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# The Oldtimers'

## GRAPEVINE

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"Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you." NIV Isaiah 46:4

### CHERRY BLOSSOM TIME IN D C.

The Nation's Capital is a city extremely attractive for visitors from around the world, and especially 2012 as the Nation celebrates the centennial celebration of the cherished Japanese Cherry Blossoms. This year the celebration has been extended for five weeks, Tuesday, March 20, and continuing through Saturday, April 27, 2012. Visitors are being warned, especially first time visitors, to be prepared for congested traffic.

One of the beautiful/ historical sights includes the Martin L. King, Jr. Memorial which has been integrated physically and emotionally into a fresh circle of history and beauty. This is due to the vision of chief landscape architect Sheila A. Brady, who scouted the site. The four-acre, land-scaped memorial was set in the most historic belt of Yoshino flowering cherry trees in the nation. According to the Park Service the trees should start to bloom around March 20, and peak between March 24 and 25.

There will be plenty of fun at this year's Festivities which start as early as March 17th at the Corcoran Gallery of Art on Kite Making. On the 18th there will be a Japanese Tea Party for children. Many events are free and others have an admission fee between \$10.00 and \$200.00. You will be able to send blossoms to friends far away with Cherry Blossom Centennial Forever stamps which will be available March 24th.

Persons may learn more about the blossoms through the purchase of "Cherry Blossoms:" the official book (\$30) of the National Cherry Blossom Festival. There is also a book for children, "Cherry Blossoms Say Spring" \$5.95. To learn more about family activities associated with the cherry blossoms, go to [wapo.st/blossomevents](http://wapo.st/blossomevents).



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## Jacob Kenoly

### First African American Disciples Missionary to Liberia, Africa

JACOB KENOLY, 1876-1911, was our first African American Disciples missionary to Liberia Africa which was founded in 1821 by the American Colonization Society as a settlement for freed U.S. slaves. It was located on the West Coast of Africa. Kenoly was a 1902 graduate of Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, MS. He was one of 13 children born to former slaves, and grew up in Missouri.

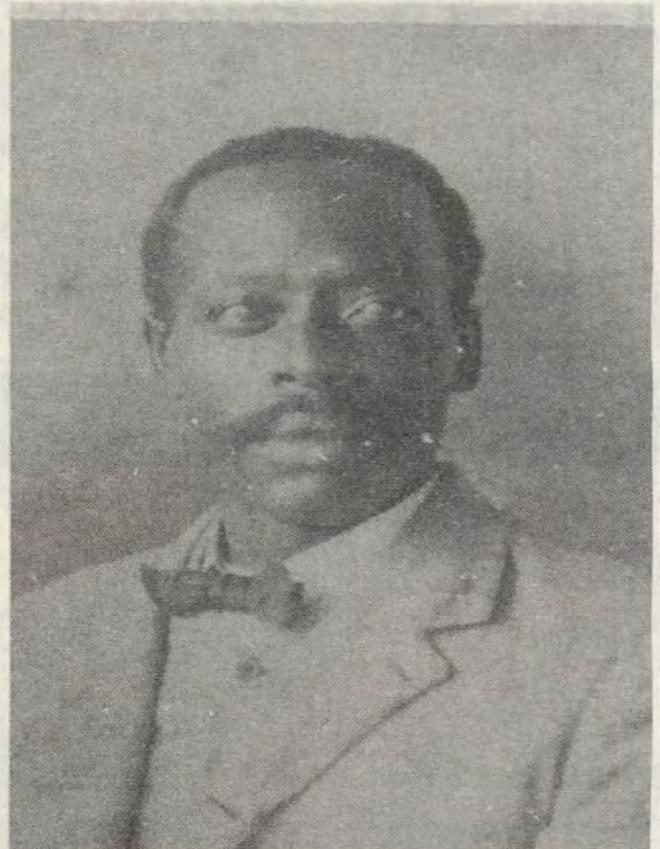
Jacob wanted to serve the cause of Christ in Africa. He traveled there in 1905 aboard a steamer. He worked in the kitchen of the steamer and arrived at his destination with only the clothes on his back. Upon arrival Kenoly wrote to a friend in the U. S. – telling him “I was landed in Africa where I met the greatest trial of my life; in so much I began to think it was a mistake to have come and God did not want me to do this work here.” Despite a siege of climate sickness and numerous difficulties, he opened a mission school for children at Schiefflin in a log house which he himself built.

Clayton C. Smith, Secretary of the Disciples Board of Negro Education and Evangelization advised the Christian Women’s Board of Missions (CWBM) of Kenoly’s plight and in 1907 they adopted him as a missionary. The CWBM assumed responsibility for the missionary endeavor that was named the Liberian Christian Institute. Four years later Kenoly drowned while fishing to provide a supply of food for the boys in his school.

Emory Ross (1887-1973) accepted the challenge to replace Kenoly. The two had been close friends at SCI where Emory’s parents, the A. T. Rosses, taught. The Friendship had grown between the two much like that of David and Jonathan. Their souls were knit together. They had often played and sailed their little handmade ships on the ponds of the plantation.

Mother Ross recollected “In their play they were always sailing off to some far country and it looked like boy’s play, but in the light of what has since come to pass, it seems more like a prophecy for the day came when the black man sailed the great waters and the day came when the white boy followed him.”

( *May Reid, retired staff member of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society* )



## Overheard

After being interviewed by the school administration, the prospective teacher said: "Let me see if I've got this right. You want me to go into that room with all those kids, correct their disruptive behavior, observe them for signs of abuse, monitor their dress habits, censor their T-shirt messages, and instill in them a love for learning, also

You want me to check their backpacks for weapons, wage war on drugs and sexually transmitted diseases, and raise their sense of self esteem and personal pride, also

You want me to teach them patriotism and good citizenship, sportsmanship and fair play, and how to register to vote, balance a checkbook, and apply for a

job, also

You want me to check their heads for lice,

recognize signs of antisocial behavior, and make sure that they all pass the final exams, also

You want me to provide them with an equal education regardless of their handicaps, and communicate regularly with their parents in English, Spanish or any other language, by letter, telephone, newsletter, and report card, then

You want me to do all this with a piece of chalk, a blackboard, a bulletin board, a few books, a big smile, and a starting salary that qualifies me for food stamps?

You want me to do all this and then you tell me ..... I Can't Pray!

Mr. William Jackson, Reston, VA

## Disciples News Round-Up

**WASHINGTON, D C** – The Christian Church-Capital Area, Rev. Lari R. Grubbs, Regional Pastor, extends their deepest sympathies to the family of Rev. Louise Kilpatrick who passed away recently in Jacksonville, FL. Rev. Kilpatrick had served churches in this region before moving to the Region of Florida. Her many friends are asked to keep her husband Pat and family in your prayers. Donations may be made to Community Hospice of Northeast Florida, 4266 Sunbeam Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32257.

Rev. Kilpatrick will be dearly remembered for her warm personality, and contagious smile. She served with several boards, committees, and Congregations. Cards of care can be mailed to: Pat Kilpatrick, 4530 Middleton Park Circle East, Jacksonville, FL 32224.

**INDIANAPOLIS, IN** – Rev. Dr T. Garrett Benjamin, Jr., senior pastor and resident bishop of Light of the World Christian Church, has been selected recipient of the prestigious 2012 Accomplished Achievement Award by the Center for Leadership Development, Indianapolis, IN. Dennis E. Bland, President of CLD, said "For years, he has striven to honor God by spreading the Gospel within his congregation and throughout the Indianapolis community.

"He has given his forceful, eloquent voice to many causes. His commitment and example is one we can proudly herald to the hundreds of CLD participants we nurture and challenge to pursue the highest levels of excellence in

character, education, leadership, service, career and life."

Dr. Benjamin has served as senior pastor of the historic Light of the World Christian Church for the last 43 years. He is also recipient of the Whistler Award from the Greater Indianapolis Progress Committee, and the first African American clergyman to receive this honor and the Indiana Fatherhood Hall of Fame. He is the author of four (4) books entitled "Boys to Men"; "The Home Alone Syndrome"; "Mama's Boy"; and "Its All in Your Mind."

## Disciples News Round-Up

**HAWKINS, TEXAS**— Dr. Lester C. Newman, noted educator in higher education administration and academics, was installed the 12<sup>th</sup> President of Jarvis Christian College on April 2, 2012. He was unanimously selected by the Institution's Board of Trustees. Their decision was partly due to Dr. Newman's proven track-record, explaining it will enable the college to achieve academic excellence and student success.

Dr. Newman was former Executive Assistant to the President and Director of Administrative Management Programs at Wiley College, Marshall, TX. Wiley is one of the "historically Black Colleges." where Dr. Newman also served as a member of the President's Cabinet and the Vice President's Council.

Prior to his work at Wiley College, he served as the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Associate Vice President for Development at Lane College, Jackson, TN; President and Professor of Political Science at Mississippi Valley State University, Itta Bena, MS; Vice President for Academic Affairs and Associate Professor of Political Science, Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, NC.

Dr. Newman received his Bachelor's degree in Political Science from Southern University Baton Rouge, LA, and his Master's degree and Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science from Atlanta University, Atlanta, GA. He has many awards and citations.. He and his wife Gloria, are the parents and grandparents of three children and seven grandchildren.

**BETHANY, W VA** - Noted historian and author, Dr. D. Duane Cummins, was the featured speaker for the Founder's Day celebration, Bethany College, as this institution celebrated it's 172 years of service. Bethany College was founded by Alexander Campbell, one of the founders of the Stone-Campbell religious

movement in the United States and Canada. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) grew out of this movement.

Dr. Cummins, served as president of this small college of national distinction, from 1988 until his retirement in 2002. . "We look forward to celebrating the founding of Bethany College with Dr. Cummins, which has embodied the foundation of service and academic excellence upon which Bethany stands," stated Bethany President Scott D. Miller."

A native of Nebraska, Duane earned the B. A. degree from Phillips University. He earned his M.A. from the University of Denver and a Ph.D. from the University of Oklahoma. He was awarded the LL.D. from William Woods College the H.H.D. from Phillips University, and a Litt.D. from Chapman University.

This notable historian has served as a member of the Phillips Graduate Seminary Board of Trustees and chair of the board of Trustees of National City Christian Church Foundation. He is currently a member of the board of the Old-timers' Grapevine Newsletter. He also served a one-year interim presidency at Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University, and the following year he was Interim president of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society.

Dr. Cummins has authored 15 books and numerous articles. His most recent publication was the bicentennial history of Disciples, "The Disciples: A Struggle for Reformation," released in July, 2009. He is currently researching and writing the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary history of Bethany College. His biographical citation appears in "Who's Who in America," "Who's Who in Education," "Who's Who in the World," "Dictionary of American Scholars" and "Contemporary Authors."

## Compassion Corner

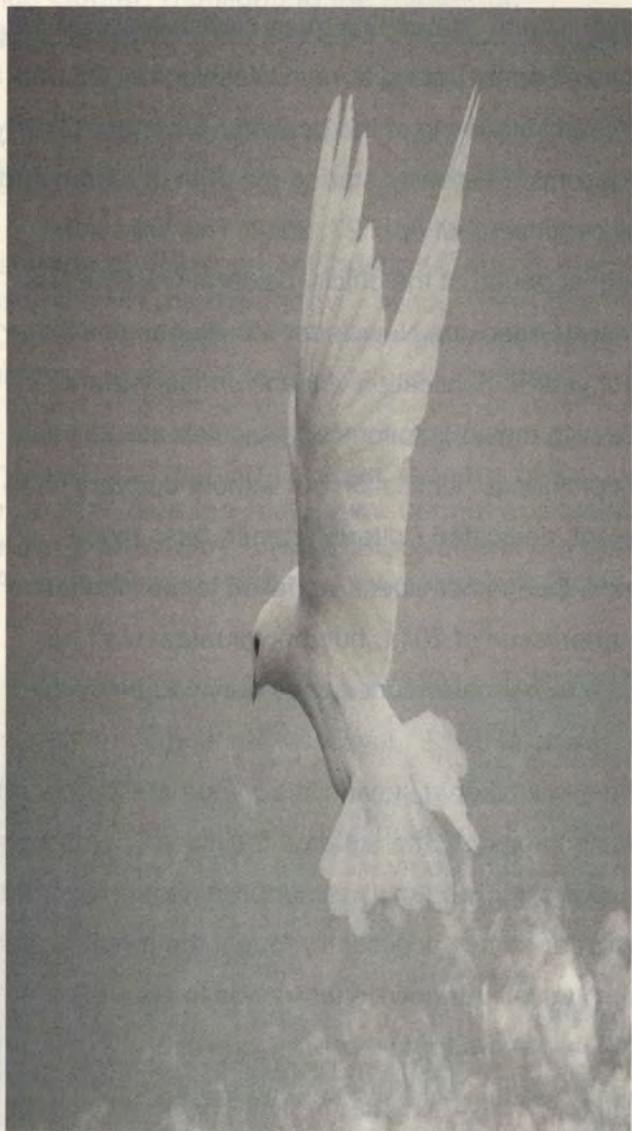
by Jimmy Mohler

### Occupy Compassion Corner

As we embrace spring in 2012, I find myself recalling the "Arab Spring" of 2011. Dissidents in many Arab countries have had varying levels of success in their mass protests against oppressive regimes. It all started with a fruit vendor having his property taken by government authorities. He went to municipal offices to demand his property back and was beaten. He went to the governor's office and was turned away. In front of that building, he set himself on fire and perished in protest. It could have happened in many countries, but in this case it happened in Tunisia. Ten days after the death of fruit vendor Mohamed Bouazizi, Tunisia's dictator of 23 years, Zine el-Abidine Ben Ali, fled the country. The people rose up and said ENOUGH, and people in many other Arab lands have done the same.

By the fall of 2011, many in our own country were mounting mass protests against policies favoring the "one percent." The Occupy Wall Street movement grew to cities across our land and into other countries. Like me, you have likely heard within your circle of acquaintances a wide variety of views about this OCCUPY movement. But statistics show broad support for a fundamental premise of the movement: HUMAN NEED, NOT CORPORATE GREED. We still read or hear in the news, as just one example, of huge bonuses being paid to executives in enterprises that are receiving taxpayer bailouts or government guarantees. Another fundamental of premise of the movement is peace, and most OCCUPY rallies include significant numbers of VETERANS FOR PEACE. Who better than the very persons who served, to help us understand how our use of service persons and our military budgets are so often misguided? The makeshift OCCUPY villages might very well label themselves Compassion Corner. Persons are seeking fairness for the "least of

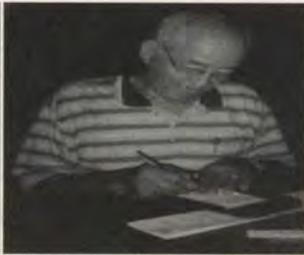
these." They seek peace. Just like Jesus. As we enter a new spring and prepare for a resurrection celebration, may we each seek to crusade (and pray!) in our own ways for fairness and peace. God's peace be with you, OTG Friends!



## OSCAR'S NOTES

*From the Desk of the*

*Contributing Editor*



Dear Friends,

It is a real joy to be back in touch with you. I pray you welcomed Spring with joy as we hopefully can put our heavy garments in storage and trip the light fantastic among budding trees and early blossoms. We welcomed Spring here in Washington, DC with the early blooming of the beautiful Japanese Cherry Blossoms. Festivities started the 20th of March and will continue until April 27, 2012. This will be the longest period of the official celebration. The Oldtimers' Grapevine Newsletter Ministry begins its 21st year of publication with the January-March issue with mixed emotions as we celebrate 21 years of continuous publication but without our very competent, dedicated Editor/Manager, Mrs. Joyce Knox. Due to her illness we failed to mail the last quarter issue of 2011, but the volunteer staff has come to her assistance so we pray you enjoy this first issue of 2012. Joyce is a life long friend of mine and a coworker in service to our God and other community projects. She suffered the loss of her devoted husband, Melvin, and has nurtured her son over the last year as he successfully fought the threat of Cancer. We ask our newsletter friends to please join with staff in prayers for this courageous church and community leader. Also send up prayers for our Assistant Editor, Ms. Ellen Crowder. Ellen has been an effective staff leader for over six years and a dear friend. These experienced journalist have requested the team to come together for a brainstorming over

exploring fresh ideas to a brighter future for this newsletter ministry. We are also asking our readers to send in ideas sharing your vision for this quality publication and continued success. Please include in your thoughts the goals of founder, Rev. Dr. William K. Fox During an interview in February, 2004, by Rev. Dr. Ernest Newborn, first president of the Board of Directors, Dr. Fox began his answer with "When a crude four-page issue of The Oldtimers' Grapevine was mailed first class in February 1991 to about 100 church friends and former associates for their response it proposed a five-fold purpose. The purpose included 1- enhancement of communication and sharing of mutual experiences; 2-conveying a holistic view of aging and health; 3-being an advocate for seniors to become a support and loving, caring community; 4-giving honor and dignity to the lives of those included in For Whom the Bells Toll; and 5-highlighting opportunities for the maintenance of a high quality life style and service in retirement." It was my sincere promise that I "with God's blessings" would strive to accomplish all five of his goals and even achieve additional ones. His vision for the future included researching E-Zine publishing and web sites. He said technical resources and guidance can be secured on the Internet to assist staff in doing this. "The mission should never be tainted with politics in church or society. It is grounded in Jesus, the Christ, and this challenge should always be kept in focus." In his opinion all this is obtainable with full faith of dependence on God. "We can operate through individual, voluntary donations he declared, and "We are discovering this to be a fact and will continue the policy of free subscriptions."

## Centennial Christian Church Celebrates a Stellar History!

**ST. LOUIS, MO** – Centennial Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) celebrated the Congregation's 107<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by including the significant day of beginning and then including five days of historical events in their rich history. Rev. Derrick L. Perkins, Pastor, and Rev. Dr. Samuel W. Hylton, Jr, Pastor Emeritus, were the moving force of this phenomenal event.

Structuring the multi-factual program under the Theme "Faith that Binds the Past, Present, and Future". Romans 5:1-2) the history began in 1904 when a small group of African American Women from Kentucky, led by Ella Brooks Thompson, organized what is now known as Centennial Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in St. Louis, MO. It is now often said the rest is history!

On Sunday, March 11, 2012, the worship was built on the importance of the Future. Youth and Young Adults were featured leaders. The next service in this unfolding story was March 17, 2012, in a gala banquet at the New Northside Baptist Conference Center, highlighting the masterful preaching skills of the Rev. Dr. Cynthia Hale, founding pastor of the Ray of Hope Christian Church, Decatur, GA. Her title was "Imagine This!"

The Sunday, March 18, 2012 worship services featured Dr. Hale, preaching and recognition of the pastor and members of the New Vision Christian Church, Kansas City, MO. A relatively new Community of Faith.

These rich spiritual events depicting the 107 years of service by Centennial Christian Church, were portrayed on Sunday, March 25, 2012, designated "Disciples of Christ Sunday," recognizing the entire congregation of Memorial Boulevard Christian Church, St. Louis, MO. These activities were concluded with a special musical entitled "Fanciful, Fabulous, Females of Centennial Christian Church.

Rev. Perkins and Dr. Hylton planned these anniversary events to highlight the significance of the rich history of Centennial. "As the people of God, if we do not value our history we cannot appreciate the present nor hold before us the Vision of the Future. An anniversary offers the opportunity to mark this important milestone in our journey as Christians. As pilgrims, we tell the story of our faith to the world and to each other."



## THE POET ' S CORNER

### THIS MORNING'S PRAYER

Got up this morning  
bowed down to pray.  
I thank you Lord for a  
brand new day.  
Peered out the window  
at bird, deer and squirrel.  
How they bask in your presence  
enjoying your sunshine, your world.  
I, too, do this Lord  
for you make my life whole.  
You fill me with anticipation in each  
moment to unfold;  
I'm lifted up, filled up, pumped up  
In your glow.  
I cherish this life you  
have given me to sow,  
so I'll never stop praying,  
never ceasing to grow.  
You are my, sunshine, Lord,  
Truly this I know. AMEN.

May Reed

Written Wed., February 29, 2012  
(Leap Year)



## Oldtimers ' Healthvine

### COLORECTAL CANCER

Colon Cancer and Cancer of the Rectum usually start as a small polyp. Colon cancer symptoms may include a change in bowel habits or bleeding from the rectum, but usually colon cancer strikes without symptoms. That's why it's important to get a colon cancer screening test, such as a colonoscopy. If the cancer is found early, the doctor can use surgery, radiation, and/or chemotherapy for effective treatment.

#### **You are at an increased risk if you have:**

- A family history of polyps
- Been diagnosed with Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis
- Previously had ovarian or uterine cancer
- Poor lifestyle habits, such as unhealthy eating habits and poor physical activity

#### **10 Important questions to ask your doctor about colorectal cancer**

1. how far has my cancer spread
2. what are my chances for recovery
3. what is your experience in treating patients with this disease
4. am I likely to need a colostomy, if so, might it be permanent
5. what specialists will I see in my treatment and recover, what will their roles be
6. which post-op treatments do you recommend, if any, do I have any other options other than radiation or chemotherapy
7. what side effects should I look for if I need those treatments
8. how often should I be screened for recurrent cancer
9. is there any way to help prevent the return of my cancer can you recommend a good support group or resources where I can get more information

It's easy enough, go get screened...make an appointment TODAY...don't wait. .get up and go and have a colonoscopy, today. *(Kim Atwater Kaiser Nurse)*

## FOR WHOM THE BELLS TOLL

The Reverend Dr. William Charles Howland, Jr., died peacefully in his home in Austin, Texas, March 6, 2012, surrounded by his family. In his 62 years as an ordained minister, Dr. Howland was a champion of the underserved, underprivileged, and those without a voice. Bill was active in the Civil Rights movement and an inspiration to others in spite of threats to his own career and safety. He continued to emphasize his belief that all people are created equal and all are God's precious children. He had the ability to make every person he met feel special and was famous for his bear hugs.



Dr. Howland was born February 5, 1928, to William Charles Howland and Trinnie Ann Morris in Enid, Oklahoma. In high school, he played clarinet, was drum major of the band and played center for the Plainsman football team. Bill completed his undergraduate studies at Phillips University in Enid, OK, and graduate studies at Yale University Divinity School. While at Yale, Bill met the love of his life, Ann Chapel Osgood. They were married December 15, 1951, in New Haven, CT, and began a wonderful, loving partnership of 60 years.

He was ordained in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) on May 10, 1950, at Central Christian Church in Enid, OK. He faithfully served congregations in Oklahoma, CT, AL,

AR, TX, and National City Christian Church in Washington, D.C. He served as Deputy General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada and was Acting President of Phillips Theological Seminary, Tulsa, Ok. He also served as Interim Minister at First Christian Church, Tulsa, OK Seventh Street Christian Church, Richmond, VA, and Christian Temple, Baltimore, MD.

Bill received Honorary Doctorate degrees from six universities including Texas Christian University and numerous awards and recognitions from churches, organizations, corporations, and boards during his years of service. His vision and dynamic personality influenced and helped shape the denomination throughout his career.

Dr. Howland was instrumental in raising funds for projects and programs in many pastorates, most notably the restoration of the sanctuary and the building of the Beasley Building at National City, "the National Cathedral" for the Christian Church. He was influential in the acquisition and building of the beautiful five rank Moeller organ in the National City sanctuary, one of the finest organs on the East Coast which includes "The Howland Tuba Stop." Bill served a distinguished ministry of 18 years as the Senior Minister at National City Christian Church. He was recognized as a gifted orator and preacher, offering astute commentary on events of the day while bringing fresh insights to the teaching of scripture.

This man of great faith loved his family and was quick to show his love and was extremely proud of all of their accomplishments. He emphasized kindness to all people. The family enjoyed cross country vacations, parades, fireworks, homemade ice cream and many hours "helping" at the church. Bill loved the beauty of nature, watching birds at the birdfeeder, flowers, cooking, cookies, his dogs and most especially his family.

He is preceded in death by his parents William Charles Howland and Trinnie Ann Morris, his

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sisters, Betty Howland Ogden, Mary Howland Kennedy and Margaret Howland Pinix.

Dr Howland is survived by his loving wife, Ann, his children, William Charles Howland III, Mary Howland Macferran, Martha Howland Baker, and Margaret Howland Williamson and spouses Cynthia Couch Howland, Samuel Macferran, Paul Glisson, Gary Williamson and sister Martha Jeanne Lawrence. Bill has nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, William C. Howland IV, Christen B. Howland, Mary M. Hurt, Alexander B. Hurt, Tiffany B. Shortridge, Rebekah A. Baker, Robert E. Baker, Brian O. Williamson, Mary H. Williamson, Anthony G. Lutz III, Ava McKaley Lutz, Steven A. Shortridge and Mountain S. Grey.

The family is grateful to his aides Debra Stevens, Rita Houston, and Maria Herrera, and thankful for their loving care.

Memorial Services for Rev. Dr. Howland, Jr. were held at University Christian Church, Austin, TX April 7, 2012, Service of Inurnment will be held at National City Christian Church, 5 Thomas Circle, Northwest, Washington, D.C., on May 20, 2012, at 2:30 p.m.

Memorial gifts may be made to the William and Ann Howland Minority Scholarship, Phillips Theological Seminary, 901 North Mingo Road, Tulsa, OK 74116 or National City Christian Church Foundation, 5 Thomas Circle, N.W., Washington, DC 20005.

**ROGERSVILLE, TN** -- Mary Elizabeth Fugate, born February 27, 1924, died Thursday, December 15, 2011, following a lengthy illness. Homegoing services were held, Friday, December 23, at Hasson Street Christian Church, Rogersville, Pastor Roy Charles, officiating.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents James Arthur and Leola Fugate, her siblings Arthur, Jr., Andrew, Robert Lee, Norma (Jackie), Samuel, and William. Her grandfather, John Wolf-Fugate was one of the first African American/Indian American to own land in Hawkins County, TN. She attended Price Public

School in Rogersville and is a graduate of Swift Memorial Junior College. In 1949 she graduated from the Medical College of Virginia/ St. Philip School of Nursing. She was an honorary student known as "taking no lip" from any one.

Following her graduation she headed for New York and spent a distinguished 30-year career



with The American Red Cross of New York. She was reportedly the first African American in the Red Cross allowed to draw blood from all races. She was active in all types of health issues, especially Women and Infant Health Care.

Mary was a life long active member of the Christian Church, which began at Hasson Street Church in Rogersville. After moving to New York she continued her spiritual journey at Stuyvesant Heights Christian Church in Brooklyn, NY. In both congregations she was a dedicated Elder in service with these Communities of Faith. She was a member of the Price Public School National Historical Association and the American Legion Auxiliary #231.

Mary E. Fugate is survived by her grand nephew, Koron Fairley, Godson, Frederick Cabell Jr., Oscar Haynes, cousin, and friends, Mary "Jenks" Cabell, Lois Teele and Bess Terry, and a host of devoted nieces, nephews, caregivers and friends.

**ASHLAND, KY** -- Mary Evelyn Nall, life long member of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) died January 6, 2012, at Woodland

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Oaks Health Facility at the age of 91. Mary was born in Owensboro, KY, the daughter of the late James and Attie Ford Young. She was also preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Fred W. Nall.



Mary spent over 45 years of her life serving First Christian Church as pianist for regular worship services, Children's Choir, Bible School, Vespers and the vocal group "Affirmation." She also played with the handbells. One of her favorite accomplishments was when she played piano for the radio show, "Mary and Martha Show."

Mrs. Nall was a member of the Three Arts Club, the Southern Hills Garden Club, and Garden Club of Kentucky. She and her husband were avid fans of the University of Kentucky. Fred was also a supporter of the Oldtimers' Newsletter Ministry, First Christian Church of Ashland, the Kentucky Region and the General Manifestation of The Disciples of Christ.

Mary is survived by daughters Darlene Young Nall, Lexington, KY; Sandra Nall Coburn, Orlando, FL, and Patti Nall Sanford, Ashland KY. She is also survived by granddaughters Torri Winstead, (Michael, Jr.), Wrightsville Beach, NC, and Lynsey Elizabeth Coburn, Orlando FL. She is also survived by her precious pets Natasha, Prissy and Ruby.

**GLEN ALLEN, VA** -- Rev. Dr. Richard L. Taylor, retired Regional Minister of The Capital Area Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) died January 24, 2012, following sev-

eral months of illness. He was born February 19, 1930, in Topeka, KS. "Dick" as he was affectionately called by close associates and friends, was also former missionary to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, along with his wife, Rev. Virginia M. Taylor.

Rev. Taylor received his B.A. and B.D. degrees from Phillips University, Enid (now Tulsa) OK, and was ordained in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in 1950. His studies also included the Kennedy School of Misions, Hartford, CT; Oklahoma A & M College, Stillwater, OK; and the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA. He received his M.A. from Colorado State College, Greeley, CO, in 1962.

A memorial service and reception was held Friday, January 27, at Gayton Road Christian Church, Richmond, VA. Later an Inurnment service was held at National City Christian Church, Washington, DC. National City, is the "National Cathedral" of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the U.S. and Canada, where both Dick and Virginia served.

Dick is survived by his wife of 61 years. He is also survived by children, Linda Million, Debbie Royal, David Taylor, and Mark Taylor; seven grandchildren, Zach, Lauren, Madison, Grayson, Camden, Ashton and Chase.

The family requests that gifts be made to Global Ministries, P.O. Box 1986, Indianapolis, IN 46206. Condolences may be mailed to Rev. Virginia Taylor, 11900 Belmont Park Court, Glen Allen, VA 23059-8500.

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### Claremont, CA: Reverend Dr. Thomas Jackson Liggett (T.J.)

It is in a spirit of great loss that Global Ministries shares news of the death of Reverend Dr. Thomas Jackson Liggett (T.J.) on March 27, 2012, at Pilgrim Place in Claremont, California. Reverend Dr. Liggett is a native of Nashville, Tennessee, born in 1919.



Reverend Liggett and his late wife, Virginia, served in Argentina, 1946 through 1957 during which time T. J. served two Disciple congregations in Chaco Province and as a lecturer at the ecumenical seminary ISEDET in Buenos Aires. He and Virginia also served in Puerto Rico from 1957 through 1967 where he served as President of the Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico. In 1965 he was appointed Latin America Executive of the United Christian Missionary Society (UCMS) and became its President in October 1968 through 1973. Dr. Liggett was the first former missionary to serve as the President of UCMS and, as such, embodied a clear and overriding commitment to global mission. His talents in organization and identification of colleagues to serve on the staff of UCMS, who later would go on to form part of the staff of the Division of Overseas Ministries, which were vital contributions.

Later Dr. Liggett guided UCMS toward the culmination of its extensive reorganization, toward the formation of DOM and the Division of Homeland Ministries (today Disciples Home Missions). He led UCMS to appointing missionaries to terms of service. Dr. Liggett guided

UCMS and Disciples in general in opposition to the war in Vietnam and the U.S. Military incursion into the Dominican Republic.

Memorial services for this prominent church leader were held on April 28, 2012 at Shiloh Baptist Church, Washington, DC, his daughter's home church. These services were officiated by Rev. Dr. Alvin Jackson, Senior Pastor, Park Avenue Christian Church, New York, NY and Rev. Dr. Michael Kinnamon, Former General Secretary, National Council of Churches, New York, NY.

Tributes were given by Rev. Dr. Sharon E. Watkins, General Minister and President, The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); Rev. Julia Brown Karimu, President Global Ministries; Rev. Dr. Ron Allen, Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, IN. Other participants included, (Signed by Kyla Liggett-Creel,) Tributes were given by Rev. Dr. Sharon E. Watkins, General Minister and President, The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); Rev. Julia Brown Karimu, President Global Ministries; Rev. Dr. Ron Allen, Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, IN. Other participants included, (Signed by Kyla Liggett-Creel,) granddaughter; Rev. Dr. Stephen Gentle, Senior Pastor, National City Christian Church; Rev. Dr. David Vargas, Christian Church, Puerto Rico; Rev. Lari Grubbs, Regional Minister, Christian Church-Capital Area; Shiloh Baptist Senior Choir York, NY.

He is survived by daughter, Margaret Peggy Liggett, and son Thomas Milton. Condolences may go to Margaret (Peggy) Liggett, former DOM/Global Ministries board member, 3501 Piney Woods Place, A102, Laurel, MD 20724-5970. Memorial gifts may be made to the Thomas J. Liggett Global Ministries Fund, Division of Overseas Ministries, P.O. Box 1986, Indianapolis, IN 46206-1986 and Pilgrim Place, 625 Mayflower Rd., Claremont, CA 91711. A second memorial service will be held on May 5 at 3 p.m. at Pilgrim Place, Claremont, California. Friends may share your remembrances of T.J. by posting them on Facebook or email your

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words to [gifts@dom.disciples.org](mailto:gifts@dom.disciples.org)

**INDIANAPOLIS, IN** -- A Celebration Of Life for a Faithful Servant of God, the Rev. Dr. Billye Pinkston Bridges, November 26, 1945 - February 17, 2012, was held February 25, 2012 at Light of the World Christian Church, Indianapolis, Rev. Dr. T. Garrott Benjamin, Jr, Resident Bishop, and Rev. Dr. David Hampton, Senior Pastor, officiating.



Rev. Bridges was preceded in death by her father, Willie Lewis Pinkston, Jackson, MS. She accepted Christ at a very early age and was baptized at Mt. Zion Christ Holiness Church, Jackson. Later she moved to Indianapolis and united with (Second Christian) now Light of the World Christian Church under the pastorage of Bishop Benjamin. Following high school in Jackson, Rev. Bridges earned a B.S. in English Literature from Tougaloo College, a M.S. in Secondary Education from Indiana University, IN, a M. Div, and D. Min from Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, IN. She was a veteran educator who taught English, English Literature, and Gifted and Talented students in Natchez, MS and Indianapolis, IN.

Dr. Bridges was also employed as a Project Director for the Association of Black Foundation

Executives of the Indiana University Center on Philanthropy; as an Education Consultant for the Community Leaders Allied for Superior Schools (CLASS); as Associate Pastor at Light of the World Christian Church; and also Director of Education for the Christian Church through the Division of Homeland Ministries.

Dr. Bridges has also been an associate with the Phi Delta Kappa, an international education fraternity; Association for Christian Church Educators; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; National Association for Female Executives; Religious Conference Management Association and Christian Ecumenical Covenant Fellowship.

This outstanding educator is recipient of many educational awards, the most recent being the National Convocation coveted Liberation Award. She will be warmly remembered for the outstanding leadership she provided in designing, organizing and recruiting leaders for the African American School of Faith and Life as Part of the National Convocation's Biennial Sessions. Rev. Bridges leaves to cherish her memory, her mother, Alberta Pinkston, Madison, MS; four sisters, one of whom preceded her in death (Delores Pritchett); Lola P. Richardson, Jackson, MS; Jetha P. (Cassell) Lawson, Racine, WI.; Kathy Worthy, Madison, MS Floyd Bridges; a host of relatives, associates and friends along with her LWCC extended Church family.

**Washington, DC: Mary Tilghman Saddler**, born March 12, 1914, in Baltimore, MD, the youngest of four children born to her late parents James W. and Beulah Rebecca Tilghman, departed this life February 27, 2012 in Washington, DC. She was a devout Christian, loving mother and devoted wife. She is a decedent of the McCoy family of Westmoreland County, Virginia. In 1946, Mary married John Edward Saddler and they became the parents of John, Paul and Linda. She provided the best for her children and raised them to be thoughtful, considerate and at all times thankful for God's blessings. She always reminded her children

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that "you are what it is that you do." This is considered an influence from her grandmother, Elizabeth McCoy Templeman who opened the first school for African American children in Colonial Beach, Virginia.

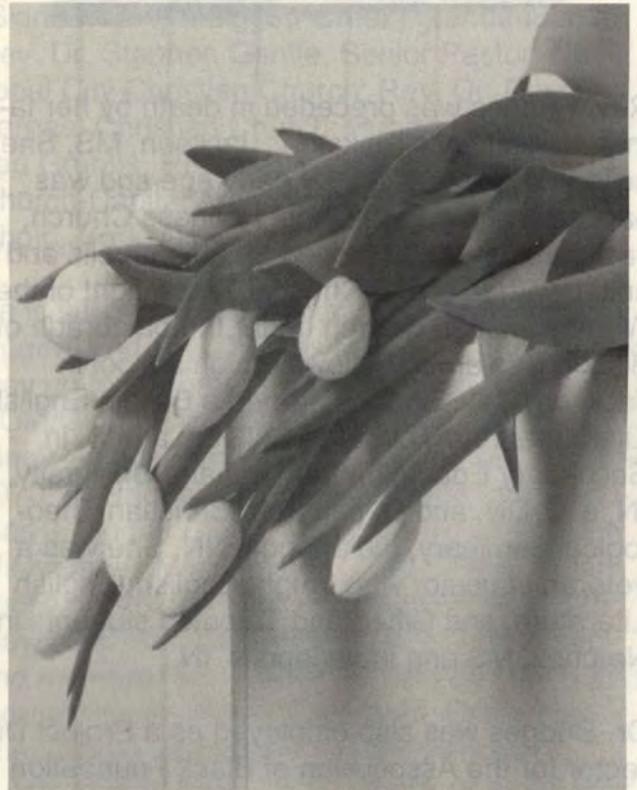


Mrs. Saddler is a graduate of Frederick Douglas High School, Baltimore and attended Morgan State University. She was a payroll clerk in the U.S. Air Force during World War II. She later earned a professional degree in Design from DeBalaz-Fleischer School of custom garment and millinery for the elite of Atlantic City and Philadelphia areas. Her fashions appeared in Ebony Fashion Fair shows and some of her designs and millinery were featured in Ebony Magazine. She designed and made gowns for contestants in the Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City in the 1950s and 1960s. She was a consultant to DuPont Industries for the emergence of Ultra Suede material which she enjoyed before retiring in 1985.

Mrs. Saddler was a devout Episcopalian member of St. Augustine's Church in Atlantic City. Her distinguished career was highlighted on November 6, 1988 when the late James L.

Usry, Mayor, declared November 6 as Mary Tilghman D. Saddler Day. Mary hosted many fashion shows at Casinos in Atlantic City to raise funds for advancing the mission of her church. She was a world traveler who especially enjoyed time in Paris, Spain and China. In less than three (3) weeks, this active church member would have celebrated her 98th birthday. During the final days of her most active life, she often stated "life owes me nothing." She was preceded in death by husband, John Edward Saddler, brothers, William and James, and sister Beulah.

Mrs. Mary T. Saddler is survived by son Rev. John T. Saddler, (Patricia); Rev. Dr. Paul H. Saddler, Senior Pastor, Twelfth Street Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), (Honorable Fern Flanagan); daughter Linda Saddler Joyner (Alonza), granddaughters, Joanna, Myah, and grandson, Cainaan, Bradford and Christopher.



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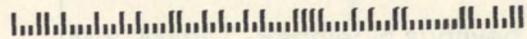
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"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:11 TNIV

### REMEMBERING REV. DR. WILLIAM K. FOX, SR.

"I am proud to say that my life was partly shaped by William K. Fox, Sr., even though our contact was not extensive. His influence was powerful. He taught me lessons in persistence, hope, resourcefulness, and giving everything you have to the task".

"In 1983, Ernest Newborn and William Fox hatched the improbable plan of raising money for the Reconciliation Fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) by organizing a bicycle ride from Indianapolis, IN, to San Antonio, TX, some 1175 miles. Bikers would seek financial pledges for their efforts and plan to be in San Antonio in time for the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) United States and Canada.

I had never undertaken bicycle touring but inspired by the biking exploits of Disciples seminary professor Keith Watkins, I signed up and began training. I biked solo from Oak Park, IL to Indianapolis to verify I actually may not drag down the group. I showed up on Monument Circle in the heart of Indianapolis, joining a good sized group for the first leg of the journey with Rev. Fox, the clearly experienced leader of the pack.

"As other riders left us after a day, week, or whatever, I continued with Bill and Ernest until we reached Little Rock, AK., when I needed to return home. Most of my memories of the details have vanished into the mists of the intervening 29 years. However I do have clear recollection of conversations with Bill. The first was about Ernest. I was concerned that he was not drinking much water, nor eating generously.



*Leon Riley (l), William K. Fox (c), Ernest Newborn (r)*

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Bill assured me 'Ernest's choices were, well, unusual , but it works for him. Don't worry about Ernest ," so I didn't worry any more – out loud.



"Another memory is still quite vivid. It is about dogs. We encountered several dogs. City dogs mostly barked and stayed close to home but country dogs would come after us. Most of them could run faster than we could pedal. I needed some way to cope with a snarling dog that was rapidly gaining on me. The dignified Rev. Fox had the solution. When the dog begins to show interest you yell at the top of your lungs 'Hey DOG.' This usually stops them and they trot back home. If it didn't work, and this part takes courage, you stop, stand your ground and stare the dog down. That gives the dog an opportunity to change its mind and go back where life is more familiar.

Most of the miles there were only three (3) riders, Bill Fox, Ernest Newborn and yours truly. On a blistering hot day we came upon what seemed to be a gift from God. In the middle of nowhere there is a watermelon stand, and the owner was happy to slice a half of a huge watermelon into three slices and we dove into that cool sweetness. I prepared to take a picture of my two companions when Bill asked the operator to take a picture of all three. Knowing exactly what he wanted Bill put me in the middle, the picture was snapped and Bill gave it the title: 'Leon teaches Ernest and Bill how to eat watermelon.' (It is politically incorrect, I hardly dare show that picture in public. But, privately? I treasure it!)

"We reached Little Rock as my time ran out. I was regretful as I boarded the plane for home. But I was confident that, because Bill Fox was leading the way, Bill & Ernest would surely complete the journey to San Antonio.

"In those tedious, difficult, boring, glorious days of the 1983 Ride for Reconciliation, William K. Fox personified for me persistence, hope, resourcefulness, and giving the task everything you have. In following years I biked many times to Assemblies, raising money for the Reconciliation fund. Eventually I pieced together the rightful claim that I have ridden coast to coast. That would not have happened had I not share the road for some hundreds of miles with Bill Fox.

"I am grateful to God that my life path crossed with this saint on a bicycle. Every mile in his company was a blessing."

Leon Riley, Indianapolis, Indiana.

March 30, 2012

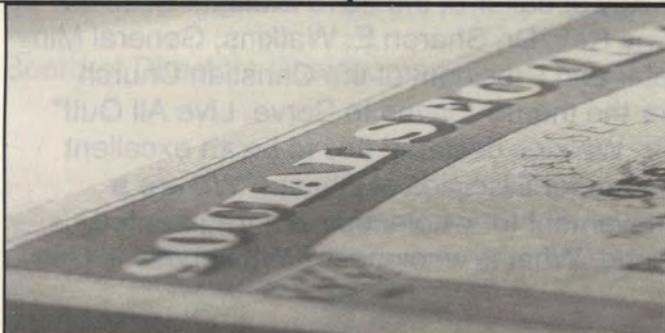
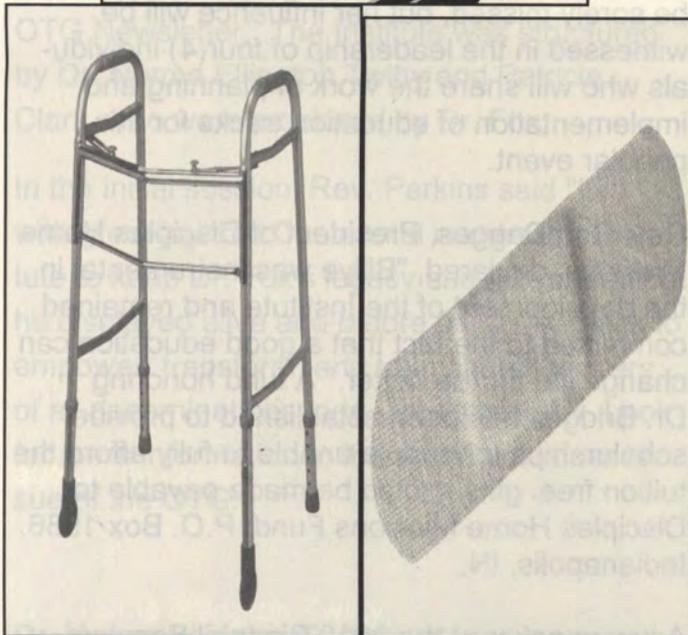


**AIDS WARNING!**

Senior Citizens are the Nation's Leading Carriers of Aids

- Hearing Aids
- Band Aids
- Rolaids
- Walking Aids
- Medical Aids
- Government Aids

Most of all Financial Aid to children



**What causes infections?**

Most cases of the common flu and cold are caused by viruses. But bacteria can cause infections such as strep throat, ear and sinus infections, and some cases of pneumonia.

**How are infections treated?**

Antibiotics kill Bacteria but **do not** help with Viruses. Bacterial infections are sometimes treated with antibiotics. You and your doctor will make this decision based on your health problem and your symptoms. How do bacteria become resistant to antibiotics?

Every time you take antibiotics, many bacteria are killed, but some are not. Those that are not killed are called RESISTANT bacteria. Resistant bacteria can stay in your body and may continue to grow. The more antibiotics you take, the greater your chance of getting resistant bacteria.

**What can I do at home when I have a viral infection?**

- get plenty of rest
- drink plenty of fluids
- avoid smoke
- breathe moist air from a hot shower
- take acetaminophen (always check with your doctor before starting any medication regimen)

All the information found in this article can be found in the Kaiser Permanente handbook

## Disciples News Round-Up

**TROY, MICHIGAN** -- The Rev. Eugene W. James, Jr. is the newly installed Regional Minister, Michigan Region, Christian Church Disciples of Christ) in the United State and Canada. He is a life-long member of the Christian Church and son of the late Rev. Eugene W. James, Sr; brother to Rev. Dr. Timothy M. James, Associate General Minister and Administrative Secretary of National Convocation, and Rev. Titus James, Wichita, KS.

Brenda Etheridge, Detroit, MI, chair of the Regional Minister search committee, praised Rev. James for his skills in being the right person for the job. Eugene has given outstanding leadership in leading Northwestern Christian Church, Detroit, Moderator of Region, and President of the Michigan Black Disciples Caucus. He has also Chaired the Division of Overseas Ministries Board.

**HAWKINS, TX** -- The Administration of Jarvis Christian College has announced it will reduce tuition and fees by 15%, effective for the 2012-2013 academic year. In approving the decrease, the Board of Trustees said "In today's society students have several colleges and universities to choose from to complete their educational goals. The reduction will make us more competitive in our local area," stated Dr. Lester Newman, College President Jarvis is a historically Black College, founded in 1912, is affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Jarvis is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and schools Commission on Colleges to award the baccalaureate degree.

**INDIANAPOLIS, IN** -- The 17th North American Pacific/Asian Disciples Convocation will convene August 1, 2012, at Chapman University, Orange, CA. Online Registration for the four-day conference is now available.

**INDIANAPOLIS, IN** -- The semi - Annual Assembly of the National Hispanic and Bilingual Fellowship will convene July 10,

2012, in San Antonio, TX. This assembly of Hispanic Disciples of Christ is sponsored by the Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries.

**INDIANAPOLIS, IN** -- It has been announced by the office of the National Convocation that Hotel Reservations at Hilton Houston North have sold out. Alternate housing is available a short distance away at Houston Marriott North, 255 N. Sam Houston Parkway East, Online Registration is still available.

Dr. Timothy M. James, Administrative Secretary of the National Convocation, credited the sell out of reservations to the Program Planning and the Executive Committees for developing a challenging and inviting theme based on the prophetic writings in the book of Habakkuk. Another historically, enviable feature is the Faith & Life Institute. Although Dr. Billye P. Bridges, the recent dynamic leader/developer who passed to her life reward in February, 2012, will be sorely missed, but her influence will be witnessed in the leadership of four(4) individuals who will share the work of planning and implementation of education tracks for this popular event.

Rev. Ron Degges, President of Disciples Home Missions, declared, "Billye was instrumental in the development of the Institute and remained committed to the fact that a good education can change life for the better." A fund honoring Dr. Bridges has been established to provide scholarships for people unable to fully afford the tuition free. gifts should be made payable to Disciples Home Missions Fund, P.O. Box 1986, Indianapolis, IN.

A key speaker at the 2010 Biennial Session was Rev. Dr. Sharon E. Watkins, General Minister and President of the Christian Church for the theme "Saved to Serve. Live All Out!" Dr. Watkins declared this to be an excellent theme for Disciples of Christ.. "We are a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. What is wholeness? Wholeness is Unity.

## SOUTH CAROLINA REGION WINS PRO-RECONCILIATION AWARD

The John Gillison Award for Racial Healing has been awarded to the Region of South Carolina. The award acknowledges extraordinary leadership and service toward Racial Healing in the state. Gillison, an elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, was the first African American president of the South Carolina Christian Action Council and the first African American president of an integrated body in South Carolina.

During the panel discussion of their work, the South Carolina Disciples of Christ, the Rev. Sotello V. Long, Regional Pastor, shared their views on racial healing and informed the group that the church has come a long way in the past 50 years. However, in spite of the progress there continues to be much more work along the journey towards realizing the goal of becoming a "pro-reconciling anti-racial" church.

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in South Carolina in 2004 decided to intentionally begin to do ministry jointly by birthing the South Carolina Regional Conference. This event marked the unity of the 125<sup>th</sup> Regional Assembly (predominantly white) and the 135<sup>th</sup> South Carolina State Convention (predominantly Black) "Disciples" churches.

In October 2012 the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in South Carolina will celebrate a Regional Conference that honors the its dual racial history. The State Convention will be laid to rest and a humbling transformation in the working of the assembly churches will be lifted up.

*Courtesy of the Disciples News Service*

God bless

Should financial wealth give power to those who are seeking to make the prediction of President Lincoln a reality?" Do you support the logo on our currency "IN GOD WE TRUST" or is this just a dream which is destined to become a

### ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

The Oldtimers' Grapevine (OTG) is excited to announce the availability of a new Leadership Training program introduced in early March at the 107th anniversary of Centennial Christian Church, St. Louis, MO. The Institute title "Rev. Dr. Fox Leadership Institute" was spearheaded by Rev. Derrick L. Perkins, Sr., pastor in memory of the founding publisher of The OTG Newsletter. The Institute was structured by Dr. Norma Ellington Twitty and Patricia Clark, who were mentored by Dr. Fox.

In the initial session, Rev. Perkins said "It is with great joy that Centennial names this Institute to keep Dr. Fox's legacy and the tenets that he displayed alive and before us, as we seek to empower, transform, and train church leaders of all denominations today and tomorrow. Look for more information in the July-September Issue of the OTG.

Dr. Norma Ellington Twitty,  
Board of Directors Chairwoman

## Compassion Corner

by Jimmy Mohler

### Sustainable Sanctuary

When we prayerfully discern the ways God calls us to be compassionate, we have difficulty selecting from the many needs for donating our time and talent and treasure. Hunger ranks right up there as a human need, and millions (even in the USA!) do not have adequate and proper nutrition. What about housing? Victims of war and disaster know how life-threatening it is not to have shelter. Should adequate housing for all God's children be our compassionate cause?

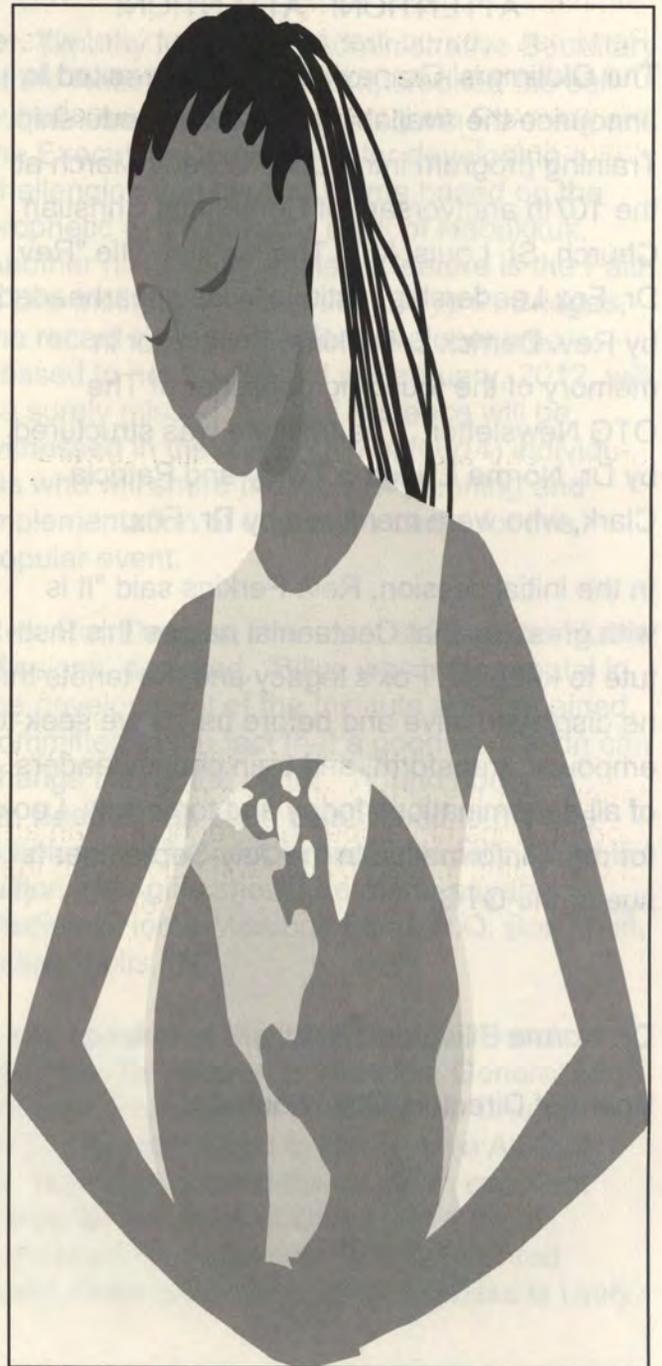
Carol Meyer, Executive Director of Sustainable Sanctuary, makes the case that we must care first for Mother Earth. Without that care, life as we know it cannot be sustained. There won't be people in need of food and shelter, because there won't be people! God equips us, of course, to address more than one earthly need through our stewardship. I hope you will join me in making stewardship of God's creation one of your compassionate cause choices. It allows us to help God's children for generations to come. I like a statement attributed to Oren Lyons, chief of the Onondaga Nation: "We are looking ahead, as is one of the first mandates given us as chiefs, to make sure and to make every decision that we make relate to the welfare and well-being of the seventh generation to come..."

Let us look ahead together, OTG readers, practicing (or continuing to practice!) some of the following Sustainable Sanctuary recommendations for our homes and our churches:

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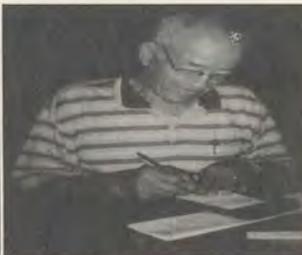
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## OSCAR'S NOTES

*From the Desk of the  
Contributing Editor*



Dear Friends,

As I write these notes for our readers I pray that you enjoy them with the same enthusiasm I have reporting them. As we begin I share that this heated political campaign led by the Tea Party has created fear in my thoughts of where our country is headed. This fear increased when several millionaires became staunch supporters.

Meanwhile, there has become a distinct division between the two political parties and this has led to shocking action in the halls of Congress. The country is politically engaged in a war of evil against good. In my humble opinion, goals of the Tea Party will lead this Nation toward these following prophesys becoming a reality.

In researching the histories of U.S. Presidents for a feature story I discovered this prediction by (Rep). President Abraham Lincoln, November 21, 1864. "I see in the near future a crisis approaching that unnerves me and causes me to tremble for the safety of my country.....

Corporations have been enthroned and an era of corruption in high places will follow, and the money power of the country will endeavor to prolong its reign by working upon the prejudices of the people until all wealth is aggregated in a few hands. And the Republic is destroyed."

My fear increased as I recalled this comment by the Rev. Sharon E. Watkins, General Minister & President of The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Dr. Watkins declared, ""We are Disciples of Christ, Disciples of Jesus Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world."

I have been in awe as I think of these profound statements by President Lincoln 148 years ago and Dr. Watkins, 146 years later. Two of the Nation's top political and religious leaders. As we ponder over these statements and what we are experiencing daily in this great country, all Americans should be in prayer, especially as to whom is most trustworthy in the leadership of the United States of America.

This Nation has truly been experiencing the impact of these predictions over the last three(3) years. There is apparently a well designed plan to take over this Republic by a crafty, wealthy group and the exposure came with the election of President Barak Obama which triggered the action of the Tea Party. My assumption is that the election of President Obama created fear in participants of this well planned scheme and forced them to unleash their attack earlier than planned.

My assumption is based on the announcements of President Lincoln just four (4) months short of 148 years ago and Rev. Dr. Watkins, 146 years later. The first prediction from our top political leader and the latter from a key female religious leader. I am neither a politician nor notable religious leader but then you do not need to be a rocket scientist to agree with the logic in my assumptions .

I have been an ardent follower of both the Bible and Politics my adult life and never experienced the unbelievable actions in Congress against the president as has been these last three (3) years. His election faced strong opposition but he was swept into office by a strong first time youth vote, and voters who envisioned an honest, qualified political leader with an exciting platform which promised all Americans a future. As you reach the polls ask yourself this question "will the logo on our currency 'IN GOD WE TRUST' become everlasting or will it become a nightmare?

Until the next issue,

Be blessed

## THE POET ' S CORNER

### COLOR ME WITH LOVE

My poetry isn't Black!  
My poetry isn't White!  
It's no particular color  
but for people, through God's eyes  
seen all alike.  
There are poor of every color  
in all the land;  
color never held a monopoly  
on feelings  
in pertaining to any man.  
All pain is painful,  
and all tears look the same,  
and whenever I hear laughter  
its sound is happy  
whomever from it came.  
My soul never thought of  
black words or white  
though I know there's many differences  
and prejudices to fight;  
but somehow my pen flows free  
for this is the way  
God gives words to me.  
Blood is the soul of all humankind;  
the life of all flesh  
in Black and White you'll find  
I'll paint this world with words  
gathered from above -  
They're splattered all around me  
singing... "Color Me With Love."

May Reed

## Reader' s Comments Corner

Dear Newsletter Staff,

Sure wish this gift could be more. The staff is doing a magnificent job. Our thanks to you.

Robbie & Louada Chisholm  
15202 Hyde Park Dr., Silver Spring, MD

Dear Staff,

I thank each of you for making possible The Grapevine. As I "grow older" I recognize many of the people profiled in your publication. The latest issue has my mentor of 18 years at National City Christian Church. I am enclosing the first of several gifts I will supply various organizations in memory of Dr. William Howland, Jr. Several of my friends submit articles to the Grapevine: Jimmy Mohler, Duane Cummins, Ellen Crowder, Ernest Newborn and of course dear Oscar Haynes. May God continue to favor your good works.

Lon Schreiber, Ashburn, VA

Dear Oldtimers' Grapevine Staff,

Reconciliation Ministry is very grateful to receive your generous gift to our annual fund (Bike Ride to General Assembly) of \$400.00. Thank you for all you do to keep us connected. I pray God's continued blessings upon you.

Rev. April Johnson,  
Reconciliation Ministry Pastor, Indianapolis, IN

## FOR WHOM THE BELLS TOLL

**WASHINGTON, DC** -- Celebration of Life Services for **Sylvia Blackwell Miller** were held at Twelfth Street Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) April 4, 2012, the Rev. Dr. Paul H. Saddler, Officiating.



Sylvia was born, February 10, 1933, to the late George Blackwell and the late Rosa A. Jennings. She joined Twelfth Street Church at the age of nine (9).

Sylvia was the second of three generations of native Washingtonians born at Freedmen's Hospital, now Howard University Hospital. She peacefully departed this life March 29, 2012 surrounded by family at Holy Cross Hospital. She often shared her memories of riding her bike through her Georgetown neighborhood and attendance at Stevens Elementary School. She is a graduate of the prestigious Dunbar Senior High School. Following graduation she entered West Virginia State College (now University) where she met the love of her life, Vandy L. Miller (Col. Ret.).

Vandy and Sylvia's 59 years of marriage produced a warm and loving family of three children, Kerwin, Karen and Karmen; four grandchildren, Markia, LaShawn, Phillip and Vandy; and three great-grandchildren, Mazaani, Mai'Sara, and Munirah. Sylvia's commitment and dedication to family and her endeavors leave fine examples of True Christian Love; Warm Heart, and Rich Laugh.

Sylvia's love for the Lord was also paramount in her life. She was a devoted servant of Christian discipleship for more than 60 years at Twelfth Street. Her participation included assisting children with making and understanding the meaning of prayer cloths, serving as an Usher, Deaconess, Financial Secretary, or Flower Club member. Sylvia loved people and friends could always count on receiving a "thinking of you" item that she picked up from her economical shopping trips to Rose's and the Dollar Store.

As the devoted wife of Vandy, Sylvia traveled the world, both enjoying and imparting joy in Italy, Germany, France, Switzerland, Austria, Belgium, Mexico, the Caribbean and the United States. Her busy life also included a teaching career in Montgomery County, MD. Upon receiving her Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education from Maryland University at College Park, her productive life included a fruitful and dedicated career in education.

**DECATUR, ILL -- The Rev. Dr. C. William Nichols**, former Interim General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) died April 21 following a lengthy illness. Funeral services were held at Central Christian Church, a congregation in Decatur which he had served from 1973 until 1991, when he was called to Indianapolis for the position of Interim GMP.



## FOR WHOM THE BELLS TOLL

Dr. Nichols was well known for his abilities in preaching and storytelling. He will be remembered for his gentle presence and his healing leadership during periods of unrest in the Disciples' history.

Nichols also served an interim senior pastor of National City Christian Church, Washington, DC. When the Disciples Men began their Sessions in the 70's, Dr Nichols was a member of the first Sessions Planning Committee which selected President Jimmy Carter ( he was Governor of Georgian at the time) as speaker. In the beginning these events were held every four years Purdue University.

Rev. Nichols also served on the Division of Overseas Ministries Board, Disciples Home Land Missions Board, (Now Home Missions), Council on Christian Unity, Church Extension, Higher Education, National Benevolent Association, Colorado Christian Home, Kansas Christian Home, National Council of Churches and Disciples Historical Society.

This prominent 84-year-old Church leader is survived by his wife of 63 years, Claudine, and their children David and Claudia, seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial gifts be made to; Christian Church Foundation, C. William and Claudine Nichols Fund, P.O. Box 1986, Indianapolis, IN 46206-1986; Central Christian Church, 650 W. William, Decatur, IL, 62522; or Baby Talk, 500 East Lake Shore Drive, Decatur, IL, 62521.

## DISCIPLES HISTORIAN VISITS REGION

The Dr. D. Duane Cummins. Distinguished Historian , Author and Educator, was speaker at First Christian Church, Baltimore, MD on Sunday, May 6th, 2012. His engagement in the Christian Church- Capital Area Region, was included in a series of appearances relating to his new book on the history of the Disciples Move-ment entitled "Disorderly Origins.



Dr. Cummins is the author of 15 books and numerous articles. His most recent publication was the bicentennial history of Disciples, The Disciples: A Struggle for Reformation, released in July, 2009 by Chalice Press. He is currently researching and writing the 175th anniversary history of Bethany College, Bethany, W VA He has been Visiting Scholar in History at Johns Hopkins University teaching advanced courses in history to graduate students.

A native of Nebraska, Dr. Cummins earned the B.A. degree from Phillips University, where he was president of the student body, a member of Blue Key and Who's Who Among Students in College and Universities, later serving as president of the Alumni Association. He earned the M.A. from the University of Denver and the Ph.D. from the University of Oklahoma. He was awarded three honorary doctorates — the LL.D. from William Woods College, the H.H.D. from Phillips University, and a Litt.D. from Chapman University.

Dr. Cummins has been widely recognized for his churchmanship and served with several boards, including the Oldtimers' Grapevine Publication.

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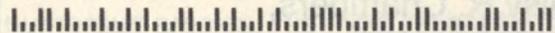
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*The Rev. Dr. Jack Sullivan, Jr.*

### The Rev. Dr. Jack Sullivan, Jr. returns 'Back to the Future'

GREENSBURG, PA -- The Rev. Dr. Jack Sullivan, Jr., has come back. Back to regional ministry, that is, after coming home to Ohio from an eight-year stint as Regional Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the Pacific Northwest.

Dr. Sullivan returned to his Cleveland, OH, birthplace in 2007 to assume the pastorate of Fifth Christian Church. In August 2011 he received a unanimous call to serve as Regional Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Pennsylvania. He officially began the new post Oct. 1, 2011.

Sullivan's return to regional ministry culminates a 29-year ministerial career that began in 1983 at Hill Street Christian Church in Louisville, KY. He then served as pastor of Second Christian Church, Jefferson City, MO, and as a part-time associate regional minister with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Mid-America. He later was called as associate for African American Educational Ministries by the Disciples' Division of Homeland Ministries (now Disciples Home Missions), in Indianapolis, IN.

Feeling a call to congregational ministry, he then served as senior pastor of United Christian Church, Detroit, MI, before accepting a call to lead the Pacific Northwest Region.

The Ohio native earned a bachelor's of science degree in interpersonal communication from

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Ohio University, Athens, OH. He earned a master of divinity degree from Lexington (KY) Theological Seminary, and a doctorate of ministry from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, OH.

An innovative pastor and gifted administrator, Dr. Sullivan is known for his commitments to congregational transformation, spirituality, social-justice, evangelism, anti-racism, and interracial partnerships. In 2006, Dr. Sullivan delivered an address, "Overcoming Chaotic Compartmentalism: Building New Communities of Diversity with Integrity among Progressives," during the national Sacred Activism Conference held in Seattle.

In November he will keynote the Pennsylvania Region's School for Congregational Leaders in State College. In addition, Dr. Sullivan will deliver the baccalaureate sermon during 2013 Commencement ceremonies at Bethany College, Bethany, WV.

A published author, he has contributed to several books, including *Out of Mighty Waters: Sermons of African American Disciples* (Chalice Press, 1994) and *Black Religion after the Million Man March* (Orbis Books, 1998). Dr. Sullivan also wrote an article entitled, "What Black Churches Can Teach White Churches," published in the July/August 2006 issue of *Disciples World Magazine*. He is completing his first book of sermons, with a targeted release date of fall 2012.

Dr. Sullivan is currently president of the Northeastern Inter-Regional Fellowship (NIRF); the National Convocation's Black Ministers' Fellowship; and Disciples Justice Action Network (DJAN). He is a member of the College of Regional Ministers, and represents the group on the newly formed Justice Table – convened by the Office of General Minister and President. He also belongs to the Alumni Council of Lexington

Theological Seminary where he delivered the commencement address in 2004.

Dr. Sullivan sits on the governing boards of the Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania, and the Pennsylvania Council of Churches. Other civic/social commitments include NAACP, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., the National Action Network, and the Lions Club International. In addition, he recently attended the 2012 Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, NC.

Dr. Sullivan is married to the Rev. Sèkinah Hamlin of Greensboro, NC, a Bennett College alumnus with master's degrees from Howard and Duke Universities. She recently served as Pastor-Developer of Messiah Community Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Winston-Salem, NC, and as Campus Pastor for Saint James Presbyterian Church in Greensboro.

Dr. Sullivan is father of two future leaders, Nia, a sophomore at California University of Pennsylvania, and Jacquelyn (Jackie), a 9th grade honors student.

Clifford Willis

#### Disciples Rich History DVD Available

The Oldtimers' Grapevine Newsletter recently learned that GWD Ministries, a unit of Greenwood Cemetery in Nashville, TN, has available a new DVD on "The Journey from National Christian Missionary Convention to National Convocation.

This DVD pictorially reveals the steps and persons involved and the Historical Society. It was developed by May Reed, former staff and Sara Harwell, Society VP. These DVDs may be purchased (\$10) from GWD Ministries, Convocation DVD, 1428 Elm Hill Pike, Nashville, TN 37210.

## OVERHEARD

An 85-year-old couple, married for 60 years, died in a car crash and had gone to Heaven. They were in good health due to health food and exercise. After entering heaven Peter took them on a tour beginning with a beautiful kitchen, and master bath suite with jacuzzi. The old man asked, how much will this cost? "It's free," replied Peter, "this is Heaven"

They next saw this championship golf course and golfing everyday. What are the fees he asked Peter, who replied. "fees are free, this is heaven." They next visited the club house when a lavish buffet was being set up. 'How much to eat' asked the old man? Peter tersely responded, "Don't you understand yet? This is Heaven, it is free!"

"Well where are the low fat and low cholesterol tables" the old man timidly asked. Peter replied, "That is the best part...you eat as much as you like and never get fat or sick. This is Heaven." With this the old man went into a fit of anger, stomping on his hat! Peter and his wife tried to calm him and asked what is wrong?

The old man looked at his wife and said, "This is all your fault! If it weren't for your blasted bran muffins, I could have been here ten years ago!"



## The Oldtimers' HEALTHVINE

### SHINGLES

Shingles is a skin rash caused by a nerve and skin inflammation from the same virus that caused chicken pox. After a person had chicken pox, this virus lives dormant in the nervous system and is never fully cleared from the body. Under certain circumstances, like stress, cancer, or chemotherapy, the virus reactivates and causes shingles. Shingles usually occurs after the age of 60, but anyone who has had chicken pox is at risk. Over 1,000,000 cases of shingles occurs each year in the U.S. Since shingles is caused by the same virus that causes chicken pox it can actually be spread to people who have not had chicken pox. Shingles may cause pain that can continue after the rash disappears.

What is the treatment for shingles?

There are several effective treatments for shingles. Drugs that fight viruses (antivirals), can reduce the severity and the duration of the rash. If started early (within 72 hours of the appearance of the rash). Pain medications may also be needed for symptom control. Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medications may also be used for pain management with shingles. The area involved should be kept clean. The involved area should be kept clean with soap and water. You may also use anti-itching lotions such as calamine lotion. You can also use meds to dry up the blisters such as Domeboro or Burow.

Kim Atwater, (Head operating room nurse, Kaiser Permanente)

The Sessions 2012 of Disciples Men (and some women) was held at Bethany College in Bethany, West Virginia on July 13-15, 2012.

Approximately 250 men from all around the country attended. The weekend provided a combination of mission projects and program workshops.

The men worked on installing a prayer labyrinth and benches at the Campbell Mansion under the direction of Randal Dawson and Dave Freeman. Bob Dobbins headed up a team building benches for the labyrinth. Freeman Wickham led a crew preparing and painting windows at the Bethany Memorial Church.

A Friday evening tailgate pig roast was followed by spiritual songs performed in the gym. Everyone participated in communion outside on the football field in perfect weather. Saturday activities included mission projects or attendance at one to two workshops from among the numerous programs offered.

During the business meeting the men voted for the first time to bestow Oscar Haynes with an honorary life time membership. He gave a speech providing some of the rich history of the Disciples Men and the impressive key note speakers at Sessions including Jimmy Carter, who was later elected President of the United States. The men also voted to have a separate but coordinated event in 2014 with the Disciples Women in Atlanta, GA. They also voted to affirm the recommendation to hold the next I Sessions event in 2016 in California.

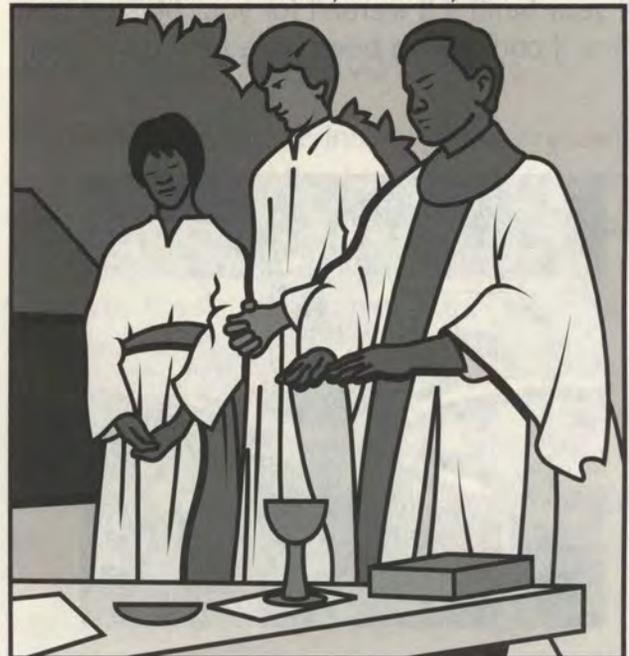
Saturday's keynote speaker Derek Maul spoke from materials in his just published work "10 Life Charged Words – Real Faith for Men". He interspersed scriptures, inspiring pictures, some hardy shouting, prayer and songs in his presen-

tation. He followed introductions of the Session Leaders and Disciples of Christ General Minister and President Rev. Dr. Sharon Watkins.

Rev. Watkins directed the Laying of the last prayer and brick in the labyrinth. She shared how she had walked the labyrinth at Chartres, France and at New Harmony, IN. Her prayer included how on the day in 2005, when she interviewed by the Administrative Committee for the position of GMP, "my soul was calmed by walking the labyrinth at St. Luke United Methodist Church in Indianapolis. Here is a link to a video of my remarks at the dedication of the Campbell labyrinth at Bethany. It's both a reflection on some of what the labyrinth means and also what it's like to be part of the Disciples of Christ family,"

Hearing 250 men belting out songs, shouting praise to the Lord and praying in small groups was an inspiration. It was amazing to see the men so moved by the experience. It was truly an inspirational weekend.

Elder James Vollmer,  
United Christian Parish, Reston, VA



## 22nd National Convocation—Houston, TX

One of the highlights for the summer of 2012 was the National Convocation 22<sup>nd</sup> Biennial Session held in Houston, TX. (July 26-29) Rev. Marilyn S. Fiddmont, Vice President of Christian Church Foundation served as the Local Arrangements Committee chairperson. Fiddmont reported that Disciples throughout Texas helped in a variety of capacities to make the session a success. Focused on the theme, "...Yet, I will Rejoice", nearly six hundred were in attendance in the worship services.

A pre-Convocation Historic bus tour was coordinated by the Local Arrangements Committee. Betty Jo Brown and other members of University Christian Church, Houston, served as tour guides. Participants were able to visit the updated Buffalo Soldiers Museum, Project Row House, the cobblestone street of Freedman's Town, Texas Southern University Library the Hartman and Barbara Jordan collections and other historic sites in the African American community of Houston. The tour included a box lunch from one of the popular black owned restaurants in Houston.

"Camp Convocation", the children's ministry program was directed by Patrice Virgil, Bonnie View Christian Church, Dallas, Rev. Tammy Fincher, Tree of Life Christian Church, Tomball, Texas and Patricia Law, University CC, Houston. The children had a field trip to the Children's Museum of Houston and enjoyed a lunch sponsored by First Christian Church, Houston.

The youngsters also delved into a day-long study of Daniel and what it means to remain faithful in the midst of conflict and oppression. As part of their service project, they collected school supplies for Yellowstone Academy of

Houston. A faith-based institution, the Academy provides outstanding programming in one of the lowest economic communities of Houston. The children also made picture frames and prayer boxes that were sent to special friends of National Convocation.

Fiddmont noted that one of the best parts of the months of planning was getting better acquainted with clergy and members from congregations in Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, Austin, Beaumont, and other parts of Texas.

"Everyone focused on what we could do to make participants feel welcome, comfortable, and that it was worth the time and effort to come to Houston. Whatever talents and resources were needed, we found them. It was a great spirit of cooperation and community"

Rev. Marilyn Fiddmont,  
Chair Local Arrangements Committee



## Communicate Truth

The ability to communicate verbally and in writing is what sets humans apart from lower species. But what we communicate determines how civilized we are. There are all kinds of information disseminated in all kinds of ways: face to face, phone, broadcast news, social media and newspapers. We hope that the information passed on is truthful.

Truth strangely enough has become a fungible entity. Look no further than our current political campaigns. I am making no political statement here, but I do call forth the partial and contextual truths not to mention untruths propagated by both parties in the interest of winning at all costs. The misspeaks and stammers by politicians in their speeches most certainly are the result of their trying to remember the "truths" that their handlers have constructed and coached. I would remind them and us what Mark Twain said, "if you always tell the truth, you never have to remember anything".

Broadcast media often fail to bet their stories in order to be first with breaking news. Electronic and social media may be the most dangerous perpetrators and propagators of untruth, and the unedited misstatements of fact circulate with the speed of light. At least print media has the opportunity and hopefully lets cooler heads prevail in fact checking, editing and getting the story right. There is still a place for newspapers and newsletters to tell the stories as completely and truthfully as possible.

Another thing about the truth is that it promotes credibility and respect in communication. This is critical to trust in interpersonal as well as

international relations. Peace comes from respect. Truth also encourages empathy, and empathy requires listening which permits understanding and advances loves which is the ultimate relationship.

Communication, truth, listening, empathy and love, but the greatest of these is love!

The Rev. Lloyd W. Kinzer  
Parish Associate  
United Christian Parish, Reston, VA  
Guest Editorial



## Disciples News Round-Up

**OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA--** Rev. Thomas R. Jewel, Regional Pastor, has announced his retirement effective December 2012, after nearly 20 years in this responsible position. In reporting his retirement, he said, "The years I have spent as Oklahoma Regional Pastor have been some of the most exciting and challenging years in ministry. Working with congregations and pastors to grow and strengthen the Church of Jesus Christ has been most rewarding. The hundreds of Disciples that I have met along the way have shared with me a depth of commitment that is exemplary. Smilingly, he added, "The love shared so graciously with me, Kay, and our family has been a blessing. We have come to love Oklahoma as our home and plan to continue to reside here." A celebration of his work is set at Southern Hills Christian Church in Edmond, Okla. *Disciples News Service*

**NORTHEASTERN REGION, BROOKLYN, NY -** Rev. Mary Anne Glover, who has served as transitional regional minister since 2008, was unanimously elected regional minister last December and will be installed new regional minister on September 15, 2012. Rev. Glover said, "the region is in "re-information", a new region start. This region has been on a journey of transition for 25 years. An ordained minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Rev. Glover has served in congregations in Indianapolis, Minneapolis, and Louisville, KY. She was also associate pastor in Ohio. Rev. Glover holds a B. S. degree from East Carolina University, an M. Div. from Lexington Theological Seminary, and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) representative to the Ecumenical Institute Bossey in 1991. Mary Anne has been vice president of the Black Ministers Fellowship, Common Global Ministries Board, and Church Women Staff Fellowship. She is a former member of the Council on Christianity, and Disciples representative on the United Church of Christ Executive Council, Church Women United National Board, and co-chaired the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches

beyond Racism Together Committee.  
*Disciples News Service*

**WASHINGTON, DC --** The steering committee of Christian Churches Together in the USA (CCT) has appointed the Rev. Carlos L. Malave as Executive Director, as of June 21, 2012. CCT is a national organization that brings together churches from all the Christian traditions in the US. He is former Associate for Ecumenical Relations for the Presbyterian Church (USA). He has served in pastoral ministry in California and Puerto Rico. He holds a Master of Arts from Loma Linda University and a Bachelor of Arts in religion from University of Antilles.

Rev. Malave noted that one of the most important challenges for CCT is to seek deeper relationship with churches of the African American and Evangelical traditions. In plans for an April 2013 event that will celebrate the 50th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr's "Letter from Birmingham Jail." CCT is preparing a formal response to that historic letter.

CCT's next annual meeting, to be held early next year in Austin, TX, will focus on the human realities, legal implications and challenges of immigration in the US. The focus builds on previous meetings devoted to the topics of poverty, evangelism, and racism.

Created in 2001, CCT is a forum of more than 35 churches and Christian organizations that encompasses the broad diversity of Christianity in the US. The members are organized into five "families" -- Catholic, Evangelical/Pentecostal, Historic Black, Historic Protestant, and Orthodox. Rev. Carlos L. Malave, Executive Director, PO Box 24188, Indianapolis, IN 46224-0188. Email: [CCTintheUSA@gmail.com](mailto:CCTintheUSA@gmail.com)



On April 21, 2012, Centennial Christian Church, (Disciples of Christ), St. Louis, MO, hosted the inaugural session of the Rev. Dr. W. K. Fox's leadership Institute. Pastor Derrick L. Perkins, Sr, spearheaded the process of naming the institute for the founding publisher of the Oldtimers' Grapevine Newsletter. In his opening Rev. Perkins stated: "It is with great joy that Centennial names this Leadership Institute in honor of the Rev. Dr. William K. Fox. We do so to keep legacy and the tenets he displayed alive and before us, as we seek to empower, transform, and train church leaders of all denominations. Our vision and hope is that it will become a critical and faithful experience of our church, as it trains leaders to help the people of God to fulfill God's mission and vision for the church today."

Dr. Norma Ellington Twitty and Patricia Clark, members mentored by Dr. Fox during the years he was pastor, led a session that shared his contributions to the local, regional and general church manifestations. Their historical overview revealed a preacher's kid, growing up in Milwaukee in the 1920's, in schools "mostly white"; a B.S. in History from Tennessee State, a B.D. from Chicago University Divinity School; a M.D. in 1965 from Christian Theological Seminary (CTS) and Butler University, where he was a Lilly Fellow. He later received an honorary doctorate from Tougaloo College, Jackson, MS. He later served as an assistant professor of History at Tennessee University, Nashville and later was ordained at Gay-Lea Fellowship Christian Church.

An overview of Dr. Fox's history revealed a pioneering man of God deeply rooted in the love of God and family. He revealed that "I met Jesus through a believing and courageous mother...She led me into reverence for life and sensitivity to the presence of God in the midst of life and struggle. His firm foundation in Milwaukee in the 1920s, sustained him throughout his 60 year marriage to Reubena Stultz Fox and a career that moved from university professor to local pastorates, ecumenical positions, and ultimately the number two executive position as Assistant to the General Minister and the Administrative Secretary of the National Convocation.

Dr. Ellington-Twitty declared, "So we see this man of God who heard God's for him to take over ever increasing responsibility and to expand his sphere of influence to over 1.4 million members of the denomination as the number two executive in the general structure of the church." The presentation ended with the enviable fame Dr. Fox had attained through his phenomenal strength in bike riding. He pioneered the historic Reconciliation Bike Ride of 1983 to raise funds to support the "race and poverty" program. In the famous 1983 bike ride, riders were to bike from denomination headquarters in Indianapolis, IN to the General Assembly in San Antonio, TX. At the age of 66, Rev. William K. Fox and Rev. Ernest Newborn, Reconciliation director, were the only two riders to complete the entire route of 1,300 miles. These two men, through the several sponsors, raised over \$12,000 and through engaging countless Disciples along the way raised a grand total of \$20,000. This innovative program has continued over the years. At the General Assembly in Nashville, TN, two bikers were Rev. Dr. Sharon Watkins, GMP, and Rev. April Johnson, Reconciliation Director, who biked and the Oldtimers' Newsletter was a sponsor in memory of Dr. Fox, (deceased) and Dr. Newborn.

Dr. Norma Ellington-Twitty,  
St. Louis, MO

## Compassion Corner

by Jimmy Mohler

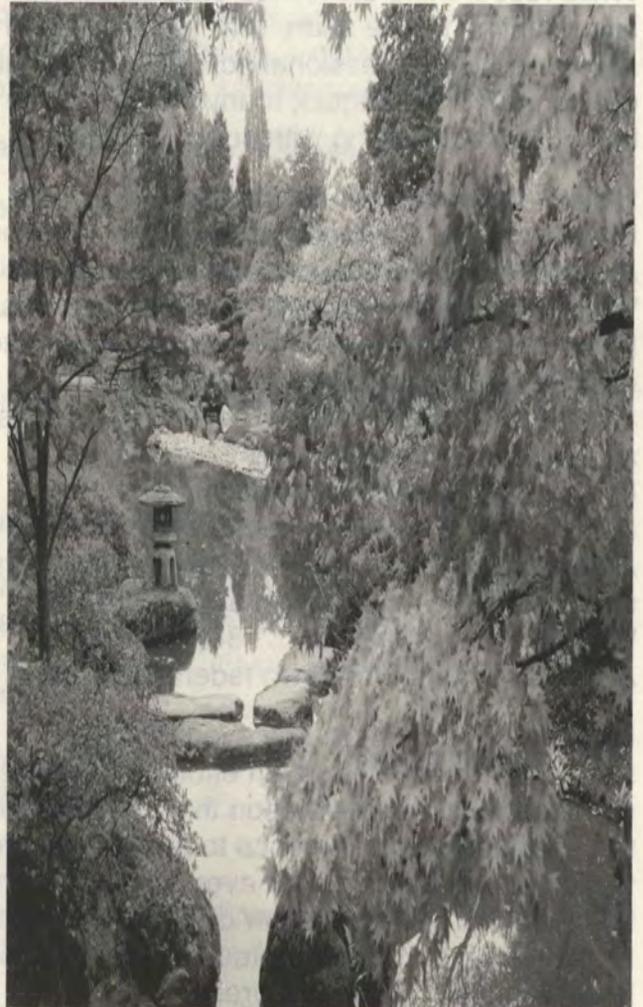
### Sweltering Summer

May your autumn be ideal.

It is safe to say that the vast majority of OTG readers have just suffered through the hottest summer they can remember. Many of us could say we suffered more without the benefits of air-conditioning some decades ago, but that was little comfort through the dog days of summer 2012. We who love our God say "How can we help others through these days, especially the homeless?" Churches and shelters help thousands escape from brutal weather summer and winter. God plants in us the seeds to find more permanent remedies.

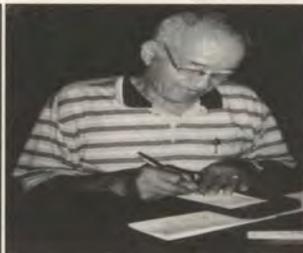
Good news! Throughout our land (and that includes where YOU live!) the 100,000 Homes Campaign is a national movement of communities working together to find permanent homes for 100,000 vulnerable and chronically homeless individuals and families by July of 2014. This movement is already transforming America's response to homelessness by giving communities concrete tools that work and connecting them to like-minded advocates across the country. These communities are experiencing tremendous results that continue to prove that homelessness is a solvable problem.

To date 154 communities have enrolled in the campaign, and collectively they have housed over 20,000 of their most long-term and vulnerable homeless people. Part of the success has come from efforts to reduce the number of steps and length of time required to move homeless people from the streets into permanent homes. Communities like Washington, DC have shrunk this process from upwards of 9 months to just two weeks! Less bureaucracy, more homes. Yes, with God all things are possible, including ending homelessness. Learn more at [100khomes.org](http://100khomes.org) or call me at 816-686-5624 for more information.



## OSCAR'S NOTES

From the Desk of the  
Contributing Editor



Dear Friends,

It has been my prayer that by the time I shared my notes with you again there would be less hostility in our 2012 Presidential election but disappointingly things are still immoderate. While researching the issues causing so much bitter fighting let me share with you legislation approved by congressional action which should not be fought over again, many of them in the late 1800s but dealing with social legislation.

History shows that on July 2, 1964, President Lyndon Johnson signed the Civil Rights Bill; on August 6, 1965, Pres. Johnson signed the Voting Rights Bill; Aug. 28, 1963, Dr. Martin L. King, Jr., leads March on Washington and delivers "I Have a Dream" speech; July 20, 1848, the Women's Rights Convention assists anti-slavery movement; July 27, 1948, Legal Basis established desegregating the Armed Forces; July 28, 1868, Congress ratifies the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment; Aug. 14, 1862, President Lincoln speaks to African American audience at the White House; and Sept. 8, 1875, African American voters turn down federal protection.

I am focusing on these key events because it shows, I believe, there is an effort in congress to no longer abide by legislation that has enabled the United States of America to provide full protection and equal rights for every citizen. Members of congress even show disrespect for the President of the United States of America even in the Sacred Halls of Congress.

I am a history buff who constantly follows history and in continuously researching our political past evaluate such rich history as in my notes in the last issue sharing the predictions of Pres. Lincoln, and Rev. Dr. Sharon Watkins. I am more fearful of our future now than I shared then, recalling President Lincoln's words, on Nov. 21, 1864, "I see in the near future a crisis

approaching that unnerves me and causes me to tremble for the safety of my country ... Corporations have been enthroned and an era of corruption in high places will follow, and the money power of the country will endeavor to prolong its reign by working upon the prejudices of the people until all wealth is aggregated in a few hands. And the Republic is destroyed."

Just a few weeks later I received the 5e notes of legendary ABC radio commentator Paul Harvey, made on April 3, 1965. This broadcast, entitled "If I were the Devil," increased my concern of the earlier predictions by President Lincoln and Rev. Dr. Watkins. Paul declared, "If I were the Devil... I mean, if I were the Prince of Darkness, I would want to engulf the whole earth in darkness. I would have a third of its real estate and four-fifths of its population and then set out to seize its ripest apple, the United States."

As the Devil he predicted he would begin a campaign of whispers, to Eve, do as you please, to the young "The Bible is a myth", "Man created God." I would caution people to not be extreme in religion, in patriotism, in moral conduct," and to the old, say "Our Father, which art in Washington" he continued, I would convince authors to make literature more lurid, threaten TV with dirtier movies, infiltrate unions to do more loafing and less work, peddle narcotics to whom I could, and sell alcohol to women and gentlemen of distinction. Tranquilize the rest with pills. This broadcast so clearly focused on the happenings which are clearly gaining strength in America. As I end these notes I share words of wisdom which I have followed over the years, by my Idol of PEACE, Indian leader Gandhi. "Seven Deadly Social Sins".

***Politics without principle, Wealth without work, Commerce without morality, Pleasure without conscience, Education without character, Science without humanity, Worship without sacrifice***

Exercise your wisdom and prayer while casting your important vote.

Until the next issue,

Be blessed.

## THE POET'S CORNER

### THOUGHTS AND CONCERNS

**November is when we are to  
All vote again.**

**A day of hope, some doubt  
but with determined decision.**

**Let each one vote with a thoughtful mind,  
Truly looking at the facts and not  
as though blind.**

**No one need tell another what to do  
But just weigh what you know is the truth,  
What is true.**

**Daily news sometimes lifts, sometimes  
confuse**

**But the children suffer most  
when we errantly choose.**

**More and more the nation is coming apart;  
Voices of anger, resentment, bitter retort.**

**When the WORD is known,  
firmly**

**Planted in one's heart,  
No confusion, worry or fear  
will ever reign or impart.**

**Let faith, not fear, lead you on that day.  
Go and vote in November;  
Let truth prevail, I pray.**

**May Reed**

**Written Wed., August 22, 2012**



## Reader's Comments Corner

"Dear Oldtimers' Grapevine  
Newsletter Staff, "Keep up this  
important work!!"



Ms. Sarah Harwell,

Vice President, Disciples of Christ Historical  
Society, Nashville, TN

Dear Oscar & Staff,

Reading your Notes in the Oldtimers' Grapevine  
this AM , "I thought I was reading 'my written  
words' -mind, thoughts and fears were there. I  
remember 30 reading 'a country is not destroyed  
from the outside, it is destroyed from within."

Deloris Ruddock, Mt. Rainier, MD

Dear Staff,

"Although we are experiencing some health  
challenges, we want you to know that our sup-  
port can be assured."

Ernest & Janice Newborn, Claremont, CA

Dear Doris and Staff,

"Enclosed is our gift to support the newsletter.  
We appreciate what you are doing. It is always  
good to have the insights from Oscar. Keep it  
coming.

Rev. Dr. Harold R. & Mrs. Evelyn Watkins,  
Indianapolis, IN

To the Oldtimers' Grapevine staff-- "Keep up the  
outstanding job you do."

Robbie & Louada Chisholm, Silver Spring, MD

"Thanks friends, for keeping us in touch through  
the Oldtimers' Grapevine. It is a wonderful min-  
istry and Mindy and I are grateful."

Rev. Dr. Richard & Mrs. Mindy Hamm,  
Indianapolis, IN

## CANDL FOUNDATION CELEBRATES 14th ANNIVERSARY

HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA --A standing-room-only crowd gathered in the Holiday Inn Banquet Room on Wednesday, May 2, 2012 to celebrate the 14th Anniversary of a non-profit organization begun by Dr. Louis Brown and wife Carolyn. This prominent, successful business owner (Available Plastics, Huntsville) and wife decided to form the foundation with the thought "what do you do when you have all you need?" Their decision was to start the CANDL (Carolyn & Lou) Foundation.

Mr. Brown and wife, are, active members of First Christian Church, Huntsville, sought to share their success with the community so the Foundation's focus is on children's literacy. The foundation supports the distribution of the Phonics Phone. This instrument is a teaching and learning tool that helps children improve their reading and enunciation skills.

In the 14- year history each anniversary is celebrated by honoring an individual "who has let their light shine by living a life of honesty and integrity, as well as moral convictions. They are the recipient of a wood carving which holds a candle and the inscription reads CANDL LIGHT AWARD Presented to (this years honoree) Barbara Glanz, CSP, CPAE, for a Lifetime Of Letting Her Light Shine to The Glory of God. The honoree is also presented a check for \$5,000.00 for their favorite Charity.

Miss Glanz is known as "the business speaker who speaks to your heart as well as to your head." Barbara has been the speaker in all 7 continents and all 50 states. She received the prestigious CPAE Speaker Hall of Fame (Council of Peers Award for Excellence) in August 2011. She has been featured on ABC, NBC, CBS, CNN, CNBC. Among the CANDL Light Award Recipients are Dr. Benjamin Reaves, Dr. William C. Howland, Mrs, Norman Vincent Peale, Artist Whintley Phipps, Mr. S. Truett Cathy, Dr. June Scobee Rodgers, Ken Medema and Edward Grinnan. Persons, especially schools interested in supporting the CANDL Foundation can go to [www.candlfoundation.com](http://www.candlfoundation.com).

## Lexington Theological Seminary

LEXINGTON, KY -- The Lay School of Theology, Lexington Theological Seminary, a continuing education program primarily for those who wish to enrich their Christian faith is offering a fresh look at Paul's career and how to better understand his writings, on Oct, 13, 20, 27 and Nov. 3, 2012.

Lexington Theological Seminary is an accredited graduate theological institution of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Consistent with the Disciples' historic commitment to Christian unity, the Seminary is intentionally ecumenical with students, faculty, staff and trustees of various denominations. The Lay School of Theology is a continuing education program primarily for those who wish to enrich their Christian Faith.

Participants may register on line, [www.lextheo.edu/2012/08/the](http://www.lextheo.edu/2012/08/the). The \$60.00 fee is due by October 6th. The focus will be on Paul, the controversial Disciple in his day and now in ours for opposite reasons. "We will examine what he has to say about women leaders in the church, about the end times, and about salvation (the faith and works question)" stated Dr. Jerry Sumney, Professor of Biblical Studies at LTS.

"In Paul, we will find a teacher deeply engaged with the problems his churches faced, how the gospel can be lived out in new situations, and how to answer some of the questions raised by the tension between church and culture," Dr. Sumney said.

## Darrell Jackson

Encouraged by his parents, and their full support, Darrell D. Jackson, son of Mr. William & Mrs. Mary Jackson, Reston, VA, immediately following graduation from South Lakes High School, never tired of seeking a good education and most recently reached his goal of his PhD from the University of Colorado (Boulder) School of Education.

Darrell, the youngest brother of three, was born in Cleveland, OH and at the age of three his parents moved to Reston, VA. As a youth he loved soccer but when he entered South Lakes High School he began playing football and running track. He was wide receiver on the football team and ran the 110 meter dash, the 110 high hurdles, and the lead off leg on the 4X100 relay team.

When Darrell graduated from high school he immediately entered William & Mary College in Williamsburg, VA, where he also played football and ran track. Soon after graduating from William & Mary, he entered George Mason University, School of Law, Fairfax, VA. Building great strength for body and mind, Darrell founded and was editor of the Black Law Journal.

Upon graduating from William & Mary, he entered the George Mason University School of Law in Fairfax County, VA. While at Mason he was the founder and editor of the Black Law Journal.

Upon completing his law school studies and successfully passing the Virginia Bar Examination, Darrell went to work as an Assistant County Attorney in Fairfax County, VA. From there he moved on to become an Assistant United States Attorney in the Office of the United States Attorney in Washington, DC. He returned to the George Mason University Law School as an Assistant Dean and Director of Diversity Services.

Darrell left George Mason Law School to enter

a doctoral program in Educational Foundations, Policy and Practice at the University of Colorado's Byron White Center for the Study of Constitutional Law. He successfully completed his studies and passed his oral examination in 2011. He then went to work as a Scholar in Residence and Director of Public Sector & Diversity Outreach at the University of Colorado teaching classes in the Graduate School of Education as well as the School of Law.

Darrell's research interests surround supporting historically marginalized communities (HMC) as their concerns are voiced and they struggle to obtain an equitable share of power within truly democratic societies. His theoretical framework is formed at the intersections of three primary disciplines: law; education; and race, cultural, or ethnic studies; and primarily utilizes critical race theory. Using counter-narratives from HMCs and legal analysis that suggests protecting those whose interests are often overlooked and overwhelmed, he critically analyzes institutional status quo through research, writing, teaching, commentary, and community service.

Darrell is currently a Visiting Professor of Law at the University of Wyoming College of Law.



*The Jackson Brothers*

*Stephen, Darrell, William Jr.*

## FOR WHOM THE BELLS TOLL

**ST. LOUIS, MO** -- Centennial Christian Church, (Disciples of Christ) lost two beloved members in 2012. Celebration of Life Services for Geraldyn Morgan Holt were held February, 2012 with Rev. Derrick L. Perkins, Sr, Pastor and Rev. Dr. Samuel Hylton, Jr., Pastor Emeritus officiating.

Mrs. Holt was born January 1, 1925 to Wayman and Ruth H. Morgan in Newport News, VA. "Geri" as she was called had a younger brother, James H. Morgan who died at age 11. She gave her life to Christ joining Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Wendell, NC. She earned a Bachelor's from Shaw University, Raleigh, NC at the age of 19. She married Leon T. Holt and they later moved to St. Lois, MO. They had one daughter Sheila Agnes Holt Williams, born deaf. After learning this Geri earned a Master's Degree in Special Education from Washington University, St. Louis, MO. She taught at Gallaudet School for the deaf 40 years.

Geri joined Centennial in 1950 and was a dedicated member of the Chapel and Gospel Choirs. She spent tireless, committed hours in Sunday School. She served as an elder until her health failed. After her daughters death in 1979, Geri became parent to her grandchildren, Sheila and Waymon. Geri died Jan.26, 2012. She leaves to cherish her memories two grandchildren; Sheila G. Moore and Waymon M. Williams, and four great grandchildren, Waymon M. Williams, Gerald A. Moore, Vernon L. Greer and Christian A. Williams.

Ann Margret Gladney's Home going was February 25, 2012. She was born August 24, 1924 in St. Louis, the oldest of five children born to Henry C. and Annie B. Gladney. Both parents, sisters Johnnie B. Fisher and Henrietta Dorsey, and her brother, Charles Gladney, Jr., preceded her in death.

Margaret graduated from Sumner High School in St. Louis and attended University of California, Los Angeles. In 1944 she started

with the U.S. Postal Service. She was for many years a Distribution Clerk and later promoted to Personnel Clerk. Margaret retired in 1979. In 1971 Margaret married William E. Henry, who died in February, 1994.

Margaret joined Centennial at an early age and served as an usher and member of the Disciples Women/Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF). She loved to sew and bake.

On February 18, 2012, Margaret departed life at DePaul Health Center. She leaves to cherish her memory; one brother, Alonzu Gladney; sisters-in-law, Lillian M. Gladney and Verlon Gladney; a niece, Sybil Gladney, of Los Angeles, CA; cousins, James Longley and Earnestine Davidson, St. Louis, and a host of relatives and friends.

**MARTINSVILLE, VA** -- Home-going services for Deaconess Odatta Redd, well-known Disciples leader who served on the Division of Homeland Ministry Board long before becoming Homeland Missions, will be Saturday, September 15 at Mount Olive East Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Rev. Dr. Kenneth Davis, pastor presiding. Odatta served for many years in leadership in the local, regional and national level of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ.) During the years from 1986 - 1990, Mrs. Redd was vice president of the International Christian Women's Fellowship (now IDWM). She is survived by husband, Elder John Redd, daughters Janice, Joyce and Joan, and several relatives and friends.

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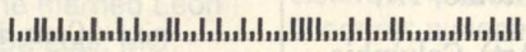
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NIV Proverbs 17:5



*The Rev. Mary Anne Glover*

### The Reverend Mary Anne Glover

#### "Still on the Journey"

Brooklyn, NY -- The Rev. Mary Anne Glover began this journey on the east side of Wilson, NC, twenty-six years ago, ten minutes from 'Atlantic Christian College' (currently named Barton College) and the Christian Church in North Carolina Regional Church office. Rev. Glover's initial steps included traveling to Lexington, Kentucky to attend seminary, then to New York City as an Intern with the United States Office of the World Council of Churches and to the Ecumenical Institute in Bossey, Switzerland.

Reared in a new church start of the Christian Church in North Carolina Macedonia Christian Church, (Disciples of Christ), which later affiliated with the Church of Christ, Disciples of Christ, then back to the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ), Rev. Glover experienced the best of two worlds: the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the Church of Christ (Disciples of Christ). As a youth, Rev. Glover attended two summer camps: Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Camp Caroline and the Goldsboro Raleigh Institute of the Church of Christ (Disciples of Christ) Summer Conference. It was during her summer camp experiences that she felt the call to ministry, but as a youth, Rev. Glover clearly saw the devaluation and discrimination of women in the church, so she intentionally negotiated with God that social work would be the ministry she would do. Prior

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to fully accepting her call to ordained ministry, Rev. Glover served as a social worker for six years. She preached her initial sermon and was licensed in 1986; she was ordained to Christian Ministry " twice": first by the Church of Christ (Disciples of Christ) and after seminary graduation, by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in North Carolina and Kentucky.

On December 22, 2011, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Northeastern Regional Church Board unanimously called Rev. Glover to serve as the Northeastern Regional Minister. She was installed as the Regional Minister in the Northeastern Region on Saturday, September 15, 2012. This is a historical moment in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) as Rev. Glover is the first African American woman to be installed in the office of Regional Minister.

Rev. Glover had served as Transitional Regional Minister of the Northeastern Region since September, 2008. Her prior service included pastorates of congregations in Indianapolis, IN, Minneapolis, MN, and Louisville, KY. Additionally, for almost nine years, she served in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Ohio as Associate Regional Pastor.

Rev. Glover holds a B. S. degree from East Carolina University, an M.Div. from Lexington Theological Seminary, Lexington, KY, where as a graduating student, she was one of two students who delivered the commencement address. She also holds a certificate from the Ecumenical Institute Bossey, Switzerland, where she served as the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) representative in the 1991-1992 school year. During her 2003 sabbatical, Rev. Glover, a Merrill Fellow, studied at Harvard Divinity School. She has also undertaken studies in Clinical Pastoral Education.

She has been engaged in many areas of ecumenical ministries and Disciples church life, in-

cluding Vice-President of the National Black Ministers Fellowship, Vice-President of Common Global Ministries Board, and a member of the Council on Christian Unity, Church Women Staff Fellowship Vice-President, and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) representative on the United Church of Christ Executive Council, Young Church Women United Representative to the Church Women United National Board, and co-chair of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches Beyond Racism Together Committee. Rev. Glover also served on the Nurture and Certification Committee of the Christian Church in Indiana and was teaching assistant in the class, "Introduction of Preaching" at Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, IN. Currently, Rev. Glover serves on the board of the Faith and Public Policy Institute, Princeton, NJ, and is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

The facets of justice and reconciliation--with emphasis on "people building and justice making"--are woven throughout each step of her journey. Rev. Glover states, "The steps on this journey have been life-challenging and life-changing; if I were to tell you the whole story, even in 2012, you would gasp for breath for the injustices against women, particularly Black women and all dark skinned people, which continue to exist within the church and society!" But God ... but God continues to state, " I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" God is already doing a new thing, moving in a new and different way! Quoting her congregational pastoral mentor, the late Rev. Dr. Walter D. Bingham (former Moderator of the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ), "Mary Anne, you pray; God will answer; speak the truth in love--with power and conviction, and God will bring the change, in God's time!" God's time is now! God is doing a new thing!

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Rev. Glover is the daughter of the late Willie M. and Tamer Hinnant Glover and the youngest of four siblings: George Burns, Charles Edward, and Timothy Cefare.

### **This is the second in a series on Regional Ministers:**

There are 33 regions and all 33 regional ministers are members of the College of Regional Ministers, Rev John Richardson, regional minister of the Christian Church in North Carolina is the current president.

The primary purposes of the College are coordinating and networking with the other manifestations of the Church. Its goal is to avoid duplication and to do ministry more effectively and efficiently. The group meets three times a year and a portion of its time is devoted to discussing the needs of pastors and churches regarding the search and call process.

The College also takes up personnel matters involving alleged misconduct by regional or congregational personnel. The college also assists local pastors who are engaged in congregational transformation and clergy who have an urgent need for relocation or repair of their facilities.

Regional ministers serve as pastors to congregational pastors. The college of regional ministers is divided into five fellowship groups. Each fellowship group meets once a year and serves as a support mechanism among College members. They also provide support for the church-wide stewardship initiative, conducts training that leads to peer review of regional ministries and shares funds with smaller regions experiencing economic difficulty.

Importantly, the College of Regional Ministers, along with its General Ministry partners, explores ways that the College can be engaged in adaptive change, so that the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) can more faithfully respond to the challenges of the 21st century mission field.



## Jarvis College “Hands On Mission Program” is Alive and Well

*Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”* Matthew 9: 37-38 NIV

The Texas Christian Missionary Fellowship (TCMF) Men’s Ministry Department has declared that it will put feet, arms, muscles, talents, and skills together to support the Hands on Mission Program of Jarvis Christian College. On August 3, 2012, with the blessings of Jarvis President, Dr. Lester Newman, the college supplied the materials and TCMF members supplied the labor to paint the Fellowship Hall on the first floor of the Jarvis Chapel.

The crew consisted of Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) members: Tommy Cole, Jr., Alvin Ervin, Bobby Williams, and Howard Coleman, Warren Avenue Christian Church; Marlon Edwards, Millie Edwards, and William Smith, Center Point Christian Church; Armie Mitchell, Ida Mitchell, and Barbara Davis, First Christian Church, (Hawkins); and Pastor Olin Fregia, Myra Cliff, Joyce Miller, and Lela Jackson, Jarvis College Christian Church.

The ladies of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and Jarvis College Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) provided breakfast, lunch, and dinner for the workers. Lela Jackson, retired Jarvis staff member, has participated in every Hands On Mission project since the late Rev. Dr. William K. Fox, The Oldtimers’ Grapevine founder, initiated the program in 1995. Fox proposed the program in response to a request from Jarvis President, Sebetha Jenkins, to recommend ideas to enhance the campus environment, as well as promote fuller support of the college by Disciples of Christ church members. He described the program as a way to combine

the works of “head, heart, and hand” by inviting Disciples’ members from around the country to spend a week on campus to work on needed projects. For the next decade, in any given year there were as many as 75 participants, from around the country, involved in campus beautification and facility upkeep projects.

This broad level of participation in the Mission Program has not been sustained in recent years, particularly for participants outside the state of Texas. Lela Jackson provided this update on the program to, Dr. Norma Ellington-Twitty Grapevine Board chair when she was completing research for a presentation at the inaugural session of the Rev. Dr. William K. Fox Leadership Institute at Centennial Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Ms. Jackson served as Director of Volunteer Services at Jarvis for many years and worked directly with Fox. She provided good historical data and expressed a determination to keep the program alive. The two ladies committed themselves to work toward that end.

At the National Convocation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in July 2012, Dr. Ellington-Twitty met with Lela Jackson, William Smith and Bobby Williams of the TCMF who declared their determination to revive the Hands On Mission Program. They indicated that the TCMF had agreed to adopt the Hands On Mission Program as one of their annual mission projects. TCMF President, Bobby Williams said: “We watched Bishop College die in Dallas, but we must refuse to sit by and let Jarvis go the same way.” The Oldtimers’ Grapevine is fully committed to support all efforts to revive the dream of our founder, Rev. Dr. William K. Fox to involve our Disciples of Christ members around the country in mission projects that can

## Jarvis College cont'd

help them “show their love” and grow in appreciation for the wonderful work Jarvis is doing.

The next annual Hands on Mission project is planned for May/June 2013. The prayer of Lela, Bobby and William is that Disciples of Christ Men’s groups, Disciples of Christ Church members across the country, Jarvis alumni, and other supporters of Jarvis College will join the effort next year. Further details and plans for the Mission Project will be publicized in The Oldtimers’ Grapevine, as well as the college alumni affairs communications. Those interested in supporting this Mission Project next year are asked to contact Lela Jackson at [HinchenHats@gmail.com](mailto:HinchenHats@gmail.com).



## Tribute to Rev. Dr. Raymond E. Brown



Newsletter and friend of the founding Managing/Editor, Rev. Dr. William K. Fox and yours truly.

The Board, Dr. Norma Ellington-Twitty, Chairwoman, and Staff of the Oldtimers' Grapevine Newsletter celebrates the life and legacy of this great Saint of the Church.

Oscar Haynes,  
Publisher

“The pen is mightier than the sword” is an old adage coined by English author Edward Bulwer-Lytton in 1859. It is fitting to reflect on this truism as we pay tribute to a dynamic church leader, Rev. Dr. Raymond E. Brown, who excelled in every leadership position he held in over two decades.

His sharp mind was exceptionally important in developing the merger of the National Convocation into the structure of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); the first president of the Convocation; vice president of Church Extension; interim president of the Division of Homeland Ministries, (now Disciples Home Missions); the first African American vice moderator of the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Rev. Brown served on a wide multitude of church boards.

Ray, as warmly addressed by friends, will be truly missed. His wisdom was constantly sought by others. He was a strong supporter of the Oldtimers' Grapevine



## Disciples News Round-Up

**ROANOKE, VA** -- Rev. Dr. William Lee celebrated 35 years of service, Sept. 8 and 9, 2012, at Loudon Avenue Christian Church. He was honored by a standing-room-only crowd whose lives he had touched with deeply committed service. Beginning in 1989 Dr. Lee has led his congregation in providing health care to those in need. The health program began with blood pressure checks following Sunday services.

Sensing a real need the blood pressure checks grew to include cancer screenings, nutrition, fitness education and non-emergency transportation to physicians and pharmacies. This congregational health program, New Horizons Health Care, became community-wide, serving 9,000 people annually. In 1910 the remodeled educational wing of the facility was named in Dr. Lee's honor.

Dr. Lee is a former Moderator of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and is recipient of the Historical Society Faithful Servant Award, an annual award that recognizes those who have given an extra-measure of service to causes in the whole church. His service to the Roanoke community includes Chair of the Blue Ridge Health Care Board of Directors.

**OKLAHOMA CITY, OK** — The Black Ministers Retreat for 2013 will be held March 4 -7, 2013, in Oklahoma City, OK., Wildewood Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Rev. William Simms, pastor, host. This retreat will be co-hosted by East Sixth Street Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Rev. Jesse Jackson, Jr., pastor. Wildewood Christian Church is located at 6900 N. Kelley Ave., Oklahoma City.

The 2013 Black Ministers retreat will be directed by the Rev. R. Wayne Calhoun, Sr., Director of the Office of Black Ministries and the Black Ministers Retreat. Additional information is available by contacting Kelly Harris, (888) 346-2631, direct (317) 713-2666 or [kharris@dhm.disciples.org](mailto:kharris@dhm.disciples.org).

**NASHVILLE, TN**- Rev. Dr. Glenn T. Carson, President of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, and Editor-in-Chief of *Discipliana*, (a journal of Stone-Campbell history), has announced the Stone-Campbell Global History will be available in early 2013. Dr. Carson revealed that this publication "will become the foundational resource for historians, researchers, ministers, followers, students, and others craving knowledge about the Stone-Campbell Movement that led to the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ); the Churches of Christ, the Christian Churches/Churches of Christ and other related strands of the movement.

Serious work for the book began in 2005 at the American Academy of Religion meeting in Philadelphia, PA. The key players were Russ White, Dr. Carson, and three editors, Dr. Paul Blowers, Dr. Douglas Foster, and Dr. D. Newell Williams. The project was approved by the boards of Chalice Press and the Historical Society. Work began in earnest in 2006. With the idea that it would be more widely accepted it was truly global from the beginning. The Stone-Campbell heritage spans over 200 years and more than 100 countries.

This has been an extensive costly project in both time, talent and finances. There have been 15 prominent historians working on the completion of this historical document. The two premier editors are Dr. Williams, president at Brite Divinity School, and Dr. Foster, professor at Abilene Christian University. They spent countless hours working together to insure the final integrity of the book.

Oldtimers' Grapevine Newsletter supporters may place pre-orders at a significant discount by visiting [www.discipleshistory.org](http://www.discipleshistory.org).

# Healthvine

## Understanding Headaches

**Tension-type headaches** - this is the most common type of headache

### Symptoms:

- A dull pain on both sides of the head, scalp, temple, or back of the neck
- Muscles in the back of the neck may feel “knotted” and tender to the touch

### Trigger /Causes

- Stress - anxiety - fatigue - depression - oversleeping - bad posture

### Treatment

- Warm or cold showers - adequate rest - over-the-counter pain relievers - relaxation

### Prevention

- Exercise - manage depression - reduce stress

**Cluster Headaches** – These headaches come in groups or “clusters” of 1 to 5 headaches a day, everyday for weeks or even months at a time

### Symptoms

- Pain is centered on one side of the head, usually around the eye, temple or one side of the forehead
- Pain is steady, sharp, burning and piercing

### Triggers/Causes

- Drinking alcohol - smoking - certain foods (discussed later)

### Treatment

- Prescribed medication - rapid breathing of pure oxygen for 5 -15 minutes

### Prevention

- Limit alcohol - quit smoking

**Migraine headaches** – These headaches come in two categories, classic and common. Migraine sufferers can have 2 to 4 headaches per month. Many sufferers are women.

### Symptoms (for both types of migraines)

- Pain is intense, throbbing and pounding

- Pain is everywhere (front, back, sides)
- Nausea and vomiting
- Sensitivity to light and sound

### Triggers/Causes

- Family history - certain foods (discussed later)
- Stress - alcohol - hormone replacement therapy
- Menstruation - birth control pills - fatigue
- Weather changes

Food is the suspected trigger of 1/3 of all migraine headaches. Foods to avoid:

- Caffeine, Chocolate, coffee, tea, soft drinks
- MSG, Most processed foods, Asians foods
- Alcohol, Red wine, champagne, beer
- Dairy products Aged cheese, sour cream
- Fruits, Avocados, bananas, citrus fruits
- Processed meats, Hot dogs, sausage, bacon, ham
- Fresh yeast, Breads, bagels, donuts, cookies
- Risen baked goods, Cakes, pizza dough

### Treatment

- Relax in a dark quiet room
- Medication
- Cold pack on forehead

### Prevention

- Avoid triggering foods - reduce stress - relax
- Prescribed medication to prevent migraines

There are several other types of headaches but these are the most common.

All information obtained by A. Krames Publication 2006 and Kaiser Permanente

*Kim Atwater is a nurse in the ambulatory surgery center at Kaiser Permanente, Kensington, MD.*

## Compassion Corner

by Jimmy Mohler

### New Year's Resolutions

"True compassion is more than flinging a coin to a beggar; it is not haphazard and superficial. It comes to see that an edifice that produces beggars needs restructuring."

Martin Luther King, Jr., civil-rights leader  
(1929-1968)

There are many holidays to look forward to as I write for this issue. The one that shapes my New Year's Resolutions is the commemoration of Martin Luther King, Jr. on January 21. We see that the beloved Dr. King did not say to stop flinging coins. "True compassion is MORE than flinging a coin..." So might I suggest that we keep figuratively "flinging the coins" in the following ways that address immediate needs:

Be a part of food distribution (meals or groceries) at least once a month.

Write at least one note a week to someone known or unknown who is suffering hardship.

Drop off or otherwise contribute a shampoo or deodorant or soap or toothpaste for a shelter for the homeless at least once a month.

Offer to answer the phone at Salvation Army for a week during the year when the regular employee/volunteer is on vacation.

True compassion also has us resolving to "restructure the edifice that produces beggars." Some ideas for us to consider:

Help build a home with Habitat for Humanity or volunteer at one of HFH's ReStore shops.

Be a part of a tutoring program in a low-income neighborhood.

Volunteer at a clinic that offers free mammograms or vaccinations.

Write to your Congressman to promote fairness in nutrition, housing, health care, and education.

If each of us did each of these things in 2013, what a difference it could make for the future of this country and the world. It is not too long a list. Tithing our time and talent would allow us to do all these things, or things equivalent, in 2013. God and all the saints – including Dr. King – will be blessing our good works.

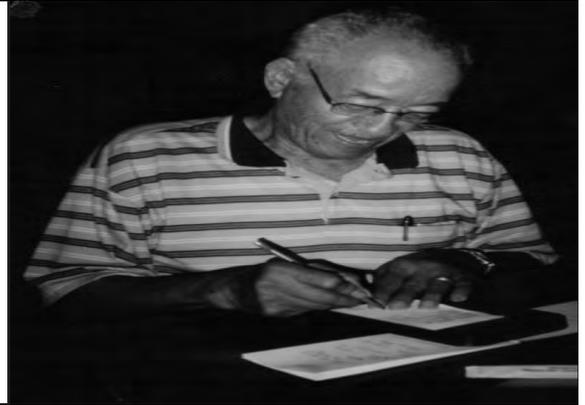
Happy New Year OTG readers!



## *OSCAR'S NOTES*

*From the Desk of the*

*Contributing Editor*



As I prepared to share my notes with the wonderful supporters of the Oldtimers' Grapevine Newsletter my mind was flooded with memories of my predecessor, the present and the future of this ministry. This issue marks the end of 21 continuous years of publication, during a time when the future of printed media is in question and I stand on the cusp of my 97th birthday, January 18th.

The founder of this legacy, Rev. Dr. William K. Fox, Sr., established five basic purposes for its future: 1 - enhance communication and sharing of mutual experiences 2 - convey a holistic view of aging and health, being engaged in "God/activity 3 - advocates of seniors supporting community with personal loving care 4 - give honor and dignity to all persons, especially including "For Whom the Bell Tolls" and 5 - highlight opportunities for maintaining a superior lifestyle in retirement.

During the years of my leadership of the Oldtimers' Grapevine I strived to strengthen Dr. Fox's goals and add those which I envisioned would improve the publication. There has been commendable progress and now it is time for change. My goals have included: to identify the newsletter as a ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), put the publication on a more sound financial footing; broaden its appeal to a larger reading audience and lastly, provide strong support to ministries facing difficulty in surviving.

I have requested the search for a successor during the period of my birthday (Joan and I like the idea of celebrating our birthdays for at least 30 days. Publishing this newsletter is a love of mine but I realize my best years of productivity are decreasing. As you read my notes and someone comes to mind who loves journalism and communication I encourage you to share their name with me and I will share your recommendation with the Board.

I along with the Staff and Board pray the abundance of God's blessings you and your family as you live faithfully into 2013! Happy New Year!

Oscar

## THE POET ' S CORNER

### My Tribute to BILLY PINKSTON BRIDGES

I'd known her since the 60's,  
Always helpful, sweet and kind.  
You couldn't help but love her;  
A hug and smile you'd always find.  
Billye, a true servant, had a special way and  
touch,  
She was dedicated, loyal, with a laugh we  
Loved so much.  
A Disciple's Disciple with a zeal to learn  
And the ability to help others receive and  
discern.

Her season was ending,  
Getting ready to go.  
All seeds had been planted,  
Nothing left to plant, to sow.  
With a smile on her lips and HIS Light  
In her eye.  
Billye slipped quietly away,  
No more tears to cry.  
Let us run on for one day we too will see  
The face of our dear Savior and

That smile of our Billye.

May Reed  
Written Thurs., August 23

## Reader' s Comments Corner

We, the Seniors in our Golden Years, are truly blessed to receive the Oldtimers' Grapevine.



My sincere gratitude goes to the Directors, Editors, and other staff personnel for the beautiful jobs they are doing in keeping us informed of our sisters and brothers across the brotherhood. I shall always treasure our friendship. A check is on its way to The Old Grapevine.

May the Good Lord continue to bless each of you.

Love! Peace! Joy!

Ruth P. Hobbs

P.S. This flower-"the rose," was one that I had in my rose garden this summer.



*Dear OTG Board & Staff.*

*As we celebrate the Christmas Holidays, Ken and I wish to celebrate the love and sacrifice you give to us with the publication of The Oldtimers' Grapevine Newsletter.*

*Ken & Jimmy Mohler, Kansas City, MO*

## For Whom The Bells Toll

### **DETROIT, MI: Kenneth N. Hylton Sr. Esq:**

On September 7, 2012, Kenneth N. Hylton Esq., 83 years of age, passed after several weeks battling throat cancer. He was the beloved brother of Samuel W. Hylton, Jr., Pastor Emeritus of Centennial Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in St. Louis, Missouri, and the beloved uncle of Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Hale, Grapevine Board Member and Senior Pastor of Ray of Hope Christian Church in Decatur, Georgia.

Born in Roanoke, Virginia in 1929, he grew up in a religious environment in which his father, the late Rev. Dr. S. W. Hylton Sr., and mother, Idenia Hylton, instilled in him unshakeable Christian values. He grew up with older brother S. W. Jr. "Buddy" and sister Janice. In his youth, he saw many heart wrenching instances of poverty and resolved early on to be on his feet, and work to alleviate the hardships he saw in the African-American community of the segregated South.

In 1946 he went to Talladega College and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1950. While at Talladega, he met the woman he would marry, Ethel Washington. He was admitted to Boston University (BU) Law School in 1950, where he befriended Martin Luther King Jr. (for whom he would help organize the 1963 Detroit prototype of the historic March

on Washington). He graduated from BU in 1952, among the few of an early generation of African American lawyers who would tear down color lines around the United States and move this country in large strides toward racial equality. He continued his education at Wayne State University, earning a Master's Degree in 1954, while serving in the United States Army. Discharged from the army after three years of service at the rank of First Lieutenant, he, his wife Ethel, and first son Kenneth Jr., moved to Detroit, Michigan. Although his early practice of law was in major Detroit law firms, he ended his career in his family practice of Hylton & Hylton, P.C. Honesty, integrity, purpose, and service were the threads of his life's fabric as a lawyer, businessman, politician, civil rights organizer, and family man. He was a member of a number of law related associations. Kenneth was a Fellow of the Michigan State Bar Foundation, a former Chairman and member of the State Bar Grievance Board for Michigan, and a former referee for the Civil Rights Commission of the State of Michigan. He was considered an expert in Probate Law and Practice, including Legal and Fiduciary roles in

## For Whom the Bells Toll

administration of estates of deceased persons. Along with his passion for the law, which saw him opening his office almost every week Day (and some Saturdays) during his 56 years of practice, his other involvements were many, including the Alpha Phi Alpha and Sigma Pi Phi fraternities, the NAACP, the NAACP National Housing Corporation (for which he was counsel), Westlawn Cemetery Association of Detroit, Inc., the State Democratic Party for the State of Michigan (former Vice-Chairman), First Independence National Bank of Detroit (former Secretary of the Board and Legal Counsel), National Housing Conference (former Secretary and Chairman of the Board of Directors), Omnibank Detroit (former Secretary of the Board and General Counsel), and the Board of Trustees, Talladega College. His son Kenneth N. Hylton, Jr. died after a long struggle with cancer in 2001. His wife of 59 years preceded him in death in 2010. He is survived by his brother Samuel Wilber Hylton Jr., sister Janice Hale, sons Kevin Hylton and Keith Hylton, and grandchildren Kenneth N. Hylton III, Cecelia Theodora Hylton, Ethel Louise Hylton, Antonia Alma Hylton,

Norma Kimberly Hylton, Consuelo Karen Hylton, Margaret Maria Hylton, Keith Edward Hylton, Nieces Karen E. Hylton and Cynthia L. Hale, and a host of other beloved relatives and friends.

**WASHINGTON, DC** -- Rev. Ronald T. Tate, an anointed, spirit-filled man of God, went home to be with God on November 29, 2012. A memorial service was held at National City Christian Church December 8, 2012 led by Pastor Stephen Gentle.



Rev. Tate, native Washingtonian, was the son of Alice F. Tate & William O. Tate (deceased). After graduating from McKinley Tech High School he entered George Washington University (1975--1976) and Southeastern University where he graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business

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Administration in 1982. He received a Master of Divinity Degree from Wesley Theological Seminary in May, 1986.

Rev. Tate was licensed to preach July of 1976 by St. John Baptist Church (Rev, John H. Jackson, pastor) He was ordained March 1978.

While in Seminary Ron worked part-time at National City in the capacity of Associate Minister of Christian Education (1983- 1988).

He was responsible for the Christian Education Department, Evangelism, and Church Membership.

Ron was a man of many talents. He was a property Management Specialist/Program Manager, Department of State (1989-2012); one of the founders and lifetime board member of the Marshall Heights Development Organization; President of the Burrville Parent- Teacher Association; founder and coordinator of the St. John Computer Lab at National City. Rev.

Ronald Tate is survived by his wife Laurese Dancy, sister Gladys Loretta Tate, brother Frank O., two sons Taylor Mathew and Cameron Tobias, and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and friends. Although it was difficult for him speak he delivered his final

sermon to his wife, which conveyed this thought: "No matter what you are going through, God is there. He is always there to help you."

**ARVADA. COLO** – Bruce Tilsley, 80-year-old graphic designer and life long member of The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will be remembered for defining the now familiar, Chalice Logo of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The drawing was presented to him on a paper napkin drawn by Robert Friedly and Ronald Osbornn at the 1971 General Assembly in Louisville, KY.

Mr. Tilsley was a prominent artist who had been a resident of Colorado most of his life. He was an active member of the General Board, Administrative Committee. Pictured is an example of his work when he saluted the Oldtimers' Grapevine on its 16 years of service.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Tennyson Center for Children at Colorado Christian Home, 2950 Tennyson St., Denver, CO 80212.



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