

TURNER TIMES



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“Let’s Celebrate!”



The Greater Turner Chapel Family is excited to be praising and serving the LORD in our brand new sanctuary. We

celebrated for an entire week, dedicating both the new sanctuary and the educational facility. It took eight long years of hardwork, dedication, perserverance, and plenty of finances, but we got it done. For the celebration, we had a different preacher every night delivering dynamic messages, as well as members reflecting on each phase of the construction project.

To kick off the event, we were given a message from Rev. Dr. T.B. Brown, the pastor of Union Bethel A.M.E. Church in New Orleans, Louisiana. He spoke on “Renewing the Spirit Within: Repent and Turn Back to GOD.” (*Psalms 51: 10-13*) Our souls were blessed with his powerful message.

On Tuesday night, we were delighted by a message from Rev. Cedell Raggs of Memphis, TN. Rev. Raggs is a former pastor of Greater Turner Chapel. He spoke on the theme, “We: The Body of CHRIST”. (*1 Corinthians 12: 12-14*) Rev. Raggs was well pleased to see how beautiful our church has become.



Night three brought back another former pastor of Greater Turner Chapel, Rev. Birdon Mitchell, Jr., pastor of Zion



Chapel A.M.E. Church in Natchez, MS. But he did not come alone. He brought his children with him, and they blessed us with their vocal talents. Rev. Mitchell spoke on the theme, “From Childishness to Maturity” (*Ephesians 4: 13-16*). The church was full that night, both spiritually and physically.

Rev. Dr. Calvin E. Collins, pastor of New Zion M.B. Church, here, in Greenwood, MS spoke to us on Thursday night. He brought his magnificent choir with him to help raise the spirits in the building. Rev. Collins spoke on the subject, “Continuing the Kingdom Work by Faith”. (*2 Corinthians 4: 16-18*) Our souls were really touched by his message.

On Friday night, we received an encouraging word from a dynamic speaker in her own right, the Rev. Dr. Glenell M. Lee-Pruitt, pastor of Solomon Chapel A.M.E. Church in Cleveland, MS. Dr. Pruitt spoke on the topic, “Stand out from the Crowd”. (*Romans 12: 1-5*). Our hearts were also filled with the soulful singing of the Mississippi Valley State University Choir.



To round off the event, the theme was the theme that we adopted since the beginning of this project, and that is, “So we built the wall, and the whole wall was joined together to half its height, for the people had a mind to work”. (*Nehemiah 4:6*). The Rev. Archie Smith, Presiding Elder of the Greenwood-Greenville District

spoke to us for our Open House Program on Sunday morning, and for the dedication program, we



were graced with the presence of the Right Reverend Carolyn Tyler Guildry, the Presiding Bishop of the 8th Episcopal District A.M.E. Church and the 122nd Elected and Consecrated Bishop of Louisiana and Mississippi. Pastors from all over the district were in attendance, and emotions were high as the Bishop dedicated the brand new sanctuary and educational complex.

Now that the sanctuary is complete, it is time for our church to grow. Let us all take this time to thank Rev. Ray A. Jackson for all of his hard work and patience in seeing this project to the end. GOD knew who to send to us in order to get this down. No one else could have come here and put in the effort that he has to get us this new sanctuary. So we thank you, Rev. Jackson. GOD is good all the time and all the time, GOD is good.

Herman “Baby Boy” Anderson

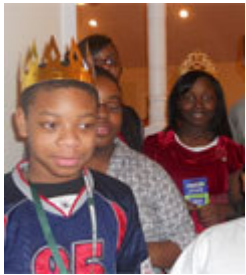
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“Mr. and Ms. Turner Chapel 2010 crowned!”



The 2nd Annual Mr. and Ms. Turner Chapel/Gospel Extravaganza was spiritually enlightening. Our hearts and spirits were lifted with

excellent singing from Ms. Tiffany Brown, the Heavenly Twilights, the Gospel Echoes, the Melody Kings, the Cobbin Singers of Blackhawk and the Exiting Heart of Joy of Grenada. Mr. Devondarius Saffold and Ms. Davida Shaw were our top raisers for this event and were crowned Mr. and Ms. Turner Chapel for the 2010 – 2011 conference year. We would like to thank all the participants for being apart of this event.

We would also like to thank all the members and visitors who came out in support of this event. Without you, this event would not have



been a success. Please join us in congratulating Mr. and Ms. Turner Chapel 2010 – 2011! To see more photos from the event, visit our website at www.greaterturnerschapelame.org.

“Congratulations!”



Mr. Jermaine Flaggs has earned a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice with a minor in Forensic Science from the University of Southern

Mississippi. The Greater Turner Chapel Family would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mr. Flaggs for this great achievement. Jermaine is a member of the Greater Turner Chapel Family, and he is the son of proud mother and Greater Turner Chapel member Ms. Gladys Flaggs. Please join us in congratulating Mr. Jermaine Flaggs for his great achievement.

“Christmas Celebration Night!”



Rev. Ray A. Jackson and the Jackson Family have been putting on the church Christmas

Celebration for years, and it has become a big annual event, headlined by Rev. Jackson’s famous Louisiana Gumbo. This annual event is the Jackson Family’s gift to the Greater Turner Chapel Family and it never disappoints. It’s always good when the congregation comes together and fellowship with one another, and what better way to fellowship than over some good gumbo. Mrs. Jackson gave us a wonderful Christmas reflection, and



many members and non members stood and gave encouraging words for 2011. Although this was Rev. Jackson’s gift to us, he received some surprise gifts of his own, and he was very thankful. Everyone



was in good spirits, and there was even a sing-a-long of the “12 Days of Christmas”. Although the head table (*who had the 5 Golden Rings*) claimed that they did it the best, everyone did a good job and had a load of fun. We would like to thank Rev. Jackson and the Jackson Family for this annual gift and we look forward to many many more.

“Academic Achievement!”



Ms. Concepcion Anderson has made the President’s List at Northwest Mississippi Community College for receiving all A’s her Fall 2010

semester. Concepcion (*better known as Connie*) is the daughter of our own Greater Turner Chapel Family members Mr. and Mrs. Herman Anderson. The Greater Turner Chapel Family would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Connie for her great achievement. Please join us in congratulating Ms. Concepcion Anderson for her achievement.

Upcoming Events

February – 2011

- **Sat. Feb 5th**
 - Central Louisiana Founder’s Day at Bethel – Alexandria, LA – 4p.m.
- **Sun. Feb 13th**
 - South MS Conference Founder’s Day at Pearl Street – 5p.m.
- **Sun. Feb 20th**
 - Black History Program at Greater Turner Chapel – 10a.m.
 - Louisiana Conference Founder’s Day at St. James – New Orleans, LA – 5p.m.
- **Sun. Feb. 27 –**
 - North MS Conference Founders’ Day at Turner Chapel – 5p.m.

Bible Trivia

1. How many books are in the Bible? the old testament? the new testament?
2. What is the shortest verse in the Bible and where can it be found?
3. What four books of the Bible make up the Gospel?
4. Who is the author of the Bible?

These answers will be revealed in the next newsletter.