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The 12 Tribes of Israel Celebration



(The Dundu Dole Urban African Ballet Dance Company and Director Ms. Jai Hinson, in the center)

The Pastor's Aide Board of Flat Rock C.M.E. Church organized the Twelve Tribes Celebration. Twelve captains and co-captains were selected and given an assignment to form their tribes. The tribes did not necessarily have to be members of Flat Rock Church. Many throughout the community came to participate in the celebration. All tribes gave historical biblical information on their perspective tribes and presented their tribe with a tribute of songs and gifts. All tribes were recognizable because of banners with symbols and tribal dress. Many of the tribes performed duties throughout the church, such as setting up a playground for the children of the church, and fencing the playground area. This was a time to fellowship with family and friends. It was also a time to bring others to the ministries and service of Flat Rock Church.

The Pastor's Aide Board: Lois Alexander, Kayran Logan, Anne Thompson, Wendy Freeman, Mary Harper, Linda Pope, Troy McGahee, and Timothy Simpson.

On June 3, 2007, we came together to begin the celebration of Rev. Eddie S. Thomton's 25th anniversary as Pastor of Flat Rock C.M. E. Church in Hartwell, Ga. We took the theme *The Twelve Tribes* because symbolically, Pastor Thornton has been assigned by God to overlook the people at Flat Rock. Each tribe in the Bible was blessed, and they possessed gifts from God. At Flat Rock, we have learned that we, too, possess different gifts from God. We have come forward in our lives as Christians who understand that if we place our

gifts together, we can serve many people - both the saved and unsaved. Many will convert, and that, too, is a blessing. As the Twelve Tribes fought in battle, we also are being used as humble servants of God to fight on this battlefield against Satan, because he is running loose right now. Therefore, we must stay prayed up and spirit filled. We thank God for sending us an anointed pastor and his family to watch over us, guide us, and to bring us God's message.

The Dundu Dole Urban African Ballet Dance Company, under the direction of Ms. Jai Hinson, thrilled the audience with celebratory dances to help commemorate the anniversary of our pastor. The ballet company is a semi-professional performing arts group, based in the Tampa Bay area of Florida. They train, prepare, and perform for the company's touring schedule. Dundu Dole recently performed at the Apollo Theater in New York. They have also opened for artists, such as Herbie Hancock, Ziggy Marley, Naomi Tutu, Kweisi M'fume, and Angela Davis.



(The Dundu Dole Urban African Ballet Dance Company Troupe Drummers)

All are welcome to celebrate in Pastor Thornton's Appreciation Week - July 16-22. **An Appreciation Banquet will be held on Saturday, July 21, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. Adult tickets for banquet are \$15 ea.; youth, ages 8-18, are \$10 ea. The Appreciation Service will be held on Sunday, July 22, 2007, at 4:00 p.m.** Please see members of the committee for tickets.

by Ms. Lois Alexander

Official News



During the last District Conference, several of our members were elected to District positions. Congratulations to the Flat Rock C.M.E. Church members on their election to the following offices:

Mrs. Betty Thornton ~ **Treasurer** of the Elberton/Gainesville - Minister's Spouses and Widows.

Mrs. Anne Thompson ~ **Treasurer** of the Elberton/Gainesville - District Missionary Society.

Ms. Lois Alexander ~ **Coordinator** of the Elberton/Gainesville - District Music Department, and **Advisor** of the Elberton/Gainesville C.Y.F.

Ms. Lillie Sturgis ~ **President** of the Elberton/Gainesville - District Missionary Society.

Mrs. Kayran Logan ~ **Secretary** of the Elberton/Gainesville - District Missionary Society.

To God be the Glory, for all the great and wonderful things He has done, is doing, and shall do. May you have a blessed year as you seek first to do the will of the Lord God, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

by Mrs. Kayran Logan

Inspirational Insight



Remember 10 Things GOD won't ask You on Judgment Day

- 1... God won't ask what kind of car you drove.
He'll ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation.
- 2... God won't ask the square footage of your house.
He'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home.
- 3... God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet.
He'll ask how many you helped to clothe.
- 4... God won't ask what your highest salary was.
He'll ask if you compromised your character to obtain it.
- 5... God won't ask what your job title was.
He'll ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.
- 6... God won't ask how many friends you had.
He'll ask how many people to whom you were a friend.
- 7... God won't ask in what neighborhood you lived.
He'll ask how you treated your neighbors.
- 8... God won't ask about the color of your skin.
He'll ask about the content of your character.
- 9... God won't have to ask how many times you applied these things in your life.
He already knows if you ever applied them.
- 10... God won't ask why it took you so long to seek salvation.
He'll lovingly take you to your mansion in **Heaven** - and not to the gates of *Hell*.