

## 2012 ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING



The 2012 District Meeting for the David A. Reed Senior District convened on Monday May 14, thru Friday May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012, at our Superintendent's Church, Reeds Temple COGIC in Griffith Indiana. Monday night was pre-musical night facilitated by 1<sup>st</sup> Lady Klista Hill. There was representation from various churches and many talents



were highlighted including original songs rendered by the District Choir. The Emanuel Praise ministry under the direction of our own Sister Katherine Brookins rendered a thought provoking interpretive skit based on the theme for the meeting 'Holy Ghost Revolution. The participants included Sister Katherine Brookins', Sister La Cole Murray, Brothers; William Brookins, Stanley Banks, James Yarbough, David Alexander, Phillip Brooks, Alfonz McGowan (Jordan), and little (twin) Joshua, as well as sister Whitney Turner of Zion Temple Church. They all did a wonderful job to set the tone for the week.



Tuesday night was facilitated by Pastor Michael Hill and our own Pastor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Superintendent Michael Richardson was the keynote speaker. Proverbs 3 versus 5-6 was the text with the subject "Trusting in the Lord". The Pastor admonished us that we are creatures of trust, and will regularly put our trust in everything from a paycheck, money, cars, and gas to operate them, to our own abilities. However these things can and will let us down. He gave us a great example of a pilot caught in the midst of a terrible storm in the dark, he has to rely on his controls and not what he can see, but what he 'reads' to guide him to safely land, in turn we must place our complete trust in the Lord our God, even when we can't trace him! The night concluded with the Pastor praying for the families

gathered on the altar.

The women were in charge for Wednesday night and our own 1<sup>st</sup> Lady 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant District Missionary Anastasia Richardson did a fantastic job facilitating the evening. District Missionary Maggie Booker came forth with words of wisdom to the women. She sighted Matthew 11 28-30 Rest in the Lord. She told us that we must find the "old path and walk therein"; seek the Lord and not find ourselves so busy and inundated with appointments and invitations to events that cause us to neglect the house of worship. We must always be open to seek His face even if we can only find the strength to groan, because the Lord knows all that we have need of, and He alone can give us rest! Elect Lady Lundy prayed for all of the women, with special emphasis on widows and single mothers. Afterwards Dr. Sherelene Harris, President of the Pastors and Ministers wives, presented a tribute to the Founders wives, Mother Elvie Owens from Emanuel and Mother Elaine Reed from Reed's Temple. The First Lady of the District, Iris Reed presented wonderful love tokens to District Missionary Booker in addition to the Red Card for the Women's International Convention. Just when we thought the evening was over, Sister Katherine Brookins, and Thee Emanuel Praise Ministry at the request of 1<sup>st</sup> Lady Reed ministered "I want it all Back!" a stirring illustration of our struggle against the evils of the enemy.



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Our Jurisdictional Prelate, Bishop Ocie Booker spoke on Thursday night which was set aside for prayer for the men. He said that he recalled the time when the Saints of God entered the sanctuary worshipping and praising the Lord and how there was a definitive sound that you felt to the depths of your soul. He spoke of an antiphonal (or deeply felt) praise that we needed to seek to re-capture. Revelations 4 was referenced where the 4 beasts worshipped around the throne of God and evoked spontaneous praise from the 4 and 20 Elders, and so must we be ready to praise the Lord! Our worship must be pure and not mixed with the world. He closed explaining that as we praise and thank the Lord, we must realize that we are thanking Him for being cleansed from the ‘incurable disease of sin’ and he admonished us to let nobody take your praise! All men present filled the altar as our Jurisdictional leader prayed for the men.



The meeting culminated on Friday night with Superintendent David Reed bringing the official message based on our theme “Holy Ghost Revolution”. After soul stirring sermonic selections from Psalmist Kim Stratton who shared “I feel Jesus” and “More than enough” the atmosphere was set for a powerful word from our leader. He explained that a revolution is an overthrowing of government, taken by force and is unexpected. If the Clergy and spiritual leaders would come together in spirit and with one mind to seek the Lord we can spark ‘real’ change in our neighborhoods and win souls for the kingdom. In standing with one mind we will cause the church, the laity and ultimately the communities and cities of Chicago and Gary Indiana to catch on fire for the Lord and end all the evils and crimes that the enemy is running rampant with our youth. After calling all youth forth for prayer every young person and saint present felt that we were truly ready for a real Holy Ghost Revolution!



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