

# The Christian Griot

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## April EVENTS

- 2 Good Friday
- 4 Sunrise Service
- 11 Stewardess Day
- 15-16 Spring Convocation
- 17 Choir Musical
- 21 Secretary's Day
- 25 Kennedy Club Program



Rev. Dr. Clarence and Mrs. Christine Buchanan

## Who's Who at St. Luke

### CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP PRESIDENT : Min. Dion Broughton



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**Min. Dion Broughton** is young in age, but seasoned in his relationship with the Lord. At the age of fourteen he answered his call to preach the word of God, and he preached his first sermon in January 2006, at Carter Temple CME in Chicago, IL, where Rev. Sylvester Williams, Sr. is the pastor. At Carter Temple, he served as a member of the ministerial staff; served on the Usher Board; and sang in the choir. He served one term as president of the Christian Youth Fellowship and was the youth honoree during the 2006-2007 conference year. He currently serves as the Connectional Youth Vice President of the Connectional Youth Council for the Third Episcopal District.

Min. Broughton is a graduate of Chicago Vocational Career Academy where he played baseball, football and ran track. As a member of the Science Club, he won first place in the school's Science Fair during his freshman year. He was vice president of the school's Student Government, a member of the National Honor's Society, serving as the president during his senior year. While in high school, he attended construction college during his junior and senior years where his major or area of focus was carpentry. He learned to weld, build and lie concrete. He also taught bible study at his high school all four years. He graduated in the top of his class with a rank of 10 out of 393 students.

Currently, he is a freshman at the University of Illinois (Urbana -Champaign ). His has not declared a major. In his spare time, he likes to watch " Family Guy".

Favorite Scripture: 2 Chronicles 7:14 Favorite Song: "Sweet Wonder"

Favorite Hymn: "Jesus Paid It All"

## APRIL

### BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Cyrus O. Williams
- 2 Ether Huffman
- 3 Zachary Wood
- 5 Dorothy Chapple  
Imogene Smith
- 8 Justin Flowers
- 8 Dominique Brown
- 9 Joyce Mast
- 9 Cedric Richardson
- 10 Betty Rowell
- 11 Cyrus L. Williams
- 12 Jean Nesbitt
- 13 Larry Williams
- 16 Willene Howard
- 18 Ave Alvarado
- 19 Micheal Wright
- 21 Carmen Wood
- 23 Princess Miller
- 26 Latisha Harris
- 27 Jonathan Robinson
- 28 Joseph Sibley



### Calvary

Jesus Christ, 33, of Nazareth, died Friday on Mount Calvary, also known as Goigotha, the place of the skull. Betrayed by the apostle Judas, Jesus was crucified by the Romans, by order of the Ruler Pontius Pilate. The causes of death were crucifixion, extreme exhaustion, severe torture, and loss of blood.



Jesus Christ, a descendant of Abraham, was a member of the house of David. He was the Son of the late Joseph, a carpenter of Nazareth, and Mary, His devoted Mother. Jesus was born in a stable in the city of Bethlehem, Judea. He is survived by His mother Mary, His faithful Apostles, numerous disciples, and many other followers.

Jesus was self educated and spent most of his adult life working as a Teacher. Jesus also occasionally worked as a Medical Doctor and it is reported that he healed many patients. Up until the time of His death, Jesus was teaching and sharing the Good News, healing the sick, touching the lonely, feeding the hungry, and helping the poor.

Jesus was most noted for telling parables about His Father's Kingdom and performing miracles, such as feeding over 5,000 people with only five loaves of bread and two fish, and healing a man who was born blind. On the day before His death, He held a Last Supper celebrating the Passover Feast, at which He foretold His death.

The body was quickly buried in a stone grave, which was donated by Joseph of Arimathea, a loyal friend of the family. By order of Pontius Pilate, a boulder was rolled in front of the tomb. Roman soldiers were put on guard.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that everyone try to live as Jesus did. Donations may be sent to anyone in need.

## The Risen Christ



"The Good News is about His Son. In His earthly life He was born into King David's family line, and He was shown to be the Son of God when He was raised from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit. He is Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 1:3-4 NLT).

Although we study the passion of Jesus, His death on the cross, Easter is a celebration of His resurrection: God brought Jesus back from the dead, proving He'd broken the power of sin and death.

After Jesus died, they took His body down and put Him in the tomb, and a giant millstone was set in front of the cave. The religious leaders, worried that Jesus' body might be stolen, asked for Roman guards to be posted in front of the tomb. They didn't want Him coming out!

But of course, He did.

You know the story. But it's important to remember that Easter is not some memorial to a nice, good religious teacher who lived 2,000 years ago. It's a celebration of the fact that He is alive today! Jesus "was shown to be the Son of God when He was raised from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit. He is Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 1:4 NLT).

Easter is the good news about God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who came as a human baby, born into King David's royal family line. Four historical records say that after His resurrection He showed Himself to 500 people at one gathering.

Can you imagine witnessing His death and then seeing Him walking around Jerusalem three days later? What an amazing thing! When Jesus was hanging on the cross, the skeptics and critics mocked Him and said, "If You're the Son of God, why don't You just pull yourself down from that cross? Why don't You just come down and show that You're really God?"

Jesus had something more spectacular planned. He said, "I'm going to let you bury Me for three days, then I'll come back to life to prove that I am who I say I am."



## *Pentecost*

PENTECOST comes from the Greek word, *pentecoste*, ("fiftieth day") Christian festival commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples of Jesus, occurring on the Jewish Pentecost, after Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension.

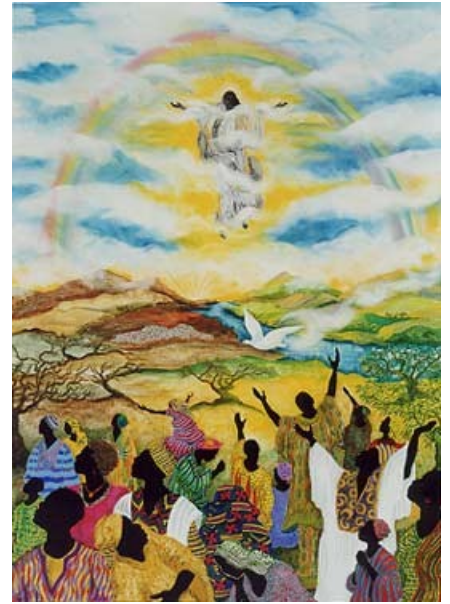
The conclusion of the Fifty Days of Easter and the commemoration of the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. Jesus had to ascend to sit on the right hand of God in order for the disciples to receive the Holy Spirit.

On the day of Pentecost all the Lord's followers were together in one place. Suddenly there was a noise from heaven like the sound of a mighty wind. It filled the house where they were meeting. Then they saw what looked like fiery tongues moving in all directions, and a tongue came and settled on each person there. The Holy Spirit took control of everyone, and they began speaking whatever languages the Spirit let them speak.

The apostles received the Holy Spirit and were miraculously enabled to go out into Jerusalem prophesying and speaking in languages that all the visitors to Jerusalem could understand as told further in Acts 2:5-6:<sup>1</sup>

The early church is another example of faith in action. On the Day of Pentecost, "They were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:4). Believers prayed and then began to speak; acting upon the revelation and infilling that God had given them. As with the early church, we must not wait and then react, but rather act first in faith and then see God move. You see, pursuit is faith in action: "It is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Hebrews 11:6). Pursuit, active faith, brings victory!

It is believed that the events of the first Pentecost recorded in the New Testament Book of Acts took place at the Temple Court located south and south-west of the Temple Mount, an area excavated by Israeli archaeologist Benjamin Mazar shortly after the reunification of Jerusalem in 1967.



### **Congratulations to the Black History Contest Winning Team and Runner -Up Team!**



2010 Winning Team : EPHESIANS



2010 Runner-Up Team : CORINTHIANS

## Black Youth Invents Surgical Technique - at 14

Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2009, 2:26 pm  
By: Jackie Jones, BlackAmericaWeb.com

Tony Hansberry II isn't waiting to finish medical school to contribute to improved medical care. He has already developed a stitching technique that can be used to reduce surgical complications, as well as the chance of error among less experienced surgeons.

"I've always had a passion for medicine," he said in a recent interview. "The project I did was, basically, the comparison of novel laparoscopic instruments in doing a hysterectomy repair."

By the way, Hansberry is a 14-year-old high school freshman.

In April, the brilliant teen presented his findings at a medical conference at the University of Florida before an audience of doctors and board-certified surgeons.

Hansberry attends Darnell-Cookman, a special medical magnet school that allows him to take advanced classes in medicine. Students at the school master suturing in eighth grade.

"I just want to help people and be respected, knowing that I can save lives," said Hansberry, the son of a registered nurse and an African Methodist Episcopal church pastor. His goal is to become a neurosurgeon.

The idea for his procedure developed last summer during an internship at the University of Florida's Center for Simulation Education and Safety Research at Shands Hospital in Jacksonville.

Hansberry responded to a challenge to improve a procedure called the endo stitch, used in hysterectomies that could not be clamped down properly to close the tube where the patient's uterus had been. The teen devised a vertical way to apply the endo stitch and, using a medical dummy, completed the stitching in a third of the time of traditional surgery.

"It took me a day or two to come up with the concept," Hansberry said.

He was supervised by Dr. Brent Siebel, a urogynecologist, and Bruce Nappi, administrative director of the Center for Simulation Education and Safety Research. Hansberry's discovery won second place in its regional science fair in February 2009 in the medical category.



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KNOW YOUR HISTORY

## Negro-head Mountain Gets a Name Change

John Ballard in the Santa Monica Mountains  
So here's the story: During the 1850s Kentucky-born John Ballard moved to Agoura in the Santa Monica Mountains and set up house and trade. He and his family joined the 60 other black residents of Los

Angeles County which, then, only had a population of 4000. Without question Ballard was a L.A. pioneer. He survived the spiritually and physically challenging institution of slavery, traveled across the country by wagon, purchased land overlooking Malibu, founded the town's first African Methodist Episcopal church, and made a few coins black-smithing and selling lumber. Like my dad, I relish in stories of black men who triumph against every odd imaginable. And this one's a beaut.

The story continues: The arrival of the railroad upped property values and newly-arriving white settlers wanted Ballard and his family out. They burned his house and harassed him day and night until he finally moved 50 miles away and purchased 300-plus acres. The new settlers named the area Nigger-head Mountain in his honor [or in honor of their racist victory]. And Nigger-head is what appears on all government documents. But in the 1960s some embarrassed [or progressive] official decided Negro-head would be a bit more appropriate lest the Black Panthers come up from the city and demand some explanation. [I'm kidding, of course, but who knows]. Now the county officials have made some new demands: the area should be renamed John Ballard Mountain, you know, because that's the name of the man who pioneered it.

# St. Luke Women Letting Their Lights Shine



Latisha Harris and Amber Parrish singing a song.



Women's Day Chairlady  
Min. Jacqueline Davis



Brenda Owens  
Luncheon Presenter



Eve Foster presenting at the luncheon.



Speakers:  
Mrs. Christine Buchanan and  
Min. Debbie Banks



Church members enjoying  
the luncheon .



Beverly Lewis, Flower  
Committee and Co-Chairlady  
Tammy Green



Multiple generations of legacies  
being honored during the morning  
worship service. Mr. Nina Sibley's  
family has five generations present.



Teresa Sibley Williams  
and Christine Sibley  
(not pictured)  
Co-Chairs of the  
Culinary Committee



Felecia Harrington  
reading the scripture.



Jennie Sheffield  
giving the welcome.



Marilyn Thadison gives  
the "The Occasion"  
while Jo Samuel,  
Worship Leader,  
applauds .

# Hinds Community College in Concert

After three unsuccessful attempts to found a school for educating Negroes in Mississippi. **Dr. William H. Holtzclaw** returned for the fourth time. This time, he had read Orison Swett Marden's book, **Pushing to the Front**, and was inspired by the book's message and by the philosophy of **Dr. Booker T. Washington**. This Tuskegee graduate and student of Dr. Booker T. Washington walked into Utica, MS in 1902; with two dollars and a dollar watch in his pocket and a strong determination to found a public school to train Negroes to read, write, compute, and develop their farmland communities. Under a tree, Holtzclaw began to teach about 20 students. He and the townspeople began to build a small school house with lumber from Curry Brothers' lumber yard.

In 1951, **Mr. John Dewey Boyd**, Wilkinson County, MS native, became the superintendent. During his administration in 1952, the Board of Trustees resolved to investigate the idea of the school's becoming a junior college. In 1954, the Board of Trustees acted on the proposed resolution of 1952, to form **Utica Institute Junior College** separate from the high school; **Hinds County Agricultural High School, Colored**. Eventually, the word 'colored' was dropped from the high school's name. The Board appointed Mr. G. M. McClendon, president of Hinds Junior College, as special consultant to Mr. Boyd, and reports indicate that Mr. McClendon contributed significantly to the success of Hinds AHS and the formation of Utica Junior College. Hinds Junior College and Utica Junior College/Hinds County AHS had the same Board of Trustees.

During the late 70s, **Dr. Bobby Cooper** organized The Jubilee Singers. Dr. Cooper, who joined the faculty as music instructor and choir director in 1972, was bringing back the kind of group who had sung Negro spirituals to help raise funds for the school during the 40-year Holtzclaw era. Cooper was moved by the original group's history, dedication, purpose, and the sheet music of old plantation songs. So, he organized the Jubilee Singers and taught them the songs from the original music sheets. The Jubilee Singers have since become ambassadors for the Utica Campus, singing at most general assemblies and receiving invitations to sing for major events throughout the U.S. and other countries. Their most memorable invitations have come from Italy and France.



Dr. Bobby Cooper, Director,



Hinds College Jubilee Singers



St. Luke's Zack Wood

