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(Conference Recap)

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6<sup>th</sup> Midnight Musical

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## DO YOU HAVE A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST?

If you believe in your heart that Jesus Is Lord, the Christ, the Savior, the Son of the Living God, and you are willing to turn from sin to God, then receive Jesus Christ now by faith and pray this prayer:

Forgive me of all my sins, come into my heart and save me.

I do now confess you as my risen Lord.
Thank you Lord Jesus for saving me. AMEN

This issue brings to a close our 21st year of continuous publication. It contains highlights from a few of the events held at or sponsored by Fairview during the months July, August and September and a lineup of upcoming events for the remainder of 2014. Featured articles are *The Family* (including the Family Retreat), the first *Children*, *Youth*, *Young Adult & Mid-Lifer Conference*, *Midnight Musical - "Reunited,"* and *Pastor Reed's National Appointment*.



The church emphasis for October and November is on Christian Stewardship. You can view the Pastor's message on page 3 where he addresses the Biblical principles of stewardship. Also, you can download and print the stewardship study guides for Wednesday night and Sunday morning Bible Study from the church website at http://www.fairviewokc.com/fbc-sunday-school-lessons.

Photos of services and events are contained throughout this publication. You can view additional photos at <a href="https://www.levisphotoz.smugmug.com">www.levisphotoz.smugmug.com</a>. To obtain copies, download from the site, call Levi McCullough at 405-850-3891, or email <a href="lemac@sbcglobal.net">lemac@sbcglobal.net</a>. Contributing photographers were Ahmad Kennedy and Lonnie Hunt, along with ministry reporter contributions.

It has been a true honor to have the opportunity to witness to you this year through this medium. We pray that you were blessed by some message or article.

We invite you to visit our church website at <a href="https://www.fairviewokc.com">www.fairviewokc.com</a> for weekly updates of church activities. You can also sign up to receive E-News and alerts of upcoming events. *Make us your homepage!* 

Blessings to you and we look forward to sharing with you in 2015! Maeleatha Patterson, Editor

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### The Pastor Speaks —

My beloved members,

In the months of October and November we are placing emphasis on stewardship here in the Lord's church. We are humbled when we realize that God has made us stewards of our lives and that we are responsible to Him.

The Apostle Paul, in I Corinthians 6:20, reminds us that we are not our own but have been bought with a price. Life is God-given; life is a charge



from God. Each of our lives has marvelous potential; therefore, we should be good stewards and glorify God. We should make the most of what God has given to us.

We are to place God *first* in our lives. The priority of God's claims is a biblical truth and is found throughout the Bible. God desires *first place* in our lives. To give Him less than first place would be ungrateful of us. Jesus Christ is *first* among the persons of the Bible. The Lord's Day is *first* among the days of the week. The Bible is *first* among books. *First* among institutions is the church Christ loved and gave Himself for. *First* among dollars is tithe. *First* among all the calls that comes to us is the Lord's call.

Too many Christians apparently take it for granted that being saved is of primary importance, but the use of our talent, time, tithe, energies and all else we possess is important, too. We are not only to use what the Lord has given to us, but we are accountable for all that the Lord has given us to use for Him.

Fairview, let us be good stewards of all of life, for God gave it to us. He sustains life. He supplies our needs. Therefore, *let us honor Him with all that we are and with all that we have!* 

# Dr. Jerry Young Elected President of National Baptists Fairview Pastor John A. Reed, Jr., Affirmed as a Vice President

THE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, USA, INC., met the week of September 1—5, 2014, in the city of New Orleans, LA for its 138th Annual Session. This year's session was a historical one in that amidst the general business of the Convention parent body, boards and affiliates, was the election of a new head.

On Thursday, September 4, 2014, under the leadership of Dr. Julius R. Scruggs, the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. elected Dr. Jerry Young of Jackson, Mississippi, as its next President. Dr. Scruggs had announced at the previous year's annual session that he would not seek re-election as leader of the nation's largest black religious organization.

Dr. Young, who had served as Vice President-At-Large and is Pastor of the New Hope Baptist Church in Jackson, MS, received a landslide victory of the votes cast. The candidates and voting results were (by percentage of total votes): Dr. Jerry Young – 49%; Dr. Boise Kimber – 22%; Dr. Clifford Jones – 14%; Dr. R. B. Holmes – 11%; and Dr. Randy Vaughn – 4%.

Dr. Young was quoted as saying, "I am humbled by the knowledge that I am now president because God did it!" He mentioned, during his comments at the victory celebratory service on Thursday night, that he was one of ten children, the son of a preacher, born on a plantation, and grew up in the Mississippi Delta.

The President Elect addressed the Convention body Friday morning, September 5, 2014, during the morning session. According to press release from the Convention's Media Relations, Dr. Young spoke to his immediate plans for transitioning to his new responsibilities as President. He stated that he immediately formed a "skeleton crew" that will aid him in accessing the needs and persons necessary to make up his cabinet/team. Those persons are: Dr. Calvin McKinney – will remain as General Secretary for the Convention; Dr. Clarence Moore – will remain as a Vice President; Dr. John Reed <u>- will remain as a Vice President;</u> Dr. Claybon Lea - will remain as a Vice President; Dr. Fred Campbell – will be the new Chairman of the Board of Directors.

President Young begins his administration with the goal of rebuilding the infrastructure and capacity of the convention by putting the right people

These persons were affirmed by the

in place and by matching gifts and skills with the job at hand. "We've got to get the right people on the bus if we are going to get the job done," stated Young. "What happened yesterday is history." "It is time for us to move into the future as one!"

According to the Terricha Bradley, of The Clarion-Ledger, Dr. Young makes history as the first Mississippi pastor chosen for the position of President of the National Baptist Convention. took place this week in New Orleans, and Young was elected Thursday night from a field of five candidates nominated for the seat. Young was reported as stating, "I have named four people (Friday) morning that will consist of a skeleton crew, and we will meet over the next several weeks to ensure the best we can that we have the right people in all the right seats."

Rev. Dr. Reed has a long history with the National Baptist Convention. It is believed that he has not missed a session during his tenure as Pastor of Fairview. His denominational leadership experience is evidenced through his experience leading Oklahoma's largest Baptist Organization.

In June of 1974, Reverend Reed was elected President of the Oklahoma Baptist State Congress of Christian Education, a position he held until June 2000. At the Annual Session of the Oklahoma Baptist State Convention, Dr. Reed was elected President of the Convention, a position he held until October 2009. He served as a board member of the National Congress and Convention during his tenure as President of the State Congress of Christian Education and the State Convention.

In June 2008, Dr. Reed was made the 5th Vice President of the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education, an affiliate of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., under the leadership of Congress President R. L. Holmes and Convention President William Shaw. This position was preempted in September 2009 when, during the 129th Annual Session of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., Rev. Reed was recommended for and unanimously accepted by the parent body to serve as one of five Vice Presidents for the 7.5 million member body. He was given the responsibility of leadership over the Western Region. He served directly under Convention President, Dr. Julius Scruggs of Huntsville, Alabama. He taught in the



Minister's Division of the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education from 1995 until 2008.

Dr. Reed served as a member of Candidate Jerry Young's Executive Committee for his Presidential Campaign. He was one of the affirming speakers at Dr. Young's victory celebration, publicly expressing his love and appreciation of Dr. Young, not only as a leader but also as a friend. Rev. Reed eluded to how Dr. Young was in constant contact with him during the illness and passing of Sister Pat Reed and how he drove to Oklahoma City for the home going celebration and drove back to Jackson, Mississippi, on the same day to be in his pulpit at New Hope Baptist the following Sunday morning.

We pray God's guidance and wisdom be granted to Dr. Young and his transition team as they work to plan the direction of the Convention.



Convention body.

#### FAIRVIEW HOLD FIRST CYYAM-L CONFERENCE

Known as a visionary leader, for the year 2014, Fairview Senior Pastor J. A. Reed, Jr. put into fruition the vision he received of a new focus for Fairview's future church. In lieu of the traditional Youth for Christ Revival that was scheduled for August, Dr. Reed present a plan for a Conference. He gave the vision and focus as he received from God and engaged the leadership of the ministries to "make it happen."

The first Children, Youth, Young Adult and Mid-Lifers (CYYAM-L) Spiritual Growth and Development Conference was held August 14 – 17, 2014. The theme for the Conference was "*Are You About That Life*," centering on strengthening the community of faith through Spirit-led lives. The scripture base was Acts 2:42-47.

"This Conference is designed to reshape personal lives of all the targeted age groups, birth to 55 years, according to Biblical patterns," stated Senior Pastor J. A. Reed, Jr. "It will give a basic pattern of equipping the saints, personal Christian growth, doctrinal integrity and the ultimate goal of building the church," he continued.



L. to R.: Assistant Pastor & Conference Chair D. Walter, Senior Pastor Reed, Facilitator & Sunday Preacher Rev. K. Pullam

Each representative age group was engaged in concurrent sessions with topics and activities that will concentrate on the two aspects of personality development: the natural, human personality and the Christian personality. Areas of growth and development that the Conference will address are: 1) Physical, 2) Intellect, 3) Social, 4) Emotional, and 5) Spiritual.

On Saturday, Pastor called for all church leaders to be present to be a part of a Leadership Seminar, facilitated by Pastor Terry Buxton of Agape Christian Fellowship, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Below is a recap of the conference as reported by designated communications liaisons and leaders.

#### CHILDREN'S DIVISION—Delores Watley, Children's Ministry Director, Reporting

The Children's Division of the CYYAM-Ls Conference featured the theme "Can God Use Me?". This theme focused on Jeremiah, the young prophet, who was chosen at a young age by God to deliver His message. Other topics discussed were the plan of salvation, evangelism, anger management, emotions, loneliness, and spiritual gifts. There

were 33 Thursday night and 43 children on Friday night from ages 0 to 11. The staff of nine teachers used a variety of interactive demonstrations, art projects, Bible stories and audio\visual effects to engage the children. "We really wanted to involve the children in the lesson, not just teach," one teacher said. Feedback from one of the students, "It was a lot of fun and I can't wait till next year."



#### YOUNGVIEW YOUTH DIVISION—LANITA HARRIS / BRADY WATSON, REPORTING

This year the Fairview family was blessed to host the first "Are You About That Life" Conference for the church and the Oklahoma City community. The Conference dwelled on the idea of spiritual growth and development for the family, and it targeted several different age groups.

The Youth portion, which ages ranged from 12-17 years old, was presented with a great amount of spiritual wealth and knowledge. We entitled our portion "ViewLife", the lifestyle the YoungView ministry lives for Christ. We were glad to have a variety of different presenters each night for our two age sections, 12-13 & 14-17. Ms. Kiana Billups, the reigning Miss Black Oklahoma Ambassador and current First Runner-up for Miss Black Ambassador USA, lead off our conference portion for the 12-13 year old group on Thursday evening with a lesson on our "Invisible Crown." She presented on how we are God's heirs, even without the earthly crown.

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The 14-17 year old group started their session with Mr. Anthony Crawford, State Director for the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity's "Sigma Beta Club," a youth mentorship club for young boys. While mentoring many young boys at Douglas High, Northeast Academy, and Centennial High School, Mr. Crawford brought us a session over "Kingdom Building!" Both of our Thursday evening presenters allowed God to use them in a magnificent way, ministering to over 30 youth on our opening session. Luckily for us, it didn't end there! The second half of our Thursday session was blessed by Rev. Prophet Bailey, youth minister for the Northeast Baptist Church, and Mr. Quentin Dixon, youth leader for the Net Church. Rev. Bailey addressed our 12-13 year old group, helping them identify the proper conduct we should have in our life of Christ. The high school group was pumped up full of life when Mr. Dixon began his portion of the session. Mr. Dixon asked the difficult questions, such as "With the Bible being the #1 book ever to be printed, why is it the #1 book that nobody reads?" With great energy, these two facilitators closed out our Thursday session in style!

Still on a spiritual high from the

night before, the Youth began the Friday session right where they left off. Rev. Bailey continued his address from the night before for our 12-13 years old, further providing insight on how the youth should live their lives to glorify God. The concluding presenter for the 12-13 vear class was Rev. Johnnie Reed. youth minister for the Tabernacle Baptist Church. Giving the class a visual through a PowerPoint presentation, Rev. Reed finished their session off with the idea that "a life in Christ is the best thing you could ever ask for." For the high school group, our Friday session was a double-team. Rev. & Mrs. Gary Russell, pastor of the Greater Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church, led the group to conclude the evening. Both coupled the class discussion, sharing biblical knowledge with personal examples, to share how our spiritual growth in Christ can affect our everyday lives.

For those two evenings in August, our youth were exposed to Christ in a manner that was potentially life-changing. Worshipping with youth from our neighboring churches was an experience in itself. With over 30 youth each night, the Youth portion of the conference was truly a blessing. This conference allowed many the opportunity to share what God has done for them in their lives with others. For many of the facilitators,

this was their first engagement in a conference like this. Thanks to the vision and guidance of our

vision and guidance of our pastors, Rev. Reed and Rev. Walter, our conference served as an opportunity for many new Christian leaders to begin their service for Christ, teaching others about the greatness of God. The entire



YoungView ministry was truly blessed by this conference. Thanks be to God for His power and presence, which allowed all of this to be possible. Thank you to the entire Fairview family for being a mighty vessel in His kingdom.

We, YoungView, thank you all who were able to enjoy the "ViewLife!"

#### **WOW YOUNG ADULT DIVISION—**

EBONI T. JOHNSON, COMMUNICATIONS LIAISON, REPORTING

This year the W.O.W Young Adult ministry was given the privilege of having their own division of this year's "Are You About That Life" Spiritual Growth and Development Conference here at Fairview Baptist Church. Ready to take full advantage of the opportunity at hand, the young adults eagerly went to task selecting important topics, discussions, and facilitators that would challenge and motivate the mind, heart, and soul of all participants. Under the guidance of Rev. Reed, Rev. Walter, and young adult Director Sis Marcy Turner, the theme "Kingdom State of Mind" was chosen to represent the overall goal of what the young adults wanted to achieve during the conference. The theme was derived from Romans 8:17 - And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering.

During the Thursday portion of the conference, we were tremendously blessed by Pastor Kraig Pullam from the Mt. Salem Baptist Church in Victoria, TX. Pastor Pullam started

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YoungView Youth Division and Sponsors

#### CYYAM-L CONFERENCE

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our conference off strong, diving right into the heart of the matter with lessons on finance and relationships entitled "I'm About That Kingdom Business" and "Love and War." During the financial lesson of "I'm about that Kingdom Business," we learned about "The 7 Principles of Investment, How Investing my Life through Giving Benefits My Life, How to Get the Most Out of Giving, and also Being a Gratified Giver." Each sub-topic was partnered with scripture to show us how God instructs and guides us to keep these principles.

The relationship segment of the night entitled "Love and War" focused on "What Destroys Relationships vs What Builds them up and How to be a People-Builder." We also had a bit of fun by helping Rev. Pullam to celebrate his birthday with cake and refreshments. The night ended with an evangelism session taught by Rev. McGlory in which we took away useful tools to use when evangelizing to others.

The second day of the conference was nothing short of mind blowing. The night started with a financial literacy and investment segment facilitated by Craig Moss of Credit Union One. Mr. Moss demonstrated different elements of investing, saving, and budgeting. We learned that if we take care of the gifts (money/assets) God provides, we should be able to give back properly to Him as well. For the remaining session Rev. Pullam went full speed ahead back into the relationship segment. We were able to ask questions and truly dig into The Word concerning relationships.

During the conference we hosted 35 young adults with ages ranging between 18-39, from various churches throughout the community. We worshipped, prayed, learned, and grew stronger in The Spirit together throughout this conference. Thank you to our Pastor Rev Reed our Assistant Pastor Rev Derrick Walter. Sr., our Young Adult Director. Sis. Marcy Turner, and our W.O.W President, Sis. Denise Patterson, for all of your support.

We can't wait until next year!

WOW Young Adults & Mid-Lifers



#### **LEADERSHIP SEMINAR**—LANITA HARRIS REPORTING

Pastor Terry Buxton, Pastor of Agape Bible Fellowship in Tulsa, Oklahoma, facilitated the Saturday morning session on being effective in the ministry God has given you by embodying the 5 Cs of Ministry Leadership: being competent, committed, creative, collaborative, and compassionate. As ministry leaders, we have to understand our influence and use it wisely. Leadership is influence, and influence is gained by relationships; leadership is not a title or rank. Additionally, we must remember that we are the sum total of those that invested in us. As leaders we need to spend time building relationships and investing in others.

Pastor Buxton referred to a few principles in the book The Leadership Challenge that truly encourage leaders to lead following these 5 principles: model the way, inspire a shared vision, challenge the process, enable others to act, and encourage the heart. By utilizing all 5 practical principles, in combination with the 5 Cs of ministry leadership, we as leaders will be able to lead our ministries the way God has envisioned it. One of his scripture references really stood out for me, Ephesians 4:1-4: As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. We as God's people must work together through the unity of the Holy Spirit.

Prior to Pastor Buxton's session, the youth and children presented an evangelism-themed skit, coordinated by Sis Kathleen House. Overall, the session challenged leaders to be the absolute best leaders they can be by being intentional leaders. It was a rewarding and empowering experience.

The Conference ended on Sunday, August 17, with Rev. Kraig Pullam bringing the closing message. Based on reviews by Conference attendees, the goal of was met. Personal lives were reshaped, information was disseminated to equip the saints, there was a sense of personal Christian growth, Christian doctrines were reaffirmed which should yield building of the church.



#### EAST ZION DISTRICT CONGRESS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

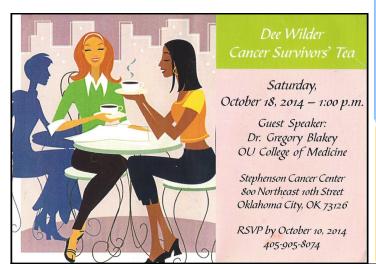


The East Zion District Congress of Christian Education convened July 14-18, 2014, hosted by the Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Rev. Ray Douglas, Pastor. Rev. Arthur Crawford, Moderator, Rev. L. Mike Woodberry, Congress President, Rev. Gregory Rogers, Sr., Dean, Rev. John A. Reed, Jr., VP Western Region of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.

The congress opened "breaking history" with a number of over 450 adults and youth in attendance. The congress offered 20 different classes; several classes were closed after they had reached capacity, listing 30 -35 in their classes. The congress was equipped with a group of very knowledgeable and capable staff. Moderator Crawford stated, "It was one of the most spiritual congresses that I have been a part of and well attended."

Several Fairview members were a part of the congress staff this year: Rev. Derrick and Mrs. Johnneese Walter, Robert Simmons, Delores Watley, Monica Wilder, Brady Watson, Maeleatha Patterson, and Lavinnie Moore. As an incentive to encourage the pastors and churches, the congress hands out several different trophies. Fairview received a trophy for registering the most delegates for the Congress (82 adults and 20 youth).

The congress closed with Commencement exercises on Thursday night with Rev. Orlando Black, commencement speaker; the finale was the Children and Youth Rally on Friday night.





### Fairview's Fishes

**and Loaves Ministry** continues to reach out to those that may receive the benefit of the church's food program. Stats for July, August and September are as follows, respectively: Number of homes served: 91, 90, & 65; Number of adults in the home: 103, 120, & 100; Number of children in the homes: 85, 97, & 97; Number of Evangelism contacts: 03, 07, & 05.

Fairview members and others of the community are encouraged to take advantage of the monthly issuance of wholesome foods, which include fresh fruits, vegetables, meats and staples. A reminder of the upcoming issuance dates: October 25, November 22 and December 20. Time is from 10:00 a.m. until 12 noon.

#### Welcome, New Members

The following members have recently become a part of our church family, through September, 2014. Please greet them with a hearty *Fairview Welcome!* 

Jamel Bowen
Jackie Bryant
Cherry Collins
Koenia Evans
Ian Fine
Tristin Gesch
Tiffany Jones
Phillip Kinney

Terry Meadows
Cassidy Oliver
D'Zire Sancho
Shayla Sancho
Fatima Stansell
Travis Thompson
Daveon West
Kathy Williams

October is
NATIONAL
BREAST CANCER
AWARENESS
MONTH

# 6th Annual Widnight Musical DE Cone Night Only Person



REUNITED!! The VISION: — Jamar Patterson, Originator/Project Director

This year marked the 6th Midnight Musical which is sponsored by Fairview's WOW Young Adult ministry. The theme that ran throughout the evening was "REUNITED." The original vision of this event was to bring together the young adults of the Oklahoma City community for one night of pure, true, praise and worship and also fellowship.

When this project was first initiated six years age, I wasn't quite sure exactly which direction the Lord was leading; it was a leap of faith. Some years didn't appear to be much of a success, and there were thoughts of suspending it due to discouragement, complications and time constraints in the lives of the individuals who were leading it.

However, as He always does, God allowed a view of the picture of why He ordained this event six years ago. He gave those involved just a small glimpse of His plans for what the Midnight Musical will become and accomplish. Many ministries that hadn't been together on stage in years came back together through the direction of the Holy Spirit, and after the evening ended, so many lives were touched and everyone who witnessed it had to admit that God did something great in that atmosphere.

The idea was birthed this year to honor someone who had made a positive impact in the field of music. This year's honor went to Minister Phillip Thomas for his commitment to teaching and working with youth and young adults in the field of music in Oklahoma City and surrounding areas. In line with God's plan, and to Phillip's surprise, all persons that had been privileged to study or work under Phillip were brought to the stage. The impromptu choir brought the audience to their feet as the individuals from across the city were united and "reunited" with Phillip under his direction. Viewing the synchronized moves and the blending of voices that had never worked together before as a group in entirety confirmed God's message of "just follow My lead."

The full picture has yet to be revealed of what God has in store. However, it is perfectly clear that He has taken control of HIS vision, and WOW is simply along for the journey. To God



#### The ALLSTARS

PROJECT ORIGINATOR/DIRECTOR

Sunday School Perfect Attendance

The following members had perfect Sunday School attendance in June, July and August:

Brenda Colbert
Katie Darling
Doretha Haskins
Teresa Hill
Sandra Holloway
Thaima Ivery
Falomi Ivery
Verla Kinchion
Laila Marsh
D'Aree Moore
Frankie Quinn
Robert Simmons
Cheyenne Thompson
Mark Trout



Participants included: David Taylor & Community Restoration Church; Fairview Young Adult Praise Dance Team; Minister Phillip Thomas; Boyz of Praise; Rev. James Reed & Persuaded by God. Photos available at www.levisphotoz.smugmug.com





Family Month kicked off on Sunday, September 7. All Bible Study and Sunday worship periods were centered on *the family*. The activities for the month focused on the theme:

"The Recovery of Family Life," Hosea 3:1

Dr. J. A. Reed, Jr., began the month by challenging worshippers with his message entitled, "What is the Foundation of Your Home?" from Matthew 7:24-25. "The Lord Himself has given the direction for the family in His Word," stated Senior Pastor Reed. He further declared that "Through the church, the Word is preached and taught that families may become stronger and able to make their rightful contribution to society. If the family is to be saved, the church must lead the way." Grandparents were honored on that day, in recognition of National Grandparents Day. (See Grandparents article/photos elsewhere in this Newsletter)

Rev. Derrick Walter, Sr., Assistant Pastor, was the preacher for <u>Sunday</u>, <u>September 14</u>, as the church observed **Senior Saints Day**, which concluded with dinner after morning worship and special acknowledgement for members aged 60 and over.

The Family Enrichment Ministry sponsored a **Family Retreat** for married couples and single adults, on September 19 - 21 at Fin and Feather Family Resort in Gore, Oklahoma. (See Retreat article/photos elsewhere in this Newsletter) The group to Fairview on Sunday morning to worship together with the rest of the church family.

Sunday, September 28, was Annual Family Day. The Family Day message was delivered by Rev. Manuel Scott, Jr. of Los Angeles, California. Rev. Scott is the first seminary trained, full-time evangelist on a national scale coming out of the Black Baptist church. Evangelist Scott has conducted well over 1000 revivals and crusades (averaging 48 revivals a year) wherein some 20,000 persons have come to the Lord. He is the author of the book, *The Quotable Manuel Scott Sr.: Words From A Gospel Genius*, and he has written well over 75 printed contemporary lectures,

including: "I'm Too Blessed To Be Stressed,"
"What A Difference A Daddy Makes," "Sister,
Jesus Has Your Back," "How To Inspire And
Organize Youth In The Urban Church," "Sister,
Does Your Man Pass The Test?" to name a few.
He has conducted many workshops and seminars
on the family, marriage and living single.

#### **ANNUAL FAMILY DAY**

Rev. Manuel Scott, Jr. brought a dynamic message to the Fairview Family entitled: What's Your Story?

(Scriptures: 1 Peter 5:7, Gal. 2:20 and 2Cor. 5:17)

The messages from these three passages are:

- 1. God Cares For YOU!
- 2. You Are Crucified With Christ
- 3. Anyone In Christ is a NEW CREATURE



Every believer of Christ Jesus knows that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, that He was born to a virgin; that He lived a sinless life; that He died on a cross for the sins of mankind BUT on the third day, Christ rose from the grave and is alive forevermore. Hallelujah!

In living our lives, we have all been "crucified" by life's events that kill our spirits and assassinate our characters. After crucifixion there is Resurrection through Christ.

For God to give His only Son means that God truly cares for You. Also, to meet Jesus is to be changed by Him, and nobody can change you like Jesus can. We should each have a STORY to tell about how Jesus changed us, how we have been crucified and about how we are cared for by Him. We KNOW that He will NEVER leave nor forsake us, that His mercies are new every morning, that goodness and mercy shall follow us ALL the days of our lives and that we shall dwell in the house of the Lord, FOREVER! So What's Your Story?

Submitted by Cora Kemp-Epps Staff Reporter

# Family Retreat 2014

This year's theme was Living Sacrifices: Building One Another Up. The scriptural basis is **Romans 12:1 and 9-15**.

#### **Objectives:**

Fairview, we are a family. And just as our earthly families are struggling through dysfunction and deterioration, the spiritual family has the same challenges. This year's retreat objectives were to touch areas that affect the Fairview family spiritually, emotionally and financially. (Note: Bro. Bob Simmons provided financial instruction needed by all families as head of our Grief Ministry.)

#### Goal:

Our goal is **Spiritual Maturity**: to grow into a community that reflects Christ's Love. To accomplish that, the family of God has to learn to sacrifice indifference, personal pride, competition, the need for power, jealousy, misunderstandings, etc. that come from the works of the flesh. We have to be living sacrifices and avoid the natural desires to get even with people who hurt our feelings or people we don't like or those who are not so nice.

Spiritual Maturity will lead us to building one another up rather than tearing one another down with our words and ugly actions. So we must work daily toward letting the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22) rule us rather than or human desires.

Rev. Chester West and Sister Regina West were our facilitators this year and in their breakout sessions they dug deeper into what Spiritual Maturity looks like *in action*.



HOW CAN FAIRVIEW BECOME A MATURE BODY OF BELIEVERS, REFLECTING THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT? PRACTICE!

**Assignments**: We practice tearing one another down on a daily basis with **no thought**, so short homework assignments were given out for **on-purpose** actions toward Spiritual Maturity. Each person was asked to add to that list based on self discovery from the individual breakout sessions.

We are each members of the body of Christ. In his book "Building One Another Up," author Gene Getz details the "one-another exhortations" in the Word. These are not "if you feel like it" or "if it fits your personality" suggestions. We must be committed to looking for opportunities to carry out these positive "one-another" injunctions in our personal lives. The One-Another Exhortations are:

Members of One Another Honor One Another Loving One Another Caring for One Another Greet One Another Carry One Another Submit to One Another Devoted to One Another Same mind with One Another Edifying One Another Accepting One Another Serve One Another Bear with One Another Encourage One Another. The retreat kicked off with a scrumptious breakfast prepared by our culinary staff, followed by Bro. Larry and Sis. Cora's talk on works of the flesh versus Fruit of the Spirit, the two contrasting natures. We then played a game "Getting to Know One Another." We got to know information we would not have known otherwise.

We then broke up into the teaching sessions; the men with Rev. West and the ladies with Sis. West. Sister West had an open discussion on Spiritual Maturity, taken from <a href="Hebrew 6:11">Hebrew 6:11</a>; James 1:2-4 and James 3:1-6. How we display faith as we grow spiritually; amid trials our real faith manifests itself.

Lunch was served, which was delicious, and then we prepared to go to Fin & Feather Resort. We checked in and went to our cabins and houses. We were on our own to do whatever the rest of the day. The seniors relaxed, kicked back, watched T V and socialized.

Saturday morning, some of the married couples came and prepared breakfast for the seniors, which was very nice and thoughtful. We then had our Saturday session, and the men and women gathered in their respective groups. It was a continuation of Spiritual Maturity, but dealing with the tongue, <u>James 3:1-6</u>. James described the power exercised by the tongue and the need for the Christians to exercise great care to use it properly. He likens the tongue to a fire that can destroy a forest. The unbridled tongue can be very destructive if not controlled.



Saturday afternoon we had a cook-out and played a game, took a group picture. Sister McGlory had a Lip, Lashes and Lemonade session where she did facials and satin hands. Then we were on our own for the rest of the day. Saturday was game night which was optional.

We had a wonderful inspiring informative time, both spiritually and socially. Kudos goes to Brother and Sister Epps for a well planned enjoyable retreat. Arose early Sunday morning and returned to OKC. We thank God for a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Submitted by Jean Fisher

# o Be a Grandpare

Family month at Fairview was another opportunity to honor and gave thanks to our Grandparents.

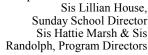
The Sunday school department highlighted Grandparents day by having a celebration for all the grandparents on Sunday, September 7, 2014. The entire Sunday School Department participated as Groups 1&2 (ages 6-7) honored their grandparents with speeches and gifts and Group #3 (ages 8-9) acknowledged their grandparents with poems and speeches.



The highlight of the program was called: "What Does It Mean to Be a Grandparent in Today's World?" To answer this question, the department presented a panel of grandparents to share their experiences. It included Grandparent 24/7—Sis. Brown who is raising 6 of her grandchildren. She stated she never anticipated this change in her life, but with God's help, she keeps them involved in church and Sunday School. Also on the panel, the New Generation Grandparents, Bro & Sis. Brian Turner. They are challenged to not step in and take over because of what they have been through as parents. Bro. Turner shared that he made up a song for his grandchildren when they are traveling together. Rockin' Great Grandparent, Sis Lillian Williams shared her concern about making sure her entire family is saved.

The dance group IN Touch With the Spirit also performed. What a mighty God we serve!! Thank God for

Grandparents.



Submitted by Monica Wilder, Linette Burton



GROUP PHOTO AT THE COOKOUT

Family Retreat 2



On Saturday after the cookout, Rev and Sis West challenged four teams to a debate. Each team had a different topic to debate: i.e. to take on a building project for new educational facilities, to move to two worship services in order to solve the issue of traditional versus contemporary music during worship services, to modify church operations so that the entire church body would have more say in decisions versus a small core group, etc. Each team selected a person to debate For and Against the project the team was presented. The entire team with the most convincing debaters won prizes.

#### THE WINNING TEAM AND THEIR DEBATERS:



**Bobby Thompson and Shree Walter** 





#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **Marriage Ministry Meeting**

While many in the ministry say "it's better together," the Fairview Marriage Ministry gave a new meaning to this adage as we teamed up with the St. John Baptist Church Marriage Ministry for the monthly Meetings and/or Date Night on the 2nd Friday of the month.

Next Meeting, Friday, Oct 10, 2014 Date Night: 7:00 PM Dinner location -TBD

Call Larry Epps, 326-5270 for Restaurant location

## OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE YOUR RELATIONSHIP(S)

#### **Heart & Soul Workshops**

**Singles and Couples** Workshops

October 11, 2014, 10:00 AM—4:00 PM December 13, 2014, 10:00 AM—4:00 PM Metro Career Academy 1900 Springlake Drive, Oklahoma City, OK FREE LUNCH

Engaged couples can save \$45.00 on marriage licenses by attending the couples workshop

#### Singles Annual Event - November 8

After a day of fun, and interactive learning, enjoy an evening which includes dinner, The Dating Game, line dancing and much more.

Location—Same as above

Details at info@heartandsoulok.com, or calling 405-848-4046 or 877-435-8033

#### Thriving Marriages Workshops

Marital FIRST RESPONDERS Workshop, **October 18th Audience:** Those that people turn to when marriage gets tough: A fun, engaging and *FREE* workshop led by nationally renowned expert Dr. Bill Doherty, as seen on Oprah and USA Today!

Contact Nancy Flinton @ (405) 418-3848 or Please sign-up at <a href="http://www.foreverforreal.com/">http://www.foreverforreal.com/</a>.

#### **Estate Planning**

Date to be Determined

We plan for many things throughout our lives except the one thing that is inevitable, death. This session will focus on preparation and planning final arrangements.

#### **Celebrating Marriage 365!**



Congratulations Mike and Cynthia Burrell

The Marriage Ministry has celebrated monthly wedding anniversaries for the Fairview Family recognizing about 30 couples to date. Here are photos of some of our recent celebrants:



#### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP** —

The following is a list of events and services scheduled for October through December, 2014. This is not an exhaustive list and some dates, times, locations, etc., are subject to change. Please check the church website at <a href="https://www.fairviewokc.com">www.fairviewokc.com</a> and/or view onsite church announcements regularly for possible changes and updates. Also, signup on the website homepage to receive automatic E-News alerts of events.

#### STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS

During the months of October and November, we will be putting special emphasis on Stewardship. All teaching and preaching will be centered on Stewardship.

#### October 5 - New Hope Baptist, Chickasha

On Sunday afternoon, October 5, we will worship with the New Hope Baptist Church, for the Anniversary Service for Pastor Al Walter. Pastor Reed will bring the message and the Music Ministry, Usher & Nurse Ministries will accompany him.

The church is located at 1202 Sheppard St Chickasha, 73108 (405) 224-0892. Lunch will be served.

#### October 6 - Staff Meeting

October's Monthly Staff Meeting will be held on Monday evening, October 6, at 6:00 p.m.

#### October 6 - Music Committee Meeting

The Music Committee will meet at 7:00 p.m., immediately following the Staff Meeting.

#### Fairview Baptist Church





"Solidarity With the Savior Through His Work"

#### Courses Offered:

- Effective Bible Reading
- The Synoptic Gospels
- Christian Stewardship
- Dean Certification
- Theology & History of Christianity
- Doctrine of the Holy Spirit

\*Pre-registration encouraged to guarantee slot in desired course.

\*Certified By The Sunday School Publishing Board (SSPB) of The National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.

October 10, 2014, 6-9pm October 11, 8am-1pm

#### FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH

Burns Fellowship Hall & Educational Center 1700 N.E. 7<sup>th</sup> St. - OKC, OK 73117

#### \$15 REGISTRATION DONATION

\*Register & Pay Online at www.fairviewokc.com

For more information, visit website or call 405-388-1419 or 405-373-1942

#### October 10-11 - Christian Education Leadership School

Classes will be held on Friday night, beginning at 6:00 p.m., and Saturday morning, beginning at 8:00 a.m. This school will have classes certified through the National Baptist Sunday School Publishing Board and will count toward national certification.

Registration can be done online at <a href="https://www.fairviewokc.com">www.fairviewokc.com</a> or onsite. A \$15 donation is requested. Questions should be directed to the Christian Education Director, Sister Lavinne Moore, at 405 -388-1419 or 405-373-1942.

#### October 12-High Attendance Day for Sunday School

ALL Fairview members are asked to be in attendance. We have classes available for all ages and specialized classes, including Singles, Marrieds, New Member Orientation and Evangelism. If you are not currently attending Sunday School, staff will be on duty to direct you to a class. Sunday School begins at 8:30 a.m.

#### October 12-New Member Fellowship

We will hold a brief reception in the Fellowship Hall immediately following Sunday School to welcome our members that have united with our church since April 2014.

All members are asked to be present to meet the new members. Ministry Leaders are encouraged to have printed information available to share with our new members and encourage their involvement in your ministry.

## October 14 — Clarence Wilder Fish Fry/Church Fellowship Supper

The Men's Ministry of Fairview will again treat the Church Family to an evening of food and fellowship at the Annual Clarence Wilder Fish Fry and Church Fellowship Dinner. The fellowship will be held on Tuesday evening, October 14, in the Donald Burns Fellowship Hall. All Fairview church members are encouraged to share in this great feast and evening of family fellowship. Dinner will be served, beginning at 6:30 p.m. For further information, contact Brother James Tobler.

#### October 20–23 – OBS Convention

The Annual Session of the Oklahoma Baptist State Convention will meet October 20–23 in Ardmore, Oklahoma. First Baptist Church, Rev. Willie Tiller, Pastor, will serve as Convention host. Dr. C. W. Whitlow is Convention President.

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# OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP —

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#### October 31- Children & Youth Trunk or Treat

The Children and Youth Ministries will host a churchwide Trunk or Treat Fellowship on October 31. Ministry leaders should see Sister LaNita Harris or Sister Delores Watley for information on requested Ministry support. Visit the church website for additional information.



#### November 15—DOC Training

Training for volunteers with the Department of Correction will be held in the Donald Burns Fellowship Hall on November 15. For questions, contact Donna Thompson, 405-209-6750.

#### November 3 — Monthly Staff Meeting

November's Monthly Staff Meeting will be held on Monday evening, November 3, at 6:00 p.m. All church staff and leaders are to be in attendance at the meeting.

#### November 8 - OBSC Prison Ministry Luncheon

The Oklahoma Baptist State Convention Prison Ministry will hold its Annual Awareness Luncheon on Saturday, November 8, at 1:00 p.m. More details on location and program outline will be available at a later date. For updated information, please contact Sis. Donna Thompson, Ministry Director, at 405-209-6750 or obscprisonministry@yahoo.com

#### November 22—Thanksgiving Food Giveaway

Fairview's Food Giveaway for the month of November will be Saturday, November 22. All Ministry volunteers are asked to be on duty to help accommodate the consumers. Please be attentive to upcoming announcements regarding the Thanksgiving food giveaway.

#### November 23—Tabitha Homecoming

On Sunday morning, November 23, we will join with the Tabitha Baptist Church for their Annual Church Homecoming. FAIRVIEW'S MORNING WORSHIP PERIOD WILL BE AT 8:30 A.M. We will join with the Tabitha Church Family at 10:00 a.m. for Joint Worship. Pastor Reed will bring the message and Fairview's Music

# FAIRVIEW'S MONTHLY FOOD GIVEAWAY Upcoming Scheduled Saturdays

October 25 – November 22 – December 20 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon

Senior citizens, low-income families, unemployed, college students, others needing to stretch their food budget are encouraged to participate.

Fairview Baptist Church 1700 NE 7<sup>th</sup> Street Oklahoma City, OK 73117 405-232-1621







◆ UPCOMING DATES ◆

November 5 - December 3 - January 7, 2015

12NOON - 1:00 P.M.

Rev. J. A. Reed, Jr. Host Pastor

This worship hour is tailored to meet the needs of the working community as well as those that are retired, unemployed, and other at-home persons. A light lunch is available.

#### Come and be renewed!!

For more information on each month's service, call the church at 405-232-1621, email fairyiewokc@aol.com or visit the church website at <a href="https://www.fairyiewokc.com">www.fairyiewokc.com</a>. Those needing transportation should call the church office no later than Tuesday preceding Wednesday's worship.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH
1700 N. E. 7<sup>th</sup> STREET – OKC
DR. J. A. REED, JR., SEMIOR PASTOR

WWW.fairviewokc.com

Ministry will sing. The Ushers and Nurses will be on duty.

All Fairview members are asked to be in attendance at home at Fairview at 8:30 for our worship period and to share with Tabitha during the 10:00 hour for their Annual Homecoming Service.

#### November 26-FBC Bible Study and Prayer

There will be no Ministry Meetings or Bible Study, Youth Fellowship or Prayer Service on Wednesday night, November 26.

#### November 27—City-wide Thanksgiving Service

Plan to attend the City-wide Thanksgiving Worship Service sponsored by the Oklahoma City Baptist Ministers Association, to be held Thanksgiving Day, November 27, at 11:00 a.m. Location and preacher for the service is yet to be determined. Check the church website at <a href="https://www.fairviewokc.com">www.fairviewokc.com</a> for updates. Pastor Reed serves as President of the BMA.

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#### December 7-105th Church Anniversary & Homecoming

On December 7, we will celebrate our 105th *Church Anniversary and Homecoming!* Activities for the day include: Sunday School at 8:30 a.m. and Morning Worship at 10:00.

Pastor Jeff Mitchell and the Tabitha Church Family will be sharing with us during our 10:00 a.m. worship period. Rev. Mitchell will bring the message and music will be rendered by Tabitha's Music Ministry.

We will have our Fellowship Dinner in the Donald Burns Fellowship Hall immediately following 10:00 a.m. worship. We welcome our guests to dine with us.

A special call is going out to former members, as well as inactive members, to worship with us on that day.

#### December Staff Meeting

There will be no Staff Meeting in the month of December.

#### December 10-Annual Church Conference

The Annual Church Conference will be held on Wednesday night, December 10, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The meeting is open to all Fairview members. This is the time that all reports, annual budget and recommendations are presented to the church body for approval. Members are encouraged to attend to be a an active part of the process and to receive the Pastor's presentation of the plans for the church program for the coming year.

#### December 11-January 3, 2015-Church Holiday

The Pastor has declared December 11, 2014, through January 3, 2015, as the church's holiday. There will be no Ministry meetings held during this period. **WE WILL MAINTAIN OUR SCHEDULE ON SUNDAYS.** All ministry workers are to be on duty for each worship period.

We will have our Annual Prayer Bowl on December 31. All officers, staff and members are to on duty and members are asked to be present. The Church office will reopen on Monday, January 5.

#### December 21-Drama Ministry Christmas Program

Fairview's Drama Ministry will present "The Birth," "The Celebration" at 9:00 a.m. Please mark your calendar.

#### December 25—City-wide Christmas Service

The Annual City-wide Christmas Service, sponsored by the Baptist Ministers' Association of Oklahoma City, will be held on Thursday, December 25. The location and preacher for the service will be announced. Check Fairview's website for updates

Pastor Reed serves as President of the BMA. Fairview members are asked to support the service and to take part in this great worship celebration of Jesus' birth.

#### December 31 - 34th Annual Prayer Bowl

Fairview will hold it's 34th Annual Prayer Bowl on December 31, from 5:30 p.m. until midnight. This service is hosted by Fairview and shared with a congregation made up of the Christian community at large. A different Preacher and church is scheduled each hour. You won't want to miss this worship opportunity. The line-up will be available on the church website and bulletin board. <u>Sign up on the website to receive emailed automatic updates on the Prayer Bowl and other events</u>. Mark the date!

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY

#### HIGH ATTENDANCE DAY October 12, 2014

We Invite You and Your Family To Join Us Each Sunday – 8:30 A.M. to 9:45 A.M. Wednesday Bible Study – 11:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.

#### **Christian Bible Training Offered For all Ages**

- Study Groups are provided for our New Members and all age categories.
- Special groups are also sponsored by other Ministries during the Sunday School hour, including Evangelism, Married Couples, and Singles Study Groups.
- Programs celebrating our Savior and special occasions are also presented during the Sunday School hour by the Drama Ministry.

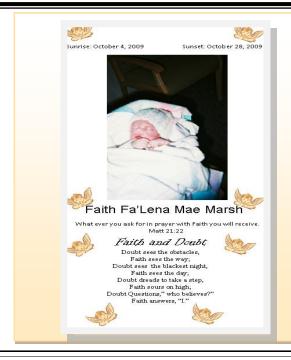
We look forward to sharing God's Word with you!



Dr. J. A. Reed, Jr., Senior Pastor Bro. Clearon Coffey, Director Emeritus Sis. Lillian House, Director

> Fairview Baptist Church 1700 NE 7th Street Oklahoma City, OK 73117

(For transportation, call 405-471-9494)



THE STAFF OF *THE FAIRVIEWAN* PAUSE TO PAY TRIBUTE TO A FAITHFUL MEMBER OF OUR STAFF IN THE PERSON OF DEACON CHARLES M. HARDRICK who often wrote by the pen

name of *C. MELDON HARDRICK*. Brother Hardrick departed this life on August 12, 2014.

We, as a Ministry, shared many hours with Brother Hardrick, fellowship, and in work, and he always left us with some fond memory or a story to tell. Our parting words would be, "Oh, Brother Hardrick!"

He united with Fairview on November 2, 1997, transferring from the Refreshing Faith Baptist Church of Houston, Texas. He immediately went to work and exemplified his love, support and devotion to his Pastor and wife and the Fairview church family through word and deed. He believed you should support whatever you were a part of and be faithful to it.

He began working with *The Fairviewan*, which is now under the umbrella of The Communications and Public Relations Ministry, in 2000. He submitted a regular column, *Men's Ministry Corner*, which was a message to the men of the church. Each writing displayed his passion for mentoring of young men, dedication and commitment of the



Deacon Charles Meldon Hardrick 12/5/1935—8/12/2014

men to the Men's Ministry, and an appeal for men to become a part of the Singing Churchmen. He faithfully supported the Ministry until he became ill.

Brother Hardrick also served as a special features writer and was adamant about printing information while it was still news (and not history!). He would use his personal funds to mail out copies of *The Fairviewan* across the nation. When we went online, he emailed copies to his extensive email list! He worked tirelessly with the three souvenir journals produced by this Ministry, Pastor's 50th Preaching Anniversary Journal, the Church's 100th Anniversary, and the last being the Pastor's 50th Pastoral Anniversary Journal.

The last article he submitted was the 2nd Quarter 2013 which was released July 2013. At the time of print, it was not clear why it was written as it was: a prayer for the men, words of thanksgiving to God for sparing him through the recent storm and acknowledgement of God allowing the continuance of the 9th Men's Empowerment Conference. He gave an account of his stewardship and then urged the men to be an active part of the Men's Ministry and the Singing Churchmen. He closed with "Continue to lift me in prayer. I love each of you and seek your prayers as I go forward with my life." His parting thought for the month: Ecclesiastes 12:13b and Deuteronomy 10:12.

Brother Hardrick was known for his belief in the power of prayer and would pray specifically. He often spoke of how he would rise up early in the morning to do his devotionals. He traveled many miles in support of his Pastor. He never prayed without calling out his Pastor's name, his Pastor's wife, Sister Pat, his Pastor's family and the Fairview Baptist Church family.

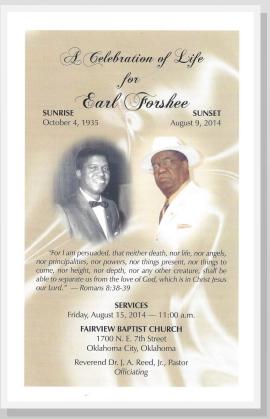
He was always willing to take the lead on projects and lived up to the adage of "whatever his hands could find to do." In the 100th Church Anniversary Souvenir Journal his gold page ad was a full bodied picture that simply says "If I helped somebody along the way, then my living was not in vain." (signed) C. Meldon Hardrick.

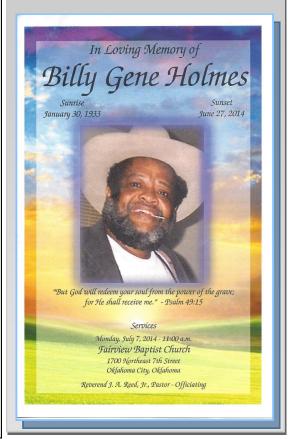
His ministry involvement and Christian stewardship included: FBC Men's Ministry Director, Fairview Deacon Ministry, FBC Prayer Ministry Group Leader, Sunday School Group Leader, Fishes and Loaves Ministry Team Leader, member of the CPR Ministry.

He served as Director of the East Zion Consolidated District Association Men's Ministry for four years and was a part of Camp Burge Youth & Adolescent Development Foundation, Inc. Bro. Hardrick was actively involved with the National Baptist Laymen Movement of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc. He attended and supported the laymen on the local, state and national level.

When he could no longer perform his duties, he still found his way to the church. Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Enter thou into the joy of the Lord."

# We Remember





# FAMILY RETREAT 2014—FIN AND FEATHER RESORT, GORE, OKLAHOMA (RELATED STORY ON PAGES 11 & 12)

