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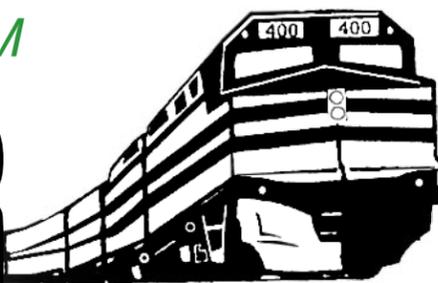
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### ABOVE ALL THINGS MINISTRY

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." - III John:2

## From Ordination To Broadcast Nation: Judge Penny Brown Reynolds' New Ministry

On a bright Saturday this spring, Penny Brown Reynolds, a sitting judge at the State Court of Fulton County was ordained a minister at College Park's Midway Missionary Baptist Church, where her husband, Edward Reynolds has been pastor for nine years. Among the hundreds of well-wishers present were family, fellow judges, faculty and students of Atlanta's Interdenominational Theological Center, from which she graduated only the day before, and dozens of clergy who participated in the traditional laying on of hands at the conclusion of the ceremony, which was presided over by Dr. Gerald Durley of Providence Missionary Baptist Church.

"Judge Penny Brown Reynolds brought a special set of gifts to the bench," observed Dr. Durely from the pulpit. "She brings a unique blend of talents and insights to her new ministries as well. It's never been more true that from those to whom much has been given, much is expected."

For an exclusive ORR video of the ceremony, visit [www.overgroundrr.com](http://www.overgroundrr.com).

"My whole life is a testimony as to what God can do with a broken vessel," Brown told the Conductor. "I was born on the wrong side of the tracks, raised in poverty by a single mother, I never knew my dad. After going to school, becoming first a lawyer and then a judge I thought I was doing what God intended me to do, what He put me here for, but I was wrong. It turns out that this was just the foundation for something bigger, something more important that will help me minister to more people, affect more people's lives in a profound way."

Beginning in September, Reynolds' new TV show, Family Court With Judge Penny will air in markets across the country. Inspiring, affirming and family-centered Reynolds hopes it will teach as well as enlighten. "I understand that advertisers buy the time, so my first obligation is to entertain, so that people want to watch," said Judge Reynolds. "I know we can do that without being demeaning or degrading to anyone. I would rather see a sermon than hear one any day, so we intend to be positive, to lift our audience up, and raise the level of national conversation around the meaning of community and family."

Judge Penny expects to divide her time between taping shows in Los Angeles for several months a year, and her duties as associate pastor with her husband, of Midway Missionary Baptist Church, along with putting together a youth-oriented foundation in the Atlanta area.

Before coming to Midway Missionary Baptist Church, both Judge Penny Brown Reynolds and Rev. Edward Reynolds were active at Atlanta's historic Ebenezer Baptist Church, where Edward Reynolds served as associate minister for more than a decade. "When we came here to South Fulton, more people were leaving than arriving," Rev. Edward Reynolds told the Conductor. "We had a lot of work to do, reaching out to the people who included some of the gangbangers and others, assisting some of them in cleaning up their own acts so that we could all help to build a real community. Nine years is a short time, but we have made some important beginnings. We have helped people find their voices, spiritually, economically, even politically. We have made some important beginnings, helped open some doors, and with God's help other doors will open. One thing is certain. I know I could never have done any of this without this woman at my side."



Above: Judge Penny Brown Reynolds enters her ordination ceremony, Midway Missionary Baptist Church.  
Below: Local clergy lay their hands on Judge Brown ORR file photos.



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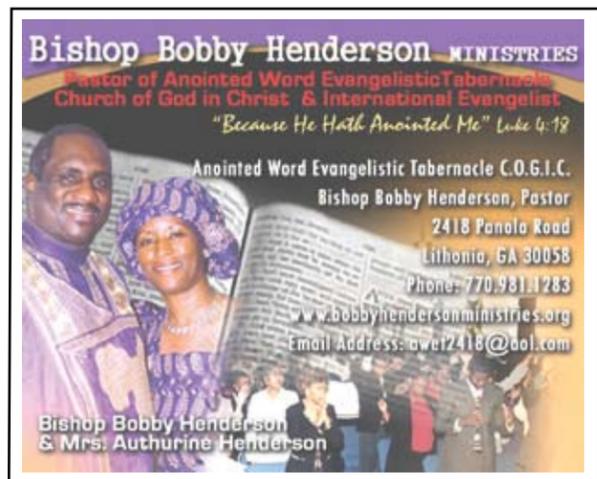
# The House of Hope: Fulfilling the Great Commission in South Fulton

Pastor David Scott of South Fulton's Emmaus Road Missionary Baptist Church is not related to the local congressman of the same name. With 20 years in the ministry and eleven at Emmaus Road, he has an interesting background.

"I was an attorney, Howard University Law School, class of 1980," says Rev. Scott. "I served as assistant DA in New York City, and later in Texas, doing criminal cases, and had a private practice for a while before I let the Lord have his way with my life. I left that battle behind for a different one, and have been in the ministry full time since 1996."

Rev. Scott is most passionate about the House of Hope, a court-mandated halfway house established by Emmaus Road and next door to the church, just off I-85 at Flat Shoals.

"The House of Hope is something the Lord gave me some years ago when I was a prosecuting attorney. I also had a sister doing serious battle with crack cocaine around that time. I decided that rather than do nothing, I would do something positive. So at the House of Hope we take men who otherwise don't have a place in this society, men who would otherwise be homeless, due to drug and alcohol and other problems. We are able to let them, by coming to the House of Hope, get new directions and new purpose. We help find a way for them to get back into society and make a difference."



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"This is vitally important work," Rev. Scott told the Conductor. "The incredible numbers of our people in prisons and jails is something the Black Church really must concern itself with more deeply, both on a public policy level and in our day to day ministry."

Recently the Conductor accepted Pastor Scott's invitation to visit the House of Hope. The House of Hope is an ordinary brick bungalow with four or five bedrooms, usually housing nine or ten men. Both Fulton and Clayton counties confidently refer parolees to the House of Hope's director, Ms. Faye Hillman.

"I've learned an awful lot since we started this," Ms. Hillman told the Conductor. "A lot of the men come here with games. I've learned to recognize liars and drug users, people who think they can go out and use and come back and nobody will notice. I know it's important to never put myself above any of them."

Ms. Hillman expects to earn a degree in Christian Counseling at Jonesboro's Restoration Theological Seminary later this year. "That's taught me to look for and to take account of the differing temperaments of these men, something you need to do in order to effectively minister to their needs. Often when I'm studying in class and reading I can identify a particular set of traits in one or more of them."

It costs at least \$50,000 per year to run the House of Hope. "First you have to have a place, a building, a suitable residence," according to Ms. Hillman. "Then you need bylaws that state clearly how you want your house to be run, and how you want your organization to function. You need to incorporate and apply for a 501c3 (federal tax exemption), which is absolutely necessary for receiving federal, state and charitable funding. But most of all you need people around you who sincerely want to help."

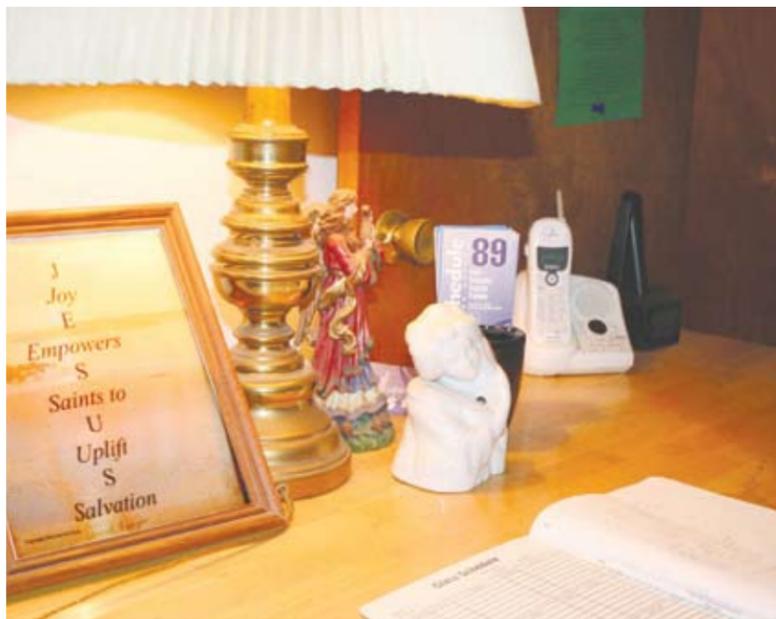
Just as at many other houses, paying the bills at the House of Hope can be a challenge. When the cash runs short, or too many of the residents, who don't exactly have high-wage jobs are between paychecks or out of work, the director, or sometimes the church assists directly. "The deacons at Emmaus Road have sometimes been called to step up and helped provide shoes and mens clothing," Hillman informed us. "When you're released from prison you have nothing but the clothes on your back. You can't look for a job without decent clothing and shoes."

"Often the guys just need another man to talk to," Ms. Hillman added. "For those times Rev. Scott is always available, as are Deacon Hillman, and Deacon Davis. One of our deacons, Mr. Anthony Day is a graduate of the House of Hope. He's also been married in the church and we are very proud of him. He's managed to make a 180 degree turnaround in his life, and now he is an example to the other men, a terrific blessing to our efforts here."

"Another young man who left the House of Hope now owns his own business out at Greenbriar Mall, doing monogramming, and he is doing very well. Still another, Chris Bryant came here because he was homeless. He was an over the road truck driver and the first time he returned from a long trip he blessed the house with \$1800. He's now a car salesman and one of the leaders among our men here. When somebody has to get home from a job after the buses have stopped running, he picks them up. Our men learn to provide positive examples and good advice to each other, to support each other. The House of Hope is able to encourage that kind of fellowship and cooperation among them."

Emmaus Road is by no means the largest church in the College Park area, but Faye Hillman believes they are showing other churches what can and must be done. "We hope other churches will step up, will follow our example and do this even better than we are able to. So many of our young people are going to prison, and so many doors are closed to them once

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*Inside (above) and outside (below) Emmaus Road Missionary Baptist Church's House of Hope in South Fulton (ORR photo)*



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# At Fantastic Tire, Thaddeus White Gets it Done Right



The first thing you notice about Goodyear franchisee Fantastic Tire & Auto in Union City is the clean and professional atmosphere. Plenty of retail automotive outlets know how to fix cars, but not all of them know their customers as well as Thaddeus White.

“Eighty percent of our trade is repeat business, and a majority are women. What we show them is a detail-oriented shop with customer car care presentations and a car care clinic to explain why certain services must be performed at various mileage intervals. The relationships really go a long way, and it’s not all dictated by the price. What people want and deserve is good service. If you provide it, no matter where you are and what your competition is, you’ll be OK.”

A native of South Carolina, White worked for Goodyear in Illinois and at corporate customer service before coming to Atlanta. He now operates three full-service retail automotive tire and repair outlets in metro Atlanta, in Stone Mountain, Union City and College Park. “I pride myself on trying to hire the very best people I can. We’ve gotten a lot of loyalty from our staff here, and been hugely blessed by having these people around us. I also have two brothers, and without them I wouldn’t be able to do the things I do. I thank God for them every day. In business you’re only as good as your people, and I have great ones at every location. The economy being what it is, people are keeping their cars longer, and that’s

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*Fantastic Tire proprietor Thaddeus White at left. Above and below inside and outside Fantastic Tire at Union City. ORR file photos.*



# Dove Mailing: “We Do Everything the Post Office Does, Except Sell Money Orders..”

This statement by Ed Fulton, Dove’s VP for mail operations, actually leaves out quite a few things Dove does that the post office doesn’t.

“We’re a full service digital printer, one of the largest in Atlanta, and certainly one of the biggest owned by African Americans in the nation,” Fulton added. “In twenty years, Dove has grown from the part-time entrepreneurial project of postal employees Harvey and Joyce Newton to a multimillion dollar business employing more than 70 people on three shifts, seven days a week.”

“The postal service offers significant discounts to any business or person sending more than five hundred pieces of mail at a time, if the sender performs some of the labeling and sorting normally undertaken by postal employees. We enable churches, non profit organizations, and businesses large and small to take advantage of the deep discounts the postal service offers. Big insurance companies, and places like Porsche of North America are among our clients, but we also serve local churches, medium sized and small businesses. Anybody with more than five hundred pieces of mail to send out at one time is a potential customer of ours.

“You can just walk in with boxes or sacks of mail, but you save the most money if you get with us while you’re still planning your project. In that case we can sit down and help you get the best possible understanding of what you’re doing. We have our own graphic artists who can produce stunning copy, which we can cut to any size, and see it into the mail stream. Dove is also a list broker, so if your aim is to target a particular demographic segment, age or income group we are experienced at helping you get that accomplished.”

With millions invested in its modern hi-tech West Atlanta plant, Dove Mailing figures to be around for at least another twenty years.

“There’s a growing understanding that the road of corporate America isn’t the only way to go,” Fulton concluded. “It’s where you go to get experience, to get trained on someone else’s dime, but increasingly, the only way to build real wealth is the entrepreneurial way. The first year Dove was in business, it made \$45,000. Look where we are now. With faith, hard work and community, almost anything is possible.”



*Below at left, Dove Mailing’s multimillion dollar facility on Fulton Industrial Blvd. Above and below, some of Dove’s 70 employees on three shifts create, print, sort and process items on the way into the mail stream. ORR file photos*



For an exclusive ORR video of the revealing interview with Dove Mailing’s Ed Fulton, visit [www.overgroundrr.com](http://www.overgroundrr.com).



# “We’re Spiritual Beings, Having a Human Experience”

**A Conductor Interview with Hillside Chapel & Truth Center’s Dr. Barbara King**

“I’ve always believed in a holistic approach to living,” Dr. Barbara King, founding pastor at Hillside Chapel and Truth Center told the Conductor. “We are threefold beings, all of us, spirit, mind and body, spiritual beings in this universe having a human experience. So with that kind of foundation, we are not a worship group. We understand that you can’t worship without your mind being where it’s supposed to be. You can’t worship without your body being in good shape, and you can’t worship without being grounded in the Spirit of the Lord. With these understandings we have everything we need to work with.”

“We try to integrate the Gospel of Jesus Christ into the actual issues we face today. I think Jesus was a great psychologist, I think he was a rabble rouser, who came here to empower people to live a full and abundant life. So our teaching of the Bible in Aramaic and our sermons, for instance, are not about things that happened or were said two

thousand years ago, but things people can take and apply in their everyday lives.

“I am a sociologist, and an AU graduate. I brought my own skills into this ministry and there are others whose skills we also use. Hillside is vitally concerned with the quality of lives in our community. We were the first church in this city to open our doors to AIDS testing, something we have gone back to just recently.

“There’s our prisons ministry, the Freedom Ministry. We teach men and women in prison that just because you are behind bars it does not affect your mind. You can free your mind and live as best you can behind the walls, just as you must on the outside. Many people who this message has reached in prison have come to us afterward and told us how much it meant to them. Of course we have ministries for the parents, the friends and the loved ones of the incarcerated

too, since so many of us have family members in prison.

“I’ve been a full-time minister for thirty-seven years, but I’ve actually been preaching since I was fifteen. It took a lot for me to get behind a pulpit. In the Baptist church at that time women did not preach. My first engagement was as a Womens Day speaker in Houston, Texas, where I’m from. You had to stand away from the pulpit except on Womens Day, and you certainly were not



*Dr. Barbara King, courtesy of Hillside Chapel & Truth Center Inc.*

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# Historic Butler Street CME Church Meets the Challenges of Ministry in the Grady Corridor

Historic Butler Street was founded by former slaves 126 years ago this July. A unit of the CME, or Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, it belongs to one of the three distinctly African American streams of John Wesleyan Methodism in the United States; the others being the AME or African Methodist Episcopal and the AME-Zion church. Since its founding, Butler Street has been identified with social ministry, with civil rights activism and with advocacy and witness for social justice.

Earlier this year the Conductor was privileged to claim a few minutes of Butler Street CME Church's pastor, the Rev. Anthony Alford. Highlights of the interview can also be found online at [www.overgroundrr.com](http://www.overgroundrr.com)

"We operate programs of ministry and mission that speak to the needs of our community," Butler Street's pastor, the Rev. Anthony Alford told the Conductor. "Because of where we are located, in this Edgewood - Auburn - Grady Hospital corridor, we are met with a myriad of needs, from people who are homeless to persons who are addicted to drugs or alcohol, to persons with various social needs. Of course we are challenged to seek ways by which we can meet those needs in all the facets of our worship and our various ministries.

"We are a small church, not a large megachurch by any stretch of the imagination. We have about five hundred members active in our congregation. Our members come from all walks of life, and all social and economic levels are represented in our church. Some of Atlanta's most notable citizens have been members of this congregation for many years. We are constantly challenged to find new ways, new forms of ministry to meet the changing needs of the community. We like to say that Butler Street is the friendly church with the personal touch, and our ministries, our worship and our witness do reflect that."

"Like Ebenezer, Wheat Street, and other historic downtown Atlanta churches, Butler Street no longer has much of an immediate neighborhood around it to draw worshippers from. Butler Street works hard to meet this challenge, drawing members from the entire metro Atlanta area, from Marietta and Kennesaw in the northwest to Lawrenceville in the northeast, to Lithonia, Decatur and Stone Mountain on the east, to McDonough in the south and Douglasville in the west.

"We have to have ministries that give people a reason to want to be part of the church, a reason to come back not just on Sunday morning, but all week long," explained Rev. Alford.

"That is a challenge, People who may not live or work in the city need to have a very good reason indeed to come back to the church on Wednesday evening for Bible study, or on Thursday evening for choir rehearsal, or on Tuesday evening for men's Bible study class, or on Saturday morning for our youth activities. Those programs of ministry and mission and

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## Fulton-Atlanta Community Action Authority: "We're Changing People's Lives Every Day."

Joyce Dorsey is a minister's daughter, a social worker, and a native Atlantan. For the last seventeen years she has been the president and CEO of the Fulton Atlanta Community Action Authority. Founded in 1991, FACAA maintains several offices and runs a variety of programs to serve human needs in metro Atlanta. Ms. Dorsey was kind enough to spare a few minutes with the Conductor to brief us on what the FACAA is and does. Edited video highlights of this interview can be viewed at [www.overgroundrr.com](http://www.overgroundrr.com).

"Atlanta, the gateway of the south, the mecca for so many of us trying to find a place to live and work has turned out to be a disappointment for many of us," Ms. Dorsey told the Conductor. "It's a city that's evolving. You find beautiful loft apartments, but also many who are simply left out. The service jobs that are out here just don't pay enough to make the rent in most of the new housing that's being constructed. The lack of enough good jobs at good wages is a core problem that we need to address."

"At FACAA we work with people, helping them find economic strategies that better enable them to make it here in Atlanta. We have job readiness and resume writing programs, we collaborate with the Georgia Department of Labor, hooking people up with job fairs and with employers that pay well above the minimum wage, even with career opportunities when we can, so that people can actually support their families.

"We're also active in the area of affordable housing. We assist people in finding homes that are actually within their price ranges, so they can live without fear of eviction. For those facing imminent eviction, we have emergency plans to help them come up with economic remedies. If they qualify, we can do long-term case management, and hopefully get them out of the crisis, something that takes a



Above: Historic Butler Street CME Church across the street from Grady Hospital. Below: Rev. Dr. Anthony Alford



FACAA's Joyce Dorsey (ORR file photo)

while, it does not happen overnight."

FACAA works to address the effects on individuals and families of the national policy of large-scale imprisonment of the black poor, by specifically targeting young men and women emerging from prison with special counseling programs aimed at re-socializing ex-prisoners, reuniting them with their families, and helping them prepare for family, community and work life.

With a staff of more than 30 competent and caring professionals, and advised by community councils that keep it abreast of current needs at the grassroots level, FACAA

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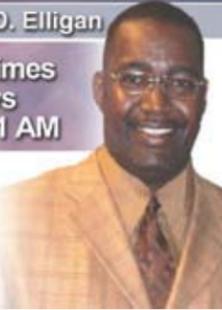


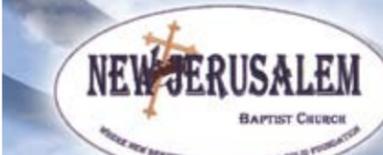
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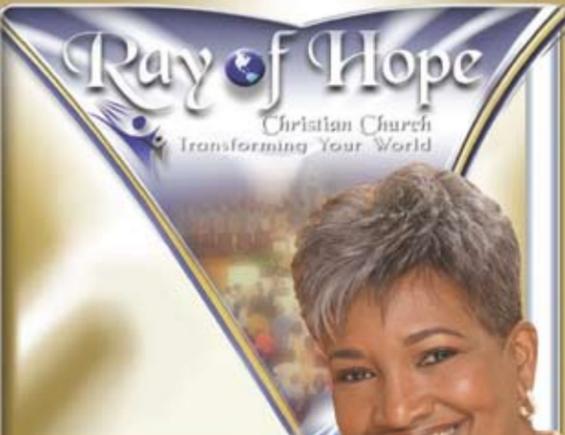
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## Financial Matters by Judy E Ming: Starting a Business? Talk to an Accountant First

When aspiring entrepreneurs start a venture the last thing on their minds is putting accounting procedures in place to record day to day transactions. This is always baffling to me as an accountant because accounting is the backbone of any business no matter what the size.

Whether you have ten transactions or a thousand transactions a day, they should be properly accounted for. Capital should be allocated in any business budget for at least bookkeeping services.

When buying supplies no matter what the industry a record must be kept of what is spent. The monies used at startup to acquire office supplies, inventory, furniture and fixtures along with equipment at startup are what is known as an "equity infusion" by the owner. It's recorded that way because the business has not started to generate revenue. If your business is not in a position to computerize its accounts at the beginning, you should record all transactions manually until such time as you are able to computerize or hire someone to generate computerized accounts.

Our recommendation here at NJI Limited is always to open a bank account for your small business. Try and get a debit card or credit card to use when purchasing for the business. You could also pay your bills with this card. This way all the transactions pertaining to the business will be recorded on that bank statement and all you have to do at the end of the month is reconcile. If you are unable to perform this function, please pay someone to do it for you. At the end of each quarter, an accountant could take your bank statements and produce financials by implementing this procedure.

When the business starts to generate revenue, manually keep track of what you take in everyday. All monies received in one day should be banked the next day and recorded accordingly. By applying that simple procedure it will be easier to keep track of who is paying you and for what service or product. This will also help you as a business owner keep track of your cash flow. Applying these basic procedures of recording your revenue and expenses; reconciling the bank account every month at the beginning of your venture will help you to get your business up and running.

As time passes and the entrepreneur becomes more familiar with the day to day routine of recording revenue and tracking expenses, you may wish to look into more advanced accounting procedures to help your business run more efficiently. Revisit your budget. See if you are able to implement bookkeeping services on a weekly basis and accounting procedures on a quarterly time frame. When you generate financial reports after a six month period, you might consider seeking an equity line for the business to help with cash flow, to hire more staff and provide more services, which is how your business grows.

In all cases, it is absolutely vital to implement proper accounting procedures and practices from the very beginning. As the business grows, the entrepreneur is able to make informed decisions based upon his/her financials. Whatever you do, never start your venture by saying you cannot afford accounting and bookkeeping services. You really can't afford to do without them. In the long run, you will benefit by implementing procedures that will help you keep abreast of the progress being achieved when starting your business venture.

So talk to an accountant. The ORR's Business Directory includes several. Get your business on the right path from the start.

We at NJI Limited are experienced at helping established as well as startup businesses small and not so small to meet and exceed their goals. Call us at 770-953-3733, or visit us on the web at [www.njilt.com](http://www.njilt.com) and [www.bermudaleaderships.com](http://www.bermudaleaderships.com) or on our page at [www.overgroundrr.com](http://www.overgroundrr.com).

## Tania's Gallery of Art and Framing: Growing and Serving the Market for Quality Art Services



When Reginald Love left corporate America in 1995 he had a vision. Black Atlanta was as full of artistic talent as anywhere else, but there were few if any purveyors of quality art, preservation and framing services. The region's large and empowered upscale Black community was an underserved market, waiting for the right entrepreneur to zero in on it.

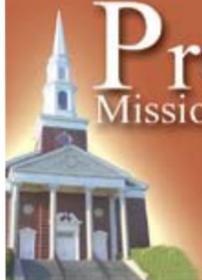
Today Reginald Love's vision is realized in Tania's Gallery of Art and Framing. Located in southwest Atlanta's Ben Hill community, Tania's is engaged in serving, growing and nurturing the market for art in Atlanta, and providing a level of knowledgeable service unmatched anywhere else.

We asked Mr. Love if he had any advice for aspiring artists. "I get that question often. There are many talented individuals who don't even consider themselves artists yet. Every artist started from meager beginnings to become the artist that they are. Nobody started at the top. If an individual has an art interest, I would say continue to pursue it. Everything we look at, everything that we touch was designed by someone. So if that interest is there, if the talent is there, if an individual has that direction, he or she should pursue it in whatever form or fashion it may be. My advice is to go head-long into it, and don't look back."

Reginald Love told the Conductor that he first heard about the ORR from a former classmate, Faye Raye, "It wasn't something I had to think

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Atlanta, GA

**Dr. Gerald Durley, Pastor.**

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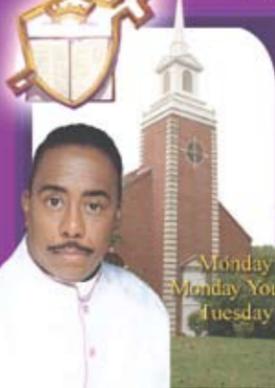
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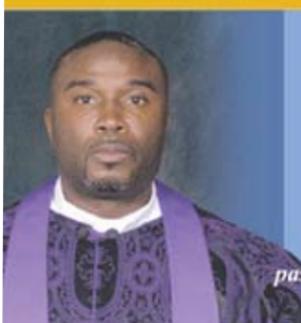
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Service-10:30 am Service  
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Monday Young Adult Bible Study 7:00 PM  
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# Capitol City Bank Opens Student-Run Branch at Mays High School

Financial literacy is vital to the well-being of our community," declared George Andrews, president of Capitol City Bank & Trust at the opening of a student-run branch at Southwest Atlanta's Benjamin E. Mays High School. "We as citizens should know the difference between spending and savings, and what savings do for the community, in terms of helping our communities prosper and grow."

"We're excited about this," Daryl Hayes, the Career Tech Chairperson at Mays told us, "Our partners are excited, our students are excited. Where you have this much excitement you can't go wrong. Our students are going to get hands-on experience of the things that actually go on in the banking and finance industry."

The high school branch is staffed by advisor-recommended high school juniors and seniors, trained by bank staffers in the record keeping and other day to day requirements of operating a small financial institution.

"We couldn't be prouder of these students," Capitol City's Elise Simmons said. "They really shine. They have worked very hard to make this happen. It's a win-win situation for the students in this program, and for the entire school community. This is about teaching our young people to save. We already know how to spend."

Simmons, the coordinator of the student banking program at Capitol City explained that it differs from similar programs in that the students actually receive the deposits, set their own hours, and make decisions on how to capitalize their bank and whether and under what conditions they will engage in lending and other activities. The student-run bank branch is intended to provide a positive experience of interaction with the financial world both for the students who serve in it, and for those who avail themselves of its services.

Planning for the student banking program began the very year that Capitol City opened its doors, and now there is a waiting list of schools willing and eager to take part in it. According to Andrews, Capitol City now has about sixteen such programs in high schools and middle schools in Georgia, along with another four in church-based schools reaching several thousand students altogether.

"Financial literacy means a lot of things to a lot of people," continued Andrews. "For us it's the difference between surviving in this economy by amassing capital, and spending our way into poverty."

"Capitol City is committed to putting a student bank in every middle and high school in the city of Atlanta. We think this is a very good model. When you're in kindergarten, we want to start you on a savings program that will yield you a return of about \$1,600. You can do that by putting aside as little as \$10 a month. We're partnering now with parents to help their children save money, so they can start out on a solid footing, walking toward a financially secure life.

"We know our children are going to be successful, and that's one more reason that Capitol City is building a legacy you can bank on."



Benjamin E. Mays principal and staff at the opening ceremony of student-run bank branch. ORR file photo.



Benjamin E. Mays students on both sides of the counter minutes after bank opening. ORR file photo.



Capitol City Bank president George Andrews cuts the ribbon to open the student-run branch at Mays High School. ORR file photo.

Video highlights of the opening of Capitol City's Benjamin E. Mays High School branch bank may be viewed on the web at [www.overgroundrr.com](http://www.overgroundrr.com)

## L&B Tax Services: The Next H&R Block

When New Orleans native Brian Joubert relocated to the Atlanta area he knew it was the right move. "Atlanta was growing, and I knew people would need my services. My wife came aboard, and since then we haven't looked back." That was fifteen years ago.

With offices in Stone Mountain, in Mabelton, in College Park and in Houston Texas, L&B Taxes is poised to become the black H&R Block. That's the definite plan, according to Joubert.

"People imagine being a tax wizard is about mathematical skills. But computers have done that job for you for decades now. This business is not about numbers, it's about your level of knowledge of the latest IRS codes. It's about studying long hours to gain and maintain that knowledge, that mastery. That's the knowledge that saves your clients money, and makes them want to refer new clients to you.

On top of that there are more long hours following up with clients and networking to let people know you're out here. If you're invisible, nobody can use your services, it's that simple."

L&B Taxes maintains an informative web site at [www.lbtaxservice.com](http://www.lbtaxservice.com), which answers many simple questions taxpayers have about minimizing their liabilities, about maximizing their returns, and listing many of the most commonly overlooked deductions and credits.

We have about 25 employees right now, and for those who are not afraid of long hours or hard work, L&B will be offering franchise opportunities, letting you secure your

own future by helping other people build theirs. It's not for everyone, but for the right people it will be extremely rewarding."

For more of the exclusive interview with L&B Tax Services' Brian Joubert, visit the ORR web site at [www.overgroundrr.com](http://www.overgroundrr.com).



Brian Joubert of L&B Tax Services. ORR file photo.



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# True to its Mission: True Colors Theatre and the Alliance Theatre present August Wilson "Full Circle"

by Curtis A. King

There are some writers whose insightful works simply stand the test of time and should be preserved for generation after generation. By any estimation, August Wilson has to be one of them. Hence, True Colors Theatre Company, in partnership with the Alliance Theatre are proud to bring the first and last works of Wilson's cycle of ten plays spanning the African American experience in the twentieth century to the Alliance Stage of the Woodruff Arts Center, September 7 through the 28th. Tickets are on sale now, at 404-733-5000.

True Colors' mission is to create a moveable feast of theatre grounded in the rich canon of African American classics, and to branch out to include bold interpretations of world drama with a strong commitment to diverse new voices. Central to this mission is performing the great works of African American theatre, making sure that powerful classics such as Lorraine Hansberry's *A Raisin in the Sun*, Baldwin's *The Amen Corner*, and the many works of August Wilson always find a place on the stages of American theatre – available for each new generation.

When Kenny Leon and Jane Bishop teamed up in 2002 to design a new theatre, they envisioned a smartly-managed, inclusive theatre company that would achieve both local and national impact. Thanks to a tremendous outpouring of support, their vision has quickly turned into reality. True Colors launched its inaugural three-play season in October 2003 with a critically-acclaimed production of August Wilson's *Fences*. The first season was rounded out with Robert Harling's *Steel Magnolias*, featuring Atlanta's own Elizabeth Omilami, and with Langston Hughes' *Tambourines to Glory*.

Other productions have included Pearl Cleage's *Flyin' West*; Lonne Elder's *Ceremonies in Dark Old Men*, featuring Glynn Turman ("The Wire", "A Different World") and Eugene Lee ("NYPD Blue", "The District"); Sam Art-Williams' *Brass Birds Don't Sing*, a co-production with the Jewish Theatre of the South; and a bring-down-the-house favorite, *Rejoice!* by Cheryl L. West. True Colors recently presented Daniel Beaty's *Resurrection* and Obie Award-winning *Emergence-SEE!* From 2004 to 2007, True Colors offered an all-youth production of *The Wiz* as its gift to the city and as a means to equip young artists with the tools necessary to succeed as professionals in the theatre industry. The company also conducts an annual August Wilson High School Monologue Competition in February of each year.

Many Atlantans will recognize Kenny Leon from his much celebrated 11 year tenure as artistic director of the Alliance Theatre Company beginning in the late 1980s. He continued to build his stellar career with a triumphant Broadway directorial debut in 2004 of Lorraine Hansberry's *A Raisin in the Sun*, which garnered two Tony Awards and featured a stellar cast that included Phylicia Rashad and Sean "P. Diddy" Combs. Leon returned to Broadway to direct August Wilson's *Gem of the Ocean* and *Radio Golf*. In addition, he directed the ABC television version of *A Raisin in the Sun* featuring the Broadway cast. The film was highly successful and was the first made-for-television film ever to premier at the Sundance Film Festival where it was received with a rare standing ovation.

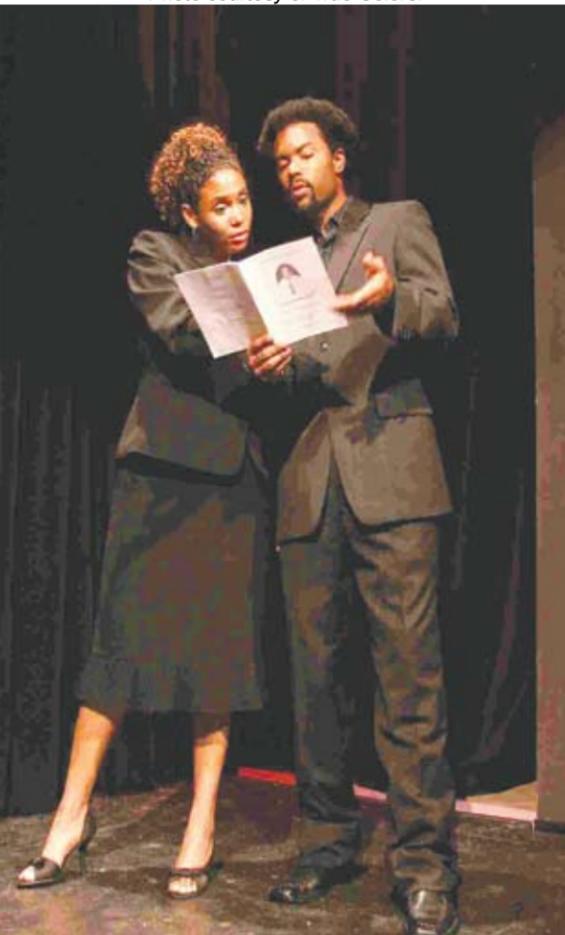
August Wilson's *Full Circle*, at the Alliance theatre's Woodruff Stage is the fruit of collaboration between the Alliance Theatre and True Colors. It consists of two plays, rendered by two directors, and performed in rotating repertory, each featuring the same company of actors,

*Gem of the Ocean*, directed by Kenny Leon is set in the Pittsburg of 1904, *Gem of the Ocean* depicts the home of Aunt Ester on Wylie Street, a time and place of myriad, almost magical possibilities, and explores how these limits are tested when a young fugitive from Alabama arrives at her doorstep. *Radio Golf*, directed by Kent Gash returns to Pittsburg at the end of the twentieth century, plunging its audience into the the heart of a political campaign that will determine

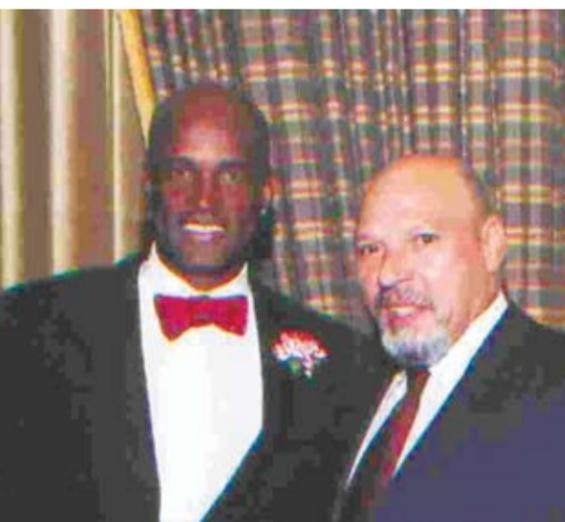
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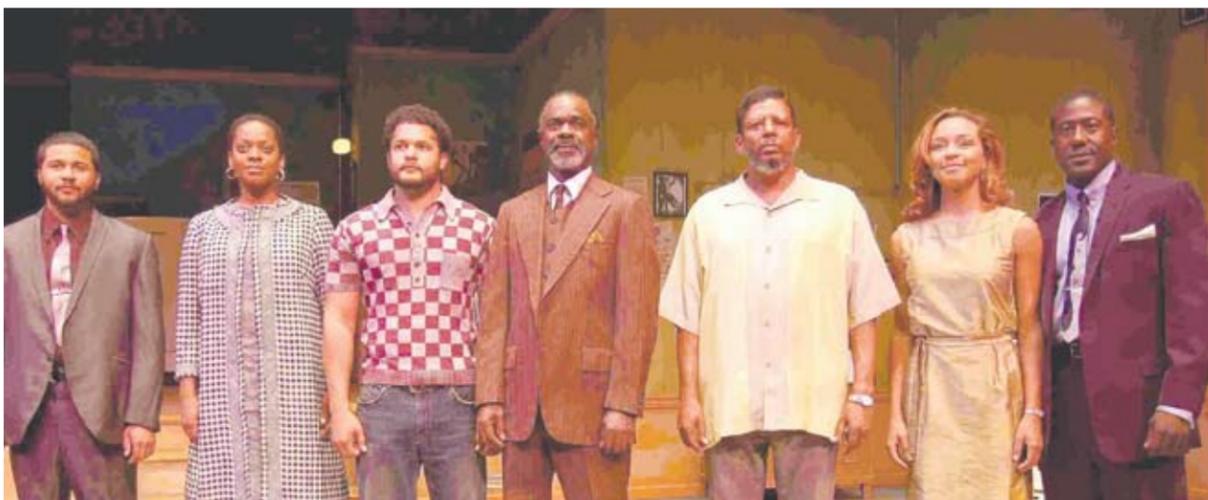
*Tambourines to Glory: Willa Bost, Kinnik and Amber Mooror as "The Gloriettas". Photo courtesy of True Colors.*



*Stick Fly: Taylor (Je Nie Fleming) and Spoon (Jahi Kearse) meet at the funeral for Taylor's father. Photo courtesy of True Colors.*



*Kenny Leon and August Wilson at True Colors' Inaugural Opening Night of August Wilson's Fences. Photo courtesy of True Colors.*



*L-R Jason Dirden (Bobby), Karan Kendrick (Adele), Brandon Dirden (Theo), Glynn Turman (Mr. Parker), Eugene Lee (Mr. Jenkins), Carra Patterson (Young Girl), E. Roger Mitchell (Blue Haven). Photo courtesy of True Colors.*

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# Light of the World Christian Tabernacle: Living the Legacy of Its Late Co-Founder Archbishop Jimmy Smith

Pastor Ruth Smith of Light of the World International Ministries is the widow of Archbishop and co-founder Jimmie Smith. The following is an edited transcript of a recent ORR interview with Pastor Smith.

“We began in Decatur. The Lord led us to relocate out here in Stockbridge, and we’ve been here three years. We also have an association that is in 34 countries throughout the world, with the organizational participation of some 200,000. We just believe in hooking up the world for Jesus Christ. That’s what we’ve been doing for the last seventeen years.

“We have birthed quite a few ministries. Covenant Christian Ministries in Lithonia, GA came from this ministry, and Bishop Patton out in Snellville, GA, are just a couple of the many which are connected to us.

“Archbishop Smith, my late husband was from Lithonia. He went into the military and came back to Georgia, where he ministered for some 42 years of his life. He was 60 when he passed away. His whole life was the ministry. I grew up in Greensboro, Alabama, just below Tuscaloosa. When I finished high school I came to Georgia and I’ve been here ever since. I worked in corporate America, cut my teeth at BellSouth corporation, where I worked in management. I left to do full time ministry in 1991.

“My call to the ministry came a few years before that. We were in a denominational church at that time, and my call was certainly not acknowledged there. So I just kept that till the time came for me to expand. When we started this church I joined my husband in leading this church from the beginning.

“It was fantastic, to have your husband working and serving God, and you serving alongside him, that’s a dream come true.”

“When we first arrived in the Decatur area it was more of a middle class community, very solid people who had been there for many years. Those individuals started to move away, to pass away, whatever, and the neighborhood began to change. So where we used to impact lives in a local community, we began to see that that was not the case any more. But since we’ve moved to the Stockbridge area, people were coming from right around our doors who are interested in joining up with us and pushing forth this vision.

“Among the most important things we do is our continuing outreach to the inner city. We have buses that we send into the inner city to pick up from the homeless shelters, bringing people in for empowerment, for enrichment, for development. That is the very heartbeat of what we do. I can remember back in the early 80s, I was doing street ministry down in the city of Atlanta. Back then it wasn’t so difficult, you could just pull up anywhere and stop and do ministry. Nowadays it’s much more difficult, you need so many permits and everything. We would bring them into the church next Sunday, and if it wasn’t a Sunday where

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Pastor Ruth Smith Photo courtesy of Light of the World Christian Tabernacle

water was in the pool, my husband would take them into his shower and baptize them by running water over them. That was such a powerful anointing on his (Archbishop Smith’s) life.

“That is still a major heartbeat of this ministry, to reach out to the less fortunate, the downtrodden, the inner city, but not only reaching with a handout, but constantly trying to develop productive citizens.

“The second thing that is really a heartbeat of this ministry is our international work. We reach out to the nations, we have churches in 34 countries throughout the world. We have a saying that we’d like to hook up the world for Jesus Christ, to link the world together literally for Him. We’ve been going to the mission fields since long before it was popular.

“That’s what we come together for, to get enriched, strengthened, fueled up, fired up to go out and do the job with the less fortunate for Jesus Christ.

“Still, we can’t just deal with the spiritual aspect, that’s one-dimensional. We have to also empower people economically. The person who comes to the worship experience but doesn’t know how they’re going to eat tomorrow is going to have a different experience from that person who comes to the worship experience with their needs met. I think that businesses, the community and the church need to, have to partner together. We have to be willing to reach into the church community and share resources. The church is a non-profit institution, so it relies heavily upon contributions and people sharing. And so the more the businesses partner up and truly tithe into the church the more we will actually see them prosper.

“The Word of God says that if we give, it will be given back to us. And the other side is that we are helping our own. We might be able to give you the references of quality young people who need employment. We might be able to say that this young person has been trained, that they know what to do, that you’ll know they will do a good job for you.

“So I applaud what the OvergroundRR!!™ is doing and I think it’s very necessary.

“The church and the business community, as far as I’m concerned are one, because the same people that worship here in this church are the business people. So as far as I’m concerned there’s not a separation of church and the businesses, there’s got to be the two working together.”

To view the edited video highlights of this conversation with Pastor Ruth Smith, please visit the ORR website at [www.overgroundrr.com](http://www.overgroundrr.com)

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long about. For those of us who are doing business here in our own community, serving own community, the Overground RR!!™ a great opportunity. For people who are not involved my advice is to take a look at it, and to envision in your own mind what it can do for you.”

The expanded video highlights of the Conductor’s interview with Reginald Love of Tania’s Gallery of Art and Framing can be seen at [www.overgroundrr.com](http://www.overgroundrr.com).

# Cascade

United Methodist Church

*“A Light in the Community”*

**Cascade Service Times**

**SUNDAY**  
 Sanctuary  
 Worship Services – 8:00 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.  
 Sunday School – 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.  
 Children’s Church – 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
 (Ages 5-10) – Chapel  
 Youth Worship – 2nd and 4th Sundays  
 11:00 a.m. (Ages 12-18) Room 209

**WEDNESDAY**  
 Wednesday Night Live Worship Service  
 7:00 p.m.

**Cascade United Methodist Church**  
 3144 Cascade Road, SW  
 Atlanta, GA 30311  
 Phone: 404.691.5770  
 Fax: 404.691.7961  
[www.cascadeumc.org](http://www.cascadeumc.org)

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**Wednesday**  
 Bible Study - 7:00 pm

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**Phone:** (770) 306-0400 • **Email:** [moreinfo@enonchurch.net](mailto:moreinfo@enonchurch.net)  
**Website:** [www.enonchurch.net](http://www.enonchurch.net)

## Big Miller Grove MBC

3800 Big Miller Grove Way  
 Lithonia, Georgia 30038  
 Phone: (770) 981-3800  
 Fax: (770) 981-3806

**New Sunday Service Times:**  
 Early Service.....7a.m.  
 Sunday School.....8:45a.m.  
 Worship Service.....10a.m.

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Rev. George P. Lanier

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 Matt. 11:28

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 Church Service 11:00 a.m.  
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 East Point, Georgia 30344  
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# Emmaus Road MBC's House of Hope,

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they get out. Can you imagine that most apartment complexes won't rent to convicted felons at all, or even allow one legally on a lease? If we as a Black community don't open more doors and enable these men to come back, to rejoin our communities and families, what kind of future will we have?"

Pastor David Scott concurs, and says that the House of Hope has helped Emmaus Road grow its church family and build the Beloved Community.

"We are able to nurture these men," says Scott, "to get them home and to return them to the community. We enable them to blend with their families. Once those families are made whole, the men are able to be good witnesses, to return to the church and make positive contributions to the church and to society.

"The House of Hope has helped us be receptive to the great commission, to go and find the lost and bring them to Christ. It's helped us to grow the church by having good sound members who believe in what we're doing. I recommend to every pastor to go and find men -- especially men who are lost, and bring them into the house of the Lord. Help them be healed spiritually and otherwise and you will be helping them become great members of society and of your church."

Right now the House of Hope needs computers and broadband internet access. "With internet access our guys can check the job listings at the Georgia Dept. of Labor daily, and fill out applications online," according to director Ms. Hillman. "They can also learn computer skills and of course there are GED as well as college level courses available online for them to improve themselves. So a few computers and internet access would make a big difference for us. Contributions of material and labor are tax-deductible. Anybody able to help can call the House of Hope at 770-964-1705."



Ms. Faye Hillman, director of the House of Hope

To view video highlights of the Conductor's interview with Pastor Scott and Ms. Hillman at the House of Hope, visit [www.overgroundr.com](http://www.overgroundr.com).

**First Iconium Baptist Church**  
Rev. Timothy McDonald

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- **Sunday Service** 7:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
- **Wednesday Bible Study** 11:30 a.m. East Building
- **Wednesday Bible Study/Hour of Power** 6:30 p.m.
- **Saturday Bible Study** 12:00 noon Saturdays before 2nd and 4th Sunday at 1:00 p.m.
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9:30 a.m. ----- Church School  
10:45 a.m. ----- Worship Service

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12:00 noon ----- Mid-Week Worship Service  
7:00 p.m. ----- Wednesday Night Bible Study

**THURSDAY**  
11:00 a.m. ----- Pastor's Daytime Bible Class

**SATURDAY**  
10:15 a.m. ----- Saturday Church School  
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- Morning Services 8:15 AM and 11:15 AM
- Sunday School 10:00 AM
- Bible Study Wednesday, 7:00 PM
- Prayer Service Saturday, 8:00 AM

# Conductor Interview with Dr. Barbara King

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allowed to preach. They thought they were just using this little teenager to say something, but the message was received and it was wonderful.

"When I was hospitalized. I preached in the hospital. I was called to pray with and speak to others there during their crises and their illnesses, just as I was having my own. So I think I received my calling at thirteen. When I look back at how I have lived, I can say that I have been in the ministry since the age of thirteen."

We asked Dr. King what was it that led her to found Hillside, and this is what she told us.

"It was a dream come true. I believe that God gives us dreams, and that those dreams are already fulfilled without our really knowing it. If we accept the dream and walk the path, everything is in order. I wanted to have a church, I wanted to have a ministry. It took a little time, because I had never seen a woman in ministry. My mentor was the Rev. Dr. Johnnie Coleman in Chicago. When I saw Johnnie, that was the first woman I ever saw in the pulpit. I joined her church, she moved me right in to work with her, she sent me to the Unity School for training. Being a woman, being single, being divorced, being married, I just saw so much that was happening with the women in my community. If I could just get the message across that I learned from Johnnie Coleman that turned my life around, then that was the best way to do it. So I started with a group in my home. That group just exploded, everybody wanted a church.

"I told everyone I am not a seminary grad, that I was teaching what I had learned from school, what I had learned from going to seminars and workshops, but if you want to do this, we'll do it. That was the start of Hillside, that kicked us off, and we've been going ever since."

We asked Dr. King where she thought this ministry might be ten years from now?

"I think this ministry will be even more explosive. Unless your ministry has something that attracts people, that makes people want to be with you as participants, unless they know they are really where they want to be, it does not grow. I think people come here they know that the love factor is here, they feel something when they walk in. We mix, we mingle, we talk, we hug, we share. These may be small things, but people are hurting, our whole world is hurting right now. We are hurting over the war, we're hurting over everything that's happening to us. Homes are being

foreclosed, people are losing jobs, people don't have jobs, this is a generation in pain. So when you can give people something to grab, to hold on to, to help them that say maybe I can make it, maybe I can get through this, you have accomplished something."

Asked for her thoughts on the respective roles of African American business and the Black Church, Dr. King offered these observations

"I think the two go hand in hand. We were the first church to join the Atlanta Business League, and we were the only one for a long time. I know what it means to involve people.

"Of course we have a business group here at Hillside too. Twice a year our business group sells their wares here, and we have a bookstore where we carry many articles made available through the business undertakings of our members. We are Black people, we've got to support each other. What better place than the church? And of course business people come to the church. They sit there every Sunday. If you never acknowledge them, if you never make them feel that they have a part in your service, what are you doing?"

"We let them know that they make a difference here, that they are a vital part of this ministry. We support them, and we believe, as I preach from the pulpit that our ministries, like businesses cannot grow unless we are their first and biggest supporters.

"The business should be well thought out, well planned and run so that they attract clients and customers outside our community. But we are their initial base of support, we are their family. When a black person starts a business, other black people ought to believe in them.

"The other thing we have to understand is that if you go into business, you ought to give us the best you've got. If somebody owns a beauty shop across the street from yours, your job is to see what they are doing right so you can improve your business. It's part of the church's mission to make our people successful by making that part of their experience.

"So we are big supporters of Black business. Many churches never announce their business people. In our newsletter we solicit ads from ours. We are collecting business cards on Sunday and giving a lot of thought about how to structure some kind of recognition for them in our worship and ministries. We should not just be taking their money. They should be recognized.

"And of course I do recognize them. If I eat somewhere, and the food and service are good, I will say it on Sunday, I have no problem with it, because we are going to eat, we are going to go someplace. Places like Chanterelle's down on Evans Street in Alpharetta, and the Pecan Restaurant in College Park are two I really appreciate. If we don't believe in our own, support our own, who will. I wouldn't be here if some people hadn't believed in me. This is a three million dollar building, and we wouldn't be in it if people hadn't believed in us."

Video highlights of the Conductor's exclusive interview with Dr. Barbara King are available at [www.overgroundr.com](http://www.overgroundr.com).



Above: Oil portrait of Dr. Barbara King, courtesy of Hillside Chapel & Truth Center



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## Atlanta's International Christian Fellowship: Africans, African Americans Working Together

One in ten Black people in the US is foreign born, or has a parent, spouse or sibling born outside the US, most often from the Caribbean or Africa. What it means to be Black in America has been changing for some time now. The OvergroundRR!!™ recently caught up with Rev. William B.G.K. Harris, pastor of Atlanta's International Christian Fellowship. These are Rev. Harris's edited remarks.

"I've been in the ministry almost 30 years. I was born in Liberia and I graduated ITC right here in Atlanta.

"Africans used to come to the US for three or four years at a time to go to school, and then return home. But beginning in the 1970s and 80s, with the civil wars and other troubles many came here as refugees. Eventually, as the immigration quotas were lifted, more and more Africans and people from the Caribbean have come with their families to make their homes here.

"When you come here from another country, you face some very special challenges, cultural, legal, social, economic, educational, you name it. Most other churches did not seem to be focused on meeting those needs. The Lord put it on my heart to take up this ministry, and here I am.

"ICF Ministries is almost 20 years old now. At ICF we try to serve God by ministry to a unique community of believers from all over the world, mainly Africans, and people of African descent from Ghana, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, and Liberia, along with many African Americans and people from Jamaica, Trinidad, Guyana and throughout the Caribbean. At the same time, many African American families throughout metro Atlanta have found an invigorating and rewarding spiritual home with us here too.

"We like to think that our church is living proof that Africans, African Americans and others can and must work together for the greater glory of God and for our own good upon this earth. So our doors swing wide open to a unique and diverse community every week which we are privileged to serve.

"All year long we serve up a rich menu of cultural events, performances, business and social networking affairs, Bible study, sports, missionary and youth work, revivals and much more. We extend the invitation to all of Atlanta to come check us out any time at 6076 Humphries Drive in Atlanta.

"Our ministry at ICF has four pillars, spiritual, cultural, social and economic. We all know the importance of community economic development. It's why the ICF was one of the founding churches of the BRC and the OvergroundRR!!™. We have always tried to push forward the ORR's model of close cooperation between the Black Church and the African American business community.

Had we not been able to tap the skills and creativity and the professional talents of our own

members and friends in the areas of plumbing, and electrical and landscaping and more, our new facility would have cost far more than it did. There are big lessons to be learned about cooperation and about pooling resources, lessons for which the Black Church must be the best example, the best leaders and teachers.

"The ORR model carries this a step further by offering arbitration to settle consumer disputes between its Black business members and customers. In this way, the practice of our business can be improved, they can be held accountable and encouraged to serve their customers better, and offered the help they need to do this. We expect to be heavily involved in the OvergroundRR!!™ for some time to come."



Above: Rev. B.G.K. Harris  
 Below: Sanctuary, International Christian Fellowship ORR file photos



## True to its Mission: True Colors Theatre and the Alliance Theatre present August Wilson "Full Circle"

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the very nature of the city. The rising African American mayoral candidate is faced with a dilemma when he discovers that a dilapidated house on Wylie Street which he must demolish to achieve his dream of urban renewal is the very same dwelling where Aunt Ester lived almost a century ago. All in all, with the first and last plays of August Wilson's groundbreaking cycle Full Circle promises to deliver an unforgettable evening.

True Colors Theatre Company has a passion to remember the classics and a commitment to build a theatre where people can see something of themselves on stage, witness the stories of others, and hear the diverse voices of today. You are invited to join us

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# Cascade UMC Business Alliance Ministry Hosts Power Networking Guru George Fraser

“Be careful who your friends are. Introduce me to your five closest friends,” George Fraser warned a Saturday morning retreat at Cascade United Methodist Church, “and that will tell me who you are.”

The retreat, sponsored by Cascade’s Business Alliance Ministry, drew more than two hundred business people and entrepreneurs for a panel discussion, light lunch, networking session and a keynote address delivered by George Fraser, chairman and CEO of FraserNet Inc.

Fraser is the author of two best-selling works, “Success Runs In Our Race: the Complete Guide to Effective Networking in the African American Community”, and most recently of “Click: Ten Truths For Building Extraordinary Relationships.” He is the founder of the Power Networking Conference.

“Those who were not here missed a life altering, a life changing message,” Fraser told the ORR afterward. “But what we did here this morning was just a small sample of what’s in store for those who join our online community, frasernet.com. FraserNet is a global leadership network committed to economic development through education, training and empowerment for Black people.

“Our goals are to help our people build wealth that can be transferred between generations, and to make Black people the number one employers of Black people in the 21st century. Those who visit us on the web at www.frasernet.com can sign up for the Power Networking Minute, a series of valuable insights to assist you in life and in business. And of course FraserNet is the driving force behind the yearly Power Networking Conference each June, in which we assemble a stellar group of Black America’s foremost thinkers, leaders and doers for a weekend of inspiration,



200 entrepreneurs and business people at Cascade UMC got an in-person sample of FraserNet.Com’s powerful insights on building wealth and community among Black people.

ORR file photo

# Historic Butler Street CME in the Grady Corridor

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witness have to be appealing and attractive enough in their yield that people will want to participate.”

“We are also challenged by the fact that we’re in an old facility. This building was built in 1919 following a fire on this location. It was constructed to meet the needs of ministry for another age. In this age, it is really not adequate. We are therefore constantly seeking and exploring ways by which we might expand or re-engineer the facilities to make sure we keep up with the demands this ministry places upon us. And of course in the long-term we are looking at a new location or a new facility even on this location.”

Pastor Alford also had a lot to say on the respective roles of Black business and the Black Church.

“We have to further and support our own. We must do that. As we are active in the larger business and economic community, we must realize that the turnover of the dollar in our community is so important. There is an oft-made comparison between how often a dollar changes hands within our community compared to some other places, and that number isn’t what it ought to be. It does not turn over enough times in the African American community.

“So what we certainly want to do is to get behind anything that addresses that problem. The OvergroundRR!!™ does speak to that and promote linkages between churches and Black businesses, so we do want to support every program that the ORR undertakes.

“The first business African Americans owned was the church. Our churches have been the spawning ground for many businesses in the Black community. Our schools were born in church basements. Our burial and insurance companies were born in the church. Many of our restaurants too, were born in the church. Many who are successful business people today got their first embrace with an enterprise through what they’ve done

uplift and practical networking which I am certain many here will want to take advantage of. For full information on the Power Networking Conference, to sign up to receive the Power Networking Minute via email, to purchase our books and partake in the rich menu of offerings and online community we have, we hope people will visit us on the web at www.frasernet.com.”



George Fraser and Bunny Jackson Ransome (left) at Cascade UMC’s Business Alliance Ministry ORR file photo

Attendees knew it had been a special morning. “I thought I knew what networking was,” one told the ORR, “but I got something to think about this morning.”

“Those who weren’t here,” declared PR professional Bunny Jackson-Ransom, “missed a power-packed panel. Today at Cascade, in addition to George’s keynote address, we had Marvin Arrington Jr. here, a prominent local attorney, Daryl Griffin, who owns Accolades, along with Jerome Russell who is the president of H.J. Russell & Co., and Rob Wilson of WAOK-AM’s Solutions and Remedies program.. But don’t worry, you can still join Cascade’s Business Alliance Ministry and participate in everything else we have going on.”

That “everything” turns out to be quite a bit, according to David Walters, who heads up Cascade’s Business Alliance Ministry. “For entrepreneurs in Atlanta,” he asserted, “this is the place to be.”

The entire video of Fraser’s remarks at Cascade is viewable online at no cost at the OvergroundRR!!™ website: www.overgroundrr.com.

Cascade UMC, remains a light, and an anchor in the southwest Atlanta community, at 3144 Cascade Rd SW, Atlanta 30311. For more information on its Business Alliance Ministry, call 404-691-5770.

in and with the church.

“The church has to recognize that its partnership with the African American business community does indeed make for strong communities. The church is an anchor. So it is that you see churches today mobilizing and re-deploying their assets for business ventures. We have one underway right now on Edgewood Avenue, on property that we own that we have been able to amalgamate with other community stakeholders. We are in the process of putting together a \$21 million dollar economic development project on that land which will include mixed-use retail, residential and parking availability. You see another example of this in what Big Bethel in concert with Integral Properties is doing on Auburn Avenue.

“So the church is the strongest cheerleader and supporter for African American business enterprise because it is the point from which so many of these efforts have grown. I’m happy to have our church support businesses owned by members of our congregation, as well as businesses owned by African Americans throughout metro Atlanta, and to take part in the Overground RR!!™.”

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is determined to minister to the needs of metro Atlanta in the years to come. Ms. Dorsey attributes a good deal of FACAA’s success to the founding director of its board, the late Arthur Cummings, who was also a founding engineer of the OvergroundRR!!.



Above: Young men learning at one of FACAA’s programs ORR file photo

“Art was a giant in small letters, a mentor of mine. I learned the fundamentals of straight down-the-line results-oriented management from him. The man was a real stickler for detail, for dotting every “i”, crossing every “t: and leaving no stone unturned. His experience and involvement in local government were invaluable to us, and so was his vision of a community organization where all the parties concerned have a place at the table.

When he left this earth in June of 2007 a part of us went with him. But a big part of him is still here with us. We’re just coming off 17 years of consecutively pristine audits. That shows how scrupulous we are about taking care of our people’s business, about delivering services in an accountable and transparent fashion. Just as he changed our lives, we are helping others change their lives for the better every day.”

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Please feel free to contact us with any questions, comments or concerns that you may have.

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*Worship Service* 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**Interpreted Services**

8:30 a. m. (Salem East)  
11:00 a. m. (Salem West)

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2283 Baker Road, NW  
Atlanta, GA, 30318  
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# Enon Church Celebrates 15 Years of Rev. Greg Pollard's Ministry

College Park's historic Enon Church was founded back in 1872 by people with the literal dust of slavery still on their shoes. Though still located just across the street from its original site as Bethesda Church, Enon has come a long, long way. This year, Enon celebrated the 15th pastoral anniversary of Rev. Gregory Pollard, its current visionary leader. Enon and Rev. Pollard have been early and enthusiastic supporters of the ORR and its message of community empowerment and economic self-sufficiency. Here are a few scenes from their April 4<sup>th</sup> celebration, held at Atlanta's Omni Hotel.

See additional photos and video on Enon's page at our website: [www.overgroundrr.com](http://www.overgroundrr.com).

Top left, Rev. Pollard at podium, top right, Rev. Pollard with aunt and mother. Second row left, assembled guests at the Omni, second row right, Rev. Pollard with Eldrin Bell.

Bottom row, members and guests of Rev. Pollard and Enon Church. ORR file photos



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