

The Christian Griot

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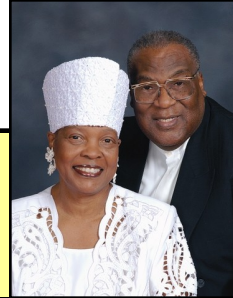
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Rev. and Mrs. Buchanan

Who's Who at St. Luke: Former Pastor and First Ladies



July Events

- 14-16 Vacation Bible School
- 17 Food Pantry
- 17 Church Picnic
- 18 New Life Choir Annual Day
- 25 Pastor's Anniversary
- 25 Annual Conference

Birthdays

JULY

- 1 Ezell Derricks
- 4 Clifton Hill, Jr.
- 5 Kathy Lockett
- 7 Jonae Johnson
- 8 Derrick Townsend
- Althea Williams
- 9 Candace Buchanan
- 10 Marjorie Upshaw
- 11 Johnnie Jackson
- 11 Landon Walker
- 11 Felicia Cockrell
- Belinda Summers
- 14 D'Lige Smith
- 15 Basha Millan
- 18 Amara Williams
- 18 Jocelyn Williams
- 20 Maxine Brown
- 20 Lola Cockrell
- Nathan Wallick
- Earl Minor
- 23 Patricia Walker
- Patricia DeSayles
- 27 Niesha Porter
- 29 Brenda Owens



Mrs. Dorothy Bishop

Mrs. Dorothy Bishop, wife of the late Rev. A. W. Bishop, is active in Amos CME Church in Oklahoma City, OK. She works with the Missionary Society and Ministers' Spouses. She enjoys spending time with her son, Donald, and her grandchildren. Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Bishop were first assigned to St. Luke in 1959. Rev. Bishop was a community activist and civil rights leader. In 1966,

he ran for mayor of Champaign. As a master carpenter, Rev. Bishop initiated major building restorative projects at St. Luke following a couple of church fires; and he personally put in many hours of work with those restorations.

Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Douglas, Sr.

After retiring from the ministry at St. Luke, Rev. Douglas was asked by Bishop A. G. Stewart to go to Dozier Memorial CME in Flint, MI, to help stabilize and build up that congregation. At his arrival, the congregation did not have a permanent church building. During his tenure at Dozier, Rev. Douglas helped the church to secure a loan in order to purchase a permanent church home. He left the church with a beautiful edifice and a growing congregation. Rev. Douglas went into permanent retirement in 2007. He enjoys guest preaching and singing for various congregations in the Detroit area. Sis. Douglas is very happy to be near her young grandchildren who keep her very busy. Rev. Douglas will be 80 years old on August 19th. He thanks God for his four score years and says that he is grateful that God has kept him in such good health. He is appreciative to the St. Luke congregation for all that they did for him while he was here. He says to the St. Luke congregation, "Keep your hand in the Lord's hand and He will see you through - He will never fail." He is anxious to hear that St. Luke has built a new edifice. Rev. and Mrs. Douglas are enjoying retirement.



Gloria Patri



Glory be to the Father,
And to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
Is now, And ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

The *Gloria Patri*, so named for its first two words in Latin, is commonly used as a doxology by Roman Catholics, Old Catholics, Independent Catholics, Orthodox and many Protestants including Anglicans, Presbyterians, Lutherans, Methodists, and Reformed Baptists. It is called the "Lesser Doxology", thus distinguished from the "Great Doxology" *Gloria in Excelsis Deo*, and is often called simply "*the doxology*". As well as praising God, has been regarded as a short declaration of faith in the co-equality of the three Persons of the Holy Trinity.

The Gloria Patri is sung every Sunday at St. Luke. It is placed between the Old and the New Scripture readings.

Submitted by Jo Samuel

New Ministry: Health Care Ministry

Sister Beverly Lewis has been selected by the Christian Women's Fellowship to chair the Health Care Ministry. This ministry will assist members when emergency medical care is needed while attending church.

The committee consisting of: Beverly Lewis, Patricia Walker, Hattie Hicks, Dr. Carla Samuel Parks and Iesha Towns will also schedule CPR classes and other workshops.

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR HISTORY?

What Was Life Like in the 1500s?

The next time you are washing your hands and complain because the water temperature isn't just how you like it, think about how things used to be. Here are some facts about the 1500s:

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May, and they still smelled pretty good by June.. However, since they were starting to smell . . . brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odor. Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children. Last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water!"

Houses had thatched roofs, thick straw-piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof..Hence the saying "It's raining cats and dogs."

There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other droppings could mess up your nice clean bed. Hence, a bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. That's how canopy beds came into existence.

The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt. Hence the saying, "Dirt poor." The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet, so they spread thresh (straw) on floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on, they added more thresh until, when you opened the door, it would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entrance-way. Hence: a thresh hold.

Sometimes they could obtain pork, which made them feel quite special. When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man could, "bring home the bacon." They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around and chew the fat.

New Ministry: St. Luke Food Pantry



Hunger is a real problem in the Champaign-Urbana community. To God be the glory that the officers and members of St. Luke CME Church feel that we are our brothers' keepers and have established a Food Pantry. We hope to help at least 50 families through this ministry.

The following mission statement and client participation guidelines were adopted by



Registration team members setting-up .

St. Luke CME Church:

Mission Statement: The mission of the St. Luke Food Pantry is to serve needy families by alleviating hunger in the Champaign-Urbana community.

Day/Hours: Third Saturday of each month from 10:00 AM until 12 PM

Client eligibility criteria:

1. Must live in permanent housing. (no shelters or transitional housing)
2. Applicant/client must be the head of household.
3. Must live in zip codes of 61820, 61821 or 61801. (Proof of Residency Required).
4. Income must fall within 150% of FPL (Federal Poverty Level).



Bagged food ready to be distributed

Patricia McKinney Lewis, Organizer



BANK ACCOUNT

I HAVE JUST DEPOSITED
LOVE AND BLESSINGS
INTO YOUR BANK ACCOUNT

AND THE BEST PART IS THAT
IT WILL COST YOU NOTHING

I ASK THAT YOU JUST USE IT IN ABUNDANCE

YOUR PIN NUMBER IS: J-E-S-U-S

****IMPORTANT NOTICE****
IF YOU LOSE YOUR PIN, YOU LOSE EVERYTHING

MAKE A DEPOSIT IN SOMEONE ELSE'S ACCOUNT TODAY!!

MAY YOUR TROUBLES BE LESS
YOUR BLESSINGS BE MORE
AND NOTHING BUT HAPPINESS
COME THROUGH YOUR DOOR




Pat's Poem

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

I didn't think I had the time to sit,
And make a rhyme about my Savior,
Who had corrected my behavior.
He lifted me up when I was down,
And He didn't go and tell it all over town.
He was there in my darkest days,
Yet He would always let me try it my way.
When my back was up against the wall,
And I didn't know what to do.
He was right there to pick me up,
And bring me through.
Heart aches, pains, sunshine and rain;
With Jesus Christ as my Savior,
I had everything to gain.
The years, the tears, the fears—that's part of my
past;
I found out only what you do for Christ will last.
I am His, and He is mine;
I'm so glad I found Him just in the nick of time.
THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD; I SHALL NOT
WANT!

Author: Patricia Ann Chapple Walker
New Life Choir President

Vacation Bible School

“This Little Light of Mine”



July 14-16
5:30-7:30 PM
July 17: 12:00 PM

Jo Samuel, Director

Why Like Retirement? Those of you who have not retired yet can see why we love it!!



Question: How many days in a week?

Answer: 6 Saturdays, 1 Sunday

Question: When is a retiree's bedtime?

Answer: Three hours after he falls asleep on the couch.

Question: How many retirees to change a light bulb?

Answer: Only one, but it might take all day.

Question: What's the biggest gripe of retirees?

Answer: There is not enough time to get everything done.

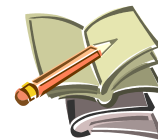
Question: Why don't retirees mind being called Seniors?

Answer: The term comes with a 10% percent discount..

Question: Among retirees what is considered formal attire?

Answer: Tied shoes.

McKinney-Lewis Essay Award Scholarships



St. Luke Students in Grades 3-12

\$50 Monetary Awards to Buy School Supplies

Book Report and Essay
(Outline and rough draft with final copy)
Due: August 1, 2010

Usher Day June 6, 2010

"For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness." Psalm 84:10



Usher Board President, Mary Williams



Worship Leaders Cyrus Williams and Ronald Lewis with Rev. Roland Brown



Rev. Roland Brown with the Carter Metropolitan CME choir from Danville, IL.



Rev. Clarence Buchanan, Rev. Roland Brown and Rev. Larry Lewis, Bethel AME, Champaign, IL.



Rev. Jimmie Holmes, Moring Star Freewill Missionary Baptist Church, Champaign; Rev. Buchanan, Rev. Brown and Elder C.D. Nesbitt, Glory Center Int., Champaign

Congratulations!



Fay Weatherspoon,
Chicago District
Sunday School
Teacher of the Year



Welcome back, Sister Johnnie Jackson! (Center)



High Achievers, Honor Roll Students and Graduates.



Class participants pictured with Rev Buchanan and Board of Christian Education Chairman, Jo Samuel.