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**August 26, 2007**  
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August 26, 2007

Greetings Christian Friends:

What a blessing and a joy to greet you in the name of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ. On behalf of the members of the Canton Gospel Music Association, we are grateful that you took the time to come and share this momentous evening with us.



We welcome you this evening as we celebrate God's goodness through music. We are honored to pay tribute to "Trailblazing Choirs of Yesteryear", The Northside Community Choir", The Madison County Baptist Association Youth Choir" and The Original Holy Child Jesus Singers". In addition, we are presenting music scholarships to nine (9) up and coming musicians to assist with their music lessons. Our home town has been tremendously blessed with so many individuals who continuously dedicate their gifts of music back to the Giver. We are happy to present awards in thirteen (13) categories to individuals/groups that have been voted on by the ENTIRE Canton Gospel Music Association. I want to reiterate that every nominee is a WINNER, for there are NO losers in the service of the Lord.

It is with humility that I express my sincere appreciation to every member of the Canton Gospel Music Association for your trust in me and the support of the vision that God has given me. Your hard work and dedication can NEVER be fully rewarded on earth but certainly in heaven. Finally, I wish to thank each presenter, each musician, pastor, performer, sponsor and most of all the community for believing in our dream and assisting us in making this day, our Fourth Celebration, a reality.

May God Bless each of you tonight and if we can be of assistance to you, please don't hesitate to call upon us.

Sincerely and on behalf of the Canton Gospel Music Association, I remain,

Your Servant

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August 26, 2007

"How good and pleasant it is when we come together in unity." Psalm 133:1

Greetings to all our visitors, families, and friends. It is indeed a pleasure for me to welcome you to our great city. You need only look at the list of those individuals and groups that are being recognized tonight to see why Canton is a city with a "Rich History. Bright Future."

I would like to congratulate Ms. Cynthia Goodloe-Palmer and all the members of the Canton Gospel Music Association on this their fourth anniversary of celebrating Canton's best in gospel music. I also send congratulations to the special honorees, The Northside Community Choir, The Madison County Baptist Association Youth Choir, and The Holy Child Jesus Singers and all of those who have been selected and will be recognized for their contributions to the uplifting of God's kingdom through song and the preached word.

You know gospel music has been a part of our history for many, many years. Our ancestors sang spirituals to get through those long, tough days in the field. The style may have changed over the years but the message of God has remained the same.

Once again welcome to Canton and I pray you will enjoy all that this night has to offer.

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Dear Friends:

As Governor of the State of Mississippi, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the second Canton Gospel Music Celebration. It is fitting that Canton, with its rich heritage, deep spiritual roots, and strong church affiliations hosts an event to honor one of music's finest genres.

I would also like to commend and recognize tonight's Lifetime Achievement Award recipients - The Northside Community Choir, Mr. James Harris, Director; The Madison County Baptist Association Youth Choir, Professor Samuel Whisenton, Director and The Holy Child Jesus Singers, the Late Sister Thea Bowman, Director. This is a wonderful way to commemorate their service to the Canton Community and contributions to the legacy of Gospel music.

I wish the 2007 Canton Gospel Music Celebration much success, and look forward to many more to come.

Sincerely,

Haley Barbour  
Governor



THE HISTORY  
OF

MADISON COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION YOUTH CHOIR

The Madison County Baptist Association Youth Choir was organized in the summer of 1970 at Mount Zion M.B. Church where Dr. W.L. Johnson was Pastor. The idea for a choir grew out of some young people attending the State Congress of Christian Education which met in Jackson, MS; where gospel singing of young people in the church was discussed. The Young people picked up some support from the Rev. Dr. Hickman Johnson, Pastor of Farish Street Baptist Church. The young Mr. Aaron Parker and some other young people went to Rev. N. B. Jackson, Rev. C.S. Anthony, the State Congress President, and Moderator of Madison County Baptist Association, and who also was president of the County Congress.

Rev. N.B. Jackson (deceased) appointed Mr. Ben Johnson (deceased), Mrs. Rembert Washington (deceased), Mrs. C. Lee and Mr. S.H. Whisenton to organize the choir. The first pianist was Ms. Margaret Holiday, the second, Mr. Amos Polk (deceased), third Mr. Randolph Watson, fourth, fifth, and sixth were Mr. Eddie Johnson, Mr. Paul Robinson, and Ms. Elaine McKenzie

The choir grew very large in size and sang for all the county's organizations of the Association. They also sang for the State Congress as the President's special choir before his annual address. Not to mention, they sang at the State Convention for the Young People, the Ushers and Song Leaders' Convention. The Baptist State Convention Youth-O-gram; the first time we participated; we won first place and several second places, along with two third places. The first time the choir won first place was in Indianola, MS, and the last time first place was in Greenville, MS. (That was also the last performance of the choir in 1981).

The choir went to the National Congress twice; Little Rock, AR and Wichita, KS. The choir sang at MS Valley State University, University of Southern MS and Alcorn State University. In Jackson, MS the choir sang at the following Churches; New Mt. Zion, Cade Chapel, College Hill, Greater Fairview, New Strangers Home, Mt. Sinai, Hope Spring and others. The choir also engaged in numerous engagements in Natchez, MS, most of the Baptist Churches in Madison County, Mt. Zion, Mt. Levi, Mt. Able, Southern Hill, St. John, Mt. Olive, St. Matthews and others, just to name a few. Methodists: Asbury, St. Paul, Lampton Chapel and a Church in Madison, MS-Catholic, Holy Child Jesus. Not to forget Humble Jerusalem M.B. Church in Yazoo City, MS and in Yazoo County; Mr. Ross Simms (deceased) was a great supporter of all functions of the choir (Yazoo City, MS).

The counselors were Mrs. Mary N. Whisenton, Mrs. Alice Gowdy and Mrs. Hazel Brown. The Parents Council, Mrs. C. Coney (President), Mrs. Betty Robinson and others. Advisor/Coordinator, Mr. Ben Johnson (deceased); Spiritual Advisor who were very instrumental in supporting all functions, Rev. N.B. Jackson (deceased), Dr. W.L. Johnson (these pastors spent many nights away with us, many

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times we were broken down on the road), Rev. W.L. Washington (deceased), Rev. S.M. Johnson (deceased), Beulah Dykes (deceased) Mrs. Caroline L. Johnson, President of the Women's Convention, were all great financial supporters. Mrs. Courtney Jones and Mrs. Jewell Williams were worthy parental participants. Mr. Eddie Leapheart (deceased) and Mr. Willie Smith were Transportation Coordinators. Mr. S. H. Whisenton was the Director.

The choir members came from major Baptist Churches; some Methodists, Holiness and Catholic Churches.

The choir didn't have sweet sailing all the time, but however, we preferred not to dwell on the negatives. The Choir's first name was "The Madison County Sunday School and B.T.U. congress Choir". It was later changed to the Madison County Baptist Association Youth Choir, an auxiliary to the Madison County Baptist Association.

The choir received numerous community awards and recognition. Awards from the Velma W. Jackson High School Song Fest and the Voices of Faith Anniversary and several others.

Words cannot express the gratitude and what it meant to us in having moral support from all the parents who loaned their children to us for such a great cause which will go down in history. Our appreciation and gratitude goes out to all who entrusted in our love and support for a worthy cause. **GOD USED THESE YOUNG PEOPLE TO GLORIFY HIS NAME THROUGH SONGS AND PRAISE AND CARRIED THEM SAFELY ACROSS MANY DANGEROUS HIGHWAYS.**

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A-MEN





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In the year of 1966, the Holy Child Jesus Choir was formed under the leadership of Sister Thea Bowman. The voices consisted of Sopranos, Altos Tenors & Bases. The choir traveled to many colleges and sang for many programs.

In 1967, the choir recorded their first album, "THE VOICE OF NEGRO AMERICA". This album was the first album recorded by a choir in Canton. The album was sold Nation wide. All songs were recorded acappella except for a few. Mr. C.W. Salisbury & Sister Beatina served as pianist.



### SISTER THEA BOWMAN, F.S.P.A.

Sister Thea Bowman was born in 1937. As a child growing up, she lived in the Bowman home on Hill Street in Canton Miss. In 1953, Thea entered the Franciscan Sisters' community in La Crosse, Wisconsin. She was the only African American nun in an all-white congregation.

She became a popular speaker throughout the country on subjects that ranged from Christian responsibilities and roles to the ultimate joy of expressing life as a Christian. In 1980, Sister Thea helped found the Institute of Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University in New Orleans, Louisiana. She served on the Institute faculty until 1989. In 1984, Sister Thea was diagnosed with breast cancer and received treatment for the remainder of her life.

Sister Thea traveled to the Forty-Third International Eucharistic Congress in Nairobi, Kenya in 1985. She also visited Zimbabwe and Nigeria. The National Black Sisters' Conference recognized Sister Thea with the Harriet Tubman Award. Sister Thea conducted workshops from coast to coast and as far away as Arusha, Tanzania until her death on March 30, 1990. She received numerous awards throughout her lifetime as well as posthumously, including the Pope John XXIII Award, the Christian Brothers College Award for promoting peace and justice in the world, and the Lactare Medal from Notre Dame University.

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### **Mrs. Climentine Lewis Bufkin-Morgan**

Mrs. Climentine Lewis Bufkin-Morgan is a native of Leake County. She is the oldest of ten children born to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Henry Lewis. Mrs. Morgan completed her education in the Leake County School System and has completed further studies at Holmes Community College. Further educational studies have been with the Mississippi Department of Health Food Service Administration. She retired from the Canton Public School system after 34 years of dedicated service. She is a long time resident of Canton, Mississippi.

Mrs. Morgan is an accomplished pianist and anointed singer. She has served as a musical instrument in the ministry for over 60 years. Her gift has been received by churches not limited to but including Leake, Scott, Yazoo, Coahoma, Attala, Madison, Hinds, and Neshoba counties. Her musical ministry has also spread to Illinois, Louisiana, Tennessee and Wisconsin. She lives the life she sings about in her songs!

This **Woman of God** serves with her pastor at New Jerusalem Church of God in Christ as head of the mother's board, confidant and spiritual leader to her membership, and member of the trustee board. She has served in many capacities at her home church including church secretary, Sunday School Superintendent, choir leader, church pianist, prayer and bible band president, YPWW president, and pastor's aide committee member. This anointed woman has been a counselor to many and is blessed to be a part of the New Jerusalem Family.

Mrs. Morgan was married to the late Stanley Morgan. She is a family woman and lover of her children Dale (Minister Donald) Lawrence and Jannifer (Elder Johnny) Anderson. She is also blessed to have four sisters Sammye Clemons, Johnnie (Robert) Gray, Audie Martin, Helen Jean O'Neal and one brother James Henry Lewis. Her grandchildren Felicia Lawrence, Tenisha Lawrence, Faith (Kenyon) Williams, Jonathan (Renada) Anderson, Jessica (Jonathan) Winston and two great-grand children, Laphadrae and Mylasia call her blessed.





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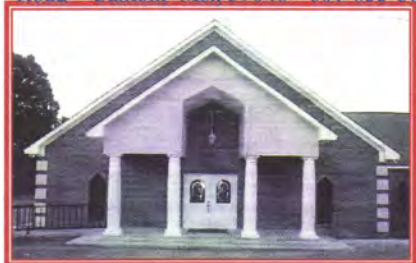
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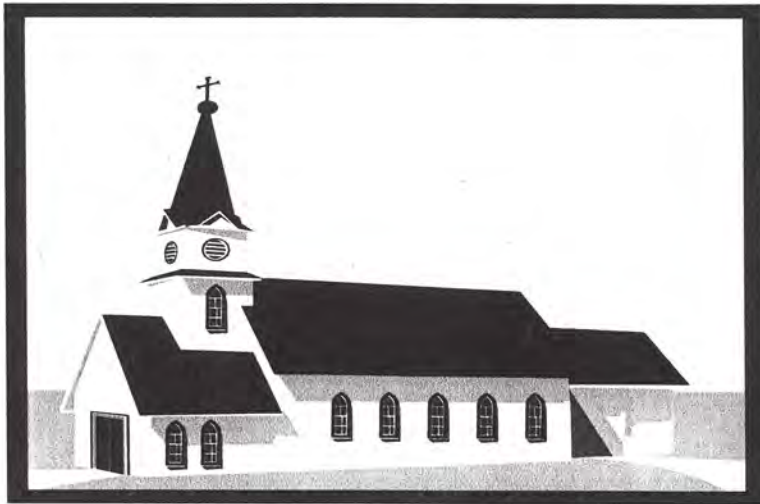
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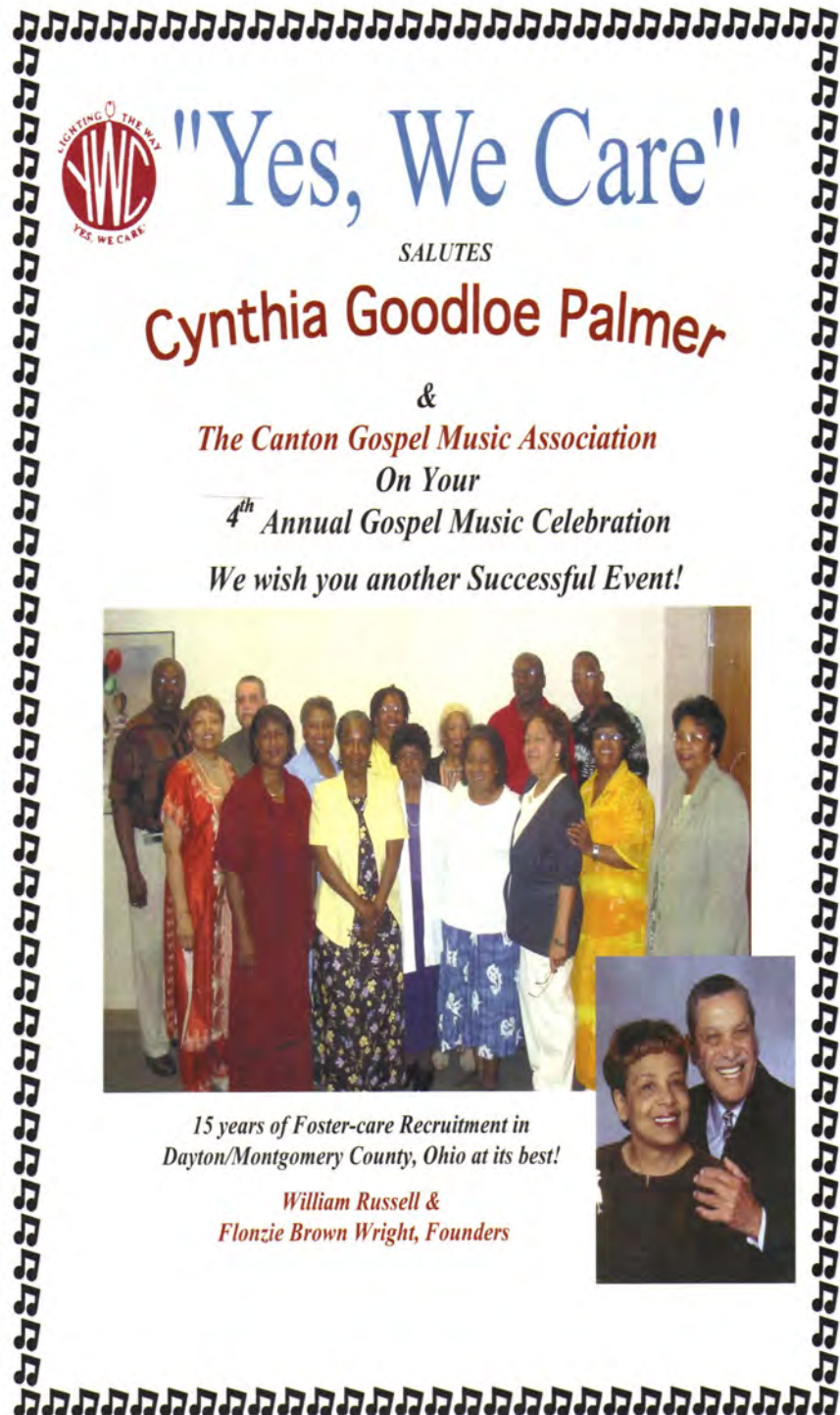
Mr. Robinson, who holds a master of music education, is currently the Director of Worship Arts at the Jackson Revival Center Church. His professional experience as a conductor extends from the local campuses of Jackson State University, Alcorn State University and Tougaloo College to the stage of Carnegie Hall with the Grace Bumbry Black Musical Heritage Ensemble; and as Assistant Artistic Director of the Boys Choir of Harlem, Inc. "I see this as a real opportunity to provide social, spiritual, academic, and cultural enrichment for the campus, the community, and the city of Jackson," said Mr. Robinson.

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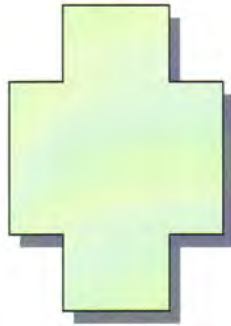
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- 4 Billy Joe Wells
- 5 Quentin Ransburg

### **9\*\* MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR**

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- 2 Pat Kassee
- 3 Harry Watson
- 4 Dietrice Cotton
- 5 Johnathan Anderson
- 6 Ashford Sanders

### **10\*\* PRAISE DANCE MINISTRY OF THE YEAR**

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- 4 Angels in Christ--Mt. Able
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- 2 Mt. Able Male Chorus
- 3 Mt. Zion Male Chorus
- 4 Greater Ross Chapel
- 5 New Bethel

### **12\*\* SONGWRITER OF THE YEAR**

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- 2 Gerald Nichols
- 3 Greg Richards
- 4 Rev. Eugene Rivers
- 5 Kelly Jones

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- 1 Claudgeana Roberts
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- 2 Nathaniel Cole
- 3 Cynthia Murrell
- 4 Claude Nichols
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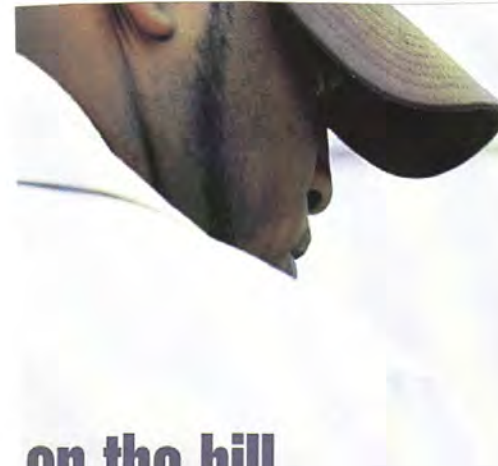
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