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Ollie Rather

Rev. Yeargin, we appreciate you for many reasons. We appreciate the words of wisdom that you gave us when we got married. We also appreciate the Word that you give on a weekly basis. It really helps us get through the week and grow spiritually together.

Thank you for allowing the Lord to use you to minister to us.
Kenneth and Stacey Johnson

Rev. Yeargin, thank you for the support you gave me while I was away in college and continue to give me today. I greatly appreciate it.

Samuel Rather II

FOR A BELOVED PASTOR

To My Beloved Pastor Yeargin,

Happy Birthday to you. "Eyes have not seen; neither have ears heard all of the things God has in store for those who love Him. May God bless you with 60+ more years. Love ya,
Rockie

A FRIEND IN TIME OF NEED

Dear Rev. Yeargin,

January 5, 1993 was the worst new year of my life. Then I met you for the first time at my sister's house.

Harriet's death was a turning point in my life and you had a great deal to do with this. I started coming to City Temple every Sunday. Then August of 1994, you baptized me and my life has not been the same.

You started teaching me little by little and I started learning. Pretty soon, I had a serious relationship with God, His Son, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.

Thank you for introducing me to your friends.
God Bless You.
Love,
Sis. Isabella H. Dowery

KIND HEART, LISTENING EAR

To Rev. Yeargin,

I thank God for you and I pray for you every day. You have a kind heart and you love your members. Anything you can help us with, you try. I can call you and you listen. I am glad you're my pastor.

May God bless you and keep you in His care. You are my pastor and you are my friend.

Thank you,
Jacquelyn R. Allen



THE MEASURE OF A MAN

The measure of a man is his heart
How he treats another human being
Redeeming his existence every day

The measure of a man is his mind
What he feeds it, how he uses it
To improve his life and those around him

The measure of a man is his faith
How deep, how real, how sure
When he needs it, he calls upon it
in the best and the worst of times

The measure of a man is his tongue
Using it to edify, to uplift, to encourage
Making it a tool for improvement
and not a weapon of mass destruction

The measure of a man are his eyes
Seeing the world and all of its possibilities
Looking upon his fellow man with compassion

The measure of a man are his steps
Walking upright with the assurance and confidence
that his steps are ordered by One greater
than he

The measure of a man are his hands
Using them to build up and not tear down
To pick up one who's fallen
Not expecting anything in return

The measure of a man is his capacity to love
Unconditionally, completely, reverently,
respectfully, passionately, divinely
From the very depths of his soul

The full measure of a man will be told
By the life that he lives.

By VonDelisa

God sent you to us
Ready to proclaim His gospel
Always willing to listen
During good times and bad
You are truly a blessing to me and my family

You're not only a preacher, but a teacher of
Every aspect of God's word

Authorized by the Holy Spirit



Realizing that you can do all things through Christ, which strengthens you
Genuine love for our Lord and Savior
Imagine life without God's love...
Not in this lifetime.

Happy Pastor's Appreciation Day and
Happy 60th Birthday, Rev. Yeargin!
Love, Delores "Peaches" Allen & Family

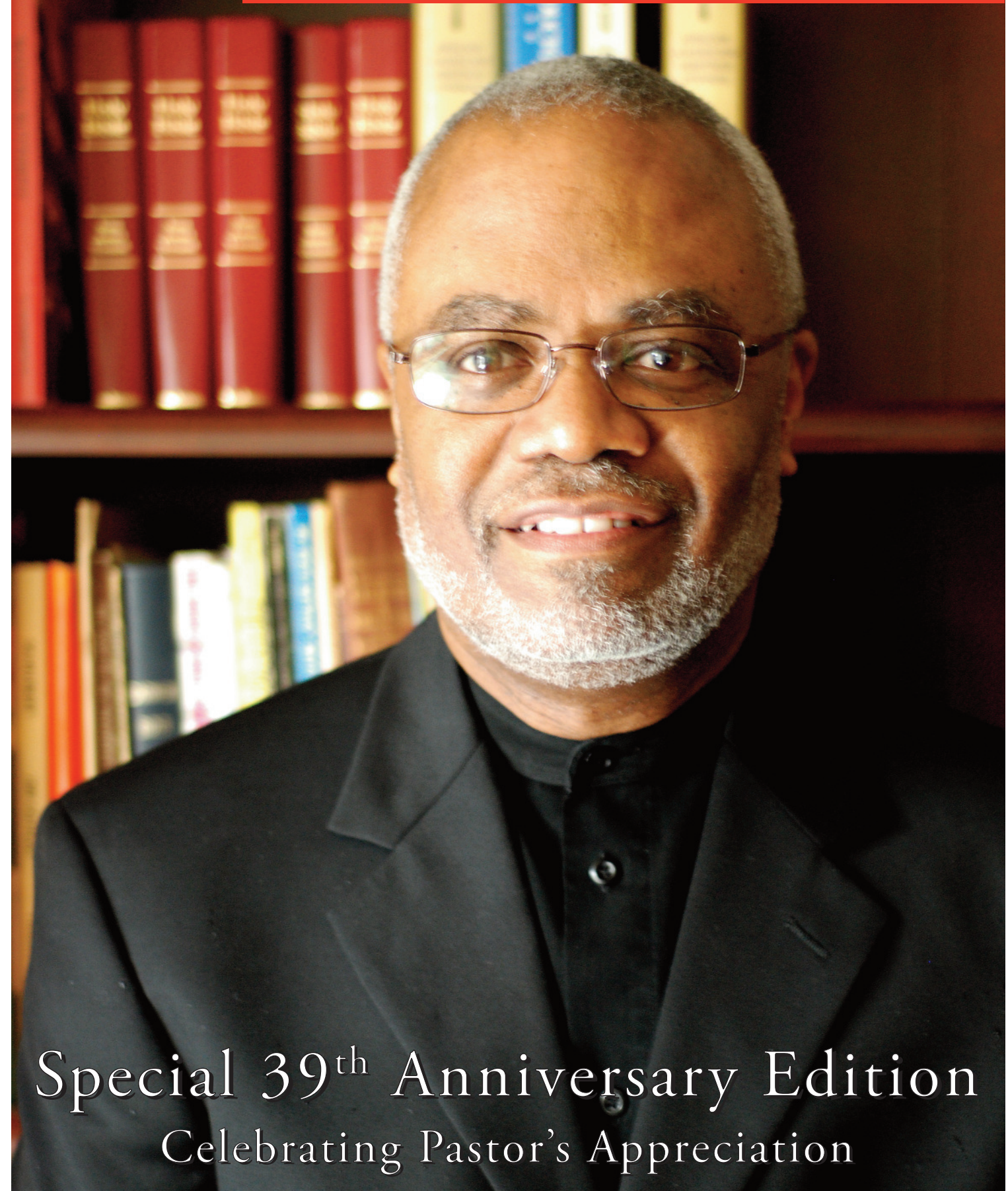
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a brief note

from the editor

As Editor-in-chief of the City Temple Times, I am allowed certain liberties. And one such liberty, is taking the opportunity to praise, congratulate, and show my deepest gratitude to a wonderful teacher.

As a student steadily attempting to move toward spiritual maturity, I can attest to the fact that Christian discipleship is not easy. I will never be able to fully understand or know the pressure that comes with the title Pastor or with the duty of minister or teacher.

I can say with sincere honesty that Rev. has been a wonderful guide for

me. More than a teacher, he's been a facilitator. One that has helped me to help myself understand who God is for me. One who does not make my decisions for me, but gives me the knowledge and the tools to understand enough to make my own responsible decisions.

Rev. has never withheld information from me or closed himself off to me. Throughout college and now, I can be completely comfortable with e-mailing my queries, questions and thoughts to Rev. knowing he will respond to me and make clearer those elusive paradigms or scriptures.

On this Pastor's Appreciation Day, I would like you to know, Rev., that I truly do appreciate all the ways you have helped me on my spiritual journey and I pray God continues to give you what you need to continue to be the blessing to this church that you have been.

I would also like to thank those members of the congregation who contributed to this very special edition of *The Times*. We are indeed celebrating a very honorable man who deserves all of the excitement and spectacle this day promises to bring. God bless. And...*SURPRISE!!!*

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remembering you

in love and appreciation

cont. from P2 through some tough times. I'd always been taught that God was a judgmental God; but you taught me that He is a loving God. This helped me to see Him in a completely different light.

You taught me to listen for the "still small voice." I'm still listening (smile), but I do think I catch it sometimes. I have learned that God loves me and would go to any lengths to save me and I thank you so much for that lesson.

I pray that you continue to be blessed by Him and will be our Pastor for many more years. Of course, I always thank you for *My* first lady! Love you both,
Phyllis Day

GOD KNOWS WHAT WE NEED

God doesn't give you the people you want, He gives you the people you NEED: To help you, to teach you, to guide you, to lead you and to love you into the person you were meant to be. Thanks for being our Shepherd!

Christian Education Ministry

A MAN FOR THE TIMES

May God, the Father, bless you and keep you all the days of your life for you are an insightful man, a spiritual man, and truly a man of God.

You are a man for our time, politically astute, yet possessing an intrinsic sense of equality and justice. These are qualities sorely needed by a world in turmoil; a world bereft of such qualities.

Happy Birthday, Reverend Doctor Grady A. Yeargin!

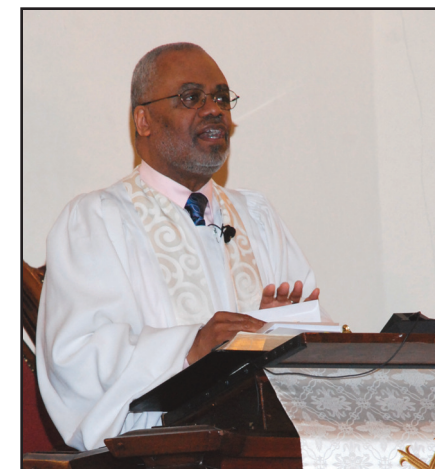
Mrs. Bernadette Lewis

A WONDERFUL HEART

Rev. Yeargin,

Thank you for your heart for God and your heart for serving. For all you do, you are making a difference in our lives.

God Bless You,



Mission Ministry

IRREPLACEABLE

Rev. Yeargin,

You hold a special place in my heart, and a special purpose for City Temple—and that makes you irreplaceable.

Lily Trayham

SPIRITUAL VESSEL

Rev. Yeargin,

Thank you for being that spiritual vessel that God is using to send the message to my heart and continue to overflow it with joy and happiness.

Much Love,

Maelena Holman

ALL IN THE FAMILY

Grady, as I sat here trying to think of what to say to you, I thought of three important roles you are in my

life. They are: my pastor, my brother-in-law, and that special person that brings joy, love, and peace to my sister, Ann.

Whenever I need strength and guidance, I seek daily prayer, the bible, and reflect upon your Sunday sermons.

I am glad you are my brother-in-law and that God did not make a mistake with you.

Finally, the joy, love, and peace that you bring to Ann's life are inspiration and an encouragement for us all. You have truly added to Ann's life with your kind heart, your love for her, and with the support you show for her present and future endeavors.

Above all, you are a very spiritual, inspiring, and dedicated individual who has been blessed and appointed by God. Furthermore, God has provided you with all these wonderful talents to continue to seek and do his will. As you reach another milestone in your life, may God continue to strengthen, bless, and keep you safe, so you can achieve another 60 years of happiness. HAPPY 60TH BIRTHDAY, GRADY!!

Love Always,

Shelly, your #1 sister-in-law

REGARDS FROM THE RATHERS

Dear Rev. Yeargin, we wish you the best and may God continue to bless you to bring The Word to feed our souls. We would also like just to say "Thank You."

Samuel and Elaine Rather and Family

May God continue to bless you.

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remembering you

in love and appreciation

WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT YOU

You are:

--an excellent preacher and teacher

--approachable

--great at analyzing

--intelligent

--religious without being a fanatic

--grateful

--the greatest eulogizer

--humble

--married to a woman we adore, admire and respect

--not afraid to embrace your sense of humor

We love you!

Clarissa & Toinette Woodson

LEADERSHIP

You display the confidence needed to face the toughest leadership role -- Ministry.

Love,

Janice Clashwall

LIKE A SON

Whenever I need you, you're always there. I have often told you that I love you as if you were my son.

Love,

Barbara Faulkner

THE PREPARED PASTOR

Dear Rev. Yeargin,

Just a few words to let you know how appreciative I am of how well prepared you are every Sunday. Your sermons are lively, knowledgeable, engaging and amusing at times. I can tell you put a lot of thought into that process. Job well done. Oh yeah, Happy Birthday, too.

Sincerely,

Curley Brown

THE STILL SMALL VOICE

Pastor: I just wanted to thank you for all that I've learned under your tutelage as Pastor. The bible studies and Sunday sermons have kept me