



# Elberton/Gainesville District Newsletter December 2009

“Happy Holidays”

From: Presiding  
Elder Albert Lee III  
&  
The Editorial Staff



Rev. Kenneth McWhorter, Bishop Othal Lakey, Elder Albert Lee III, Pastor James B. Singleton

## Tabor’s Chapel CME Church Ila, Georgia Celebrates 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

*From our humble beginning; From slavery to freedom; From color to Christian;  
God has sustained us 150 years*

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Celebration of 150<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary at Tabor’s  
Chapel CME Church  
Special Guest  
Bishop O.H. Lakey

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On Sunday October 24, 2009 Tabor’s Chapel CME Church, Rev. James B. Singleton Pastor, Celebrated its 150<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary.

The day began with Sunday School at 9:00am, followed a video of our church history was shown by Richard D. Mayfield, from 10:00am to 11:00am. The pinnacle of our celebration commenced with our 11:00am worship service. The Master of Ceremony for the momentous occasion was Rev. Kenneth McWhorter Pastor of the St Paul CME Church in Athens, Georgia. The acolytes were Jessika Smith and Ebony Quiller. Our Pastor, Rev. James B. Singleton, gave the call to worship and invocation, welcome Lunita Mayfield, church history Conolus Scott Jr. Responsive Reading Terry Wilhite, Scripture Jannie Curry and Music was render by Hosley CME Church from Statesville N.C. The lineage of Hosley C.M.E. Church originated from Tabor’ Chapel CME Church.

After the financial portion, our Presiding Elder of the Elberton/Gainesville District, Elder Albert Lee III, introduced the Massager for our morning worship service, Bishop Othal H. Lakey presiding prelate of the sixth Episcopal District.

Bishop Lakey took his text from Mark 11: 11-17 focusing on Mark 11:11. When Jesus entered into Jerusalem and into the Temple, he looked round about upon all things ... Subject; “When Jesus Comes to Church,” Bishop Lakey topic poses a question for all who attend church, “Why does Jesus come to church”? He gave us three reasons.

- 1 Jesus comes to church to remind us of whose church it is. We must remember Jesus said upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it.

- 2 Jesus comes to church to see what’s going on. To see if we are doing like matt. 21:13 states: My house shall be called a house of prayer; but you have made it a house of thieves.
- 3 Jesus comes to church to reassure us of his present and forgiving spirit.

Bishop Lakey’s Sermon was a soul searching, spiritual uplifting and inspiring message. His sermon made us earnestly think about ourselves. Why do we go to church? Do we go to church for the right reason?

This glorious 150<sup>th</sup> celebration was chaired by Conolus Scott Jr. with six fund raising teams. The names of each team and chairperson and co- chair were: **God’s Best**—Conolus Scott Jr. and Tony Winters; **Gabriele’s Trumpets**—Gail Bates and Milton Sr.; **Go- Getters**--- Milton Bates Jr. and Marinetta Byrd; **Like No Other**—Jannie Curry and Rose Bailey; **Willing Workers**—Elizabeth McWhorter and Richard Mayfield; **Pace Setters**—Lunita Mayfield, Hilda Stuckey and Charlie Scott; To God be the Glory. Each Team exceeded their fund raising gold. Next were remarks by the committee chairperson and announcements by Otelyer Byrd.

After service, a delicious meal was served in the Mrs. Jennie V. Williams Hall. The Fellowship Hall was decorated beautifully in royal blue and white, colors designated for the day. Maybell Lester, chairperson of the food committee, and her team did a magnificent job.





*District  
Calendar of  
Event*

December 4-5, 2009  
Bishop Winter  
Council/Warner  
Robins CME

11-12 District Mass  
Choir/ Friday-7:00PM  
& Saturday 10:00AM

13-Christmas Cantata  
& Candle Light  
Service 4:00PM Flat  
Rock Life Center

31-Watch Night  
Service/ St. Mary's  
Elberton, 10:00PM

January 8-9 2010  
Winter Session  
College of Bishops

11-14 Phillips School  
of Theology Founders  
Day. 14<sup>th</sup> C.M.E  
Pastor's Conference

MLK,  
Banquet/600PM  
Blackwell Culture Ct.  
MLK Parade/4:00PM  
MLK Academic Bowl  
10:00AM Blackwell  
Culture Center

30-Missionary and  
Board of Christian  
Education Meeting  
10:00AM Trinity/  
Toccoa

*From The Department  
of Ushers*

Merry Christmas/Happy New Year to the whole Elberton/Gainesville District. We're looking to serve you all in the upcoming year as your doorkeeper in God's house.

Everyone try to keep in mind our Ushers events coming up in the New Year. Two dates to remember: The Usher's Workshop on Saturday, January 23, 2010 at Trinity CME Church/Gainesville at 10:00am and Ushers Boards Day on Sunday, February 28, 2010 at St. Mary's CME Church /Royston at 4:00pm.

It's the God in me,  
Sister Bush

*Work of Christmas Begins*

"When the song of the angels is stilled,  
when the star in the sky is gone,  
when the kings and princes are home,  
when the shepherds are back with the flocks,  
then the work of Christmas begins:  
to find the lost,  
to heal those broken in spirit,  
to feed the hungry,  
to release the oppressed,  
to rebuild the nations,  
to bring peace among all peoples,  
to make a little music with the heart...

And to radiate the Light of Christ,  
every day, in every way, in all that we do  
and in all that we say.  
That's when works of Christmas begins.

*News from Norman Grove CME Church  
Pastor Brad E. Goss*

December 20, 2009  
Christmas Program - 11:00am

January 17, 2010  
Church Anniversary - 3:00pm

February 14, 2010  
Black History Program - 11:00am

March 20, 2010  
Season Tea – 6:00pm

April 7-9, 2010  
Spring Revival – 7:30pm Nightly

*The Sunshine Club*

Thoughts and Prayers from Someone  
Who Cares

To All Church Families and Communities:

We want to know of your sick, shut-in and bereavement to send them prayers of comfort, cards of cheer and words of love.

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