ST. LUKE CME CHURCH

Theme: "Uniting Our Voices to the Glory of God"

Scriptural Focus: "Even every one that is called by My Name: for I have created him for My Glory..." Isaiah 43:7

Commemorating the 100th Year Founding of the St. Luke Christian Methodist Episcopal Church



THE NEW LIFE CHOIR 2009

Deacon Willie T. Summerville, Minister of Music Dr. Victor Mullins, Director/Organist Mrs. Faye Weatherspoon, Youth Music Director Mrs. Patricia Walker, President Rev. Dr. Clarence Buchanan, Pastor Elder Harlan K. Jones Presiding Elder Bishop Paul Stewart, Presiding Prelate

Illinois Room , I-Hotel and Conference Center 1900 South First Street Champaign, Illinois 61801

Special Greetings and Best Wishes to Our St. Luke Family!



Today we celebrate another milestone in the 100th year history of the St. Luke Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. As we celebrate this Annual Choir Musical, it is really a reunion for the many persons who have sung in the choir and have now moved on to other places and other ministries for the Lord.

As we come together to celebrate this day, let us also prepare for the next 100 years. We must develop a new sense of mission and outreach for this new day.

Let us lift up our voices and boldly proclaim with new vigor "I will praise the Lord while I live; I will sing praises unto my God while I have my being." (Psalm 146:1-2)

Yes, this is a great day for the choir and for all of us here at St. Luke CME Church, so . . .

"Let us praise the Lord for His mighty acts! Yes, praise Him with the sound of the trumpet! Praise Him with the psaltery and harp! Praise Him with the timbrel and dance! Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord! Praise ye the Lord!

(Psalm 150)

Your Servant Leaders, Rev. Dr. Clarence and Mrs. Christine Buchanan

A Message From the Choir President



Dear New Life Choir, St. Luke Family and Friends,

God has blessed me to serve as the choir President for the past ten years. It has truly been a very uplifting and rewarding experience. A Centennial Choir Reunion is an event we are proud to sponsor and actively participate in as we are "Uniting Our Voices to the Glory of God".

First of all, I would like to thank God for allowing me to serve Him in this capacity, because there is nothing I love more than praising the Lord in song. Also, I would like to thank you, New Life Choir, for all the support and encouragement you have given me through the years. Jesus said in Matthew 18:20, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, There am I in the midst of them". So please continue in your faithfulness, because God has truly blessed us. There is nothing we've attempted to do that we didn't succeed in. Thank you to all of our family and friends who have supported the New Life Choir over the years.

New Life is truly a choir that has been orchestrated by God. He didn't only give us a Great Choir, He also provided us with Great Musicians such as, Deacon Willie T. Summerville (Director of Music), Dr. Victor Mullins, Stanley Butts, and Robert Saddler, just to name a few.

Thank you Pastor Buchanan and The St. Luke Family for all of your support and encouragement at home and when we travel. Thank you Pastor for keeping us rooted and grounded with the hymns and songs our forefathers and mothers sang. This is what make us who we are. I urge you, New Life Choir, to keep on praising the Lord, for WHEN THE PRAISES GO UP, THE BLESSINGS COME DOWN!

May God bless you and keep you, Sis. Patricia A. Walker Choir President



Message for the St. Luke Choir Reunion

From Deacon Willie T. Summerville

Psalm 119:63 says "I am a companion of all them that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts." This Scripture expresses my thankfulness to God for allowing me to fellowship with other believers in this Champaign-Urbana community for over 43 years.(June, 1966-present). I want to thank all of you who have returned to celebrate this 100th Year Celebration of the St. Luke Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, 809 North Fifth Street, Champaign, Illinois, 61820. I am anxiously awaiting our GREAT CELEBRATION OF PRAISE.

I have been privileged to have served this Music Ministry during this time. For those of you who are returning, I hope all of you have accepted Jesus as your personal Savior, and have remained active in your respective church families. If you have not made that choice, or you are out of fellowship with a Christian Congregation, I implore you to make Jesus your choice. If you are out of fellowship, I urge you to rededicate your life to living for Christ again during the INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP period in the program.

I am most appreciated to Mr. Jimmy Wayne Casey and Ms. Henrine Luckett Casey who got me started with helping choirs in both the Methodist and Baptist Churches. Other very important persons in my early beginnings were Dr. & Mrs. Henry O. Meares, Mr. & Mrs. Alvin S. Griggs, Mrs. Mary Bennett(Lewis), the late Dr. Jimmy Ross, the late Mr. Richard Edwards, the late Bro. Bruce Nesbitt, Professor & Mrs. Robert Ray, Mr. & Mrs. Edward Sykes, Mr. & Mrs. Syral Easely, Bishop Kenneth Ulmer, Bishop and Mrs. King James Underwood, Ms. Shirley Hursey, the late Mrs. Dorothy Moreland, the late Mrs. Kathryn Lewis, the late Mrs. Maudie Edwards, the late Mr. & Mrs. Alfred R. Kelker, Dr. Robert E. Thomas, Mr. & Mrs. Wilmer D. Zehr, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Weaver, Pastor Richard Foth, the late Rev. A. W. Bishop and the late Rev. & Mrs. Arthur & Othello Burks, and many many more.

I challenge all of you present/former choir members who have older children (who still listen to you for advice), grandchildren, great-grand children, nieces, nephews, God-Children, etc. to encourage them to "get on the Lord's side" before it's too late. Our churches are hurting for some of that "Old-time commitment" that helped to maintain this choir and others like it, who have lasted in spite of the storms that can occur unexpectantly in Ministry.

I wish to thank all of the musicians who have assisted the St. Luke Choirs at some point during these 100 years of service. My thanks go out to the many Pastors and First Ladies that I have served under, during my 43 tenure; especially Rev. & Mrs. B. J. Tatum, and Rev. Dr. & Mrs. Clarence Buchanan.

Last but not least, I wish to publicly thank my parents and grandparents who taught me how to love Jesus, through their examples. I want to thank my wife, Valerian, my four children, Derrick & Roslyn, Shandra, William Moses, and my grandsons Darius, Adrian and Jaxson, who have been my earthly anchors in helping me survive the many challenges that I have faced while trying to do God's Will. "To God Be The Glory For The Great Things He Has Done." Happy Centennial Celebration!!!!!



New Life Choir Minister of Music

Brother Willie T. Summerville

Willie T. Summerville, was born in Sunshine, Arkansas, and was reared in Crossett, Arkansas. He attended the TW Daniel School (Grades 1-12) and Arkansas AM&N College of Pine Bluff. He came to St. Luke CME Church when he was a first year graduate student at the University of Illinois in June of 1966. He had visited only two other churches, University Baptist on Campus and Salem Baptist Church on Fifth Street in Northeast Champaign. The Youth Choir thrived during Rev. Thornton's tenure at St. Luke. Working along with

Rev. Thornton during that time was a young, energetic director of music, Willie T. Summerville. Mr. Summerville was a music teacher in the Urbana, Il Unit 116 school system. With Mr. Summer-

ville's hard work and discipline and Rev. Thornton's encouragement, the Youth Choir rose to more than fifty-five voices, travelled extensively, and recorded two albums, Hold the Light (Rev. A.W. Bishop—pastor when recorded.) and We've Come to Praise His Name. Rev. Thornton's wife, Cauthel, often t ravelled with the choir.

Mr. Summerville has published the following songs: Jesus How I Love you, Keeping the Dream Alive, Dear Old Urbana, The Chocolate Flavored Birthday Song. He recently wrote special patriotic lyrics to "United We Stand"; also special lyrics to "Thank You For The Teaching." Mr. Summerville also appeared in the MENC Journal. (The National Music Educators Magazine) in a rebuttal to an article on the use of Gospel Music in the Schools. Mr. Summerville has written a Course Syllabus for the following classes: Afro 498 "Harmonizing Differences Through African-American Sa-AKE NEW LP. St. Luke's CME Church choir recet recorded an LP album, "Hold the Light." Fo embers of the choir gathered to give it a "plug ront row: (left), Willa Harris and Marilyn Thadiso

Millikin University, Decatur, Illinois.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Methods

1972----Special Citation from the Governor of Illinois for working with Youth Outstanding Young Educator Award from the C-U Jaycees

1974----Citizen of the Year by Prince Hall Masons

cred Music; Black Music In The Early 20th Century (both at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign); ME 414 Elementary Skills and

> 1976-----Named as One of the Founding Brothers Epsilon XI Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity.

-----Honorary Citizen of Ft. Worth Texas

1980----Outstanding Black Educator by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority

1994----Public Citizen of the Year by the National Association of Social Workers

-----Outstanding Service Award by Champaign County NAACP

-----Vocational Achievement Award by The Urbana Rotary

-----Outstanding Teacher of the Month by Urbana Middle School Student Council

1998-----President Clinton Names Mr. Summerville as one of the Home Town Heroes in Education

Mattie Moss Clark Jesse Dixon

Duke Ellington School of the Arts--Special Choral Ensemble

1999-----WT Summerville Day Declared in Pine Bluff, Arkansas

1999-----Featured in the Congressional Record by Congressman Danny Davis

2000----Educator of the Year by Parkland College at ML King Celebration

2001----Educator of the Year by the Wal-Mart Corporation

2001-----Winner of the Service Award by The Black Sacred Music Symposium of the University of Illinois

2001-----Keynote Speaker, Centennial HS Honors Assembly, Champaign

2002-----Featured in WCIA'S Month-long Documentaries on local Outstanding African Americans

2003-----Named the Whitney M. Young Service Award from the Prairielands Council of the Boy Scouts of

America

2004----Man of the Year Award from the National Council of African-American Men, Illinois Charter Chapter, Inc

2005----Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition for 38 years of Service as Choir Director in the Champaign-Urbana Community, Presented by Congressman Timothy Johnson

2006---- "The Willie Award" Presented by The Champaign Chorale

2006----Given Key to City of Gibson City, Illinois for Conducting Handel's Messiah

2007----Named "CUperSTAR 2007 Outstanding Service to Youth Award" from the Champaign-Urbana

Area Project, Patricia A. Avery CUAP Executive Director

2008-----M. L. King Special Recognition for help with the Community Choir

2009----Named a "2009 Paul Harris Fellow" by the Urbana Rotary

The following artists have been trained in one of Mr. Summerville's workshops/music classes:

Kirk Franklin

Smokey Norful

Erika Harold, Miss America, 2003

Adelaide Muir, Metropolitan Opera National Finalist

Stephen Kelly, Concert Pianist/Choral Director

C. Todd Taylor, Professional Keyboard Artist/Choral Director

Sherricka Ellison, First Place Vocalist, Live at the Apollo Theatre

Prepared choirs to sing in the following Venues:

St. Peter's Basilica, Rome, Italy

Carnegie Hall, New York

McDonald's Corporation CD Recording Session

University of Illinois Think Tank at Urbana Champaign

Lobby of the Kennedy Center For the Performing Arts

Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church, (Both Edifices) Atlanta, Georgia

Over 60 Churches Throughout the US and the US Virgin Islands

Prepared choirs to perform with the following artists:

Michael Bolton Barry Manilow Robert Ray James Cleveland Andre Thomas Edwin Hawkins

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New Life Choir Director: Dr. Victor Mullins

St. Luke has been blessed to have more than one choir director. Dr. Mullins directs New Life Choir three Sundays each month. He has been with new Life Choir since the fall of 2006.

Victor C. Mullins, his wife Nancy, and their two children (Justin and Audrey) moved to Illinois from New York City in 2003 when Dr. Mullins accepted a position as Assistant Dean for the MBA Program in the College of Business at the University of Illinois. Since his arrival, Dr. Mullins has been promoted to Associate Dean for Undergraduate Affairs in the College of Business. He now serves in this position at the University of Illinois.

At New York University (New York, NY), Dr. Mullins began as an Assistant Director for Undergraduate Admissions and before he left New York University (10 years of service at NYU), he had been promoted several times, leaving NYU as Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Affairs in the College of Business at NYU. Dr. Mullins has also served as a Residence Hall Manager at St. Peters Jesuit College in New Jersey and as a Program Analyst for the Fairfax County (Virginia) Office of Equal Employment Opportunity.

Dr. Mullins received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Speech Communication at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia; a Master of Arts Degree in Higher Education Administration at New York University; and a Doctor of Arts Degree in Higher Education Administration at New York University.

Dr. Mullins is a member of the Champaign-Urbana Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Within his fraternity, he serves as the Director of the Guide Right Program / Director of the Kappa League. This year, he and the brothers of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity hosted its fifth Beautillion at the Champaign Country Club. He is the newest board member of the Champaign-Urbana Schools Foundation. Currently, Dr. Mullins is working on two books: Making the Right Moves: A Workbook for the College Bound Student and "The Social Integration Experiences of African Americans Attending Predominantly White Institutions.



Voices of Praise and Youth of Promise Choir Director Sister Faye Weatherspoon

Fay Weatherspoon is a dedicated member of the Champaign-Urbana community in which she was raised. Fay grew up at Northside Church of Christ where she was a member of the adult choir, directed the children's choir, taught Sunday school, organized programs and plays and generally helped wherever needed. She continues this same work at St. Luke CME, her church home for the past 10 years. She has spent her life dedicated to the children around her. Known as Ms. Fay, she tirelessly picks up the children for choir rehearsal and Sunday school returning them home when needed. Fay devotes herself as a Sunday school teacher, mentor and trusted friend who never hesitates to

respond to a need. Joyfully doing anything asked of her, she counts it not robbery to do these things in service to the Lord.

In addition to the above commitments, Fay raised her own two children and is very active with her grandchildren. She has been a faithful employee at the University of Illinois for over 20 years. Fay has participated in the community choir for the Martin Luther King celebration for the past 15 years. Her love of music and worshipping God has led her to writing her own songs many of which she has used with our very own youth choir. Anyone who knows Ms. Fay knows that she loves to praise the Lord. Overall, she only wants to be seen as someone who loves God and is trying to live her life in His service. She has given her life as an example of faithfulness and commitment and is intent on teaching the next generation to offer the same sacrifice of themselves.

Order of Service

Worship Leader Mrs. Christine Buchanan, First Lady of St. Luke CME Church

Opening Hymn Blessed Assurance #27

Scripture & Prayer Rev. Clarence Buchanan

Praise Song "Give Him Glory" by

DeAndre Patterson

Welcome Mrs. Patricia A. Walker, President

New Life Choir

Historical Highlights of the St. Luke Choir Kathy Lockett

Meditation Rev. Dr. Clarence Buchanan

Presentation of the Director Mrs. Tina March

Reunion Concert Part I

Offering Stewards and Choir Reps

Invitation to Christian Discipleship Pastor Buchanan

(Intermission and Light Refreshments)

Reunion Concert Part II

FINALE SELECTIONS:

"Oh Happy Day" Solo, Janet Blanton and Others

"Total Praise"

Special Thanks to All Participants Mrs. Patricia Walker, President

Acknowledgement of Guest Pastors and Musicians Deacon Willie T. Summerville,

Director

Closing Remarks Pastor Buchanan

Benediction

St. Luke Choirs



Senior Choir



Youth Choir Established in 1966



New Life Choir Established in 1989



Voices of Praise Choir2000



Voices of Praise Choir 2009



Youth of Promise Choir 2009

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In Loving Memory of

Mr. & Mrs. Moses Summerville
Allen Temple C.M.E. Church and New Bethel Baptist Church
Crossett, Arkansas

Willie T. and Valerian Summerville

In Loving Memory of

Vern's Great Grandmother



Mary Agnes "Ghan" Giles



Frederick & Rohelia McKinney
Danville, Illinois

Vernon and Patricia McKinney Lewis

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In Loving Honor of





Dorothy Chapple



Arzelle Chapple

Landon and Patricia Chapple Walker

In Loving Memory of



Vernon Lewis, Sr. and Muriel Giles Lewis

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In Loving Memory of

John and Betty Lou Dixon and William B. Hegman

Nate and Gloria Hegman Dixon

~Ruby \$500 Patron~



In Loving Memory Of

Alice Pirtle

Pamela Pirtle



~Emerald \$300 Patron ~

Bobby Hunt



~Pearl \$100 Patrons ~

Nettie Howell Phil Henson

Lula Conner Lola Cockrell

Cle and Darlene Easley- Marilyn Thadison

Mae Kendrick

Pledges

Colony Square Cleaners
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Casey
Dr. Henry Meares & Dr. Paula Meares
Rev. and Mrs. John Deron Johnson

Musicians Before 1966

(Please Note, the Musicians mentioned are persons who helped full time or they filled in for our Music Ministry)

Mrs. Willa Mae Varnarbo Pickens, (Deceased)

Ms. Sylvia DeSayles (Deceased)

Mrs. Anna Wall Scott

Rev. O. G. Munroe (Deceased)

Mrs. Mary Garland Williams (Deceased)

Mr. John Hannett (Deceased)

Musicians After 1966-2009

Deacon Willie T. Summerville

Dr. Alexandria Holloway

Mr. Syral Wayne Easley (Deceased)

Mr. Stanley Butts

Ms. Pam Pirtle

Ms. Luwanna Williams

Mrs. Mary Williams

Mr. Paul Jones

Mrs. Cauthel Thornton (Deceased)

Dr. Carla Samuels

Minister Noah Brown

Minister Matt Nesbitt

Mr. Titus Nesbitt

Mrs. Carmen Casey

Ms. Debbie Banks

Mr. Robert Ray

Dr. Michael Bates

Dr. Timothy Eatman

Mrs. Mary Suter (Deceased)

Mrs. Shirley Melker

Bishop Kenneth Ulmer

Dr. Barrington Coleman

Mrs. Gladys Downing

Dr. Timothy Eatman

Mrs. Betty Hassells

Mrs. Prosine Polite

Mr. Derrick Summerville

Mrs. Carmelita Thomas

Mrs. Eloise Butts

Mr. Clarence Todd Taylor

Rev. John Deron Johnson

Mr. James Hunter

Mr. DeAndre Hill

Mr. Clifton Hill, Jr.

Mr. Robert Saddler

Mr. Ashton Clark

Mr. Ryan Clark

Guitar

Rev. Roland Brown, (Probably the first guitar player allowed in the Annual

Conference)

Mr. Nicholas Elam

Flute

Dr. Carla Samuels-Parks

Saxophone

Mr. Jeremy Thorpe Mr. Edgar Green

Drummers

Rev. Dr. Jon McCoy

Pastor Cedric Nesbitt

Minister Matt Nesbitt

Mr. Titus Nesbitt

Mr. Danny Phillips

Mr. Steffon Jones

Mr. Byron n Smith, Jr.

Mr. Tory Epps

Mr. Marcus Reid

Mr. Marc McKnight

Former Choir Presidents

Mr. Syral Easley Mr. Ezell Derricks

Mrs. Dorothy Jordan Luckey (Deceased)

Mrs. Genora Jarrett(Deceased)
Mrs. Lovie Anderson(Deceased)

Mr. William Nesbitt Mr. Stanley Butts, III Mr. Charles Butts

Ms. Diane Weatherspoon Jones

Mr. Robert Jackson

Mr. Brian Alexander (Deceased)

Minister Pam Alexander

Rev. Julio Andujo

Ms. Kathy Easley Lockett

Ms. Carmen Wood Mr. Nate Dixon Mr. Cle Easley

Mr. Vernon Lewis

Former Choir Sponsors/Overseers

Mr. Jim W. Casey

Mrs. Maudie Edwards (Deceased)

Mr. Bobby Hunt

Mrs. Dorothy Jordan Luckey (Deceased)

Mr. Bruce Nesbitt(Deceased) Mrs. Faye Weatherspoon

Mrs. Tina Easley Mrs. Henrine Casey

Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Williams (Deceased)

Mr. Bruce Nesbitt Ms. Carmen Wood Mrs. Willia M. Brown

Recording Engineer/Photographer For Choir Albums

Mr. Wilmer D. Zehr

Highlights of the Choir Since 1966

Helped to establish the Community Choir of 1967

Recorded their First LP "Hold The Light" 1968

Performed in ISYM At the University of Illinois, 1970

Performed at Chanute Air Force Base, 1970

Performed in the US Senate Office Building, 1972

Performed Several Years in the Mighty Third Episcopal District

Performed in Community Choir Performances with James Cleveland, Mattie Moss Clark, Jesse Dixon, Edwin Hawkins

Pam Pirtle went to college and directed the college Gospel Choir at Illinois State University

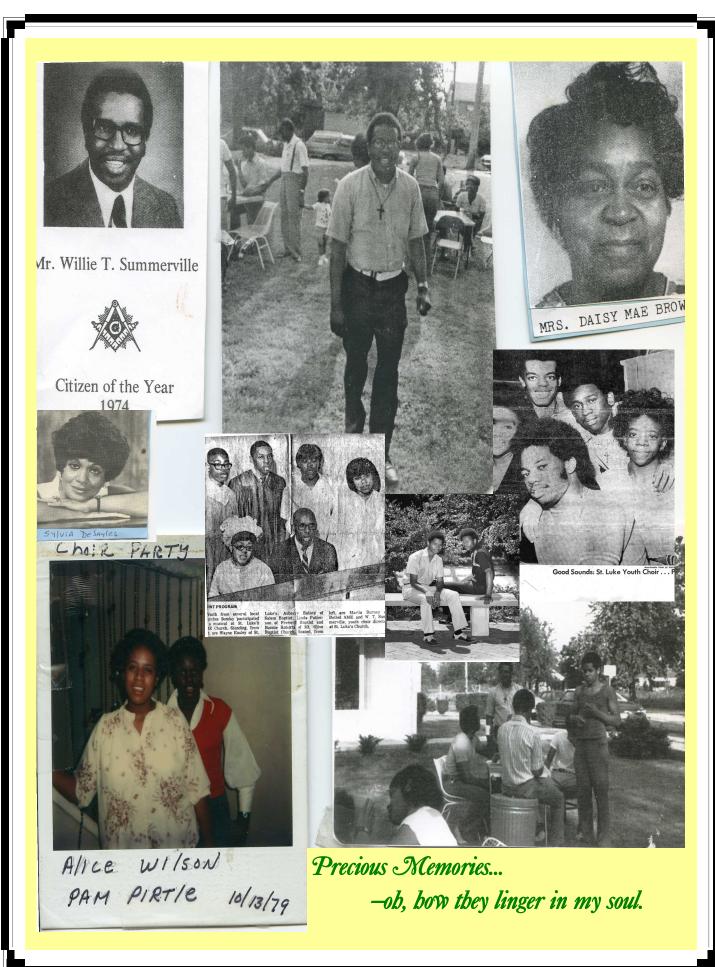
Pam Pirtle was blessed to have sung and recorded with the Thompson Community Choir of Chicago, Illinois

Stanley Butts directed the Black Chorus at Purdue University

Toured Alabama near Rev. Earl Kennedy's Church and at Rev. Johnson's Church

Toured Crossett, Arkansas and Surrounding Communities at Bro. Summerville's Parents Home Churches





Churches & Music Ministries Invited to the St. Luke CME Reunion Mass Choir

Canaan Baptist Church, Rev. & Mrs. B. J. Tatum,

Bethel AME Church, Rev.& Mrs. Larry Lewis

Salem Baptist Church, Dr. & Mrs. Claude E. Shelby,

Grove Street Church of God in Christ, Rev. & Mrs. Robert Perry, Jr.

New Generations Church, Rev. & Mrs. Larry Simmons

New Jerusalem Baptist Church, Rev. & Mrs. Willie Williams

Powerhouse Church of God in Christ, Rev. & Mrs. Israel Hunter

Liberty Temple Church of God in Christ, Rev. & Mrs. Jerome Chambers

Center of Hope, Apostle & Mrs. Robert L. Smith

Morning Star Free Will Baptist Church, Rev. & Mrs. Jimmie O. Holmes

Pilgrim Baptist Church, Rev. & Mrs. Ricky Parks

Mount Olive Baptist Church, Rev. & Mrs. Lundy Savage

Glory Center International, Pastor C.D. & Lady Tyra Nesbitt

Greater Holy Temple Church, Elder & Mrs. Fred Patterson

Jericho Missionary Baptist Church, Rev. & Mrs. Levekie Johnson

New Free Will Baptist Church, Bishop & Mrs. King James Underwood

Good Hope Church of God in Christ, Elder & Mrs. Charles Nash

Macedonia Baptist Church, Rev. & Mrs. Danny Jenkins

2nd Baptist Church of Mattoon, Illinois, Rev. & Mrs. Cyprus Hughes



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We thank all of the program participants and participating churches.
Thank you to the St. Luke Family for their support.

Thank You

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St. Luke C.M.E. Church Jericho Missionary Baptist Church Canaan Evangelistic Church

Recording Engineers

Jeff Johnson Minister Terrence Stevenson

SCRIPTURE FOCUS FOR ALL CHOIRS IN THE NEXT CENTURY

I Corinthians 4:1-2 "Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.

Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful."



St. Luke CME Church

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