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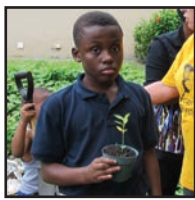
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A true champion



Mayor Kriseman and Marreese Speights

BY DEXTER MCCREE
Feature Writer

ST. PETERSBURG — The 2015 NBA Championship Trophy arrived for a brief visit last Sat., Sept. 19 at Childs Recreation Center, the hometown of Golden State Warriors' player Marreese Speights. Hundreds of fans showed up to get a glimpse of the two-foot, 14-pound trophy and take pictures with it and Speights.

It wasn't by happenstance that Speights chose to return to the Childs Park area. He was accompanied by his family, friends, pastor and other supporters including city officials and aspiring youth.

St. Petersburg native and Warriors' center/power forward, Speights is a former standout athlete at Gibbs High School, Admiral Farragut Academy and the Florida Gators from 2006 to 2008. He is also one of only 41 players to have won both a college basketball national championship and an NBA Championship.

"Marreese and my other children were able to go to Childs Park camp every year and it was good

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L-R, Dr. William Law, Rev. Clarence Williams, State Attorney Bernie McCabe, Sheriff Bob Gualtieri and Police Chief Anthony Holloway.

Police and citizens seeking common ground

BY SKYLA LUCKEY
Staff Writer

ST. PETERSBURG — A distinguished panel of law enforcement and community leaders, organized by St. Petersburg College's Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions, met with concerned citizens last week to discuss whether Pinellas County could be the next Ferguson, Cleveland or Baltimore. Held at the St. Pe-

tersburg College Allstate Campus, about 200 people came to voice their opinions last Thurs., Sept. 17.

Bay News 9's senior anchor Al Ruechel served as the moderator, and remarked that civil unrest has already visited St. Petersburg in the form of riots when police shot and killed TyRon Lewis back in 1996.

St. Petersburg Chief of Police Anthony Holloway is looking to establish more

trust between the police and the community, and to get past racial bias. One solution is to have all police officers trained in a Department of Justice course that teaches them to leave their bias at home after they put on their police uniform. So far this year, 63 percent of the St. Petersburg police force has been trained in this course.

He also discussed recruiting more minorities to

the force, and the implementation of monitoring police traffic stops to make sure that individuals are pulled over for legitimate reasons.

Holloway is proud of the feedback he received after requiring officers to spend an hour every week introducing themselves to the communities they serve. He assured that if an officer

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Civil Rights and the Media

BY SKYLA LUCKEY
Staff Writer

ST. PETERSBURG — The Florida Holocaust Museum held a panel discussion called Civil Rights and the Media Thurs., Sept. 17. Moderated by Tampa Bay Times' Earnest Hooper, the panel included National Public Radio's TV critic and author Eric Deggans, Gypsy Gallardo, pub-

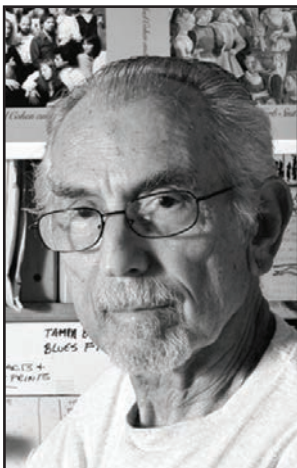
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Gypsy Gallardo



Eric Deggans



Herb Snitzer

Roberto Clemente Day at the Trop



Roberto Clemente

BY SKYLA LUCKEY
Staff Writer

ST. PETERSBURG — Every September, Roberto Clemente Day is celebrated around the baseball world. Last week, Major League Baseball (MLB) announced Tampa Bay Rays player Chris Archer as one of the 2015 nominees for the Roberto Clemente Award.

The 14th annual Roberto Clemente Day this year was observed Sept. 16 at Tropicana Field to honor players who follow the example of the late Pittsburgh Pirates legend and philanthropist who lost his life New Year's Eve 1972 during a flight attempting to deliver supplies to assist earthquake victims in Managua, Nicaragua.

Prior to his death, the 15-time all-star baseball player provided positive service to his community on and off the field. Recognizing players for their positive contributions in sportsmanship and to the community, the award, which was created in 1971, was renamed for Clemente in 1973 after his untimely death.

Clemente was no stranger to the bay area. He would spend every spring in St. Petersburg during spring training. But because of staunch segregation, black ballplayers couldn't stay in hotels with the white ballplayers, so they had to find lodging in the black

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Kindergarten Counts

PINELLAS PARK — The Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County (JWB) launched Kindergarten Counts as part of their campaign for grade-level reading called Early Readers, Future Leaders Fri., Sept. 18 at Skyview Elementary School.

The campaign is focused on ensuring children are reading on grade-level by third grade, and school attendance is one factor associated with this important milestone.

Good school attendance is an indicator of future success, such as reading on grade level by third grade and graduating from high school. This year's kindergarten students belong to the Graduating Class of 2028. In order to graduate on time and walk across the stage in 2028, it is important that today's kindergarteners form the habit of good school attendance early.

Studies show that school absences tend to be high in kindergarten, decline steadily during the early elementary years, and then rise again as children approach middle school. Given this, JWB partnered with Pinellas County Schools to launch Kindergarten Counts in the month of September during National Attendance Awareness Month.



Seven: Skyview Elementary students receiving their books

JWB created a coloring book titled Every Day Counts in Kindergarten that tells the story of how much is learned in just one week of school. These will be distributed to over 6,000 Pinellas County kindergarten students this month.

For their parents, JWB created a pledge sheet with facts and tips that stresses the importance of forming good attendance habits early—plus, a magnetic photo frame to remind parents of their pledge to send their child to kindergarten every day. In kindergarten and early elementary, it is the parent that influences a child's attendance and helps form good attendance habits early. Part of the Kindergarten Counts initiative is

to offer easy-to-remember tips for parents related to good school attendance that include:

- Know the attendance policy for your child's school & keep a copy handy.
- Set a regular bedtime & morning routine.
- Lay out clothes & pack backpacks the night before.
- Don't let your child stay home unless he or she is truly sick.
- Develop back up plans for getting your child to school if something comes up. Call on a neighbor, family member or another parent.
- Avoid scheduling appointments or extended trips for your child when school is in session.

Dear Editor:

Today marked the 18th day since my election as president of the St. Petersburg Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Congratulations have streamed in from mayors of the surrounding communities, former politicians, and hundreds of St. Petersburg residents, Africans, Caucasians, Asians and Hispanics all of whom in addition to sharing their congratulatory remarks have shared their votes of confidence that I possess the skill, passion and level of integrity to lead the NAACP! For that I am humbled!

The NAACP is the oldest and the boldest civil rights organization in this country with the mission of ensuring the political, educational, social and economic equality of all persons and to eliminate race-based discrimination. What a mission!

I am one in a long line of people who have taken on this gigantic mission. While some may criticize or may not have understood or agreed with their leadership styles, the reality is they stepped up to the plate and accepted the mammoth challenge.

For the last 18 days, I have been doing what I always do when preparing for battle, I have been conducting reconnaissance

missions and surveying the land for pertinent information that will aide me in determining just how fertile the battleground is that I am about to embark upon.

The one common theme that appears to emerge and support my experiences within the NAACP is the notion that often times the branch presidents were seen as the NAACP. As a result they were often times left standing alone while the troops often retreated to safer ground.

History will reveal to us the many reasons why the troops may have fallen back, but the fact remains that the presidents were often times left to fend for him or herself and maybe with a small cadre of faithful soldiers.

If the St. Petersburg Branch of NAACP is to begin to take a bite out of this mission, the troops must recognize that this is a battle that all whom are able-bodied and able minded must own. This branch can no longer be defined by its president.

The NAACP must come to be known as a team of talented and committed individuals of all ages, races, creeds, colors, sexual orientations and from all walks of life along the socio-economic continuum that have come together, simply bound by the NAACP's mission.'



I have often commented that St. Petersburg has some of the brightest minds I have ever known and as a result have often found myself perplexed by actions, or lack thereof, that have continued to perpetuate a sense of mediocrity and marginalization within the African-American community.

In the 21st century, effective leadership is characterized by accountability and strategic actions and reactions toward a given mission that ultimately produce tangible outcomes/results. There can be no room or tolerance from those whom see their personal agendas as greater than the mission!

We must be honest and collectively acknowledge that in some pockets of our fair city there simply is no sunshine! Then and only then can we begin to work collectively toward a mission that ensures equal access to all and for all!

Maria L. Scruggs, President St. Petersburg Branch, NAACP

Pastor M. Rainey - 727 420 1326

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To Participate, call:
Pastor Dr. Robert Harrison Co- Chairman – 727 641 2497 or
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In the spotlight: Gina

One Church One Child of Florida is a faith-based, 501(c)3 organization operating statewide in partnership with the Department of Children and Families and local community based lead agencies and their providers in recruitment of adoptive and foster families and local churches to partner in supporting children in foster care and local families through Church Watch-Care Ministries.

One Church One Child of Florida acknowledges the children who need a permanent family. The series continues featuring children all over Florida who are waiting in foster care for a forever loving family to call their own. September's child is highlighted in this article. She is from the Southeast Region. Continue to pray for her, and consider making her a part of your family through adoption or a part of your church through Project Watch-Care, for support and mentoring.

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Gina is an affectionate teen who enjoys individual attention. She would benefit from a positive role model who can provide her with support and guidance

as she enters her teenage years. A committed and unconditionally loving family who can provide educational support in a supportive and encouraging environment is preferred.

If you are interested in knowing more about Gina and other children in foster care available for adoption, or if you would like to become a foster parent, mentor or volunteer, please contact LaKay Fayson, Recruitment Coordinator for One Church One Child of Florida, at (813) 985-7831 or lakay_fayson@ococfl.org. The website for One Church One Child of Florida is www.ococfl.org.

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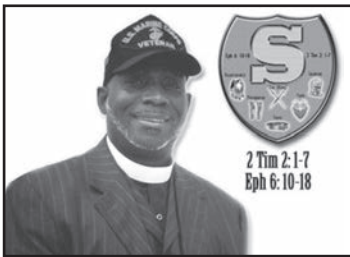
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COMMUNITY NEWS



Breaking the Cycle

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Teaching that sticks

Praise the Lord Saints.
A special shut out and thanks to my friend and fellow clergy Rev. Clarence Williams of Greater Mt. Zion AME for opening his heart, mind, and pulpit to me Sun., Sept. 13. Your staff treated me and my wife like family and we felt the Love that radiated throughout the entire service.

It just goes to show how God will let us know that it's not about us but all about Him and His Word.

I pray I didn't disappoint with the message God gave me and look forward to visiting again.

I haven't had a chance to go back and review God's message delivered through me but will soon.

Thanks again and God Bless you and the family at Greater Mt. Zion.

What's the Point of Church Services? by Adam McLane

As a youth worker, I'm always aware of leakage in my teaching. That is, the difference between what I am teaching and what learners are learning.

There is a naughty little educational word called "retention" we need to deal with. If there isn't, what is the point of my teaching if my pupils aren't learning?

Questions I ask myself as a communicator of biblical truth:

Why am I teaching them?
How do I measure if they are learning?

How do I teach all levels of learners, interest levels and learning styles at the same time?

Those who have sat under my leadership know that I do a lot of repetition and context to my regular teaching. Why do I do that? Because I want some things to stick. It doesn't matter to me if you write it down in your outline or talked about it in a small group, I believe the Bible has incredible value for believers, we are called to know God's Word, and we as leaders are told that one of our qualifications for biblical leadership is an ability to teach. I repeat and quiz because I want to burn an image of God's Word on your heart. It's not enough to know about the Bible ... the teachings of Jesus have to be in your heart to impact your daily life.

I also know, as a leader, I'll be judged by what people actually learn and what people actually do with what I am teaching them.

As the years have gone by, I've become less enamored with perfecting my lecture-styled teaching and more enamored with a discussion-based, conversational style.

Why? Because I've found, for me, that method to be a solid way to engage with the middle 70 percent of my audience. Folks in the top 15 percent aren't my target. And folks in the lower 15 percent ... I hope to teach them with other methods that work for them.

Last Monday, I posed the question: Why are we, as believers, expected to listen more than we act?

Some commenters took the post as an attack on the church, going to church and those who lead at church. Others seemed offended that I'd even bring up Sunday morning as something we could collectively improve upon.

My intention was to the contrary. It was an attack on doing something that is largely ineffective for the sake of doing what we know in opposition to what might work better. For all of the thousands of hours the average church goer has listened to, we should have seen so much more fruit. Let's not forget that the church is on decline.

That pushes questions to the forefront of my mind: Is it the hearer who is disobedient to the teaching? Or is it the teacher who is failing to teach truth in a way that influences action? Probably some fault lies on either side.

It is my hypothesis that the primary method we are using for educating our congregations on Sunday mornings needs alteration. Church leadership is full of brilliant minds. We should show off our brilliance in our ability to lead people in innovative ways: not just talk about leadership, but do it. Not merely preach a message that doesn't move people, instead allow the message we preach to move us.

At the end of the day, results are all

that matter. Jesus isn't going to look at you and say, "Awesome preaching, my good and faithful servant." He will look at your body of work and judge you by the results and intentions of your heart.

What are the physical restrictions to learning on Sunday morning?

Nearly all churches are constructed the same way. Rows of seats all facing forward with a person on stage or behind a podium. That person lectures, sometime passionately, sometimes you fill out an outline, sometimes words are put on a screen.

But the Sunday morning experience is typically based on a single teaching method: lecture.

Is that how you learn best? It isn't for me. I learn best by hearing, discussing and practicing. Passive learning bores me. I need something to do!

And when I look around on Sunday morning, I don't see a lot of learning going on. (Bear in mind, my pastor is off the charts good at what he does, he is my favorite preacher. Week in and week out, he's just as solid as people who we have at our conferences.) Instead, I see a lot of polite nodding, the occasional taking of notes, and virtually no way to respond.

Sunday morning is highly assumptive.

There is an assumption that people in the pews are going to live this teaching out in their lives.

There is an assumption that people are going to talk about what they heard at lunch or with a small group, or somehow try to knead the message into their lives.

There is an assumption that the church staff spends the majority of their work week living that message out.

There are no checks and balances to make sure anyone is putting anything into practice. (Staff and attendee alike.)

The proof is in the pudding. There are hundreds of thousands of churches in America. Most use the same methods, few grow. Conversely, where the church is growing around the world, and even here in the United States, different methods are in play.

The "It's not about Sunday morning" argument.

I'll be the first to admit that the Christian life isn't 100 percent about Sunday morning. But, for most people, it's the centerpiece of their walk with God. People aren't just whining about being busy, they are. And they are sitting in your pews, bored, and saying to themselves ... "You kind of waste my time on Sunday morning, why should I trust you with more of my time? We don't need another program. We need this program to work for us." If it isn't about Sunday morning, then why do we even do it? Of course Sunday morning is very important! Let's not fool ourselves with double talk.

Are the methods we use on Sunday morning "sacred"?

Sure, Paul preached until a young man fell from a window and died. (Then Paul healed him.) And Jesus preached both at the temple and in public. No doubt, he was taught by rote memory as a boy growing up attending the synagogue. At the same time, oral tradition and discourse were both forms of education and forms of entertainment. We see from the New Testament that Jesus didn't instruct his disciples to build churches and hold meetings. Instead, he taught them while they were on the road from place to place. Or by sending them out in pairs to do ministry in His name. Or by using parables. Or by asking them questions. In truth, we see a variety of teaching methods to communicate biblical truth in the Bible.

While the way we've always done church is held as sacred, the methods we use aren't biblically sacred. But what is sacred is the simple command to teach.

Till next week,
God Bless and Keep Us All.

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Please send all written comments to:

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Healing garden at Jordan Park

ST. PETERSBURG — The LiveFree! Coalition and Local Food Park hosted a recovery month event last Wed., Sept 16 at the Jordan Park Community Garden to celebrate recovery and encourage individuals with a mental and or substance use disorder to seek treatment and achieve a healthy, happy life.

LiveFree! Coalition raises awareness about the harmful effects of substance abuse among youth, young adults and adults in Pinellas County. By offering trainings, advocacy, town hall meetings, a Speaker's Bureau, environmental strategies and awareness events, LiveFree! encourages Pinellas County families to live safe, healthy and drug-free

Mental and or substance use disorders can affect anyone. The Tampa, St. Petersburg and Clearwater is home to 188,000 people (eight percent) aged 12 or older who were recently classified as having a substance use disorder. Among adults aged 18 or older, 163,000 (7.7 percent) experienced a major depressive episode in the past year, according to the 2012 National Survey on Drug Use and Health.

"Our community must remain vigilant and dedicated to the recovery process by helping people address these preventable and treatable conditions, and support individuals in

recovery, as well as their family members," said Daphne Lampley of LiveFree! Coalition.

The LiveFree! Coalition and Local Food Park activities are part of Recovery Month, which is sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. This year, the non-profit groups will be observing Recovery Month by facilitating the creation of a healing garden. The event will gather community members to dedicate a keyhole garden to serve as a lasting reminder of recovery.

"It will be a unique element of the garden that we're adding," said Carol Smith, Local Food Park executive director. "There's something really soothing and comforting about keyhole gardens. Thanks to their design, you can step into the center and the round garden bed surrounds you; it's something people subconsciously respond to, like an embrace from nature."

The dedication will foster a supportive community atmosphere, where everyone will help build the healing garden. The keyhole garden will incorporate various plants, like orange mint, spearmint, peppermint, lemon grass, lemon balm, and chamomile, which can be used to make an assortment of delicious, healing

teas. The plants are natural remedies for physical healing, while the overall garden experience can be a therapeutic process, emotionally healing for all ages.

"It is important that the momentum we establish at the event is carried over to tomorrow, and the next day, week and year," Smith said. "We all have the potential to make a difference and be visible, vocal, and valuable to help spread the message that recovery is possible."

For more information, visit pinellascoalition.com or email us at livefree@op-erpar.org.

About Local Food Park, Inc. - The Local Food Project Local Food Park, Inc. - The Local Food Project is a 501C3 nonprofit eco-agribusiness whose mission is to connect people to nature and healthy food as a catalyst for healthier lifestyles. The Local Food Project helps grow food, jobs and community through community gardens, community orchards, and other efforts to expand healthy food access. Its community outreach, education and training are focused on eliminating hunger, poverty, crime and social inequity. For more information, or to donate to support this work, visit our website at www.localfood-park.com or email us at thelocalfoodproject@gmail.com.





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Celebrating Roberto Clemente

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neighborhoods.

Local resident Paul Stewart was just a youngster at the time, but his grandmother stepped up to the plate and played host to an array of young talent during spring training sessions.

Stewart dined and shared his room with some of the greats such as Curt Flood and Bill White, but his time with Clemente stood out to him. He remembers how they would sit on opposite twin beds facing each other and Clemente would share the events of his day. The two would stay up during the night working on Clemente's English.

Whether it was in his adopted home of Pittsburgh or in his native Puerto Rico, fans have never forgotten him.

Twenty-six-year-old Archer is one of 30 MLB nominees of the Roberto Clemente Award presented by Chevrolet. A Raleigh, N.C., native, he gives back to his community in many ways.

Archer focuses on empowering underprivileged youth through his organization, Archway Foundation. He sponsors two youth baseball teams—the Archers—and he requires the youth players to take part in extracurricular activities such as community service projects and book readings.

Archer himself reads to the youth by participating in the “Reading with the Rays” program and helped the annual Big Brothers, Big Sisters Bowl for Kids’ Sake raise nearly \$50,000. He has



a partnership with the non-profit Good Sports, Inc. and has collaboratively donated over \$65,000 in sports equipment to underprivileged youth nationwide.

Archer's giving spirit goes beyond the Tampa Bay area. He contributes to non-profits in his hometown of Raleigh, and shows support to youth baseball programs during away games such as the Rays vs. Texas Rangers pregame ceremony at Globe Life Park that honored 16 youth teams competing in the 2015 RBI World Series.

“It's not all me—a lot of people put a lot of time and effort in, to line these things up,” said Archer in an interview with Sports Talk Florida. “I make myself available but there's some great people for the Rays who have pieced it together.”

Archer pitched against

the New York Yankees that night, and set a franchise single season strikeout record when he struck out Brett Gardner in the third inning. That marked his 240th strikeout of the year; unfortunately, the Rays loss 3-1 to the Yankees. Archer was recognized for his nomination pre-game on Sept. 17.

“I'm thankful and honored to be the Roberto Clemente Award nominee for an organization that is so active in the community,” said Archer. “Clemente embodied everything that is great about the game of baseball. To be spoken of in the same breath as him is indescribable.”

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A community conversation

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does something out of line, they will be dealt with appropriately and poor behavior will not be tolerated.

“We have to work together, and just because one officer does something wrong, don’t blame all the officers in law enforcement,” said Holloway.

Pinellas County Sheriff Bob Gualtieri explained that there are no double standards between police behavior and individuals not employed in law enforcement. While police need to be held accountable for their wrongdoings, the citizens of St. Petersburg have to live by the same code.

He explained that there are some 7,000 people in the county in some form of custody status. Gualtieri’s goal is to reduce recidivism and help people successfully re-entering into the community.

Pastor Clarence Williams of Greater Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church focused on what he thought prevented police/community solutions.

“Until we have serious, meaningful dialogue between people that may not look like you, and may not have your perspective, I don’t think we’re ever going to move toward positive solutions,” Williams said.

He feels that the degradation and the destruction of the family along with the lack of education, the systemic process of denying education, poverty, unemployment and bad public policy “begin to build a society that is open for what I believe is extortion. It becomes a preying ground for the worst of the worst to exist.”

State Attorney Bernie McCabe focused on gun

laws and the different perceptions of police and citizens. He said that we are now living in a gun culture and we’re headed back to the wild, wild West. McCabe explained the reason officers have the quick to shoot reaction is because their perception is that everyone is carrying a gun, and their first concern is survival.

“That’s the gun culture... Why are young people carrying guns? Because the next young guy is caring a gun and they need it for protection. That’s what we’ve created with this gun culture,” McCabe averred.

The last panelist, Dr. William Law, president of St. Petersburg College, placed emphasis on educating the community and doing whatever is possible to get people to work.

During the question and answer period, cellphone videos were brought up. McCabe said there are instances when the video shows something different than what the report states, but he feels that seeing is not always believing.

“You have to understand that the rate of vision on a cellphone camera is very narrow...It doesn’t always hear what’s being said, so I do not consider it to be absolute proof of anything,” he said.

McCabe and Holloway both have problems with body cameras. Holloway brought up privacy issues stating that anyone can view the video; all they have to do is ask.

He feels that human error will also work against the police. If an officer fails to turn the camera on in the beginning, the first question

asked will be what is he or she trying to hide. Holloway also remarked that the field of vision is a hindrance.

When asked if Pinellas County is one incident away from being a Ferguson or a Baltimore, McCabe empathically said, “No.” However, a more in touch Williams said if you had asked a person from Baltimore if they were one incident away from Ferguson, most likely they would have said no also.

“I don’t think anyone can judge how a community will react based on reactions of another community...I believe the volatility of a situation like that really depends on how forthcoming law enforcement is, the facts in the case and the particular climate and culture of the community.”

Gualtieri’s comments agreed with McCabe.

“It’s not going to happen here. We’re prepared...What happened 20-plus years ago in St. Petersburg, that’s not going to happen today,” Gualtieri said.

The conversation turned to the no snitching culture in some communities. An audience member said she witnessed a crime in her neighborhood and a police officer brought the assailant back to her house to be positively identified.

Not knowing all the facts, Gualtieri said the officer should have not brought the assailant back to her house. “Sometimes some cops do some things that aren’t very bright,” he said to cheers.

Holloway suggested using TIP411 to report a crime anonymously.

More conversations such as this are in the works.

Championship trophy in St. Pete

From **SPEIGHTS**, page 1

for him. The Childs Park community helped me when my children were young and we needed help. They loved on us and took them on trips that we couldn’t afford to take them on. I’ll never forget that. That’s why his first camp after he was in the NBA was held at Childs Park and even this event,” said Marreese’s mother, Regina Glenn-Speights.

Marreese is proud of his old stomping grounds. He never dreamed that he would be in a position to give back to a community that had given him and his family so much.

“I felt that it was important to show the people who have helped me and the kids who may be inspired, something that they had not seen before. It’s not often that someone from our neighborhood will see an NBA Championship Trophy. I owe the people in my life who believed in me and encour-

aged me some give back,” said Marreese.

He feels growing up in the Childs Park area helped contribute to his success. “I had people around me that made sure that I didn’t get into trouble. My mom, brothers, sisters and friends looked out for me because they saw something in me,” said Marreese. “They saw the potential that I had for a good future. That’s why I’m here now because I want to say to someone that you have potential and you have a future, and don’t let the streets mess up what might be possible.”

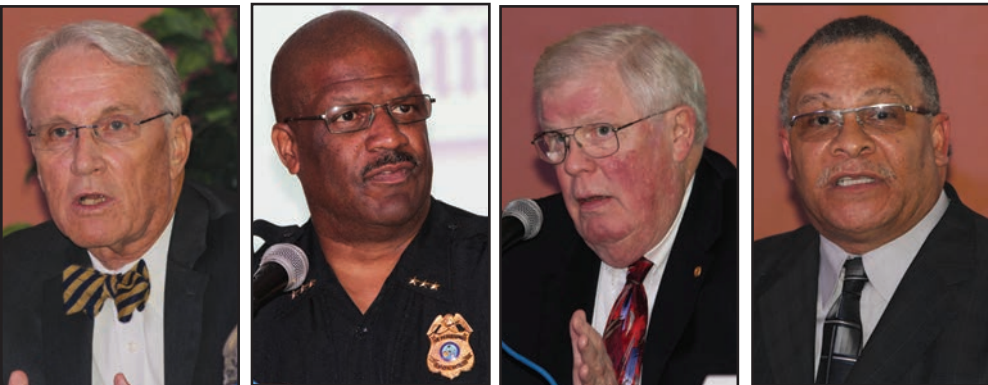
Marreese has started a non-profit organization that will further his charitable work. They will have events and activities that will promote safety and inspire the youth.

“I’m thankful that people continue to support me. I am excited about our community and the people



who come together even just to see a trophy,” he finished.

The Larry O’Brien NBA Championship Trophy, awarded in June to the 2015 NBA Champion Golden State Warriors, is made of sterling silver with a 24-karat gold overlay and features a nine inch basketball at the top, weighing 14.5 pounds. The basketball is about the same size as an NBA regulation ball, and is valued at \$13,500. Manufactured by Tiffany & Co. each year, the winning teams maintain permanent possession of the trophy after it completes a tour of each player’s hometown.



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Civil Rights history through the media

From **RIGHTS**, page 1

lisher of the Power Broker Magazine and Herb Snitzer, civil rights activist, photographer and author.

Presented as a way to discuss the impact that the media had on the Civil Rights Movement, the panelists all had diverse backgrounds and professional focuses, and each brought different insights in comparing the role of the press during that era and today.

Deggans explained that what people don't realize regarding media coverage during the movement was that there was quite a range of press coverage at the time. Southern newspapers downplayed the conflict so stories about protests, violence and unrest often were found inside the newspaper instead of on the cover. Civil rights activists were labeled troublemakers by the southern newspapers, and Klans chapters were lionized in the press.

Black newspapers, however, told a much different story and many did it aggressively. Also overseas press had the world questioning America's ability to govern its citizens.

National newspapers at the time didn't have a large circulation like today. For

example, records show that during the Civil Rights Movement only 29 people in Birmingham, Ala., had a subscription to the New York Times. So many southerners' views of the events were skewed.

Photographs from the movement captured the struggles that many of those newspapers downplayed. Images have helped speak the truth about the past, and will continue to speak the truth in the present and future.

"Bloody and brutal images of the Civil Rights Movement fueled the moral uprising and active energy of American voters, which in turn gave President Kennedy the impetus needed to call for Congress to pass civil rights legislation," said Gallardo.

She went on to say that people of all ages and colors responded to the degradation seen in print and on the airwaves. Many of them would not have known the horrors taking place if it weren't from the media.

"The media brought these images into their homes, and we're seeing the same thing right now with the Syrian refugee crisis. We understand how

powerful that single image was in bringing it into American households," she stated.

Snitzer feels that the media isn't doing enough. "I would like media—all media—to do more out front rather than after the fact such as Ferguson, Baltimore and other cities. We all know the issues and it's really time to act. Miles Davis, in his autobiography remarked if white people ever knew what black people really feel, it would scare them to death."

The panel discussion corresponds with the national tour exhibition called "This Light of Ours: Activist Photographers of the Civil Rights Movement," which features photographs from mostly Mississippi and Alabama documenting the civil rights struggle captured by activist photographers. The photographs show a different side of the story that isn't told in history books.

"We have civil rights memorials and stuff but if we would make like a mass memorial of all slaves that have been killed, and take similar documents to what they have downstairs (in reference to the Holocaust

victims), such as numbers, pictures and artifacts and make a museum of that then that would be blaming ourselves, and America's not about that," said museum visitor Selma Horozoeic. "Then we won't be the 'world heroes' even though that's really not the case, but I think that's why these types of civil rights exhibits are rare. It's putting it on America, and not placing the blame on someone else."

Horozoeic's sister, Cici, a high school senior in New Port Richey explained that she learned more about the Civil Rights Movement through the exhibition photos than in school because the curriculum skims over African-American history.

The Florida Holocaust Museum is also featuring their first locally produced exhibition, "Beaches, Benches and Boycotts: The Civil Rights Movement in Tampa Bay." Inspired by "This Light of Ours," it focuses on the "Jim Crow" era in Tampa, St. Petersburg and Sarasota.

Both exhibits run through Dec. 1. For more information visit fhlocauseum.org.



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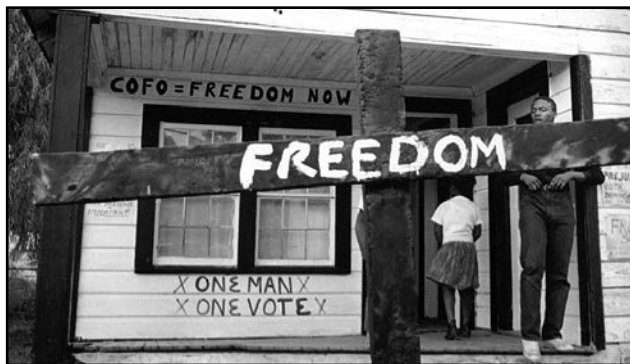
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Praise concert lifts spirits

BY ALLEN A. BUCHANAN
Staff Writer

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Show promoter and sponsor Danny O’Neill watched as the laser-style lighting and stage fog created a spiritual vision of worship and praise that was beautifully executed by the performances of Tasha Page Lockhart, Chosen, Cepeda McKay and No Limits and the Edified Praisers.

The highlight of the evening was a special tribute to India Welch, one of the three sisters who died



in a horrific car crash on the way home from a church convention this past August. Her parents, Pastor Ricardo Welch and First Lady Darlene, were present and received flowers and a standing ovation prior to the beginning of a special slide show presentation honoring the spiritual worship and praise work of India who was a brave and creatively gifted warrior for Christ.



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Announcing auditions for ‘Memphis, the Musical’

ST. PETERSBURG — Auditions for “Memphis, the Musical” will take place at City Theatre Oct. 4 and 5 from 6-9 p.m. Callbacks are scheduled for Oct. 6.

They are requiring that anyone auditioning prepare 16-32 bars of a song (bring sheet music), a one-minute monologue and be prepared to dance as well.

Erica Sutherlin, Gibbs High School performance theater instructor, will be directing the production, along with Latoya McCormick as music director and choreographer Rodney Hamilton.

“Memphis, the Musical” is inspired by actual events centered on a white radio DJ who wants to change the world and a black club singer who is ready for her big break. Set in the underground dance clubs in Memphis in the 1950s, it is filled with explosive dancing, irresistible songs and a thrilling take on fame and forbidden love.

Casting will include the following roles:

Huey – Caucasian, 20s-30s. Frenzied, bombastic, motor-mouthed hero, who talks his way into becoming a DJ at a local white radio station. He ignores race barriers and eventually falls in love with Felicia, a talented black singer, which causes a whole new set of problems for Huey in a seg-



regated 1950s Memphis. Tenor with a great feel for pop, rock, R&B style.

Felicia – African American, 20s-30s. Beautiful, wide-eyed. Fiercely gifted singer. Follows her heart and falls in love with Huey despite knowing deep down that a relationship between a white man and a black woman in prejudiced Memphis is doomed. High R&B belt.

Delray – African-American man, 30s-40s. Felicia's older brother. Owns the club on Beale Street where

she sings. Realistic, cautious, protective, and aware of the realities of the segregation that exists in Memphis and the world beyond. Baritenor with great pop, rock, R&B voice.

Gladys – Caucasian, 40s-60s. Huey's stern, traditional blue-collar, Southern mother. Has worked her entire life to be able to support herself and her son, whom she loves, but about whom she constantly worries. Strong singer with alto-belt mix; excellent actor with comic skills.

Gator – African-American man, 20s-30s. Bartender at Delray's - hasn't spoken since age five, when he saw his father killed. As the story progresses, Gator finds his voice again. Requires an excellent actor and singer (great R&B Baritenor); comic timing a plus.

Bobby – African American, 30s-40s. Janitor at Mr. Simmons' radio station. Full of personality and heart. Great gospel voice. Role requires an actor who is comfortable with physi-



Erica C. Sutherlin, Director

cality, as he has a dance break in his show-stopping number “Big Love.” Comic skills a plus.

Simmons – Caucasian, 40s-60s. Conservative owner of the radio station where Huey gets his start. The strong, Southern, commanding businessman becomes willing to take a chance on Huey when he realizes the audience Huey reaches and the money he can command. Great actor

who is comfortable singing.

Male & female ensembles – All ethnicities, late teens-40s. Male dancers who sing very well, to play various ensemble characters. Seeking excellent, athletic dancers who sing.

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Prayer Meeting (Tuesday).....6:00 p.m.
Bible Study (Tuesday)7:00 p.m.
Baptist Training Union (Sunday)4:00 p.m.
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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sundays	9:30 am Spiritual Education Classes 10:30 am Praise & Worship 11:00 am Morning Service	Tuesdays	6:30 pm Bible Study
		Thursdays	6:30 pm Prayer & Healing Service

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	YPWW Bible Study – 7:30 p.m.




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Pastor Clark Hazley, Sr.
Mission Statement
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“God’s People Return to the Word of God”
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.

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Order of Services:

Noonday Prayer.....Wednesdays at 12:30 PM
Pastoral Teaching.....Wednesdays at 7:00 PM
Evangelist Service.....4th Fridays at 7:00 PM
Sunday SchoolSundays at 9:00 AM
Morning WorshipSundays at 10:15 AM
WRXB (1590) Radio Ministry2nd and 4th Saturdays at 10:30 AM

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Dr. John A. Evans, Pastor

WORSHIP EXPERIENCES
Sunday Worship.....7:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
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

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.

Victory Christian Center Church
3012 18th Avenue South
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(727) 321-0911
www.Victorychristiancenterchurch.org




Pastor
Claude Williams
and First Lady
Cecelia Williams

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

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



Rev. Carl Mobley, Sr.


Sunday School9:30 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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St. Petersburg, FL 33712
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Sunday Morning Worship7:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Bible Class9:20 a.m.
Sunday Morning Second Worship10:40 a.m.
Ladies Bible Class Monday.....7:00 p.m.
Monday Evening Bible Class7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Morning Bible Class.....10:00 a.m.
Wednesday Evening Bible Class7:00 p.m.

**BETHEL COMMUNITY
BAPTIST CHURCH**
2901 - 54th Avenue South
St. Petersburg, FL. 33712
(727) 866-2567



Rev. Manuel Sykes

SERVICES
Sunday School:
8:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service:
9:30 a.m.
Bible Study: Wednesdays
at 6:30 p.m.

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

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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.



Rev. Brian K. Brown

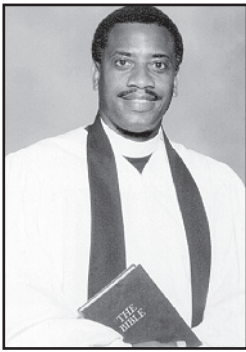
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SUNDAY SERVICES/WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:10 a.m. Breakfast (First Sunday only)
9:30 a.m. Sunday School (First Sunday Only)
Sunday School 9:15 a.m. / Devotion 10:15 a.m.
Praise & Worship 10:20 a.m. / Worship Services 10:30 a.m.
Saints of Prayer - Monday 12:00 noon
Weekly Bible Study - Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
Adult Choir Rehearsals - Thursday 6:30 p.m.

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Rev. Frank W. Peterman, Jr.
Pastor

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 core, the belief that we are a haven of hope, help, and healing for a lost world hungry and thirsty for the word of God. At St. Mark, we as a body of believers are Christians willing to work and partner in unity, praising God for the awesome gift of His son, Jesus Christ.

Coming in the Month of October 2015

Oct. 5 South Florida 100th Centennial

Celebration - Banquet Gala & Black Tie Affair@ 7:00 p.m. Orange Blossom Catering, 220 4th St. N, Downtown St. Petersburg, FL

Oct. 6-10 South Florida Progressive Baptist Association Convening at St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church

Oct. 9-10 "Commissioned and Committed" Conference for Pastors, Ministers, Brotherhood and the Sisterhood.

Sunday school 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.

Young Adult Ministry (YAMS) Every Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Baptist Training Union

is each Sunday: 5:00 p.m. Members and the general public are invited to come out to study the Bible with us, and learn "What Baptists Believe".

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

Mime/Praise Dance Rehearsal on Sundays: 2:00-4:00 p.m.

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

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

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

Children Youth Ministry Bible Study 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month: 7:30 p.m.

Friendship MBC

NEED A PLACE TO CALL HOME? LOOKING FOR A CHURCH THAT IS "FIRED UP?" The Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, the Pastor, Dr. John A. Evans, Sr., Official Family and the entire Church Family extend to you a cordial invitation to join "THE SHIP" in fellowship at our 7:45 am or the 10:45 am worship service, and Sunday Church School at 9:30 am. Pray for our Sick, Shut-in, Children, Men/Women in Uniform, and Bereaved Families.

WEDNESDAY "NOON DAY" BIBLE STUDY FROM 12:00 NOON UNTIL 1:00 PM (THE BEST ONE HOUR OF YOUR DAY) – WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT 7:00 PM – THE COMMUNITY IS WELCOMED TO JOIN US – YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS BIBLE STUDY, STUDYING FROM 1ST JOHN, CHAPTER 4.

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September at a glance
Fri., Sept. 25 – 7 PM - CHURCH CONFERENCE.

Sat., Sept. 26 – 10 am – 2 pm - SINGLES / NEW ERA YOUTH ADULTS MINISTRIES WILL BE SAILING FOR CHRIST – WORKSHOP – CRUISE – LUNCHEON – Donation is \$30 per person – Registration Sign-up Sheet located in the Atrium – See Sharon Wilson, Singles Ministry Leader – Community Churches Singles Ministries are invited to participate. Contact the Church at (727) 906-8300.

Mon., Sept. 28 at 7 pm - "18th/38th Pastor and First Family Appreciation Celebration" Committee Meeting – All Member's who are interested in being a part of this Committee are encouraged to attend.
Save the date in Oct.
Mon., Oct. 5 at 7 pm - "18th/38th Pastor and First Family Appreciation Celebration" Committee Meeting – All Member's who are interested in being a part of this Committee are encouraged to attend.
Sat., Oct. 10 – 8 am (Continental Breakfast) – Ushers Workshop – Registration Donation \$5 – Facilitator – Minister Sharon P. Saulsby, Ushers Director, Florida General Baptist Convention, Inc. Held with Community Ushers Ministries at Bethel Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church – 3455 26th Ave. S – Contact Bethel at (727) 327-0554 or (727) 321-6672.

Sat., Oct. 10 – 9 am – Supernatural Sistahs; Dealing with matters of the Heart Conference – Keynote Speaker: Lyvonne Hicks - Held at Friendship – Tickets available – contact Tameko Lovett: (727) 218-8815.

Sat., Oct. 17 – Making Strides Against Breast Cancer – Vinoy Park – Details Coming Soon.

OCT. 23-24 – THE LEADERSHIP FALL RETREAT – HELD AT CAMP YALE BAPTIST CONFERENCE RETREAT, LEESBURG, FLORIDA. Ministry Leaders please see Sis. Penny Williams ASAP. Sign-up sheets located in the Atrium.

Thought for the Week: R U A registered voter? Every election is very important, do you vote? Did you know that it is your right to register and it is an honor to be able to cast your vote?

Don't let "The Ship" sail without you! For additional information on any of the announcements, please contact us by the following methods: Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 3300 31st St. S, St. Petersburg, Florida 33712 Church Office: (727) 906-8300 E-Mail: fmmbc3300@verizon.net

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Support West Coast Baptist District Association Women's Auxiliary Foreign Mission Project which is underway.

Bethel Metropolitan Baptist Church

Bethel Community Baptist Church has been a cornerstone of the St. Petersburg community for many generations. Starting in 1923, the church has continuously been a beacon of light and a "House of Prayer for all nations." (Isaiah 56:7.)

Rev. Enoch D. Davis, for who the Enoch Davis Recreation Center was named, lead Bethel in its name change to include "Community" and emphasized this by leading the church in a number of community projects.

Davis was a key figure in the local Civil Rights Movement; and whose name can be found on the current exhibit documenting this time in the Florida Holocaust Museum. Fast forward to the present, Rev. Dr. Manuel L. Sykes continues in emphasizing the need for community.

Leading the church by example, Sykes has been involved in a number of community organizations, such as the NAACP, Urban League and F.A.S.T. organizations.

He has challenged the church this year to be active in Reviving, Rebuilding and Reconnecting not only itself but the community as a whole.

Everyone is encouraged to be a part of this great ministry and this great community as they move toward a brighter future here in the Sunshine City.

Services begin at 9:30 a.m. at 2901 54th Ave. S, St. Petersburg. Hope to see you there! God Bless!

Bethel Metropolitan Baptist Church, "God's House to the City," under the leadership of Dr. Rickey L. Houston extend 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 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)

Bethel Metropolitan is celebrating its 112th Church Anniversary. Sunday September 27th at 10:15 am. Anniversary preacher is Rev. Dr. Wayne G. Thompson, Pastor First Institutional Baptist Church. Anniversary will conclude with Revival September 28th-30th 7:00 pm. The Revivalist is Rev. Jerry Alexander Jr. Pastor of Elizabeth Baptist Church, Arcadia, FL. Community is invited to join us and share in this celebration.

"Knowing Jesus Christ in 2015" II Corinthians 2:2 Philipians 3:8

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