

The **DC Pulse:** Your Connection to a Church with a **Heart** for the Community

Monthly Announcements

December 2014



Angel Tree Ministry

Support David Chapel's annual participation in the Angel Tree Ministry. Angel Tree is a prison fellowship program that connects parents in prison with their children through the delivery of Christmas gifts. There's still time to select a child THIS Sunday after worship service in the Fellowship Hall.

David Chapel members purchase two gifts for each child: a clothing item and a fun gift. Each gift should cost between \$15 and \$20. All wrapped gifts must be returned to the Angel Tree Box in the Fellowship Hall by Friday, December 12.

On Sunday, December 14, David Chapel will host a celebration where we will share the gospel and the children will receive their gifts. If you have any questions, please contact the Angel Tree Coordinators: Rev. Robert Tapscott (512-767-4667), Jakki Dozier (512-310-8538) or Michelle Banks (512-350-4499).

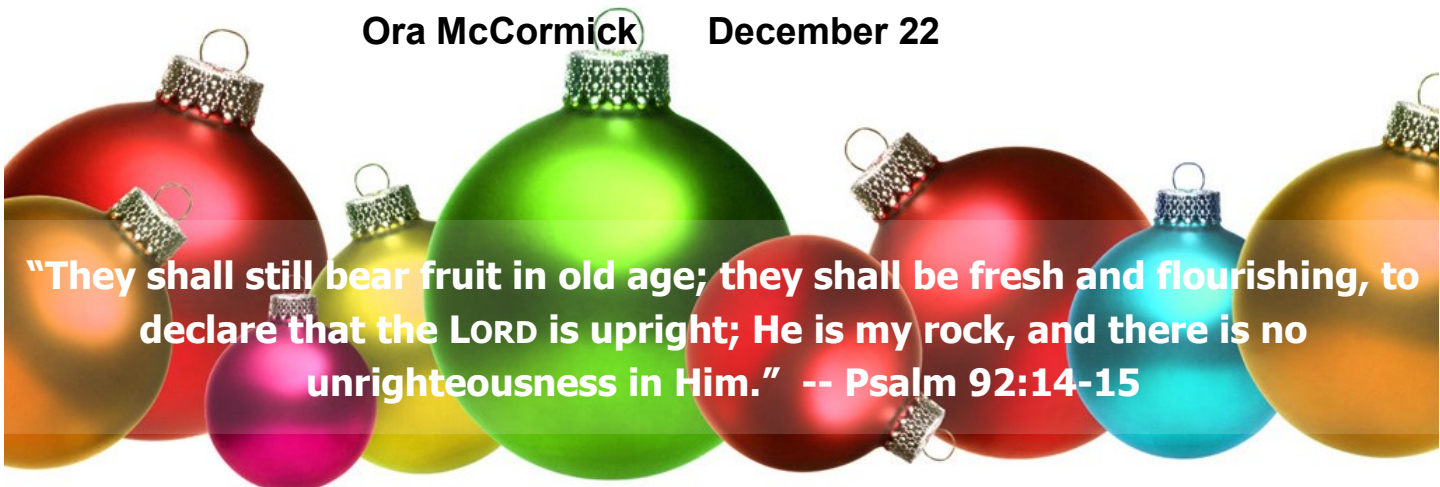
Please consider joining this important effort and show children that family ties are stronger than prison bars.



Wednesday worship service is on the Wednesday following the first Sunday from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. This month, Wednesday worship is on December 10, 2014. Come and be refreshed!

CELEBRATE DC SENIORS WITH DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Lorena Griffin	December 6
Cecil Reed	December 8
Bernice Miller	December 9
B. Shirley Easley	December 11
Ora McCormick	December 22



"They shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be fresh and flourishing, to declare that the LORD is upright; He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him." -- Psalm 92:14-15



The Platinum Plus Senior Ministry invites all DC members to join them for a Christmas Musical in South Austin at the Woodlawn Baptist Church on **Saturday, December 13, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.** The church van will be available for transportation from the church. Interested in attending? Contact Lola Carter at (512) 928-2115 or Carolyn Collins at (512) 292-6602.



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"Love offering" envelopes have been placed in the back of the pews and will be available throughout the month. Please use these envelopes for holiday expressions to Pastor Parker and the family. Make all checks payable to Joseph C. Parker, Jr.

The David Chapel Music Worship and Fine Arts Ministry

PRESENTS

BLACK NATIVITY

Saturday, December 20, 2014

7:00 p.m.

Don T. Haynes Theatre, L.B.J. High School

This joyous presentation of the Langston Hughes classic delivers a powerful message of joy, hope, victory and liberation through the Christmas story. The production feature outstanding singers, actors and dancers from across the Austin area and marks the first year of what will be an annual event. Tickets are \$5.00 and can be purchased every Sunday in December leading up to the production after 10:30 a.m. worship service.

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To receive credit for tithes and offerings given this year, you **MUST** make your donations before midnight, **Wednesday, December 31st**, either online or at the church. Contributions received after midnight will be credited for the next year, 2015.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Church Advisory Council

Tuesday, December 9, 2014

6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Stewardship Meeting

Tuesday, December 16, 2014

6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.



DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON!

Each year, David Chapel members help beautify the sanctuary for Christmas by bringing poinsettias to honor or memorialize a loved one. If you wish to participate, please purchase a poinsettia and place it in the sanctuary the first, second, and third Sundays in December. The deadline to turn in names is Friday, December 19, 2014.

Names should be given to Edith McKinney (926-9133) or Ernestine Hill (926-0441) by telephone or in person.

Crown Money Life Personal Finance Study

Join us for an 8-week study on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour: 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. The session begins Sunday, January 18, 2015 and runs through Sunday, March 8. With this class, you will:

- Grow in your relationship with Christ
- Learn biblical, relational and highly practical financial principles
- Discover how to use these principles in personal financial decision making.

Don't miss this opportunity to grow!

Publication Deadline

All announcements and articles for the January publication must be submitted to the church office or Keisha Nunn (communications@davidchapel.org) by **Sunday, December 21st**.

women's NEWS

enrichment ministry

Special Birthday Wishes to Sis. Helen Walton

A 97th birthday celebration honoring Sis. Helen Walton was held on Saturday, November 1, 2014. Over 100 family members and friends were in attendance. Mission One members turned out in a big way and showered Sis. Walton with lots of love and gifts. She was a queen, dressed in her royal attire styling a sparkling tiara. DC extends best wishes and much love!



On Monday, October 20, 2014, the Baptist General Convention of Texas, dedicated the Pre-Opening Musical of the 121st Session to the memory of the late Dr. Senia Ruth Davis Sauls, "Master Musician Extraordinaire." DC takes time to recognize this event and praise God for her devoted service and commitment to the church and community. Her legacy lives on!



You are cordially invited to attend an Investiture Ceremony for DC member Velva Price who will be sworn in as District Clerk on Friday, January 2, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. in the Travis County Commissioners Courtroom, 700 Lavaca, 1st Floor. Karin Crump (District Judge), Todd Wong (County Court at Law Judge), and Aurora Martinez Jones (Associate Judge) will also take their oaths.

The Austin Bar Association will host a reception following the ceremony. Parking is in the garage located at 8th and Guadalupe.



Joseph Parker Jr., pastor of David Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Austin, delivered the Convention Sermon at the BGCT annual meeting in Waco. (BGCT Photo)

Parker urges Texas Baptists to do good, live like Christ

By LAUREN HOLLON STURDY / BUCKNER INTERNATIONAL

WACO—Captivity to sin hinders Christians from doing good and living as Christ lived, Joseph Parker Jr., pastor of [David Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Austin](#), told participants attending the Baptist General Convention of Texas annual meeting. In delivering the convention sermon, Parker drew an analogy between the story of Solomon Northup in *12 Years a Slave* and the Apostle Paul's struggle as expressed in Romans 7.

As a free man who had been enslaved illegally, Northup experienced both sides of life and had to fight to regain his freedom. Similarly, Paul had been freed by his faith in Christ, but he was still tempted and governed at times by his sinful nature.

“Do we not hear Paul’s words to the Ephesian church? ‘For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago,’” Parker said. “For the Christian to not do good or not do what is right by commission—or omission—is living a life of captivity to sin. The goodness of God’s people is evidenced in their behavior.”

Parker urged Texas Baptists to take stock of how their actions and their participation in systems and institutions contribute to oppression. Christians need to fight social ills—hunger, poverty, the spread of Ebola, payday lending and human trafficking, he said.

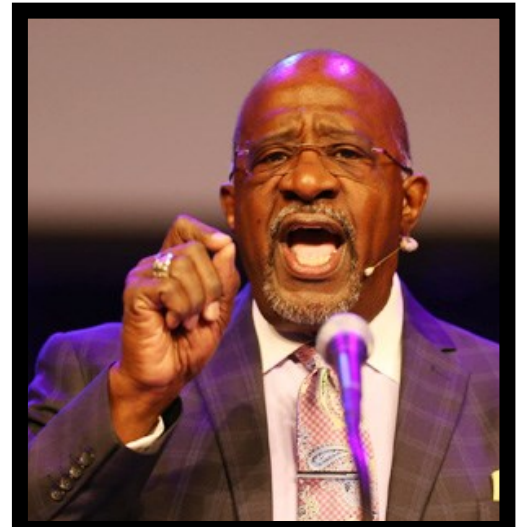
“When Solomon Northup was enslaved, he also knew he was free, but he said, ‘My back is thick with the scars of protesting my freedom.’ Solomon Northup struggled with not being able to live his freedom because he was captive, yet Solomon fought against his captivity,” Parker said.

“Knowing that we are free to do good, I wonder if we, Texas Baptists, if we fight when we are tempted to not do good. Do we have scars on our lives from protesting not living our freedom in Christ? Do we have scars on our lives from protesting the social captivity of others?”

Christians must see the realities of sin and oppression as God sees them, he said. Like Paul, they have been blind, but “there’s a new sight that comes with new birth.”

“Do we see injustice when it happens? Or are we wearing a patch over our eyes?” he asked. “Do we see ourselves being kind in our dealings with other people? Do we see ourselves living in such a way that kindness influences our lives together so that we are governed by mutual respect and healthiness and loving concern?

“Are we seeing our community, state and the world through God’s eyes and acting as Jesus would, since he did engage social issues? What would Jesus want us to do, given what he sees happening in our communities and in our world?”



Pastor Joe Parker drew an analogy between the story of Solomon Northup in *12 Years a Slave* and the Apostle Paul’s struggle as expressed in Romans 7. (PHOTO/ Robert Rogers / Baylor University)

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David Chapel will be worshipping with CrossWork Christian Center, under the pastoral leadership of Pastor John F. McCormick, on **Sunday, December 14th at 3:00 p.m.** to celebrate their fifth Church Anniversary. Pastor Parker will be preaching the anniversary sermon and the Music Ministry and Ushers will be serving. CrossWork is located at 4 Applegate Circle in Round Rock.

All members are invited and encouraged to attend!

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Remember to check the [church calendar](#) regularly for new events and scheduling changes.



In celebration of Christmas and the New Year, the church office will be closed the following days:

Wednesday, December 24
Thursday, December 25
Friday, December 26
Wednesday, December 31
Thursday, January 1
Friday, January 2



ONLINE GIVING — Members and non-members may give their tithes and offerings online safely and securely through checking account, debit/credit cards and electronic fund transfers. Visit David Chapel's website for online giving, more information, and instructions at www.davidchapel.org.

BABY DEDICATIONS are held the 3rd Sunday of each month, unless it is a holiday or an annual day. Please contact the church office at (512) 472-9748 to schedule your child's dedication and to obtain additional information regarding the event.

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Sunday School -- 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday Bible Studies

Tuesday Morning at 10:00 a.m.

TNT Bible Study at 6:45 p.m., Nevertheless Church
2700 W. Pecan St., Suite 570, Pflugerville

Wednesday Prayer & Praise and Bible Study

Prayer & Praise Service -- 7:00 p.m.

Bible Study -- 7:30 p.m.

BIBLESTUDY
JOIN US THIS WEEK

