



# TBC CHRONICLE

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## From the Church Office ...

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**Just a couple of things to remember:**

**1. Please call the Church Office:**

- ✝ If you or any member of your family is sick.
- ✝ If you have a birth or death in the family and would like the Pastor to know.
- ✝ If you or a family member is sick/shut-in or in a nursing home and would like to have communion brought to you.
- ✝ To update your name, address, phone number so that our records stay as current as possible or write the change on your envelope.

2. Remember, any correspondence distributed on church letterhead must come through the office before it is sent.
3. Correspondence should be completed by your ministry secretary and emailed to the office to be placed on letterhead and if needed, for the Pastor's signature, then distributed or mailed.
4. If you send out correspondence and list the office number to call for more information please provide the information to the office.
5. Before contacting guests to do a service, please obtain the Pastor's approval.
6. Announcements are due in the office by 4:30 pm each Wednesday. They can be sent via email to [Tabernacle\\_baptist@verizon.net](mailto:Tabernacle_baptist@verizon.net).
7. If you are out of the area and want to stay abreast with what is going on at Tabernacle visit our website at [www.tbcptg.org](http://www.tbcptg.org) to view announcements and listen to the live Sunday service broadcasted on WVST 91.3 FM 11 am service.
8. If you call the office and there is no answer, leave a message and someone will get back to you.
9. Please put your number (if known) and write or print your name legibly on your contribution envelope.
10. If you forget or don't know your envelope number, they are posted in the vestibule.
11. Inserts in the bulletin must be inserted by the requesting ministry
12. Bulletins to be done in the office for a program need to be submitted 2 weeks in advance. If they just need to be printed, please submit them one week before the event.
13. Meetings to be held in the Church or the CLC must be scheduled through the office.

We are here to be of assistance to you, please let us know if we may help you.

**"A Concerned Church for All People"**

# "A Talented World of Color"

Submitted by: Sister Gretchen T. Parker

On Sunday, February 15, 2009 at 4pm, A Black History Program entitled "A Talented World of Color" was held at the Tabernacle Baptist Church Community Life Center.

Our Master of Ceremony was Brother Wayne Crocker, Director of Petersburg Public Library, introduced by Sister Sharon Crockett.

Brother Joe Luster opened the program with an original poem he entitled "Part of the Dream" and the Tabernacle Baptist Church Male Chorus, directed by Brother Tony Green, rendered several beautiful and inspiring musical selections.

Sister Paige Harper wonderfully dramatized "*The Creation*" (A Negro Sermon) by James Weldon Johnson is the writer's version of how God created. Identical twin sisters "Mommy's Babies", Shirley Barksdale and Sheila Harris, from Brooklyn, New York, thrilled the audience with their performance done to the spiritual "I Got Shoes".

Brother Spicely Bland and Brother Malik Thorpe captivated the audience with their praise dance routine using the music "*The Little Drummer Boy*".

"*Where Would the World Be Without Black People?*" (Author unknown), was rewritten in a skit format by Sister Gretchen T. Parker. It told about things used in our daily lives invented by Black Americans. Participants were Sister Dana Parham, Brother Michael Williams, Sister Alicia Williams and Brother Michael Williams.

Sister Camisha Parker, Sister Kristen Robinson and Deaconess Laurie Turner performed a very moving and unique dance to the music "*I Told the Storm*".

Excerpts from Martin Luther King, Jr. famous "*I Have a Dream*" speech were eloquently recited by Rev. Arlester Newsome. Brother David Gantt mesmerized the audience with his rendition of the song "*Abraham, Martin and John*". This song is a tribute to Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King, Jr. and John F. Kennedy who were all involved in the battle for civil rights.

While the music "*God Bless America*" as performed by Sandi Patty played softly in the background, Deacon Mark Mann with a warm and spirited voice recited excerpts from President Barack Obama's Inaugural Speech.

Sponsors of the Black History Program "A Talented World of Color" were Sister Gretchen T. Parker and Deaconess Nancy Crocker.

***"The time has come to reaffirm our enduring spirit; to choose our better history."***  
***---President Barack Obama---***

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## S.W.E.E.T. Promotes Positivity with Body Image Forum Submitted by: Sister Melyatta Powers

**S.W.E.E.T** (Sistas With Elegance, Excellence and Talent) is the girls to women mentoring program that was established to help guide the young ladies of Tabernacle Baptist Church in their transition to mature, well rounded, spiritually grounded women. On Saturday, January 10, 2009, **S.W.E.E.T** sponsored a body image forum entitled "Mind, Body, & Spirit". The young ladies were responsible for planning, organizing, and moderating the event along with adult volunteers. The workshop attracted over 40 individuals from various churches in the area to include: Shiloh Baptist, First Baptist West Petersburg, Zion Baptist, Rocky Branch and others.

The forum presented several workshops that focused on topics that were of interest to our young ladies. They included discussions of today's fashion trends with a workshop entitled "Runway Fashion 101" with Terri Ceaser, fashion consultant and former model; hair care with Judy Williams, cosmetology instructor and proprietor of Hair Horizons; skin care with Patricia Goode, Mary Kay Consultant; health topics with Dr. Shannon Gilham; and self defense with Michael Cooper, self defense instructor.

Feedback received from participants was very favorable and included several requests to sponsor forums monthly for the young ladies of our community!

Congratulations to **S.W.E.E.T.** for a job well done!



## IN MEMORY OF SISTER EMMA QUARLES

*(October 4, 1913 - March 16, 2009) Oldest Member*

*May the works I've done speak for me.*

*May the life I live speak for me.*

*When I'm resting in my grave, there's nothing more to be said; may the works let it speak for me.*

*The works I've done, sometimes it seems so small, it seems like I've done nothing at all.*

*Lord I'm (leaning) and depending on You, if I do right You're gonna see me through;*

*When I'm resting in my grave, there's nothing more to be said; may the works let it speak for me.*

*Taken from African spiritual "May the Work I've Done"*



**"And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."**

*Philippians 4:7 KJV*

# TBC Senior Ministry

*Submitted by: Sister Loretta Owens, Senior's Ministry*

**During 2008, the Senior Ministry was on the move. Some of their activities included:**

- 1. A Medicare Rx Drug event - An informational session on Medicare Part D/Extra help paying for medication. Followed with entertainment by the "Dancing Grannies" and musical selections by Mr. David Gnatt. This event was sponsored by the Senior Ministry and Crater District Area Agency on Aging.**
- 2. Sponsored a trip to Greensboro, North Carolina to see "Love Machine" and to Maryland to see a Christmas play in partnership with Barbara T's Travel Co. All who traveled enjoyed both events.**
- 3. Optima Health offered free flu shots.**
- 4. Sold Obama t-shirts (Which was a great success!).**
- 5. Traveled to Gilhaven Manor, Bolling Park, Sycamore Towers and Lafayette House serenading the residents with holiday carols. Each resident attending received an orange, apple and a candy cane.**
- 6. Participation in all socials sponsored by the Petersburg Parks and Leisure Services.**

**The ministry invites all seniors (55&up) to come out and enjoy the activities as schedule below:**

## Monday

**Crochet 10a-12n**

**Movie 10a-12n**

**Pokeno 10a-12n**

**Lunch 12n-1p**

## Tuesday

**Aerobics 9:30a-10:30a**

**Bingo 10:30-12n**

**Lunch 12n-1p**

## Wednesday

**Bible Study 9a-10a**

**Speaker 10a-11a**

**Social Hour 11a-12n**

**Lunch 12n-1p**

## Thursday

**Aerobics 9:30a-10:30a**

**Card games 10:30a-12n**

**Knitting 10a-12n**

**Lunch 12n-1p**

# April Church Calendar

## Weekly Meetings/Events

### Tuesday and Thursday

God's Children choir rehearsal 7:30 pm

### Wednesday

Praise Dancers 5:30 pm

Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm

Family Bible Study 7 pm (4th Wednesday is Fun Night)

### Friday

Girl Scouts 5:30 pm

DATE	EVENT
April 2	Campus Ministry 6pm
April 4	Men's Fellowship Ministry 9 am Pulpit Ministry Fish Fry
April 5	Trustee Ministry 9:30 am
April 6	Deacon Ministry 6:30 pm
April 7	Usher Ministry 7pm
April 9	New Member's Ministry 6:30 pm
April 11	Deaconess Ministry 2pm
<b>April 12</b>	<b>Easter/Baptism/Communion</b>
April 14	Male Chorus 6:30 pm
April 15	Youth Advisor Meeting 6pm Finance Ministry 6:30 pm ROPCDC 6:00 pm
April 16	New Members Get Acquainted Session 11 am – 1 pm
April 18	Baptist Adult Fellowship Ministry after 11 am service
April 19	Women's Ministry 6:30 pm
April 20	Pulpit Ministry 6pm
April 21	S.W.E.E.T 6:30 pm Boyz2Men Mentoring Ministry 6:30 pm Male Chorus 6:30 pm
April 22	Administrative Ministry 5:30 pm Hospital Visitation Ministry 5:30 pm
April 25	Joint Board 10 am
April 26	Healthcare Ministry after 11 am service
April 27	Senior Missionary Ministry 5:30 pm Second Quarterly Church Conference 7 pm

### *Good Works*

- ❖ Seeking all youth interested in participating in the youth choir. Rehearsals are every Thursday at 6pm.
- ❖ The Mass Choir is seeking new members, especially sopranos. Rehearsals are held on Tuesdays at 7:30 pm
- ❖ Children's Church is seeking volunteers
- ❖ The Healthcare Ministry is seeking new members. A medical background is helpful but not mandatory. Training is available.

"AND YOU YOURSELF MUST BE AN EXAMPLE TO THEM BY DOING GOOD WORKS OF EVERY KIND. LET EVERYTHING YOU DO REFLECT THE INTEGRITY AND SERIOUSNESS OF YOUR TEACHING."

TITUS 2: 7 (NLT)

### *"It's Time for Our New Church Directory"*

Pictures will be taken in April and May. Please see Sisters Loretta Owens, Zilphia Harris or Annie McIntyre to schedule an appointment or call the Church Office.

**"I can do all things  
through Christ  
which strengtheneth me."  
-Phillippians 4:13**

Please email your newsletter submissions to:  
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