

# The Christian Griot

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## Events

Rev. Dr. Clarence and Mrs. Christine Buchanan

### JULY

1-2 Women's  
Missionary Council

9-10 Pastor's 50th  
Anniversary Celebration

16 Food Pantry

17 Usher Day

24-29 SE MO, IL &  
WISCONSIN Annual  
Conference; St. Louis

## Birthdays

### JULY

1 Ezell Derricks  
2 Tori Harvey  
4 Clifton Hill, Jr.  
5 Kathy Lockett  
7 Jonae Johnson  
8 Derrick Townsend  
8 Athea Williams  
9 Candace Buchanan  
9 Tyion DuBose  
10 Marjorie Upshaw  
11 Johnnie Jackson  
11 Landon Walker  
11 Felicia Cockrell  
Belinda Summers  
12 Jevante Sibley  
14 D'Lige Smith  
15 Basha Millan  
18 Amara Godwin  
18 Jocelyn Williams  
19 Jayden Sibley  
20 Maxine Brown  
20 Lola Cockrell  
Nathan Wallick  
Earl Minor  
23 Patricia Walker  
24 Noah I. Brown, Sr.  
Patricia DeSayles  
27 Niesha Porter  
29 Brenda Owens

## Rev. Dr. Clarence Buchanan Celebrates Fifty Years in the Ministry



*St. Luke will honor their pastor of six years with a banquet and program respectively on July 9-10, 2011 to celebrate his fifty years in the ministry. Bro. Cyrus Williams and his committee are in charge of the special celebratory activities that will honor this man of God who has faithfully preached in season and out of season for fifty years.*

In 1961, while attending college, Rev. Dr. Clarence Buchanan felt a fire burning in his heart to preach and teach the word of God. He answered the "Call" and began to prepare himself for a lifetime of ministry in the Christian Methodist Church.

In 1964, he was ordained a Deacon by the late Bishop Norris S. Curry. In 1966, he was ordained an Elder and granted "Full Connection" status by the late Bishop P. Randolph Shy. He was brought to Chicago in 1969 and appointed to pastor Walls Memorial C.M.E. Church by the late Bishop J. Claude Allen.

By this time, he had married (June 8, 1968) the love of his life and partner in the ministry for the past 43 years, Christine Sparks Buchanan. He and Sis. Buchanan spent 13 fruitful years at Walls Memorial C.M.E. when Bishop Dotcy Isom, Jr. appointed Rev. Buchanan the Director of Programming for the Alabama and Florida Annual Conferences.

Later, after Bishop Dotcy Isom became the presiding prelate over the Third Episcopal District, Rev. Buchanan was appointed the pastor of Carter Metropolitan C.M.E. in Detroit, Michigan. He and Sister Buchanan led that congregation fourteen years. During the years Pastor Buchanan served in Detroit, he became widely known and sought after to conduct workshops for his prolific teaching of the Bible.

Rev. Buchanan and Sis. Buchanan are the proud parents of two adult children. Son, Clifton, and daughter-in-law, Aquilla, reside in Farmington Hills, Michigan. Daughter, Candace, lives in Atlanta, Georgia. (Continued on page 2)

**Important events in  
Rev. Buchanan's ministry.**

- 1962: Earned a B.S. Degree in biology from Mississippi Industrial College in Holly Springs, Mississippi.
- Admitted on trial to the North Mississippi Annual Conference.
- 1964: Ordained a Deacon
- 1966: Ordained an Elder in Full Connection by the Georgia North Annual Conference.
- 1969-1982: Pastor of Walls Memorial, Chicago, IL
- 1974: Earned a Master of Divinity Degree from Garrett Theological Seminary in Evanston, IL.
- 1982-1986: Pastor of Southside C.M.E. in Birmingham, AL.
- 1986-1990: Pastor of Pilgrim Temple C.M.E in East Saint Louis, IL.
- 1990-2004: Pastor of Carter Metropolitan C.M.E. in Detroit, MI.
- 1999: Earned Doctor of Ministry from Drew University in Madison, New Jersey.
- 2004: Pastor of St. Luke CME, Champaign, IL.

**Favorite Song:** "I Want Jesus to Walk With Me"

**Favorite Scripture:** Matthew 5:2 "And He opened His mouth and taught them."



**St. Luke Food Pantry  
10:00 AM 12:00 PM  
July 16 , 2011**

## UNCOMMON REMEDIES

### Headache Pain Relief...

Did you know that drinking two glasses of Gatorade can relieve headache pain almost immediately-without the unpleasant side effects caused by traditional pain relievers?

### Burns...

Did you know that Colgate Toothpaste makes an excellent salve for burns?

### Stuffed up nose...

Before you head to the drugstore for a high-priced inhaler filled with mysterious chemicals, try chewing on a couple of curiously strong Altoids peppermints. They'll clear up your stuffed nose.

### Achy muscles from a bout of the flu...

Mix 1 tablespoon horseradish in 1 cup of olive oil. Let the mixture sit for 30 minutes, then apply it as a massage oil for instant relief for aching muscles.

### Sore throat...

Just mix 1/4 cup of vinegar with 1/4 cup of honey and take 1 tablespoon

### Honey remedy for skin blemishes...

Cover the blemish with a dab of honey and place a Band-Aid over it. Honey kills the bacteria, keeps the skin sterile, and speeds healing. Works overnight.

### Easy eyeglass protection...

To prevent the screws in eyeglasses from loosening, apply a small drop of Maybelline Crystal Clear Nail Polish to the threads of the screws before tightening them.

### Cleaning liquid that doubles as bug killer...

If menacing bees, wasps, hornets, or yellow jackets get in your home and you can't find the insecticide, try a spray of Formula 409. Insects drop to the ground instantly.

### Smart splinter remover...

Just pour a drop of Elmer's Glue-All over the splinter, let dry, and peel the dried glue off the skin. The splinter sticks to the dried glue.

### Hunt's Tomato Paste boil cure...

Cover the boil with Hunt's Tomato Paste as a compress. The acids from the tomatoes soothe the pain and bring the boil to a head.

### Balm for broken blisters...

To disinfect a broken blister, dab on a few drops of Listerine, a powerful antiseptic.

**Pastor's Golden Anniversary Brunch  
Alice Cambell Alumni Center (U of I)  
July 9, 2011 ~ 11:00 AM**

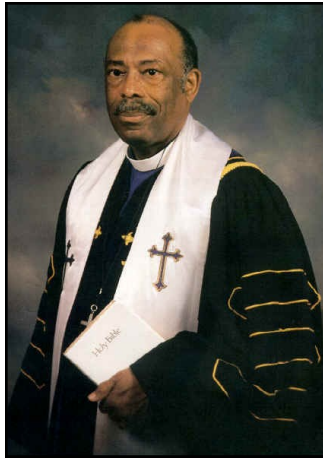
**For More Information, Please See Bro. Cyrus Williams, Chairman**

**The Christian Methodist  
Episcopal Church**

**Mourns the Loss of**

**Bishop Nathaniel Linsey**

**Bishop Nathaniel L. Linsey** passed away on May 18, 2011. His celebration of life service was held Saturday, May 28, 2011 at 12 Noon at West Mitchell CME Church, Atlanta, GA, where Rev. Frederick L. Braddock, Sr. is the pastor.



The Christian Methodist Episcopal Church is mourning the loss of a respected leader in the greater faith community, Bishop Nathaniel L. Linsey, the 39th Bishop of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church.

At the time of his election in 1978 to the Episcopal office, he was completing his 12th year as General Secretary of the church's Department of Evangelism. Bishop Nathaniel L. Linsey was installed as Senior Bishop of the denomination at the 1994 General Conference held in Memphis, TN.

Bishop Linsey was born on July 24, 1926 in Atlanta, GA. He is survived by his devoted wife of 60 years, Mae C. Mills Linsey; children: Nathaniel, Jr., Ricarldo (Gloria), Julius Wayne, and Angela; grandchildren: Tondaylea, Richanda, Courtney, Christopher, Linsey, Alana and Cianna; brothers, Herbert L., Sr. and Wallace V., Sr. (Lillie Jean); sisters-in-law Ruby, Edith, Evelyn, Ethel, Velma, MaeBell Stewart and Vivian Ruth McCoy; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, godchildren, and spiritual sons.

**Technology Workshops for St. Luke**

July 6th at 5:30 p.m. - Orientation meeting and screening of a short 15 minute film.

- **July 16** –Classes: 9-10:30 AM and 10:30– Noon
  - **August 6** –Classes : 9-10:30 AM and 10:30- Noon
- Please sign-up for one session each day.

**Dancing With God**

*When I meditated on the word Guidance,  
I kept seeing "dance" at the end of the word.  
I remember reading that doing God's will is a lot like dancing.  
When two people try to lead, nothing feels right.  
The movement doesn't flow with the music,  
and everything is quite uncomfortable and jerky.  
When one person realizes that, and lets the other lead,  
both bodies begin to flow with the music.  
One gives gentle cues, perhaps with a nudge to the back  
or by pressing Lightly in one direction or another.  
It's as if two become one body, moving beautifully.*

*The dance takes surrender, willingness,  
and attentiveness from one person  
and gentle guidance and skill from the other.  
My eyes drew back to the word Guidance.  
When I saw "G": I thought of God, followed by "u" and "i".  
"God, "u" and "i" dance."  
God, you, and I dance.*

*As I lowered my head, I became willing to trust  
that I would get guidance about my life..  
Once again, I became willing to let God lead...  
My prayer for you today is that God's blessings  
and mercies are upon you on this day and everyday.  
May you abide in God, as God abides in you.  
Dance together with God, trusting God to lead  
and to guide you through each season of your life.  
This prayer is powerful and there is nothing attached.  
If God has done anything for you in your life,  
please share this message with someone else.  
There is no cost but a lot of rewards;  
so let's continue to pray for one another.  
**And I Hope You Dance Through 2011***





# KNOW YOUR HISTORY

## American Beach, Florida



From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

**American Beach** is a historic beach community popular with African-American vacationers. It is located north of Jacksonville, Florida on Amelia Island in Nassau County. During the time of segregation and the Jim Crow era, African Americans were not allowed to swim at the beaches in Jacksonville, and several black-only areas were created. American Beach was the largest and most popular, and was a community established by Abraham Lincoln Lewis, Florida's first black millionaire and president of the Afro-American Life Insurance Company. It contains American Beach Historic District.

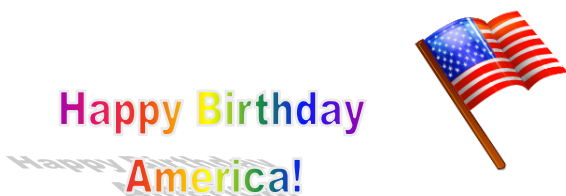
American Beach was founded in 1935 by Florida's first black millionaire, Abraham Lincoln Lewis, and his Afro-American Life Insurance Company. The plan was for his employees to have a place to vacation and own homes for their families by the shore. Throughout the 1930s, 1940s, and 1950s, summers at American Beach were busy with families, churches and children. The beach included hotels, restaurants, bathhouses and nightclubs as well as homes and other businesses.

American Beach played host to numerous celebrities during this period, including: folklorist Zora Neale Hurston, singer Billie Daniels, Cab Calloway, Ray Charles, Billy Eckstein, Hank Aaron, Joe Louis, and actor Ossie Davis. James Brown was actually turned away from performing outside Evans' Rendezvous, a nightclub on the beach. In 1964, American Beach was hit hard by Hurricane Dora, and many homes and buildings were destroyed. The passage of the Civil Rights Act that same year desegregated the beaches of Florida, and American Beach became a less and less popular vacation destination as more African American Jacksonvillians turned to locations nearer their homes.

A.L. Lewis' great-granddaughter MaVynee Betsch, known to locals as the Beach Lady, returned to American Beach in 1977 to fight for its preservation. For years she planted trees along Lewis street, offered historical tours of the beach, and fought to raise public awareness of the beach and its struggle until her death September 2005. As of January 2002, American Beach is listed as a historic site by the National Register of Historic Places.

In 2006, Larry Chase, a park volunteer, wrote: "The civil rights legislated in 1964 had opened all public facilities to African Americans. Former American Beach vacationers and day-trippers now frolicked on Miami Beach, raced up and down the wide sands at Daytona, wore out the cobblestones of Savannah, and rode high at St. Simons Island. All along the shores of the East Coast, blacks explored areas that had once been off limits. The three-day weekends at American Beach shrank to one day; the Sunday visitors and day-trippers no longer stayed overnight. Loaded buses no longer caused a bottleneck at the crossroads. With so little business most of the restaurants and resort establishments closed."

*Editor's Note: When I visited American Beach in 2006, the owners of the houses in the picture were being pressured to sell their land to developers so that high rise condominium buildings could replace the homes. The homes were owned by African American families. Many of them were struggling to pay the continually rising taxes while also trying to maintain their property. Patricia McKinney Lewis*



Photos by Patricia McKinney Lewis

# Missionary Day May 29, 2011



*Evangelist Melverta Wilkens, from The House of Miracles Church, Decatur, IL, was the guest speaker for Missionary Day. The theme was: "Serving Hands: I am the One." Isaiah 6:1-8*



**McKinney-Lewis Essay Scholarship Applications and Documents for St. Luke Children in Grades 3-8  
Due on August 7, 2011  
For more information, see Patricia McKinney Lewis**



# New Life Choir's Annual Choir Day

## June 12, 2011

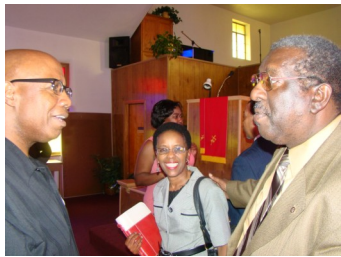


Rev. Kerwin Utley, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church in Lebanon, Tennessee, was the guest speaker for The New Life Choir's Annual Choir Day. Pastor Utley is a native of the Champaign-Urbana Community and a former member of the St. Luke Youth Choir which began in 1966 under the direction of Bro. Willie T. Summerville.



In 1989, St. Luke's Youth Choir and Senior Choir combined to form New Life Choir. This year's choir day marked the 45th anniversary of Bro. Summerville directing choirs at St. Luke.

Patricia Chapple Walker is the president of the New Life Choir.





# Vacation Bible School Pictorial Highlights



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES AND  
HIGH ACHIEVERS 2011!

