



NEWSLETTER

**Business & Professional
Women's Federation National Chapter
Church of God in Christ, Inc.**
Our Creed: We Care! We Share! We Help!



**MOTHER BONNIE MCPEAK,
National President,**

The Business and Professional Women's Federation COGIC

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**Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr.
Presiding Bishop & Chief Apostle COGIC**



**Mother Barbara McCoo-Lewis
General Supervisor COGIC**



OFFICIAL GREETINGS

From the President's Desk

National President, Mother Bonnie Jean McPeak

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S FEDERATION CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

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Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ:

We are thankful for the loyal women in the Business & Professional Women's Federation who serve in their homes, churches, and communities. I consider it a privilege and honor to serve the B&PWF as the National President. November 2020 will mark my second year as the National President of this great organization! We are a ministry in the IDOW under the leadership of our visionary General Supervisor, Mother Barbara McCoo-Lewis. We serve with gladness.

I am happy to report we have increased the number of chapter presidents all across the United States. We also have a chapter president in Zambia, Africa. We have grown in membership. This increase is due to the efforts made to promote the B&PWF in your jurisdiction and local churches. Special thanks to our chapter presidents and members. This summer, from July 1 to August 31, we sponsored a membership drive that resulted in an increase of 50 new members. Special Thanks to Evangelist Alfreda Moore, National Membership Chairlady, we were able to award \$500 to a nonprofit organization in the community of the winning chapter. This year, 2020, the winning chapter is Texas Central Metropolitan Jurisdiction. The award recipient is Emmanuel Cares CDC. Congratulations to Missionary Jennifer Carrington, B&PWF Jurisdiction Chapter President.

In the first quarter of this year, our country was attacked by the Coronavirus crisis and still suffers from its effects. It has claimed many lives including some of our highest-ranking leaders and parishioners of the Church of God in Christ. Many families, all over the country, are grieving the loss of their loved ones. Fervent prayer is still needed. We thank God for our National Leaders: Bishop Blake and Mother McCoo-Lewis. Both have faced this pandemic with continual fervent prayer vigils, along with promotion of safety practices

We will continue to adhere to the "Call to Action" in our prayer life and devotion: praying for one another, practicing social distancing, washing and sanitizing hands, and obeying your local government and CDC Health Department. Let us continue to pray for the civic leaders, religious leaders, and our Presiding Bishop and General Supervisor that God will strengthen them to lead our church through these perilous times.

Remember, ***"This too shall pass!"*** We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.

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70 CHAPTERS ACROSS AMERICA

OUR MISSION

Based on the belief that God has empowered and equipped, by the Holy Spirit, the Business and Professional Women's Federation to serve as godly examples in their work places, homes, schools, churches, communities, and the world; our mission is to share our God-given resources and expertise; to care for the general welfare of all people; and to help spread love, joy, happiness, and the Word of God, by being living testimonies to people everywhere.

OUR CREED: We Care! We Share! We Help!

This organization is designed to promote good fellowship among women in various business and professional fields for the ultimate purpose of winning souls for Christ.

OUR SCRIPTURE:

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Philippians 4:13 KJV).

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THE TEXAS NORTHEAST THIRD JURISDICTION COGIC
Missionary Bertie Y. Fuller, President B&PWF

Christmas in July

Gave out Best In Class
Certificates!

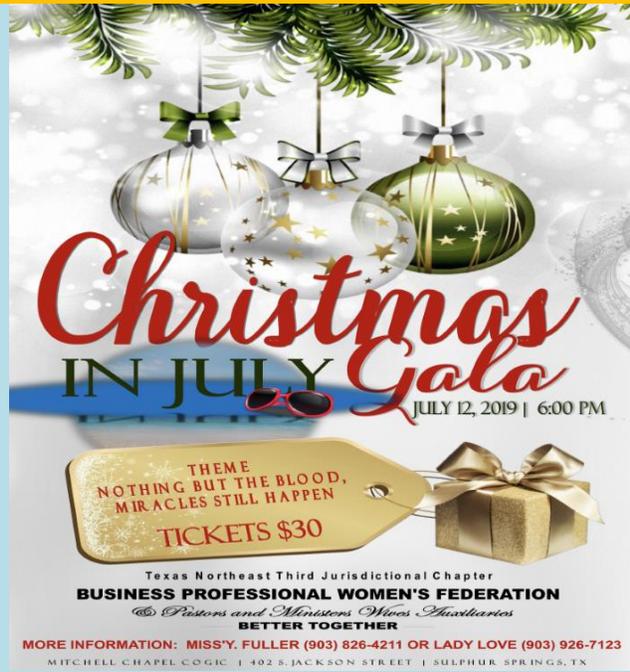


Celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior in July is nothing new, nor is the serving of rich foods and the giving of gifts, but it is a special time of the year. The Business and Professional Women's Federation, Missionary Bertie Y. Fuller, President, along with the Pastors and Ministers Wives' Circle, Missionary Annie Love, President (Better Together ~ Auxiliaries Working Together per Mother Barbara McCoo Lewis, General Supervisor) of the Texas Northeast Third Jurisdiction under the leadership of Bishop Nelson J. Gatlin, Jurisdictional Prelate and Mother Ophelia Evans, Supervisor of Women (now deceased), hosted this grand event July 12, 2019 at the Mitchell Chapel Church of God in Christ in Sulphur Springs, Texas, Bishop Nelson J. Gatlin is Pastor.

What a grand event it was! National Evangelist Beverly Willis (now deceased) was the keynote speaker. Not only was this event festive with all of the holiday décor but youth volunteers served the food and received training in "Food Handling" and also received Certificates of Participation. Also, "**Best in Class Certificates**" were issued to Community Workers, Prayer Warriors, Church Mothers, Supervisors and Evangelists.

Another highlight of the evening was the testimony of a young man, Tyree Kennedy of Sunset Church of God in Christ, in Texarkana, Texas. At a very young age, Tyree was told he would never walk or function above a third-grade level. However, Tyree is walking and he received an Associate of Arts Degree in Culinary Arts from Texarkana College, in Texarkana, Texas! He assisted with the Youth Training along with Missionary D'lisha Arnold, B&PWF Vice President and Missionary Sheila Ross, CWC President. In conclusion, over \$3,000 was raised to support the Department of Women's Jurisdictional goals and efforts.

Texas Northeast Third Jurisdiction **2019 Christmas in July** continued...



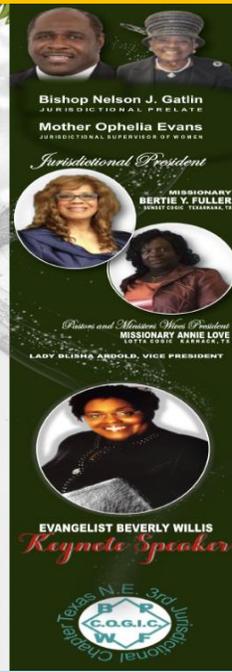
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IN JULY Gala**
JULY 12, 2019 | 6:00 PM

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NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD,
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Texas Northeast Third Jurisdictional Chapter
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Keynote Speaker

Texas N.E. 3rd Jurisdictional
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**GREATER NORTH CAROLINA JURISDICTION COGIC
WELLS MEMORIAL COGIC – GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA**



B&PWF CHRISTMAS 2019 DONATIONS

Submitted by Jeraldine Bailey



During the 2019 Christmas season, The Wells Memorial Church of God in Christ Business and Professional Women's Federation donated over 150 hats, gloves, socks and scarves to needy recipients of our community. On Sunday, December 21, 2019, these Items were distributed to clients at the Greensboro Urban Ministry Breakfast. Our thanks to all who helped to make this project a success! Sincere appreciation is given to the members of our local chapter, church members, neighbors, friends, and local vendors.

**GREATER NORTH CAROLINA JURISDICTION
WELLS MEMORIAL COGIC – GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA**

FINANCIAL LITERACY WORKSHOP

Submitted by Jeraldine Bailey



**Economy
Money
Budget
Finance
Spending**

On Saturday, January 11, 2020, the Business and Professional Women’s Federation of Wells Memorial Church of God in Christ sponsored a Financial Literacy workshop for their church and surrounding community. Mr. Terrance Andree Simpson of the **Let-Us-See Financial Group**, Greensboro, NC, shared invaluable information with the attendees. He discussed the economy, money, spending, budgeting, and freedom from the shackles of financial bondage.

Participants were actively involved as it was revealed how to make our money work for us, instead of us working for our money. Another priceless bit of information was **the 10-10-80 Plan**; which is learning how to live in the overflow. Incorporating this plan in one’s life allows for giving 10% of one’s income to God; 10% to pay ourselves (investing, retirement, inheritance); and 80% for living expenses. True to the age-old adage, **“If you fail to plan, you plan to fail.”**

**GREATER NORTH CAROLINA JURISDICTION
WELLS MEMORIAL COGIC – GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA
AMERICAN DEMOCRACY – A GREAT LEAP OF FAITH**

Submitted by Jeraldine Bailey



On Saturday, February 8, 2020, the Wells Memorial Business and Professional Women’s Federation, in collaboration with instructors of the Wells Memorial COGIC Saturday Heritage Academy, sponsored a trip for its students to the Greensboro History Museum (an affiliate of the Smithsonian). Students were given the unique opportunity to tour the **American Democracy-A Great Leap of Faith** exhibit which, is on loan from the Smithsonian. The traveling exhibit, developed by the National Museum of American History, explores the history of our nation’s ongoing project, American democracy – and its best tool, the vote. It also explores the history of citizen participation, debate, and compromise from the nation’s formation to today.



Students saw first-hand the importance of their vote and what happens when people decide to govern themselves. They learned about the creation of a government: “of the people, by the people, and for the people.”

---Special Report from: DR. MARY “MAY” LARRY, PH.D. President IMEJ Jurisdiction / B&PWF and Vice President, Business & Professional Women’s Federation National Chapter Church of God in Christ, Inc.

COGIC General Board Member, Bishop Darrell L. Hines, Sr., Jurisdictional Prelate. Mother Dr. LuVonia Whittley, Jurisdictional Supervisor

A SUCCESS!

Nate Comic, Inc. Annual Back-2-School Giveaway

TURNING TO REMOTE LEARNING

Conducted a Drive-Through event this year, due to COVID-19

Sponsored by

Mr. Nathan Lee,

CEO of Nate Comic, Inc.

This event was held Tuesday, September 15, 2020, from 5pm-6:30pm, in the Eisenhower Tower Office Parking Lot, Maywood, Illinois. Giveaway items consisted of 100 boxes of school supplies, headphones, typing paper, sanitizer, gloves, and masks. Supplies were provided for ages 6-21(max three per family). *MASKS and SOCIAL DISTANCING was required for all attending this event.

Additionally, a program called ZoomChat now offers weekly services for youth, adolescents, young adults, and caregivers. They are structured as a support group with emphasis on issues prevalent in minority communities such as: trauma, racial tension, economic disenfranchisement, etc. They will also deal with the challenges of remote learning.

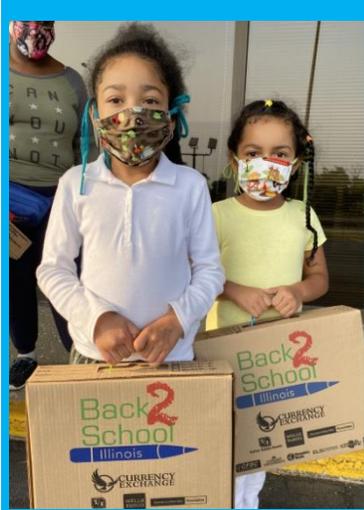
For more information please call: 708-345-6342.

Dr. Lynetta Chambliss-Davis, Director

Supported by Dr. Mary "May" Larry, a Maywood Commissioner and the Vice President of the National COGIC Business and Professional Women's Federation



PHOTOS OF THE EVENT on page 8 and 9.

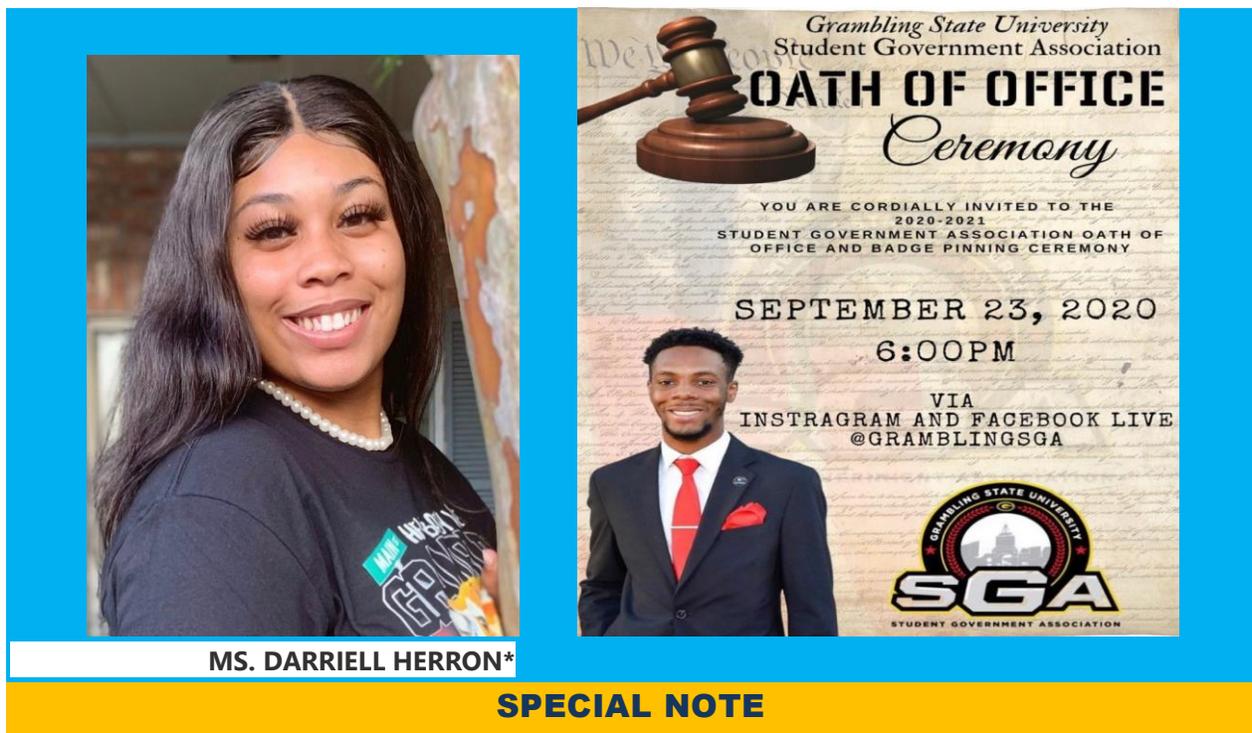


A Good News Report from...Dr. Gena Ross

Ms. Darriell Herron was recently appointed to Grambling State University's Student Government Association. She will serve on the executive board, as Chief of Staff of the 2020-2021 academic school year. On Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at 6pm CT, she was officially sworn into office. The ceremony was live via Instagram and Facebook. Be sure to tune in to show your support. **#COGICGIRLSROCK**

- **Darriell** is a member of Boone Tabernacle COGIC, Kansas East Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction. Bishop L. F. Thuston is her Pastor and Bishop. Mother Novella Singleton, Jurisdictional Supervisor.
- **Dr. Gena Ross** is a member of Carter Memorial COGIC and Maryland Central Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction COGIC. Bishop Carl A Pierce, Sr. is her Pastor and Jurisdictional Bishop. Dr. Diana Banks, Supervisor of Women.

Grambling State University is a historically black public university in Grambling, Louisiana. The university is home of the Eddie G. Robinson Museum and is listed on the Louisiana African American Heritage Trail. The university is a member-school of the University of Louisiana System.



MS. DARRIELL HERRON*

SPECIAL NOTE

We, The Business and Professional Women's Federation, are extremely proud to highlight the success and accomplishments of our young ladies. In this issue we are grateful to feature Ms. Darrell Herron (Page 10) and Ms. Courtney Moore (page 11) for their achievements. May God continue to bless you as you faithfully serve the Lord and strive to excel in areas that He is leading you to work.



Ms. Courtney Moore

Patches of Paradise©

By: Courtney Moore

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“The very act of digging up our own patches of paradise in the middle of war is a righteous demonstration of rebellion and a sensational moment of activism” – Me

I really believe people underestimate how easy it is to find oneself falling down a rabbit hole of despair. To concede to the feeling of self-pity and grief is something that takes absolutely no effort at all. I assume that we find comfort-ability in that rabbit hole of hopelessness and begin to build homes in helplessness.

We feed those feelings of despair but never think to water the seeds of peace and happiness that exist right alongside them. We allow the unfavorable to morph into buds of anger and rage and then back again into self-pity and grief. In those moments, we begin to see absolutely everything that is wrong with “them,” wrong with society, wrong

with the world! But in all of this I have to ask... what about the good growing beside it? Did we forget that even though we are being murdered in the streets, and change does need to happen, that there are also lives still needing to be celebrated? Did we forget that although, we mourn the life of those taken way too soon, that we must also find joy in the lives preparing to be brought into this world?

What I am learning, in this time of complete chaos. is that despite it all, it is okay to see the beauty in it all. It's okay to find joy in the middle of your pain. As a matter of fact, it is necessary. It is essential for us to snatch our little patches of joy wherever we can, because this world seems hell bent on snuffing it out!

You know what amazes me more than anything? It is the pure and utter audacity that black people have to continuously capture our moments of happiness. Yes, in spite of every attack on our freedom and existence. In every era, despite all the oppression and murder, black people have snatched pieces of joy and love every chance they could.

They sang in the fields under the heat of a burning Georgia sun and that was a piece of snatched joy. They cooked and shared their food around the fire. Black people experienced storytelling after a long day of work, and that was a piece of snatched joy. Their weddings in the woods, with just your heart's desire, were a piece of snatched joy. The art of seizing our happiness is not what we are unfamiliar with... and to be honest, it is something we need to get reacquainted with again.

I came across a quote not too long ago that said, *"Life doesn't have to be perfect to be filled with joy."* This quote is something I will carry with me forever, because it is drenched in so much truth. Reality is this life that we live will never be perfect. If you are waiting for that perfect life to manifest itself before you decide to snatch your joy up, you will be waiting for the rest of your life.

I've settled within myself that I will no longer wait for the right moment, or for the world to be harmonious before I snatch my joy and put it on display for the universe to see. I refuse to feel ashamed for finding laughter in the midst of grief. I will not restrict myself from embracing the happiness and love that can be found in the little things that God took His time to make.

My joy is a beacon of hope for those who think there is no solution. Your joy is inspiration to those who have found themselves in a spiral of despair. So, smile all the way! Laugh always and post the selfie anyway! Find rest in the joy that the Good Lord Himself has given that no man can ever take away.

"Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore,"

(Psalm 16:11 KJV).



**The B&PWF Texas Central Metropolitan Jurisdiction
Chapter President, Missionary Jennifer Carrington**

Missionary Carrington's B&PWF Chapter WON the Summer Membership Recruitment Contest!

The organization she chose to receive the \$500 Award is...

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**Mother Frances S. Curtis, Supervisor of Women
Bishop James L. Whitehead, Jr. Jurisdictional Prelate**



Pictured in these photos are: **Deaconess Missionary Qiana Cockrell** – at the top of the page to the left and **Deaconess Missionary Tibby Jackson** - in the center of the page to the right.

The Missionary team of SW Michigan Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction served in the 2020 Annual Mission's Initiative. This year's recipient of their generous donations was **AAA Pregnancy Resource Center**, located in Livonia Michigan. They were profoundly grateful and blessed by the many donations. The center offers a wide range of biblically based support services for women and men experiencing pregnancy.

The Missionary team was happy to sponsor this Christian-based organization. They not only help women during pregnancy, but continue with services and support for three years following. Their goals, much like ours, are for souls to be saved and the life of babies must be preserved.

**Submitted by Deaconess Missionary Tibby Jackson,
Wyoming District B&PWF President,
Southwest Michigan Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction COGIC**

We hope you enjoyed reading our newsletter. You can obtain more copies by downloading them from our website: www.bpwfcogic.org. Your feedback is appreciated.

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**May God Bless You and Your Family to have a
Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas!**