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CELEBRATING 100 YEARS!

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FROM OUR PASTOR: Happy Centennial to Our Miles Chapel Family!

As we prepare to conclude the 1st quarter of 2017, I want to extend to all of our church family a Happy Centennial Celebration! God has blessed Miles Chapel Baptist Church and entrusted to us with the opportunity to minister His word to this community for the past 100 years. Some may wonder why this is significant. In 2015 alone, it is estimated that over 10,000 churches closed their doors. That is just a single year! And God has allowed us to stand the test of time and reach the 100 year mark. It is not because we are perfect, nor that we get it right all of the time; but I believe Miles Chapel has been blessed to be lovers of people. John 13:35 declares that "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." I believe one of our preserving factors is the love we have for God, each other and those that we meet from day to day. To that end, I pray that you all will take the opportunity to celebrate our centennial by being a part of the scheduled events of the year that will cast our focus on remembering from where the Lord has brought us and to take a quick peek into the future that God has prepared for us. Let's get excited about the blessing that we now celebrate, thank God for all He has done for us and continue to Love as God has commanded us!

Reverend Scottie F. Torain

IN THE 100TH YEAR OF OUR CHURCH

THE GOSPEL CHOIR CELEBRATES IT'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY!



The Gospel Choir celebrated 50 years of singing on Sunday, February 19th at 2:30 pm. Local and out-of-town choirs came to help us celebrate. Sisters Cassandra Snipes and Patricia Garnes were recognized as charter members. Extra seating had to be brought in for the overflow of support. The Holy Spirit filled the place. Thank you Miles Chapel and everyone attending for all your support.

Sister Roberta Garner, President.

Hats off to our Gospel Choir!! Keep up the Good Work!!

IN THE 100TH YEAR OF OUR CHURCH WE CELEBRATED

BLACK HISTORY MONTH!!



They say a picture is worth a thousand words! So, read the picture story. Min. Hester opened the service, Sis. Cynthia Hall was our MC, Min. Jeffers read our scripture, Yours truly did Listen Lord by J. Johnson for prayer, Sis. Olivia Garner and the gang sang old songs, Sis. Corrine White led one of the old congregation songs, Sis. Annie Whitsett sang like Rosetta Thorpe, Dr. Carolyn Vincent was our speaker, Bro. Rollins Chavis and the gang did the skit "Fulfillment", Misses Peyton Kimber, Yazmine Arthur, and Daira Arthur presented the Black Museum. The program was enjoyable, informative and very uplifting. All the food was good with the exception of my "new" dish, Hopping John or something; next time I'll stick to Pinto Beans. Lol

I must say, I was awestruck with the participation on the program, the church kitchen committee, the individuals who brought food, the individuals who dressed in "old time" attire and African attire; we had bib overalls and you name it. I don't like to personalize because you can't mention everybody; but I was blown away when Sister Margaret Baker called me and told me she was fixing three dishes including Pig Feet, and I have witnesses that said she knows how to do 'em. Thanks to Minister Hester's comments earlier, we had an abundance of pig feet; I guess they wanted to make sure she got some. Only one problem, I had my mouth set for Fried Fat Back, nobody brought any. So you know what I'm going to do, soon after the fast is over, I'm going to fix a Fat Back Breakfast with Hot Biscuits, Molasses, etc. If you want to join me let me know, and I'll tell you when it will happen.

The Editor

Booker T. Washington and W.E.B. Dubois
By Dudley Randall

"It seems to me," said Booker T.,
"It shows a mighty lot of cheek
To study chemistry and Greek
When Mister Charlie needs a hand
To hoe the cotton on his land,
And when Miss Ann looks for a cook,
Why stick your nose inside a book?"

"I don't agree," said W.E.B.
"If I should have the drive to seek
Knowledge of chemistry or Greek,
I'll do it. Charles and Miss can look,
Another place for hand or cook,
Some men rejoice in skill of hand,
And some in cultivating land,
But there are others who maintain
The right to cultivate the brain."

"It seems to me," said Booker T.,
"That all you folks have missed the boat
Who shout about the right to vote,
And spend vain days and sleepless nights
In uproar over civil rights.
Just keep your mouths shut, do not grouse,
But work, and save, and buy a house."
"I don't agree," said W.E.B.
"For what can property avail?
If dignity and justice fail?
Unless you help to make the laws,
They'll steal your house with trumped-up clause.
A rope's as tight, a fire as hot,
No matter how much cash you've got.
Speak soft, and try your little plan,
But as for me, I'll be a man."

"It seems to me," said Booker T.,
"I don't agree,"

Charlotte Black Heritage Tour Train Trip

The Lord blessed us with a beautiful day! We had 49 travelers. The train was on time going and coming. For many of us it was our first train travel adventure. The Queen City Tours bus picked us up and dropped us back off at the train station. The tour included Slave Cemetery/Uptown, Billy Graham Library [Tour + Lunch], MLK Statue/Marshall Park the Bank of America stadium and more. Thanks for all the donations and generosity you provided to us in helping us making this trip possible.



Youth Valentine Etiquette Soiree 2017

This annual event was attended by 14 well-dressed youth prepared for an evening of elegance. The evening began with the reminder of God's love for us as found in John 3:16. The youth was treated to a four course meal (appetizer, salad, entrée and dessert). The first visitors to our Valentine Candy buffet were determined by the winners of Spin the Wheel game which followed dinner. We ended the night with some smooth moves on the dance floor.

Sister Cynthia Hall, Youth Director

Women's Invitation Bible Study Group

Have you ever wondered if God was listening to your prayers? A group of about fifteen women from Miles Chapel have embarked upon a book and Bible study that demonstrates God's love and His desire to communicate with us through prayer. In fact, He daily gives us an invitation to "...come boldly to the throne of grace." Using the books, *The Invitation and Grace for the Journey* by Sarah Bush, the ladies have joined in lively discussions and expert-ended opportunities to journal their thoughts and prayers. We were pleased to welcome the author to conduct the

first session on Jan 21, 2017. She emphasized the importance of accepting God's invitation and using journaling to show our acceptance of His call. Since then, the ladies have met every other week to share their



thoughts on chapters such as, "The Covenant Promises", "God's Word with Us", and "Enter Through the Door of Faith". Initially the members of the Women's Ministry facilitated (led) the dis-

ussions. Since then, different ladies in the Bible Study have stepped up and volunteered to lead and facilitate the chapters. We are enjoying this time of fellowship as we learn more about God's Word and His heart for us. The final session will be held on April 29th.

Sister Zelma Crisp, President

CELEBRATING THE 19TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MILES CHAPEL MALE CHORUS!

On Saturday evening, March 18, 2017 at 5:00 pm., the Male Chorus celebrated nineteen years of singing God's praises. They led off with a grand march, sporting black suits, yellow shirts, bow ties, handkerchiefs and boutonnieres. They were sharp, a fact that one



of their spokespersons was not to modest to mention. A first was the fact that our Pastor sang with the men, he got them off to a fine start leading "Lean On Me". Their president, Brother Hosea McBroom, thanks God and the wives of the men and the members of Miles Chapel for their continued support. To God be the Glory!

CELEBRATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MILES CHAPEL USHER BOARD!

On Sunday, March 5, 2017 at 3:00 pm., the Usher Board of Miles Chapel celebrated their 75th Anniversary. With the help of our longest attending member, Sister Doris Wilkins, the Usher Board president, Sister Alicia Corbett-Urquhart was able to track the years back to 1942. Many members have



come and gone over the years; they now boast of a full staff, who serve the church faithfully on every occasion where their services are needed. The speaker for the occasion was Bishop Hanes of The Greater Canaan Baptist Church and his choir rendered music. Ushers

from area churches came to help us celebrate. The program was enjoyed by all who attended as the speaker expounded the Word of God and the Choir sang gloriously!

DEDICATION SERVICE FOR JORDYN AYANA VINCENT!

On Sunday, March 19, 2017, Jordyn, the daughter of Deacon Mark Vincent, Jr. and Dr. Carolyn Johnson Vincent was dedicated back to the Lord. The service was beautiful with spirited prayers from the father, the grandfa-



ther and Pastor Torain. Our Pastor charged the whole church family to assist in the bringing up of Jordyn in a Godly manner. Special attendees were Godparents, her sister, grandparents and dedicated friends.

CELEBRATING ONE HUNDRED YEARS! HALLELUJAH!