

Port City United Voices

Mobile Area Chapter - Gospel Music Workshop of America

Celebrating 45 Years



Theme:

“Remembering, Recognizing, Renewing”

Theme Scripture:

Jeremiah 6:16

Communion/Consecration Service

Sunday, January 11, 2026 - 4:00 p.m.

Local Choir Night

Thursday, January 15, 2026 - 6:30 p.m.

Climaxing: Saturday, January 17, 2026

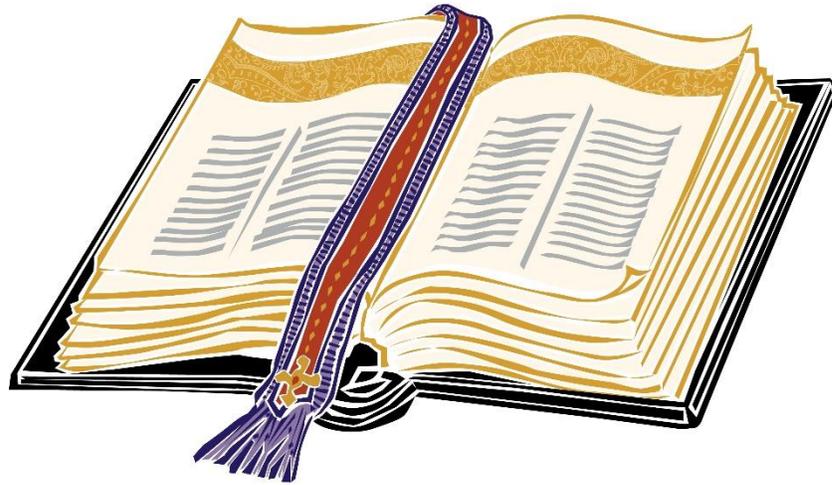
4:00 p.m.

Christ Temple Apostolic Church

801 Virginia Street

Mobile, Alabama 36603

Bishop Antonio Jackson, Host Pastor



Theme Scripture:
Jeremiah 6:16

**“Stop at the crossroads and look around,
ask for the old path,
the Godly way, and walk in it.”**

MEET

THE GOSPEL MUSIC WORKSHOP OF AMERICA



Reverend Dr. James Cleveland
Founder



Bishop Albert L. Jamison Sr.
Chairman of the Board

THE MOBILE CHAPTER OFFICIAL STAFF



Bro. Harry Richardson
Chapter Representative



Sis. Carolyn D. Belle
Assistant Chapter Representative



Bro. Eugene Morgan
Chapter Representative Emeritus



Elder David J. Fairley
Minister of Music

FROM THE CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVE'S HEART



To my brothers and sisters in Christ,

Greetings and salutations in the Name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. I invite you to join me in joyful celebration and heartfelt gratitude for the goodness of God as demonstrated through the enduring witness of the Mobile Area Chapter of the **Gospel Music Workshop of America**, affectionately known as the Port City United Voices.

For forty-five years, God has proven Himself faithful, and we pause to give Him glory for His goodness and His mercy. We have traveled across this nation proclaiming the Gospel through song, and for this we are grateful. We have proudly served as musical ambassadors for the great city of Mobile, Alabama, and for this we are grateful. We have endured storms, winds, and rain, yet God has sustained us—and for this we are grateful.

We have grown together as a family. We have walked through seasons of sickness and mourned the passing of beloved members. We have also rejoiced in victories, milestones, and accomplishments within our ranks. Through it all, God has remained faithful, and for all of this, we are grateful.

We extend sincere appreciation to our chairpersons, Brother Herbert Pair and Brother Derrick Coleman, for their faithful leadership, along with their committee members, for executing a truly memorable anniversary celebration. We salute the officers, musicians, and members of this august musical aggregation for their steadfast endurance and unwavering commitment to this ministry of music.

It is our continued prayer that, for decades to come, God will remain gracious toward us. May we always embody the motto of our national body—*“Where Everybody Is Somebody.”* And may we continue working for the Master, standing firmly upon the enduring lyrics of our founder, the late and great Rev. James Cleveland, as we lift our voices and boldly declare, *“I Don’t Feel No Ways Tired.”*

In the Savior’s Love,

Harry Richardson

Harry Richardson
Chapter Representative

A Faithful Voice, Still Speaking

From Our Beloved Chapter Representative Emeritus

Give Glory To God Saints!

He has truly done great things—chief among them, sustaining our choir for forty-five years and allowing me the humbling honor of being one of its seven founders. With deep gratitude and great joy, it is therefore my pleasure to say:

Happy 45th Anniversary!

For four and a half decades, God has blessed us to praise Him and to bless His people as composers, singers, musicians, and faithful promoters of Gospel music throughout this nation. To Him alone belongs all glory, laud, honor, and praise.

I encourage you to continue the good work you have begun—never faltering and never fainting. Be kind to one another in thought, word, and deed. And most importantly, always give **HIM** the glory.



"I will make the darkness light before thee; what is wrong I'll make it right before thee; all thy battles I will fight before thee, and the high places I'll bring down."

"When thou walkest by the way I'll lead thee; on the fatness of the land I'll feed thee; and a mansion in the sky I'll deed thee, and the high places I'll bring down."

My continued prayer for PCUV is that you will be richly blessed and that the peace of the Lord will always rest upon you and your loved ones. Therefore, be strong, be safe, and above all—be prayerful. Thank you for your prayers and continued support.

Thanks for Your Prayers and Support,

Eugene M. Morgan

Eugene M. Morgan
Chapter Representative Emeritus



From The Desk of
Elder David Jerome Fairley

P. O. Box 387, Mobile, AL 36601-0387

Minister of Music

Mobile Area Chapter of GMWA

Port City United Voices

Greetings to you, my brothers and sisters:

It has been a great pleasure serving with this Chapter for approximately 34 years. We have been blessed with my opportunities to serve not only Mobile County and the State of Alabama, but throughout many states across the country spreading the good news of Jesus Christ through our song ministry. We have sung in front of thousands and smaller crowds as well.

Almost every gospel artist in this industry began their music career through this organization. We have had opportunities to sing with them as well as meet and greet them.

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to become a part of the oldest gospel community choir in the city of Mobile.

Knowing that God has blessed us to see our 45th anniversary is more that amazing, it's God's blessings that we have remained together.

Thank you to each member of the PCUV for entrusting me to lead you in this music ministry. Special thanks to our music staff that work so hard to learn our music and master it. Mr. Michael McCants (organ), Mr. Leviticus Thomas (keyboard), Mr. Thomatra (Matt) Moffatt (percussion), Mrs. Carolyn D. Belle (piano-director), Mr. Derrick LaBruce Coleman (piano-director), Pastor O'Neal S. Porter (directing) and Mr. Will Brown (bass guitar). We are blessed to have you, and I appreciate that you are here as a part of our team.

Thanks to the anniversary committee that has worked hard to make this year as successful as other years. May God continue to bless each of you.

Remember that I love each of you,

Elder David J. Fairley

Salutations from the Chairman



Greetings in Jesus Joy,

First of all, I would like to thank my Heavenly Father for giving me continued life, health and strength, activity of my limbs, God-fearing parents who raised me up in the love and admonition of a Holy God; with a mindset to worship only Him.

Second of all, I would like to thank my beloved music mentor, Sis. Yvonne Reed Matthews, who first introduced me to Port City United Voices, Mobile Chapter of the Gospel Music Workshop of American, during my 1988-89 senior year at John L. LeFlore High School. During her first year as our Chorus Teacher, she instilled a sense of discipline, pride and decorum, that I keep with me, even today; not to mention me, being declared as the "Most Outstanding Senior in Chorus."

Thirdly, I would like to thank my Port City United Voices Family, (including THE OFFICIAL STAFF), who only after three and a half years of being an official member, sought fit to entrust me with chairing what I call, "The Gospel Music Event of the Season.," our anniversary; but not just any anniversary, our Milestone 45th Anniversary. I am indeed humbled by your trust and confidence.

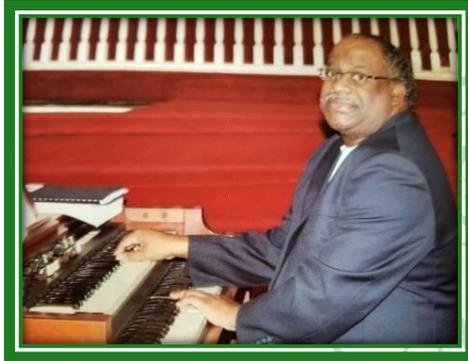
Fourthly, I would like to thank my dynamic and trustworthy Steering Committee, in the persons of Co-Chair, advisor, and Consecration Service Chair, Bro. Derrick LaBruce Coleman, Sis. Yvette Devonish, Chair of the Local Choir Night, Sis. Cecelia Banks, our Historian Extraordinaire, Sis. Denise Boyd, Finance and Ad Committee Chair, Sis. Carolyn Covington, Hospitality Chair and last but not least, Bro. Ronnie Lee McBride, Jr., advisor, encourager, immediate Past Chairman and Decoration Committee Chair. Also, thanks to Sis. Muriel Hightower, for being available as our in-house photographer and willing vessel.

Lastly, thank you Mobile, for your attendance and support, down through these 45 years. Times have not always been easy, but with the help of the Almighty, you have remained steadfast.

As born again believers, singing praises to the Most High, we know that fame and fortune on earth is fleeting, but the treasures we lay in Heaven are eternal. So....."WALK together children, don't you get weary, SING together children, don't you get weary, SHOUT together children, don't you get weary, there's a great camp meeting in the Promised Land!"

**In His Service,
Bro. Herbert E. "Mannie" Pair III**

Greetings From the Co-Chairman



Brother Derrick LaBruce Coleman

*“I PRESS TOWARD THE MARK FOR THE PRIZE OF THE
HIGH CALLING OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS.”*

*GRACE BE UNTO YOU AND PEACE FROM GOD OUR FATHER,
AND FROM THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, OUR SAVIOR!
WELCOME TO THE 45TH ANNIVERSARY OF PORT CITY UNITED VOICES!*

I am eternally grateful for two reasons: (1). For being one of the very first members of the Mobile Area Chapter of the Gospel Music Workshop of America. I was in the meeting when it was suggested that we call ourselves, “Port City United Voices.” My Music Ministry has grown tremendously. For 45 years, my Choirs have sung songs I’ve learned from the GMWA and Port City United Voices. I am appreciative for this fellowship of learning and worship. When we were organized, I was designated by Sis. Juanita N. Hill and Bro. Jimmie Beard to serve as the first Devotion Musician. (2). I’m also grateful for being appointed Co-Chairman of the 45th Anniversary Celebration and Chairman of the Communion and Consecration Service. I’ve enjoyed serving with Bro. Herbert “Mannie” Pair, Jr. and the steering committee.

I truly love Port City United Voices with every fiber of my being. I want us to become stronger and vibrant. We need to and we can reach the masses through Music that matters. I pray daily for our Chapter Representative, Assistant Chapter Representative, Minister of Music, officers, musicians and every choir member. Notes, rests, intervals, rhythms, tempos, dynamics, tone, diction, and interpretation are our tools. Our diligent use of these tools has great effect on many lives, bringing them joy and a sense of God’s presence. In fact, God Himself is blessed by our singing. God has indeed blessed us with a beautiful and meaningful ministry. Let us accept our talent as a gift from God and our musical ministry as a marvelous medium of God-centered worship. Thanks to God for giving us the gift of music. Thanks to you for giving much to others through your gift of music.

In closing remember the National GMWA motto:

“WHERE EVERYBODY IS SOMEBODY”

LOVE ALWAYS AND FOREVER, LaBruce

Meet the Steering Committee



Bro. Derrick LaBruce Coleman
Co-Chairman, Consecration Service



Bro. Ronnie Lee McBride, Jr.
Immediate Past Chairman
Decoration Committee



Sis. Yvette Devonish
Chairman, Local Choir Night



Sis. Cecelia Banks
Historian Extraordinaire



Sis. Denise Boyd
Finance/Ad Committee



Sis. Carolyn Covington
Hospitality Committee

History of The Gospel Music Workshop of America



The Reverend Dr. James Cleveland developed and built the Gospel Music Workshop of America, Inc. where the perpetuation and promotion of gospel music has been and remains a primary purpose of the organization.

in March of 1967, called together friends from across the US in an effort to brainstorm his idea of producing a venue for gospel music presentations. The selection of people he called together was chosen due to individual contributions in gospel music. This association formed the Gospel Music Workshop of America with a national convention motto of "Where Everybody is Somebody."

Rev. Cleveland stated, "There are young folk that have talent but have no where to get instructions as to how to put that talent to work. And so I thought how could we help upgrade the music in the church and bring sometime of education to the youth since there is no formal education in schools

where they can get the training...so I had the bright idea to get all the best exponents of gospel from all over the world together, asked them what they thought about the idea of coming together forming a workshop to try to teach the young folk whatever they wanted to know about gospel."

The Gospel Music Workshop of America is a Christian organization convening annually, where national performers, recording artists, new and inspiring songwriters, educators, liturgical dancers, the young and old, pastors, and others minister to each other and to the needs and directions within the African American religious experience. It has opened its doors to welcome and receive people of different colors, influences and cultures. The object of the association was to perpetuate, promote and advance the Christian ideal through the medium of music by joining together gospel choirs, choruses, singers songwriters throughout the US in a voluntary association for education, cooperation, promotion and the communication of ideas and ideals. The Gospel Music Workshop of America was incorporated in Detroit, Michigan.

People are attracted to the Workshop because of its unique and structured program format. It's made up of divisions and auxiliaries, with each having separate and distinct functions.

Ask anyone involved in gospel music where they are heading for the summer and you are bound to hear for their response - the Gospel Music Workshop of America. The convention remains one of the most popular destinations in the year for gospel music lovers. Thousands of individuals, both registered delegates and newcomers, head to the annual meetings to get a taste of gospel's finest and this rich tradition continues to foster the many generations of gospel music with powerful ministry, excellent training, industry networking and hours of great singing. And since the unfortunate passing of its founder, Rev. James Cleveland, in 1991, the forty-five old organization still marches on as one of America's treasured music institutions. To this day, it is the largest artistic organization of its kind in the world with 75,000 members in more than 185 chapters stretching from the United States to Asia. The Gospel Music Workshop of America, also called GMWA for short, has a beautiful history that finds some of gospel's greatest paying their dues to eventually become legends in the evolving forms of traditional and contemporary gospel.

GMWA Membership

Active GMWA Membership ranges from professional and amateur Gospel vocalists to instrumentalists, composers, arrangers, directors and producers, and the like. According to its official website, approximately 75% of the music on Billboard's Gospel Charts is written, arranged, produced, or performed by GMWA members. The GMWA also has chapters in the Asia.

GMWA Conventions

Each year, up to 20,000 delegates assemble in the selected city for a teaching, learning and performance orientated environment. These delegates come with an interest in all styles of Gospel Music and the GMWA's divisions and auxiliaries offer the services that meet their needs. An additional 3,000 to 5,000 local gospel music lovers attend the workshop and musical services during the week.

GMWA Recordings

A mass choir of 2,000 to 3,000 vocalists is formed at each GMWA convention, and year a new recording is produced. GMWA offshoots who also record include GMWA Women of Worship, GMWA Men of Promise, and the GMWA Youth Choir.

History of Port City United Voices

Mobile Chapter, G.M.W.A.

After many attempts by Sis. Irene Johnson Ware to establish a viable and functioning chapter of the James Cleveland Gospel Music Workshop, Inc., Bro. Ivil Young, Bro. Jimmie Beard, Bro. Eugene Morgan and others were the catalytic forces that call lovers of gospel music to come together and form the Mobile Area Chapter of the GMWA, Inc. After meeting with local ministers, choir directors and other interested persons the die was cast and ground work was laid for forming a local chapter.

Early participating music lovers answering the call to form the chapter were: Ivil Young, Carolyn D. Belle, Yvonne Reed Madison, Gregory Bush, Reverend Fleet L. Belle, Eugene Morgan, Marilyn Patton, Reverend S. M. McCree, Tommy Carter and choir members from across the county. The national and state offices of the GMWA was contacted and we presented our initial workshop and concert at the Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church on Texas Street, where Reverend Fleet L. Belle served as pastor. State Chapter Representative Mary K. Elsay of Birmingham, AL arrived in Mobile during the week of January 11, 1981 with Andrew Bernard Sneed and John Brown to serve as clinicians. The initial workshop and concert were successful and well attended by an overflow crowd.

Closing out the concert was the installation of the local officers of the new chapter by Mary K. Elsay, National Board Member, GMWA. Officers installed were Ivil I. Young, Chapter Representative, Jimmie Beard, Asst. Chapter Representative, Marilyn Patton, Secretary, Eugene Morgan, Treasurer, Tommy Carter, Financial Secretary, Yvonne Reed Madison, Musical Director and also Second Asst. Chapter Representative in 1984. Shortly thereafter the local designation, Port City United Voices was adopted.

Additionally, a Board of Directors was maintained to help guide. Members of the board were *Reverend S. M. McCree, *Reverend Fleet L. Belle, Reverend Gabe Davis, Jr., *Mrs. Gustina Raine, *Bishop James E. Finley, Reverend Clovis Snowden, *Reverend Wilbert Goodman, Attorney Bradley Byrne, *Mrs. Phoebe K. Hodge, Attorney Creola Ruffin, *Mrs. Irene Johnson Ware, *Chief Harold Johnson MPD, *Mrs. Mary Adams Foxx. (*) denotes deceased.

Meet Our Members

45 Years Members



Carolyn Belle



Eugene Morgan



Cecelia Banks



Jackie Green



Brenda Nettles



Deborah Scorver



Trudy Spears



Colleen Moffatt



Derrick L. Coleman

40 Year Members



Mattie Shepard



Shirley Scott



Michael McCants



Yvette Devonish

30 + Year Members



O'Neal Porter
38 Years



Barbara Nathan
37 Years



Sandra Stewart
35 Years



Mary Brinkley
35 Years



David Wilson
36 Years



Sharyl Buskey
36 Years



David Fairley
34 Years



Margaret Ash
32 Years



Faye Holcombe
30 Years



Coleman Austin
30 Years



Earnestine Peyton
30 Years

20 + Year Members



Riley Stewart
27 Years



Ronnie L. McBride, Jr.
27 Years



Denise Boyd
27 Years



Carolyn Covington
27 years



Joshua Lockwood
25 Years



Antonio Jackson
25 Years



Harry Richardson
24 Years



Linda Oakley
20 Years



Vennessia Tanksley
20 Years



Dekeshia Smith
20 Years



Leviticus Thomas
10 Years



Thomatra Moffatt
8 Years



Muriel Hightower
8 Years



Bertha Coleman
5 Years



Herbert "Mannie" Pair
4 Years



Douglas July
2 Years



Brandon Richardson
2 Years



Willie Brown
1 Year



Jessica Pettway
1 Year



Cynthia Torrance
6 Months



Kimberly Snowden
4 Months



Jasmine Johannessen
New Member

In Loving Memory



Juanita Hill - 1982
Thelma Dumas - 1982
Gary Mingo - 1984
Gustina Raine - 1986
Hillie McGrew, Jr. - 1987
Alfred G. Crisbom - 1988
Betta Rogers - 1989
Carria Crawford - 1990
Rev. Johnny Wright - 1991
Father Thomas Usher S.S.J - 1991
David Lewis - 1991
Rev. Wilbert Goodman - 1992
Deloris Wallace - 1993
Michael James - 1993
Gregory "Greg" Bush - 1994
Johnny Bumpers - 1997

Evelyn Berry - 1998
Joseph (Joe) Ball - 1998
Tommy Carter - 1999
Donald (Don) Portis - 2000
Elizabeth Farmer - 2000
Jessie Bell - 2001
Linda Singleton - 2002
Pamela Saulsberry - 2003
Deborah Sahn Green - 2003
Helen McGuire Bolden - 2005
Pheobe Hodges - 2005
Giovanni Randolph - 2006
Ida Triplett - 2008
Mamie Craig - 2008
Jimmie Beard - 2010 Chpt. Rep.
Mary Adams Foxx - 2011

Dannie Parks Wilson - 2013
Sara Coleman Mai -
Jason Hunter - 2014
Thomas Vail - 2016
Joseph McGadney - 2016
Rebecca Williams - 2019
Claudette Austin - 2020
Pastor Fleet L. Belle - 2020 Board Member
Bishop Anthony - 2020
Rose Blackston - 2021
Ivii Young - 2021
Bernice Carter - 2022
Delores Taylor - 2022
Martharina Breech - 2022
Gloria Finkley - 2023
Vivian (Vera) Jackson - 2023

Cora Lee Young - 2025
Ella Mary Glenn - 2025



"Forever In Our Hearts"

Meet Our Honorees



Mrs. Yvonne Reed Matthews



Bro. Eugene Morgan



Mrs. Shirley Scott

The Consecration / Communion Service

Sunday, January 11, 2025 - 4:00 p.m.

Minister John W. Pugh, II, Worship Leader
Nazaree Full Gospel Church

THE PROCESSIONAL – “HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Pastor O’Neal S, Porter

THE WORSHIP HYMN – “THERE IS A FOUNTAIN”

THE LITANY - Elder Maurice Boyd

Leader: We come before You, O God, to consecrate these voices and this sacred ministry.

People: We present ourselves as living sacrifices of praise.

Leader: You have called these singers to minister in song and in spirit.

People: Let their voices be vessels of Your anointing.

Leader: May every note usher Your presence and every harmony declare Your truth.

People: Let hearts be stirred and lives transformed.

Leader: Sanctify their rehearsals, their unity, and their service before You.

People: Keep them humble, faithful, and filled with Your Spirit.

Leader: We dedicate this choir to worship, witness, and the glory of Your name.

All: We give You the glory, the honor, and the praise, now and forever. Amen.

THE MUSICAL SELECTION

Christ Temple Fellowship Choir

THE CELEBRATORY GREETINGS

Sis. Kimberly Snowden-Bolden

(Christ Temple Apostolic Church)

Bro. Harry Richardson

(PCUV Chapter Representative)

THE WORSHIP IN GIVING

THE INTRODUCTION OF GOD'S MESSENGER

Bro. Derrick LaBruce Coleman

THE MUSICAL SELECTION

Christ Temple Fellowship Choir

THE CONSECRATION MESSAGE

Bishop Antonio D. Jackson

THE HOLY ORDINANCE OF COMMUNION

Bishop Antonio D. Jackson, Celebrant

Reverend Sandy A. McQueen, Concelebrant

Pastor, Truevine Baptist Church

COMMUNION AND CONSECRATION COMMITTEE

Bro. Derrick LaBruce Coleman, Chairman

Dea. Douglas L. July, Sr.

Sis. Kimberly Snowden-Bolden

Local Choir Night

Thursday, January 15, 2026 - 6:30 p.m.

Theme: 'Praise Ye The Lord'

Bro. Anthony "Tony" Carter

Master of Ceremony

Processional. The Port City United Voices
Mobile Chapter, G.M.W.A.
Praise and Worship. Bro. Michael Slater & Company
Scripture. Sis. Cynthia Torrence
Prayer. Dea. David Wilson
Praise and Worship. Bro. Michael Slater & Company
Welcome. Minister Carolyn Covington
Special Presentation. Bro. Herbert "Mannie" Pair III
Solo. Sis. Yvonne Reed Matthews

Anointed Songbirds of Mobile, Alabama #1

The Offering

Dea. David Wilson, Bro. Douglas July, Bro. Riley Steward

Anointed Songbirds of Mobile, Alabama #2

Remarks. Sis. Yvette Devonish
Local Night Chairperson
Sis. Carolyn Belle
Assistant Chapter Representative
Elder David Fairley
Minister of Music

Remarks and Benediction. Bishop Antonio Jackson

The Gospel Songbirds of Mobile, Alabama

Christ Temple Praise Team St. John's Deliverance Temple Choir
Sis. DeEdra Brown Bro. Russell Hayes
Bro. Clyde Campbell & Anointed Praise Sis. Lolisa Woods-Hurd
El Bethel Primitive Baptist Church Mobile County Mass Choir

Meet Our Anniversary Presider

Dr. Bobbie Holt-Ragler



Dr. Bobbie Holt-Ragler has been a member of the Alabama State Nurses Association (ASNA) for over three decades. She has held the position of treasurer at both the local and state levels in addition to participating as a delegate representing her district at ASNA Annual Conventions. Dr. Holt-Ragler has been recognized many times by her peers in nursing, including the Lillian Holland Harvey Award, the Sigma Theta Tau President's Award for Outstanding Service, and the Lillian B. Smith Award.

In 1996, she and her twin sister, Dr. Shirley Holt-Hill (deceased), wrote and performed the American Nurses Association's Convention and Centennial Celebration theme song, "A Nurse's Tribute."

In 2018, the nurses of the Alabama State Nurses Association dedicated the 105th ASNA Annual Convention to Dr. Bobbie Holt-Ragler. Her servant's heart is evidenced by her community work in programs to bring recognition and an end to domestic violence; advocating for the U.S.A. Center of Excellence for Healthy Communities, to eliminate health disparities, the American Cancer Society and the American Heart Association. Dr. Holt-Ragler has served over a decade with U.S.A. Healthy Communities and recently was honored as the 2021 U.S.A. College of Nursing Community Impact Award recipient.

The 45th Anniversary Climax

Saturday, January 17, 2026 - 4:00 p.m.

Presentation of the Anniversary Presider
Dr. Bobbie Holt-Ragler - Anniversary Presider

The Grand Processional of G.M.W.A. Chapter Choirs
“Victory Shall Be Mine”

Scripture
Prayer

Praise & Worship. Sis. Angel Molette

Welcome/Occasion. Sis. Denise Boyd

Port City United Voices – Mobile Chapter, G. M. W. A.

Special Recognitions Bro. Herbert “Mannie” Pair

The Offering

Port City United Tenors/Finance Committee

Shouting Down Memory Lane

Atlanta Masonic Choir

Mississippi Gulf Coast Chapter, G. M. W. A.

Montgomery Chapter, G. M. W. A.

New Orleans Chapter, G. M. W. A.

Invitation to Discipleship

Remarks. Minister Carolyn Covington
Hospitality Chairman

Bro. Harry Richardson
Chapter Representative

Sis. Carolyn Belle
Assistant Chapter Representative

Remarks and Benediction. Bishop Antonio Jackson

Memorial

and

Congratulatory

Ads



*Congratulations to Our
Port City United Voices Queen
Sis. Barbara Nathan*



*During the Women's Division's Hatter's Tea of the
Gospel Music Workshop of America Convention 2025,
held in Montgomery, Alabama,
our own Sis. Barbara Nathan represented
Port City United Voices, (Mobile Chapter, G. M. W. A).
She proudly became the 1st Runner Up from becoming the
National Queen. We are so proud of you!!*



Salutations

Port City

from your

2023-2024

“Mr. Port City”

Bro. Ronnie Lee

McBride, Jr.

*“O magnify the Lord with me, and let
us exalt his name together.”*

Psalm 34:5

Congratulations 2

My Mother

Sis. Cecelia Banks



and The Port City United Voices

on your

45th Anniversary

from your Daughter and Son-in-Love

Demetria & Melvin Kennedy



To God be the Glory
Congratulations to our Grandmother
Sis. Cececia Banks



and the Port City United Voices
on your

45th Anniversary
DeVontae (Britney) Kennedy
Thomas Kennedy
MaKayla Kennedy



Congratulations to
Sis. Cecelia Banks
&
Port City United Voices
on your
45th Year Anniversary



From the
Saint Joseph Missionary Baptist Church (Whistler)
711 Elba Avenue, Whistler, AL 36612
Choir, Ushers, Deacon Board

Reverend Kevin (Sherwanda) Wilson, Pastor

Congratulations 2

Sis. Cecelia "Tootie" Banks

&

Port City United Voices

on your

45th Year Anniversary



From the

Saint Joseph Missionary Baptist Church
711 Elba Avenue, Whistler, Alabama 36612
Reverend Kevin (Sherwanda) Wilson, Pastor

Congratulations 2

Sis. Cecelia "Tootie" Banks

&

Port City United Voices

on your

45th Year Anniversary



From the
New Home Missionary Baptist Church

Prichard, Alabama

Rev. Dr. Marvin Langham, Pastor

Congratulations
Sis. Colleen Moffatt
❧
Port City United Voices
on your
45th Year Anniversary



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All Praises Be to The King of Kings
For The Lord Our God, He Is Wonderful

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Congratulates
Port City United Voices
and
Sister Colleen Moffatt
on your
45th Year Anniversary

“To God Be Praised!”



CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE
PORT CITY UNITED VOICES
ON YOUR
45th
YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to the Port City United Voices Celebrating 45 years of ministry, music, and service to the community. Your dedication and faith have inspired countless hearts and uplifted many through the power of song.

With heartfelt appreciation and blessings,

Pastor Richard A. Benson, Sr. , First Lady Cynthia P. Benson and Family



**45 Years of
Ministry through
Song
Congratulations
Port City
United Voices!**

**From: The New Pleasant View Baptist Church
Family**

Congratulations        

Sister Jackeline Green and The Port City United Voices
on your 45th Year Anniversary



From:
The New Pleasant View Mass Choir

"Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing praises.
For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding."
Psalm 47:6-7 KJV

**REV. RICHARD A. BENSON, SR., PASTOR
THE NEW PLEASANT VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH
1517 KATYE STREET
MOBILE, AL 36617**

Best Wishes Sis. Jackie Green

Felicitations to the
Port City United Voices
on the momentous occasion of your 45th Anniversary.



Celebrate the Life of your loved
one at Small's Mortuary, Inc.

C'aracher (CJ) Small, Jr. LFD/EMB
President & CEO

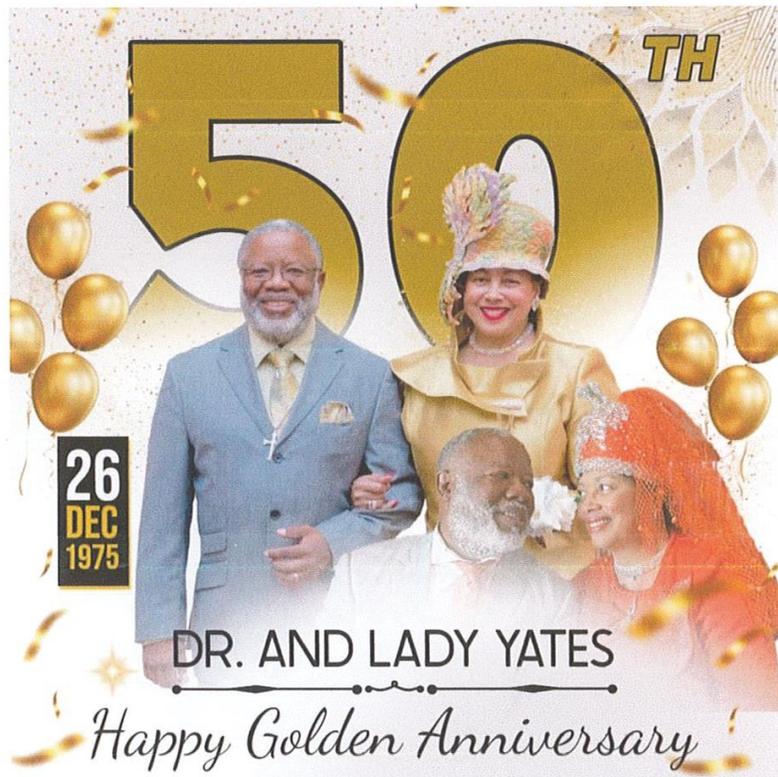


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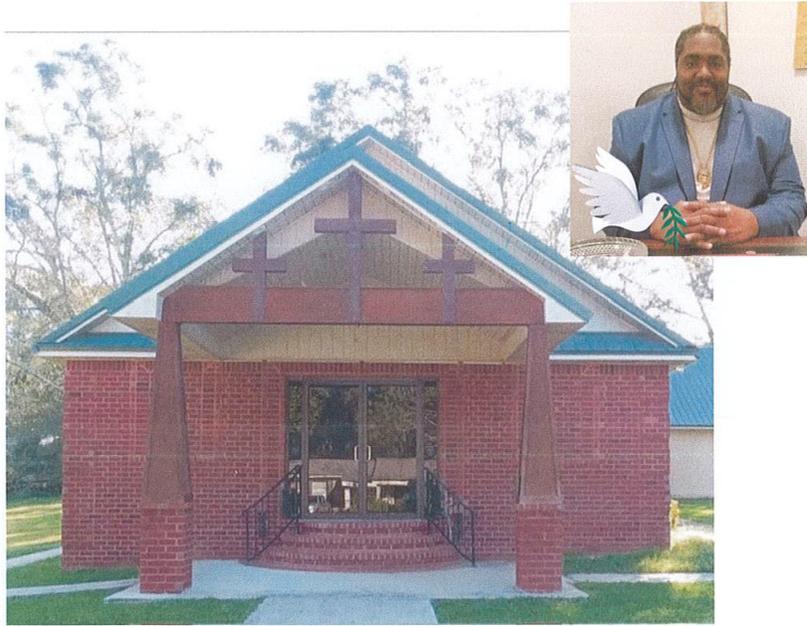
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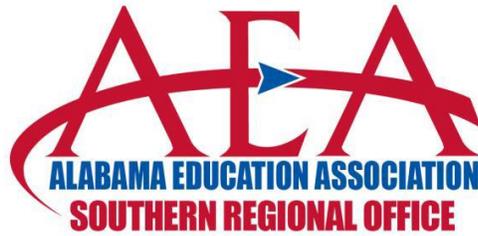
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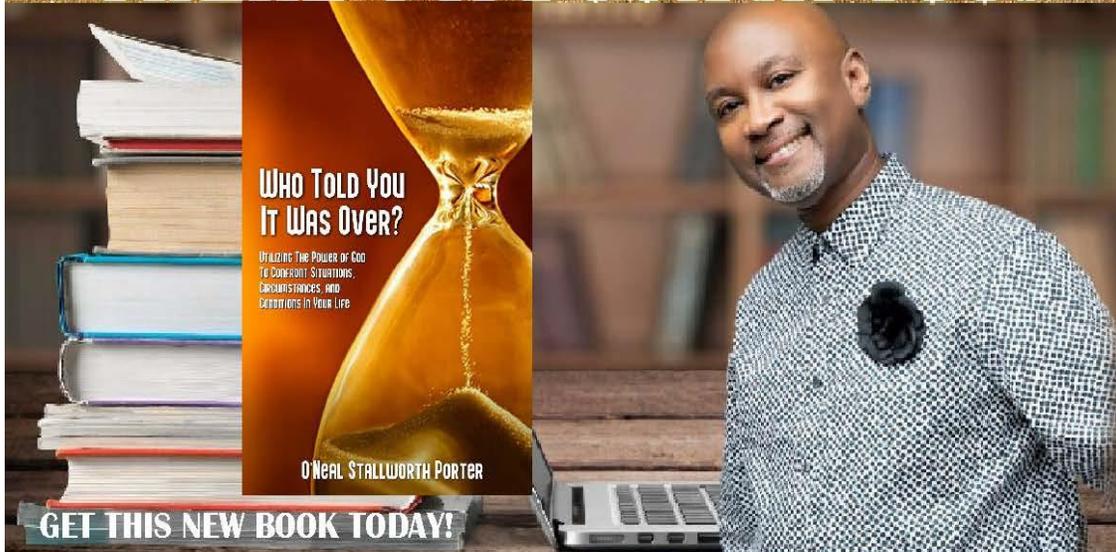
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*My Sweet & Dear Sister
Yvette Marie Devonish
and
Port City United Voices*



*“A good man sheweth favour, and lendeth:
He will guide his affairs with discretion.”*

Psalm 112:5

*Love You
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*“Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.
Serve the Lord with gladness:
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Psalm 100:1-2*



*The Devonish Family
from Houston, Texas
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*To Our Loving Adopted Sister
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*Wishing you and the
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for Forty Five years of

Your faithfulness and love for God that shines through every
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“Sing unto the Lord, O ye saints of His,
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— Psalm 30:4 (KJV)

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Mama and Nana,



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Today we celebrate my mother,
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and the powerful legacy of Port City United Voices—a ministry and organization that has never just sung songs, but has sung hope, justice, and unity into our city.

Through music, advocacy, and unwavering commitment to community, this choir has lifted voices that needed to be heard, stood in the gap for those often overlooked, and reminded us that worship and service go hand in hand. Your leadership, faith, and love have shaped generations and helped create spaces where culture, courage, and compassion meet.

Your song has strengthened neighborhoods, inspired movements, and stitched together a legacy that will continue long after the music fades.

“O sing unto the Lord a new song: sing unto the Lord, all the earth.”

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*“Praise Ye the LORD, Praise the LORD,
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*“Blessed are all who fear the Lord
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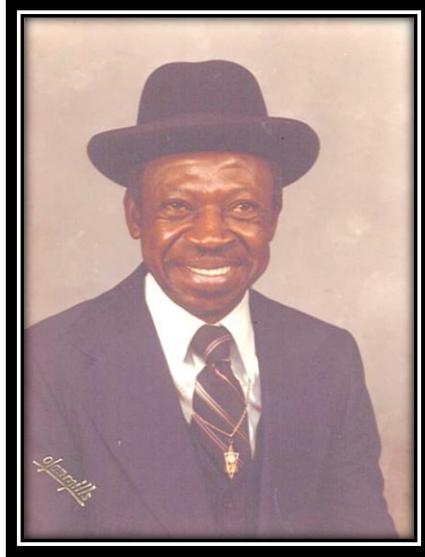
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2 Timothy 4:7-8

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and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing."*

*Your Legacy lives on forever in my heart.
Love, your Daddy*

Sis. Carolyn A. Covington

In Loving Memory Of



Elizabeth Faye Cox-Mclaurin, affectionately known as "Faye," was born on September 6, 1953, in Jackson, Alabama, to the late Hosie McKenzie Jr. and Loria D. Cox. On December 2, 2022, she peacefully exchanged time for eternity and entered her eternal rest. From an early age, Faye accepted Christ as her Savior. She was baptized at St. Union Missionary Baptist Church, establishing a lifelong foundation of faith that guided her words, actions, and service to others.

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"She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness:"
- Proverbs 31:26 (KJV)

Deshawn Shepard

*Best Wishes to
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*Port City
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bless you.
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***Congratulations to
Mrs. Trudy Spears***

*A very special lady who we
love dearly.
Continue singing for the Lord,
for He is good and His
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*Love,
Your Sister,
Pamela*

*To Mrs. Trudy Spears
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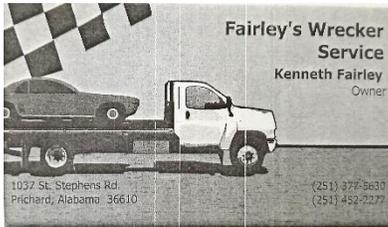
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**To: Barbara Nathan
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**"The Lord bless thee and keep
the, the Lord make His face to
shine upon thee, and be
gracious unto thee."
Numbers 6:24-25**

*To Barbara Nathan and the
Port City United Voices
From:*



*We can't give up now.
We must keep on keeping on.
on your
45th Anniversary*

TO:
BARBARA NATHAN
PORT CITY UNITED
VOICES
CONGRATULATIONS
ON YOUR
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"OH GIVE THANKS UNTO THE
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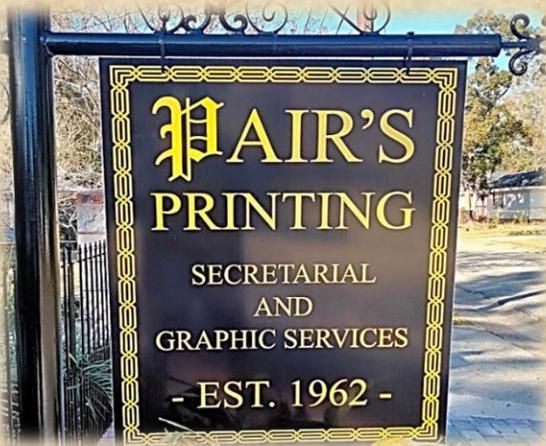
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