

# The Uplifter

## Evergreen Baptist Church

Reverend Arthur Douglas, Jr., Pastor  
804 Allen Avenue Shreveport, LA 71103

October 1, 2017

### 2ND PASTORAL HONORARIUM CELEBRATION

#### Tribute to Pastor Douglas

To bestow honor on Pastor Arthur Douglas, Jr. is a joyous occasion for the Evergreen Family!

During his tenure as overseer of this congregation, Pastor Douglas has shown himself to be a pastor who loves God and loves God's people.

His caring nature bespeaks his love, and his thorough teaching and preaching reflect a deep-seated desire that God's Word will be understood and embraced by people of all ages and from all walks of life. The high point of a worship service for our pastor is for someone to come forward for baptism. Winning souls to Christ is his greatest joy!



In the short period of two and one-half years, Pastor Douglas has shown to Evergreen that he is a man of God. He feeds this flock that is in his charge; and, as Paul instructed Timothy, he is an example in his actions – in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith. Throughout this 2<sup>nd</sup> Honorarium Celebration, the response of the church family has been commendable! At the September 9<sup>th</sup> Prayer Brunch, *Sons of Evergreen* offered prayers for Pastor & his family, Evergreen Church Family & Pastor, Pastor in the Local and Global Community, and for Pastoral Peace. On September 23<sup>rd</sup>, "Expressions of Love for a Labor of Love" was the theme for a Tribute to First Lady Sister Sheila Douglas. Children and youth participated as Heralds carrying signs that announced the qualities of the Virtuous Woman (Proverbs 31:10-13).



#### The Anniversary Journal includes expressions of love and appreciation for Pastor Douglas that are as follows:

*Full of wisdom, guidance and loving concern; our lives have been truly touched; God has sent us an angel; REAL PASTOR - not preaching on his own, but what God puts in his heart; Renders faithful and dedicated service; Grateful for his wonderful mentorship; A blessing to Evergreen;*

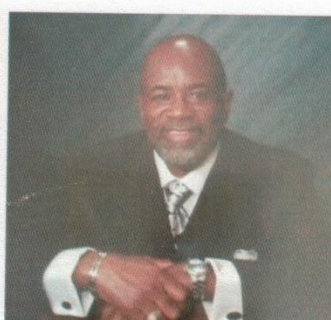
*A chosen vessel who demonstrates the qualities and virtues that he preaches; His excitement and passion to preach the Word cause many to look forward to the next Sunday's message; Filled with joy that God saw fit to send him to Evergreen.*

The Honorarium celebration culminates with two (2) Worship Services on Sunday October 1, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Guest speakers are Pastor Keith Douglas (His Way Baptist Church, Houston, TX) and Pastor Freddie Wilson (Saint Paul Missionary Baptist Church (Center, TX). God has richly blessed Evergreen with the leadership of Pastor Douglas! We love him and pray that God will continue to richly bless him and his family! **TO GOD BE THE GLORY!**

#### Guest Speakers



Pastor Keith Douglas



Pastor Freddie Wilson

#### Honorarium Committee



D'Juna Otis, Zola Drain, Kevy Gardner & Marshall Nelson



Bridgette Carpenter, Bettie Pennywell, Juanita Turner & Shirley Wright



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Tamara	Falcon	Sept. 13
Cason	Shawndale	Oct. 01
Franklin	Lavern	Oct. 02
Kennedy	Paige	Oct. 02
Stephens	Mamie G.	Oct. 06
Wright	Shirley D.	Oct. 06
Norman	Murray	Oct. 09
Elliott	Fatina	Oct. 10
Turner	Juanita	Oct. 11
Mock	Berniece	Oct. 12
Ary	Asia	Oct. 13
Lassai-Ballard	Sandra	Oct. 13
Miles	Florence	Oct. 14
Paul	Demaria S.	Oct. 14
Rice	Linda L.	Oct. 14
Brooks	Helen F.	Oct. 19
Ferguson, Sr.	Carlous	Oct. 21
Sims	Sharon D.	Oct. 22
Ford	Brionna	Oct. 24
Autry	James L.	Oct. 27
Jones	Louise	Oct. 27
Lewis	Monique	Oct. 27
Cox	Sharon	Oct. 30
Norman	Quinton	Oct. 31
Wright	Weyburn	Oct. 31

## SUNDAY SCHOOL/ TEACHER RECOGNITION



The Sunday Recognition Program, which was held on Sunday, September 24, 2017, was amazingly wonderful. Members of our church were encouraged to attend Sunday school and teachers were recognized for their dedication. In addition, emphasis was placed upon the importance of children attending Sunday school, which will assist with their spiritual growth and foundation. The Ary's blessed us with an inspiring duet. Please join us in Sunday school on Sunday mornings at 9:00. Sunday school will help strengthen you spiritually. We look forward to seeing you every Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m.



## PROCLAMATION AWARDED (The Crosstown Reunion)

From the displacement of residents that started in the late 50's and continues until this present day, the idea of a reunion of past and present residents was born. Through the efforts of Mr. Willie (Too Boy) Latin and Mrs. Jessie Mae Caruthers, that idea became a reality on Labor Day 1994.

The event held at Princess Park was a big success with residents returning from as far away as Los Angeles attending. There were BBQ grills and tents galore in the park. Food was shared as well as stories of those long ago and not so long ago years.

After the failing health of Mrs. Jessie Mae and the death of Mr. Latin, Rev. Danny Mitchell took the reins and kept it going until his election to the LA House of Representatives. Mr. Allen Lawrence kept the annual tradition going from 2005-2010. During this period, attendance was affected as Black neighborhoods all over the city started their own gatherings. (I call them gatherings because these neighborhoods are still intact, with the exception of the Bottoms.) In 2011, I took up the torch to keep the tradition alive. There's a renewed interest in the Crosstown Reunion and the attendance is growing every year.

Labor Day 2017 was decreed "FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF CROSSTOWN DAY" in the City of Shreveport. The Proclamation was issued by the Honorable Mayor Ollie S. Tyler on September 4th, 2017. Article submitted by Dea. Roy Coleman.

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Lloyd Thompson, (not pictured) the President of the Shreveport Chapter of the NAACP, Pastor and Sis. Douglas and members of the Evergreen family shared a memorable night during the 103 year celebration Banquet of the NAACP held at the Wyndam Garden Shreveport. Above, Pastor and Sis. Douglas are pictured with the celebrity co-host of The Talk, Cheryl Underwood and Congressman Cedric Richmond, District 2 New Orleans.