

# RELIGION

## MBC chairman and CEO pledges \$100,000 to School of Religion at Morehouse College

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

ATLANTA, Ga. — Willie E. Gary, senior partner of Gary, Williams, Parenti, Finney, Lewis, McManus, Watson & Sperando and chairman and CEO of the MBC television network, has pledged \$100,000 to the Morehouse College School of Religion.

Gary spoke to the several hundred people at the school's 57th Annual CD Hubert Preaching/Lecture Series about the significance of serving as role models to our young people.

He then told of how he went from growing up as a migrant worker to becoming a millionaire attorney and cable television executive.

"I went to school most days without shoes on my feet," Gary said. "But it didn't stop me because I wanted to be somebody. And you can do it too. You just have to want it real bad.

"You have to want it so bad you can taste it. Dream big dreams and have a refuse-to-be-denied attitude. And if you do



Famed attorney Willie Gary, second from right, receives the Eagle Award at Morehouse College for his long-standing contributions to education and religion. Gary recently spoke at the school and pledged money.

those things, nothing can stop you."

Gary was recognized in the form of written proclamations from the governor's office and from the new mayor of Atlanta for his endless contributions as a role

model for the youths of Atlanta and the entire state of Georgia.

He then surprised everyone by announcing that he was making Morehouse a member of his \$100,000 Club, a list of historically black colleges and universi-

ties to which Gary has donated \$100,000 or more in recent years.

School officials then surprised Gary by honoring him with the school's legendary Eagle Award for his long-standing contributions to education and religion.

## God's Glory will hold Spiritual Feast Week Celebration

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God's Glory Pentecostal Holiness Church of God in Jesus Christ Assemblies Inc. will present Spiritual Feast Week Celebration April 14-21. The program will be at 4 and 7 p.m. on Sunday, April 14 and 21. On April 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 (Monday-Friday)



Bishop Farris

the program will be at 7 p.m. On Saturday, April 20, the program will be from 1 to 5 p.m. There will be various speakers, picnic, singers and testimonies.

The speaker for the week will be Bishop Rozetta Hughes Farris.

The public is invited. For information, call the church at 727-0151. The church is at 1014 Ivy Ave.

## Mount Olive Baptist will celebrate church, pastoral anniversaries

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The Mount Olive Baptist Church congregation will celebrate the 93rd anniversary of the church and the 23rd anniversary of its beloved pastor, Rev. Charles E. Gray, "Son of Thunder," on April 7 at 4 p.m. The theme is "Moving By the Power." The guest speaker will be Rev. Joseph R. Samuels from St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church.

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths." This is what a group of Chris-



Rev. and Mrs. Gray

tian people did when God led them to establish Mount Olive Baptist Church in 1909.

Our first place of worship was a storefront building on South Ridge Avenue. We rented the building for several years and burned the mortgage in 1921. In 1934, the building was torn down and a new building erected.

The construction of I-40 and U.S. 52 caused us to relocate. On Sept. 5, 1954, we marched from the building on South Ridge Avenue to our present location.

Our first pastor was Rev. McQuater. Following McQuater were several pastors. Under the leadership of these pastors, God brought

Mount Olive a mighty long way.

On April 7, 1979, Rev. Gray was called as our pastor. Under his leadership and guidance, our membership has grown tremendously. We have formed a Junior Deacon and Deaconess Board, a Spiritual Choir, a Gospel Choir, a Mass Choir, an evangelism class, a youth department, a singles ministry, a dance and step ministry, and a security ministry.

Also under Gray's leadership, we have renovated our church four times. In our latest renovation, we doubled our

seating capacity, enlarged our fellowship hall, added an exquisite pastor's study, a men's restroom, six classrooms, illuminating lights, a sound system, 48 pews, a neon outdoor sign and a 200-car parking lot.

In 1993, we released our first album, "Let God Be God," composed by Rev. Gray, and the dynamic play also titled "Let God Be God," written by Rev. Gray's son, Michael Gray, was presented to the public.

In 1996, we released our second album, "Magnify Him," and presented our sec-

ond play, "Order My Steps," both written and composed by Rev. Gray. In 1997, we presented to the public our play "The Upper Room to Calvary," also written by Rev. Gray.

Our Sunday school and ushers are strongly represented in district and state organizations. With all the work that we have done so far, and we will do in the future, nothing will ever be more important than bringing lost souls to Christ.

The public is invited to attend. The church is at 1301 E. Belwus Street.

## Upcoming Church Events

April 3-5

**St. Paul Apostolic will hold spring revival**

St. Paul Apostolic Church will have a spring revival April 3-5 at 7 p.m. The guest speaker will be Elder Samuel Clemmons, pastor of Church of Philadelphia in Winston-Salem. St. Paul Apostolic Church is at 1401 E. 25th Street. Bishop J. Funderburk is the pastor.

April 4 and 5

**Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church will hold intercessory prayer conference**

Intercessory prayer ministry of Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church will have an intercessory prayer conference on April 4 and 5 at 7 p.m. On April 4, Bishop Claude D. Thomas, pastor of Genesis Victory Outreach Center, will speak. On April 5, Rev. Napoleon Crowell Jr., pastor of Burning Flame Christian Church, will speak. Dr. James F. Linville is pastor of Piney Grove Baptist Church.

April 5, 6

**Happenings at Union Baptist: First Friday College Explosion, kingdom worship service, WSSU choir anniversary**

Union Baptist Church college outreach ministry (UBC.COM) will hold its First Friday College Explosion program on Friday, April 5, at 9 p.m. The special guest speaker will be Minister Keith McDaniel, a divinity student at Shaw University. The renowned First Friday choir will open.

On Sunday, April 6, at 8 p.m., Union Baptist Church will hold its monthly kingdom worship service, which focuses on ministering to the homeless. In a partnership with the Bethesda Center and the Salvation Army, a service will begin to meet the spiritual needs of the clients of these two organizations.

The Inspirational Voices of Winston-Salem State University will hold their anniversary at Union Baptist Church on Saturday, April 6, at 6 p.m. Join them in this celebration.

Union Baptist Church, "A Church Determined to Live for Christ," is at 1200 N. Trade Street. Dr. Sir Walter Mack Jr. is pastor and preacher.

**Higher Ground Deliverance Inc. Women of Excellence will sponsor retreat**

Higher Ground Deliverance Inc. Women of Excellence will sponsor a two-day retreat in the word of God. The event will be held at Higher Ground Deliverance Tabernacle Inc., 111 Back Forty Drive, April 5 and 6. The dynamic Prophetess Gloria Samuels will speak at the service Friday at 8 p.m. Higher Ground's very own women of God evangelists Frankie Lagroan, Demetria Ledbetter and Faith Tuttle will speak at the 5 p.m. service on Saturday. For more information, call (336) 784-5683.

April 5-7

**Women's conference planned**

Genesis Victory Outreach Center Inc. will sponsor the Phenomenal Women of Genesis second annual women's conference April 5 at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.; April 6 at 9 a.m., noon luncheon and 7 p.m.; and April 7 at 11 a.m. The speaker for the luncheon will be First Lady Janice McClurkin of Greater Faith COGIC, where the pastor is

Dr. John McClurkin.

There is a registration fee. Contact Josephine Richardson at 766-8762 or Sharon Pollard at 744-5564 for information. Genesis Victory Outreach Center is at 1882 Old Hollow Road. Dr. Claude D. Thomas is the pastor.

April 7

**Mechanics Baptist Church in Asheboro will install Pastor Daryl A. Young**

Mechanics Baptist Church, 1803 Tot Hill Farm Road in Asheboro, invites you to the installation of its pastor, Daryl A. Young, on Sunday, April 7, at 3 p.m. Dr. A. Thomas Griffey III, pastor of Pentecostal Lighthouse and Mount Carmel Baptist Church, will speak.

To get to the church, take I-40 East to Hwy. 220 South. Continue for several miles to Hwy. 64 West. Make a right off of the ramp. The road will then split into Hwy. 49 South (on the left) and Hwy. 64 (on the right). Keep to the left on Hwy. 49 South. Keep straight for about six miles to the second Tot Hill Farm Road (the sign for the church is on the left). Turn on that road and the church will be on the right.

If you need more information or directions to the church, contact Rev. or Mrs. Daryl Young at (336) 767-0007.

**Dedication of Jehovah Nissi Baptist Church scheduled**

Jacqueline Jenkins, senior pastor and founder of Jehovah Nissi Baptist Church, invites the public to celebrate the church dedication on Sunday, April 7, at 4 p.m. The church is at 533 N. Liberty Street. For more information, call the church at 724-3224.

**Women's group at Oak Grove Baptist will sponsor service**

The Mary Dudley Women's Progressive Auxiliary of Oak Grove Baptist Church, 3978 Pine Hall Road in Walkertown, will sponsor a worship service at 4 p.m. on April 7. Dr. Curtis Woods, founder of The Vintage Bible College, will be the guest speaker. Rev. I.L. Anthony is the pastor of Oak Grove Baptist Church.

**Rev. Carolyn Scales and Luisa E. Cook will speak at service at St. James AME**

The combined Usher

Board of St. James AME Church will be in charge of the 4 p.m. service on April 7. Speakers will be the Rev. Carolyn Scales and Luisa E. Cook. This is the first of a series of scheduled Sunday evening services.

Reginald Ford will preside and the Rev. Mary F. Peterson, pastor of the local church, will introduce the speakers.

The public is invited. The church is at 1501 N. Paterson Avenue.

**Calvary Hill Church of Greater Deliverance will celebrate anniversary**

On Sunday April 7, at 4 p.m., Bishop Claude C. Turner and Calvary Hill Church of Greater Deliverance will celebrate its 22nd anniversary. The guest speaker will be Bishop Joseph P. Lowery, pastor of St. Matthew's Church of Winston-Salem. Calvary Hill Church of Greater Deliverance is at 4951 Manning Street. For more information, call 721-3290.

April 8-12

**Oak Grove Baptist will hold**