

# The *DC Pulse*

Your Connection to a Church with a Heart for the Community

## CELEBRATING OUR PASTOR



As we celebrate Pastor Parker, other organizations are also recognizing his extraordinary work. Congratulate our Pastor on the following achievements!

- Appointed the Chair of the Ministers Conference of the National Missionary Baptist Convention of America.
- Honored with the establishment of the “Joseph C. Parker Jr. Diversity Award” by the Austin Bar Association. This award is named in his honor as the first African-American president of the Austin Bar Association and trailblazer for minority lawyers who followed in his footsteps. The creation of this award recognizes his life and work championing the equal, ethical, and fair treatment of all people, and raising awareness of the need to diversify our community. The new award will honor a firm or an individual who has led the way in bringing diversity to Austin’s legal community and who exemplifies all that Parker stands for.” The annual award will be presented for the first time at the Austin Bar Foundation Gala on January 30, 2016.

Pastor — We honor you as a man of prayer, a man of the Word, and a servant of others, and, most importantly, a man of God. We thank God for his grace through your service. Finally, we celebrate you, Sis. Parker, and your entire family for the incredible sacrifice, love, and commitment you have shown to David Chapel. **Thank you for all you do to share God's spirit in our lives!**

## Celebrate DC Senior Adults with October Birthdays!

Margaret Reed	October 1
Johnnie Fowler	October 2
Jacque Pleasants	October 4
George Etta Swisher	October 4
Lola Carter	October 9
Juanita Franklin	October 11
Nancy Johnson	October 11
Luella Burse	October 18
Clara Jackson	October 26
Betty Overton	October 26
Olivia Ussery	October 26
Shirley Jenson	October 26

**Are you a senior adult with a birthday not listed? Call or email the church office.**

## Medicare Workshop



Saturday, October 10, 2015

Jacquelyn Dozier, LCSW, Project Director of the Ephesians Two Ten Project and owner of Healthcare Matters, will conduct a “Getting Started with Medicare” workshop on Saturday, October 10, 2015, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. in the DC fellowship hall.

This interactive workshop provides the Medicare “basics” — what Medicare is, Medicare options, eligibility, enrollment, and your rights. It is designed for new Medicare recipients, caregivers, and anyone wanting information to make informed healthcare decisions. Please sign up in the fellowship hall after worship. This event is limited to 20 participants.

Contact Jakki Dozier at (512) 992-4864 with questions.



## Stephen Ministers: The After People



People often ask, “What exactly is a Stephen Minister?”  
One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the “After People.”

### STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE THERE:

- . . . **after** the phone call you hoped you’d never get.
- . . . **after** the divorce papers are served, and the bottom falls out of your life.
- . . . **after** the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you’ve held at bay come crashing in on you.
- . . . **after** the doctor says, “I’m sorry, but there’s nothing more we can do.”
- . . . **after** the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, “Welcome to your new home.”
- . . . **after** the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away-and the house suddenly seems empty.
- . . . **after** the gavel goes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.
- . . . **after** the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.
- . . . **after** you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.
- . . . **after** your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

**Stephen Ministers are the “After People.”** They are ready to come alongside you-or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives-and provide comfort and support for as long **after** as needed.

**NEED A STEPHEN MINISTER?**  
Contact Charlene Gregory at (512) 670-2007

# *Pastoral Appreciation Celebration*

## THEME:

“God’s Grace Through Your Service”  
2 Corinthians 9:12-15

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2015

“Hats Off to Sis. Parker” - 10:00 a.m.  
Maggiano’s Little Italy (The Domain)

A celebratory appreciation of our beloved First Lady, Sis. J. LaVerne Morris-Parker!  
(Ticket sales have ended. No tickets will be available the day of the event.)

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2015

“Tee-off with Pastor Parker” - 10:00 a.m.  
Top Golf (The Domain)

Hang out with Pastor Parker and crown the true golf champion!  
(Cost: \$30, Registration ends Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. No tickets sales the day of the event.)

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2015

Worship service - 10:30 a.m.

## GUEST SPEAKER:

Rev. Todd M. Wheelock, Pastor  
Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, Oakland, California

## COLORS:

Royal Blue and Gold

A decorative box has been placed in the sanctuary for love offerings to the Pastoral family. The planning committee asks that each member donate \$23 for each year Pastor Parker has served as your Pastor. Or, whatever God leads you to give.

Please make all checks payable to Pastor Joseph C. Parker, Jr.

Special envelopes are located behind the pew.





# Celebrate the Pastoral Family with 23 Acts of Kindness

Let's make a final push to celebrate our Pastor and his wonderful family! The Pastoral Anniversary planning committee reminds us the initiative continues through October 10<sup>th</sup>. All members are encouraged to do something thoughtful and kind for the family during these 23 days. It can be as small as sending a card or flowers, washing their cars, picking up a gift card to a local restaurant, anything! Given Pastor's dietary restrictions, please refrain from taking food. Gift cards are preferred. Also, since he is still recovering, visits to his house are not feasible. Please drop off items at the church. Now's a good time to show Pastor and his family how much they mean to us. Questions? Contact Andre or Lisa Horton at (512) 828-4527 or via email at [andre\\_lisa07@yahoo.com](mailto:andre_lisa07@yahoo.com).



## PARTICIPATE IN THE INTERGENERATIONAL CELEBRATION MASS CHOIR

Be a part of the worship service for Pastor's Anniversary and consider singing in the Intergenerational Celebration Mass Choir. All are invited to participate. Rehearsals will take place on the following days:

- Tuesday, October 6, 2015 -- 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, October 10, 2015 -- 12:00 noon

Please plan to attend both rehearsals to ensure the best preparation efforts. Singing in the Intergenerational Mass Choir is the perfect opportunity to praise and celebrate what God has done in the life and ministry of our Pastor! Questions? Contact Michael Jordan, Minister of Music, Worship, and Fine Arts at (512) 472-9748 ext. 17 or drop him an email, [mjordan@davidchapel.org](mailto:mjordan@davidchapel.org).



Save the date for the annual DC Fall Festival!  
Enjoy a Christian alternative to Halloween  
on **Saturday, October 31, 2015 from 6:00  
p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** at David Chapel. The DC  
Fall Festival is our annual community event  
that offers games, music, food, and lots of candy.

**DONATION BARRELS IN THE  
FELLOWSHIP HALL!**

The success of the Fall Festival depends on your generosity of time and donations.  
Please consider volunteering and donating the following items categorized by ministry.

#### Women's Ministry

- Items requested: Baked goods for the cake walk
- Volunteer opportunities: Bingo and Jumper

#### Men's Ministry

- Items requested: Soda cans, bottled water, Capri Sun juices
- Volunteer opportunities: Football toss, Hole-in-one, Jumper

#### Platinum Plus

- Items requested: Baked goods and soda cans
- Volunteer opportunities: Entry gate (chairs will be available)

#### Young Adults

- Items requested: Baked goods and soda cans
- Volunteer opportunities: High striker and climbing wall

#### Youth Ministry

- Items requested: 2 liter bottle sodas for the soda toss game
- Volunteer opportunities: Whale Slide and Equalizer

#### Children's Ministry

- Items requested: 2 liter bottle sodas for the soda toss game
- Volunteer opportunities: Small world and soda toss

**ALL  
MEMBERS  
ARE ASKED  
TO BRING  
CANDY!**

**(No chocolate  
please.)**

## David Chapel "LOIS M. UPTON" Cold Weather Shelter



Austin's lack of shelter space forces many homeless people to sleep outside during winter months. In demonstration of its heart for the community, David Chapel has continued its partnership with the Austin Resource Center for the Homeless (ARCH) and other churches to provide a warm and safe overnight shelter for the homeless population from November through February when inclement (freezing) weather has been forecasted for the Austin area. DC will provide shelter

for twenty men. To make this initiative a success, program coordinators need from 8 to 10 volunteers to prepare hot meals, clean-up, give oversight to the shelter throughout the night, and provide a welcoming environment.

To sign-up or get more information, please contact Charles Walker by telephone at (512) 897-3859, (512) 680-5559 or via email at [cw834606@gmail.com](mailto:cw834606@gmail.com).

Please consider volunteering. This is an extraordinary opportunity to touch a life.

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The DC Financial Ministry continues to educate our church on the importance of financial health and God's desire for us to manage our finances biblically. Each month, the ministry is going to give you a tip or reminder to stay on track towards God's goals for you!

Fall is here! Let this be the season in which you don't fall into further debt.

Try:

- Cooking meals at home. This is much less expensive than eating out at restaurants. If you find it hard to stop entirely, try going out less — perhaps only for special occasions.
- Shopping smarter. Take and spend cash or use debit cards rather than credit cards. Take advantage of sales and off-season bargains.
- Gaining control. If you notice areas where money is disappearing, consider taking control. Areas in which you might uncover extra expenses are drinking expensive coffee daily, eating out for lunch, and making impulse purchases.

### Financial Ministry



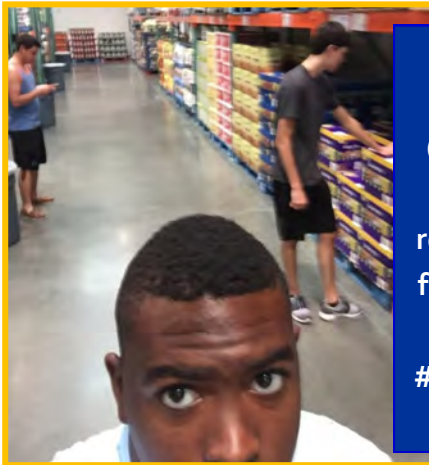
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Don't miss Wednesday worship service on the Wednesday following the first Sunday from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. This month, Wednesday worship is on October 7, 2015.



# collegeministry

Check out some of our students around their respective college campuses. It is good to see our David Chapel students shine bright and smile big while enjoying the college experience.



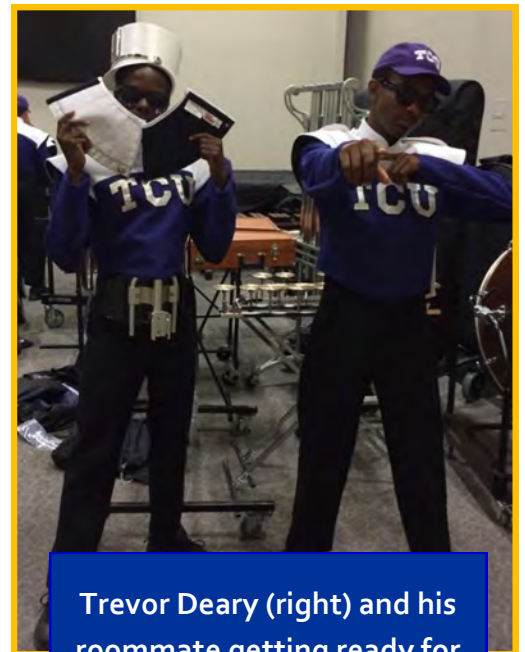
Darien Scruggs (center) and friends restocking on food supplies at Costco. #AManHasTo Eat

Dewayne Bryant (far left) and friends wrapping up a business meeting. #TryingNotToSmile



Janetta Parker (left) and her roommate, Kelcey, at a Bubble Soccer Match.

Khaila Pippin (far right, back) and friends leaving a History course.



Trevor Deary (right) and his roommate getting ready for the first home football game.





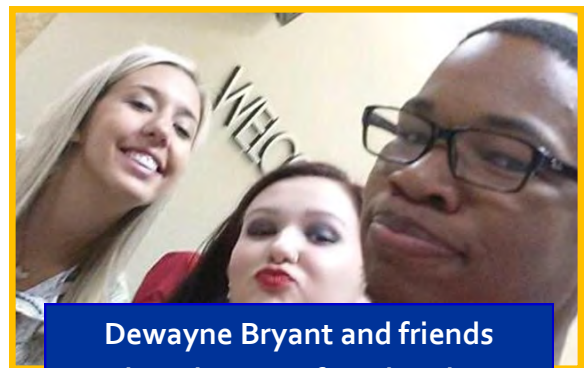
Victoria Campfield (right) and cross country teammate doing community service at Operation Christmas Child.



Sterling Hillard having fun tailgating!



Kessiena Ofunrein (far right) and friends hanging out before the Howard versus Hampton game.



Dewayne Bryant and friends hanging out after church.  
#WeWorship



Janetta Parker (far left) and friends after morning worship.  
#FriendsThatPrayTogetherStayTogether



Khaliyl Burns (right) hanging out around the yard at Huston-Tillotson University.  
#GoRams



**Grab a few members and have a movie night!** Pastor Parker is encouraging you to go and see the movie *Woodlawn*, a Christian sports drama film – based on a true story – directed by The Erwin Brothers. Woodlawn High School in Birmingham, Alabama is the high school Pastor Parker and other African American students desegregated, attended and graduated from between 1966 and 1970. Although the events of the movie are based on occurrences that took place three (3) years after Pastor Parker graduated, the movie will give you a sense of the racial climate in Birmingham during those years.



After a government-mandate, Tony Nathan, a gifted high school football player, and other African-American students, desegregate Woodlawn. He must learn to boldly embrace his talent and his faith as he battles racial tensions on and off the field. The Woodlawn Colonels football team is a microcosm of the problems at the school and in the city.

As cross burnings and riots erupt in the city, Tandy Gerelds, the football coach, struggles to ease racial tensions between his players. It's only when Gerelds allows Hank, an outsider, to speak to his team that real change begins. Hank, who has been radically affected by the message of hope and love he experienced at a Christian revival meeting, tells the players a "better way" is possible through following Jesus. More than 40 players, nearly the entire team, black and white, give their lives over to Jesus and the spiritual change has a profound effect on the coach, the school and the community.





## October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women worldwide and the second-most common cancer overall. In 2015, an estimated 232,840 cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in the U.S. alone. Breast cancer in men is rare, but it does happen. In 2015, it is estimated that among men in the U.S. there will be 2,350 new cases. So no matter who you are, understanding breast cancer is important. October is the ideal time to reaffirm our commitment to fighting breast cancer and remind ourselves of the importance of early prevention and detection. Wearing pink is important, thinking pink is critical! Regular mammograms and self examinations are vital to early detection and treatment.

Visit the Susan G. Komen Foundation for more information and local resources at [www5.komen.org](http://www5.komen.org) or 1-877-GO-KOMEN (465-6636).

KNOWING IT EXISTS IS NOT ENOUGH. GET INFORMED. PASS IT ON.

### **Publication Deadline**

All announcements and articles for the November publication must be submitted to the church office or Keisha Nunn ([communications@davidchapel.org](mailto:communications@davidchapel.org)) by **Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**.



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

**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](http://www.davidchapel.org).

**BABY DEDICATIONS**

are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

# Black Nativity

THE MUSICAL EVENT OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON

**Saturday, December 19, 2015**

Join the DC Drama Ministry and witness a dynamic production of “Black Nativity!” This joyous presentation of the Langston Hughes classic delivers a powerful message of joy, hope, victory and liberation through the Christmas story. The production features outstanding singers, actors and dancers from across the Austin area.

This event takes place Saturday, December 19, 2015 at the Don T. Haynes Theater. There is a matinee feature at 1:30 p.m. and a 7:00 p.m. evening presentation. Tickets are \$5.00 and can be purchased every Sunday after the 10:30 a.m. worship service beginning October 11, 2015.

Witness the original story of the Nativity in scripture, verse, music and dance!

**Sunday Morning Bible Study**

Sunday School -- 9:15 a.m.

**Tuesday Bible Study**

Tuesday Morning -- 10:00 a.m.

**Wednesday Prayer & Praise and Bible Study**

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

Bible Study -- 7:30 p.m.

**BIBLESTUDY**  
JOIN US THIS WEEK

