



The 41st Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance Day Association Celebration



2020 THEME:

**"Dr. King's Non-Negotiables:
Non-Violence, Equality, Peace, and Love."**
Neveah Macon, Oglethorpe Charter School, 6th Grade

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

I look to a day when
people will not be judged
by the color of their skin,
But by the content
of their Character.

-MLK Jr.

*We honor his life and his legacy by recommitting
ourselves to keeping his dream alive!*



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President's Message

Just a few days ago, we were privileged to see the dawning of both a new year and a new decade. Like most I'm bursting with anticipation and hope for the year to come. Thank you in advance for your participation in this year's activities, whether large or small. This organization exist with one goal, to manifest Dr. King's dream of a better world for our race "the human race" but we know that without your support we have no fuel for the race.

We've marked a new calendar milestone the year 2020 and we've reached the organizations 41st anniversary but our work, the work that Dr. King started is not yet complete and we stand poised to march ahead.



This year our theme is "Dr. King's Non-Negotiables: Non- Violence, Equality, Peace and Love. This theme was written by Miss Neveah Macon, a 6th Grade student at Oglethorpe Charter School. Our goal is to bring more programs that involve the youth to ensure that we have young people to pass the baton to. This year we bestowed our first Trailblazer Award. This award was created to honor deserving members of our community that are under 50.

Our Calendar of Events include ten signature events, which includes the annual Parade, Business and Community Unity Brunch and Express for Success Youth Showcase.

Today, I offer a special thank you to our sponsors, local organizations, ministerial alliances, churches and many others. Without you we would not be able to serve this community through our scholarship and give back programs nor reach the success we now enjoy.

Joyfully,

Carolyn S. Blackshear
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2020 MLK, Jr. Marshal



Mrs. Maxine Patterson

Mrs. Patterson began teaching students by word of mouth in 1969 at the West Broad YMCA, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Asbury United Methodist Church, and the Greek Commercial Building, prior to moving to her midtown studio on Lincoln and 39th streets in 1985. In addition to her studio, she has taught at Gadsden Elementary, Heard Elementary, Jacob G. Smith Elementary, the Jewish Educational Alliance, Maggie's Morning School, and the Pooler Recreation Center. Presently, Max Patterson takes pride knowing that she has been teaching dance to children and adults in our community for 50 years. She operates dance classes at her studio and at the Pooler Recreation Center, with an annual recital at the Savannah Civic Center. One of Maxine's greatest pleasures is becoming very close with many of her students, taking some on trips, and staying in touch with them long after they have finished their childhood dancing and gone on in life. She enjoys being called a "Second Mom" by many of her older students and listens to all her students talk about travel, friends, or just about their day.

As Maxine's studio moves towards a huge milestone, Mrs. Patterson takes pride knowing that she has been teaching dance to children and adults in our community for 50 years. She's excited to celebrate this milestone and encouraged about the future of Maxine Patterson School of Dance. Maxine and her instructors are not only committed to teaching dance, but also to instilling high self-esteem, self-pride, and confidence in every dancer.

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Lieutenant John A. White, Jr.

Lieutenant White was the first African-American to be sworn in as a Savannah police officer in May of 1947 and is the last living member of the first group of black officers in the city, widely known as The Original Nine. The retired World War II Marine served the department for 37 years.

Former Savannah police Lt. John White was recognized by the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police on Friday, November 30, 2018.

High-ranking officers from around the state came to watch White accept the award on Friday. The hearty 94-year-old sat among his police friends and family in a ballroom in the Savannah Civic Center.

"If you can't make a person laugh at least once a day, life is not worth living," White said before the ceremony, just after making a few people laugh.

White has been an active member of the Greater St. James AME Church for 90 years. He continues his spiritual journey by working with children in his church and community.

Youngster often visits his home to talk with him about his life as a police officer. Not only does he explain his work, he adds the dos and don'ts of life, he also shares a variety of snacks.

2020 MLK, Jr. Civil Rights Honoree



Mr. George E. Shinhoster

George E. Shinhoster came of age in the civil turbulence of the 1960s. A native of Savannah, Ga., he was one of the first African Americans to desegregate a high school and college there. He worked with the Chatham County Crusade for Voters to register black citizens to become voters. In the heat of the civil rights struggle, Mr. Shinhoster worked with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference as a field organizer in Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and South Carolina.

Today, he is president of The George Shinhoster Experience, an enterprise that highlights Mr. Shinhoster's exploits through speaking, storytelling and facilitation. He also is a principal of the Earl T. Shinhoster Youth Leadership Institute, where he prepares middle and high school students to become leaders in their schools and communities.

2020 MLK, Jr. Trailblazer



Antwan Lang

Antwan T. Lang is a native and resident of Savannah, Georgia. He is a graduate of Savannah State University with a BA and will earn his master's in public administration in May 2020. Lang serves in the Georgia National Guard and will become a commissioned officer in 2020 through the Savannah State Army ROTC program.

His work with mentoring young men and women earned him an opportunity to become a member of the 100 Black Men of Savannah. As he remains active in the 100 Black Men, he also serves on several community boards and commissions. In 2015 Lang was appointed by the Savannah Mayor and council to serve on the Keep Savannah Beautiful Advisory board and the Savannah Cultural Affairs Commission. Mr. Lang is a life member of the Beach Institute African-American Cultural Center of Savannah which began in 1867 as the first school in Savannah erected specifically for the education of African Americans. As a former foster child himself, Mr. Lang joined the board of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) in 2017 and was elected to serve on the Executive Committee of the Savannah Branch NAACP. Lang made history in Chatham County, Georgia as the youngest elected official in the counties history. At 24 years old, he was elected to the Chatham County Board of Elections.

Professionally, Lang is a Licensed Insurance Broker. As a young professional, Lang joined the Savannah Jaycees in 2014. He served on the Board of the Junior Chamber for two years and elected president on December 5th, 2017. Lang was proud to serve as the second African American to hold this position in its 75-year history. He is a member of the First African Baptist Church, the oldest continuous African American Church in the United States and is a proud Prince Hall Mason and Noble of Omar Temple #21 Shriners.

2020 MLK, Jr. *Humanitarian Award Recipient*



Pastor George Edward Clark, Sr. retired in June 2019 as Pastor of Welcome Baptist Church in the Cannon Bluff Community of Townsend, Georgia. From 1999 to the present, Pastor Clark has won souls for Christ at Welcome Baptist Church. Under his leadership and with the staunch support of his compassionate, diligent parishioners of Welcome Baptist Church, Pastor Clark spearheaded the redesign and construction of Welcome Baptist Church in 2010.

As one of God's faithful shepherds, Pastor Clark's tenure as a Pastor did not begin with Welcome Baptist Church. In the past, he served as Pastor of First African Baptist Church in Darien, GA and Nicholsonboro Baptist Church in Savannah, GA.

Exemplifying the duties of God's Pastor, Pastor Clark prided himself at actively being cognizant of the needs of the members of his congregation by visiting the sick members in hospitals, at home, and in other facilities; encouraging the members especially the children to strive to work hard and achieve in school and at places of employment; and unselfishly giving to those who were in need, monetarily and through mentorship.

Pastor Clark's work always began inside but expanded beyond the four walls of the sanctuaries and into the community. Some of his accomplishments include but are not limited to: Spearheading and encouraging First African Baptist Church to rebuild and participate in the Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade; Pioneering the Martin Luther King, Jr. worship service at First African Baptist Church in Darien, GA, where city officials, county officials, and citizens of all races, ethnicities and religions participated; Fostering the idea that "church" was building a sense of unity in the community by worshipping together while overlooking cultural and racial differences with Caucasian brothers and sisters; Serving the McIntosh County community as a catalyst for unity and being a recipient of the Living Legend Award for Service to Humanity by the Ministers Wives of McIntosh County; and Actively and tirelessly working from the inception to develop MLK Observance Association and cultural activities in Savannah, GA.

Pastor Clark's foundation was laid in the clay hills of Burke County by his late parents John and Anna Belle Clark. He is the eldest of 8 children. Upon moving to Savannah, GA, Pastor Clark joined St. James A.M.E. He is a 1960 graduate of Alfred E. Beach High School. Upon graduation from high school, he attended Harris Area Trade School (currently Savannah Technical College) concentrating in the studies of auto mechanics. Pastor Clark acquired his on the job training as a mechanic at Tracy Dixon Trucking Company. Employing his knowledge from Tracy Dixon Trucking, Pastor Clark then became a young entrepreneur establishing own auto repair shop, Clark's Auto Repair, where he, his father, and brothers supported the Savannah community as auto mechanics. After closing the shop, he began working for Savannah Technical School as an Auto Mechanics Instructor (now Savannah Technical College), retiring after 33 years.

Pastor Clark's family is Godly proud of his accomplishments. He is lovingly supported by his wife Sandra Clark; his children Sherry Walker (Patrick), Stephanie Williams (Willet), George Clark, Jr., Herbert Baker (Nicole), Jason Baker, and Jaron Baker; and his grandchildren Patrick Walker, Jr. (posthumously), Cameron Walker, George Clark III, Daeja Monilla-Brooks, Mya Smiley, Lauren Clark, Kierstan Baker, Kennedi Baker, Joshua Williams, Jordan Williams, Karina Clark, and Gabrielle Clark.

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- 1986 - Rev. Henderson E. Formey (Deceased)
Dr. Thelma Harmond (Deceased)
- 1987 - Mr. Roy E. Jackson
State Representative Dorothy Pelote
(Deceased)
- 1988 - Mr. Benjamin Polote
Mr. Charlie Bryant (Deceased)
- 1989 - Former State Senator Roy Allen (Deceased)
Mrs. Jessie C. Deloach
- 1990 - Mrs. Gertrude Green (Deceased)
Dr. Clifford Hardwick (Deceased)
- 1991 - Dr. Otis Johnson
Mrs. Sadie Steele (Deceased)
- 1992 - Former State Senator Al Scott
Dr. Phyllis Mack
- 1993 - Rev. Bennie R. Mitchell, Jr. (Deceased)
Dr. Frankie Ellis (Deceased)
- 1994 - Dr. Annette K. Brock
Mr. John H. Finney
- 1995 - Alderman David Jones
Commissioner Priscilla Thomas
- 1996 - Mrs. Carolyne B. Jones (Deceased)
Mr. Elijah Larry McDuffie
- 1997 - Mayor Floyd Adams, Jr. (Deceased)
Alderman Gwendolyn P. Goodman (Deceased)
- 1998 - Judge Eugene Gadsden (Deceased)
Mr. Alexander Grant, Jr.
Mr. William Malone
Mr. John A. White
- 1999 - Mrs. Mozell D. Clemmons (Deceased)
Rev. Dr. Henry R. Delaney, Jr. (Deceased)
- 2000 - Past Marshals
- 2001 - Mr. W. Richard Shinhoster
Mr. Sam Williams
- 2002 - Rev. William Franklin Stokes, II (Deceased)
Mrs. Margaret V. J. Williams (Deceased)
- 2003 - Mrs. Carolyn Hodges Bell
Pastor Thurmond N. Tillman
- 2004 - Mrs. Frenchye Mason Bynes (Deceased)
Dr. Prince A. Jackson, Jr. (Deceased)
- 2005 - Rev. Matthew Southall Brown
Mr. Warren Jones, Sr. (Deceased)
- 2006 - Mr. Joe Murray Rivers (Deceased)
Mrs. Inez Jenkins
- 2007 - Elder Willie Ferrell
Mrs. Carol W. Brown
- 2008 - Major Juliette V. Tolbert
Mr. Terry Tolbert
- 2009 - Senator Regina Thomas
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- 2010 - Mrs. Parnell M. Jones (Deceased)
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- 2011 - Alderwoman Mary Osborne
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- 2013 - Mrs. Catherine W. Jackson
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- 2014 - Chief Master Sergeant Betty L. Morgan
Mr. Michael O'Neal
- 2015 - Mrs. Ernestine J. Jones (Deceased)
Dr. J. Alphson Dandy
- 2016 - Rev. Carolyn L. Dowse
Mr. Thomas Kohler
- 2017 - Prophetess Dr. Hazel Scott
Alderman Van R. Johnson, II
- 2018 - Dr. M. Ann Levett
Mr. Alton (Al) Wright
- 2019 - Ms. Rosabel P. Dixon
Mr. David Richards

Past Civil Rights Honorees

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Attorney Sage Brown (Deceased)

Mr. Judson Ford (Deceased)

Alderman Edna Branch Jackson

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Mr. John Saxon "Piccolo" Pierce (Deceased)

Mr. Alphonso "Big Al" Rivers (Deceased)

Rev. Louis S. Stell, III (Deceased)

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Rev. Jesse A. Blackshear

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First African American Firemen

Purdy Bowers, Jr.

Cordell Heath

Louis Oliver

Theodore Rivers (Deceased)

Warnell Robinson

Porter Screen

Groves High School Class of 1964

Martha Coleman Bellinger

Sadie Mae Simmons Brown

Sage Brown (Deceased)

Delores Cooper

Floria Ann Goldwire

George Shinhoster

Sara Townsend Williams

Savannah High School Class of 1964

John Alexander (Deceased)

Eddie Banner

John Briggs (Deceased)

Ulysses Bryant, Jr.

Frankie Coleman Davis

Geraldine Loadholt

Lillian Meyers

Robert Edward Robinson (Robbie) (Deceased)

Florence Russell

Robert Stephenson (Deceased)

Anstine Thompson

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2020 MLK THEME WINNERS

FIRST PLACE

Neveah Macon

Oglethorpe Charter School, 6th Grade

***“Dr. King’s Non-Negotiables:
Non-Violence, equality, peace, and love.”***

SECOND PLACE

Shawn Ransom

Windsor Forest Elementary School, 5th grade

THIRD PLACE

Camille Moore

West Chatham Middle School, 8th grade

Past MLK Theme Winners

The following is a list of themes and theme winners from 1982-2019:

- 1982 "Come Follow My Footsteps, All My Children" — Valerie Carter
- 1983 "King Saved the Seed of Brotherhood - Foundation for Mankind" — Sharon Thornton
- 1984 "Dr. King's Dream Never Died...It Continues As We Strive" — Rosella Jackson
- 1985 "King's Dream Lights the Path for Greatness" — Lacosta Washington
- 1986 "Reflections of Yesterday, Hope for Today, Faith for Tomorrow" — Leslie Booker
- 1987 "Educational Visions for Freedom - Our Passport to A Brighter Future" — Tasisha S. Milton
- 1988 "Freedom the Choice is Yours! The Time Is Now" — Lamonia Danielle Lowery
- 1989 "Fulfilling Yesterday, Excelling Today, and Striving for Achievement Tomorrow" — Leonard Padgett
- 1990 "Don't Limit The Dream...Expand it Through Reality" — Dexter Bateman
- 1991 "Education, Communication, and Dedication Are the Keys to Creative Nonviolence" — Cheryl Morrison
- 1992 "Dream: Hope: United: One (Dream Is To Hope Just As United Is to One)" — Lisa Mason
- 1993 "Equality: Yesterday's Struggle, Today's Dreams, Tomorrow's Reality" — Crystal Gross
- 1994 "Climbing the Mountain: Education, Opportunity, Communication, At the Top Freedom" — Shane Howard
- 1995 "Justice Working for a Better Tomorrow" — Malik Walker
- 1996 "Promote Peace, Reject Hate, Undo Wrong, Embrace Love" — Joshua Griffin
- 1997 "Once United In Brotherhood, We Shall Be Truly Free" — Marvin Cook
- 1998 "When We Change the Heart, We Can Conquer the Mind" — Angela Williams
- 1999 "Remember the Past, Focus On the Present, Live for the Future" — Shimeka Arkwright.
- 2000 Past Themes
- 2001 "He Died For His Dream...Today We Live For It" - Harold Jermaine Hayes
- 2002 "Reflect The Past; Achieve Today; Envision Tomorrow" - Alexis Lynette Proctor
- 2003 "One Man, One Dream, The Hope for Freedom for All" - Michael Johnson
- 2004 "Family Fun! A Day To Remember The Dream" - Shannon Williams
- 2005 "Families United: Celebrating The Dreamer and The Dream" - Victor Robin Smith
- 2006 "Remember the Past...But Live For A Better Tomorrow" - Shariyah Williams
- 2007 "Dream, Believe, Achieve: Martin Luther King, Jr. Did" - Victoria DiNatale
- 2008 "Dr. King: Great Leader, Big Dreamer, Faithful Believer, Awesome Achiever" - Shayla Goldwire
- 2009 "Martin Dreamt It, Barack Achieved It, We Will Live It" - Jessica Russell
- 2010 "A Dream of Change, A Future of Accomplishment" - Brittany Strobert
- 2011 "Dream with a Vision. Live with a Purpose" - Riche' Williams
- 2012 "A Dream from the Past: A Mission for the Future" - Wendi Powell
- 2013 "Dreamers Are Believers and Believers Become Achievers" - Sierra Vincent
- 2014 "Learn the History, Appreciate the Sacrifice, Live the Dream" - Maiyah Dortch
- 2015 "His Dream: Inspiration for Freedom and Justice for All" - Trenten C. Huerta
- 2016 "Following His Footsteps: Marching with A Dream" - Jordan Williams
- 2017 "A Legacy Never Forgotten, Peace and Love Will Thrive On." - Lepairea Harper
- 2018 "MLK 50 Forward: Together We Win With Love for Humanity" - National Theme
- 2019 "Dream the Dream...Transforming Hearts, Minds and the World." - Katlin A. Brown

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 Rev. George Clark

Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing

(Black National Anthem)

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea —

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on our way;
Thou who has by Thy might led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee;
Lest our hearts, drunk of the wine of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.

2020 MLK Business Community Unity Brunch Speaker



Jonathan McCollar
Mayor - City of Statesboro

Mayor Jonathan McCollar is a native of Statesboro, Georgia. He was educated in the public school system of Bulloch County where he graduated in the class of 1992 from Statesboro High School. He went on to attend Georgia Southern University where he earned a Bachelor's of Arts degree in History with an emphasis in American history. He attended the Jack Averitt School of Graduate Studies where he earned a Master's degree in Public Administration with an emphasis in governmental and non-profit organizations. Mayor McCollar is a devoted husband to the exceptional Adrienne McCollar and is an adoring father of five.

Mayor McCollar recognized early on in his life a desire for public service and being a voice for the voiceless. This passion, being spurred by his Christian beliefs, has led him to become an active tool for the advocating of social equality, economic development, and political activism. Along with this path he has worn the hats of educator, business owner, community organizer, advocate, volunteer, mentor, and now mayor. In these capacities, he has received numerous awards and recognition for volunteerism, leadership, and dedication.

Mayor McCollar's entire career has been focused on public service. He has had the opportunity to work with such stellar organizations as Educational Services of America, Goodwill Industries International, the American Cancer Society and now Georgia Southern University. In each of these capacities, he has been recognized for his ability to be an effective leader.

Mayor McCollar's vision for the city of Statesboro is for the city to become a destination class city that is thriving economically with a culture of inclusion. He believes in a common sense form of governance where City government works to foster an environment where businesses can thrive, the people can grow, and the quality of life is high.

Business and Community Unity Brunch

Saturday, January 19, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.

Savannah International Trade & Convention Center

Mr. Edward Moody (News Anchor - WSAV-TV), Presiding



Invocation.....	Bishop Willie Ferrell <i>Pastor, The Royal Church of Christ</i>
*Pledge of Allegiance.....	Miss Neveah Macon & Master Shawn Ransom <i>2020 MLK Theme Winners</i>
*Audience Selection	"Lift Every Voice and Sing" (Led by Ms. Sharese Janay)
Welcome	Mrs. Carolyn S. Blackshear <i>President, MLK Observance Day Association, Inc.</i>
Greetings – City of Savannah	The Honorable Van R. Johnson, II <i>Mayor, City of Savannah</i>
Greetings – Chatham County	The Honorable Albert J. Scott <i>Chairman, Chatham County Commission</i>
Special Recognitions	Lester B. Johnson, III, Esq. <i>Law Firm of Lester B. Johnson III, P.C. and MLK Board Member</i>
Blessing of Food	Rev. Cornelius Lloyd <i>Youth Pastor, Little Bryan Baptist Church</i>

BRUNCH IS SERVED (An Opportunity to Network)

Introduction of Speaker	Mrs. Corine Ackerson Jones <i>Business & Community Unity Brunch Committee Member</i>
Solo	Ms. Sharese Janay
Speaker	The Honorable Jonathan M. McCollar <i>Mayor, Statesboro, Georgia</i>

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. LEGACY AWARD PRESENTATION

Presenter, Dr. Carol W. Brown, MLK President, Emeriti

Humanitarian	Educator, Ministry & MLK Association.....	Rev. George Clark <i>Retired Pastor, Instructor, Savannah Technical College and MLK Associations Activist</i>
Prayer of Unity/Benediction	Rev. Christopher Pittman <i>Pastor, First Bryan Baptist Church</i>	

Brunch Hostesses - MLK Observance Day Association, Inc. Members

2020 MLK Citywide Memorial Worship Service Speaker

Pastor Gregory Formey is the son of the late Rev. Henderson E. and Eloise C. Formey, the second of seven children.

He graduated in 1971 from Alfred E. Beach High School in Savannah. In 1975, he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology at Williams College, Williamstown Massachusetts. He has also done postgraduate work at an extension of the University of Wales, Birmingham England.

Professionally, he was Supervisor of Training at the Savannah-Chatham Opportunities Industrialization Center (OIC) in Savannah; He has worked as a Prevocational Skills Technician at the Savannah-Chatham Psychoeducational Center (now known as the Coastal Georgia Comprehensive Academy); and as Social Services Specialist with the Chatham County Department of Family and Children Services.



He gave his life to Jesus Christ in 1978 at First African Baptist Church of Savannah. Sensing a call to the ministry in 1981, he began a process of development resulting in ordination in 1983.

In 1987, he came to be a part of what is now Overcoming By Faith Ministries of Savannah, Georgia. Under the leadership of Dr. Ricky R. Temple, Sr., he completed a Bible school program in 1989.

After serving in several aspects of church life, including that of Staff Minister, He and his family relocated to Columbia, South Carolina in 1993 to lead what became known as The Potter's Christian Life Center. He has served this congregation for the past 26 years, during which time, the church has grown and developed both radio and television outreaches. The church is involved in missions work through a partnership with a six-country outreach ministry in the region of Southern Africa, headquartered in Mutare, Zimbabwe.

Additionally, he has participated in a number of efforts at racial reconciliation with a churches and pastors in the Columbia, South Carolina area.

He is married to the former Sandra Maynard (42 years), and has one daughter and son-in-law. He is the grandfather of three boys.

Citywide King Memorial Worship Service

Saint Paul CME Church

Rev. Kenneth Jordon, Associate Minister & Worship Leader

Sunday, January 19, 2020 – 5:00 P.M.

Processional	Memorial March of the Clergy	
Call to Worship	Rev. Kenneth Jordon	
Black National Anthem	“Lift Ev’ry Voice and Sing”	Choir and Congregation
Welcome	Pastor Da’Henri R. Thurmond, Sr.	
Memorial Reading	Mrs. Deborah Adams	MLK Board Member
Lighting of the Memorial Candles	2020 Theme Winners	
Memorial Prayer	Rev. Andrea Osborne	Pastor, First Tabernacle Baptist Church
Selection	St. Paul CME Church Mass Choir	
Scripture	Rev. Lolita Hickman	Pastor, Trinity Baptist Church
Presidential Greetings	Rev. Chester Ellis, President	Savannah Baptist Ministers’ Union & Pastor, St. Paul Baptist Church
	Mrs. Carolyn S. Blackshear, MLK President	
Solo	Bro. Gabriel Grant	
Greetings - City of Savannah	The Honorable Van R. Johnson, II	Mayor, City of Savannah
Greetings - Chatham County	The Honorable Albert J. Scott	Chairman, Chatham County Commission
The Offertory Appeal/Offering/Prayer	Rev. James E. Taylor	Presiding Elder (Ret.)
Introduction of the Messenger	Dr. Ricky Temple	Pastor, Overcoming By Faith
Hymn of Preparation	St. Paul CME Church Mass Choir	
Memorial Messenger	Rev. Gregory Formey	Pastor, The Potters Christian Life Center, Columbia, SC
Invitation to Christian Discipleship	Pastor Da’Henri R. Thurmond, Sr.	Pastor, St. Paul C.M.E. Church
Closing Hymn	“We Shall Overcome”	Choir & Congregation
Prayer of Unity & Benediction	Rev. Paul E. Smith	Associate Minister, Tremont Temple Baptist Church

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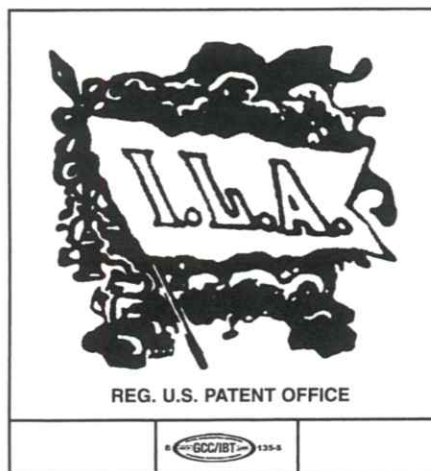
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