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Rev. Dairy G. Johnson, Sr. Named Moderator Rising Star District



Rev. Dairy G. Johnson, Sr. Becomes Moderator New Rising Star District

He is also in Graduate Study at Liberty University pursuing his Masters in Theology. Rev. Johnson is a member of the Board of Directors of Corsicana Chamber of Commerce, Corsicana Rotary Noon Club, NAACP Member, and Co-Chair Community Out Reach Committee of the Chamber. Professionally, Rev. Johnson serves as an assistant to the vice president of student services at Navarro College.

Rev. Johnson is married to Ellender P. Johnson for 36 years. They have three adult children Tiffany D. Johnson, Dairy G. Johnson, Jr. and Elizabeth R. Johnson. They have two grand children, Xavier and Caleb Medlock.

Installation services will be held October 22, 2010 services were held at the Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church Corsicana, Texas. Dr. C. C. Roberson President of National Missionary Baptist Convention of America was the guest speaker at the 7:30 pm event.

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Rusk Christmas Parade- Saturday
December 4, 2010 at 11:00 A.M.
Jacksonville Christmas Parade-
Thursday December 2, 2010 at
6:00 P.M.
Alto Christmas Parade- Monday
December 13, 2010

Diabetes Rates Are Up and Climbing

Newly released statistics by the CDC show that by 2050, as many as 1/3 of Americans will have diabetes, tripling the current rate.

The findings, published in the October 22, 2010 issue of the journal Population Health Metrics, identify population aging, longer lifespans and increases in minority populations as key factors in the upcoming surge of diabetes cases. Older individuals and minority groups, including African-Americans, are more at risk

for developing type 2 diabetes, the most common variant that normally develops in adulthood.

Currently, about 10 percent of the population has diabetes, and many of those afflicted remain unaware that they have the disease. In many cases, diabetes is preventable through dietary changes and increased physical activity. Obesity is a major factor in the development of the disease and rising obesity rates threaten to push the number of new diabetes cases even higher.

Births For Unmarried Black Women Continue to Drop

The Heritage Foundation thinks that births to unmarried Black women is a problem that just keeps getting worse:[The out-of-wedlock birth rate] remained relatively low until the onset of Lyndon Johnson's War on Poverty in the early 1960s. Then the black out-of-wedlock birth rate skyrocketed, doubling in little more than a decade from 24.5 percent in 1964 to 50.3 percent in 1976. It continued to rise rapidly, reaching 70.7 percent in 1994. Over the next decade, it declined slightly but then began to rise again, reaching 72.4 percent in 2008. This is reported in Marriage: America's Greatest Weapon Against Child Poverty, by Robert Rector, right un

der a gigantic graph labeled "Growth of Unwed Childbearing by Race."

To be fair to Heritage, a similar statistic is given in The State of Our Unions 2009 (see pages 99, 102-103 - pdf link), published by IAV and edited by Bradford Wilcox and FSB's own Elizabeth Marquardt. And, in fact, this is what pretty much everyone reports (and what I therefore used to believe). "The rates increased for all races, but they remained highest and rose fastest for Hispanics and blacks," reports The Washington Post. Another article bears the headline

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CORSICANA, TX - The Reverend Dairy G. Johnson, Sr. becomes only the 2nd moderator of the New Rising Star Institutional District Missionary Baptist General Association Dallas, Inc. Now it there 7th year, Rev. Johnson served as the Congress president for the last 7th years. Prior to that, Johnson served as the Congress president in the old Rising District Association for 5 years.

He currently serves as the senior pastor of the Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church in Corsicana, Texas serving now 26 years of faithful and dedicated service to the Lord's people. Rev. Johnson is a graduate of Navarro College with an Associate of applied science degree, graduate of Southern Bible Institute of Dallas, Texas with a diploma in 1987 and an Associate in Biblical Studies, graduate of Faith Evangelical Seminary, Tacoma Washington, and Bachelor of Arts in Religion in 2009.

Editorial



Maxine Session

It is More Blessed to Give Than To Receive

It is agreed upon by Christians, no matter the religious name, that to God be the glory, that to God we must give thanks. Although Christians give thanks every day, Thanksgiving is a time recognized by most, whereby they come together with family and friends in family gatherings and special church services to give special thanks.

To top it all off, of course, we eat all the favorite foods that are usually skipped throughout the year. We can give the Pilgrims credit for that part.

As we prepare for this Thanksgiving season, let us remember what we have been taught down through the years, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Let's remember those who don't have and share some of the abundance God has blessed us with, with them as we enjoy this season of thanks..

Happy Thanksgiving!

A THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Almighty God,
Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants
give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you
for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world
by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace,
and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray,
give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts
we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages.
Amen.

Letters to The Editor

Hello,

I'm Joe Wickware, the son of Sam and Alma Wickware. I'm trying to help a friend from your community trace his mother's roots in your community (with documentation if possible). Would you know info on the concern or have suggestions?

Professor Willie Pearson, Jr. of Georgia Institute of Technology was probably born in Rusk, otherwise Tyler. He is trying to see if his mother Odessa Price King from Rusk (related to Prices in Macedonia Cemetery) was related to Prices that settled Cuney, TX. His sister was Vassie King that finished Bradford in Rusk in the mid 40s and went on to attend Butler or Texas college (that led to them moving to Tyler).

I told him Mr. John Henry Mallard would be a good source to contact. Do you know other good sources he might contact on this matter? Any sources with e-mail addresses would be great.

Thank You,

Joe O. Wickware

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Stella Byrd mother of James Byrd, Jr. passes

Stella Byrd, the mother of a man dragged to his death in a notorious hate crime in Jasper County 12 years ago, died Wednesday. She was 85.

"I depend on God," Stella Byrd said during a 2008 event sponsored by the Byrd Foundation for Racial Healing. "If it wasn't for him, I'd be in self-pity and hate mode. You have to forget self-pity. As long as you hate, you will always feel bad."

At the event, board members presented her with a lifetime achievement award in recognition of her show of faith and compassion after her son's death.

James Byrd Jr., 49, was hitchhiking when he was offered a ride in June 1998 by three men, who then chained him to the back of the pickup and dragged him down a rural road. His dismembered body was found in the Huff Creek area of the county, and the three white men were convicted of capital murder, with two getting the death penalty and another serving a life term.

The crime drew national media attention, with a number of government and civil rights notables attending the funeral. The Ku Klux Klan visited Jasper, as did the New Black Panthers. Some groups prayed, others demonstrated.

Stella Byrd endured the attention then and during the five- and 10-year anniversaries of the death. She cleaned up after repeated instances of criminal mischief and desecration at her son's grave, according to newspaper accounts.

She also played a significant role in the passage of a hate crimes law in Texas and was present when Gov. Rick Perry signed the legislation on May 7, 2001.

She called the law's passage "the best Mother's Day gift that I've

ever received.

"At least I have something good to remember from his death," Byrd said in a statement released at the time by Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, who sponsored the legislation in the Senate.

In a 2009 interview with *The Enterprise*, she spoke of Jasper this way: "Some things have changed ... Where my son's buried, there used to be a fence separating the black folks and the white folks. They took the fence back down.

"There's a park named after my son, and all colors play there."

Arrangements are under the direction of Robinson Community Funeral Home in Jasper. The struggle for LGBT equality is a lengthy journey, and we still have a long way to go. There comes a time during this journey when one person's bravery stands out among all of us. One such person is Mrs. Stella Byrd. Mrs. Byrd died at 85 yrs old on October 7, 2010, after a long period of illness. death, but she handled it with courage and love. She led the Byrd family immediately into working with lawmakers to pass hate crimes legislation in Texas. Her heart was in making sure that no one had to go through what her family was facing. Within four months, another heinous crime was committed; this time against a 21 year old student at the University of Wyoming named Matthew Shepard. Again there was a national outcry for something to be done about hate crimes. It was at this time that we saw our hero stand up. Mrs. Stella Byrd talked to several civil rights organizations, including the Human Rights Campaign. Her family agreed to attend the HRC dinner in solidarity with the



LGBT community. She was 73 years old at the time. Her courage in demanding that the Federal Hate Crimes legislation be broadened

to include the LGBT community was an act of bravery. Many attempts were made to separate the Black community from supporting LGBT rights, but Mrs. Byrd was steadfast in her support. In 2009, President Obama signed the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act into law. Mrs. Stella Byrd asked her daughters to represent the

family while she watched it on television; she was ill then and couldn't travel. I called her after the signing to ask her if she was pleased to see it signed into law; she said, "This is a good day and will help prevent other families from going through what we experienced. Even though we're different colors and different sexual orientations or gender identities, God made us all and he loves us all."

Of course, we have plenty of more work to do to reach LGBT equality. The work continues, but we won't forget Stella Byrd, who understood that justice wasn't about just her family; it is about all of us.

And this commandment we have from Him:

that he who loves God must love his brother also.

1 John 4:21 NKJV

Declining Births

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"Babies Increasingly Born to Unwed Mothers." The picture painted by this statistic is clear: More and more black babies are born to single mothers, every year. That picture is completely false, and paints an unfairly negative picture of black family trends.

The "black out-of-wedlock birth rate" is calculated by asking what percentage of all black babies born, are born to an unmarried mother. ("Unmarried" mother is a bit of a tricky statistic, since it would include some women who are living with their child's father, but aren't married; and also some lesbian couples. However, imperfect as the statistical definition is, it's what we have available to use.)

This number has indeed been "skyrocketing," as Mr. Rector put it, for decades — because the birth rate among married black women has been dropping, not because the birth rate among unmarried black women has gone up. In fact, the birthrate among unmarried black women has been dropping — just not dropping as fast as the birthrate among married black women. As Ta-Nahisi Coates reports:

The basic conclusion is that the birth rate for unmarried black women is—and has been—declining. In 1970 the birth rate for unmarried black women was 96 per 1,000. In 1980, it was 87.9. In 2005 it was 60.6. There is a huge spike in the late 1980s, but the overall trend is clear—the birth rate for unmarried black women has been declining for almost 40 years.

I believe that on average, it's better for children of any race to be born and raised in two-parent homes (or perhaps more than two). Parenting is hard, supporting a household is hard, and for one person to do the entire thing herself is frequently too much. The fewer one-parent homes we have, the better off our culture is. (This isn't to deny that some particular households aren't better off as single-parent households.)

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The Great Recession, Jobless Recoveries and Black Workers

~Sylvia Allegretto, Ph.D. and Stevent Pitts, Ph.D.

The economic downturn, which began in December 2007, aptly has been called the Great Recession. The trough of job losses occurred in December 2009, by which time 8.4 million or 6.1 percent of all non-farm jobs were lost. This represented the largest decline of jobs (in either absolute numbers or percentage terms) since the Great Depression of the 1930s. In response to this ongoing crisis, Congress passed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009—a spending and tax relief package that totaled \$787 billion. While the ARRA provided much needed relief and stimulus, the size and scope of the package was not in proportion to the enormity of the crisis. Too much of it was geared to the ineffective tax cuts instead of direct job creation, and the crisis provided to be much worse than originally though. Today the unemployment rate remains elevated at 9.5 percent and many economists worry that the country is, at best, in a jobless recovery similar to what occurred after the 1990 and 2001 recessions. At worst,

we may be heading into a dreaded double-dip. For the black community, the Great Recession has been catastrophic, and the prospect of a jobless recovery or further recession will extend the widespread economic and social woes in which much of the community is now mired. The most oft-cited measure of labor market distress is the official unemployment rate. While this figure captures the proportion of the labor force which is officially out of work, it is lacking as a measure of labor market distress because marginally attached and discouraged workers who have stopped looking for work due to their inability to find employment are not counted. Recently, two other key labor market indicators have gained prominence: the long-term unemployed and the broader measure of under-utilized labor we call the underemployment rate. The former is expressed as the share of the unemployed who have been out of work for at least six months. The latter is a more expansive measure that in-

cludes officially unemployed workers, discouraged workers who have stopped looking for work and those working part-time who are unable to find full-time employment. Using these three measures, a portrait of the current state of black workers can be drawn. In July 2010, the official unemployment rate for black workers was 15.6 percent. When disaggregated by gender, one finds that 17.8 percent of black men were unemployed and 13.7 percent of black women were unemployed. A striking feature of this recession is the increasing number of long-term unemployed. During the first half of 2010, 49.1 percent of the black unemployed were jobless for at least six months. For black youth (ages 16-19), unemployment stood at 40.6 percent. (Comparable figures for whites were 8.6 percent, 9.4 percent, 7.6 percent and 23.5 percent, respectively.) One in six black workers is unemployed for at least six months. The comparable figure for whites was 42.4 percent. The broader measure of under-utilized labor during the first quarter of 2010

for black workers was 24.1 percent, compared to one in seven whites was underemployed. The recession continues to be especially hard on the black community.

HB 497 Report Finds Medicaid Funding Unsustainable

House Bill 497, passed by the 81st Texas Legislature, directed the Texas Health and Human Services Commission and the Texas Department of Insurance to study the impact on state health care systems if the Medicaid program is abolished or if the amount of federal funding for the program is severely reduced. The report found that the current trajectory of Medicaid spending is unsustainable and requires significant reform at the federal level. [HB 497 Report]

Consolidated Budget

Film to highlight integration in Texas

(Houston, Tx.) Thomas R. Cole, Ph.D., the film's producer, will introduce the movie. Cole is director of the John P. McGovern, M.D. Center for Health, Humanities, and the Human Spirit at the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston. Cole also authored "No Color Is My Kind, The Life of Eldrewey Stearns and the Integration of Houston" (University of Texas Press, 1997). The book was also nominated for a Humanities Medal.

The film examines how fear of integration, the specter of violence and embarrassing national publicity, and potentially huge financial losses led to secret deals by leaders of the powerful white Downtown Business Alliance with black community leaders. The tactic neutralized arch-segregationists, but also compromised freedom of the press, though desegregation was achieved. However, Houston media outlets became complicit in the deals by agreeing to news blackouts of integration efforts at the risk of losing major advertising revenues. As a result, 70 lunch counter operators were convinced to integrate all at once with promises that the moves would be kept off the news. Cole, a gerontologist, first encountered Stearns in a Galveston psychiatric hospital in 1984. For the next 13 years, the men worked together reconstructing Stearns' life and with it the untold saga of Houston's desegregation. Stearns, a Galveston native, had been a law student at Texas Southern University. There, as leader of the Progressive Youth Association in 1960, Stearns led demonstrations at public facilities in the city. Sadly, he would lapse into alcoholism and later was confined to a mental health facility at UT Galveston. Following the Carver screening, Cole and several panelists will participate in a discussion and question and answer session about the movie and integration in

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Carolyn Jean Shears Johnson

On Saturday, November 6, 2010 funeral services for Carolyn Jean Shears-Johnson were held. Carolyn was born on July 4, 1949, the third child of the late Iven and Lula Mae Nelson Shears in Elm Grove, a small community in Rusk, TX. Carolyn was raised in Elm Grove, where she joined at Mt. Hebron Presbyterian Church at an early age, served as a secretary, and remained a member until she moved away. She also attended Church On The Move where she worked with the kitchen committee. Carolyn graduated from G.W. Bradford School in 1967, after which she attended Texas College in Tyler, TX.

Carolyn was employed with the Texas State Railroad, first as a train attendant and then as a secretary. After relocating to Dallas, Carolyn continued to work for the state as an employee of Cedar Hill National Park, in Cedar Hill, TX for a total of fifteen years of service. She also worked as a sales associate at Big Lots before her health began to

fail.

A very loving and helpful person, Carolyn always gave unselfishly of herself and went above and beyond to help others in anyway that she could. Carolyn was also a very creative person who possessed a great deal of artistic flair, a talent that she utilized as a member of the Bradford Reunion planning committee. Her beautiful smile and fun-loving spirit will be greatly missed.

Carolyn's father, mother, and one brother, Clarence Lee Shears, preceded her in death. She is survived by a very loving and devoted daughter, Felicia (Byron) Sowels, and a son, Darvin Johnson, all of Dallas, TX; one sister, Letha Shears, of Rusk, TX, and three brothers, Weldon (Josie) Shears, Ira Dale (Mamie) Shears, all of Dallas, TX, and Larry Shears of Rusk, TX; one grandson, Byron Sowels, Jr of Dallas, TX, and one granddaughter, Shelby Sowels of Dallas, TX, who tragically passed away within twenty-four hours of her grandmother's death; a aunt, Josie Johnson, Rusk, TX, and her dearest, life-long friend and sister of the heart Mary Alice Foreman of Rusk, TX, and a host of nieces, nephews, other family members, and friends who will cherish her memory.

Religion



In these last and evil days. How can one be blessed on broken pieces? Consider the Apostle Paul's third missionary journey to Rome. As the journey begins, weather conditions caused the journey to become seriously dangerous. How many times in the trials of life's tribulations set us on a course of impending dangers. Holding on to God with a slippery hand, but at the same time doing the best you can. In (Acts 27: 39-44), Paul's ship was going through turbulence and facing undetermined doom. The soldiers plan was to kill the prisoners lest any of them should swim away. But the centurion that Paul had befriended, wanted to save Paul. By this favor of God on his life, the centurion commanded that those that could swim, should jump overboard first and get to land. And the rest: some parts of the ship....for the ship had been broken up by the violent sea. But wait! The Bible says.... and so it was that they all escaped safely to land. Keep in mind, that the reason Paul was a prisoner on the ship in the first place was because of his witness for Christ! Holding on to Christ.. will always cause us to be victorious. Even if the pieces we ride on are broken. Like- Paul, we must become a human instrument to be used by God. It's not always going to be easy, let's face it! There are parts of these last and evil days that stink. But glory be to God for Jesus, the word, and his Holy spirit. In Hebrews (13:5) it states that God will never leave us or forsake us. Just knowing that He lives in us gives us strength to go on. Also leaning on and studying the word of God as our source of comfort, with much prayer. Upon Paul's arrival in Rome, the centurion delivered to prisoners to the captain of the guard. But Paul was permitted to dwell by himself with the soldier who guard

Blessed On Broken Pieces: Chained But Free!

By: Elizabeth Reagan
ed him. God's divine favor was evident, for two years Paul being a prisoner lived in his own rented house with a guard by his side. Talk about broken pieces! Freedom in Christ is a direct spiritual state that Paul often addressed in the epistles. That the outer man could be chained, but not the spirit. Imagine ---- being on house arrest in your own rented house with a personal body guard (Acts 28:30). Even though: Paul's freedom was somewhat restricted probably by the use of ankle chains, he Paul didn't let it stop him, (Acts 28 19,20). Paul remained faithful and continued to spread the gospel in spite of his circumstance. (Acts 28:31) states: boldly and without hindrances' he preached the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord -- Jesus Christ. Paul's life was and still is a testimony to all especially Christians. A Christ centered life against all odds. We all can have the same victorious life as we witness for Christ, even on broken pieces. I can imagine our heavenly father: looking down at Paul, saying well done thy good and faithful servant. It's not always how much you can have, it's what you do with what you do have. The Bible tells us that we can plant and water: but He's the one that gives the increase! Picture it: Paul in his own rented house, received all who came to him for the wisdom and instructions of God. IF Christ lives in you can be a witness anywhere/anytime. Technically Paul was a physical prisoner to a certain extent, but with his spirit fully free grounded in Jesus Christ. This free spirit allowed him to still preach and reach a people that would have been lost forever. For this rented house was turned into a church! May we all learn a life lesson from Paul, he could have set around feeling sorry for his self. BUT instead he used the opportunity to spread the gospel! And like minded should we be ---- with Christ living on the inside: against all odds we win. Phillipians (4:13) as stated by Paul: I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS ME!

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Black History Month Theme African Americans and the Civil War

President Abraham Lincoln once said, "Whenever I hear anyone arguing for slavery, I feel a strong impulse to see it tried on him personally."

During the Civil War approximately 186,000 Africans served in the Union Army and 18,000 served in the Union Navy. African American troops suffered terrible discrimination, despite the valuable service they gave. The poor treatment reflected the widespread racist attitudes about black people. They were assigned to the most menial backbreaking work, such as digging ditches, and collecting dead bodies until late 1884. They received inferior equipment, guns, food, clothing, medical care and money.

Some African American Soldiers protested against their unequal treatment. In 1864 Sergeant William Walker, formerly enslaved, of the third South Carolina Volunteers led his company in protest of unequal treatment against the Union Army. Sergeant Walker was Court-martialed and executed. Other Black soldiers who protested their treatment were shot and jailed.

The Union's victory in the Civil War caused great rejoicing in the black community but the hold the south had on black people continued through Jim Crow Laws.

It is time to start planning for February 2011 and placing emphasis on Black History which should in reality, be taught every day at every appropriate occasion, especially US history classes.

The United States Constitution overtly dehumanized slaves, determining each slave's representative value as three-fifths of a white person's. Southerners had wanted slaves to be counted as a whole person in the census so their states would have greater political representation in Congress: others argued that slaves were not human and should not be counted. Eventually the three-fifths compromise was struck down. Slaves received no benefits of citizenship yet their mere existence gave political clout to their owners.

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Turners celebrate Fortieth Wedding Anniversary



Rusk, Texas- Jimmy and Essie Turner recently celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary. The celebration held at Woodmen of the World, Jacksonville, was a surprise occasion hosted by their three children Shell, Lamont and

Medicaid Managed Care Proposals

(Austin, TX.)-The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is proposing several changes to Texas Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) managed care services. The proposals are contained in the HHSC budget request and are contingent on approval by the Texas Legislature. The proposals include:

- Expand Medicaid managed care to counties contiguous to existing service areas. The expansion would be implemented through a contract amendment to the existing Medicaid and CHIP managed care contracts.

- Expand STAR+PLUS to El Paso and Lubbock.

- Expand Medicaid managed care to South Texas (Hidalgo Service Area)• Replace the Primary Care Case Management Program (PCCM) with a capitated managed care program.

- Carve the pharmacy benefit into the services delivered by the Medicaid and CHIP managed care plans.

- Develop statewide Medicaid dental managed care.

Proposed Program Start Dates:
STAR/STAR+PLUS Contiguous Expansion: Sept. 1, 2011

STAR+PLUS Expansion (Lubbock and El Paso): March 1, 2012

Managed Care Expansion to Hidalgo Service Area: March 1, 2012 (Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy)

PCCM Conversion to Capitated Managed Care: March 1, 2012

Medicaid Dental Managed Care: March 1, 2012

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Mr. James I. Perkins, Citizens 1st Bank President, received the greatest honor that can be bestowed upon an individual. January 29, 2008 the Stephen F. Austin College of Education was named the James I. Perkins College of Education in his honor. Seated here, Mr. Perkins and Indianapolis Colts, Cody Glenn, also former Citizens 1st Bank employee; Andrew Melontree of the Tyler Bank and Walter Session, Rusk city Councilman. They are viewing a thank you card to Mr. Perkins from Rusk State Hospital Employees and Superintendent Ted Debs for support given to RSH. The card is signed by each employee and has been framed and placed on display in the bank. RSH provides 936 jobs to East Texas.

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Anadarko Church of Christ Dedication Held



The newly constructed Anadarko Church of Christ building is now complete.

The building where the Christians at Anadarko have worshipped has always been located near what is now FM 1662 W. From information passed on, recollection is that the Church of Christ congregation at Anadarko was begun in the 1910's or 1920's. The original building was near a sycamore tree that was planted by one of the elders, Bro. Bristoe Blanton. This building was destroyed by fire in 1937.

It was in 1937 that another building was constructed on the hill. This building has stood for 73 years. The last renovation and addition to the building was done in 1990.

During the early years, various ministers preached once a month; sometimes twice a month on Sunday mornings. Among them and others who may have preached more regu-

larly were: Bro. Mathis, Bro. D.A. Stroud, Bro. E.W. Anderson, Bro. Elijah Thompson, Bro. R. N. Nelson, Bro. Bose Williams, Bro. Scott Bradley, Bro. Nathan Bradley, Bro. Arthur Clayton, Bro. W.T. Walls and Bro. Robert Anderson. Elders who have served in the past are: Bro. Bristoe Blanton, Bro. Henry Crain, Bro. George Walker, Bro. Zachariah Lewis, Bro. Johnny C. Johnson and Bro. Robert Freeny.

Brother Herman Cooper came to Anadarko Church of Christ as Minister in 1971 and served for 25 years, until 1996. Bro. MacArthur Evans was the next Minister, who served until 1999.

Bro. Don Crawford served as Associate Minister from 1988 to 1999 to 2001. Brother John Garrett came to Anadarko Church of Christ as Associate Minister in 1999.

Bro. John Garrett became Minister to Anadarko Church of Christ in 2001, where he continues to serve in 2010. Serving with Bro. Garrett are: Bro. Don Crawford, Associate Minister; Elders, Bro. Erby Crawford and Bro. Jerry Grant. In 2003, the members had a vision to construct a new edifice for the Christians at Anadarko to worship. This vision was embraced by the Elders. A blue print was drawn, a loan was granted and a contractor was ready to build. Everyone was filled with joy. However, a problem was revealed that could not be solved at that time. Bro. Garrett, the leadership and the Christians at Anadarko let go of the situation and gave it to God to work it out. The Christians at Anadarko had faith and hope that God would fix the situation; and He did. By the grace of God, the situation was solved in January, 2009. Then, it was back to the floor plan drawing board with Citizens National Bank and contractor, Mr. Lafane Battles. In January, 2010 ground was broken and construction of the new facility was begun. Worship service was held in the building with portions of it constructed in 1937 for the last time on Sunday, August 29, 2010. The first worship service was held in the new edifice on September 5, 2010.

The Christians at Anadarko Church of Christ give thanks to God for blessing us with a new edifice. Our prayer is to use it to save souls and bless others; all to the glorification of God.

ETCOG Hires Cunningham as Director of Finance



Kilgore, TX (October 12, 2010)- David Cleveland, Executive Director of the East Texas Council of Governments (ETCOG), the regional planning organization for fourteen East Texas counties, has announced the appointment of Charles Cunningham to the ETCOG management team as the Director of Finance. In this position Cunningham will be responsible for directing, planning, and coordinating financial activities; ensuring fiscal accountability to state and federal laws, regulations, and policies; developing funding forecasts; and preparing and monitoring budgets.

Cunningham brings with him over 30 years of experience in financial management and analysis in both the public and private sectors. He also served a number of years overseas working on development projects in Latin America and the Far East. Cunningham was most recently the

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One Nation Under God
By Billy "Hollywood" Groves



As a child growing up in America, I always enjoyed saying the Pledge of Allegiance in school. The part I liked the most was when the words "One Nation under God" were quoted. Although I grew up in an all-black world (before integration) those words, in my mind, connected me with the rest of America. After becoming an adult, I still like those words "One Nation under God" because they still have the same meaning and significance to me. In 2008, I got to see our country become "One Nation under God" in the truest sense, with the election of President Barack Obama.

Certainly, Abraham Lincoln, John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson, Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton were past Presidents that I really admired and who helped to significantly advance our nation and bring Americans together; but, having a black

man duly elected as President of the United States represented the ultimate symbol of "One Nation under God" to me. A close examination of the facts will show most Americans don't seem to have a problem with President Obama and many will admit that his Presidency is a big step toward real equality for all people in Having said that, I still have to wonder and face the reality that there are some people here who don't want to be under the "One Nation under God" umbrella. At the top of that list in my mind is the Tea Party, people like Sarah Palin, Glenn Beck, Rush Limbaugh, and extreme elements of the Republican Party. It seems like there is no way to please or appease people who long for those "good old days" when only one group occupied the highest office in the land. Sadly enough, even religion has been the subject of division voiced by the opposition. I heard a critic of President Obama on television describe Mr. Obama as a socialist and a Muslim who was leading America down to destruction. Despite the fact that President Obama has publicly stated many times that he is a Christian and that Jesus Christ is his Lord and Savior, those words seem to have fallen on deaf ears. There's an old saying, "United we stand and

divided we fall", that speaks volumes about the positive effects of being a united people versus the negative effects of a divided nation. Jesus, Himself, warned that "a house divided against its self cannot stand". President Obama was fairly elected by a majority of the American voters. Undeniably, he inherited a bad economic situation stemming from eight years of the Bush administration and undeniably, he has done and continues to do a superb job of cleaning up behind President Bush. If you have really paid attention to what President Obama has said and has done for the past nearly two years, then you can only come to one conclusion: He knows that our country can truly become "One Nation under God". If you have also been listening, watching and observing what President Obama's opponents have been doing since he took office, you can clearly come to this conclusion; his enemies have no intention of working with him, they want his presidency to fail, and they don't believe we can ever become "One Nation under God" with Obama at the helm. Rome wasn't built in a day. "Don't judge President Obama on a "snapshot" of time; give him the panoramic portrait of the entire four years of his term. I predict that history will rank him among the

greatest of the American Presidents and that it will reveal him to be the President who moved us closest to our ideal of becoming "One Nation under God". Halleluiah! God Bless America, Africa and the rest of the world.

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What's Cook'n

Broccoli-Rice

Casserole

2 (10-oz.) pkg. frozen chopped broccoli
 1 sm. onion, chopped
 1 (10 3/4 -oz.) can cream of chicken soup
 3/4 c. milk
 2 c. cooked rice
 1 c. shredded cheese

Cook broccoli according to directions on package. Drain well and set aside. Saute onion in butter until tender. Add soup, milk and cheese, cooking over medium heat, stirring until cheese melts. Stir in rice and broccoli and pour into a 2 qt. casserole. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

Banana Nut Pound Cake

1 1/2 c. oil
 2 1/2 c. sugar
 3 eggs, beaten
 3 c. plain flour
 1 tsp. salt
 1 T. vanilla
 1/2 c. buttermilk
 1 1/2 c. bananas, mashed
 1 c. chopped pecans
 Beat together oil and sugar until creamy. Then, mix in eggs, one at a time. Mix flour and salt together and add alternately with the buttermilk. Then, mix in pecans, bananas, and vanilla. Bake at 325 degrees in a sprayed bundt pan for approximately one hour or until it tests done and is golden brown.

CITY OF TYLER ERECTS HISTORICAL MARKER AT TEXAS COLLEGE



In Tyler Texas, on Wednesday, October 20, 2010 at 10 a.m., the City of Tyler - Historic Preservation Chapter hosted a ceremony to unveil a historic marker honoring Texas College as a part of the Reflections Program. In accordance with the Tyler 21 North End Action plan, in 2009, the City of Tyler launched a three year program to promote Tyler Historic Landmarks and the installation of historical markers and plaques at North End locations important to city and African American history. Specifically, the Reflections Program encourages citizens or interested organizations to submit nominations for the designation in the North End as Tyler Historic Landmarks, Tyler Historic Subject markers or Half Mile of History markers. Texas College is a historically black college that offers associate and baccalaureate degrees. Founded in 1894, by ministers of the Christian-Methodist Episcopal (CME) Church, the College has continuously provided a liberal arts education. This legacy has been accomplished over the years through the financial support of the CME Church along with

the many benefactors who believe in the mission of this institution.

Located on 25 acres in the heart of East Texas, Texas College is the oldest institution of higher learning in Tyler, Texas and is the lifeblood of the North Tyler community. The "Rose Capital of the World," is popular for its lakes, woodlands, and azaleas. The College is conveniently located 100 miles east of Dallas, Texas and 90 miles west of Shreveport, Louisiana. Though environmental changes have occurred in higher education over the years, Texas College has maintained the purpose for which it was founded—affording accessibility to a quality educational opportunity for all. early assessment of learning needs, academic advisement, study skills assistance, tutoring, and personal guidance through the First- and Second-Year Mentoring Program. Texas College offers eighteen programs of study in the liberal arts and sciences: 16 baccalaureate degree programs and two associate of arts programs. Students can study within one of four major divisions—Business and Social Sciences, Education, General Stud-

Computational Sciences. In addition to traditional academic programs, the College offers specialized programs that meet the needs of non-traditional students: the SUCCESS Program, an accelerated modular based adult degree completion program in business administration for adults who desire to obtain their bachelor's degree while fulfilling their work and family obligations; and the post-baccalaureate alternative teacher certification program.

Some of the best teachers in the country received their formal education at Texas College. The College's strong science and social sciences programs ably prepare students seeking professional careers in computer science, medicine, and law. In addition, the business acumen acquired by graduates of the College's business program has led them to productive and highly successful careers in a variety of business arenas. The College has established and continues to operate a superb teacher education program. Wireless Internet connectivity is available throughout the campus and teleconferencing and distance learning facilities are available in the academic buildings and the College Library.

Paramount to the College's goal of improving access to higher education, Texas College remains resolute in its commitment to the policy of open admissions; therefore, the College provides a comprehensive student learning program that includes

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 Austin. The participants will include: Dr. Charles Akins – Educator, administrator, and former asst. superintendent with the Austin Independent School District (1983), and the first African American to achieve that rank with AISD. Ms. Bertha Means – Businesswoman, community leader and long time local

integration of public facilities and schools. That included the integration of athletics at the University of Texas where her son, James, was the Longhorns' first black letterman (1964, track).

Dr. Dwight Watson – Associate Professor of History (African American History and the Civil Rights Movement) at Texas State University-San Marcos.

and education, and a key figure in the "Black Bayou: African-American Life and Civil Rights in Houston."

The program, free and open to the public, is made possible, in part, with a grant from Humanities Texas, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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pression that birth rates for unmarried black women are rising, the wrong questions are asked. Instead of asking “what’s going right in black culture, and how can we make sure this trend continues,” we’re assuming that nothing goes right, nothing works, and everything that anyone’s tried has been a failure.

So why have birth rates been declining among black women? I don’t know think there’s any single cause, but I suspect this is one factor:

From 1967 to the present, black girls who graduate high school have been more and more likely to go on to college, except for a period in the 1980s when the odds of college attendance flatlined for a while.

People in general make decisions rationally (although imperfectly). One of the best ways to predict if a young, unmarried woman is going to become a mother, is to ask how attractive her alternatives to motherhood are. What would she give up by having a baby? For women who aren’t giving up much, early single motherhood can be the rational choice.

So the declining birth rate among single black women is good news in two ways. First of all, it means fewer children are being born into households where only one parent will be there to take care of them. And second of all, it may reflect that black girls and women generally have more opportunities today than in the past.

REMEMBER:

Are you a man who trusts God’s Word without reservation? Hopefully so because the Bible is unlike any other book, it is a guidebook for life here on earth and for life eternal.

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