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## Angela Fletcher-Mavros' 'Passion'



Angela Fletcher-Mavros

BY MARLO SCOTT  
Columnist

ST. PETERSBURG — Angela Fletcher-Mavros has been a key player in the Tampa Bay hair scene for decades. From being a stylist in her mother's home salon to holding sold out hair and fashion shows at the Coliseum, she's definitely in the top five of the who's who in hair in the bay area.

Her latest endeavor has encompassed her whole career. From her innate showmanship to her knowledge about hair loss, it has all been leading up to her latest passion—the stage.

Fletcher-Mavros has written, directed and produced a play entitled "The Passion." Just in time for the Easter holiday, she is excited to bring her version of the last days of Jesus Christ's life to the stage.

Not your average hairstylist, Fletcher-Mavros obtained a degree in public relations thinking she would find her fortune in corporate America. After running into nepotism and the cutthroat nature of the corporate world, she decided to follow in her mother's footsteps and become a cosmetologist.

After her theatrical hair designs had her mother's

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L-R, Frank Wells, James Flynn, Alan Rosenthal, Jeff Copeland, Toriano Parker, Shirley Smith, Roy James and H.G. Adams all showed up for the inaugural run of the shuttle service.

## St. Pete seniors are being taken for a ride

BY FRANK DROUZAS  
Staff Writer

ST. PETERSBURG — The Pinellas County chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and Attorney James Flynn has teamed up to launch a free shuttle service for residents aged 55 years and up. It transports seniors to essential appointments and stops in the Greater St. Petersburg

area, such as the doctor's office, pharmacy, bank and grocery store.

It is the brainchild of Jeff Copeland, executive director of the SCLC, but he stated that it could not have been possible without the support of Flynn, the "Southside Lawyer."

"James and I sat down and we talked," Copeland explained. "I came up with the idea, but he said: 'this is what I'll do: I'll buy the ve-

hicles, I'll insure them, and I'll take care of all the gas.' When you have people in the community that fill the need like he is and show the desire to help people, that's an awesome feeling!"

Mayor Rick Kriseman is an enthusiastic supporter of the new service, but because of a scheduling conflict he was unable to perform his shuttling duties on the inaugural run this Tues., April 8. With one car

and one van, the operation currently has a modest fleet but Copeland said that could change if the demand becomes evident over time.

"Maybe a year from now we'll have 10 vans and 10 buses, but the key to the whole thing is we want it to always be free," he stressed.

He also noted that the availability of ready and

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## A stand against racism, a look back

BY HOLLY KESTENIS  
Staff Writer

ST. PETERSBURG — The community gathered at Dr. Carter Woodson African American Museum as the YWCA of Tampa Bay held a community conversation featuring longtime civil rights leader and global authority on nonviolent social change, Dr. Bernard LaFayette.

His loveable and outgoing personality was on display as he went about engaging the room with

stories of a lifetime combating racism.

"Growing up in that time for us was frightening, sometimes amazing, sometimes baffling," LaFayette said as he described the nonviolent direct action campaigns he participated in during the 50s and 60s, the era of Martin Luther King.

A key player in the Civil Rights Movement, LaFayette held the attention of the young, the old, the black and the white,

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L-R, Lenice Emanuel, Gemma Briggs and Dr. LaFayette holding his mug shot from the 60s.

## Now playing: 'The Wiz'



"The Wiz" runs through May 4.

BY FRANK DROUZAS  
Staff Writer

ST. PETERSBURG — The 29th Annual American Stage in the Park gets the show on the yellow brick road with its production of "The Wiz," the toe-tapping musical retelling of "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz." The journey begins with a special preview night tonight, April 10 and runs until May 4.

The outdoor show is directed by Karla Hartley, the producing artistic director at Stageworks Theater in Tampa, who has helmed a variety of productions including comedies, straight dramas and big-scale musicals. Hartley also directed the American Stage in the Park production of "The Rocky Horror Show," and averred that musicals tend to be more elaborate productions.

"Generally speaking, musicals are very, very big," she said. "There is a lot of ground to cover and you need to make sure you have a talented team around you, which I do. It's a great combination of people whom I know and people I've wanted to work with and some people I've never seen before. We've had a great time in the rehearsal room, exploring and figuring out how to tell this story, in what may be a new way to some people."

Concerning the work itself, Hartley quipped that unless you live under a rock, you already know the story of "The Wizard of Oz" and added that more often than not, people are familiar with

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## Mayor throws pep rally

BY FRANK DROUZAS  
Staff Writer

ST. PETERSBURG — It was a festive—at times raucous—atmosphere at the jam-packed Mahaffey Theater April 2 as Mayor Rick Kriseman and Deputy Mayor Kanika Tomalin outlined their vision and operational strategy for St. Pete’s future.

Kriseman led off by praising the members of city council, stating that “we couldn’t do anything that we do in the city without the partnership and the teamwork of this great city council, so I’ll say thank you to you guys!”

To the largest single gathering of St. Pete city employees to date, Tomalin said: “The only way we reach that destination is with the help with each and every one of you,” adding that, “each of us have a different path but we share a common call to action: to serve this great city of St. Petersburg.”

Tomalin feels that one of the benefits to the mayor’s successful campaign was that he had the opportunity to interact with people from every corner of the community, as he spoke with them about their hopes and what it is they see for St. Pete.

“We talked to people from throughout the community to understand where we need to go,” she stated, “and what it means for the sun to shine here in the city of St. Petersburg.”

The new motto “The Sun Shines Here” was emblazoned over a logo of a yellow sun, and figured prominently in the overall theme of a bright future. The short film featuring everyday city employees and independent business owners, along with prominent residents, such as Bob Devin Jones, co-founder of Studio@620, touting the city’s attractive qualities. The new administration hopes to make St. Pete achieve its goal of being a beacon of progress through “pathways” such as service, fiscal responsibility, innovation and community engagement.

The event marked the



Mayor Kriseman and Deputy Mayor Tomalin took to the stage for a old-fashioned pep rally.

three-month anniversary of Kriseman taking office, and the mayor called it a “new day in St. Petersburg,” adding that “we want to do things differently — we want to do them better. We want to get over that cusp and become the greatest city not only in the state of Florida but in the entire country!”

Addressing all the employees in attendance, Kriseman said the he needs their help in changing the tone and the climate of the community to one where “we try and solve problems rather than saying, ‘We can’t handle it, we can’t do it.’ We know that working together as a team, we can get there.”

The mayor pointed out a great example of this in our major league baseball team, the Tampa Bay Rays, stating that they’ve been successful not because they have individual stars but because they come together as a unit. They are a team that cares about each other and looks out for one another to do the best job they can, he said enthusiastically.

Right on cue, Rays’ manager Joe Maddon took the stage and playfully tossed out a few rubber baseballs to the crowd before taking the microphone. He talked about his days in baseball as a player, coach, scout and manager, stressing the importance of relationships, teamwork and trust.

“If you guys don’t trust each other and we don’t

trust each other, I promise you, nothing works,” he stated. A solid foundation of trust promotes an honest exchange of ideas, he added, drawing on his nearly 40 years of experience in organized baseball. Maddon encouraged everyone present to step out of their comfort zone.

“That is really a boring place to live in, to stay in that box,” he told the crowd. “Who wants to live in a box anyway? The more you get outside that box you’ll feel a lot better about yourself, and when you get out of that really comfortable area you’ll find you’re going to reach all your abilities and all your goals.”

City Administrator Gary Cornwell also was on hand to speak, along with City Council chairman Bill Dudley.

“This is going to be a great journey, and we’re all going to be part of it,” Dudley said.

Kriseman closed by urging the city employees to have fun, enjoy their jobs and above all feel free to let their ideas be heard.

“You’re creative, you’re innovative and we want to hear your ideas,” he declared. “Your idea is just as important as mine.”

In keeping with the fun, easygoing vibe of the gathering, Kriseman finished by taking a “selfie” photo with the theater full of employees posing and smiling behind him.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS



## St. Pete's HIDDEN History

By Jon Wilson

### The original Mr. I Got 'Em

A regular vendor at downtown's Saturday Morning Market, Brady Johnson is the familiar gent natty in top hat and tails. He's known as Mr. I Got 'Em and he sells a variety of succulent food, including turkey legs, collard greens and various produce.

Many *Weekly Challenger* readers may still remember the original Mr. I Got 'Em, Elijah Moore, who came to St. Petersburg in 1912 and for decades sold peanuts all over town. He, too, wore a high hat, white apron and swallowtail coat.

He was a native of Columbia, S.C. Orphaned by age 16, Moore's god-mother got him some fancy clothes from the sheriff and the young man began selling fish around Columbia.

"People said they'd never seen a person working in a full dress suit before," Moore told a newspaper in 1965. "It was good advertising."

He also developed a trademark call: "Fish man, here's the fish man, I got 'em. People took onto to it and I got a big kick out of it."

As so many others did, Moore came to St. Petersburg for his health. "This place was real warm, took away that rheumatism," he said.

He started out here selling fish, strawberries and vegetables door to door. He walked at first, then got a horse and wagon. Then he got a Model T and wore out three of them before opening a little store at 320 14th St. S.

He may have been most familiar pushing his little cart. He was a fixture in Williams Park, near Webb's City, Mirror Lake and the Million-Dollar Pier.

Even in the days of segregation, Moore could go most places in the city. He also walked in Festival of States parades for years.

Moore cooked his boiled and roasted peanuts himself. They often didn't earn him much, which in his later years sometimes amounted to just \$1 or \$1.50 a day.

People often gave him his suits of formal wear.

He never drew Social Security, apparently never paying into the system enough through self-employment. He did draw some income from what was called in those days the State Welfare Department. Moore outlived a son who lived in New York and who had helped the peanut vendor financially.

He had no insurance to replace his store when it burned in 1962. He moved into an apartment at 368 16th Street S.

Moore celebrated his birthday on July 5, and one year, a newspaper columnist called him "St. Petersburg's Spirit of Independence."

Even as he aged, fell ill and experienced hospital stays, Moore pushed his cart as long as he was able. Friends continued to help, and a strong religious belief sustained him. Moore was ordained in elder in the Tenth Street Church of God.

"The Lord is keeping me here for some reason," he once said. "If it wasn't for the Lord, what would I do? He placed it into the people to help me, and the people helped me with joy."

Moore died March 16, 1972 at 92 years of age.

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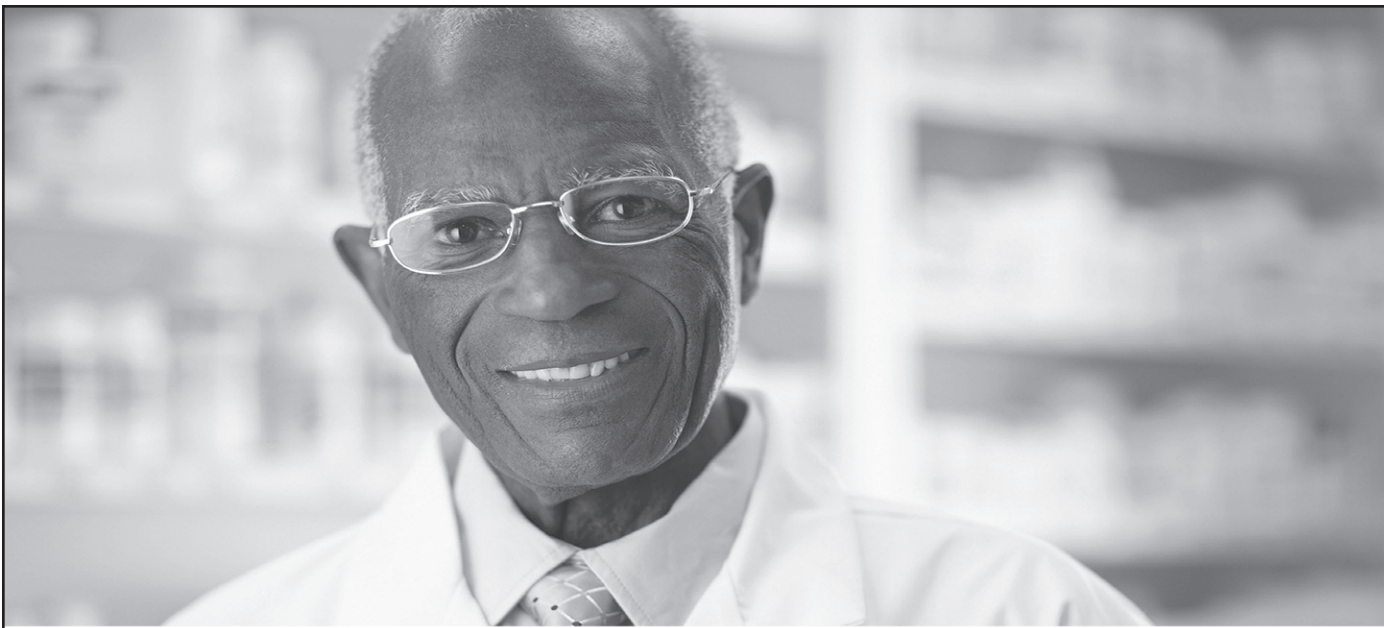
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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Bernard LaFayette: A living legend

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as he recounted his parent's reaction when he first decided to join the civil rights movement.

"We wrote out our wills because we didn't know whether we were going to come back," he said joking that his father had more children just in case he didn't return. "They weren't expecting me to come back."

LaFayette learned about nonviolence in Nashville, and then went on to the Freedom Rides. He joined in on sit-ins in the Music City where he boasts desegregating lunch counters downtown in just three months. It didn't take long to do the same with the city's movie theaters as well.

But his days of working in the movement alongside Dr. King were some of his fondest.

"When I got to work with him, that was just a fantastic experience," LaFayette said of the civil rights legend. "He was able to deal with managing the conflict among the folk."

A trait LaFayette admired. But when he was working on a press statement in 1968, he met up with Dr. King for the last time. Sitting in a hotel

room, LaFayette in his 20s barely a man, both discussed the future of the movement.

King was sending LaFayette to the Washington, D.C. to open a campaign office for King's Poor People's Campaign. And as he was heading out excited about the future of the movement, LaFayette had no idea that this would be the last time he saw King, nor that his last words to him would drive nearly all his future endeavors.

"The next movement we're going to have is to internationalize and institutionalize nonviolence," LaFayette recalled King saying. Five hours later as LaFayette's plane touched down in Washington, D.C., Martin Luther King was killed.

And although violence did break out in some parts of the country, LaFayette recalls a different side of the tragedy. A reporter breaking down on the phone, his weeping sincere.

"You didn't have to tell me Martin Luther King was dead," LaFayette said. "I heard it through the tears and groans of the white reporter."

LaFayette who had put

his college career on hold, taking on projects such as raising bail money for activists finding themselves locked up for what he suggests were trumped up charges, wanted to be the director of one of the many voter registration projects underway at the time. But when he returned from his work acquiring funds, there didn't seem to be anywhere to put him.

But Selma, Ala. had been a sore spot on the movement's back. After sending two teams of Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) workers there, civil rights activists had given up at that location. LaFayette was interested in organizing and leading the black community in voter registration, so he was asked if he wanted to head on down and take a look at the area.

"I said no," LaFayette laughed with his admiring audience, "I don't want to take a look at it - I'll take it."

From his schooling, LaFayette knew research was an important factor in decision making, so he set about learning about not only the area, but the folks that lived there, primarily, the white men and women.

Placing himself in the mindset of the townspeople, LaFayette was able to succeed where others had failed.

Over the years, he has gone on to distribute the message of nonviolence and led trainings in some of the Chicago area's toughest gangs. He has been a principal, appointed for his work with troubled youths, using the message of nonviolence to calm the masses and instill the idea of turning the other cheek.

"We had to teach them that real courage was not holding your gun. Real courage was holding your temper," explained LaFayette. "That's what courage is all about. Holding yourself together when folks get mad at you for no reason, say things you don't like."

All over the world, LaFayette has spread his message of nonviolence. He started a prison program in upstate New York when a prison riot was on the verge of breaking out. The inmates were trained on how to become trainers themselves and spread the message of nonviolent interaction. Now the program is in Florida and being used as an alternative to violence



Dr. Bernard LaFayette, left, and Dr. Gregory Padgett

program. LaFayette designed the curriculum being used today back in 1975.

Now with the program in roughly 50 countries around the world and 30 states in the US, prison riots are almost unheard of.

Active in the NAACP at the ripe age of just 15, LaFayette has had a long career of fighting for African-American rights and is still serving as messenger of King's dream.

His dedication to the Civil Rights Movement continues to be fought today as he spreads the word of interacting peacefully and solving conflicts, rather related to race or various other personal disruptions, in a nonviolent manner.

LaFayette's humbleness and his ability to get his message across through humor serve as an inspiration to future generations to continue to spread the word of nonviolence.

"Conflict, it's not going to go away, but you have to learn how to manage it, that's key," he said stating you just can't say you tried and then pick up a weapon. "If you learn what nonviolence is all about, it will take you anywhere you want to go."

Bernard LaFayette's book, "In Peace and Freedom: My Journey in Selma," can be found online at amazon.com.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Local AKA Sorority members celebrate 25 and 50 years of service

JACKSONVILLE — Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated celebrated its 61st South Atlantic Regional Conference April 2-6 in Jacksonville at the Hyatt Regency Riverfront Hotel and the Prime Osborn Convention Center. Nearly 4,000 members dressed in pink and green came from Florida, Georgia and South Carolina to attend the event.

During the conference weekend, members addressed economic, health, social justice and human rights issues as well as contributed more than 25,000 in gift card collections for students aging out of the foster care system.

The following members from Zeta Upsilon Omega Chapter received special recognition for 25 and 50 years of service in the sorority:

- Joyce A. Bell, 25 years
- Lesley Cooper, 25 years
- Deborah Figgs-Sanders, 25 years
- Loretta Gilstrap, 25 years
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- Lena Wilfalk, 25 years
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Celebrating the 61st South Atlantic Regional Conference held April 2-6.

AKA member, Manitia Moultrie received the “Guiding Torch” award for her active chapter participation and significant success of implementing the sorority’s international Global Leadership Through Timeless Service program initiatives.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

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Parent of The Week Award (PWA) applauds the seven percent of the more than 16, 500 that are actively engaged parents and caring adult of our community. The PWA is not a contest; rather the purpose of the award is to celebrate parents and caring adults who are investing in increasing parental engagement by 100 percent. Below are parents who represent the seven percent. PWA congratulates you for your commitment to children!

**PATICA  
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Mother of five, volunteers at one of the schools, uses Portal and frequently attends school events.



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Has one child and contacts the school frequently.

## Buying a home for the first time?

BY SCOTT GIBERTINI  
*Guest Columnist*

Being a first-time homebuyer can be an exciting but sometimes overwhelming experience. Too often, homebuyers get started without fully thinking through all the steps in the process. Before jumping into buying a home for the first time, plan ahead and talk to a lender early on, so you can avoid these common mistakes:

- 1. Not setting a budget.** First-time homebuyers should always set a realistic budget. Take a look at your debt-to-income ratio before even shopping for houses. When looking at what kind of mortgage payment you can afford, factor in your total household costs along with other fixed expenses. You must account for reoccurring costs such as car payments, student loans and credit card bills, when calculating a mortgage payment you are comfortable with.
- 2. Overlooking hidden costs.** While the down payment commonly comes to mind when thinking about budgeting for a house, there are other up-front costs involved as well. Don't forget about fees for applications, inspections and appraisals. Factoring in these costs is crucial in assessing whether or not you can afford to buy a home. Even

though there are some mortgage offerings still out there for 100 percent financing, it can be difficult to qualify. Make sure you have enough money saved so you can cover at least some of the expenses out-of-pocket. If you're uncertain, speak with a loan officer to make sure all fees are included in your projected budget.

- 3. Not having the necessary documents for the application process.** There are certain guidelines that lenders must follow in order to approve a mortgage loan. When you apply for a mortgage, a lender will have to look at your bank accounts and transaction history, along with a handful of other forms. Lenders will need to know where your money for the purchase is coming from, which means having to verify any large deposits. Put any cash you're setting aside into a savings fund. If it's stuck in a sock drawer for safekeeping, lenders won't be able to verify the source or take it into consideration.
- 4. Not looking into insurance rates and taxes.** When looking at homes, research what the insurance rates and taxes might be for each neighborhood, as these can vary by location. Take flood insurance, for example. Before falling in love with a house, check to see if it's in a flood zone.

If it is, you'll then want to look at elevation levels and how much flood insurance might cost for that area. Research public records or talk to a mortgage professional to get a better idea of local taxes and insurance.

- 5. Not getting a home inspection.** After finding a home you're interested in, get a survey and home inspection. This is a critical step that borrowers shouldn't overlook. A home inspection will make sure the house is structurally sound and that it won't need extensive repairs. You don't want to get into a house and realize it needs more work and money put into it than anticipated.
- 6. Paying an agency that is offering a "quick" credit cleanup.** Don't trust agencies that claim to quickly fix your credit. They may end up doing more damage and could hinder your home-buying process. Instead, speak with a reputable service provider for help with credit.
- 7. Making large purchases before closing.** Don't go on any shopping sprees for goods to spruce up your new home until after closing. Any major purchases made before your closing date might hinder the process and delay you getting into a new home. The best thing to do is lay low in terms of spending



Scott Gibertini

once you start the process of purchasing a home. Stay away from making major transactions from the time you apply for a mortgage until after closing.

- 8. Not asking your lenders questions.** The worst question is the one that isn't asked. Too often we go through the process and a problem arises because the borrower was too shy to ask the lender for advice. For more information about mortgages or other banking needs, contact US-AmeriBank's St. Petersburg branch at 727-394-3164. Scott Gibertini NMLS: 337469, USAmeriBank NMLS: 456668

*Scott Gibertini brings more than 24 years of business and banking experience to the USAmeriBank team, providing clients with information and tools to make home financing decisions. He received a bachelor's degree from the University of South Florida and graduated from the Florida Bankers Association's Florida School of Banking program.*

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Black Man Walking

BY TED LOCKHART

Black man walking  
Somebody stalking  
Black man running.  
Somebody gunning

How fast should I walk  
You who do that talk.  
Should I walk at double-time speed  
Or imitate a slow-go steed?

What's the right pace for me to run  
You who hold the gun.  
Should I run at the joggers pace  
Or do you want my sprinter race.

Black man walking  
Somebody stalking  
Black man running  
Somebody gunning

Black man walking in my neighborhood  
Everyone knows he's up to no-good.  
Call security, the police, and the watchman for our hood,  
Cause a black man is walking in our neighborhood.

Black man running down the street  
Everyone knows he is fleeing the heat.  
Call security, tell the police a thief is out here running  
Better yet let us go get him with our own gunning.

Black man walking in the land of the free  
Somebody stalking in the name of liberty  
Black man running in America the beautiful  
Somebody gunning in a seeming act dutiful.

On the other side a voice rang out  
Whom shall I send to bring him about?  
Send Martin some said, he'll fill the bill.  
Not me, King said, send Emmet Till

So one murdered black boy-child, on a visit in a Mississippi city,  
Fetched another boy-child, on a visit in a Florida city.  
Trayvon Martin  
Shot stone dead for walking like it was his,  
And yours and even ours singing:  
My country tis of thee  
Sweet land of  
how long we been looking for thee.  
O how long we been looking for thee  
America,  
O how long?



## Aaron Siskind's Harlem Document

ST. PETERSBURG – The Museum of Fine Arts, St. Petersburg, located at 255 Beach Drive N.E., St. Petersburg, latest exhibition is of Aaron Siskind's Harlem Document. On display now through July 20, lovers of photography and of history won't want to miss early 20th century Harlem seen through the eyes of a lens.

An American master, Aaron Siskind (1903-1991) is known for both his early documentary and later abstract photographs. A New Yorker, he was drawn to life in Harlem in the 1930s: people on the streets and in churches, rented rooms, juke joints and clubs.

They convey struggle and poverty, but also hope and transcendence. His lifelong fascination with architecture and surfaces emerges in images of tenements and storefronts. His "Harlem Document" now stands as one of his signature achievements. His humanity and empathy are everywhere evident.

The Smithsonian American Art Museum presented Harlem: Photographs by Aaron Siskind, 1932-1940, in a 1990-1991 exhibition shortly before the artist's death.

Gordon Parks, the illustrious African-American photographer, filmmaker, author, and composer, wrote the eloquent foreword to the book accompanying the show. Parks, who grew up in Harlem, observed: "To just about everyone who has worked in the vital processes of its survival, whose life has been textured by its tradition, Harlem is a place that won't give up ... Good music, prayer and laughter are still in the air—and so are the songs of the fish peddler and watermelon man."

Siskind's work has been recognized as a precursor of Abstract Expressionism. Elaine de Kooning called him "a painter's photographer." The major exhibition, Siskind in the Collection (1989), at the Museum of Modern Art cast him as one of the leading figures in the development of photography as an art form. Centennial shows at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, and the Princeton University Art Museum celebrated his enormous contributions and importance.

The Museum is open 10-5 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday. On Thursday from 10-8 p.m., and noon until 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Admission is only "5 after 5" on Thursday. Regular admission is \$17 for adults, \$15 for those 65 and older, and \$10 for students seven and older, including college students



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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Ease on down to see 'The Wiz'

From **WIZ**, page 1

"The Wiz" musical whether it's from the movie with Michael Jackson and Diana Ross or a stage production. So she wanted to find a way that lets people see it with "a little bit of a new eyeball."

"Traditionally, 'The Wiz' is an all-African-American cast," she explained, "but we made a conscious choice to make it a multi-cultural experience because we felt there was greater value in that for the times. And I did some gender cross-casting, because I thought it might be interesting for the Lion to be a woman rather than a man, as it traditionally is."

Hartley admitted one of the biggest challenges was presenting the show with limited, albeit talented, cast members.

"This is a play that really should have about 20 - 22 people in it," she admitted, "but every theater around the country is watching its dollars and cents, so we only had 12 people budgeted for the play. The six ensemble members are really working their tails off! I think each of them will play eight or 10 different things in the course of the evening."

One of these actors is Sharon Scott who will don the costumes of three very different roles: Aunt Em, Evillene and Glinda, the Good Witch of the South. But the Sarasota resident relishes the opportunity to play such diverse characters.

"I think it's a great representation of these

women—I like them!" she said excitedly. "I can do good and I can do bad, you know. Every role has its challenges. Something that looks easy is challenging. It's how you present it."

For a veteran actor-singer like Scott, playing multiple roles in a production is certainly a challenge she welcomes. She counts her work in "From The Mississippi Delta," a play directed by Bob Devin Jones, as one of her favorite experiences in which she played various characters.

"It was the first time I got a chance to work with Bob Devin Jones and it was splendid!" she said. "It took me to places I had not gone before!"

To be sure, her beginnings in the performance arts were modest. She began singing at her grandfather's church, she explained, so music has always been a part of her life.

"I didn't think it was a career, I just thought it was a place of peace and joy," she admitted. "But then I found this show that just seemed to fit me, auditioned for it and there it is."

"Ain't Misbehavin'" was Scott's first professional show, and the venerable performer would go on to appear in a number of acclaimed plays, including the American Stage productions of August Wilson's "King Hedley II" and "Gem of the Ocean." She has even tried her hand at writing with "Mahalia, Just As I Am," a musical show she performed at Studio@620



that tells the story of legendary gospel singer Mahalia Jackson. The zeal Scott has for this particular production of "The Wiz" is apparent.

"I love the music, I love the story, I love the performers!" she exclaimed. "The Dorothy [Whitney Drake] is beautiful and so talented, our Tin Man [Chris Walker], he's gorgeous, talented, the full package—and some of the people in the ensemble are just as strong as the principles. We have a really strong cast."

Hartley echoed Scott's enthusiasm for the quality of the acting, singing and spirited songs: "The music is great! The voices are just a knockout, and all of them can sing their faces off. Sara Del Beato, playing the Lion, and Whitney have this

amazing duet that's going to leave people breathless."

She added that the production is a high-energy show with moments of absolute poignancy and brilliance.

"I think that it's a lovely play and it's a story we can all relate to," Hartley said. "It's really about finding the things you're looking for already within yourself."

American Stage in the Park is performed at Demens Landing Park, on the corner of 1st Avenue South and Bayshore Blvd S.E. in downtown St. Pete. For performance times, tickets and general info, contact American Stage at 727-823-7529 or visit [www.americanstage.org](http://www.americanstage.org).

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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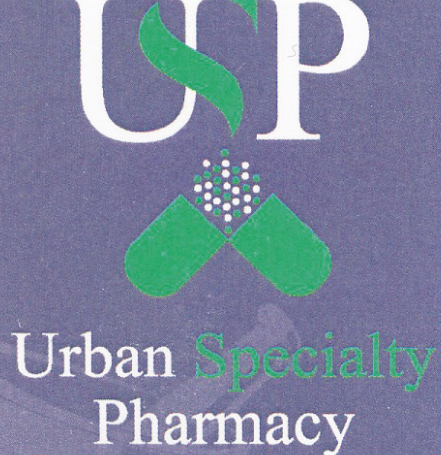
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**Friday, April 18** – Enoch Davis Center will hold a community information day from 10-noon. Located at 1111 18th Ave. S., exhibits from CASA, Community Action Stops Abuse; PSTA, Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority; Care Plus Health Plans; GTE Financial; St. Petersburg Healthy Start Federal Project; Chic-fil-A; Bay Area Legal Services; Neighborhood Home Solutions; TASCO; St. Petersburg Fire and Rescue; Suncoast Epilepsy Association; All Children's Hospital; Edward White Hospital; Humana, Inc.; College of Pharmacy, University of Florida; Neighborly Care Network; St. Petersburg Tennis Center and Wellcare. For more information on this event call 727-893-7134.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Don't miss this play about our Lord and Savior

From **PASSION**, page 1

home based business bursting at the seams, Fletcher-Mavros got her own shop. Soon she received a call from the entertainment coordinator of the Florida Classic. They asked her to put together a fashion show for the entertainment portion of this yearly event.

For years she put on the fashion show for the Florida Classic until they moved from Tampa to Orlando. Since it costs so much to take her show on the road, she decided to move her drama filled theatrical fashion show to the downtown Hilton.

Fletcher-Mavros' shows were the talk of the town. From Bengal tigers walking the runway to python snakes wrapped around models, it is no wonder she had to rent the Coliseum to hold her fans.

She then set her sights on hair loss and became a hair loss replacement specialist. She wanted to help those who were suffering from hair loss live better lives.

With all of the theatrics in her background, bringing her brand of entertainment to the theater seemed like a natural progression for Fletcher-Mavros. And the public will be able to see her at work when she debuts her play next week.

Not only did she write, produce and direct her first effort, she also made the hair for her leading actor, J.C. McClendon, who is totally bald. She created all aspects of his hair from the mustache and beard, to the lace-front wig on his head.



When Fletcher-Mavros' needed help pulling the show together, she knew the right people to go to. She conveyed her thoughts on what the costumes should look like to Sharon Jenkins and Gwendolyn Nolton, and they brought her vision to life. Janice Starling, Patrice Moore and LaShawn Wilson will astound you with their makeup techniques.

She promises that "The Passion" will transcend time and leave viewers captivated and glued to their seats.

There was such a buzz around town that she knew she needed more than one night to honor our Lord and Savior, so the public will get several chances to view it. Showings will be April 16-18 at Victory Christian Center Church, located at 3012 18th Ave. S., St. Petersburg. The play will start at 7 p.m. and there will be a matinee at 3 p.m. on April 19.

For groups of 25 or more we can reserve seating and parking. For more information please call 727-403-8111.

## New shuttle service for seniors

From **RIDE**, page 1

available transportation can affect seniors in many aspects of their lives, including their health.

"Sometimes you're driving down the road and you see every person sitting at a bus stop with one grocery bag with only two pieces of groceries because they have to carry it on the bus," he said, "then they have to carry it home so they have to make three or four different trips. And they can't eat how they would like because they can't shop the way they want."

Copeland also explained that some seniors even miss doctor's appointments due to their difficulty in coordinating their outings with the rigid bus schedules. Copeland and the SCLC hope the new operation fills this gap in the community.

"If people would like to donate their time, we'll accept it," he said, adding that among the supporters and volunteers is prominent St. Pete attorney Al Rosenthal.



The "Southside Lawyer Service" currently runs Monday through Friday, and seniors must give two days advance notice for rides by calling (727) 534-9291.

Copeland feels the shuttle service will catch on quickly with seniors. He's hoping a few churches within the city will pitch in and donate the use of one of

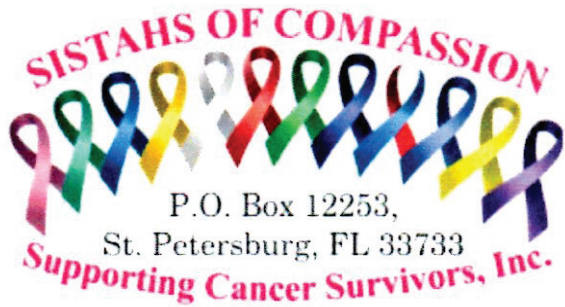
their buses a few days out of the month.

"Seniors have really paved the way for the generation that I come from," Copeland affirmed, "so we need to do whatever we can to assist them in the best way we can. We all have family members that could utilize this service. We did it because it's close to our hearts."

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James Flynn and driver H.G. Adams prepare to take Roy Cook, left, Haggie Wilson, center, and Sanders Rushing, right, to their destinations.



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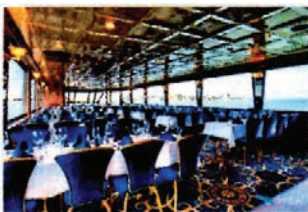
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**Wednesday Prayer Service**.....6:00 p.m.  
**Wednesday Bible Study**.....6:30 p.m.

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**Wednesday Prayer** .....6:00 p.m.  
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Sunday School .....9:00 a.m.  
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**Pastor Clark Hazley, Sr.**

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**Service Schedule**  
**SUNDAY**  
Sunday School 8:45-10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.  
Communion - 1st Sunday of each month  
New Members Orientation - Sunday at 8:45 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Tutoring offered Tuesday & Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
Bible Study 11:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.  
Youth Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

**10th Street Church Of God**  
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**(727) 898-9407**



Rev. Ronald L. Bell  
Pastor

Sunday School .....9:30 a.m.  
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Claude S. Williams,  
Pastor

**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.  
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**SERVICES**

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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.



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Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.  
Wednesday.....Noonday Bible Study and Bread of Life  
7 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study  
Thursday.....7 p.m. Youth Enrichment - Awana

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Rev. Manuel Sykes

**SERVICES**  
**Sunday School:**  
8:30 a.m.  
**Sunday Worship Service:**  
9:30 a.m.  
**Bible Study: Wednesdays**  
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### 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**  
**Wednesday 7:00 p.m.**



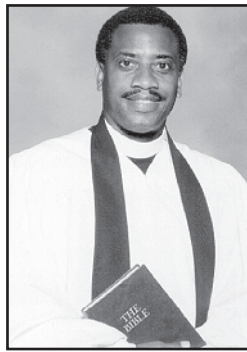
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Devotion: ..... 10:00 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.  
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Morning Worship Service: ..... 10:30 a.m.  
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Bible Study each Tuesday: ..... 6:30 p.m.  
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- 1st and 3rd Sabbath at 3931 Central Ave. St. Petersburg, FL
- 2nd, 4th and 5th Sabbath and Wed. nights at 3900 Dr. Martin Luther King St. South Petersburg, FL

### Service times and Contact information

- 10:30 am -12:00 noon Sabbath School
- 12:00 noon -1:30 pm Worship service
- 7:30 pm Bible Study on Wed. Nights
- 727-290-8115 after 5 pm (Bishop Hawkins)
- 727 614 6994 after 2 pm (secretary)



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## Queen Street Church of God in Christ

**Elder Willie Williamson, Pastor**

First Lady, Patricia Williamson  
1732 9th Avenue South  
St. Petersburg, FL 33712  
727-896-4356

### SERVICES

**Sunday** Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.  
A. M. Service – 11 a.m.  
**Tuesday** Morning Prayer – 9 to 10 a.m.  
**Wednesday** YPPW Bible Study – 7:30 p.m.



# CHURCH NEWS

## St. Mark MBC

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.

Calendar Events for April  
Apr. 12 - Health Care Ministry CPR Class  
Apr. 13 - Palm Sunday  
Apr. 19 - Resurrection Dramatization 3 p.m.  
Apr. 20 - Easter Sunday

service 7 a.m. Resurrection/Easter Sunday service 10:45 a.m.

Apr. - Church Outing: New Jerusalem Pastor and Church Anniversary 7:30 p.m.

Apr. 26 - Mission Awards Luncheon

Apr. 27 - Mission Recognition Sunday during 10:45 a.m. service. Appreciation Service for Sis. Cynthia Coney 4 p.m.

Apr. 28 - PIZZA Ministry 6-8 p.m.

Weekly Scheduled Activities for St. Mark

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

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

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

Mime/Praise Dance Rehearsal on Sundays from 2-4 p.m.

N.I. K.E. After School Tutoring (4:30-6 p.m.) on Tuesdays & Thursdays (closed during holiday seasons and school breaks)

Young Adult Ministry every Monday from 6:30 p.m. (Bible Study)

Sunday School Teachers' Meeting is held every Tuesday at 7 p.m.

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

Prayer Meeting and Bible Study every Wednesday evening at 7.

Children Youth Ministry Bible Study every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

## Pastor's Corner

**THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS GIVEN TO OUR PASTOR BISHOP WARREN HAWKINS AND THE HOLY SPIRIT WE OBEY (John 16) The House of Yah New Yisrael Commandment Keeping Church Yahweh Sabbath means ...**



**S=SCRIPTURE** (And the word was made flesh and dwelt among us) John 1:14  
**A=ANGELS** ( the seven stars are the seven angels of the churches) Rev.1:20  
**B=BELIEVE** (He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me) John 12:44  
**B=BIBLE** (Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth)  
**A=ALL** (For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father ) Ephesians 2:18  
**T=TRUTH** (Sanctify them through thy truth thy word is truth) John 17:17  
**H=HOLY** (But ye shall receive power, after the Holy Spirit is come upon you) Acts 1:8  
**S=SAVIOR** (For I am the Lord thy God the Holy one of Israel, thy Savior :) Isaiah 43:3  
**Scripture background text:** Genesis 2:1-3, Exodus 20:1-17, Isaiah 58:13-14, 66: 22-24, Ezekiel 20 , Malachi 3: 6-9, Mark 2:28-29, Hebrews 4:1- (8)-11, Acts 13:38-52, John 1:1-9, Romans 11, vHebrew 12:14, Matthew 12:39-40, 1st Peter 1: 15-16, John 14: 17, Acts 1:8, 2:34-38, 17: 30  
**THERE ARE MORE SABBATHS THAN THE WEEKLY SABBATH.**

## Bethel Metropolitan Baptist Church

Bethel Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church, "God's House to the City," under the leadership of Dr. Rickey L. Houston extends an invitation to the community to join us as we declare the living Word of God. Join us at 9:00 am for Sunday School and at 10:15 am worship service. Bible Study and Teen Summit/Children Rising are held on Wednesday evening, at 7:00 pm.

We are committed to a Christ-centered, People-centered, Team-centered Bible-based teaching 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. Building a Stronger Congregation and Community to the Glory of God. Living out these principles results in a kaleidoscope of ministries for all ages and interests. We also encourage the community to make use of our Prayer Line. (727-321-9645)

The Youth Ministry and other ministries of Bethel Metropolitan invite the community to join us on Saturday April 19th for our annual SPRING HARVEST FEST. We are excited and looking forward to offering Christ, clothing, toiletries, school supplies, and food items to those in need.

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The Women's Ministry presents "An Evening of Elegance Featuring Extraordinary Women of Christ" Saturday, April 26, 2014 6:00 pm. We extend an invitation to the community to come and enjoy this illuminating journey. "Maintaining the Faith to Trust the Unseen in 2014"

Hebrews 11: 1, 6 II Corinthians 4:1

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## Friendship MBC

Our Mission: Friendship Missionary Baptist Church is a family of believers in Christ, reaching out to the world, preaching the gospel to the unsaved and teaching the saved to serve by demonstrating the Love of Christ.

2014 "Total Surrender, Total Sacrifice, and Total Stewardship" – II Corinthians 9:6-8.

Mark you calendar  
April 13 - 18: "Reaching The City, On The Road To Calvary." Join us as we celebrate Jesus with powerful sermons by three gifted expositors - Dr. John A. Evans, Sr., Reverend Clarence A. Williams and Dr. Wayne G. Thompson. Their messages reflecting on the last days before the Crucifixion, Burial and Resurrection of Jesus Christ will impact our lives. A welcome invitation to make this a part of your Family's Easter Experience this year.

Worship Locations: April

13 at 6 p.m. and April 14 - 16 at 7 p.m. Greater Mount Zion A.M.E. Church, Reverend Clarence A. Williams, Pastor. April 17 at 7 p.m., First Baptist Institutional Church, Dr. Wayne G. Thompson, Pastor. April 18 at 12 noon - 3 p.m., and April 18 at 7 p.m., at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, Dr. John A. Evans, Sr., Pastor.

Sunday, April 20 at 6: 45 a.m., 8:45 a.m., and 10:00 a.m.: "Let's Just Praise The Lord" - Celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. FMBC offers several combinations to worship with us. Celebration of our Risen Lord and Saviour Jesus The Christ at 6:45 a.m. Drama Ministry Presentation at 8:45 a.m. Mid-Morning Worship Experience at 10:00 a.m. The Lily Memorial Ministry - Lilies at the Altar proffer has commenced. Please contact Sister

Bessie Davenport, LMM Coordinator, contact number - Church office: 727-906-8300. Have you found the key? If you're looking for the key to happiness or heaven, you'll find it through Jesus Christ. Dr. John A. Evans, Sr., and Friendship welcomes you to our open doors. Friendships' worship experiences are 7:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Sunday Church School begins at 9:30 a.m.

Come join us each Wednesday for Bible Study at Noon and 7:00 p.m. Dr. Evans, Sr., Pastor, invites you to come and share in the study of God's word - The Gospel of Mark - BE DILIGENT, "Serving Others As You Walk With The Master Servant," by W.Wierbe. Friendship is located at 3300 31st Street South, Saint Petersburg, Florida 33712. Our telephone number: 727-906-8300.

[www.fmbcbethship.org](http://www.fmbcbethship.org)  
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## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Please join Rev. Clarence A. Williams as we unite with Dr. John A. Evans, Sr., and Dr. Wayne G. Thompson for worship each night beginning on Sunday, April 13, 2014 through Good Friday, April 18, 2014.

Sunday, April 13th—6 pm

Location: Greater Mt. Zion  
Worship Leader: Dr. John A. Evans, Sr.  
Preacher: Dr. Wayne G. Thompson  
Choir / Ushers: Greater Mt. Zion

Thursday, April 17th—7 pm

Night in White—Communion  
Location: First Baptist Institutional  
Worship Leader: Rev. Clarence A. Williams  
Preacher: Dr. Wayne G. Thompson  
Choir / Ushers: First Baptist Institutional

Monday, April 14th—7 pm

Location: Greater Mt. Zion  
Worship Leader: Dr. Wayne G. Thompson  
Preacher: Rev. Clarence A. Williams  
Choir / Ushers: Friendship M.B. Church

Friday, April 18th —7 pm

Good Friday  
Washing of Hands  
Colors: Black and Red  
Location: Friendship M.B. Church  
Worship Leader: Dr. Wayne G. Thompson  
Preacher: Dr. John A. Evans, Sr.  
Choir / Ushers: Friendship M.B. Church

Tuesday, April 15th—7 pm

Location: Greater Mt. Zion  
Worship Leader: Rev. Clarence A. Williams  
Preacher: Dr. John A. Evans  
Choir / Ushers: First Baptist Institutional

Greater Mt. Zion's

Wednesday, April 16th—7 pm

Consecration and Anointing Services  
Colors: Purple  
Location: Greater Mt. Zion  
Worship Leader: Dr. John A. Evans  
Preacher: Rev. Clarence A. Williams  
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Sunrise Service: 6:30 am

Easter Play: 9:30 am

Easter Worship: 11:00 am

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