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From the Shepherd to the Sheep

Can you see the Ministry in that Thorn?

By: Pastor Roderick J. Glatt

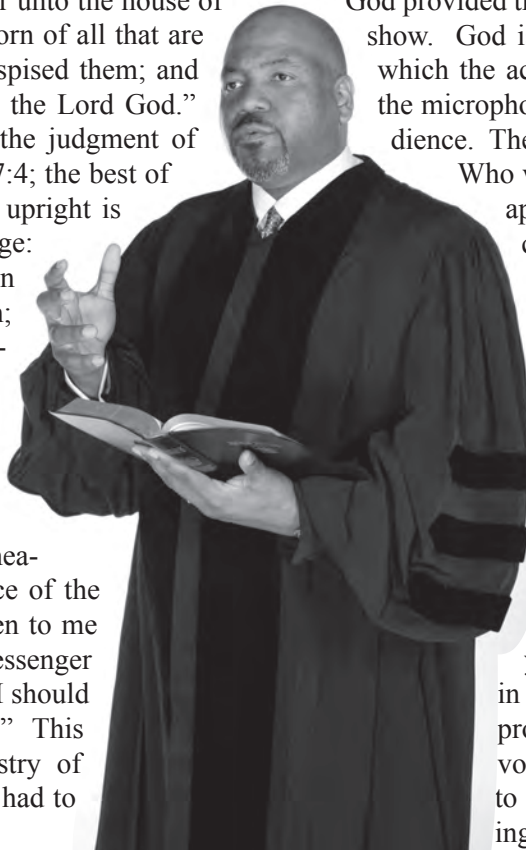
What is a thorn? A sharp rigid process on a plant, specifically a sharp-pointed or leafless modified branch is what we refer to as a thorn. (Merriam-Webster 11th Collegiate Dictionary). Do you like red rose bushes? Do you like pink rose bushes? Do you like roses period? You can't get to the rose without coming close to the thorn on the bush.

The Holy Scriptures speak about the influence of a thorn. In Job 41:2, we read "Canst thou put an hook into his nose? Or bore his jaw through with a thorn?" This matter dealing with God's great power in the leviathan. In Proverbs 26:9, we read "as a thorn goeth up into the hand of a drunkard, so is a parable in the mouth of fools." This matter dealing with an observation about fools. In Ezekiel 28:4, we read "And there shall be no more a pricking brier unto the house of Israel, nor any grieving thorn of all that are round about them, that despised them; and they shall know that I am the Lord God." This matter dealing with the judgment of Zidon (Sidon). In Micah 7:4; the best of them is a brier: the most upright is sharper than a thorn hedge: the day of thy watchmen and thy visitation cometh; now shall be their perplexity." This matter dealing with the church, complaining of her small number. Finally, 2 Corinthians 12:7, we read "And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure." This scripture shows the ministry of the thorn the Apostle Paul had to endure.

Let us look briefly at this 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 passage. Verse 7 is inextricably tied to verse 10. As for verses 8 and 9, to me they are the glory producing verses. In verse 7, Paul has a thorn, but the thorn doesn't have him. In verse 8, the thorn that Paul has influences Paul to seek the Lord for help. In verse 9, Paul asks and receives of the Lord. Finally, in verse 10, Paul shows us the Ministry in that thorn!

In short, 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 brings us face to face with a better understanding of the ministry of a thorn. Somebody said, 'without pain then there is no gain.' There is a truth to this! So often, a man or woman of God wishes to bring glory to him or herself, in the service of God. This is so wrong. Nobody but God gets the glory on the stage of God's production. God wrote the play. God provided the [L]ight(s) to the actors in His show. God is the foundation or stage upon which the actors stand. The Holy Spirit is the microphone. The Lost sheep are the audience. The story line was written by God.

Who would you say must receive the applause? This thorn in verse 7 causes Paul to ask his producer for help in verse 8. In verse 9, the grand producer Jesus Christ says, in effect, I put the thorn in the story line. You've got to experience the thorn first in verse 7 or there could be no verse 8. I can hear Jesus saying, ask, ask, ask. (Matthew 7:7) Three times, Paul asked for help. In verse 9, Jesus answers and essentially tells Paul: you have that thorn to produce in you a weakness which will then produce in you strength. My favor or grace on you is not given to you Paul because of your asking, even though you need to ask.



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My favor and grace was given to you because I put the weakness there to produce in you my strength. I didn't have to give you help Paul, but I wanted to. I didn't have to allow the thorn in your life to produce, out of you, a request for my help, but I wanted to. Now verse 10 paints the picture of it all so beautifully. Now, you understand the ministry of that thorn, don't you Paul. I can hear Jesus saying, now, you will exalt me when you are sick. Now you will exalt me and give me glory when you are persecuted or in distress or when someone isn't treating you right. I can hear Jesus saying to Paul, that's why I wrote the thorn part in the story line because at the end, you will bow your knee to me, not to the thorn. Can you see the ministry of the thorn? ☒

Yours in HIS service,
Elder Roderick J. Glatt,
Pastor



First Lady of Mount Gilead Speaks

Relationships

By: Sister Angela Glatt



Relationships are important to God. Covenant relationships between a man and a woman are especially important to Him. Therefore, each must leave and cleave before a marriage covenant is made. This is necessary so that a relationship can be formed, fellowship can happen between a husband and wife and communication can begin. This

ensures that the two mates are strongly drawn together and some of the old relationships that were made while the person was single need to be severed. When one gets married, be mature enough to leave the past behind and accept the man or woman God gave you.

"Therefore, shall a man leave his father and his mother and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh." Gen 2:24

May God continue to bless your families! ☒

Usher's Ministry

By: Sis. Lisa McAdoo

Mt. Gilead Church family and friends, we have been so blessed by God that He continues to bless us with wonderful ushers filled with the spirit! Sis Nicole Walker comes to us from Lake Providence Baptist Church where she served as an usher as well. We pray that she will continue to serve the Lord by sharing her time, talent and treasures with her new church family. I know it takes great dedication and a strong desire to be committed to a ministry. We are happy to have you on our team! We are very appreciative to Sis. Frances Neal and Bro. Thurman McClendon for their leadership and guidance.

GIVE THANKS TO HIM WHO HAS GRANTED ME STRENGTH AND MADE ME ABLE, CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD HE HAS JUDGED AND COUNTED ME FAITHFUL AND TRUSTWORTHY, AND APPOINTED ME. 1 Timothy 1:12 ☒

The Pulse of Heart 2 Heart

By: Teneice Kirby

Summer was a wonderful time in the Lord and in fellowship. Now we are settling in for a wonderful time of learning and fellowship for the fall. We went bowling in August. Talk about having a BLAST!!!!!! We have had fun fellowshiping with each other by doing a Bible Trivia game one Wednesday night. Also the older students from the grades 6th through 12th were able to watch "FIREPROOF". It prompted a wonderful discussion on class the following Wednesday night because the students had to write and discuss what they found great about the movie as well as what spoke to them personally.

We are looking so forward to many, many, many other things that God has in store for us. Come be a part of the "pulse" that is Heart-to-Heart. Heart 2 Heart Teachers and Staff ☒

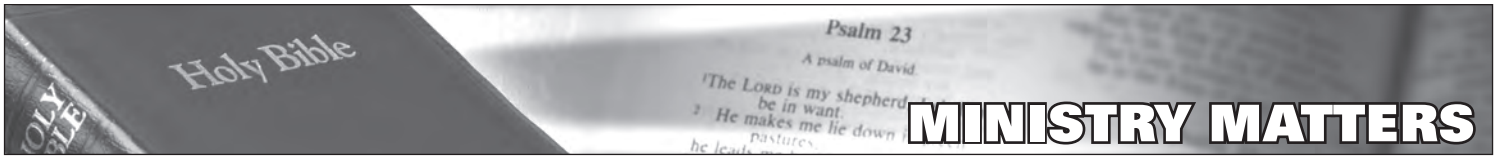
Transportation Ministry

By: Sis. Twila Smith

The Transportation Ministry would like for you to know, we are here at your service. We provide transportation to and from Sunday Morning Worship Services. If your Ministry is in need of transportation for Missionary Work, Special Events or if you know of someone in need of transportation, we are more than humbled to provide service.

Transportation Ministry
Deacon Anthony Taylor - Team Leader

~Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.~ Isaiah 6:8 ☒



Seniors Ministry

A Well of Wisdom

By: Elder Ronald Little

Praise the Lord! We have precious gifts among us in “The Seniors Ministry” of our congregation. They are a Well of Wisdom for the members of Mt. Gilead. We can go and draw from their deep God given wisdom on, How to Live a Successful Christian Life, Marriage and Relationships, and they also give us ideas on what we need to avoid in Life.

We have a unique opportunity to tap the deep Treasures of Wisdom that God has provided for the Saints. When we use the gifts that God has given us, we will live more abundant lives that are pleasing to God. This wisdom is not just for the young people but it’s given to all, even to those who never seem to successfully apply wisdom to their lives. It’s free (what is freely given must be freely shared)!

I’m honored to be the Teacher of such a loving and giving group of seniors who never fail to show love to me and to the other members of the Bible Study Group. They show so much love and concern for Mt. Gilead and they want to know as much as possible about the word of God. I believe if we as a congregation can go to that “Well of Love” when we just can’t seem to get along, we will find the Sweet, Sweet Spirit of the Lord. That spirit will be with us to guide and direct us in all things.

My prayer for Mt. Gilead is that we show the Love of God to one another in all we do, and when we show that kind of love we as a congregation can show everyone, saints and sinners, women and men, young and old, “That Our God is An Awesome God.” Then we all will draw from The Deep Wells of Wisdom.

MAY OUR GOD TRULY BLESS YOU!

Deacons Ministry

By: Sis. Pat Adams



We take this opportunity to congratulate Deacon Albert Dawson as he celebrates Thirty five (35) years of continuous service with the State of Tennessee in the Department of Juvenile Corrections. Brother Dawson began his career on December 17, 1973, as a Counselor at the Spencer Youth Center until 1977, when he was promoted to the position of Assistant Director of Counselors. In October, 1977, fifteen Group Homes for Juvenile offenders were established and in 1981 he became the Director of the Group Homes and served in this capacity until July 1, 2006, when he became the Superintendent of Woodland Hills Juvenile Correctional Facility where he presently serves. Bro. Dawson’s love and service to and for countless children have been exemplary throughout his years of service as he has continuously given his best in service that the Lord might be glorified.

The Ceremony was held in July, 2009, at the Woodland Hills Facility with our own Pastor Roderick J. Glatt delivered a strong and powerful message, Brother Cecil R. Holmes guest soloist and our former Southside Band rendered the music. It was a glorious day for all. ☒

Family and Friends Day

By Sis. Barbara Owens and Mother Thompson

The annual Family and Friends Day in the park at Old Hickory Lake was filled with good food, great fellowship and oh yes, the fun and exciting volleyball game between the awesome ladies and energetic men! It was an enjoyable time had by everyone in attendance. By the way, if you missed it, the men won the game! The ladies played a fabulous game! However, the men were just a little bit better. The ladies will surely make a comeback next year!

Once again, the Food Ministry was the bomb in preparing and serving a delicious meal where we feasted until we wanted no more! Fish, hamburgers, hotdogs, sides and trimmings along with desserts of all kinds and drinks galore were provided by our church. Thanks you Pastor Glatt and church family for allowing this day to take place.

The Food Ministry is deeply appreciative to all of the church family members who assisted in the preparation of this fun filled event! Your help and support is an important ingredient for making a success Family and Friends Day in the Park!

Plans are underway for making next year even better. More games for the children and possibly even boat rides. If you missed this event make plans to attend next year! ☒

Mary Dismukes Missions Ministry

By: Shirley Edmondson Team Leader



The Outreach and Home Bound Ministries of The Mary Dismukes Missions Circle is still active with reaching out to those that are sick and shut in. We have brought joy to the patients on the fourth floor of Bordeaux Hospital. It is always a spiritual blessing when we are there. During our visit, they were happy and excited as we played Bible Bingo. The members would help them with the answers. Their faces would light up when they got the answer correct and received a gift!

We also visited Grace, Crestview, Knowles Assisted Living, Trevecca and the Green Hills Rehabilitation Health Care Facilities. Those also were highly spiritual meetings. It is always a joy and blessing for us to visit with our members and others who can't get to church. We minister through song, prayer, scripture and testimonies. This is uplifting not just to the patients there but to all of us as well. What a time

in the Lord we had!

Our Ministry also made a home visit to Mother Florence Moore. She received us with love and was very happy to see all of us! Bible lessons were discussed. She gave a beautiful testimony of how God continues to bless and keep her day by day in spite of her sickness. She filled our hearts with joy.

Food baskets were given to two of our sick and shut in members. It is truly more blessed to give than to receive. The joy we bring to others is just another way we share the gifts and talents the Lord has showered down from above!

You are welcome to join us as we continue to be an Outreach Ministry. All you need is a willing spirit, smile and willing to share love with others! If you have a sincere desire to be a part of our Ministry, contact Sis. Shirley Edmondson. Her phone number is 228-1829. Be Blessed! ☒



Mothers/Deaconesses Ministry

By Mother Debra Thompson

On Mothers' Day, Pastor Glatt and the church recognized all Mothers and they were able to receive 50% off any merchandise in the Bookstore. Mother Florence Moore, one of our oldest Mothers, attended the 10:45 Morning Worship Service. She has been sick and shut in for several months. It always lifts our spirits when our sick members are able to be in the service one more time. It was such a blessing to see her roll in on that day!



Honor thy father and thy mother that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. **Exodus 20:12**

To God be the Glory for He is deserving of all our Praise! ☒



Scholarship Ministry

By: Mother Doris Petway, Team Leader



GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY

The Graduating Class of Mount Gilead Missionary Baptist Church has once again captured the hearts of the church family. This year, we were blessed with a total of 17 graduates for 2009.

They were as follows:



Learning is a wonderful tool when you are taught both to realize your potentials and to recognize “The One” who makes it all possible. God has granted the opportunity through our ministries to reach the Youth and to enable them to stay focused. Our prayers are with the students as they go forth—some to further their educational goals and others to enter the workforce.

Our service was further highlighted with a spirit-filled, dynamic preached word from our guest minister, Brandon L. Mason. He is an Associate Minister at the Locust Ridge Primitive Baptist Church, College Grove, TN. His message was very appropriate from a young minister to a young congregation of graduates, “Good Sense for Young People.”

His text from Luke 15:11-14, expounded on the following points 1) wait for your independence; 2) be wise in

your investment; and 3) watch your involvement in comparison to the 3 parables in the text—1) the missing sheep; 2) the sliver coin; and 3) the prodigal son.

Two high school graduates were awarded the Mt. Gilead Scholarship of \$2500 each, Jaimie Glatt and Tana McAdoo, who will be attending MTSU and Trevecca Nazarene University, respectively. Congratulations and job well done!

The graduates and their families celebrated after the recognition service with a tasty repast. Gifts from the church were presented to them by Pastor Roderick J. Glatt.

“TO GOD BE THE GLORY FOR ALL THAT HE HAS DONE AND IS DOING IN THE LIFE OF MT. GILEAD. ☒



Happenings on the Mount

History from Within!

By: Sis. Barbara Ridley
Sis. Eula Hendricks, Ministry Leader

The Mt. Gilead Church family celebrated 129 years of heritage at the Annual Homecoming Services on the fourth Sunday in May. We give all honor and glory to God for how he has brought us thus far. We have truly come this far by faith.

Elder Bruce Helms, one of our own sons in the ministry, preached the word at the 7:45 A.M. service and Pastor Glatt preached at the 10:45 service. The Joshua Generation Choir ministered to us in song. Both services were well attended and spirit filled.

During the 10:45 service, recognition was given to those persons who had been in a Ministry for 25 years or more. Several members received this certificate of recognition. Some even served in more than one Ministry. Even now, God continues to have faithful workers in the vineyard to glorify His name!

After service the church family feasted on a delicious dinner prepared by our Food Services Ministry. Some ate in the Fellowship Hall and others ate under the outside tent. But all were laughing, talking, and having a great time. Thank You Lord! It was a mighty good day! 🍷



Mission Sunday

By: Sister Angela Glatt

Giving a part of what you have to someone else who needs it says a lot about your relationship with Jesus Christ. Mt. Gilead recently received a thank you letter from the Food Drive Manager at Second Harvest Food Bank. This letter is in response to our first donation to Second Harvest in March 2009 and here's the letter:

Dear Pastor Glatt:

Thank you for your recent donation of 1578 pounds of food. Your gift will help make a difference in the lives of thousands of Middle & West Tennesseans.

In recent months, Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee has seen thousands of clients who needed emergency food assistance, many of them for the first time. Many of our clients face everyday disasters such as exorbitantly high automobile fuel prices, high utility bills, and changes to their TennCare status. In recent months, Second Harvest has seen an average of a 29% increase in the number of requests for emergency assistance; some agencies have seen 50% to 100% increases in the number of requests. Second Harvest and its partner agencies are able to assist these clients because of the generosity of people like you.

Thank you again for your willingness to help our hungry neighbors. They need more friends like you.

Sincerely,

Heidi Tieslau, Food and Funds Drive Manager

So, as you can see, our Missions Sunday is really working! It is all of our responsibilities individually and collectively to lend a hand and help our brothers and sisters who need it the most! Mt. Gilead, you did just that!

I want to personally thank you, Mt. Gilead, for your support and on behalf of Second Harvest Food Bank, we Thank You.

May God continue to bless you! ☒



History from Within!

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Gone but Not Forgotten

We take this opportunity to remember our loved ones who've gone on and now are absent from the body and present with our Lord.

Sister Mary Frances Jordan

Sister Josephine Foster

Sister Josephine Lake

Here is the patience of the Saints: Here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the Faith of Jesus. And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth: Yea saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them. Revelation 14:12-13.

We will miss their presence but know in our hearts that they are resting for the first time, awaiting the general resurrection when the dead in Christ shall rise first.

Home

*Our loved ones are home in heaven and are so happy and bright,
There is perfect joy and beauty in the everlasting light.
All the pain and grief is over, the restlessness is passed,
They are now at peace forever, safely home in heaven at last.*

Mt. Gilead Missionary Baptist Church Website

By Sis. Renae Collins

Have you seen Mt. Gilead's website? If you haven't, please take a look at our beautiful, informative website www.mgileadchurch.org. This website gives up to date information about the church, upcoming events, directions and service times, information on our different ministries and much, much more. Turn up the volume and listen to the "infomercial" from our Pastor and watch the slide presentation of various church activities. Click on the "About Us" link and read about the rich history of Mt. Gilead, along with pictures of our ministers, past and present.

Learn our Vision, Mission and Core Values, and read the bio of our Pastor. You can even make online donations and join our mailing list with just a click of the mouse. There's so much to see on this site, I just can't tell it all ... just go out there and see for yourself all the information provided to you!

www.mgileadchurch.org

New Members to our Church Family

By: Sis. Renae Collins

We are so blessed to have new members join our Church family. As a part of discipleship training, new members are asked to attend the New Members Orientation classes. These classes consist of two consecutive Sundays starting at 9:45 a.m. After completion of these classes, new members are presented with a Certificate of Completion.

We are so happy to welcome to our church family our new members for 2009:

Sis. Tasha Lawrence	Sis. Chica Alexander
Bro. Devin Alexander	Sis. Celestine J. Cantrell
Bro. Julian Clemmons	

Please get to know our new church family members and make them feel right at home. We are glad they made Mt. Gilead Missionary Baptist Church their choice. God loves you and so do we! Be Blessed! ☼



SPOTLIGHTING THE USHERS' MINISTRY

by: Sisters Lisa McAdoo and Pat Adams

“For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere, I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of My God than dwell in the tents of wickedness. Psalm 84:10.

How can we say thank you for all you do? The role of the ushers in the church is not only a volunteer position, but is also one that requires constant service to others.

The ministry to which a person is called when he or she becomes a church usher can best be described in the following ways:

1. Greet worshipers, making every attempt to help them feel welcome and at ease.
2. Escort members and guests to their seats.
3. Distribute materials related to the service/meeting such as Bibles, bulletins, hymnals, handouts, etc.
4. Receive offerings, delivering them promptly to the treasury department of the church.
5. Maintain alertness for any emergency that may arise, relieving the need or contacting the person(s) needed to provide the proper assistance.



6 Being aware of safety equipment and procedures and assisting members with disabilities.

We often take the ushers for granted, not realizing they are ministers of hospitality who are gifted by the Holy Spirit and created in Christ Jesus for good works.

To the Ushers' Ministry, you who are representatives of this baptized body of believers, we extend our gratitude for your dedication and service in the house of the Lord and ask God's continued Blessings upon each of you.

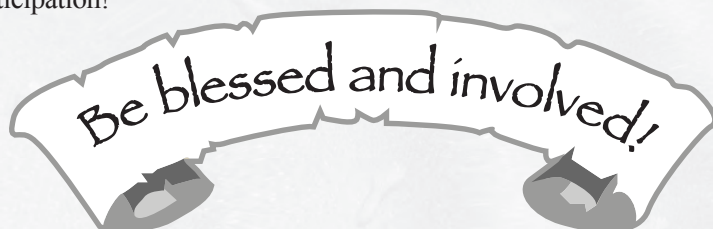
WE SALUTE YOU.



Vacation Bible School

Make plans now to be a part of the planning Team for VBS 2010!

Our first planning meeting is scheduled for the first Saturday in November. More information will be forthcoming. Get involved and stay connected as we prepare to serve our children for a week of Bible teaching, arts and crafts, drama and dance and the VBS Children's Choir! We look forward to your participation!



Gospel Revival

PASTOR KEELAN A. ATKINSON

IS THE HUMBLE PASTOR
OF THE

W.O.R.D. FELLOWSHIP REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH.

PASTOR ATKINSON PREACHES AND TEACHES ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND IS ALWAYS EAGER TO SHARE THE GOODNEWS OF GOD'S FREE AND SOVEREIGN GRACE.

IT IS HIS BELIEF, "WE ARE GOING BY THE WORD OR WE ARE NOT GOING." IT IS ONLY BY THE PERSON AND WORK OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THAT ONE CAN BE SAVED.

THEREFORE IT IS FOR THE SUPREMACY OF CHRIST IN ALL THINGS. THANK GOD FOR THE W.O.R.D., WHAT OUR REDEEMER DECLARES.



Pastor Atkinson has been preaching for 18 years and he has been a pastor for 12 years. Pastor Atkinson did his undergrad at Missouri Baptist University, where he received a B.A. in Religion, a B.A. in Biblical Languages, and a minor in Sociology. He received his Masters in Theology at Covenant Theological Seminary. He was appointed Devotional Leader of the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc. in 1999 by President, Dr. William J. Shaw. He is the President and Founder of the St. Louis Sovereign Grace Bible Conference. Pastor Atkinson served as an adjunct professor at Missouri Baptist University. He served as second-vice president of St. Louis Baptist Minister's Union. He has taught in several state conventions and conferences across the

country. He is an instructor for the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education.

Pastor Atkinson is committed to sound expository preaching. Pastor Atkinson has been married to Brenda Atkinson for 13 years and they are the humbled parents of a beautiful girl name Kloe Bre Nai Atkinson. He is very thankful to God for his family. He believes one can only be as effective in ministry as he is with his family. He is very blessed of God to have such a wonderful family.

It is said, "God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him." (PIPER)

Mission Sunday

By: Mother Debra Thompson

We were blessed to have Bro. Timothy Byrd worship with our Church Family for both services on Sunday, August 30, 2009. Bro. Byrd is our Missionary in South Africa. He serves as the Area Director for Wits University in Johannesburg, South Africa where he spreads the Gospel of Christ.

Our Church Family helps to sponsor this Mission by donating a monthly monetary gift to Bro. Byrd and the Campus Outreach Team. This is just a small way for us to be a blessing to others in another country and to be about our "True Mission" being of service to all mankind.

The Campus Outreach Johannesburg Team is there to be and build people and teams who will live out the Gospel

incarnationally in their context. This team is committed in the power of the Holy Spirit, to investing their lives in one another and all those they come in contact with toward the glorification of God, wherever He calls them to launch a Team.

We pray that Bro. Byrd will continue to be a shining light to the South Africa community! ☒



UPCOMING EVENTS

Don't forget these dates! Mark your calendars now.

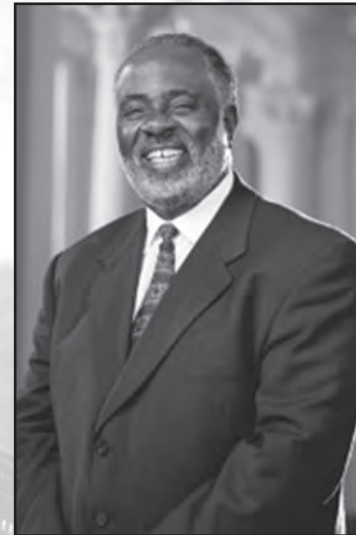


Gospel Revival

Wed. Oct. 7- Fri. Oct. 9th

6:45 pm Nightly

Pastor Keelan Atkinson



Dr. Robert Smith, Jr.

Professor at

**Beeson Divinity School
of Samford University,
Birmingham, Alabama**

Sunday, Oct. 11th

7:45 and 10:45 am

Worship Services.



TWB - The Wardlaw Brothers

Will minister in song nightly.



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