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- New Grants for Out & Up, Inc.
- After School Program Receives License from State
- Seasoned Saint
- New Member Highlights

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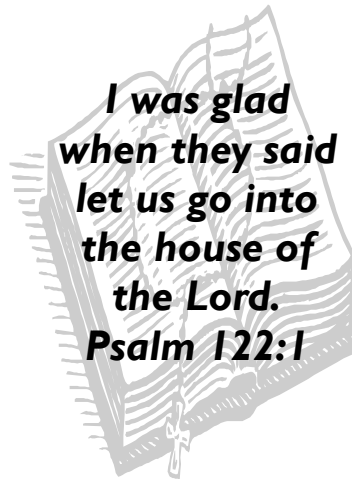
From the Pastor's Desk



Greetings My Brothers and Sisters,

I am elated to write to you again at this time in another year as we seize the Divine Moment.

First of all, I must admit to you that one of my life's greatest experiences has been to serve the people called GLRBC, and across these five years God has been so good and has divinely placed people in this Church who have been willing to take the vision and enjoy the trip. God has blessed this Church with people who are not afraid to dare, to believe, to dream, to



try and to press forward in the Name of the Lord.

I praise God for the manifestations of the vision given unto me. In the coming weeks we will break ground for our low cost child care ministry. We have achieved the level of excellence to be licensed for our after

school program called Joshua House. God has blessed us with many faithful new members thus far this year who are growing, maturing saints attending Bible Class and Sunday School. Family Literacy is on the horizon including GED classes for people in the community. Excitement is in the air for our music ministry, upcoming leadership cruise, and for our Pastor's banquet.

I thank God for each of you and my prayer is that every member of this Church will get involved in one of the many ministries we have as we attempt to fulfill our purpose, reach our destiny and do the will of God.

As always let us not grow weary while doing good for we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

With Jesus' Joy,

Pastor

October: National Breast Cancer Awareness Month



October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Established 20 years ago October is a time when increased focus is given to the medical issue of early detection and prevention of breast cancer. It is important that women and men educate themselves about this

potentially deadly disease. Ignorance about breast cancer is deadly in its consequences. However, there are many things that we can do to make certain that we not neglect this important aspect of our health care. While breast cancer affects women disproportionately, men, too, can develop breast cancer and must regard detection as a serious concern for themselves as well.

Important considerations are monthly breast self exams, yearly medical exams by a medical practitioner; annual mammograms after age 40 and earlier when there is a family history of this disease;. Of course, diet and exercise play important parts in all aspects of good health care.

Read more at:
www.nbcam.com

Our Church Property Gets Needed Improvements

New parking, new lighting, three crosses celebrating our reason for hope, the clearing of the side area of the Church, a new flower planter, renovated offices for Out & Up, Inc. and for the Church's administrative assistant are the latest in the Church's continuing effort to improve the physical plant of Greater Little Rock Baptist Church. Pastor Eason stated that we will continue these projects as we believe that our Church's physical appearance is a signal of our love for Jesus. Pastor Eason went on to say


that having a clean and attractive worship facility is a goal of his administration and that he is delighted that the congregation agrees with this goal as evidenced by their hard work and participation in these efforts.

We now have many new parking spaces and the cleared area to the left of the Church, along with the addition of the crosses and lighting makes GLRBC more visible to the immediate community and to those who are traveling

through the community. The addition of the three crosses and special lighting at the front of the Church gives passersby a confirming sign that GLRBC is focused on the work of Jesus Christ and His resurrecting power for all who encounter Him. The cleared left side of the Church necessitated sodding that land and adding new Japanese Maple trees. Through we have had a dry summer, the grass survives and promises to be an even prettier site next year.

Unscramble

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hvjahao
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Sister Gloria Reynolds, Our Seasoned Saint



Sister Gloria Reynolds is always quick with a smile and a kiss. Her roots at GLRBC are deep and her love for her Church is obvious. As she recounted the highlights of her life experience, I was left in awe of the many rich experiences she has had. She is the youngest of ten children born to Willie & Dora Jones Cliett. Her parents were

devout Christians. Her father was a steward at St. Luke AME Church, and her mother was a member of Unionville Baptist where she was in the music ministry. Sister Reynolds attended school in Macon and graduated from Hudson High School in 1944. She has worked in a variety of areas including domestics, insurance, mill work and was blessed to retire from Robins AFB after 26 years of service.

She married at a young age and

had four children, Rose, Willie III, Dora, and David. Only Rose and David survive, but she says she has precious memories of Dora and Willie. Sister Reynolds is the proud grandparent to 13; great-grandmother to 17, and great-great-grandmother of 1.

Sister Reynolds is proud that her daughter, Rose, stills maintains a relationship to GLRBC as she visits when she can and participates in Church activities as her schedule allows. Sister

Census 2007

Births

Callie Virginia Hill

May 9, 2007

Veriza & Diedre Hill

Marriages

Albert Craig &

Maylon Smith

Graham

May 5, 2007

"To everything there is a season..."

Carolyn Hardnett: An awesome Woman of God

Hold to His hand, God's unchanging hand. Build your hope on things eternal, hold to God's unchanging hand. Mrs. Carolyn Hardnett has lived her life by that assurance. She walks by faith and not by sight. Mrs. Hardnett is the widow of the late Rev. Curtis Hardnett, the former pastor of Harmony Baptist Church, and founder and former pastor of Greater Emmanuel Baptist Church. When the Lord gave her husband the vision to establish Greater Emmanuel Baptist Church

meaning "God with Us", she worked diligently with her husband to see the church established. In 1998 the congregation marched into the new church edifice located on Riggins Mill Road. After the death of her husband she did not retreat to a life of none service for the Lord, but worked even harder with the congregation to see to the church being paid off. She realizes, only what you do for Christ will last. **To God is all the glory!**

Mrs. Hardnett is the mother of two lovely children, Wayne Mathis, Jr. and Carol Tims. She's the proud grandmother of four adorable grand children, Wayne III, Danielle, Ciera, and Camden. Mrs. Hardnett is employed at the Secretary of State's Office as an applications specialist. Here at Greater Little Rock Baptist she serves as president of the Five Star Ministry and is a member of the adult choir. She accepted the challenge of compiling an active membership roster for Greater

Little Rock. An updated roster has been provided to our pastor. As a pastor's wife, she knows the importance of working in unity with one another. What she likes about Greater Little Rock is the leadership and love that Pastor



Gloria Reynolds, Our Seasoned Saint

Reynolds' son, David, pastors in Killen, Texas, along with his wife, Irene. David also received his doctorate in April 2006.

Though she joined Unionville Baptist when she was quite young, she became a member of GLRB as an adult and has worked faithfully in many ministries, including the Music, Women's, Food Bank, and Visitation Ministries. Her membership at GLRB spans more than 50 years.

Sister Reynolds says she loves people and one of her "favorites

mottos is always help other people with a kind word and a smile and whatever else you can to make life better."

Her favorite scriptures are Psalm 23 and Psalm 27.

There is something special about being in Sister Reynolds' presence. She is fully accepting and it is obvious that she loves others and that she loves the Lord.

Though her demeanor is quiet and calm, her service and faithfulness at GLRB is evidence of her Godly strength and resolve.

If you have not spent time chatting with her get to know her more; you are bound to be blessed by it.

GLRBC Trivia

1. This member who currently attends GLRBC is the sister in-law off the late Rev. W.D. Lewis.
2. Greater Little Rock was founded nineteen years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation. What year?

Finance Corner

Financial Tip!!!

If you are a home owner faced with exorbitant credit card debt and if you have equity in your home you should consider an equity line of credit to pay off this debt. The interest paid on this line of credit is much less than the interest charged on credit cards and may be deducted at income tax time. AND by all means avoid the use of credit cards, especially when you are only able to make a minimum monthly payment on your debt.

Carolyn Bell Represents Spiritual Maturity At its Best

Carolyn Bell is a native Maconite who has made Macon her home since birth. A 1957 graduate of Ballard Hudson High School, Mrs. Bell continued her education at Macon Technical College in the area of child care. Her work career has focused on serving children. With work experience at the Youth Development Center and the Georgia Academy for the Blind, she retired from the State of Georgia in 2001 with 27 years of experience.

Sister Bell has lots of interests, but her special hobbies are singing, reading, listening to music, and spending time with family.

Sister Bell says that her Christian experience began in the 70's. Having grown up in Fountain Temple A.M.E. Church she later joined Harmony Baptist Church under Rev. Curtis Hardnett.

Sister Bell is active in the ministry work of GLRBC through the adult choir where she sings tenor. She also

works as the choir's president and is president of the Five Star Ministry.

During the summer, Ms. Bell often volunteered to help at Joshua House Summer Camp. Sister Bell has worked diligently at GLRBC. She says her favorite scriptures are: Psalm 91 and 121. She loves reading her "Daily Bread" and a special book of wisdom by Dr. Charles Swindall.

Sister Bell loves GLRBC for a number of reasons. She cites the loving congregation, the

heart of the first family, and the Church's vision for ministry. She looks forward to the opening of the child care center, the Christian school, and to see all the members of GLRBC grow in the word of the living God. Carolyn Bell has added much to this Church family. We are glad she is here!!!



GLRBC Trivia Answer

1. Gloria Reynolds
2. 1894

How did you do?

Carolyn Hardnett (cont)

Eason shows to each member. She believes that Greater Little Rock is a church where everybody is somebody and Christ is all. The future she hopes for Greater Little Rock is that we

will always be that light on Felton Ave. and Plant Street telling the world about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Her favorite scripture is Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Her favorite song is, "Your Grace and Your Mercy". Ms. Hardnett

says she is looking forward to the cruise to the Bahamas, so she can fellowship with her sisters and brothers in a different environment, and meditate with Jesus on the ocean.

For the latest..... Visit us on the web

www.greaterlittlerock.org

Unscramble Answers

Jeremiah

Josiah

Jehosaphat

Jehovah

Out & Up, Inc Receives Community Development Block Grant

In June Out & Up, Inc, our outreach ministry arm, was notified that the non profit organization had been selected to receive one of several federal grants allocated to the City of Macon to address community development issues. Having attended an information meeting presented by the Office of Economic & Community Development, the Board decided to apply for the grant as grant guidelines specified fund availability in several areas, including funds available to address community blight. Many GLRBC members are aware that prior to purchasing the sub standard house to be renovated many questionable activities were occurring there in the very back door of the Church.

We met the deadline for submission of the grant in December of 2006 and were notified by Mayor C. Jack Ellis of our award in June of 2007. This grant is for fiscal year 2008 and its fund availability covers the period July, 2007 to June, 2008.

Out & Up, Inc is hopeful of opening the doors of Joshua House Early Care & Learning Center by summer of 2008.

The Board recognized the tremendous need that many families have for quality care for their young children as they work and /or attend school. Pastor Eason stated "the role of employment and education in strengthening



families and building community is well documented and our goal is to help families to help themselves."

Out & Up, Inc is also hopeful of working collaboratively with agencies needing to place child care workers who may need training sites to support their placement and certification.

plans to Inspection & Fees.

When these steps have been successfully completed, we will be ready to proceed with the work under the supervision of a General Contractor.

Pastor Eason and Executive Director Patricia Walker visited with Ms. Andrea Palmer at the Office of Economic & Community Development to discuss our plans and were assured that that Office is willing to work closely with us to make this a successful project.

"I am excited about the opportunity to work with local government," said Patricia Walker. We anticipate that the success of Out & UP, Inc will be very dependent on our ability to work with public and private agencies, meeting their compliance requirements. Much will be learned by all involved as the Board embarks in these uncharted waters.

Ground Breaking activities will occur soon.

Joshua House After School Program Receives State License

On June 13th Out & Up, Inc received its license for after school care ending a long and often times difficult process. The actual award of the license culminated a long day of review and inspection necessary for the granting of the license. There were several areas which required attention on the day of the visit including the playground facility. As playground regulations have changed since the Tindall Heights playground was constructed, we had to disassemble and remove several pieces of equipment. Of course, it is reassuring to be licensed as we are able to give parents and families confidence that the care of their children meets high quality standards which are national, as well as state standards. In addition, families can be assured that licensure carries with it regular review, opportunities for training, and special assistance and services.

Joshua House is now registered with Child Care Referral Resources and when parents inquire about after school child care

Out & Up, Inc has applied for grant money to purchase a couple of additional pieces of playground equipment and to purchase math and reading curriculum materials. If this grant is received it will certainly strengthen our competitiveness in drawing in students to our program.

Recently when asked about why we should expect to be successful in our program since many schools offer after school care, Out & Up, Inc's Executive Director stated that what we offer will be designed to provide a different type of after school care. We know that children require a lot of attention and nurturance, as well as individual attention which can be more effectively given, arguably, in a smaller environment such as that offered by Joshua House. We believe that the challenges facing improving educational outcomes requires multiple approaches and Out & Up, Inc has one of many. Our belief is that children in our program will be successful and will be better for their experience with us.

After School at Joshua House begins on

August 13, 2007. The hours of care are 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Transportation will be provided. The cost of care is \$40.00 per week.

There is a discount for multiple child families. Transportation to pick up children outside of a 3 mile radius will require a nominal fee.

Tracey Muff is the Joshua House Director. Other certified educators may be hired if the enrollment reaches levels indicating a need to do so. Joshua House staff also include Sister Rhonda Anderson and Sister Eudell Graham who have been diligent and dedicated volunteers.

Contact any staff or volunteer for more information or visit www.outandup.org to gain more information

Can you discuss God's Perfect Will, His Good Will and His Acceptable Will?

What kind of Christian are you today as it regards God's will for your life?

Parent Tips: Healthy Children Require Strong Parental Involvement

Self esteem is a critical component of the healthy development of one's personality. Parents play an important role in the development of their children's self esteem and are encouraged to focus on those interactions and activities that will reinforce this healthy development. According to an article located at www.keepkidshealthy.com, children with healthy self esteem, children have self control, understand their own self worth, and are willing to take on difficult and challenging tasks.

Some ways that parents can help build self esteem in their children are spending time with them in activities they enjoy and at which they can do well and allowing them to make some decisions and accept responsibility for those decisions. Though it is sometimes very difficult, parents should not always rescue their children from frustrating situations; encourage them in those situations to solve the problem and give them support as they do. Give your child chores that allow him/ her to feel they are contributing to the family: taking out the trash; setting the table for a meal. Not criticizing your child when things are not done perfectly is also important to their sense of ability and self worth.

As your child enters adolescence it is likely that they will experience a drop in self esteem. As a parent your sensitivity to this special time is very important. Keep the lines of communication open and give lots of support and encouragement.



Health Notes for Your Child

- If your child has sleep issues know that these problems can lead to attention issues in school and result in sub par performance.
- Some sleep problems may be related to enlarged tonsils and adenoids or to an obesity issue. Other causes may be allergies or a deviated septum.
- Snoring is a good indicator that there are issues that should be investigated for their possible impact on overall health.
- A healthy child will likely perform better in school, have better interpersonal relationships and be more likely to well adjusted.

Out & Up, Inc Holds Strategic Planning Session

Board members attended their annual strategic planning session July 21, 2007 at the Religious Life Center of Mercer University where they looked at essential activities and plans to move forward in their vision implementation.

The session was led by Ms. Renee Sattiewhite of Atlanta, Ga. Ms Sattiewhite energetically led the session and challenged the Board members to fully develop plans which they identified as essential to their continued progress. Board members left the session energized and clear about future priorities and activities.

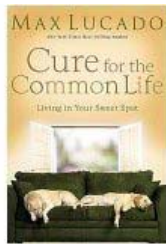
Among the activities that the corporation will focus on are "branding" Out & Up, Inc; getting services to parents that will encourage their involvement with their children and their own personal development, and raising public awareness of the organization.

Reading Corner

A wonderful book that I just finished reading is Cure for the Common

Life by Max Lucado.

Max Lucado talks about knowing when you have found your "sweet spot." The sweet spot is that place where you work or contribute for which you were uniquely created and where you are so thoroughly satisfied and happy.



So often we travel through life unhappy, dreading our jobs, searching for an elusive state of being in which we believe we will be happy. Even money and fame will not satisfy that craving. It is when we find our God purposed mission consistent with His will when we embrace our life circumstances and enjoy our divine contribution. Perhaps I was attracted to this book because of our discussions in Bible Study or perhaps it was divinely ordered to answer my questions about why, when, and where. You may want to read this book. I enjoyed it.

P. Walker

Joshua House Thanks Its Summer Camp Partners

Joshua House completed summer camp on July 27, 2007 with a great closing program demonstrating much about their learning during camp.

Lots of emphasis was placed on reading and storytelling as an art form was emphasized. The Heart of Georgia Storytelling League visited camp and shared stories and discussed with campers how they, too, could tell stories. Special thanks is extended to Ms. Joyce Hudson and the Heart of Georgia Storytelling League for graciously sharing with us.

Campers went to the Washington Library to the children's reading room and to the genealogy room where several campers were able to look for information on their families and to see how records are kept and maintained on families. Special thanks to Librarian, Ms. Muriel McDowell-Jackson, for her help with this project

The campers took an exciting trip to Ft. Valley State University to their agricultural

farm where they played with animals, rode horses, and enjoyed the farm atmosphere. Special thanks to Mr. Chris Sanders of Ft. Valley State for his support of our campers.

The children also visited the Tubman Museum and the Georgia Music Hall of Fame. Visits to Memorial Gym for swimming were exciting as well as trips to Regal Theatre for movies.

Special thanks

Community Foundation
Chief Riggins of the Macon Fire Department

Pamela Cabiness from River Edge Center
Arizona White from Central Georgia Credit Union

Bibb County Extension Agency
Macon Housing Authority

To everyone who contributed to the summer camp experience many, many thanks!!!

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GLRBC Mission is to engage, encourage, and empower all people to walk by faith and not by sight.

September 23, 2007	Men & Women's Day 10:30 a.m.
October 7, 2007	113th Church Anniversary Celebration Pastor James Goolsby, First Baptist Church, Special Guests 2:00 p.m.
October 29, 2007	Leadership Cruise to Key West & Bahamas
November 2, 2007	Leadership Cruise Returns
November 9, 2007	Pastor Eason's 5th Anniversary Celebration, Macon Centreplex Pastor Terence R. Gray, Sr. Pastor St. Mark A.M.E., Orlando, Florida
November 22, 2007	Thanksgiving Celebration
December 9, 2007	Christmas Potluck Dinner