale, FL
 Smith, Leroy, Sr. - Chicago Heights, IL
 Smith, Lonnie - Bryan, TX
 Smith, Robert - Detroit, MI
 Smith, William H., Jr. - Memphis, TN
 Sowell, Elias, Jr. - Robbins, IL
 Sowell, Frank - Maury County, TN
 Speights, Dorsey - Los Angeles, CA
 Steele, Jimmy - Huntsville, AL
 Stephens, James D. - Chicago, IL
 Stevens, Julius - Washington DC
 Steward, G. E. - Fort Worth, TX
 Stewart, James H. - Philadelphia, PA
 Stocker, LaRue - Miami, FL
 Strange, Bennie - Houston, TX
 Strickland, Robert - Chattanooga, TN
 Strong, D. C. - Indianapolis, IN
 Stroud, D. A. - Houston, TX

T

Tarver, Freeman - Miami, FL
 Taylor, Carl - Chattanooga, TN
 Taylor, Richard D. - Nashville, TN
 Thomas, A. A. - Odessa, TX
 Thomas, Charles - Austin, TX
 Thomas, Chilton - Lubbock, TX
 Thomas, J. H. - Midway, TX
 Thomas, Phillip - Brooklyn, NY

Thompson, B. B. - Columbus, OH
 Thompson, F. L. - Miami, FL
 Thompson, James H. - Memphis, TN
 Thompson, Joel - Tyler, TX
 Thompson, Oliver - Nashville, TN
 Thornton, Hoover - Nashville, TN
 Thurmond, R. B. - Kilgore, TX
 Toney, Charles - Little Rock, AK
 Trone, O. L. - Detroit, MI
 Trotter, Burl - Fort Worth, TX
 Tucker, Albert - Louisville, KY
 Tucker, B. L. - Valdosta, GA
 Tucker, Tom - Jackson, TN
 Tucker, William - Kansas City, MO
 Turner, E. L. - Wabbaseka, AK
 Turner, Harold - Jackson, MI
 Turner, Ulysses - Houston, TX
 Tyner, H. C. - Cleburne, TX
 Tyson, Louis - Chicago, IL

U

Underwood, Charles, Sr. - Chicago, IL

V

Vance, Walter - Jackson, TN
 Vanleer, Andrew - Nashville, TN
 Vaughner, J. R. - Saint Petersburg, FL
 Vinson, Bennie - Nashville, TN
 Vinson, I. S. - Tulsa, OK

W

Walker, P. E. - Cleveland, OH
 Walker, W. L. - Pampa, TX
 Waller, Charles - Center, TX
 Washington, Grover C. - Dallas, TX
 Waterhouse, Jeff - Houston, TX
 Watts, Frank A. - Nashville, TN
 Webb, Charles R. - Seattle, WA
 Webb, Issac - Lawton, OK
 Webster, C. W. - Haynesville, LA
 Whitaker, William - Tampa, FL
 Wiggins, Robert - Pontiac, MI
 Williams, Arthur - Detroit, MI
 Williams, H. D. - Denison, TX
 Williams, James - Iowa City, IA
 Williams, John Oscar - Milwaukee, WI
 Williams, Lasalle - Los Angeles, CA
 Williams, Warren - Little Rock, AK
 Wilson, Albert - Smithland, TX
 Wilson, E. R. - Statesville, NC
 Wilson, John H. - Kilin, MS
 Winston, John Steve, Sr. - Dallas, TX
 Winston, Roy - Oklahoma City, OK
 Womack, Sam W. - Nashville, TN
 Worde, R. L. - Merced, CA
 Wright, Elcue - East Saint Louis, IL
 Wright, Issac - Blaine, MS
 Wright, John H. - Kenosha, WI

Yarbor, R. H. - Tupelo, MS
 Yeldell, Nokomis, Sr. - Memphis, TN
 York, G. W. - Lovelady, TX
 York, T. H. - Detroit, MI
 Young, Abe - Hallsville, TX

Needless to say, there are many great preachers of the African American Church of Christ whose names are absent from this limited index.

We have attempted to be as unambiguous as possible, identifying the names of those mentioned in previous listings and those of whom our current research have produced.

Apologies are given if someone you know has been omitted from this list.

In addition, let it be understood that this is not a "Who's Who" of deceased gospel preachers. It is only an attempt to mention the names of those who have passed on from this earthly life.

Without doubt and as time progresses, this compilation will become more exhaustive. However, it is our hope that future generations will remember the sacrifices of those who preceded them, so that the visible kingdom of God might continue to prosper.

We pray that the young men of today, who decide to dedicate their lives to the prophetic proclamation of the gospel of Christ, will do so because they love the Lord, they love the Church, and they love God's people.

*"The harvest truly is plenteous,
 but the labourers are few..."*

Matthew 9:37

*"I charge thee therefore before God,
 and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall
 judge the quick and the dead at his
 appearing and his kingdom;
 Preach the word; be instant in season,
 out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort
 with all longsuffering and doctrine."*

II Timothy 4:1, 2



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Legends of the Past in the African American Church of Christ



**Dr. Richard Nathaniel Hogan
(1902-1997)**

**Figueroa Church of Christ
Los Angeles, California**



Born in Monroe County, Arkansas. Richard Nathaniel Hogan was the fourth child of Willie and Emma Cathey Hogan. He was born on Sunday morning, November 30, 1902 and named “Nathaniel” in honor of his maternal grandfather Nathan Cathey. After growing up, he later gave himself the name “Richard.” His father died when he was five years old and he went to live with his grandparents Nathan and Frances Cathey. They in turn sent young Nathan to live with G. P. Bowser who recognized his keen ability and potential greatness for the ministry. Bowser trained and developed Hogan’s gifts for preaching by having him memorize whole chapters in the Bible. At the age of either 13 or 14, Hogan preached his first sermon while attending Bowser’s school in Silver Point, Tennessee. His subject was entitled, “What Think Ye of Christ? Whose Son is He?” Before long, he gained the reputation as being “The Boy Preacher” as he traveled with Bowser and was frequently referred to as “The Child Evangelist.” By the time Hogan was 17, he had already baptized 70 people.

R. N. Hogan married Maggie Bullock of Columbia, Tennessee on November 28, 1920. Maggie Bullock was a cousin of Annie Mae Bullock, a.k.a. Tina Turner. To this union three daughters and one son were born; namely, Alberta, Harold, Dorothy, and Margaret who died at an early age. The Hogan family lived in Tennessee, Arkansas, Kentucky, Detroit, and Chicago during the formative years. While in Detroit, Hogan worked as a plumber, factory worker, and foreman of a paint company. Along with Levi Kennedy, Jr., a distant cousin on the Cathey side of their respective families, R. N. Hogan helped to evangelize the South Side of Chicago and establish the first African-American Church of Christ in 1931. His first full-time ministerial work began in 1932 at Muskogee, Oklahoma where he organized a school for preachers. Among the students were Russell H. Moore, H. H. Gray, J. S. Winston, Walter Weathers, P. E. Walker, Claude Caperton and Jessie Porter. In a six-year period during the 1930s, Hogan started 50 new congregations and baptized more than 1,500 people.

R. N. Hogan and George Pepperdine (founder of Pepperdine University) had much in common. They both came to California in 1938 with a mighty vision. Pepperdine wanted to build a college for the Church of Christ and Hogan wanted to establish congregations all over the State. God was with them both in their visions and today we see the visible results of these great men who were also good friends in the Lord.

In the year 1937 Hogan conducted a gospel meeting at 110th & Wilmington Streets. The results were 44 baptisms. In 1938 he returned again to Los Angeles for a gospel meeting which resulted in another 40 baptisms and the beginning of a new congregation at 48th Place and Compton Avenue. He became minister of this congregation which eventually became known as the Figueroa Church of Christ. With the leadership and dynamic preaching of Hogan, the new congregation grew rapidly. While preaching, Hogan quoted the scriptures prolifically and was widely known as “The Talking Bible.” In the year 1945 the church moved from Compton Avenue to 4361 McKinley Avenue, a more commodious building. In 1953 when the McKinley Avenue facilities were no longer adequate, the present Figueroa church building was purchased. In the year 1966 another expansion program was initiated which included a new auditorium seating 1500 along with 15 classrooms.

Under Hogan’s leadership, the Figueroa Church of Christ became instrumental in developing several congregations in the area; namely, Myrtle Street in Long Beach; Southside in Los Angeles; Normandie Avenue in Los Angeles; Alondra Avenue in Compton; and Eastside in Los Angeles. R. N. Hogan was also active in fostering other programs, such as the setting up of a Nigerian Foundation for the education of youth in Nigeria, West Africa, unlimited support for Southwestern Christian College in Terrell, Texas, and the Los Angeles School of Preaching.

In 1975 Pepperdine University conferred upon Richard Nathaniel Hogan the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters and in 1980 the University honored him at the 37th Annual Bible Lectureship by establishing a ministerial scholarship in his name. In 1987 he was given the University’s highest recognition the “Life Achievement Award” on the opening night of the 44th Annual Bible Lectureship, celebrating Pepperdine’s 50th year. R. N. Hogan served as a member of the Board of Directors for Southwestern Christian College from its inception until his death. Before the death of G. P. Bowser on March 23, 1950, Hogan promised him that he would keep the *Christian Echo* in circulation, which Bowser founded in 1902. He kept this promise many times at great sacrifice. For more than 50 years, R. N. Hogan worked tirelessly over the entire brotherhood for the cause of Christ. He along with his wife Maggie, blazed a trail of leadership and development for the Lord’s church in California, especially at the Figueroa Church of Christ. Because of his great work on behalf of the Lord’s kingdom and the furtherance of Christian education, an honorary doctorate degree was conferred upon Evangelist Richard Nathaniel Hogan by Southwestern Christian College. Dr. R. N. Hogan departed this life on February 22, 1997. His wife, Sister Maggie Hogan preceded him in death on September 29, 1996.

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**Marshall Keeble
(1878-1968)**

**Nashville Christian Institute
Nashville, Tennessee**



Born in Rutherford County, Tennessee. Marshall Keeble was baptized into the body of Christ in the year 1895 under the preaching influence of Preston Taylor. When he was four years of age, his parents Robert and Mittie Keeble moved to Nashville, Tennessee. One of the major influences on the life of young Keeble was S. W. Womack, a pioneer preacher and teacher who along with G. P. Bowser, Alexander Campbell and others, laid the foundation for a Christian school among African-Americans. The Womacks were members of the Lea Avenue congregation in Nashville and next door neighbors to the Keebles. At the age of nineteen, Keeble was united in wedlock with Minnie Womack a graduate of Fisk University and one of the daughters of S. W., and Sally Womack. To this union three children were born. With the literary training of his Christian wife and the spiritual training of his father-in-law, Marshall Keeble became one of the greatest preachers of the gospel since the days of the Apostles.

The first meeting held by Keeble which resulted in a large number being baptized was in Henderson, Tennessee. Sixty-nine precious souls obeyed the gospel of Christ on this occasion. In 1927 during a meeting in Tampa, Florida, he baptized 99. At Valdosta, Georgia, in both 1929 and 1930, he baptized 163 in the first gospel meeting and 166 in the second. Although Keeble was praised for his simplicity of preaching, he was often criticized for his passivity on racial issues. One of his secrets for success was his unique ability to obtain financial support from many of the white brethren. Many have often compared his personal ideology to that of Booker T. Washington and the ideology of G. P. Bowser to that of W. E. B. DuBois regarding their diverse philosophies towards the educating African-Americans. Keeble once acknowledged that Booker T. Washington was his idol and frequently employed Washington's strategy to raise funds from many whites for the benefit of Nashville Christian Institute.

On December 11, 1932 Sister Minnie Womack Keeble passed away at the age of fifty-three. After her death Marshall Keeble then married Laura Catherine Johnson of Corinth, Mississippi, on April 3, 1934. Laura Catherine was the sixth child of ten siblings born to Luke and Susan Johnson on August 6, 1898. At the time she married Marshall, Sister Keeble was employed by a widow who tried to encourage her against getting married. When she made the decision to marry Keeble regardless, her employer then insisted on buying her wedding outfit. However, when the day of the wedding arrived, Keeble was nowhere to be found. In a statement later given by Sister Keeble she said, "I didn't know if he decided to come or what." An hour or two after the ceremony was to have begun, a friend finally drove him up in a brand new Chevrolet. The car dealer had warned them not to drive over 30 m.p.h., until the car was broken in, and that's exactly what they did all the way from Nashville, Tennessee, to Corinth, Mississippi.

In the year 1942 a new chapter opened in the life of Marshall Keeble when he became the first official president of Nashville Christian Institute. Being president of NCI elevated Keeble's influence among African-American Christians and it also gave the school credibility among blacks as well as whites. Without Keeble's name and his ability to raise funds for the school, Nashville Christian Institute would not have survived as long as it did. During his NCI days, wherever Keeble went, he always took his "preacher boys" with him to participate in the services that were well attended by both races in an era of rigid segregation. Many preachers in our brotherhood today were once students of Keeble at Nashville Christian Institute.

Although the formal education of Marshall Keeble was limited, he is credited with baptizing more than 45,000 people and establishing over 200 congregations. No other person in the history of the Restoration Movement has been known to accomplish this milestone. He made successful preaching trips to Nigeria, West Africa, and was involved in numerous debates where he always defended the Word of God. In several of his debates, he baptized his opponent before the debate was over. Having become very weak in the last years of his life due to age and diabetes, Keeble would still get up and dress every morning and wait for his assistant Willie Cato to come and pick him up for work. Because of his failing health and new federal legislation which allowed blacks to attend white institutions, Keeble announced in the March edition of the *Gospel Advocate* that Nashville Christian Institute would permanently close its doors on June 2, 1967. Finally, one April evening in 1968, the 89 year old Marshall Keeble took a bath, sat down on the couch, nodded his head for the last time and died. Yet, the legacy of Marshall Keeble still lives on in the lives of many whom he touched. There will not be another like him soon, who was blessed to achieve so much with so very little to work with.

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Dr. Levi Kennedy, Jr.
(1899-1970)

Michigan Avenue Church of Christ
Chicago, Illinois



Born in Hickman County, Tennessee. Levi Kennedy, Jr., was baptized into the body of Christ on September 10, 1921 under the preaching influence of Alonzo Jones. He was the fifth child and third oldest son born to Levi, Sr., and Sarah Alice Anderson Kennedy on December 29, 1899. Levi Kennedy, Jr., was named after his great-grandfather Levi Cathey and his father Levi Albert Kennedy, Sr., a former slave and gospel preacher. Like his father and first cousins Levi [Lee Ghant] Kennedy and Paul D. English, Sr., in addition to his maternal uncle D. M. English, Levi, Jr., became one of the most distinguished and recognized preachers in the rich history of the African-American Church of Christ. Kennedy along with Richard Nathaniel Hogan, John Steve Winston and George Edmond Steward, were co-founders of Southwestern Christian College in Terrell, Texas and were commonly referred to as “The Big Four” among black churches of Christ.

Levi Kennedy, Jr., married Alberta Noveline Delk of Maury County, Tennessee on November 10, 1921. Upon leaving the state of Tennessee in the year 1922, he along with his wife, his eldest daughter, two older brothers and their families, they each relocated to Wheeling, West Virginia. Finding no church in Wheeling, he started one in his living room and gave his first talk in the year 1923. At some point during the year 1925 he left this congregation consisting of 23 members and relocated to Gary, Indiana and then finally to Chicago, Illinois. It was on the West Side of Chicago at the old Maypole congregation where he began preaching part time in 1926. To make a living for he and his family, Kennedy sold ice and coal from a wagon pulled by an old gray mare. In time he established a thriving business and was able to purchase a second wagon along with a truck. According to an interview once given by Kennedy he stated: “Money was easily made up until 1929 when I went broke during the depression.”

With the persistence and encouragement of another maternal uncle Herbert Anderson, Sr., Levi Kennedy, Jr., and fifty members of the old Maypole congregation began the South Side movement of the African-American Church of Christ located at 20 West 51st Street on May 21, 1931. In the year 1933 during the height of the depression era, Kennedy said that he faced the most difficult decision of his life when the church asked him to preach full-time. With five young children at the time, he parked his coal and ice truck for the last time and began preaching full-time for \$5.00 a week. He said that he and his wife made the decision to “trust in the Lord.” When asked by some how he made it with such meager resources, Kennedy would often say, “I didn’t make it, the Lord made it for me... We ate bread and potatoes for breakfast and potatoes and bread for dinner.” R. N. Hogan a distant cousin of the Kennedys, also labored for a period of time with the congregation helping to evangelize the South Side of Chicago. This small group of believers eventually became known throughout the brotherhood as the Michigan Avenue Church of Christ after moving to 6228-30 South Michigan Avenue in the early 1940s.

Due to the involvement of the United States in World War II, it was extremely difficult to obtain resources for building and construction. However, Kennedy did not let this circumstance impede his work for the Lord. A formal letter was drafted to President Franklin D. Roosevelt explaining the plight of the Michigan Avenue congregation and within a few months a permit was granted by Eleanor Roosevelt allowing the church to purchase \$5,000.00 worth of building material. The congregation grew from an initial fifty members to well over nine hundred and was by far the largest African-American Church of Christ in the entire Midwest until the mid 1960s. The unwritten standard of measurement which determined the success of a preacher in the African-American Church of Christ during this period of time, was to be called upon to preach for R. N. Hogan at the Figueroa congregation in Los Angeles, or Levi Kennedy, Jr., at the Michigan Avenue congregation in Chicago. Once a preacher had accomplished this goal, he was looked upon as having “made it” in the brotherhood.

Let it be said that multiplied thousands were brought to Christ both in the United States and abroad by the extensive evangelistic efforts of Levi Kennedy, Jr. He served on the Board of Directors for Southwestern Christian College from its inception until his death. He also served as Chairman of the school’s Annual Lectureship program, eminent Chairman of the Annual National Lectureship among the African-American churches of Christ, and President of the Living Endowment Association of Southwestern Christian College. In the month of October 1962, Kennedy went to Ukpom, Nigeria in West Africa to preach for one month. In Nigeria, he preached from five to six sermons daily, baptizing six hundred-fifty persons while at the same time establishing twenty-seven congregations. He made a second trip to Nigeria in the year 1965.

In summation, Evangelist Levi Kennedy, Jr., was without question a preacher “par excellence.” He departed this life on December 30, 1970 after experiencing no less than a dozen operations. Because of his dedication to Christ and commitment to Christian education, an honorary doctorate of Humane Letters was conferred upon him posthumously by Southwestern Christian College in the year 1986. His wife Alberta Noveline Kennedy passed away on August 14, 2002.

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**George Phillip Bowser
(1874-1950)**

**Founder of “The Christian Echo”
Detroit, Michigan**



Born in Maury County, Tennessee. G. P. Bowser was born February 17, 1874. He was the son of Thomas and Charity Bowser and grandson of Frank Sowell; a highly respected pioneer preacher who resided in the same Maury County community. It was Frank Sowell who solemnized the marriage rites between Nathan George, the maternal great-grandfather of Levi Kennedy, Jr., and his second wife Annie Wayneright on January 1, 1891. When Bowser was three years old his family relocated to Nashville, Tennessee where he received his formal educational training in the Methodist tradition. He joined the Methodist Church at the age of fifteen and was licensed to exhort or “make talks” at the age of eighteen. He studied diligently at Walden University mastering five languages: Greek, Hebrew, French, German, and Latin. Bowser once stated that upon careful examination of the scriptures, he soon realized that he was not a Christian. In the process of time he met and studied with Samuel Davis, another pioneer preacher and former slave of the Nashville area. It was Davis who enlightened him further concerning New Testament doctrine and who baptized him into the body of Christ in the year 1896.

George Phillip Bowser married Francis (Fannie) Rebecca Billups in November of 1896. Seven girls and one boy were born to this union; one of whom was Thelma Holt, mother of G. P. Holt. Although he was already a great preacher whose literary and language skills exceeded far above his contemporaries, Bowser turned his attention towards two great needs among African American Christians: 1) a Christian journal and 2) a school for black members of the Church of Christ. With the knowledge he had previously acquired as a printer, at twenty-eight years of age Bowser established *The Christian Echo* in 1902 of which he served as both editor and publisher. The *Christian Echo* arguably holds the unique distinction of being the first widely circulated religious periodical published among African American churches of Christ.

Few blacks at the turn of the century gave serious attention to attending school with the whites, but, as G. P. Bowser pointed out, blacks looked with awe on white Christian schools and were ashamed to realize that nothing had been done for them. When a meeting was called in Nashville in October 1906 to consider the matter, it was decided to begin a school in the Jackson Street church building. This school was to be known as the “Nashville Normal, Industrial and Orphan School.” As events developed, the school opened January 8, 1907 with seventeen students. While using the Bible as a textbook, the school sought to meet all the requirements of a “Normal” institution. By mid-October 1909 the Jackson Street school was moved to Silver Point, Tennessee, seventy-five miles east of Nashville on the Tennessee Central Railroad. Bowser later said, “Beginning with nothing save determination, we bargained for about ten acres of ground,” which they obtained for \$250.00 and on this land they erected a two-story frame building. G. P. Bowser and Miss P. H. Womack, another daughter of S. W. Womack, were the teachers. Bowser also served as the school’s president. From the nine students who enrolled the first term at the Silver Point Christian Institute, the school grew to 63 by 1915 and reported its most prosperous year as 1913. Bowser gave himself unselfishly to the institution until the commencement exercises April 11, 1918 when he resigned as president; much to the dismay and surprise of many friends. By the year 1920 according to many, the school was in a serious financial dilemma and it had no alternative but to close.

The Bowsers later relocated to Fort Smith, Arkansas, where he continued his evangelistic work and publishing of the *Christian Echo*. In 1938 Bowser opened the Bowser Christian Institute, forerunner of Southwestern Christian College now located in Terrell, Texas, where the students earned their board by working in the print shop where the *Echo* was produced as a bi-monthly journal. The subscription rate was \$1.00 per year or \$.50 for every six months. The co-editors were R. N. Hogan and G. P. Holt. The staff writers included Levi Kennedy, Jr., J. S. Winston, G. E. Steward, R. F. Nunley, T. H. Busby, Annie C. Tuggle, and E. D. Phillips. Among the early students who attended the Bowser Christian Institute were G. P. Holt, a grandson of Bowser, Preston Grey, L. H. Alexander, James Stewart, Samuel Melton, H. E. Mitchell, and Lemmie Cooper. Also associated with the Bowser Christian Institute were four men who became national preachers in the African American Church of Christ; these men were Levi Kennedy, Jr., R. N. Hogan, J. S. Winston, and G. E. Steward.

After the closing of the Fort Smith school, Bowser moved to Detroit, Michigan. However, G. P. Bowser’s dream of establishing a permanent school for black Christians continued and during the fall of 1948 when a school began operating on the property of the Lake Como Church of Christ. Due to its overall success, a search was made for a larger campus facility. The Texas Military School in Terrell, Texas, was purchased but could not open as “Southwestern Christian College” until September of 1950. Although G. P. Bowser never witnessed Southwestern in operation as a Christian College, he was able to visit the campus before his death on March 23, 1950. He has rightfully been acknowledged as the “Father of Christian Journalism and Education” among black churches of Christ.

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Dr. John Henry Clay, Sr.
(1920-2005)

“Because He Loved Me So...”
Pasadena, California



Born in Lafayette, Louisiana. John Henry Clay was born June 24, 1920. He was baptized into the body of Christ at the age of eighteen as a result of the preaching influence of Marshall Keeble. Two months short of his twentieth birthday on April 1, 1940, he married Miss Sadie Fontenot of Texas in Hobbs, New Mexico. Having initially traveled with Luke Miller in order to refine his ministerial skills, Clay later worked extensively with his mentor Marshall Keeble.

It was in Hobbs, New Mexico where Clay began his first work. His salary was a meager \$7.00 a week, so he and his family relocated to Texas. Through the early years of his preaching career they suffered many trials and hardships. Many times he held month-long gospel meetings only to be compensated with a few chickens and other perishable food items. Often during meetings he would stay in the homes of non-Christians, because during this dark era of “Jim Crow” (racial segregation) African-Americans were prohibited from utilizing hotel facilities unless they were employed to cook and clean. On many occasions Clay would find himself in the cotton fields working alongside of others, sharing the gospel message and inviting them to the meeting services. Many precious souls were led to Christ by John Henry Clay because of his unique “cotton fields” experiences.

Clay preached throughout the entire continental United States of America; from the Atlantic coast to the Pacific coast including Belize, Central America; Guyana. South America, South Africa, Kenya and Nigeria, West Africa, where people would actually walk three days just to hear the preacher they referred to as “The Old Man.” However, it is believed by many that his most productive ministry took place in Alabama, where he survived several confrontations with the Ku Klux Klan by the grace and providence of the Almighty God. He was known to have baptized more than a hundred people during a single meeting, with a record of over 200 baptized in a meeting held in Clanton, Alabama. In the year 1950, he moved to California, preaching in the Oakland and Pasadena area. He established the Altadena Church of Christ in 1967 and this remained his home congregation for the rest of his earthly life.

In 1988, his beloved wife Sadie passed away following a long extended illness. Shortly afterwards, the congregation in Guntersville, Alabama encouraged him to serve as their missionary in the Guntersville vicinity. Consequently, every year for six months during the year, he would return to Alabama and travel throughout the area singing and preaching. Although the Guntersville congregation supported his ministry financially, Clay also had support from his personal business venture. While in Pasadena, he had opened a fast food restaurant which proved to be extremely successful. His family operated the business while he was away engaged in meetings.

Sometime during the year 1994, John Henry Clay went to Moultrie, Georgia to hold a tent meeting. While in Moultrie, a young lady 34 years younger desired to go door-knocking with him. After much insistence, she ended up assisting him, bringing along umbrellas and water to protect him from the humidity of a Georgia summer. Six months later they were married and continued working together until his death in the year 2005. Throughout his sixty-nine (69) years of preaching the unsearchable riches of Christ, Clay baptized well over 10,000 people and established more than fifty 50 congregations. His trademark song before every sermon was: “He loved me so... He gave His life a ransom just because He loved me so.” To honor him for his ministerial work and life-long achievements, Pepperdine University awarded him with a Distinguished Christian Service Award while Southwestern Christian College bestowed upon him a Doctorate of Humane Letters.

On August 12, 2005, Dr. John Henry Clay, evangelist extraordinaire and articulate ambassador for the Church of Christ was buried in Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Glendale, California. It is somewhat ironic and yet befitting, that as much as John Henry Clay loved singing, he was laid to rest within the same proximity of the legendary singer Sam Cooke. He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife Deborah; one daughter, Pearl; a son, John, Jr.; a daughter-in-law Beverly; two grandsons, John III and Joaquin; one great-grandson, Joaquin, Jr.; one brother, Ambrose W. J. Clay; one sister-in-law, Minnie; a great galaxy of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and “the entire brotherhood.”

Having mentored and served as a “father in the faith” to many present day gospel preachers, one of the most notable being Dr. W. F. Washington, Minister of the New Golden Heights Church of Christ in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, let it be said with crystal clarity that to remember this great “warrior of the Word” is to indeed remember a life that demonstrated John Henry Clay’s firm belief that... “God loved him so.”

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**Samuel Robert Cassius
(1853-1931)**

**An Unsung Hero of Black Education
Logan County, Oklahoma**



Born in Virginia to the bi-racial union of a slave mother named Jane and a white physician owner named James W. F. Macrae. His father/owner was a cousin of General Robert E. Lee and it was Lee who later purchased Cassius along with his mother when he was seven (7) years of age to keep them from being sold to an outsider. Because his mother was fundamentally literate, she taught Cassius how to read and write using a "John Comly Speller." During the Civil War, Cassius and his mother relocated to Washington, D. C., where he enrolled in the first school for black children in the nation's capital; subsequently becoming the first African American male to finish high school there.

In this school, young Samuel encountered a white school teacher from Connecticut, named Frances W. Perkins, who inspired his appetite for knowledge, steered him toward the ministry, and encouraged him to teach in his adult years. While residing in Washington, D. C., Samuel Robert Cassius shook hands with President Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, and a host of other black and white dignitaries.

In the year 1874, Cassius married Effie Festus-Basil in Washington, D.C., and shortly thereafter the family relocated to Brazil, Indiana, where he toiled as a coal-miner; became a member of the Church of Christ (known as the Stone-Campbell Movement or Restoration Movement) and began his ministry. In 1891, Cassius, driven by a religious impulse as well as a desire for economic advancement, took up residence in the Logan County Iowa Tribal Lands of Oklahoma Territory, where he lived until 1922. It was in Logan County that he worked as a preacher, educator, farmer, entrepreneur, postmaster, and politician. In a letter written from Tohee, Oklahoma, dated November 20, 1893, Cassius seeks contributions for a "house of worship," stating that "the logs are cut, the land is donated, but it takes money to build the house." Cassius fathered eleven (11) children with his first wife Effie who died in 1895, and twelve (12) with his second wife, Selina Daisy Flenoid, who he married on May 10, 1897 at the church near Tohee.

In a document dated March 14, 1898, Cassius again solicits funds, but this time for the "Tohee Industrial School." This vision took shape from his own struggle to obtain an education but finding himself without a trade. Cassius was also highly influenced by Booker T. Washington at Tuskegee Institute, where he would later send his own son, Amos Lincoln Cassius (1890-1982). "Two years ago," Cassius wrote in 1899, "I began this work and I have now completed a good building which is free from debt. But I still need books, maps, black boards, charts, and one or two helpers before I can begin work." That the school building was "free from debt" was probably a result of the numerous mortgages Cassius used his own land to secure, his continued fundraising, and the sale of garden seed and other produce from his farm.

Regarding the school, Cassius wrote: "We will teach trades of as many kinds as my means will allow. We will also teach as many branches of practical education as possible. Agriculture will also play an important factor in the support of the school. And best of all, there will be a night-school system for the benefit of grown persons." During a fundraising tour to Saint Louis, Missouri, on August 20, 1900, Cassius wrote: "Three years ago I began this work (the school), feeling that such a work was needed among the thousands of colored people who have settled in Oklahoma. I received \$465.00 with which I built a building that will accommodate about 150 children."

Not limiting his energies to the church and school, Cassius was appointed postmaster of Tohee on July 13, 1897, and served until the post office closed on January 31, 1906. Samuel R. Cassius lost his entire personal library in a fire sometime before 1910. Yet, he continued to occupy the land in Tohee with a postal address on Route 2, Meridian, until he moved to Guthrie, Oklahoma, in 1917. During this time in Oklahoma, Cassius became known by whites as a "Father of Christianity" among his people and continued to travel throughout Oklahoma and the United States as "The Colored Evangelist."

In 1920 Cassius published *The Third Birth of a Nation*, a response and denunciation to Thomas Dixon's 1905 racist novel *The Clansman* and D. W. Griffith's 1915 inflammatory movie entitled *"Birth of a Nation."* It was his hope that his study and experiences would lead to the awakening of a new thought concerning the "race problem" that still troubles our country. 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 he died on August 10, 1931. The last line of his obituary notes that "The race has lost a leader, Christianity a friend, and the family a husband and father."

Although the "Tohee Industrial School" is now lost to time, the legacy and contributions of Samuel Robert Cassius on behalf of education is currently being revisited by many scholars and churches he helped to build. His school was not only a pioneering work towards black education in the Oklahoma Territory, but it was the initial spark that led to the establishment in 1897 of "The Colored Agricultural and Normal University" (now Langston University) in Langston, Oklahoma.

National Lectureship History

“The Gospel, God’s Connecting Power”
(Romans 1:16)



“Previous Annual National Lectureship Locations”

1945	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	1977	Chattanooga, Tennessee
1946	Houston, Texas	1978	New York City, New York
1947	Los Angeles, California	1979	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
1948	Chicago, Illinois	1980	Muncie, Indiana
1949	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	1981	Dallas, Texas
1950	Cleveland, Ohio	1982	Los Angeles, California
1951	Detroit, Michigan	1983	Memphis, Tennessee
1952	Indianapolis, Indiana	1984	Fort Lauderdale, Florida
1953	Wichita, Kansas	1985	Chicago, Illinois
1954	New York City, New York	1986	Jackson, Mississippi
1955	Birmingham, Alabama	1987	Little Rock, Arkansas
1956	Los Angeles, California	1988	Saint Louis, Missouri
1957	Houston, Texas	1989	Cleveland, Ohio
1958	Chicago, Illinois	1990	Houston, Texas
1959	Memphis, Tennessee	1991	Denver, Colorado
1960	San Francisco, California	1992	Winston-Salem, North Carolina
1961	Detroit, Michigan	1993	Augusta, Georgia
1962	Denver, Colorado	1994	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
1963	Dallas, Texas	1995	New York City, New York
1964	Toledo, Ohio	1996	San Antonio, Texas
1965	Kansas City, Missouri	1997	Sacramento, California
1966	Indianapolis, Indiana	1998	Baltimore, Maryland
1967	Newark, New Jersey	1999	Kansas City, Missouri
1968	Fort Lauderdale, Florida	2000	Dallas, Texas
1969	Houston, Texas	2001	Miami, Florida
1970	Augusta, Georgia	2002	Los Angeles, California
1971	Cleveland, Ohio	2003	Detroit, Michigan
1972	Portland, Oregon	2004	Seattle, Washington
1973	San Antonio, Texas	2005	Nashville, Tennessee
1974	Louisville, Kentucky	2006	Chicago, Illinois
1975	Saint Louis, Missouri	2007	Cincinnati, Ohio
1976	Tulsa, Oklahoma	2008	Birmingham, Alabama
		2009	Jackson, Mississippi
		2010	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
		2011	New York City, New York

2012 Louisville, Kentucky

“Future Annual National Lectureship Location”

2013 Houston, Texas

“History of the Annual National Lectureship Among African American Churches of Christ”

Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson the Father of Negro History Week (Black History Month), was absolutely correct when he stated: “To know the possibilities of a race an appraisal of its past is necessary.” It is for this reason we have chosen to share with others the rich history behind the Annual National Lectureship held among African American churches of Christ. For one to appreciate the value of where we are now, they must of necessity understand from whence we have come. Although many have passed from this life since its inception in the year 1945, the Annual National Lectureship continues to serve as a vital link for brotherhood fellowship among ministers of the gospel and members of the visible kingdom of Christ across the entire nation.

According to the late Dr. J. S. Winston, the National Lectureship among African American churches of Christ was first suggested by the late Dr. R. N. Hogan in 1942, during his ministry with the Stonewall and Waco Street Church of Christ in Houston, Texas. Winston stated that Hogan called a meeting with the preachers of Texas and recommended to Levi Kennedy, Jr., G. E. Steward and himself the need for a National Lectureship among the African American brethren of the Church of Christ similar to that of the white brethren. It was Hogan’s belief that a Lectureship would help synchronize both our preaching and teaching of New Testament doctrine, along with fostering a means of fellowship for those who would attend. Kennedy, Winston, and Steward, each agreed with Hogan’s concept that such a Lectureship would serve a great need in our brotherhood.

In the year 1944 at the Bowser Christian Institute Annual School Meeting in Fort Smith, Arkansas, Steward suggested to Hogan, Winston, and Kennedy, that they should begin preparing for the Annual Lectureship which had been previously discussed in Houston, Texas two years earlier. G. P. Bowser was very inspired by this idea and he also agreed there was a vital need for such an event. Bowser encouraged them to make arrangements for sponsoring a Lectureship the following year. Subsequently, in 1945 Levi Kennedy, Jr., J. S. Winston, R. N. Hogan, and G. E. Steward agreed for the first ever Annual National Lectureship to be held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, with the East Seventh Street Church of Christ serving as host. G. E. Steward served as Ministering Evangelist of this congregation.

To fully comprehend and appreciate the purpose of the Lectureship, one must understand both the dynamics and circumstances for which it was conceived. During the decade of the early forties, only a few ministers in our fellowship were able to maintain local congregations and evangelize new areas. G. P. Bowser, John R. Vaughner, Marshall Keeble, Levi Kennedy, Jr., R. N. Hogan, J. S. Winston, G. E. Steward, Paul D. English, Sr., and Luke Miller, were for the most part the only national evangelists at that time. In many instances, new congregations would be established following a gospel meeting without having a formidable leadership. The fundamental objective of the Lectureship was to resolve this situation by providing the following initiatives:

- ◆ To synchronize and unify the speech of ministers, teachers, and church leaders.
- ◆ To enhance our spiritual fellowship in the areas of study and worship through the medium of joint participation
- ◆ To offer sound doctrinal teaching against liberalism, digression, and apostasy.
- ◆ To encourage and strengthen the work of congregations in whose area the Lectureship would be held.

INHERENT WITHIN THE PURPOSE OF THE LECTURESHIP WAS THE INTENTION THAT:

- ◆ The Lectureship is never to become an authoritative organization, having elected officers with delegated authority to legislate laws and rules to be bound on local congregations of the churches of Christ.
- ◆ The Lectureship is never to become a delegated convention, with chosen 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 where such originated.

“Lectureship History Continued...”

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 Ministering Evangelist. 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 Lectureship 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. Roosevelt 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 modern 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.

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 and for the proclamation of the gospel. 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 the year 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 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.

**The above information was given at the 62nd Annual National Lectureship
hosted by Chicago, Illinois, April 11-16, 2006**

68th Annual National Lectureship Program

“The Gospel, God’s Connecting Power”
(Romans 1:16)



Tuesday, April 3, 2012 • 68th Annual National Lectureship

Lectureship General Theme: “The Gospel, God’s Connecting Power”

2:45 P.M. Commencing Prologue and Devotion – Grand Ballroom
Preliminary Welcome and Lectureship Orientation
Explanation of Events, Hotel Services, and Committees

Tuesday Afternoon Session

“Unleashing the Dynamic Power of God”

REGENCY BALLROOM Facilitator: Jerry Macon – Louisville, KY

3:00 – 3:30 P.M. Speaker: Kenneth E. Jackson III – Little Rock, AR
Subject: “God’s Son With Power”
Text: Romans 1:1-5

3:30 – 4:00 P.M. Speaker: Darrell Holt – Los Angeles, CA
Subject: “When Smart People Become Fools”
Text: Romans 1:22-25

4:00 – 4:30 P.M. Speaker: Herman Wesley II – Montgomery, AL
Subject: “When Your Enthusiasm Gets the Best of You”
Text: Romans 10:1-4

4:30 P.M. ***Announcements and Ending Doxology***



**For Insurance Purposes All Lectureship Participants and Attendees
Are Required to Register With the Lectureship**

Tuesday Evening Vesper Service

“The Prevailing Power of God”

REGENCY BALLROOM

Facilitator: Stanley J. Hubbard, Sr. – Indianapolis, IN

6:30 – 6:45 P.M.

Devotional Period

6:45 – 7:00 P.M.

Welcome to Louisville, Kentucky
The Honorable Greg Fisher, Mayor of Louisville, KY

7:00 – 7:10 P.M.

Welcome to the 68th Annual National Lectureship
Kenneth E. Fleming, Sr., Host Minister

7:10 – 7:30 P.M.

Choral Singing – Newburg Acappella Chorus
Louisville Mass Chorus

7:30 – 7:45 P.M.

Purpose of the Annual National Lectureship
“The Lectureship History and Future”
Dr. R. C. Wells, New York City, NY
National Lectureship Advisory Committee Chairman

7:45 – 8:15 P.M.

Speaker: Samuell Pounds – Winter Haven, FL
Subject: “When God is Your Witness”
Text: Romans 1:8-12

8:15 – 8:45 P.M.

Speaker: Dr. Richard L. Barclay – Decatur, GA
Subject: “The Gospel, Justice for the Unjust”
Text: Romans 3:21-26

8:45 – 9:30 P.M.

Speaker: Dr. W. F. Washington – Fort Lauderdale, FL
Subject “The Gospel and the Cross”
Text: I Corinthians 1:17-18

9:30 P.M.

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Wednesday, April 4, 2012 • 68th Annual National Lectureship

Commencing Prologue and Morning Devotion – Grand Ballroom
Session Facilitator: Jerry Stevenson – Louisville, KY

9:15 – 10:15 A.M. ***Wednesday Morning Fiat Sessions***

“Theological Studies in the Book of Romans”

LOCATIONS:

Park Suite	Speaker: Jeff Caruthers, Jr. – Winston-Salem, NC Subject: “Sin, Righteousness Demanded” Text: Romans 1:18 - 3:20
Regency Ballroom	Speaker: Dr. Lovell C. Hayes – Jackson, TN Subject: “Sanctification, Righteousness Defended” Text: Romans 6:6-14 - 8:1-11
Kentucky Suite	Speaker: Willie McCord – Dayton, OH Subject: “Salvation, Righteousness Declared” Text: Romans 3:21- 5:21
Keeneland	Speaker: Charlie McClendon – Jacksonville, FL Subject: “First Century Evangelism for the 21 ST Century Church”

Wednesday Morning Plenary Sessions

“First Century Preaching for the Twenty-First Century Church”

REGENCY BALLROOM	Session Facilitator: Kenneth Burns – Louisville, KY
10:30 – 11:00 A.M.	Speaker: Roy K. Morgan – Saint Louis, MO Subject: “It’s Time to Wake Up” Text: Romans 13:11-14
11:00 – 11:30 A.M.	Speaker: Dr. David L. Lane – Dallas, TX Subject: “The Omniscience of God” Text: Romans 11:33-36
11:30 – 12:00 P.M.	Speaker: Michael Brown – Huntsville, AL Subject: “The Law Was Good, But Sterile” Text: Romans 7:7-13
High Noon Chapel 12:00 – 12:30 P.M.	Speaker: Speaker: Dr. Billy C. Curl – Los Angeles, CA Subject: “The Gospel, God Demonstrating His Love” Text: Romans 5:6-11
12:30 P.M.	<i>Announcements and Ending Doxology</i>

Wednesday Afternoon Plenary Sessions

“The Gospel, the Just Living by Faith”

REGENCY BALLROOM Session Facilitator: Kenneth Ray – Louisville, KY

2:45 – 3:15 P.M. Speaker: Conley Gibbs, Jr. – Saginaw, MI
Subject: “What Then Shall We Say?”
Text: Romans 8:31-34

3:15 – 3:45 P.M. Speaker: Eddie Sanders – Charlotte, NC
Subject: “A Gospel Worth Sharing”
Text: Romans 1:16-17

3:45 – 4:15 P.M. Speaker: Warren G. Blakney – Tulsa, OK
Subject: “In Debt and Ready to Pay”
Text: Romans: 1:11-17

4:15 P.M. ***Announcements and Ending Doxology***

Wednesday Evening Vesper Service

“The Gospel, God Demonstrating His Power”

REGENCY BALLROOM Session Facilitator: Michael Alexander – Pine Bluff, AR

6:30 – 6:45 P.M. Devotional Period

6:45 – 7:15 P.M. Southwestern Christian College Report and Appeal
Dr. Eugene Lawton – Newark, NJ

7:15 – 7:45 P.M. Choral Singing – Louisville Youth Chorus
“Just Us”

7:45 – 8:15 P.M. Speaker: Dr. Jack Evans, Sr. – Terrell, TX
Subject: “The Gospel, Relevant Preaching
for the Twenty-First Century and Beyond”
Text: Romans 10:14-18

8:15 – 8:45 P.M. Speaker: Robert L. Holt – Gary, IN
Subject: “Grace Reigns Supreme”
Text: Romans 5:17-21

8:45 – 9:30 P.M. Speaker: Dr. W. F. Washington – Fort Lauderdale, FL
Subject: “The Gospel and the Righteousness of God”
Text: Romans 1:15-17

9:30 P.M. ***Announcements and Ending Doxology***

Thursday, April 5, 2012 • 68th Annual National Lectureship

Commencing Prologue and Morning Devotion – Grand Ballroom
Session Facilitator: Darnell Mackintosh – Louisville, KY

9:15 – 10:15 A.M. ***Thursday Morning Fiat Sessions***

“God’s Power Leading the Church”

LOCATIONS:

Kentucky Suite	Speaker: Charlie McClendon – Jacksonville, FL Subject: “First Century Evangelism for the 21 st Century Church” Text: Romans 10:14-18
Regency Ballroom	Speaker: Dr. David Jones, Jr. – Nashville, TN Subject: “Preparing God’s People for the 21 st Century” (Leadership Development – Part 1)
Park Suite	Speaker: Dr. Luis R. Lugo – Jacksonville, NC Subject: “The Righteousness of God” (Theological Overview of the Roman Epistle – Part 1)
Keeneland	Speaker: Dr. John H. Dansby, Sr. – Shreveport, LA Subject: “Phoebe’s Role In the 21 st Century Church” (Church Administration – Part 1)

Thursday Morning Plenary Session

“The Revealing of God’s Righteousness”

REGENCY BALLROOM	Session Facilitator: Dewayne Wise – Louisville, KY
10:30 – 11:00 A.M.	Speaker: Jon W. Morrison – Dallas, TX Subject: “The Holy Spirit, Help in Difficult Times” Text: Romans 8:22-30
11:00 – 11:30 A.M.	Speaker: Dr. Jerry Houston – Rochester, NY Subject: “Free to Help, But Not to Hinder” Text: Romans 14:1-13
11:30 – 12:00 P.M.	Speaker: Dr. Cleavon Matthews – Trotwood, OH Subject: “Righteousness, Credit Through Faith” Text: Romans 4:1-8
High Noon Chapel 12:00 – 12:30 P.M.	Speaker: Leroy Butler – Valdosta, GA Subject: “The Power to Die and Yet Live” Text: Romans 6:3-11
12:30 P.M.	<i>Announcements and Ending Doxology</i>

Thursday Afternoon Plenary Session

“First Century Preaching for the Twenty-First Century Church”

REGENCY BALLROOM

Session Facilitator: Samuel Otis, Sr. – Nashville, TN

2:45 – 3:15 P.M.

Speaker: Cornelius Heyward – Far Rockaway, NY
Subject: “The Power of the Potter”
Text: Romans 9:14-24

3:15 – 3:45 P.M.

Speaker: Willie Rupert, Jr. – Baltimore, MD
Subject: “A Faith That Justifies”
Text: Romans 5:1-5

3:45 – 4:15 P.M.

Speaker: Dallas Walker – Detroit, MI
Subject: “What the Law Couldn’t Do, Christ Did”
Text: Romans 8:1-4

4:15 P.M.

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Thursday Evening Vesper Service

“Preaching With First Century Power”

REGENCY BALLROOM

Session Facilitator: Dr. Loyd C. Harris – Little Rock, AR

6:30 – 6:45 P.M.

Devotional Period

6:45 – 7:00 P.M.

Choral Singing – Doxology

7:00 – 7:30 P.M.

Speaker: Dr. Eugene Lawton – Newark, NJ
Subject: “Men, Who Have Not Bowed to Baal”
Text: Romans 11:1-5

7:30 – 8:00 P.M.

Speaker: Orpheus J. Heyward – Atlanta, GA
Subject: “My Adoption is Final”
Text: Romans 8:12-17

8:00 – 8:45 P.M.

Speaker: Dr. W. F. Washington – Fort Lauderdale, FL
Subject: “The Faith of the Gospel”
Text: Philippians 1:27

8:45 P.M.

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Friday, April 6, 2012 • 68th Annual National Lectureship

Commencing Prologue and Morning Devotion – Grand Ballroom
Session Facilitator: Kenneth Burns – Louisville, KY

9:15 – 10:15 A.M. ***Friday Morning Fiat Sessions***

“God’s Power Leading the Church”

LOCATIONS:

Regency Ballroom	Speaker: Dr. John H. Dansby, Sr. – Shreveport, LA Subject: “Phoebe’s Role in the 21 st Century Church” (Church Finance – Part 2)
Kentucky Suite	Speaker: Dr. Luis R. Lugo – Jacksonville, NC Subject: “The Righteousness of God” (Theological Overview of the Roman Epistle – Part 2)
Park Suite	Speaker: Dr. David Jones – Nashville, TN Subject: “Preparing God’s People for the 21 st Century” (Leadership Development – Part 2)
Keeneland	Speaker: Dr. Howard Wright – Atlanta, GA Subject: “Building Strong Families for a Stronger Church (Part 1)

Friday Morning Plenary Session

“The Revealing of God’s Righteousness, Doctrine Confirmed”

REGENCY BALLROOM Session Facilitator: Anthony Booker – Shelbyville, TN

10:30 – 11:00 A.M. Speaker: Clarence Matthews – Trenton, NJ
Subject: “Spiritual Gifts, for Church Growth”
Text: Romans 12:3-8

11:00 – 11:30 A.M. Speaker: Michael Crusoe – Memphis, TN
Subject: “Practice What You Preach”
Text: Romans 2:17-24

11:30 – 12:00 P.M. Speaker: Dr. Dewayne Winrow – Reseda, CA
Subject: “Who Shall Separate Us?”
Text: Romans 8:35-39

High Noon Chapel
12:00-12:30 P.M. Speaker: Wesley T. Leonard – Orlando, FL
Subject: “Let the Strong and the Weak Glorify God”
Text: Romans 15:1-6

12:30 P.M. ***Announcements and Ending Doxology***

Friday Afternoon Plenary Session

“Connecting Our Faith to the Power of God”

REGENCY BALLROOM Session Facilitator: Kenneth Burns – Louisville, KY

2:45 – 3:15 P.M. Speaker: David E. Wilson – Brooklyn, NY
Subject: “A Promise That Want Fail”
Text: Romans 4:13-22

3:45 – 4:15 P.M. Speaker: Franklin Florence II – Indianapolis, IN
Subject: “Cut Off, But Not Cut Up”
Text: Romans 11:1-7

4:15 – 4:45 P.M. Speaker: Dr. David C. Penn – Chicago, IL
Subject: “What’s So Good About the Good News?”
Text: Romans 1:16 – Ephesians 1:3-7

4:45 – P.M. ***Announcements and Ending Doxology***

Friday Evening Vesper Service

“Connecting Our Hope to the Presence of His Power”

REGENCY BALLROOM Session Facilitator: DonBurnell Holly – Memphis, TN

6:30 – 6:45 P.M. Devotional Period

6:45 – 7:00 P.M. Choral Singing – “Made New”

7:00 – 7:30 P.M. Speaker: Dr. R. C. Wells – New York City, NY
Subject: “It’s Your Reasonable Service”
Text: Romans 12:1-4

7:30 – 8:00 P.M. Speaker: Ralph P. Smith – East St Louis, IL
Subject: “We Are More Than Conquerors”
Text: Romans 8:35-39

8:00 – 8:45 P.M. Speaker: Dr. W. F. Washington – Fort Lauderdale, FL
Subject: “Ichabod, the Glory is Departed”
Text: I Samuel 4:1-22

8:45 P.M. ***Announcements and Ending Doxology***

Saturday, April 7, 2012 • 68th Annual National Lectureship

Commencing Prologue and Morning Devotion – Grand Ballroom
Session Facilitator: Curtis Anthony – Louisville, KY

9:15-9:30 A.M.

Saturday Morning Fiat Sessions

“Preaching With Purpose and Conviction”

GRAND BALLROOM

9:30– 10:00 A.M.

Speaker: Dr. Howard Wright – Atlanta, GA
Subject: “Building Strong Families”
(For a Stronger Church – Part 2)

10:00 – 10:30 A.M.

Speaker: Jeff Pointer
Subject: “The Value of Christian Ethics”
Text: 12:9-21

10:30 – 11:00 A.M.

Speaker: Ralph Thompson – Shelbyville, TN
Subject: “Dealing With Doctrinal Deviation”
Text: Romans 16:17-20

11:00 – 11:30 A.M.

Speaker: Robert Brewington, Jr. – Pontiac, MI
Subject: “The Purpose of the Law”
Text: Romans 3:19-22

11:30 A.M.

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1:00 – 3:00 P.M.

Lectureship Regional Singing Acappella Explosion

6:30 P.M.

68th Annual National Lectureship Banquet

68th Annual National Lectureship Ladies Program

Theme: “The Gospel, God’s Connecting Power”

“Christian Women Experiencing the Amazing Power of God”

Wednesday, April 4, 2012 – 9:00 A.M – 12:30 P.M.

Mistress of Ceremony – Jazzma Moore – Louisville, KY

REGENCY BALLROOM

9:00 – 9:30 A.M.

Devotion:

Welcome	Lorna Macon Louisville, KY
Prayer	Rita Stephenson – Louisville, KY
Song	Shannon Pearson – Louisville, KY
Roll Call of States	Gloria Gilbert – Louisville, KY

9:30 – 10:30 A.M.

Parade of Hats	Ann Fleming – Louisville, KY
Faces of Kentucky	

10:30 – 10:45 A.M.

Voices of Kentucky

Introduction of Speaker:

Brenda Rates – Louisville, KY

11:00 – 11:45 A.M.

Speaker: Vonda Woodmore – Louisville, KY
Subject: “Christian Women Experiencing the Amazing Power of God”
Text: Romans 8:28-39

12:00 P.M.

Announcements	Rose Coleman – Louisville, KY
Song	Shannon Pearson – Louisville, KY
Closing Prayer	Rose Coleman – Louisville KY

68th Annual National Lectureship Ladies Program

Theme: “The Gospel, God’s Connecting Power”

“Christian Women Experiencing the Amazing Power of God”

Thursday, April 5, 2012 – 9:00 A.M – 12:30 P.M.

Mistress of Ceremony – Monica Sheckles – Louisville, KY

REGENCY BALLROOM

9:00 – 9:30 A.M.

Devotion

Welcome
Prayer
Song

Gloria Gilbert – Louisville, KY
Deborah Terry – Louisville, KY
Shannon Pearson – Louisville, KY

Introduction of Speaker:

Annette Sanders – Charlotte, NC

9:35 – 10:20 A.M.

Speaker: Deborah Houston – Rochester, NY
Subject: “Love’s Moral Conscience”
Text: Romans 13:8-14

Introduction of Speaker:

Janice Leavell – Louisville, KY

10:30 – 11:15 A.M.

Speaker: Etta Jackson – Little Rock, AK
Subject: “Love’s Mature Conviction”
Text: Romans 15:4-13

Introduction of Speaker:

Brenda Gilbert – Chicago, IL

11:30 – 12:15 P.M.

Speaker: Brenda Penn – Chicago, IL
Subject: “Love’s Measurable Characteristics”
Text: Romans 12:9-21

12:30 P.M.

Announcements
Song
Closing Prayer

Lauvonia Poole – Louisville, KY
Shannon Pearson – Louisville, KY
Lauvonia Poole – Louisville, KY

68th Annual National Lectureship Ladies Program

Theme: “The Gospel, God’s Connecting Power”

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Friday April 6, 2012 – 9:00 A.M – 12:30 P.M.

Mistress of Ceremony – Sharon Stovall – Louisville, KY

REGENCY BALLROOM

9:00 – 9:30 A.M.

Devotion

Welcome	Ann Duncan – Louisville, KY
Prayer	Laura Abstain – Louisville, KY
Song	Shannon Pearson – Louisville, KY

Introduction of Speaker:

Ann Fleming – Louisville, KY

9:45 – 10:30 A.M.

Speaker: Ira Booker – Shelbyville, TN
Subject: “Love’s Merciful Conduct”
Text: Romans 14:1 -15:3

Introduction of Speaker:

Michelle Thompson – Louisville, KY

10:45 – 11:15 A.M.

Speaker: Marva Thompson – Mt. Clemens, MI
Subject: “Love’s Mighty Conquest”
Text: Romans 16:1-16

11:30 – 12:00 P.M.

Panel Discussion – Speakers:
Moderators – Bettye Wise & Rhonda Ray – Louisville, KY

12:15 P.M.

Announcements	Bettye Wise – Louisville, KY
Song	Shannon Pearson – Louisville, KY
Closing Prayer	Bettye Wise – Louisville, KY

68th Annual National Lectureship Ladies Program

Theme: “The Gospel, God’s Connecting Power”

Christian Women Experiencing the Amazing Power of God

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Friday April 6, 2012

12:30 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.

12:30 – 1:30 P.M.

Blessing of Food – Tanya Brooks – Louisville, KY

Lunch Served

Introduction of Speaker:

Dianna Streeter – Louisville, KY

1:30 – 2:15 P.M.

Speaker: Carole Hamilton – Dallas, TX
Subject: “Christian Women Connected by the
Power of Love”
Text: Romans 16:21-24

2:15 – 2:30 P.M.

Presentations
Ann Fleming & Lauvonia Poole – Louisville, KY

Closing Prayer

Eliza Jordan – Louisville, KY

Special Tributes

“The Gospel, God’s Connecting Power”
(Romans 1:16)



"A Special Tribute to the Late G. P. Bowser"
**Founder of the Christian Echo and Father of Christian Education
Among African Americans in the Church of Christ**



George Phillip Bowser
February 17, 1874 - March 25, 1950

"A Special Tribute to the Late Marshall Keeble"

**President of Nashville Christian Institute and World-Wide Evangelist
Among African Americans in the Church of Christ**



Marshall Keeble

December 7, 1878 - April 20, 1968

"A Special Tribute to the Late R. N. Hogan"

**Educator and Missionary
Co-Founder of Southwestern Christian College**



Dr. Richard Nathaniel Hogan

November 30, 1902 - September 29, 1996

“Recognizing Those Who Are Walking With Us”

“The Gospel, God’s Connecting Power”
(Romans 1:16)



“Recognizing Those Who Are Walking With Us”

Legends of the Present in the African American Church of Christ



Dr. W. F. Washington
International Evangelist
Golden Heights Church of Christ
Fort Lauderdale, Florida



Dr. W. F. Washington, Sr. is one the most respected and sought after gospel preachers among churches of Christ today. His clear presentation of the gospel of Jesus Christ is heard on radio, television, from pulpits throughout America, and across the vast continent. He is a renowned Conflict Resolution and Management Consultant for congregations who, from time to time, may experience church conflict.

Dr. Washington's full-time ministry began in Texas. As a sophomore in college, he served as Minister of the Westside Church of Christ in Marshall, Texas. Upon graduation from college and as full-time preacher, he also worked as Assistant Principal for Administration at Pemberton High School in Marshall. Commensurate with his ministry in Marshall, he was employed by Bishop College in Dallas, Texas, as Dean of Students at 23 years of age. He was selected by the America Personnel Association as the youngest Dean of Students in American universities and colleges.

Today, Dr. Washington is the full-time minister of the New Golden Heights Church of Christ where he has preached for 34 years – and he is still going strong. When Dr. Washington arrived in Fort Lauderdale in 1974, he led 125 members who met in a small back street church building located on 15th Court to a three million dollar, two thousand seat sanctuary with a total membership of more than 4,500. The church meets in their modern Roman/Gothic style building on Martin Luther King Boulevard in Lauderdale Lakes, Florida.

Under the leadership of Dr. Washington, the “Heights” is considered as one of the largest and fastest growing African-American churches in Broward County, Florida. Dr. Washington is a respected leader among Ministers of faith, city, county, State, and national elected officials. His steadfast commitment to evangelism and cultural empowerment is demonstrated in the organizations he has founded such as the Golden Heights Multi-Crisis Center in 1991 and Golden Heights Christian Academy in 1992. The “Heights” has over 16 outreach ministries. Their “Feeding the Hungry” ministry feeds and clothes over 3,000 homeless persons each year.

His radio and television outreach ministries began in 1974 where he began his radio ministry on WRBD radio. During that time he was selected twice as “Minister of the Year.” Dr. Washington can be seen on his weekly television broadcast on the CBS Network of Miami. The “Heights” also has two regular weekly radio programs.

Dr. W. F. Washington earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Science with an emphasis in History and Western Civilization from Bishop College in Dallas, Texas; thirty (30) Master Degree hours in Criminology and Contemporary Corrections from Sam Houston State University, and a Ph.D., in Behavioral Psychology, from National Christian University. In the year 2003, Dr. Washington was bestowed the Doctorate of Humane Letters from Mississippi Valley State University in Itta Beta, Mississippi.

Dr. Washington is also an author of several publications. His most recent are: *Journey to Canaan* (2003 best seller); and *Church Growth, Church Health, and Church Administration* (2006). Dr. W. F. Washington has also published several other works including: *Can You Run With Horses*; *The Church on a Collision Course*; *Is God Black?*; *When You Have Lost a Loved One*; *The Christian and Stress*; *The Christian and Depression*; and *Instant Replay: An Anthology on Abortion*.

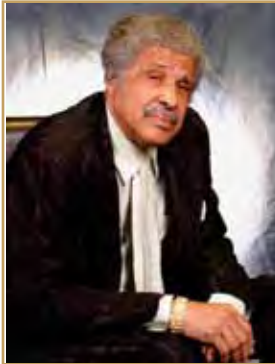
Born and raised in the city of Valdosta, Georgia, Washington traveled as a young preacher and singer with some of God's greatest gospel preachers. Men such as John Henry Clay (his father in the Gospel), Ulysses Shields, Marshall Keeble, Luke Miller, V. E. Williamson, James L Cothran, William Whitaker, and David Shanks.

Dr. Washington is married to the former Deloris Dixon of Hallsville, Texas, and they have four (4) children: Willie, Jr., Antonio, MarQuite', and Soncyarai; three (3) grandchildren; Arielle, Gabrielle, and Nevaeh; one (1) daughter-in law, Niernala; and two (2) sons-in-law, Orpheus and Daryl.

Dr. Washington's purpose in life is to glorify God and His son Jesus Christ in the fulfillment of His mission on earth and to continue steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine, fellowship, breaking of bread and in prayer. He is confidently awaiting the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.

“Recognizing Those Who Are Walking With Us”

Legends of the Present in the African American Church of Christ



Dr. Roosevelt C. Wells
International Evangelist

Harlem Church of Christ
New York City, New York



Dr. R. C. Wells, International Evangelist and Minister Emeritus of the Harlem Church of Christ in New York City, New York, considers himself blessed by God to have been granted the privilege of experiencing and fulfilling his life long dreams. First and foremost, being an Evangelist of Jesus Christ. Secondly, having been able to travel around the world. Dr. R. C. Wells began his ministerial career at the age of ten (10) at his home congregation, the Eighth Street Church of Christ, in Waco, Texas. Dr. Wells has been extremely blessed by being associated with “the Church,” the Church of Christ, practically all of his life and becoming a member of “the Church” at the age of nine (9). His mother, Nora Mae Fisher Wells, his grandparents and almost all of his relatives on his mother’s side, were and are still members of “the Church.” Having grown up in “the Church,” Wells listened to and was exposed to the great gospel preachers of the twentieth century both locally and nationally.

Through his association with these preachers he gained inspiration and encouragement; but most specifically by Dr. R. N. Hogan of Los Angeles, California, as he held an evangelistic tent meeting in the city of Waco, Texas, where Wells grew up. Dr. Wells still treasures the blessings he enjoyed for having been the reader for Dr. Hogan during his pre-teen and teenage years. With Dr. Hogan as his mentor and role model, Wells always promised that he would become a preacher just like him (an impossibility of course – however a man’s reach must exceed his grasp), or at least a preacher to the best of his ability.

Dr. R. C. Wells is a product of the Waco Public School system, having attended South Waco Public School and A. J. Moore High School where he was a member of the National Honor Society of American Schools. In his ninth year of school, he was privileged to become a student at the Nashville Christian Institute (NCI) in Nashville, Tennessee, under the tutelage of the renowned Marshall Keeble. Unfortunately, Dr. Wells was not privileged to graduate from Nashville Christian Institute; he returned home due to illness in order to give much needed support to his mother and to assist his family. He thereby graduated from A. J. Moore High School in Waco, Texas.

The educational dossier of R. C. Wells consists of many schools of matriculation in both religion and theology. He holds six (6) advanced academic degrees: AA; BRE; BTH; MRE; MTH and THD from the following schools: Southwestern Christian College, Midwestern Theological Seminary, and Temple Theological Seminary. In addition, he holds three honorary Doctor of Divinity degrees. Furthermore, he has studied law at the Paralegal Institute, the Blackstone School of Law, and the Atlanta Law School. He also did an apprenticeship with the firm of Hill and Hill in Harlem, New York City, New York. He has served as a college professor at Southwestern Christian College in Terrell, Texas, and Northeastern Christian College in Villanova, Pennsylvania.

Dr. R. C. Wells is truly “set for the defense of the gospel of Christ.” He has consistently and repeatedly in his teaching, preaching and writing, made it irrefutably clear that he is not “ashamed of the gospel of Christ.” He is willing to say it, he is willing to preach it, he is willing to write it, he is willing to publicly debate it, he is willing to suffer for it, and willing if need be... to die for it. He has served local congregations in Okmulgee, Oklahoma; Pontiac, Michigan; and New York City, New York, where he currently serves as Minister Emeritus and Chairman of missions, both domestic and foreign. During his tenure with the Harlem Church of Christ, foreign mission works have been established in Africa, India, and in New York State. He has traveled around the world twice, preaching in 43 states of the United States and in eighteen (18) nations of the world on five (5) continents.

Dr. Wells has written multiple tracts and several books which include: *And Ye Shall Know the Truth; I Shall Not Be Moved; Preacher, I Have a Question; Somebody Ought to Say Amen; Are You Worshipping God In Vain?; I’m Different Because;* and *Corruptive Contrary Winds: Human-isms*. Dr. Roosevelt C. Wells has been married to the former Dorothy Carpenter for 53 years. They are the parents of three (3) children, three (3) grandchildren and three (3) great-grandchildren.

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Legends of the Present in the African American Church of Christ



Dr. Eugene Lawton
International Evangelist
Newark Church of Christ
Newark, New Jersey



Dr. Eugene Lawton is a native of St. Petersburg, Florida. He was baptized into the body of Christ under the preaching influence of S. J. Dudley and began preaching the gospel as a student at Southwestern Christian College. His academic credentials include an Associate of Arts degree from Southwestern Christian College in Terrell, Texas; a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts from Pepperdine University in Los Angeles, California; advanced post graduate work at Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, New Jersey; and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Trinity Seminary in Newburgh, Indiana.

Dr. Eugene Lawton has been preaching the gospel for over fifty-three (53) years and his experiences are numerous. He served with distinction as Minister of the East 7th Street Church of Christ in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma from 1959-1961 and he has served as Minister of the Newark Church of Christ in Newark, New Jersey, for 43 (forty-three) years. He worked as a field representative for Southwestern Christian College from 1961-63. He was the Academic Dean of Southwestern Christian College from 1969-1971, and he is presently a member of the Board of Directors of Southwestern Christian College.

As an accomplished writer, Dr. Eugene Lawton has written articles in several national publications. He is the author of four (4) books of sermons: *Let Me Sound My Trumpet*; *Come Out With Your Hands Up*; *Fasten Your Seatbelts*, and *Can I Preach A Little?*

In 1978, the Newark Church of Christ for the first time was among the twenty-four (24) congregations that baptized one hundred (100) or more persons into Christ. Under the dynamic leadership of Dr. Eugene Lawton, the Newark Church of Christ in Newark, New Jersey, continues to be a rapid growing congregation with over 2,752 persons having been baptized into Christ during his ministry. God has indeed smiled on this great church.

Dr. Lawton has been preaching on the “Liberation Hour,” a weekly radio program for thirty-four (34) years and he has been preaching on cable television for fifteen (15) years. Both programs have been instrumental in baptizing some 160 persons. He is the founder of the Northeastern Youth Conference which is attended by 1200 to 1300 young people and adults in Newark annually. He has been directing this conference for forty (40) years.

Dr. Eugene Lawton is perpetually busy speaking on National Lectureships, College Lectureships, National Youth Conferences, and conducting Gospel Meetings and Evangelism Seminars from the Gulf to the Great Lakes, and from the sunny shores of California to the skyscrapers of New York City. He is married to the former Diane Trone and they have three (3) children: Fitzgerald, Cedric, and Kathleen; in addition to four (4) grandchildren.

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Dr. Robert M. Woods
International Evangelist

Monroe Street Church of Christ
Chicago, Illinois



Dr. Robert Matthew Woods is a native of Gallatin, Tennessee. He is the only son of five (5) children born to Herk and Susie Woods. Each of his four (4) sisters, Amanda, Mymie, Lottie, and Elsie, including his parents are deceased. At the age of eleven (11), Robert M. Woods was enrolled in the Nashville Christian Institute in Nashville, Tennessee, where the internationally acclaimed Marshall Keeble served as president. Dr. Woods was baptized into the body of Christ under the preaching influence of A. C. Holt and preached his first sermon at the age of eleven (11). He then began to travel with Brother Keeble as one of his featured “boy preachers.”

In 1949, Woods graduated from Nashville Christian Institute and moved back to Gallatin, Tennessee, where he became the Minister of his home congregation. In the year 1952, Dr. Robert M. Woods married the late Anna Holladay and moved to Chicago, Illinois, where he became Minister of the old Maypole Avenue Church of Christ following Jesse Pace. The old Maypole Avenue Church of Christ, then located at 1903 West Maypole Avenue on the West Side of Chicago, Illinois, is the “Mother Church” among blacks and whites in the city of Chicago. It was established in the spring of 1917 with the assistance of G. P. Bowser in the home of J. T. Daniels of Nashville, Tennessee. Brother and Sister Daniels came to Chicago in 1916 to better their economic status, but there was no Church of Christ among either race to be found. Daniels also began a successful grocery business in addition to selling coal and ice. It was also during this time that Levi Kennedy, Jr., worked for Daniels in his business.

Within a short period of time, the congregation moved from the Daniels' home to a funeral parlor located on Lake Street. The members later purchased a two unit apartment building located at 2538 West Maypole Avenue; thus deriving the name: “The Maypole Avenue Church of Christ.” This was a frame building with living quarters upstairs and the first floor converted into a place for worship. It was at the Maypole Avenue Church of Christ where Levi Kennedy, Jr., preached his first sermon in Chicago, Illinois, during the year 1926.

In the year 1957 under the leadership of Dr. Woods, the congregation relocated to Claremont Avenue on the near North Side of the city. The Lawndale Avenue Church of Christ was formed as a mission work from this group and in 1965, the congregation moved once again to its present location at 3300 West Monroe Street. In 1965, the Monroe Street Church of Christ hosted the last National Youth Conference to be conducted in a church building. Furthermore, the idea of the National Crusade for Christ originated at the Monroe Street Church of Christ in 1978.

On August 26, 1988, the Monroe Street church building experienced a devastating fire and it appeared that the congregation would have to relocate for a fourth time. However, through much prayer and perseverance, the facility was restored within thirteen (13) months and a half million dollar effort. Today, the Monroe Street church building stands as a testimony of faith on the registry of Chicago historical landmarks.

Dr. Robert M. Woods served as Senior Minister of the Monroe Street Church of Christ for forty (40) years. He was appointed in 1965, as the first teacher of the United Men's and Ladies Bible Class of Greater Chicago. He has publicly debated the cause of Christ against false teachers and conducted gospel meetings throughout the United States; as well as two (2) Campaigns for Christ in the Bermuda Islands. Dr. Robert M. Woods has preached the gospel in Nassau, Bahamas, in addition to National, Regional, and Southwestern Christian College lectureships. He is the senior tenured member of the Board of Directors for Southwestern Christian College having served for over fifty-five (55) years; a former adviser for the Midwest Lectureship and Midwest Youth Conference; and a member of the Churches of Christ Annual National Lectureship Executive Committee.

Currently, Dr. Woods serves as Minister Emeritus of the Monroe Street Church of Christ. After the death of his first wife Sister Anna Woods in 1986, Dr. Robert M. Woods married the former Sara Marie Taylor. Today, they reside in the city of Villa Rica, Georgia, the birthplace of Thomas A. Dorsey, the father of gospel music. Because of his continuous commitment to the crux of Christ and the “Living Logos,” a doctorate of Humane Letters was conferred upon him by Southwestern Christian College.

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Dr. Jack Evans, Sr.
International Evangelist
President of Southwestern
Christian College
Terrell, Texas



Dr. Jack Evans, Sr., is a native of Houston, Texas. He was baptized into Christ in 1953 at the age of 15 under the preaching influence of Paul Settles and began preaching at the age of 16. After attending the public schools of Houston for 9 years, he then transferred to Nashville Christian Institute (NCI) in Nashville, Tennessee, of which the eminent Marshall Keeble was President at this time. He graduated from NCI in 1957 and then enrolled in Southwestern Christian College (SWCC), in Terrell, Texas, from which he graduated in 1959. He served as the Associate Minister of the College Church of Christ while attending Southwestern.

After graduating from SWCC, Jack Evans Sr., enrolled in Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, New Mexico, majoring in History and Religion. He graduated from this university in 1961. He preached for a small congregation in Hale Center, Texas, while attending college in New Mexico. Upon graduation, Dr. Evans began graduate work in 1961, in History and English at the University of Texas in El Paso, Texas.

In the year 1963, Evans received his Master of Arts degree. His unpublished thesis was entitled: *"The History of Southwestern Christian College of Terrell, Texas."* He was the Minister of the Cebada Street Church of Christ in El Paso while attending graduate school and he has had conferred upon him the Doctor of Laws (LL.D.) degrees by Harding University, Pepperdine University, and Abilene Christian University.

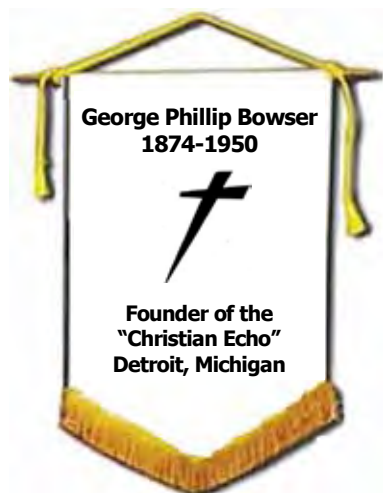
Dr. Evans became Dean of SWCC in 1963. He served in this capacity and as an instructor in History for a period of four (4) years. In 1967, he was appointed President of Southwestern Christian College; thus becoming the first African American president of the only predominantly black Christian College among the churches of Christ. He is presently serving in this capacity. Southwestern Christian College became fully accredited under his administration in 1973. He is listed in the "Who's Who in American College and University Administration" and "Who's Who in Texas Today." He is also a member of the Board of Directors of David Lipscomb University.

Dr. Jack Evans, Sr., has been a featured speaker on virtually every major lectureship hosted by Christian colleges and in special seminars/meetings on other college campuses. He conducts gospel meetings and Crusades for churches of Christ throughout the nation and has participated in a number of religious debates. In the year 1981, Evans became the keynote speaker for the biennial National Crusade for Christ.

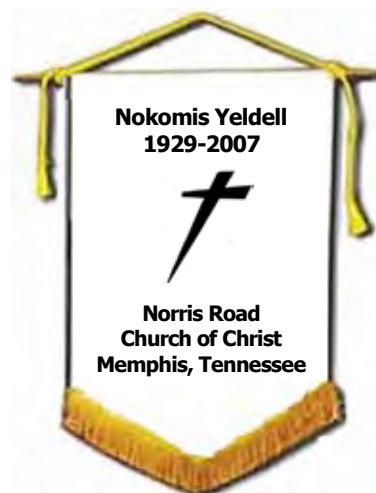
He is the author/editor of the *Evans-Barr Debate*, *The Curing of Ham*, *The Cross or the Crescent*, *Sermons That Save*, and *Sinai or Zion? The Two Covenants*. He has co-authored with Dr. James Maxell, Vice-President of Southwestern Christian College, on *Divorce and Remarriage* and with Dr. G. P. Holt on *Sermons of the Crusades*.

Dr. Jack Evans, Sr., is married to the former Patricia Officer of Nashville, Tennessee, and they have three (3) sons: Jack Jr., Herbert Raye and David Paul. They have two (2) grandsons: Jack Evans III and Brandon Jamal; and two (2) granddaughters: DaJanette and Dominique.

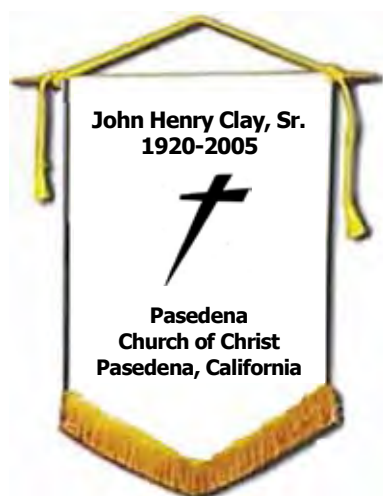
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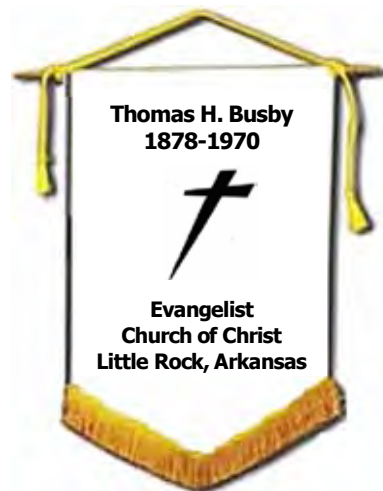
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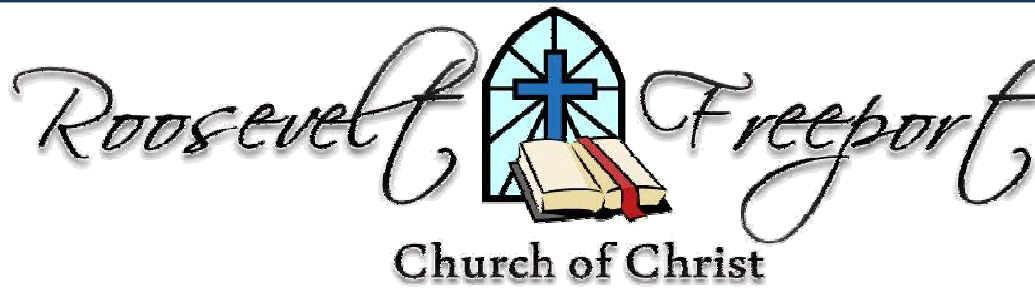


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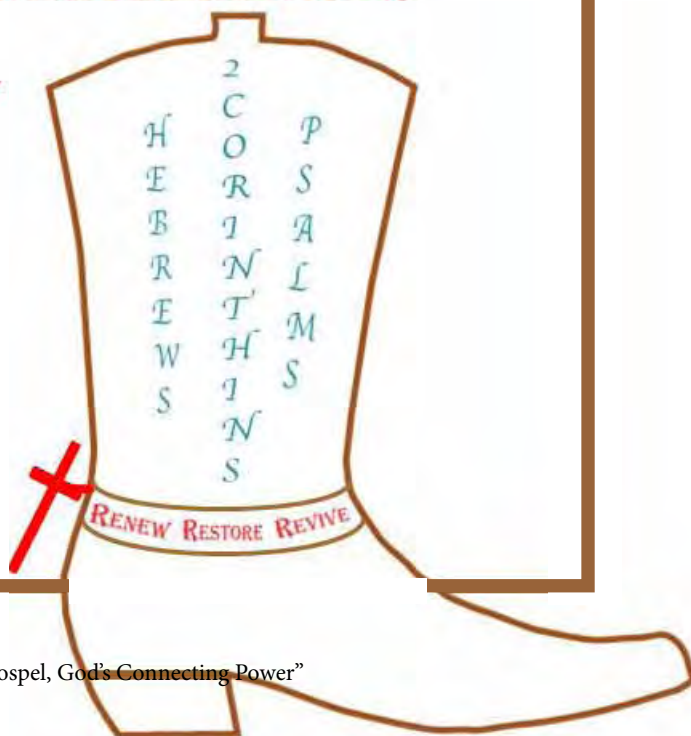
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