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Dr. Nathan Scovens leads the benediction. Also pictured (from left) are Chronicle Publisher Ernie Pitt, Lové Lemon, Sharee Fowler, Theophilus Woodley and Judge Denise Hartsfield.

# Good Preachin' with a side of Bacon and Eggs

*Capacity crowd attends annual Prayer Breakfast*

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A standing-room-only crowd of more than 500 was urged early Monday morning by the words and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King to love, hope and, most importantly, continue to dream.

The Chronicle's 11th Annual MLK Prayer Breakfast packed them into the Benton Convention Center like never before. The slate of preachers, students and community leaders didn't disappoint the colossal crowd as they offered insight, personal stories and their perspectives on the fate of Dr. King's iconic dream.

Dr. King was recalled by many speakers as having been far from an ordinary man.

During his time behind the podium, Mayor Allen Joines likened Dr. King to Moses, stating that both men stood for justice and all that is right. Salem College Student Government Association President Lové Lemon said that King was highly favored by the

Almighty. It was this favor, she said, that allowed him to stand tall in the face of hate and with the threat of death constantly hanging over his head. King knew, she said with passion, that "a man can't ride your back if you are not bent."

Speakers like Dr. Barbee Oakes, assistant provost for Diversity and Inclusion at Wake Forest University, and Theophilus Linwood Woodley, a Winston-Salem State University senior who is serving as Mr. WSSU, said Dr. King's message can be used to tackle the challenges of today.

Oakes, who has spent the last 25 years as an educator, surmised that nothing would please Dr. King more than to have those who honor him show similar devotion to children. Oakes urged the crowd to take a "shepherd's approach" when it comes to kids by watching over them and making sure none go astray.

Woodley, a finance and economics double major from Charlotte, said



Lemon



Woodley

Cover illustration of black child and white child holding hands in front of huge portrait of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is by Doug Griswold. It first ran in *The San Jose Mercury News* in 1995.



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