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May Events

- 3-5 General Connectional Board
- 5 Bishop & Mrs. Stewart's 50th Anniversary
- 15 102nd Church Anniversary
- 21 Food Pantry

- 30 Memorial Day

Happy Mother's Day!

Who's Who at St. Luke: Sister Dora Flowers Jamerson, Providing a Legacy of Dedication for Mothers of All Ages



"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice in it." Psalm 118: 24

Sister Dora Jamerson grew up in the country outside of a little town called Eupora, Mississippi. She was the only girl of six children born to Willie and Arilla Flowers. As a child, she attended a one room school house where she completed the eighth grade. To attend high school, she had to travel by school bus to Webster County Training High School. After graduating from high school, she earned an associate's degree from Mary Helms Jr. College. She also earned a teacher's certificate to teach school in the country. Sis. Jamerson taught school for several years prior to marrying her husband, the late Fred B. Jamerson, and starting a family. They had two daughters, Bessie and Geneva (deceased).

The Jamersons, along with their two young daughters, Geneva (deceased) and Bessie, moved to Detroit, Michigan, and lived there for several years. In 1959, they family relocated to the Champaign-Urbana area. She was employed by Cap and Gown (Herff Jones) for twenty-five years. After retiring, she did volunteer work at Carle Hospital and Provena Hospital.

Growing up in a Methodist church, her Methodist roots began as a child. Mrs. Jamerson became a member of St. Luke in 1961, and has kept busy in the church since joining. She is a faithful, long time Missionary, and served as the president of the Women's Missionary Society for over fifteen years. She also is active on the Stewardess Board, Board of Christian Education, Food Pantry Committee, and the Christian Women's Fellowship. She has been a delegate to many District and Annual Conferences, and attended one General Conference. She has been blessed to attend two Missionary Quadrennials. In the Champaign-Urbana community, Sis. Jamerson is a member of Church Women United, Douglass Senior Citizens, and the National Council of Negro Women.

Sis. Jamerson is the proud mother of Bessie Beckrum Reed of Atlanta, Georgia, and two granddaughters, Nikki Beckrum and Shelli (Bob) Opsal. She has two great-granddaughters, Kyrass and Kendall. Her hobbies are reading the Bible daily, knitting, cooking, crocheting and spending time with her great-grand daughters.

Favorite Songs: "I'll Fly Away" and "Amazing Grace"

Favorite Scriptures: Psalm 23 and Psalm 118: 24

MAY Birthdays

- 2 Julie Kendrick
- 2 Cameren Richardson
- 4 Tina March
- 5 Vada Lewis
- 5 Vashti Dodd
- 6 Helen Creighton
- 6 DeAndre Hill
- 14 Aniyah Lockett
- 16 Brandon Harvey
- 19 Clifton Buchanan
- 20 Michelle Carr
- 29 Ron Williams
- 29 Christine Buchanan
- 31 Felicia Harrington
- 31 Betty Burton
- 31 Madelenne Williams

Thank God for Wonderful Mothers!

Remembrance

By Laura M. Phipps-Kelley

Mother,
as I walk through the journey of life,
I remember.
I remember how you helped me to grow
with love, truth, and honesty.
I remember how you helped me to
choose the right path with values, morals,
and self worth.
I remember how you gave me dreams
with hope and confidence.
As I remember,
I pray to be a mother like you,
to shape my children into strong adults,
full of hopes and dreams.
You made me who I am today,
and I will always remember you in life's passings
for no one could touch my life as you have.

Lovingly submitted by Mrs. Gloria Hegman Dixon



Mrs. Daisy Lee
Hegman

A Mother's Love

A Mother's love is something that
no one can explain,
It is made of deep devotion and
sacrifices of pain,
It is endless and unselfish and
enduring come what may.
For nothing can destroy or take love
away...
It is patient and forgiving when all others are for-
saking,
And it never fails or falters even though the heart is
breaking.
It believes beyond believing when the world around
condemns,
It glows with all the beauty of the rarest, brightest
gems.
It's far beyond defining, it defies all explanation
and it still remains,
A secret like the mysteries of creation .
A many splendid miracle man cannot understand,
And another wondrous evidence of God's tender
hand.

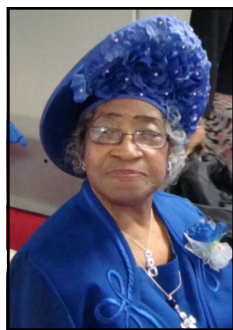
Lovingly, your daughter, Patricia Walker



Mrs. Dorothy
Chapple

Wonderful Mother

by Pat O'Reilly



Mrs. Belle Miller

God made a wonderful mother,
A mother who never grows old;
He made her smile of the sunshine.
And He molded her heart of pure gold;
In her eyes He placed bright shining stars,
In her cheeks fair roses you see;
God made a wonderful mother,
And He gave that dear mother to me.

Lovingly from Princess Miller

Without You

By Joanna Fuchs



Mrs. Edna Elam

Mom, without you, there would
be no me.
Your love, your attention, your
guidance,
have made me who I am.
Without you, I would be lost,
wandering aimlessly,
without direction or purpose.
You showed me the way

to serve, to accomplish, to persevere.
Without you, there would be an empty space
I could never fill, no matter how I tried.
Instead, because of you,
I have joy, contentment, satisfaction and peace.
Thank you, mom.
I have always loved you
and I always will.

*Loving submitted by Edna Maxine Brown and
Robert Elam, Jr.*

Everything Mom By Joanna Fuchs

How did you find the energy, Mom
To do all the things you did,
To be teacher, nurse and counselor
To me, when I was a kid.
How did you do it all, Mom,
Be a chauffeur, cook and friend,
Yet find time to be a playmate,
I just can't comprehend.
I see now it was love, Mom
That made you come whenever I'd call,
Your inexhaustible love, Mom
And I thank you for it all.

Lovingly from Amanda Davis



Min. Jacqui
Davis

Happy Mother's Day to:

Happy Mother's Day



Mrs. Earline Stewart
First Lady of the
Third Episcopal District

St. Luke's First Lady



Mrs. Christine Buchanan
and
Former First Ladies



Mrs. Dorothy
Bishop



Mrs. Ethel Kennedy



Mrs. Blanche Douglass

Young at Heart Mothers of St. Luke



HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW BLACK HISTORY?



From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Talladega College, located in Talladega, Alabama, is a private, liberal arts college. It holds the distinction as Alabama's oldest historically black college.

The history of Talladega College began on November 20, 1865, when two former slaves William Savery and Thomas Tarrant, both of Talladega, met in convention with a group of new freedmen in [Mobile, Alabama](#). From this meeting came the commitment, "... We regard the education of our children and youth as vital to the preservation of our liberties, and true religion as the foundation of all real virtue, and shall use our utmost endeavors to promote these blessings in our common country."

With this as their pledge, Savery and Tarrant, aided by General [Wager Swayne](#) of the Freedmen's Bureau, began in earnest to provide a school for the children of former slaves of the community. Their leadership resulted in the construction of a one-room school house using lumber salvaged from an abandoned carpenter's shop. The school overflowed with pupils from its opening and soon it was necessary to move into larger quarters. Meanwhile, the nearby Baptist Academy was about to be sold under mortgage default. This building had been built in 1852-53 with the help of slaves - including Savery and Tarrant. A speedy plea was sent to General Swayne for its purchase. General Swayne in turn persuaded the American Missionary Association to buy the building and some 20 acres (81,000 m²) of land for \$23,000. The grateful parents renamed the building Swayne School and it opened in November 1867 with about 140 pupils. Thus a building constructed with slave labor for white students became the home of the state's first college dedicated to servicing the educational needs of blacks.

In 1869, Swayne School was issued a charter as Talladega College by the Judge of Probate of Talladega County.

EUNICE JOHNSON



By [DENNIS HEVESI](#)

Eunice Walker Johnson was born in Selma, Ala., on April 4, 1916, one of four children of Nathaniel and Ethel McAlpine Walker. Her father was a physician, her mother a high school principal.

She graduated from Talladega College in Alabama in 1938 with a degree in sociology, and earned a master's degree in social work from Loyola University in Chicago in 1941. She met Mr. Johnson at a dance in Chicago in 1940, and they married after she graduated from Loyola.

Mrs. Johnson is survived by her daughter, Linda Johnson Rice, who is chairwoman and chief executive of Johnson Publishing, and a granddaughter.

In 1942, with a \$500 loan secured by furniture owned by Mr. Johnson's mother, the Johnsons began publishing *Negro Digest*, a magazine modeled on [Reader's Digest](#). Within a year it had a circulation of 50,000. That inspired the couple to start *Ebony*, a monthly with flashy covers like those of *Life* magazine. *Ebony* now has a circulation of 1.25 million. *Jet* magazine, a weekly, was started in 1951 to highlight news of famous African-Americans; it now has a circulation of 900,000.

Mrs. Johnson, who was secretary-treasurer of the publishing company, continued to produce and direct the *Ebony* Fashion Fair through last year.

Over the years, hundreds of the shows have been held on Sunday afternoons, with women of all generations — many turned out in flowery hats, fine jewelry and proper dresses — leaving morning church services to get to the fair.

Holidays in May 2011 in United States

- ◆ Law Day (Sunday, May 1, 2011)
- ◆ Yom HaShoah (Monday, May 2, 2011)
- ◆ Cinco de Mayo (Thursday, May 5, 2011)
- ◆ National Day of Prayer (Thursday, May 5, 2011)
- ◆ Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for Those Who Lost Their Lives during the Second World War (Sunday, May 8, 2011)
- ◆ International Day of Families (Sunday, May 15, 2011)
- ◆ Armed Forces Day (Saturday, May 21, 2011)
- ◆ International Day for Biological Diversity (Sunday, May 22, 2011)
- ◆ African Liberation Day (Wednesday, May 25, 2011)
- ◆ International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers (Sunday, May 29, 2011)
- ◆ Memorial Day (Monday, May 30, 2011)

Do You Remember Parenting in the "Good Ole Days" ?

1. My mother taught me RELIGION.

"You better pray that will come out of the carpet."

2. My mother taught me about TIME TRAVEL.

"If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"

3. My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE.

"If you're going to kill each other, do it outside.. I just finished cleaning."

4. My mother taught me LOGIC.

" Because I said so, that's why."

5. My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION.

"Just wait until we get home."

6. My mother taught me FORESIGHT.

"Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."

7. My mother taught me IRONY.

"Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."

8. My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS.

"Shut your mouth and eat your supper."

9. My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM.

"Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"

10. My mother taught me about STAMINA.

"You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."

11. My mother taught me about WEATHER.

"This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."

12. My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY.

"If I told you once, I've told you a million times. Don't exaggerate!"

13. My mother taught me the CIRCLE OF LIFE.

"I brought you into this world, and I can take you out.."

14. My mother taught me about BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION.

"Stop acting like your father!"

15. My mother taught me about ENVY.

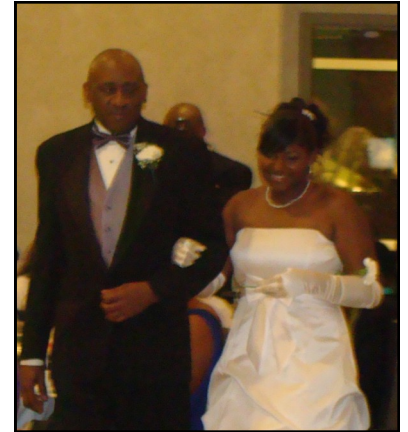
"There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do."

Congratulations

Debutante Miesha Howard!

39th Cotillion

Miss Enterprise 1st Runner-up!



At the 39th Cotillion, Debutante Myisha Howard was presented by her uncle, Sammy Britten; received by her mother, Pam Ellison; and escorted by Montego DeBose.

Community Technology in C-U

A public meeting and workshop on:

UC2B The eBlackCU digital library Jobs and Technology
Youth and Technology Churches and Technology



Photo from the November 2010 eBlackCU Symposium

MAY 7th
9 a.m- 12:30 p.m.
Champaign Public Library
Robeson Rooms A & B



Community Technology Workshop:
Learn how to digitize and share online your photographs, fliers, scrapbooks, and books!
Bring your own or digitize files we have.

Take home a free CD of your digitized materials!

*Also: Help getting e-mail/Facebook accounts!



St. Luke Food Pantry

10:00 AM 12:00 PM

May 21, 2011

2nd Annual Palm Sunday Tea

Fashion Show Coordinators:
Evelyn Walton and Brenda Foster

Fashion Show Commentators:
Alice McGee and Christine Buchanan

Fashion Extravaganza



Chairman Joyce Cowan, Rev. Buchanan,
and Co-Chairman Kathy Lockett

