

# The Christian Griot

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## March EVENTS

2 World Day of Prayer

10-11 Women's Day  
Weekend

11 Daylight Savings  
Begins

17 Food Pantry

25 Kennedy Club  
Program



## March

4 Kaitlyn Shackelford

5 Tazyah Kinard

6 Wenda Townsend

7 Irene Lee

7 Stacy Walton Long

11 Pam Pirtle

18 Aryanna Dodd

18 Reyanna Dodd

19 Terrell Tinsley

21 T.J. Jackson

Yvette Pirtle

27 Jo Samuel

Rev. Dr. Clarence and Mrs. Christine Buchanan

## Black History Month Celebrated at St. Luke CME

The month long activities to celebrate Black History at St. Luke began on February 5, 2012, with the National African American Read-In. St. Luke members participated in the 23<sup>rd</sup> National African American Read-In that is sponsored annually by the National Council of the Teachers of English. At St. Luke, the read-in is held the first Sunday in February after the morning worship service and soul food dinner.

On February 10, 2012, the New Life Choir sponsored "A Taste Heaven" Gospel Jazz Musical and dinner.

The concert featured local and out of town gospel singers and musicians: Noah I. Brown and Company; Mo' Better Music, directed by Nathaniel Banks; pianist, Victor Mullins and singer, Nancy Mullins; organist, Deborah Banks; singer, Pamela Pirtle; saxophonist, Edgar Green and singer, Erica Green; trumpeter, Nathaniel Banks; bass guitarist, Evan Duncan; and drummer, Darren Warren. The Gospel Jazz Musical ended with a jam session that had the entire church, standing room only, on its feet praising God to the highest. Vernon Lewis chaired the event and Patricia Walker is the New Life Choir president.



St. Luke's New Life Choir

The History of Gospel Music concert was held on Sunday, February 19, 2012. A PowerPoint presentation, by Evelyn Walton and Brenda Foster, provided a chronological history of Gospel music from the Negro Spirituals born out of the slavery era to the Gospel songs penned during the 1930's. St. Luke's New Life Choir, directed by Willie Summerville, rendered versions of songs written by African American Gospel songwriters such as Thomas A. Dorsey, "the Father of Gospel music".



Front Row Read-In Participants: Mrs. Nina Sibley, Kaitlyn Shackelford, Ebony Shackelford, Jevante Sibley, and Mrs. Jennie Sheffield; Back Row: Rev. Dr. Clarence Buchanan and Cedric Richardson.

The annual State Rally and Black History Contest, held on February 26, 2012, was the culminating event celebrating Black History Month.

# Youth Luncheon and Revival Held at St. Luke CME

On Saturday, February 4, 2012, the Young Adult Fellowship hosted a luncheon in celebration of Connectional Youth and Young Adult Week. Admission was free and included food, a poet and a message on the theme "A New Way to Worship". The event was well attended, with over 30 youth, young adults and "seasoned" worshipers. The poet spoke on God's divine love. The guest speaker was Ray Williams of the New Foundation Missionary Baptist Church in Champaign. The Connectional Youth and Young Adult Week celebration culminated in an evening revival program that same night.

The revival on Saturday evening, promoted as a "New Way to Worship", featured praise dancers from the Church of the Living God; poetry by Abril Edwards, a student at the University of Illinois; and the "Word" was delivered by Min. Dion Broughton, a student at the University of Illinois.



## What's Cooking With Min. Noah Brown?

Min. Noah's busy schedule this month had him concentrating primarily on his music ministry and his family. Among his many activities at St. Luke CME Church were his participation in the Youth and Young Adult Luncheon and Revival; New Life Choir's Taste of Heaven Gospel Jazz Concert; The History of Gospel Music Concert; directing the New Life Choir the first and second Sunday; and conducting rehearsals. In addition, his ensemble, Noah I. Brown and Company (NIBAC) gave stellar performances at St. Luke's Revival and Gospel Jazz Concert. NIBAC graced the stage and performed with Gloria Rucker and Grammy nominated Dorinda Clark at the **From Tragedy to Triumph Concert**.

### Noah's Magnificent Meatloaf

#### Ingredients

- 2 pounds ground beef
- 2 eggs
- 1 big yellow onion, chopped
- 1 green pepper chopped
- 1 cup milk
- 2 cups of Frosted Flakes (crushed and grounded)
- Season salt, onion powder, garlic powder, pepper to taste
- 5 tablespoons brown sugar

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
2. In a large bowl, combine the beef, egg, chopped onion, chopped pepper, milk, 1 tablespoon of brown sugar, and frosted flakes. (Leave a tablespoon of chopped onion and chopped pepper to the side and sautee in butter). Season with the 4 seasonings to taste. Make/form into a loaf and place in a lightly greased pan or baking dish.
3. In a separate small bowl, combine the remaining brown sugar, mustard, sauteed onions and peppers, and ketchup. Mix well and pour over the meatloaf.
4. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour.

## CLEANING HOUSE FOR 2012

Last Week I threw out worrying, it was getting old and in the way.  
It kept me from being me; I couldn't do things God's way.  
I threw out a book on MY PAST  
(Didn't have time to read it anyway).  
Replaced it with NEW GOALS, started reading it today.  
I threw out hate and bad memories,  
(Remember how I treasured them so)?  
Got me a NEW PHILOSOPHY too, threw out the one from long ago.  
Brought in some new books too, called I CAN, I WILL, and I MUST.  
Threw out I might, I think and I ought.  
WOW, you should've seen the dust.  
I ran across an OLD FRIEND, I hadn't talked to in a while.  
His name is GOD the Father, and I really like His style.  
He helped me to do some cleaning and added some things Himself.  
Like PRAYER, HOPE, FAITH and LOVE,  
Yes... I placed them right on the shelf.  
I picked up this special thing and placed it at the front door.  
I FOUND IT- it's called PEACE. Nothing gets me down anymore.  
Yes, I've got my house looking nice.  
Looks good around the place.  
For things like Worry and Trouble there just isn't any space.  
It's good to do a little house cleaning,  
Get rid of the things on the shelf.  
It sure makes things brighter; maybe you should TRY IT YOURSELF.  
BE BLESSED AND BE A BLESSING TO SOMEONE ELSE!!!!



## A Tribute to Women's History Month

### Christian Sisters

*What makes me weak? My fears.....*

*What makes me whole? My God.*

*What keeps me standing? My faith.*

*What makes me compassionate? My selflessness.*

*What makes me honest? My integrity.*

*What sustains my mind? My quest for knowledge.*

*What teaches me all lessons? My mistakes.*

*What lifts my head high? My pride, not arrogance.*

*What if I can't go on? Not an option.*

*What makes me victorious? My courage to climb.*

*What makes me competent? My confidence .*

*What makes me sensual? My insatiable essence.*

*What makes me beautiful? My everything.*

*What makes me a woman? My heart .*

*Who says I need love? I do.*

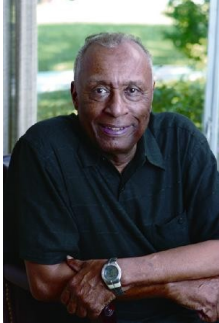
*What empowers me? My God & Me.*

*Who am I?*

**I AM A PROUD STRONG WOMAN!**



**CELL PHONE INVENTOR  
EARNED DOCTORATE  
FROM THE  
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS**



**Henry Thomas Sampson, Jr.** (born in Jackson, Mississippi in 1934) is an American inventor. He graduated from high school in 1951 from Lanier High School in Jackson, Mississippi. He then attended Morehouse College for a couple of years before transferring to Purdue University where he

became a member of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity. He received a Bachelor's degree in science from Purdue University in 1956. He graduated with an MS degree in engineering from the University of California in 1961. Sampson also received his MS in Nuclear Engineering from the **University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign** in 1965, and his PhD in 1967. He is the first African American to earn a Ph.D. in Nuclear Engineering in the United States.

**In 1971, Sampson was awarded a patent for the "gamma-electric cell." This technology was used in the cellular phone.**

Some of his accomplishments include being a member of the United States Navy between the years 1962 and 1964 and earning an Atomic Energy Commission honor between 1964 and 1967. Later he was awarded the Black Image Award from Aerospace Corporation in 1982. He was awarded the Blacks in Engineering, Applied Science Award, and prize for education, by the Los Angeles Council of Black Professional Engineers in 1983.

Henry T. Sampson, Jr. (MS 1965, PhD 1967), was one of eight University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign College of Engineering alumni honored on May 1, 2009, with the Alumni Award for Distinguished Service.



*Henry Sampson with Prof. Miley at the 2009 College of Engineering Awards Convocation.*

**LIFE IS...**

By Marilyn Dean Cleveland

Life is the beginning, and God, life is His Son,  
Jesus Christ.

Life is day and night and the stars that shine so  
bright.

Life is sunshine and then it's rain.

Life is love, but can turn to hate, for there's a  
thin line.

Life is sorrow and, yes, there is pain and  
despair.

Life is being used and life is using.

Life is losing and winning a few, but that's the  
way the game is played.

Life is deceiving and it's truth.

Life is believing and it is faith and trust.

Life is warm and life can be cold.

Life is teaching; life is learning finding the  
knowledge to grow.

Life is searching and finding the answer why.

Life is black, it is white, red, yellow and brown,  
Life is people.

Life is you, a man.

Life is me, a woman.

Life is young, growing old.

Life is earth and the universe.

Life is time and space.

Life is war and peace.

Life is living, death is the end.





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# "A Taste of Heaven" Gospel Jazz Concert

