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# T H E G R A D U A T E S

## Celebrating Ministers Tyra Curley and Patricia Yeargin



Ministers Tyra Curley and Patricia Yeargin pose for pictures after receiving their Masters of Divinity Degree from Virginia Union's Proctor School of Theology.

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The Women's Ministry of the City Temple of Baltimore Baptist hosted a Graduation Reception at the Forum Caterers on Saturday, May 15th honoring Minister Patricia A. Yeargin and Minister Tyra L. Curley, who recently graduated from the Virginia Union University, Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology earning the Master of Divinity Degree. Guests joined Minister Yeargin and Minister Curley at the Forum for a delicious southern-style meal and an enjoyable program. It was a lovely affair that featured many surprises.



Randy Tilghman as Howard Cosell.

Debbie Hickman and the outrageously funny Randy Tilghman, as "Howard Cosell, Jr." Guests were also entertained by the music of Kendrick "DJ 5 Star" Tilghman.

The theme of the program was "Perseverance - The Falls of Life" and "Mr. Cosell", in his bright orange blazer and vintage "Howard Cosell" wig, launched into his routine, entertaining the crowd with a "This is Your Life" skit, roasting Minister Pat and Minister Tyra with stories, as told by family and friends from the past and the present. We were even introduced to one of Minister Pat's teachers from her middle school days at Gwynns Falls Junior High School, Mrs. Humphries. Minister Tyra's mother, Mrs. Christine Barksdale, shared how Min. Tyra was quite the baseball player in her younger days. Rev. Yeargin shared the story of how he "fell" hopelessly in love with his bride; life in the Yeargin household for the past three years with his wife--the student; and the

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# where are our black men?



Stacey R. Johnson

As you look around the sanctuary what do you notice? There are many more women than men who attend church.

This is not only true of City Temple, but it is true of African American congregations across the country. Why? After reading articles and talking to a few people, I've heard many theories.

One theory is that many black men are afraid to come to church. More specifically, the theory states that they are afraid of church people's perceptions of them and they are afraid of what would happen if they give their lives to God. They aren't exactly ready to give up anything. They feel that submitting to God will make them weak. They also be-

lieve that being a person who practices the Christian faith won't allow them to "play on both sides of the fence". The theory also states that black men are afraid of what their friends and family will say.

In his blog entitled, "Why Black Men Don't Church", Michael David Cobb Bowen gives many theories as to why he believes that black men don't go to church. One of them revolves around money. This is his explanation. "God doesn't need my money. The church needs my money. They've always needed my money and they've always tried to convince me that God wants me to give it to them. I've been praying to Jesus since I was 8 years old and never once has He told me, 'Can you help a brotha out?' I understand that I owe something to my less fortunate brothers, but I will not give it to a minister who drives a better car than me. I don't mind supporting ministries, but I've got my priorities."

After my research, I've developed my own theories. I believe that most black men don't see the importance of attending church. Since they don't see it as a priority, they don't put any effort into attending. I also believe that most of these black men feel that they will start to go "one day". They believe they will have this magical epiphany and it will make them want to come to church regularly. For some black men, they experience some type of tragedy which does send them running into the church. However, the sad part is for many of these black men that "one day" never comes.

None of these theories are good reasons for black men to fail to make an effort to have a relationship with Christ and to participate within a church on a regular basis. Let's think about this: how can a black man justify getting up and going to work every day to serve man and not give one day to show appreciation for all that God has done for him?

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## an intergenerational moment

submitted by Estelle Carter

### *"A Special Grandmother and Granddaughter"*

Grandmother Geraldine White and her Granddaughter Tiffany are very special. Most of the Temple family knows this "duo". I have experienced many loving family relationships but none quite like this Grandmother and Granddaughter.

Here in the Temple on Sundays, I look

for Grandmother Geraldine and Tiffany. If I see one and not the other, one will assist me in locating the other one.

Both are genuinely concerned about the other, love the other, and are equally protective of the other.

They are the apple of each other's eyes. When I hear their conversation,

which permeates with love, it sounds like unconditional love to me.

This is a special grandmother and a special granddaughter.



# ministries in motion

## upcoming events

### YOUTH DANCERS

Come out and support the youth of the Dance Ministry as they minister at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church on June 4th at 7 pm (214 S. Loudon Avenue, 21229) for their Jam for Jesus celebration. They have been practicing hard and have been doing a phenomenal job, so let's show them how much we appreciate them.

### YOUTH CHOIR

The Youth Choir will be featured in concert at City Temple on June 13th at 4pm. The youth have really been practicing and are excited about their upcoming concert, so we know it's going to be fabulous! Kudos to Youth Choir Director, Sis. Gloria Brown, Music Ministry Associate Director, Bro. Charles Arnette, assistants, Sis. Kim Davis, Sis. Toinette Woodson, Sis. Erica Richardson, and Sis. Cheryl Johnson, and all the youth for their efforts in preparing for this year's concert!

### SIGHT AND SOUND TRIP

For all of those who are going with the Missionary Ministry to Sight & Sound Theatres to see "Joseph" on Thursday, June 17, look forward to enjoying the show, scrumptious eating and a shopping spree. The bus departs from City Temple at 10:30 a.m. and returns to City Temple at 9:30 p.m. Plan to have FUN, FUN, FUN on the bus!!!

### GRADUATE RECOGNITION

On June 27th, our youth and graduates will be recognized during the morning worship service. This year our graduates and all former graduates will be decked in their regalia!!! There will be a reception following the morning service in honor of our graduates as well. That's two great reasons to make sure you're here on the 27th!

### PASTOR'S APPRECIATION

The church will be celebrating our pastor's 40th year of preaching on July 11th during the morning worship service followed by a reception. Rev. Granville Stewart will be our guest preacher. Forty years in the ministry...how awesome is that? So, let's show our pastor on this day the same love and appreciation toward him that he has shown for the ministry and his congregation over the last 40 years!!!

### ARTSCAPE ORGAN FESTIVAL

Music lovers, come out on July 17th as our fantastic pipe organ is showcased once again during Artscape's Organ Festival! The Perpetual Organ Committee does a fabulous job each year in making sure our fantastic and historical organ gets the attention it deserves. Now, while not every organist, no matter how experience or skilled they might be, can play our organ like Dr. Kenneth Dean, Direc-

tor of our Music Ministry, we gotta give props to the other musicians who give it a pretty good go. The concerts are truly heaven inspired and participants and attendees alike leave feeling refreshed and revived. So come on out and get yours!

### CHURCH PICNIC

The Annual Church Picnic will take place at Druid Hill Park following the morning worship service July 18th. So, come on to church in the morning and feed your spirit with the word, then go on out to the park and feed your belly with some great food. This event is always a lot of fun and great way for us to fellowship with one another outside the walls of the church. There's always plenty of food and drink (non-alcoholic, of course...this is a church event) and plenty of activities for all to enjoy. So, I hope to see you there!

### HITTIN' THE ROAD WITH REV

The church will be traveling to Greenville, S. C., where our pastor got his great beginning as spry young preacher, to see him preach at Springfield Baptist Church on Sunday, July 25. The bus will be leaving at midnight on July 23, 2010 from the church and leaving South Carolina at 4 pm on the 25th. See how our pastor puts it down in the 'Dirty South'...Baltimore style! You're sure to be blessed! P.S. Deposits are due ASAP!



*The City Temple Security Ministry dedicated a shade tree in memory of the deceased mothers of City Temple. As the tree grows, it will provide shade for all to enjoy as well as bring beauty to the community.*



# celebrating with

## ministers tyra and pat

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Min. Yeargin greets guests at the luncheon.

joys of being “first husband”. Some of the other guests who shared stories and anecdotes about the honorees were Joyce Baylor-Thompson and Candace McNeil (sister and daughter of Min. Yeargin), Mr. William Pratt (former neighbor of Min. Yeargin) and Mrs. Delores Sutherland (aunt of Min. Curley).

Memory Books were circulated so guests could write their thoughts and well wishes to Min. Pat and Min. Tyra. Two beautifully crafted collages featuring a pictorial life story of each of the graduates were also on display. In their remarks, Min. Pat and Min. Tyra acknowledged that it was through God’s grace that they were able to persevere through three years of intense study, making 142 trips and commuting over 42,000 miles to Virginia for classes. All things are possible with God!

Mrs. Annie Brown, a member of the Women’s Ministry, was also recognized on the occasion of her 84th birthday.

City Temple came out in large numbers to show their love for Minister Pat and Minister Tyra.

# ponder

## this

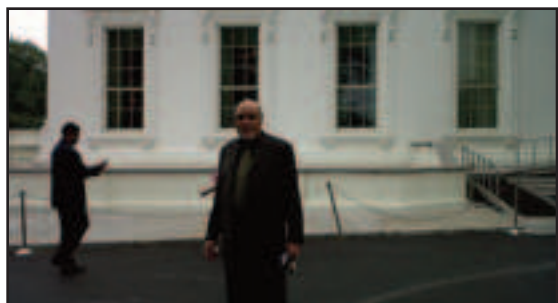
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How do we help to bring our black men into the church? I think we need to seriously take a look at the reasons that black men don’t come to church and take steps within our ministries to address those concerns. Will we get every black man? No. But it will be a step in the right direction.

It is important to point out that there are black men in our church who do a wonderful job of being involved and demonstrate the kindness and compassion of Christ. I thank those of you who are here and who make a concerted effort at City Temple to do what is right.

So ponder this: where would our community be if the majority of black men were practicing Christians participating within our churches?

*kudos!*  
*Dr. Dean*



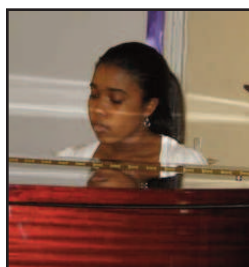
Dr. Dean poses in front of the White House when his son, a law enforcement officer (not pictured), was invited to celebrate “Law Enforcement Day”.

Dr. Kenneth Dean receives his second Doctorate of Sacred Music from Eastern Theological Seminary, Lynchburg, VA.



# lea simmons

## raising the bar



Lea plays the piano during 2009’s Mother-Daughter Tea.

Lea Simmons has just completed her freshman year at Howard University. Because of her love of foreign languages and cultures, she

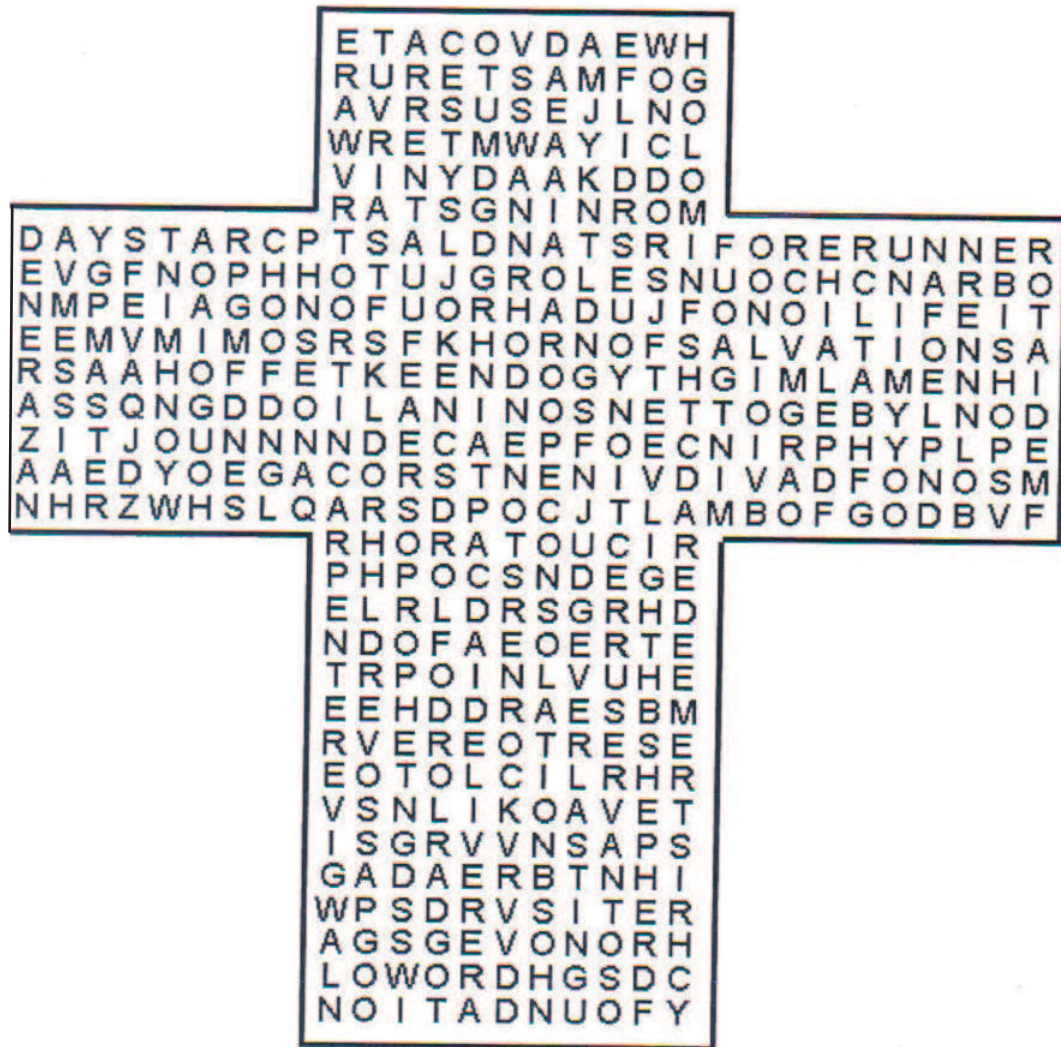
has chosen Spanish as her major with a minor in Arabic. In the future, Lea hopes to be a translator, language specialist, or possibly a teacher. She ended her second semester at Howard with a 4.0 grade point average.

Lea was chosen for a language scholarship to Cairo, Egypt by her Arabic professor at Howard. He chose her from among all his Arabic classes, as he felt she has a great aptitude for the language. Lea will leave for Egypt on June 4, returning on July 30. She is travelling with a group of students from Norfolk State University. While in Egypt, she will be living in an apartment with the other students and attending classes in Arabic Language and the History of Egypt, which will count as additional college credit. Excursions are planned for the pyramids, Luxor, Nile River, and the Sinai Peninsula/RedSea.

# kid's fun page

games, puzzles & trivia

But Whom Do You Say That I AM?



Advocate  
Almighty  
Alpha and Omega  
Amen  
Apostle  
Beloved Son  
Bishop  
Branch  
Bread  
Captain  
Carpenter  
Chosen  
Christ  
Consolation  
Cornerstone  
Counselor  
Day Star  
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First and Last  
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Governor  
Head  
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Holy and Just One  
Horn of Salvation  
I AM  
Jesus  
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King  
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Nazarene  
Only Begotten Son  
Passover  
Priest  
Prince of Peace  
Prophet

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Resurrection  
Rock  
Savior  
Servant  
Shepherd  
Son of David  
Son of God  
Son of Man  
Vine  
Way  
Wonderful  
Word



# Coloring Fun!



# male chorus

travels with pastor

On May 2, the City Temple Male Chorus traveled with our Pastor, Rev. Dr. Grady A. Yeargin Jr., to the Greater St. Paul Baptist Church in Washington D.C. for their Men's Day celebration.

Under the direction of Randy Sellers, the Male Chorus, dressed in their black and white and wearing red ties, got the congregation on their feet with the up-tempo song,



The Male Chorus sings during the Sunday worship service.

"Run And Tell That," featuring the dynamic duet by Randy Tilghman and Greg Reed.

Rev. Yeargin gave a powerful sermon that encouraged and inspired the congregation. All were truly blessed by the Word.

On Mother's Day, the Male Chorus serenaded the Mothers with their rendition of "Heaven is Looking Down". We look forward to more blessings from the Male Chorus in the future.

# four candles

submitted by clyde brown

The ambience was so soft, you could almost hear them talking.

The first one said, "I am Peace, however, no one can keep me lit, I believe I will go out." Its flame rapidly diminishes and it goes out.

The second one says, "I am Faith! But these days, nobody wants to keep me lit."

A breeze softly blew on it, putting it out.

Sadly, the third candle spoke its turn, "I am Love! I haven't got the strength to stay lit. People put me aside and don't understand my importance. They even forget to love

those closest to them." And waiting no longer, it goes out.

Suddenly, a child enters the room, seeing three candles not burning, she begins to cry. "You are supposed to stay lit to the end!"

Then the fourth candle said, "Don't be afraid. While I am still burning, we can re-light the others. I am Hope!"

With shining eyes, the child took the Candle of Hope and re-lit the other three candles. Never let the Flame of Hope go out from your life! With it lit, peace, faith and love can shine brightly!

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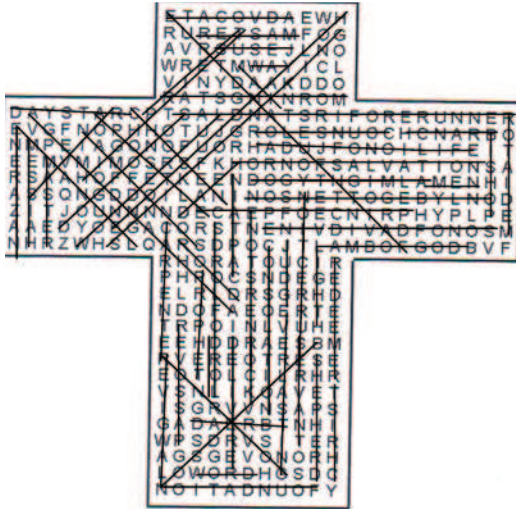
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## Word Find



## Trivia

1. D
2. C
3. D
4. D
5. A
6. C
7. D

# Smokin' Hot! Summer Birthdays

## June

Curley Brown  
Gladys Smith  
Hazel Cullings Johnson  
Lawrence A. Williams  
Monifa Brooks  
Tara Stevens  
Kim Pettigrew  
Lauretta Fallin  
Tyrek Robinson  
Dylan Anderson  
Marguerite Ford-Lacy  
Shanay Wallace  
Patricia Yeargin  
Vera Lovick

*July*

Donna Cooper  
Geraldine P. White  
Gloria Jean Baylor-Cook  
Gloria Carroll  
Gloria House Catlett  
Phyllis Hall  
Jermari Young  
Bessie Mae Gray  
Brenda McDougal  
Anajahsia Handy  
Mary Leach  
Rodney Thompson

*Dorothy Lawson*  
*Norma Young*

## August

*April Jones*  
*Bobbie J. Hargrove*  
*Davina Morton*  
*Deborah Anderson*  
*Geraldine Davis*  
*Gregory E. Reed*  
*Hallie Tucker*  
*Marian Brown*  
*Maxine Anne Boyd*  
*Nadena W. Holden*  
*Rebecca Pettaway*  
*Samuel Rather*  
*Vanessa Coates*  
*Vonda Reed*  
*William E. Stewart*  
*Joyce Campbell*  
*Lennard Jackson*  
*Shirley Hughes*  
*Claude Spivey*  
*Chianti Jackson Harpool*  
*Oradale Knight*  
*Tracie Carter*  
*Regina Stevenson*  
*Tracey Cheeks*  
*Annette D. Hart*  
*Bernadette Edwards*

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