

## “A Month of Black History”



Throughout the month of February the youths of the Greater Turner Chapel Family gave us a brief moment in Black History. Each Sunday, two youths were selected to give us an interesting summary of famous people and events that are apart of our history. On Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, the Y.P.D. sang songs of old, and they also presented “The March on Washington” in which Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his timeless “I Have a Dream” speech. The speech was delivered dynamically (*if I do say so myself*) and it brought back fond memories to our members who either lived through this time or participated in the march itself. The Y.P.D. helped us all gain more knowledge about our history or helped remind us about our history. The Greater Turner Chapel Family would like everyone to know that we should never be ashamed of where we came from, we should be proud of all of our historical accomplishments, and that we should never ever forget our history.

Also on that day, youths from all over the district travelled to Greater Turner’s Chapel to participate in the annual area Black History Celebration. Youths from all over the district presented their talents through poetry, skits, songs, and praise dances. We would just like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated in Black History Month. We hope that everyone learned something that can be used to better ourselves.

## “Founder’s Day”



The Greater Turner Chapel Family celebrated our annual Founder’s Day on February 27<sup>th</sup>, in which we celebrated the birth of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, founded by Bishop Richard Allen in 1794. Rev. Jackson and many of our members were proud to show us all how they used to dress in those days. Rev. Jackson held a contest for the best dressed Founder’s Day member, and it was hands-down won by Mrs. Daisy Markham.

Also on that day, the North MS Conference Founder’s Day was held. The message was delivered by the Right Reverend Carolyn Tyler Guidry. With the Bishop being in town, you know that there was no surprised that the house was packed. The attendance was so high that we had to break out the folding chairs, and if you were late, you had no choice but to either stand up or head on out the door. Bishop Guidry spoke on the topic “The Church Will Survive”. So, in keeping up with the theme of the month, we should never forget our past or we will face certain harm in our futures. In order to guarantee that the church will survive, we must continue to remember what our ancestors went through in order to make our lives a little better.



## March Birthdays

Happy Birthday to everyone celebrating a birthday in the month of March

- **Tue. Mar 1<sup>st</sup>**
  - Naomi Sims
- **Wed. Mar 30<sup>th</sup>**
  - Nick Parnell

## Upcoming Events

### April – 2011

- **Sat. Apr 2<sup>nd</sup>**
  - Appreciation Banquet – Civic Center – 7:00pm
- **Thu. Apr 7<sup>th</sup>**
  - MLK. Jr., International Board of Preachers Induction – Atlanta, GA
- **Apr 8 - 9**
  - Women in Ministry Retreat – Bonner Campbell – Edwards, MS
- **Wed. Apr 13<sup>th</sup>**
  - A.M.E. Day of Prayer
- **Apr 14 - 16**
  - Connectional Ministries in Christian Education Meeting
- **Sat. Apr 16<sup>th</sup>**
  - Bishop Preaching – CME Meeting - TBA
- **Sun. Apr 17<sup>th</sup>**
  - Palm Sunday – Payne Memorial A.M.E. Church – New Orleans, LA – Bishop Preaching
- **Sun. Apr 24<sup>th</sup>**
  - Easter Sunday – Union Bethel A.M.E. Church – New Orleans, LA



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**“Teacher of the Year”**

The Greater Turner Chapel Family would like to take this opportunity to congratulate fellow family member Ms. Viola Parnell for becoming Kathleen Bankston



Elementary’s Teacher of the Year for 2010 – 2011. This is a high honor for the teachers of Bankston, and Ms. Parnell was blessed to receive it. Ms. Parnell teaches 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades at Bankston Elementary, she is an active member of the Steward Board and an active member of the Neva B. Jackson Missionary Society. Please join us in congratulating Ms. Viola Parnell for her great achievement.

**“The Children are Our Future”**



The Greater Turner Chapel Family is always excited when our youth progress themselves, especially when it comes to academics, and Mr. Ranarios

Hancock is one of our many youths who is doing just that. Mr. Hancock was featured in the February 27, 2011 edition of the Greenwood Commonwealth. He, along with his fellow classmates, learned how to file taxes, become familiar with the various tax forms, and they were also taught how to calculate payroll in their Business Management Technology class. Mr. Hancock is a sophomore and honor student at Greenwood High School. He is the son of proud parent and Greater Turner Chapel member Ms. Renee Hancock, and he is also the Vice President of the Y.P.D. The Greater Turner Chapel family would like to congratulate Mr. Ranarios Hancock for his academic enhancement, and if you haven’t filed your taxes yet and you need someone to help you out, you can call on Mr. Hancock.

**“A Legacy Born, Lived, and Still Lingering On”**



The Greater Turner Chapel Family lost one of our faithful members on February 3, 2011. Mrs. Annie Mae Markham was truly a child of GOD, and GOD has blessed our family to have had her here on Earth for 99 wonderful years. While she was here on Earth, she made sure that she was at church every Sunday, and when she was not there, her presence was truly missed.

Throughout her lifetime, she held numerous offices here at Greater Turner Chapel A.M.E.C. She was the Neva B. Jackson Missionary Society President for as long as she was able. She also held offices in the East Mississippi Conference Women’s Missionary Society.



Mrs. Markham commanded a lot of respect amongst the Greater Turner Chapel Family. She could tell you anything that she saw as a problem and you couldn’t help but do what she said, and do it with a smile. She was the Mother of our Church and she will truly be missed. Although she is no longer here physically, her spirit lives on, and we know that she is in GOD’s kingdom, living in her own mansion.

**Mrs. Annie Mae Markham**  
*January 12, 1912 – February 3, 2011*

**Bible Trivia**

*Answers to last month’s trivia questions*

1. Joseph was a Carpenter
2. Paul’s Hebrew name was Saul
3. The other person who walked with GOD was Noah (Gen. 5:24, 6:9)
4. Andrew and Peter were brothers

*This month’s trivia*

1. What does the name Immanuel mean?
2. Who was the Roman Procurator at the time of the crucifixion of JESUS?
3. What are the first two words of every Beatitude recorded in Matthew?
4. Who answered the question, “But who say ye that I am?” by saying, “Thou are the Christ.?”

*These answers will be revealed in the next newsletter.*

*Greater Turner Chapel A.M.E.C.*  
**Appreciation Banquet**

**April 2, 2011**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**at the**  
**Civic Center**

If you haven’t purchased your tickets yet, please see a member of the Steward Board.

**Herman “Baby Boy” Anderson**

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