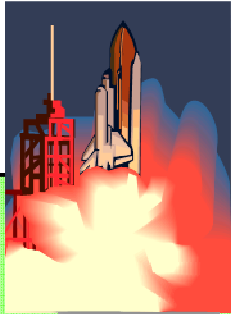


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# The City Temple Times



## *The **Relaunch** of the City Temple Times and Website is here!*

### ***About the Times:***

The Times is a quarterly-issued newsletter with the purpose of publishing information and events. Deadlines to submit articles or other materials will be the **3rd Sunday** of every February, May, August, and November.

### ***About the Website:***

The website is the on-line source for all information regarding the church. It is also a vehicle to provide large-scale publicity for the church.

The church website is maintained by Lori Ford and Earl Jones, III. The City Temple website address is [www.thecitytemple.org](http://www.thecitytemple.org).



## ***The plans the Steering Committee has for us to celebrate!***

You'd have to be living under a rock not to know this, but November 2010 the City Temple of Baltimore (Baptist) church congregation will celebrate its 40th anniversary! Rev. Yeargin gave the task of planning a year-long celebration full of exciting, spirit-filled, fellowship-minded events to the Cultural and Fine Arts Committee...with one minor change. "The Cultural and Fine Arts Committee changed its name to the 2009-2010 Steering Committee," Mrs. Nadina Holden, chairperson of the committee explains. "Rev. Yeargin felt that we would be limited by the name Cultural and Fine Arts, so we changed the

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# the pastor's

## corner

It is with a great deal of delight and joy that we begin to reissue the quarterly edition of *The City Temple Times*. In the past, *The Times* has served as a means by which news of events in our congregation and in the lives of the members of our congregation has been shared. Thanks to the interest of Mrs. April Jones and those who are working with her, *The City Temple Times* is being issued once again.

I want to encourage all of our members to consider submitting articles, poetry, things of interest and/or announcements to our publication. This is another way for us to know more about our membership and to share information that we otherwise may not know. It is my hope to submit something to each publication under the heading of ***THE PASTOR'S CORNER***.

In this initial issue, I want to remind us that the Lenten season has begun and that we will be involved in a special series in our Bible study on "Transformation." During this series, we will be providing those who attend the sessions with resource information that will guide our discussions and hopefully help us take another step in our spiritual maturity. I am sure that the classes will be informative, challenging and inspiring for all of us. The text that will serve as the basis for our discussion is Romans 12:2:

*"Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."*

So I urge as many of our members as possible to spend the Lenten session with us as we take a look at the process of transformation in our faith.

Again it is good to see *The City Temple Times* back in publication and we look forward to the contributions to and the information from this effort.

*Rev. Dr. Grady A. Yeargin, Jr.*

**PASTOR**

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name to the 2009-2010 Steering Committee for this year and next year to appeal to a cross section of the church."

While the newly-appointed Steering Committee is still finalizing plans for the anniversary year, they are considering some interesting ideas. These include a Tribute to Dr. King featuring organist William Randolph, Jr., Minister of Music for the Episcopal Church of the Intercession in Harlem, NY; a Valentine's Gospel Brunch featuring Charles Arnette's gospel/jazz band; an Everybody's Birthday Celebration; and a Crab Feast.

"We're planning several fundraisers this year in order to raise money for the events of 2010," Mrs. Holden said.

February's *An Evening With Charles and Kenneth* kicked off the wave of upcoming fundraisers.

"We'll be apart of Artscape June 18, 2009," Mrs. Holden said, "and then there's also the October concert."

With a wide array of activities and enjoyable events, the 40th Anniversary celebration promises to be a truly extraordinary occasion.



Nadina Holden

Mrs. Holden also shared her thoughts on how the church has changed over the years and what she hopes for the future.

"I think one of the things that has changed is we have modernized how we do things, and I think Rev. Yeargin has contributed to that," Mrs. Holden said.

"I also think we have more people who are spiritually mature. Rev. Yeargin has done a lot in that aspect as well.

"I would like us to continue to grow spiritually mature and spread it to the young people. I'd like to see more young people apart of the church leadership."

## PREPARING FOR

*Lent*

**Lent Services** will be held at 12 noon every Wednesday beginning February 25th through April 8th at Union Baptist Church, 1219 Druid Hill Avenue. **Maundy Thursday Service** will be held at City Temple on April 9, 2009 at 6 p.m. All ministers of the church will make a presentation.



# what's going on

## community awareness

### WHY WOMEN CRY IV: RESILIENT & UN-RELENTING

This year's Why Women Cry conference will take place on Monday, April 13, 2009 at the Renaissance Harborplace Hotel from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Join women and men from all over Maryland and abroad to hear local and national presenters speaking to issues of HIV, substance abuse, finances, nutrition, and many other health disparities impacting our lives. There will be free childcare, exercise classes, and HIV/STD screenings; as well as FREE continental breakfast and lunch. Register by calling 410.383.1903 or by visiting [www.sisterstogetherand-reaching.org](http://www.sisterstogetherand-reaching.org).

### THE PASTOR'S ANNIVERSARY by Robert Russell

Writer-director-actor, Robert Russell will deliver another dramatic masterpiece March 28-April 28 at the Arena Players, Inc., 801 McCulloh Street, Baltimore, MD 21201. Come out and see *The Pastor's Anniversary* and discover what does the Reverend Royster's past have to do with the plan? Why is the church mother off of the hook? And will the real guest soloist please sing? All productions run Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 4 p.m. Individual tickets are sold for \$15 and package pricing is available. Please contact the Arena Players at 410.728.6500 or see Robert Russell for info.

# think on these things

"The cause of many losing their souls is the unwillingness to forgive." *author unknown*

# Ponder This... Are You A **Murderer**?



Stacey Johnson

Would you consider yourself a murderer? Like you, I look at the word murder and shudder to think that I could be capable of such a thing. To murder—to kill—to take someone's life...that's not the

type of action most individuals would ever consider in their lifetimes.

However, I John 3:15 states, "Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer; and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him." Now let's ask that question again: do you consider yourself a murderer? The Word states that if you hate your brother then you are a murderer. Now the question becomes, who do you hate? I know that hate is a strong word and most of us really have to think for quite a

while to identify someone that we hate. Some of us may not be able to identify anyone.

So let's look at the definition of hate. The dictionary states that hate is a strong feeling of dislike or ill will or hatred. I had to really examine that. I can think of people that I "dislike"...but *hate*? If you check the definition of dislike, it appears that hate and dislike are the same. The dictionary definition lists hate as a synonym for the word dislike. I guess that clears up that confusion. Now ask yourself, "Is there anyone that I dislike?"

So what do we do about it? We make sure that everyday, in every moment, and with everyone, we demonstrate love. This is important for so many reasons. It is most important because God commands it. I Peter 1:8 states, "Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous; not returning evil for evil or reviling for

reviling...."

Yet it is also important because we cannot be true examples of Christ's love if we do not demonstrate love toward others. Our light cannot shine to the world so that people would want to come to Christ through us if when non-believers look at us they only see hatred. Would you want to join a group of people who always appeared to be mean, spiteful and hateful toward one another?

As you live your life daily keep in mind that you may be the only Christian someone else comes across. So every step you take, every word you utter and every place you go must reflect the Christ in you. When others see you, they should know that something is different about you. And that may make them want to see what that difference is for themselves.

So ponder this...***are my words and actions a true reflection of what it means to be a Christian?***

## BIRTHDAY

## CORNER Celebrating the faithfulness of God to bless our congregation to see another year!

### March

Inez Anderson  
John Anderson  
Delores Boykins  
Curtis Brown  
Pearl Cartwright  
Marcel Coates  
Thelma Crosby  
Philip Cunningham  
William Dailey  
Deitrice Dare  
Kenneth Dean  
Ransom Dean  
Robert Davenport  
Juanita Edgerton  
Barbara Faulkner  
Aisha Fields  
Milton Gather

Lawrence Gee III  
Carl Hamiel  
Jamy Hargrove  
Veida Harris  
Lynda Henderson  
Doris Hunter  
Jim Ivey  
Marsha Jacobs  
Brittany Jackson  
Elaine Jackson  
James Jones  
Shirley Jones  
Raphael Leonard  
Betty Johnson  
Thomas Kwenah, Jr.  
Theresa Longmire  
Lillian Lyde  
Ella Maddox

Norman Meredith  
Ann Miller  
Ella Mitchell  
Harold Moody  
Fraun Murdock  
Gladys Palmer-Butler  
Sallie Peebles  
Leslie Pittman  
Rose Reddings  
Larry Revell  
Aisha Richards  
Everette Richards  
Michael Rice  
Beverly Richburg  
Donita Robinson  
Leanna Rogers  
Robin Royster  
Robert Russell

Marian Savage  
Kendrick Tilghman  
Lilly Traynham  
Eddie White  
Vanessa Williams  
Daniel Woodis  
Clarissa Woodson  
Jeanette Woodson  
Irene Woodland  
Gordon Wright  
**April**  
Ernest Anderson, Jr.  
Kevin Anderson  
Rosa Barnes  
Rahmeka Bates  
Taylor Blackburn  
Catherine Bonaparte

Patricia Bonaparte  
Laura Booker  
Antonio Bowens  
Jonathan Brown  
Valerie Brown  
Villor Brown  
Kelly Cheeks  
Beverly Clinton  
Stacey Davis  
Alexander Edwards IV  
Trina Edwards  
Charles Gaskins  
Fred Hatcher  
Gertrude Harrington  
Johnnie Hickman  
Tiffany Jackson  
Marshall Jenkins

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# kid's fun page

games, puzzles, trivia

## God's Chosen African-Americans

Finish the names of these famous African-Americans to find their name in search puzzle below.

S	D	U	B	H	E	N	S	O	N	C	H	M
Q	K	I	N	G	K	T	Z	R	H	A	O	J
P	J	O	H	N	S	O	N	S	E	R	L	T
N	H	L	O	B	A	M	A	U	G	V	Q	O
O	S	T	U	B	M	A	N	A	M	E	E	L
T	S	P	E	T	L	L	N	P	A	R	S	R
G	A	A	N	N	S	C	I	A	R	Y	T	A
N	L	R	U	O	R	O	T	I	S	L	R	K
I	G	K	H	S	E	L	R	N	H	J	U	E
H	U	S	T	D	Y	M	U	E	A	I	T	N
S	O	A	E	O	E	O	H	F	L	O	H	N
A	D	U	B	O	I	S	P	Z	L	C	E	A
W	K	C	R	W	A	L	K	E	R	Z	X	B

- HARRIET TU \_\_\_\_ N
- GEORGE W. C \_\_\_\_ R \_\_\_\_ R
- W.E.B. D \_\_\_\_ O \_\_\_\_
- FREDERICK D \_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_
- SOJOURNER \_\_\_\_ TH
- CARTER G W \_\_\_\_ D \_\_\_\_
- MARTIN L. \_\_\_\_ JR.
- ROSA \_\_\_\_
- THURGOOD M \_\_\_\_ H \_\_\_\_
- MEDGAR E \_\_\_\_ S
- M \_\_\_\_ X
- MADAM C.J. W \_\_\_\_ R
- MATTHEW H \_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_ N
- GARRETT M \_\_\_\_ G \_\_\_\_
- BENJAMIN BA \_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_ AR
- AUTHOR A \_\_\_\_
- BOOKER T W \_\_\_\_ H \_\_\_\_ ON
- MARY BE \_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_
- JAMES W. J \_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_
- BARACK O \_\_\_\_

# more fun for kids!

Bible Trivia!  
Fill-in the blanks!



1. \_\_\_\_\_ is our father.
2. Jesus is our \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ Testaments are parts of the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The first book in the Bible is \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The last book in the bible is \_\_\_\_\_.
6. We should obey the \_\_\_\_\_ Commandments.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ forgives us from our sins.
8. In the begining God created \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Adam and Eve can be found in the book of \_\_\_\_\_.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ built a Ark.
11. The Ark was made of \_\_\_\_\_.
12. It rained \_\_\_\_\_ days and \_\_\_\_\_ nights.
13. \_\_\_\_\_ put a rainbow in the sky as a promise to not flood the earth again.
14. David killed the giant, \_\_\_\_\_, with only a slingshot and a stone.
15. \_\_\_\_\_ brothers sold him into slavery, and later he became very important to Egypt.
16. Moses parted the \_\_\_\_\_ Sea.

Answers: 1. God 2. brother 3. Old, New, Bible 4. Genesis 5. Revelations 6. Ten 7. Jesus 8. Adam, Eve 9. Genesis 10. Noah 11. wood 12. 40, 40 13. God 14. Goliath 15. Joseph 16. Red



# ministries in motion

## upcoming events

### TRUSTEE MINISTRY BULLROAST

The Trustees are hosting a Bull Roast on April 19, 2009 at La Fontaine Bleu, 7514 Gov. Ritchie Hwy, Glen Burnie, MD 21061. Come on out for an evening of good food, good fellowship and good entertainment! The cost is \$45 per person. Payment plans are available. Please see any member of the ministry for tickets and information.

### YOUTH DANCERS TO MINISTER DURING SERVICE

The youth members of the dance ministry will minister on Youth Sundays beginning March 29, 2009. Look for our youth members to become a more active part of the worship experience by ministering to songs that affect and speak to them on their level in an effort to minister to their peers and make their praise and worship experience within the ministry more personal to them!

### SPIRITUAL GIFTS OPEN HOUSE

A spiritual gifts open house will be held in March to guide us on how we might best use our gifts to serve the Lord. See Min. Tyra Curley, Min. Michelle Hamiel or Min. Lori Ford for more information.

### FUNDRAISING FOR THE 40TH

"An Evening with Kenneth and Charles" was just the beginning. Stay tuned for additional events happening in the life of our church as we continue to raise funds for a grand 40th Anniversary celebration next year!

### REVIVAL

Our Revival services this year will take place May 10th - May 14th beginning at 7 p.m. Rev. Anthony Moore will be our guest preacher. Plan to come out for a week of inspiration and motivation!

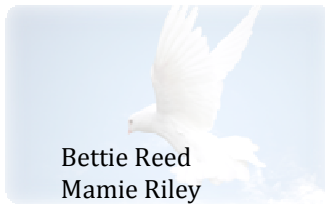
## in our hearts & in our prayers

## food for thought

### RECOVERING AT HOME

Jacquelyn Allen  
Virginia Anderson  
Joann Betts  
O'Neal Bradley  
Inez Brown  
Pearl Cartwright  
Ellen Cherry  
Gertrude Coleman  
Murnell Cooper  
Henry Davis  
Decie Daye  
Mary Foxx  
Lorien Frankford  
James Gordon  
Beulah Graham  
Marian Grandison

Walter Gray  
Viola Henderson  
Sarah Holman  
Jeanette Johns  
Betty Johnson  
Mary Johnson  
Oradale Knight  
Virginia Lively  
Colleaner Lyons  
Lillian Miles  
Yvonne Mitchell  
Jacqueline Myles  
Mildred Owens  
Magaline Parker  
Ruth Payne  
Magruda Pitts



Bettie Reed  
Mamie Riley  
Francis Spencer  
Catherine Spencer  
Claude Spivey  
Emily Tilghman  
Bertha Wilder  
Phyllis Womack  
Irene Woodland  
Margaret Yates

*Please direct sick and shut-in notices to Mrs. Maelena Holman.*

### DO YOU HAVE A TRADE OR SKILL?

Are you a plumber, electrician, designer, musician, or other specialist? Are you looking to enhance your customer base and increase your business? If so, consider submitting your name and profession for publication in our next issue. It's a good opportunity to let our congregation know the services available in our church and gives us a chance to promote us. Who knows? You could be sharing a pew with your next client! See any member of The Times staff for information. Thanks for supporting your church!

## Ministry Spotlight: Missions Ministry

Missionaries are responsible for missions both domestic and abroad in the church and community in order to meet the needs of others.

ABCOTS - American Baptist Churches of The South (Area I)  
Headquarters - 5124 Greenwich Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21229-2314

UBMC - United Baptist Missionary Convention Headquarters

940 Madison Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21201

### EVENTS

March 7<sup>th</sup> ABCOTS, America for Christ  
Rising Sun Baptist Church  
2211 St. Lukes Lane  
8:00 a.m. until  
An offering Service for Scholarship Fund

March 21<sup>st</sup> UBMC  
Fashion Share  
St. Paul Baptist Church, 3101 The Alameda  
8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

The Missionaries are assigned a young lady and will provide her with an outfit and minister to her throughout the day.

April 20<sup>th</sup>- 23<sup>rd</sup> ABCOTS Annual Session  
Richmond, VA  
UBMC  
83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Session- May 18<sup>th</sup>- 22<sup>nd</sup>

## BIRTHDAY CORNER



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Valerie Jones	Ella Echoles
Marcia Lipscombe	Prinsha Fleming
Malinda Mayfield	Flora Gaskins
Gloria McLean	Joy Grandison
Crystal Nall	Joyce Hall
Tashenia Norris	Briana Hamiel
Hampton Ossie	Jackie Hamilton
Samuel Rather, Sr.	Hiram Holton
Jordan Richardson	Charmaine Hubbard
Gerthenia Robinson	Beatrice Jackson
Daniel Smith	Brittany Jackson
Wilbert Sturdivant	Gloria Johnson
Latonya Thomas	Hugh Jackson
Trent Thomas	John Johnson
Diafie Tubah	Kyndra Johnson
Juanita Tyler	Patricia Johnson
Patricia Vukovan	Qhentin Lee
Benita Whitaker	Jewel Lewis
Rebecca White	Denise Mitchell
Manuel Williams	Gwendolyn Patillo
Bertha Wilder	Virginia Rather
Evelyn Wooley	Shannon Rice

### May

Delores Allen	Catherine Spencer
Devera Barnhill	Otelia Spivey
Nancy Brooks	Peggy Stewart
Annie Brown	Toni Stanford
Adina Carter	Peggy Stewart
Judith Chase	Cynthia Thomas
Ellen Cherry	Kevin Tollbert
Violet Churn	Shawnta Townsend
Ethel Cooper-Cuffie	Michael Williams
	Kenneth Willis

### PUBLICATION DEADLINES

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### THE TIMES ON-LINE OR BY E-MAIL

See the latest and past issues of **The Times** in color at <http://www.thecitytemple.org/times>. **The Times** can be e-mailed to you. See April Jones to join our mailing list!

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