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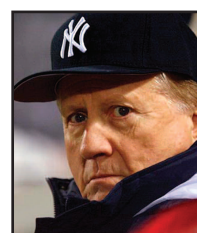
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ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA

YMCA Of Greater St. Petersburg Announces New Executive Director



Deborah Figgs-Sanders

ST. PETERSBURG - The YMCA of Greater St. Petersburg is very pleased to announce Deborah Figgs-Sanders as the Executive Director for the Childs Park YMCA, located at 691 43rd St. S., in St. Petersburg.

Deborah Figgs-Sanders, a lifelong resident of St. Petersburg, brings more than 20 years of experience in community outreach, strategic planning, staff and volunteer management, as well as marketing and fundraising. Prior to joining the YMCA, Figgs-Sanders worked as the Business Manager for Power Broker Magazine and assisted with her family-owned business, Supreme Heating & Cooling.

She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Information Systems from Florida A&M University and received a Masters of Business Administration from the University of Phoenix. In addition to her broad range of experience and education, she serves on several boards, civic and community organizations and volunteers countless hours to youth and community service.

The Childs Park YMCA offers a variety of programs and services for people of all ages. For more information regarding the Childs Park YMCA please call 727-209-9622 or visit our website at www.stpeteymca.org.

In First Speech To NAACP Convention, Chairman Brock Debunks Post-Racial Myth

BY HAZEL TRICE EDNEY
NNPA EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

WASHINGTON(NNPA) - In her first speech as chair of the largest and oldest civil rights organization in the U. S., Roslyn M. Brock, the youngest ever chair of the NAACP, envisioned the "browning of America" this week while debunking persistent myths of a so-called "post-racial" society.

"We are proud to have an American of African descent in the White House. However, the historic election of President Barack Obama did not miraculously transform race relations; end racial profiling; hate crimes; or intolerance in America," Brock told a packed audience of NAACP delegates, sponsors and supporters in Kansas City Sunday evening. "Contrary to popular belief, we do not live in a post racial society. America must be commended for significant race progress, but we are not there yet. When you consider rising hate crimes and resurgence of the tea party movement along with conservative ideologues who seek to turn back the clock on civil rights gains, there is still much more work to be done."

Though not as tart as her predecessor, Julian Bond, whose speeches were often punctuated with unflattering descriptions of the Bush Administration such as "snake oil" and "the Taliban",

Brock's words were equally as strong. Her prepared text exuded remarkable vision and consciousness as she pointed out racial progress and in the same breath racial stagnation.

"Today's civil and human rights challenges are far different from those faced by our predecessors. Yes, we can ... drink at public water fountains, but the drinking water in our homes may not be safe because of lead toxins;

"Yes, we can ... move into sprawling multi-million dollar homes in the suburbs, but the terms of our mortgages differ from our neighbors;

"Yes, we can ... send our children to public schools, but in some states the text books they read are 20 years old and school boards have decided to rewrite history by removing all references to slavery and its devastating impact on our society.

"Yes, we can ... be treated at hospital emergency rooms, but often there are huge gaps and disparities in the quality of care we receive, which contributes to higher rates of diabetes, heart disease and other chronic conditions," she said.

She appealed to the audience to recommit to the mission of making "hope more appealing and despair less convincing in a nation where urban centers are collapsing under the weight of inadequate health care; lack of affordable housing and massive



Photo courtesy of NNPA

NAACP Chairman Roslyn Brock

home foreclosures; high infant mortality; declining public school systems; uneven distribution of wealth; limited economic resources; double digit unemployment; extreme violence with black on black crime and an exploding prison population."

Brock is 45, born in 1965, but

she is no fledgling civil rights leader.

As she aptly pointed out, she became a member of the youth and college division of the NAACP as a college freshman in

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Breaking Free By Faith Outreach Ministry Celebrates Six Fruitful Years

ST PETERSBURG - On Saturday, July 10th Breaking Free By Faith Outreach Ministry, located at 1701 18th Avenue South, celebrated six years of service. The event was held at the Hospice of The Florida Sun Coast with Dr. R. W. Merthie as keynote speaker and special guest the Honorable Mayor Bill Foster who read a Proclamation from the City of St. Petersburg and declared the day as Breaking Free Ministry Day.

In June 2003, Ernest and Dr. Clarissa James founded the faith-based, inner city and not for profit organization, Breaking Free by Faith Outreach Ministries, to serve the homeless due to issues related to substance abuse, domestic violence, mental health and ex-offenders. The

couple embraces people in these circumstances by sharing the power of God and their personal testimonies. In addition, they provide transitional-housing for people who are transitioning back into society and working towards self-sufficiency.

"The ministry has assisted hundreds of people over the last six years and helped relieve the shortage of affordable housing for people in Pinellas, Marion and Hillsborough counties," Dr. James expressed.

The Ministry has recently opened a transitional housing program for female ex-offenders in Marion County thanks to their relationships

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From left to right, Dr. R. W. Merthie, Mayor Bill Foster, Dr. Clarissa James and Ernest James



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- To be without history is to live without roots or a past, with the present having no real foundation, and very little meaning for the future.
- To know the events of our past (can help us) to know what future events can be.
- *The Weekly Challenger* is committed to featuring articles of all ethnic cultures for the reading enjoyment of both the young and old generations.

OPINION

6 Months On...



BY NICOLE C. LEE
NNPA
COLUMNIST

(NNPA) - In 37 seconds on January 12 quality of life in Haiti went from dire to catastrophic. In the days and weeks after the 7.0 earthquake, Haiti was promised billions in aid and reconstruction. Money, food donations, and consummate international cooperation were assured. However both the scope of the disaster and existing bureaucratic structures hampered the emergency efforts from being Haitian-led. I have travelled to Haiti often since the quake. Each time, I am more shocked by the extreme devastation. Many Haitians I've met have observed, "the earthquake was a natural disaster; now we're dealing with a man-made disaster."

Nothing could be truer. It has been widely reported that enough money has been raised for each household affected by the earthquake to receive \$37,000.00. Yet relief efforts remain anemic and overly bureaucratic. Large charitable organizations that spent the better part of this year advertising the success of their aid work are now compelled to defend their incapacities on the ground and the low percentage of funds actually used for relief efforts. Like the controversy after Katrina, despite all the promises of support, the international community remains unaccountable to expectations and victims' needs. Five minutes away from the airport, families do not have access to

clean water or food. Where is the money? This question should resound all over the international community and should be levied against sectors of governments to non-profits. This week The Financial Times reported that only two percent of the USD\$5.3 billion in short-term aid pledged by the international community has been sent to Haiti. Two percent of what was pledged! I can't imagine what the percentage is of how much Haiti will actually require for rebuilding. In answer to the question, "where is the money?" many of the largest aid groups respond that they need to save their dollars for reconstruction or even for other disasters. This last minute bait and switch illustrates the cynicism underlining our system of aid. Many donors were just regular people, who saw the situation on television and cared enough to send their hard earned money to charities who advertised that they were the best poised to help. In the midst of an economic recession, for many this was quite a deliberate gesture. It's estimated that as high as 50 percent of Americans gave to various relief efforts. They believed that advertised charities would turn their \$10 or \$25 into an immediate tangible result. Hypocritically, a number of the same charities who received this money frankly cannot be found stationed or even working in the quake affected areas except when junkets come to appraise their work. But it goes farther then just

unfilled pledges and charities pocketing donations for their rainy day fund. The system of aid in place in Haiti which under-sell local farmers and ensures that Haitian community organizations cannot participate in any consequential manner. The very organizations that understand the intricacies of Haitian society and can assess the needs on the ground. It is even commonplace for Haitians and in turn their organizations to be excluded from meetings where aid decisions are made. It is routine for those same people to require a foreign, in many cases white escort, to even be able to access the United Nations Logistics base where many of these meetings are held. Six months in, this type of racist runaround exhaust meaningful efforts for relief and recovery. Thankfully, there are small pockets where we see exceptions to this model, Haitian civil society organizations and community members are prioritized and the job of relief effort is robust. We must prepare to change models of aid and development that protect calculated bureaucracies and notions of supremacy. If we do not, we set the stage for a failed reconstruction period in Haiti with the collateral loss of lives and money. Failure will mean continuous human rights violations, wasted resources, national and international corruption, and most importantly, extended suffering and loss for the people of Haiti.

AKA Akademy Students Participate In Power Study Skills Summer Camp



ST. PETERSBURG - Twelve AKA Akademy students, grades 6 – 9, recently completed the Study Skills Summer Camp which was held at Poynter Institute in St. Petersburg. The course focused on the following:

- How the brain learns and strategies for improving memory
- The master notebook system to organize school materials
- Test preparation and test taking strategies
- How to increase reading comprehension

The Camp instructor, Susan Santucci is a Harvard graduate and author with over 20 years of teaching experience.

Community Health Centers Of Pinellas Hosts Back To School Health Fairs

Free School Physicals and FREE Backpacks

ST. PETERSBURG - Community Health Centers of Pinellas announces that it will host Back to School Health Fairs August 7th and 14th at four of the centers around the county. Physicians and nurses will offer free school physicals and students will be given backpacks, while supplies last. For more information, contact Community Health Centers of Pinellas at 727-824-8100. The schedule is as follows:

- Johnnie Ruth Clarke Health Center, 1344 22nd Street South, St. Petersburg. August 7, 2010 from 8 a.m. - 12 noon.
- Community Health Center at Tarpon Springs, 247 S. Huey Ave, Tarpon Springs. August 7, 2010 8 a.m. - 12 noon.
- Community Health Center at Pinellas Park, 6237 66th Street, Pinellas Park. August 14, 2010 from 8 a.m. - 12 noon.
- Community Health Center at Clearwater, 1020 Lakeview Road, Clearwater. August 14, 2010 from 8 a.m. - 12 noon.

No appointments are needed - first come, first served.

School District Applies For \$7.5 Million Teacher Incentive Grant

LARGO- Pinellas County Schools has applied for a Teacher Incentive Fund grant (TIF) from the U.S. Department of Education that could bring the district upwards of \$7.5 million over five years to develop a performance-based compensation system for designated principals and their instructional staff. The grant would be implemented in Azalea Middle, Bay Point Middle, John Hopkins Middle and Pinellas Park Middle. All four schools are feeders for the district's lowest-performing high schools, and through the grant, will have an enhanced opportunity to recruit and retain highly qualified teachers. These target schools were also selected because they are participating in a district pilot program for a new appraisal instrument which includes the use of student achievement data as one of several evaluation tools. Principals from the four schools signed letters of commitment that were included in the grant application. They are excited about the ability to compensate teachers for demonstrating effectiveness in improving student achievement and assuming additional leadership responsibilities, including tutoring students beyond their contract, mentoring students or becoming a master teacher. The focus of the Pinellas County Schools' application is to implement a performance-based compensation system that includes the TIF five core elements: communication, transparency, stakeholder support, data management systems and professional development. The district will spend the first year of the five-year grant period developing these elements in conjunction with efforts that are already underway. Beginning in year two, teachers and administrators participating in the plan could receive incentive payments ranging from \$1,000 to \$9,000 annually based on their results from the new appraisal process. The district should learn in October if it will be among 40 to 80 school districts nationwide that will share an estimated \$437 million in federal funds. For more information, contact Jan Urbanski, director, special projects, (727) 588-6000, ext. 6299.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc, St. Petersburg Alumni Chapter Inducts New Chapter Officers



From Left to Right: Chester Johnson, LaShante Keys, Justin Clarke, O'Dell Newton, Mardi Kimes, Carlmon Justin Jones, Eddie Jackson Jr., Frederick Porter, Michael Clarke

ST. PETERSBURG - St. Petersburg Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. installed new chapter officers at the end of their last regular chapter meeting. Outgoing Vice Polemarch Carlmon Justin Jones was elected to chapter Polemarch. Jones succeeded outgoing Polemarch, Dr. Charlie Colquitt, who was the chapter Polemarch for the past two years.

Frederick Porter was elected Vice Polemarch. Michael Clarke will remain Keeper of Records. Eddie Jackson Jr. will remain Keeper of Exchequer. Mardi Kimes was appointed Strategus. O'Dell Newton was appointed Lt. Strategus. Justin Clarke will be the new Assistant Keeper of Records.

The Board of Directors are: Charlie Colquitt, LaShante Keys,

and Chester Johnson.

St. Petersburg Alumni Chapter was voted by the Fraternity's Southern Province as its Mid Chapter of the Year in 2007. "This chapter's goal is to continue to be visible in the community in all positive aspects," Jones said. "We have a strong team of brothers that will assist us in our aim."

Foreclosure Fraud Seminar Scheduled In St. Petersburg

ST. PETERSBURG -With more than 33,000 active foreclosure cases in the Pinellas-Pasco court system, foreclosure fraud has become a real problem in Pinellas County. Unscrupulous individuals prey upon those who are in the process of losing their homes, promising relief, but providing few tangible results.

Pinellas County's Department of Justice and Consumer Services recently received a \$100,000 federal grant to fight foreclosure fraud. The grant was provided through the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act.

A Foreclosure Fraud Prevention Team has been formed with the Department of Justice and Consumer Services as project coordinator, along with Pinellas County Community Development, St. Petersburg Neighborhood Housing Services, Tampa Bay Community Development

Corporation, Gulfcoast Legal Services, the Pinellas-Pasco Area Agency on Aging and the Community Law Program.

The third of four seminars alerting consumers to the perils of foreclosure fraud, and offering direct assistance referrals for those who have either fallen behind in their mortgage payments, or anticipate missing payments in the future is being held in July in St. Petersburg.

Foreclosure Fraud Prevention Seminar:

Saturday, July 24, 2010 at Enoch Davis Center, 1111 18th Ave S., St. Petersburg.

Counselors will be available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Homeowners can get more information on this and other upcoming foreclosure fraud prevention seminars by calling the Pinellas County Department of Justice and Consumer Services at (727) 464-6200.

464-6200.

More information on assistance provided as a result of the grant can be found by visiting this website: www.pinellascounty.org/foreclosure.

Pinellas County programs are open to all persons regardless of gender, race, nationality, ethnicity, age, creed or disability. Persons with disabilities should contact (727) 464-6200 at least ten working days before the event so that proper consideration can be given to the request.

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Tampa Bay Rays Baseball Foundation Ensure Hope Is Restored To The 100 Kids Of The Boys & Girls Club Of The Suncoast

CLEARWATER - Over the 4th of July weekend, the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Suncoast's North Greenwood Club was broken into. The criminal stole all of the computers, televisions, a Wii system, and games. The criminal even stooped as low as to

pilfer the children's afternoon snacks. The Boys & Girls Club of the Suncoast is determined not to let it ruin these underprivileged children's summer, and so are the Tampa Bay Rays.

After the Boys & Girls Club called on the community to help,

the Tampa Bay Rays Baseball Foundation stepped up to the plate. Team officials will present a check for \$5,000 to the organization. This is very generous and hopefully the first of many other donations to the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Suncoast.

The Boys & Girls Club is planning on getting a security system to ensure their space and the children's safety.

The North Greenwood neighborhood in Clearwater has been plagued with crime issues and poverty. However, many community

organizations are hard at work alleviating these issues. Through their persistence and courage during such moments as this weekend's incident, they are able to accomplish the positive change so desperately needed.

The Boys & Girls Clubs

of the Suncoast asking the community to continue to help. Donations can be made through Boys & Girls Clubs of the Suncoast website www.bgcsuncoast.org or by calling Carla Mattern at (727)-524-2427, x17. Cash donations are best.

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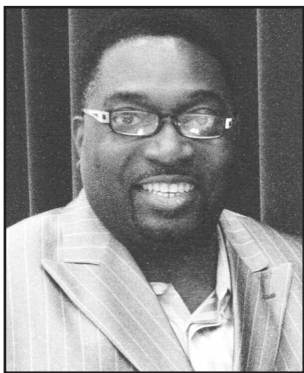
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COMMUNITY NEWS



OUT & ABOUT
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Women Making A Mark In The Community: The Naomi Project

I had an aunt named Naomi. She was my favorite aunt. However, I never new the significance or the importance of her name and its meaning until I became an adult. In the Bible, Naomi, was the wife of a Jew named Elimelech, who left his own city of Bethlehem to go into the land of Moab, because there was a famine in Canaan. Some time afterwards he died, leaving Naomi a widow with two sons, all dwellers in a strange land. Her sons married two young women belonging to Moab, whose names were Orpah and Ruth. After living there about ten years Naomi's sons died also, leaving Orpah and Ruth widows, along with their widowed mother-in-law. Then Naomi determined to return to her own land. Orpah and Ruth accompanied Naomi some distance on her journey; then she bade them to leave her, telling each to go back to her mother's house in Moab, while she would pursue her way alone to the land of Judah.

A group of powerful women picked up this story and recognized the strength and great leadership of Naomi and thus evolved the Naomi Project. Founder and President Mrs. Brenda Garrett was laid off from her job. This was during the time when jobs were very hard to find and people were loosing their homes, etc. She had always taught women's bible studies and a group of ladies along with Mrs. Waters began a women's bible study. Hearing the clarion call, she knew immediately that this bible study group would be different, more than just study and that God wanted more than just a meeting. She knew it was time for the group to put into practice what they had been studying about for many years.

It was very evident to Mrs. Garrett that people in the community were suffering but the suffering seemed to be more than usual. The group decided to do what they could for people who could not do for themselves.

The Naomi Project has 3 components. First to show love and support of other women by sharing personal experiences and skills to help the next person. Second to weed out jealousy, distrust, anger and any negativity that will hinder people from showing and experiencing God's love for one another. The group spreads love, expertise, and resources in assisting those in need. The group's aim is to help anyone, anytime, and in anyway as long as they have the means. Lastly, allow girls 12 and up to share in the experience of giving back to people and the community. The project consist of males and females of all ages and partnered with 8 organizations that are community driven. The Naomi Project hosted an exceptional event on June 26, 2010 at YWCA USF Family Village This facility provides daycare, emergency shelter, and transitional housing for struggling families. Part two of the project is tentatively scheduled for September. The Naomi Project operates solely on in-kind donations and would appreciate any help in providing additional volunteers and items or resources necessary for the day projects success. For more information or donations you may call 727-515-0213 or email at mrsg42.1@juno.com.

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with Florida State prisons such as Lowell Correctional institution (LCI). This facility name is "The House of Ruth Women in Transition (WIT)" in honor of Dr Willie "Ruth" Merthie.

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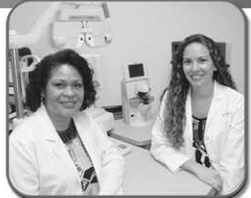
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Juneteenth Festival Highlighted With Jazz

This year, “Freedom Day” or “Juneteenth” was very special, because the festival occurred on the actual anniversary of the day events took place giving us a reason to celebrate. Happening more than two years after President Abraham Lincoln had signed the Emancipation Proclamation, news that the Civil War had ended and slaves were free finally reached Galveston, Texas on June 19, 1865. Faye Dowdell is worthy of acclaim because of her tireless effort in coordinating the fourth consecutive outstanding Juneteenth Festival in Campbell Park.

Saturday’s program began with prayer and festival attendees singing “Lift Every Voice and Sing” and with a reading of the order received on that extraordinary day in 1865. Wonderful performances were given by: Gospel group Haiti’s Sound of Praise; Mount Zion Progressive Missionary Baptist Church drumline and color guard; and vocalist Lady Soul brought her own unique rendering of R&B, jazz and Neo-Soul.

It was apropos that the day was highlighted with a very entertaining jazz segment. Most jazz lovers realize that jazz is one of our oldest and most distinguished musical styles. Tracing its history back to early ragtime and blues, jazz has been a part of a proud African-American tradition for more than 100 years. For only the second time on any stage in St. Petersburg, the Jazz Futures, a group of eight extremely talented young musicians destined to become the “makers and shakers” of tomorrow, entertained the crowd.

Jazz Futures personnel ranged from 16 to 28 years old and their instruments consisted of the standard rhythm section of keyboards, bass and drums, but also included trombone, two alto saxophones, two tenor saxophones, and a trumpet. Upright bass player, Jennifer Medina, is the only female in the group, and she supported the band’s improvisations with a solid

cadenced foundation of chords. Eighteen-year-old drummer Rodney Rocques and 23-year-old trumpeter, Caleb Joseph, seemed to have a special connection while performing.

Then there were the two 16-year-old tenor saxophonists Jordan Richardson and Khalani Thompson who held the music’s harmonic structure basic and interesting, keeping their solos in line and not venturing too far “out-of-the-box.” On alto sax and keyboards, St. Petersburg’s own 17-year-old Jerrad Armstrong, started the set with a beautiful rendition of “America, the Beautiful.” He also doubled on keyboards. Not to be outdone by any of his musical partners 17-year-old trombonist, Tyler Wertman, seemed to take it all in stride bringing his own unique sound boldly to the front of the pack.

Finally, as the group’s overseer and old man of the band, 28-year-old Nalisio Taveras on alto (ala Sonny Stitt) occasionally pushed the larger tenor horns to smoldering tempos. It was his experienced playing that seemed to keep the band structured and unified.

It was evident that there was a lot of musical information packed into Jazz Futures’ musical selections, and it’s difficult to comprehend that there’s more to come from the group in the future. Personally, I can’t wait until the next time that I see and hear them perform. Check them out ... you’ll see what I mean.

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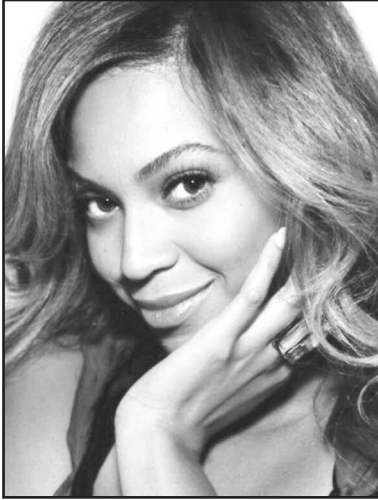
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Beyoncé Knowles

Beyoncé Giselle Knowles (born September 4, 1981), often known simply as Beyoncé, is an American R&B recording artist, actress and fashion model. Born and raised in Houston, Texas, she enrolled in various performing arts schools and was first exposed to singing and dancing competitions as a child. Knowles rose to fame in the late 1990s as the lead singer of the R&B girl group Destiny’s Child, one of the world’s best-selling girl groups of all time.

During the hiatus of Destiny’s Child, Knowles released her debut solo album “Dangerously in Love” (2003), which spawned

the number one hits “Crazy in Love” and “Baby Boy” and became one of the most successful albums of that year, earning her a then record-tying five Grammy Awards. Following the group’s disbandment in 2005, Knowles released “B’Day” in 2006. It debuted at number one on the Billboard charts and included the hits “Déjà Vu,” “Irreplaceable” and “Beautiful Liar.” Her third solo album “I Am... Sasha Fierce,” released in November 2008, included the anthemic “Single Ladies (Put a Ring on It).” The album and its singles earned her six Grammy Awards, breaking the record for most Grammy Awards won by a female artist in one night. Knowles is one of the most honored artists by the Grammys with 16 awards 13 as a solo artist and three as a member of Destiny’s Child.

Knowles led the 52nd Grammy Awards, receiving 10 nominations, including Album of the Year for “I Am... Sasha

Fierce,” Record of the Year for “Halo,” and Song of the Year for “Single Ladies (Put a Ring on It).” Her other two nominations, Best Traditional R&B Vocal Performance for “At Last” and Best Song Written for a Motion Picture, Television or Other Visual Media for “Once in a Lifetime” from Cadillac Records (2009), tied her with Lauryn Hill for most Grammy nominations in a single year by a female artist. She ultimately set the record for the most Grammy awards won on a single night by a female artist on January 31, 2010, when she took home six awards from her ten nominations: she won the awards for Song of the Year, Best R&B Song, and Best Female R&B Vocal Performance for “Single Ladies (Put a Ring on It),” Best Female Pop Vocal Performance for “Halo,” Best Contemporary R&B Album for “I Am... Sasha Fierce” and Best Traditional R&B Vocal Performance for “At Last.”

NAACP

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1984. She said that her election as chair last year along with the selection of 37-year-old Benjamin Todd Jealous nearly two years ago, “signals the passing of the baton to the next generation of civil rights leaders who will become the ‘New Frontline’ for social justice advocacy in our nation.”

But, without mentors and trailblazers, the fire would be difficult to maintain, she indicated, crediting family and friends and key board members including Bond, former NAACP Chair Myrlie Evers-Williams and the late NAACP icon Benjamin Lawson Hooks and civil rights icon Dorothy I. Height for their love and support. While frequently referring to struggles of the past, Brock remained focused on the future:

“In 1927, one of our founders, Ida B. Wells-Barnett, stated, “We must never lose sight of the preservation of our liberties.” As she made these remarks, she surveyed a growing national

current of racial hostility and division. It was a time of great successes and setbacks; and a time of great political accomplishment and promise.

“Today, we face a similar period of political and social change – a period that presents us with both a host of challenges and opportunities. Much of the conversation emerging around change in America’s landscape center on hot button political issues like the size and scope of government; states’ rights; higher tax rates; health care reform; illegal immigration; environmental protections; and rising crime and violence. There is an additional issue that I refer to as the “browning of America.”

With that, Brock listed a string of statistics showing how in just a few decades, white people will no longer dominate America’s racial fabric.

- Three out of 10 people in this country are people of color.
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In its 101st year, these statics mean a heightening need for the NAACP in shaping the nation’s legislative policies critical to preparing America for what some may deem her “rendezvous with destiny.”

Brock concluded, “The silence in America has been deafening as individuals who feel locked out of a prosperous society repeatedly ask the question ‘is anybody listening ... does anybody care?’”

Citing NAACP conferences and chapters from coast to coast, she declared, “The NAACP cares, and we are concerned about what’s happening not only in the White House but also what’s happening in your house, your house, and your house ... the NAACP is on the job committed to ensuring change that we believed in; change we voted for and most important, change we know must happen in our nation.”

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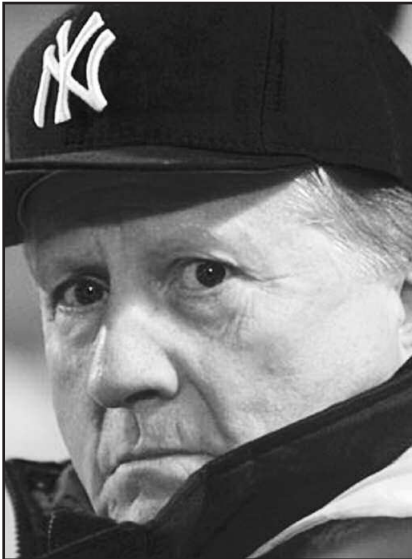
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CHALLENGER SPORTS

Steinbrenner's Legacy More Than Feuds And Bluster



George Steinbrenner

BY TIM DAHLBERG

Owning the New York Yankees, George Steinbrenner liked to say, was a lot like owning the Mona Lisa.

Not that he always treated his team like a piece of fine art. Some of the things "The Boss" did would have wiped the smile right off the famous model's face.

This was a man who belittled players, infuriated fellow owners and drove managers to the depths of despair. Twice he received lengthy bans from baseball, and many in the game would have been happy had it been for good.

Steinbrenner threw money at weak-armed pitchers and changed managers almost as often as he changed ties. He gave "Mr. October" a stage to shine and mocked "Mr. May" when he didn't.

Newsweek featured him on its Aug. 6, 1990, cover when he was suspended from baseball for more than two years as "The Most Hated Man in Baseball." Sports Illustrated put him on its March 1, 1993, cover in his return, dressed as Napoleon and

posing on a white horse.

"The Boss" always seemed larger than life. That might be even more true now that he's dead.

His death, fittingly enough, came on the day of the All-Star game, with the usual complement of Yankees in the American League lineup. It wasn't long before friends and former foes began swapping tales of all things George.

Most, of course, were about the legendary feuds and the clubhouse rants. The times he fired Billy Martin and the times he kept hiring him back.

The phantom punch he claimed he threw at a couple of boisterous Dodger fans at the 1981 World Series.

Even the day at Yankee Stadium when fans erupted in a standing ovation when his suspension from baseball was announced in 1990.

His character became a regular on the most popular comedy show in the country. On "Seinfeld," the actor portraying Steinbrenner once threatened to move the Yankees to New Jersey just to make people mad.

There's so much material his obit could be turned into a book. The book could become a movie.

Lost in it all, though, is this: For all his bluster and all his blunders, Steinbrenner was always a man ahead of his time.

He rescued the pinstripes and restored a once proud franchise to greatness. Not afraid to spend money to make money, he changed forever how baseball did business.

In the process, he probably helped save the game itself.

"His impact on the game cannot be denied," Chicago White Sox owner Jerry Reinsdorf said.

For that alone, today's players should worship at the shrine of Steinbrenner. He was the first to open up the checkbook as free agency exploded, and with each succeeding player the contracts seemed to get bigger and bigger.

The average salary in the major leagues was just \$36,566 when Steinbrenner parlayed a \$186,000 investment into control of the Yankees in 1973. Ten years later it had risen to \$289,194 and a decade after that, players were averaging more than \$1 million a season.

His fellow owners thought he was mad. They couldn't imagine risking their investments on high-priced employees and grumbled that Steinbrenner was ruining the good thing they all enjoyed.

Anger soon turned to envy, though, as the Yankees kept winning and Steinbrenner kept restocking the franchise. Baltimore owner Edward Bennett Williams said in 1982 that the Yankees had so many good players they were stockpiling hitters "like nuclear weapons."

For Steinbrenner, though, it was just good business. The millions he invested in Reggie Jackson early on helped win the Yankees championships and created a legend in "Mr. October." Fans returned to the ballpark they had deserted in leaner years, and the team he and his partners bought for an \$8.7 million net price would become a franchise valued by Forbes at \$1.6 billion today.

Signing with the Yankees carried risk as well as reward because "The Boss" expected his workers to earn their money. Dave Winfield was such a disappointment that Steinbrenner called him "Mr. May," during the 1985 season

and the owner wasn't afraid to let everyone know when his expectations were not being met.

Public humiliation was usually the weapon of choice, and Steinbrenner wielded it sharply. Pitcher Doyle Alexander found that out after signing a four-year, \$2.2 million contract in 1982, then getting hit hard almost every time he took the mound.

After an August loss to the Tigers in which Alexander was shellacked, Steinbrenner issued this statement:

"After what happened tonight I'm having Doyle Alexander flown back to New York to undergo a physical. I'm afraid some of our players might get hurt playing behind him."

Still, the players kept coming. They had no real choice. Steinbrenner was usually first with the checkbook, and his checks always had more zeroes in them than those written by other owners.

The tradition continued even as Steinbrenner grew old and his sons took control of the team. Eight Yankees were on the All-Star team, the team barely lost out last week on a deal to land another starter in Cliff Lee, and the payroll dwarfs everything else in baseball at north of \$200 million.

The team's new home is a towering \$1.5 billion monument to Steinbrenner, the Yankee brand is stronger than ever and any hard feelings Steinbrenner had with anyone from Reggie Jackson to Yogi Berra have long since been resolved.

Most important to the man driven by an insatiable will to win at all costs, though, had to be this:

On the day he died, his beloved Yankees were in first place.

STATE NEWS

House District 57 Candidate, Stacy Frank, Urges House And Senate Leadership To Join Gov. Crist's Call To Convene Special Session

TAMPA - Stacy Frank, candidate for Florida House District 57 (D), is asking Speaker Cretul and Senate President Atwater to support Governor Crist's call to convene a special session banning offshore oil drilling in Florida's waters.

The effect of the Deep Water Horizon disaster on Florida's economy is clear. According to UCF economist Sean Snaith, it is anticipated that the damage caused

by this oil disaster will cost Florida in excess of \$10 Billion in lost revenue.

In support of the call for a special session, Stacy Frank explained, "Florida's tourism revenue is critical to the health of our state's economy. A ban on offshore drilling will send a clear message to the visiting public. Florida is a destination state, and her beaches will remain our state's greatest economic asset. A consti-

tutional amendment banning offshore oil drilling will forever protect Florida's \$65 Billion tourism industry from the special interests in Tallahassee."

Stacy Frank's opposition to oil drilling off Florida's beaches has been steadfast. When Frank entered the House District 57 race last November, she opposed the oil industry's push for legislation allowing offshore oil drilling within three miles of Florida's

beaches.

Stacy Frank will appear on the ballot in November, and is running to bring an independent and experienced voice to Tallahassee. She has practiced law in Tampa for over 25 years and is a successful small business owner. Her father, Richard Frank, is the retired Chief Judge of the Second District Court of Appeal and her mother, Pat Frank, is Hillsborough County Clerk of the Circuit Court.

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Additionally, one Florida BURGER KING® student employee was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. The recipient, Olivia Jones, was selected based on her academic achievements, financial need and community involvement. In addition, she worked for the company for at least one year.

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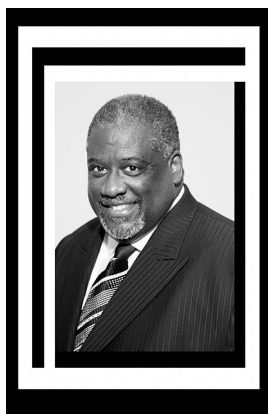
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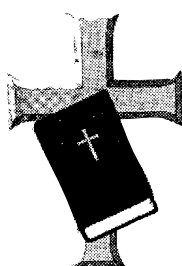
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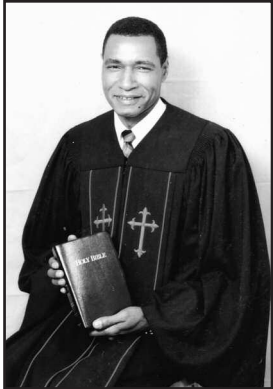
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(727) 896-4356

Elder A.P. Conage, Pastor

8:00 a.m. - Sunday Service
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Morning Service
9:00 a.m. - Tuesday Prayer
7:00 p.m. - Wednesday Bible Study

First Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church

1121 22nd Street South, St. Petersburg, FL 33712
(727) 327-8708



Rev. Wallace Elliott Sr. - Pastor

Sunday Worship Services8:00 and 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School9:30 a.m.
Prayer Meeting (Tuesday)6:00 p.m.
Bible Study (Tuesday)7:00 p.m.
Baptist Training Union (Sunday)4:00 p.m.

“The Little Church Where Everybody Is Somebody”

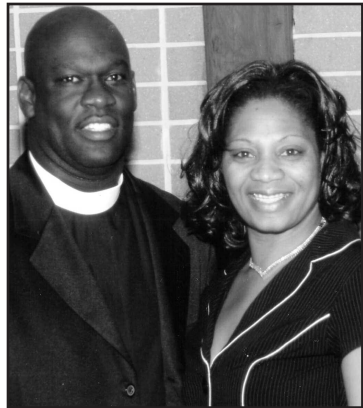


Princess Denise Wright
Radio Host /
TV Personality

*If you are brokenhearted in spirit, unable to forgive, dealing with issues
of love, anger, deception, betrayal, lied and cheated, and kicked to the curb.
Tune into this Radio Ministry weekly for breakthru..*

- ◆ Thursday Nights: 9:15 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. (EST)
Universal Christian Radio; www.universalchristianradio.com
- ◆ Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. (EST)
WXYB (1520 AM Local Radio) • www.wpsa.com (Click WXYB live radio)
- ◆ Sunday Radio Broadcasts
WFAM (Augusta , GA) 11:15 a.m.; WIJD (Mobile , AL)
6:30 p.m. (Tupelo , MS) 7:30 p.m.; WLMR (Chattanooga , TN) 12:15 p.m.

Email: princessdenise.8818@yahoo.com • 727-289-2475
www.mattersoftheheartministry.org



Pastor Michael T. and
Elect Lady Sheila Culbreth

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1818 29th Avenue North
St. Petersburg, Florida
727.898.5571
Sunday Worship
11:30 a.m.



Elder Cedric L. Williams
PASTOR

NEW MT. OLIVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

3001 18th Ave. S. St. Petersburg, Florida 33712
Church 727-327-9904 Fax 727-322-0409

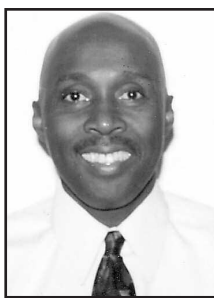
SERVICE SCHEDULE

Church School 9:30 a.m. and Morning Worship 11:00a.m.
Power hour of Prayer Wednesdays from noon to 1:00p.m.
Prayer Meeting/ Bible Study Wednesdays 7:00p.m.— 8:30p.m.
W.W.E. (Wednesday Worship Explosion)
Wednesday after the 1st Sunday monthly

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Victory Christian Center Church



Claude S. Williams, Pastor

3012 18th Avenue South
St. Petersburg, Fla. 33712
(727) 321-0911

www.victorychristiancenterchurch.com

Schedule of Services

Sunday Worship*
10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study* -7:00 p.m.
Friday Prayer -7:00 p.m.
Intercessory Prayer - 9:00 a.m.
(except Wednesdays)

Victory Christian Center is a Word of Faith Church. For more information about the
other services and ministries at Victory Christian Center, please call (727) 321-0911
**Nursery and Youth Services Available*

Saint John Primitive Baptist Church

Elder Benjamin Adams, Jr., Senior Pastor

Church address: 1002 Palmetto Street, Clearwater, FL 33755
Mailing address: P.O. Box 1235, Clearwater, FL 33755
Church Phone: (727) 443-1861 • Fax: (727) 443-0431
Email: sjpbcc@tampabay.rr.com
Radio dial: 1340 AM 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Radio internet: tantalk 1340.com



Elder Benjamin
Adams, Jr.,
Senior Pastor

Scheduled Services:

Church School8:00 a.m.
Early Morning9:30 a.m.
Wed. Mid-week Family Night Bible Study7:00 p.m.

Theme: “Movers of the Christ Purpose”

Edifying the Church; Evangelizing the Community (Acts 1:4-8)

10th Street Church Of God

207 - 10th Street North
St. Petersburg, FL 33705
(727) 898-9407



Rev. Ronald L. Bell
Pastor

Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Evening Prayer6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Night Bible Study.....7:30 p.m.

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what God’s word teaches
is practiced!*



Pastor Minister Tyrone Ford
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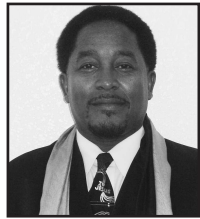
4116 34th Street South
Pinch A Penny Plaza
St. Petersburg, Florida 33711
727-258-4993

Wednesday Night Bible Study7:00 p.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service11:00 a.m.

*Living, Teaching and Preaching the True Gospel
of Jesus Christ, to Save Lost Souls. Come join in with us.*

MOUNT PILGRIM MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

4000 5th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33711 Phone: (727) 321-7375
“Returning God’s People to the Word of God”



Pastor Clark
Hazley, Sr.

Sunday School.....9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday General Worship11:00 a.m.
Communion.....First Sunday
Sunday New Member Orientation.....9:30 a.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday Youth Bible Study7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday Tutoring6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Mission Statement

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as
our Savior; and on the profession of our faith. We the people of God returning to God’s
Word, proclaiming, God’s Will in provoking His love among one another.



Come on and Go with Me, Come on Over to God’s Place!

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Phone (727) 327-0593

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KINGDOM KIDS’ Children’s Church
First through Third Sunday Mornings at 11 a.m.

The Church in Study

Sunday School (for All Ages)
Sunday Mornings at 9:30 a.m.
Thursday Night Triumph (Prayer, Praise & Power)
Thursday Evenings at 6:45 p.m.
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Pastor Marvin Charles
Lue, Jr., M. Div. Shepherd
and Senior Servant

Friendship

Missionary Baptist Church

3300 31st Street South
St. Petersburg, FL 33712
(727) 906-8300
www.fmbctheship.org

vSunday.....7:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Worship
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Monday Morning Meditation WRXB6:45 a.m.
WednesdayNoonday Bible Study and
Bread of Life; 7 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study
Thursday7 p.m. Youth Enrichment



Dr. John A. Evans,
Pastor

*“Serving and Saving
“Helping and
Healing”
“Inspiring and
Instructing”
“Praying and
Praising”*

BETHEL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

OUR PURPOSE IS THE ADVANCEMENT OF GOD’S KINGDOM AND
PROMOTION OF THE SPIRITUAL, MORAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC
WELFARE OF OUR MEMBERS AND COMMUNITY



REVEREND DR. MANUEL SYKES

SERVICES
SUNDAY: 8:00AM AND 10:00AM
WEDNESDAY: 7:00PM

2901 54TH AVE. SOUTH • ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33712
(727) 866-2567

20th Street Church Of Christ

825 20th Street South
St. Petersburg, FL 33712
Home: 896-8006



Bro. Robert Smith

Sunday Morning Worship.....7:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Bible Class.....9:20 a.m.
Sunday Morning Second Worship.....10:40 a.m.
Ladies Bible Class Monday.....7:00 p.m.
Monday Evening Bible Class7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Morning Bible Class10:00 a.m.
Wednesday Evening Bible Class.....7:00 p.m.

PRAYER TOWER CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Elder Clarence Welch, Pastor
Elder Carson Skinner, Assistant Pastor
1137 37th Street South
Saint Petersburg, FL 33711
(727) 321-0670

SERVICES

Sunday Sunday School – 10:30 a.m.
A.M. Service – 11:30 a.m.
YPWW (1st & 3rd Sunday) – 5:30 p.m.
P.M. Service (1st & 3rd Sunday) – 6:30 p.m.
P.M. Service (2nd & 4th Sunday) - 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday Morning Prayer – 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service – 7:30 p.m.
Thursday Bible Study (for all ages) – 7:30 p.m.



CHURCH DIRECTORY

ST. MARK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

1301 - 37th Street South, St. Petersburg, FL
(727) 321-6631 • www.stmarkch.org

Schedule of Services

Church School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Baptist Training Union 5:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting and Bible Study
Thursday 9:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.



Rev. Brian K. Brown

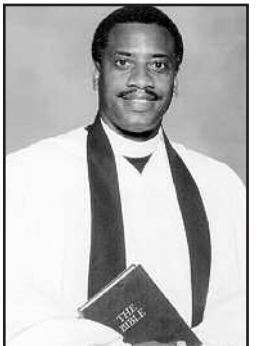
THE ROCK OF JESUS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Church School:9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Devotion:10:00 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.
Praise and Worship:10:20 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship Service:10:30 a.m.
Saints of Prayer each Monday12:00 Noon
Bible Study each Tuesday:6:30 p.m.

Van service is available by calling: (727) 327-0015

THE ROCK OF JESUS IS LOCATED AT:
3940 – 18th AVENUE SOUTH
St. Petersburg, Florida

Telephone: 727-327-0015 • Fax: 727-327-0021
Office Hours: Tuesday and Friday
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.



Rev. Frank W. Peterman, Jr.
Pastor

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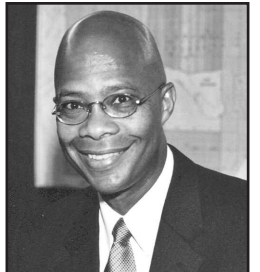
BETHEL METROPOLITAN BAPTIST CHURCH

3455 - 26th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33711

Telephone (727) 327-0554 • Fax (727) 327-0240

E-mail: bchurch5@tampabay.rr.com Web site: www.bmmbc.org

Sunday Worship Service.....10:15 a.m.
Sunday School9:00 a.m.
Teen Summit (Wednesday)7:00 p.m.
Bible Study (Wednesday).....7:00 p.m.



Rev. Rickey L. Houston, Pastor

“God’s House In The City”

CHURCH NEWS

Bethel Metropolitan Baptist Church

Bethel Metropolitan Baptist Church “God’s House in the City” under the leadership of our soldier of the cross, and drum major for justice, Dr Rickey L. Houston, extend an invitation to the community to join us as we communicate Gods’ Word at 10:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. and Bible Study and Teen Summit/Children Rising on Wednesday evening, at 7:00 p.m. Bethel Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church is committed to a Christ-centered, People-centered, Team-centered and Bible-based ministry; with priorities focused on Love, Forgiveness, Unity, Peace and Growth. We

celebrate in worship, we care for one another, we cultivate the fullest spiritual life possible both individually and corporately; and we communicate God’s truth at every opportunity. Living out these priorities results in a kaleidoscope of ministries at Bethel Metropolitan for all ages and interests. We also encourage the community to make use of our Prayer Line 727-321-9645.

The Pastor’s Esteem Ministry is busy making the final plans for our Pastor’s Sixth Anniversary. This celebration and recognition will be observed on Sunday, July 25th during the 10:15 a.m. worship service. The guest preacher

will be Dr. Craig White of Cornerstone Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas. The ministry invites the community and friends to join us in celebrating our love and respect for Pastor Houston’s leadership.

Upcoming Events
August 8th Friends and Family Day 10:15 a.m.

August 8th Back to School Concert 4:00 p.m.

August 21st Women’s Ministry Seminar 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Working as God’s Chosen in 2010” John 15:16, Titus 2:14, I Peter 2:9

Email:bchurch5@tampabay.rr.com

Website: www.bmmbc.org

St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church

The St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church, its pastor, the Reverend Brian K. Brown, its official staff of Deacons and Trustees, and the entire congregation, extends to the community at large, its wish that there would be an overflowing of God’s blessings upon their lives. St. Mark is grounded in a Christ-centered doctrine that has as its central theme, a belief that we are a haven of hope, help, and healing for a world hungering for and thirsting after the enlightened word of God. At St. Mark, we are Christians willing to work and partner in unity, praising God for His awesome gift, His son Jesus Christ.

July Calendar Events

July 19-23 - Progressive M & E Baptist State Congress and Youth Convention.

July 24 - Women’s Bible Study at 4:00 p.m. Don’t miss another great lesson on forgiveness.

Also at St. Mark ...

Sunday School is held for both children and adults of all ages. Sunday School starts each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to come out and join us.

Baptist Training Union is each Sunday at 5:00 p.m. Members and the general public are invited to come out and study the Bible with us and learn “What Baptist Believe.”

Children and Youth Ministry Meetings are held every Monday at 6:00 p.m. Children in the community are welcomed to join us.

Young Adult Ministry every Monday at 6:30 p.m. Topics of interest each Monday night.

Sunday School Teachers’ Meeting is held every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Senior Hour of Power Bible Study is held every Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

Prayer Meeting and Bible Study every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m.

St. Mark after School Tutoring Ministry: Closed for the summer.

DESTINATION GRADUATION: Closed for the summer.

Mt. Zion Progressive Missionary Baptist Church

“Impact the world by equipping believers to reach the lost with the gospel of Jesus Christ.”

Ministry Highlight: Our Mime Ministry is a non-verbal art which uses body movement in order to communicate what words cannot. They perform at church services and throughout the county at various events. This ministry uses the power of movement and gestures to express the Love and Life of Jesus Christ.

Mime originates from the word, “mimesis,” which means to “recreate.” This ancient, graceful art form blesses the congregation as it opens their imagination to see the “Word of God” materialize visibly.

SAVE THE DATE: Our Women’s Ministry invites all women to “Removing the Mask & Becoming a Woman of Excellence” Tuesday, July 27th, 6:30-8:00 p.m. in Youth Chapel, 921 20th Street South.

Mt. Zion’s Summer Casual

Sundays continue. Every Sunday - June through August - we’ll fellowship and praise God at all services in our best casual attire. Visitors are welcome to wear their best casual attire too!

Be sure to tune-in to Pastor Murphy on Praise 1590AM WRXB Saturday mornings at 7:30 a.m. to hear a word from the Lord.

Mt. Zion Progressive Missionary Baptist Church, 955 20th St. S. Phone 727-894-4311. www.mzprogressive.org

Prayer Tower COGIC

Pastor Clarence Welch Celebrates His 46th Pastoral Anniversary...

Mother Cora Savage, Coordinator for the Pastoral Anniversary, and the Prayer Tower Family will be celebrating their Pastor’s 46th Pastoral Anniversary. Our theme for this year is “Lord, Do It Again.” Pastor Welch is an exemplary pastor and has been a blessing to his members and to the community at large. Those of you who know and love Pastor Welch, we would like to take this opportunity to invite you to participate with us during this glorious celebration.

Thursday, July 15th – Bible

Way COGIC, Elder Sylvester Reeves Sr., Pastor, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, July 16th – Macedonia Freewill Baptist Church, Bishop Raymond T. Baker, Pastor, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 18th – Servants United in Christ COGIC, Elder Michael Barnes, Pastor, 11:30 a.m. (Ft. Myers, Florida).

Sunday, July 18th – Elder Samuel Davis, Guest Speaker, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 22nd – East Lake COGIC, Bishop Willie Matheney, 4:30 p.m. (New Port Richey, Florida).

Come one, come all and let us give honor to the Man of God for the service that he has given to his Church Family and Community at large.

His advice to Pastors is “All you need is to be faithful to God and he will supply all your needs according to his riches in glory!”

If you have further questions regarding the service times, please feel free to contact Mother Cora Savage at (727) 898-0043 or Sister Darlina Herring at (727) 418-5908 or email Sister Herring at darlinaherring@gmail.com.

Mt. Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church

The Women of Power Praise and Strength Ministry cordially invite everyone to “\$1 Day Summer Jamm.” A day of fun for all ages: Everything will cost a \$1!!! Food, fun, games, face painting and more!

3-Raffle Drawings: Tampa Christian Book Store, a Shell Gas Card and a Wal-Mart Gift Card.

A free clothes giveaway and free school supplies. Please plan to attend this great event! For additional information contact

Sis. Denita Lowery at 727-480-1498 or Sis. Brittney Daniels at 727-239-2967.

This event will be held on August 14, 2010 from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Mt. Pilgrim, 4000 5th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL., Rev. Clark Hazley Sr., Pastor.

You are invited to attend our
2ND ANNUAL FAMILY & FRIENDS DAY CELEBRATION,
July 17 & 18, 2010 at Historic Bethel A.M.E. Church,
912 Third Avenue North, St. Petersburg • Rev. Ronald E. Williams, Sr. Pastor



Saturday, July 17th at 3:00 p.m., Calendar Months Food Festival

Sunday, July 18th, 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service Guest Speaker will be Minister **Barbara Williams**, (left) Bethel Community Baptist Church, St. Petersburg, Rev. Manuel Sykes, Pastor

Please join us as we celebrate our rich history and God's bountiful blessings.

For more information, please call 822-2089.

Church News due
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