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*Happy
new
year!*
2021

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Sunday, February 21, 2021, during black history month, Heard AMEC celebrated its 100th Church Anniversary. Special thanks to the First Lady Mrs. Kamaria Byrd-McAllister who was responsible for the virtual presentation of the service and the Historical Commission led by Sis. Regina Edwards and Sis. Barbara Polk Riley and supported by their commission members.

Heard is proud to say that the Worship Service was absolutely beautiful from beginning to end. All participants were awesome. It was wonderful to have the Rev. Stephen A. Green as our guest preacher. Rev. Green who was in Charleston, South Carolina, preached from the pulpit of the Mother Emmanuel African Episcopal Church. As always Rev. Green delivered a timely and powerful message. His subject was "A Message to the Black Church" His corresponding scripture was Matthew 16:13-19.

Rev. Green encouraged us to be proud of who we are, proud of an ancestral tradition such as we as african Americans can claim. "We ought to be proud of being a black church and having a story that needs to be told. We ought to be proud to serve a God that has been able to keep us for 100 years."

Also as part of the service the recordings of special messages from some of Heard's former pastors, and dignitaries were shared. Representing the historical commission Sis. Regina gave closing remarks as well as Church Archivist Sis. Barbara Polk Riley who gave a special Historical Reflection about Heard AMEC history and Roselle history. Also a proclamation was read that was from the

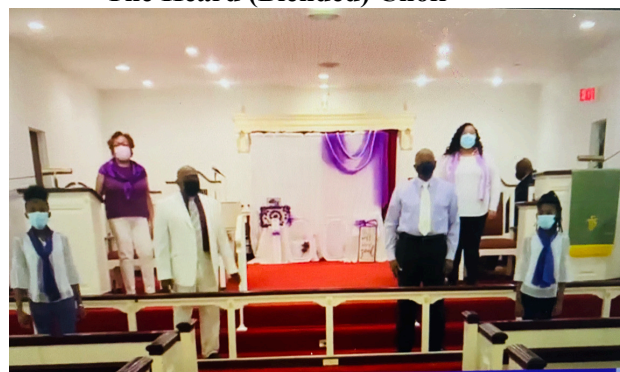
Proclamation from the Roselle Mayor, Donald

Shaw and the Borough Council. Photos of the days events follow.

Pastor & First Lady, Bryan S. McAllister & Kamaria Byrd-McAllister



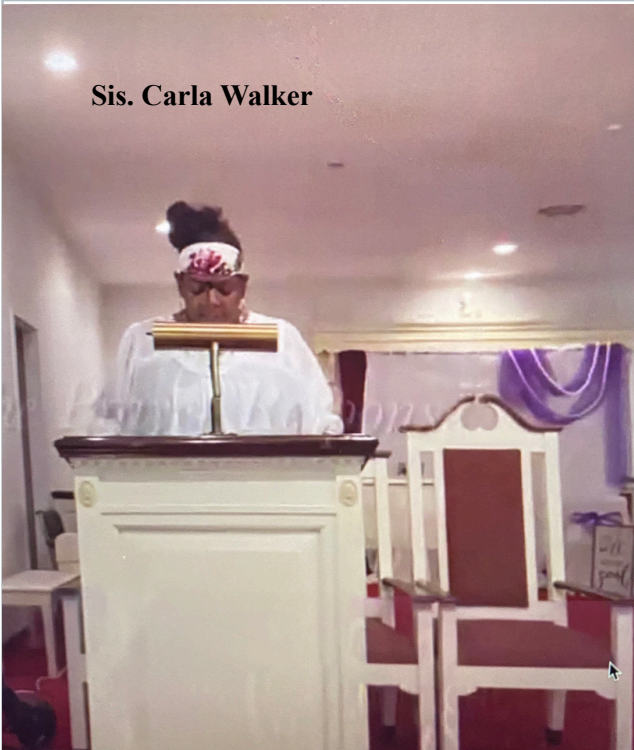
The Heard (Blended) Choir



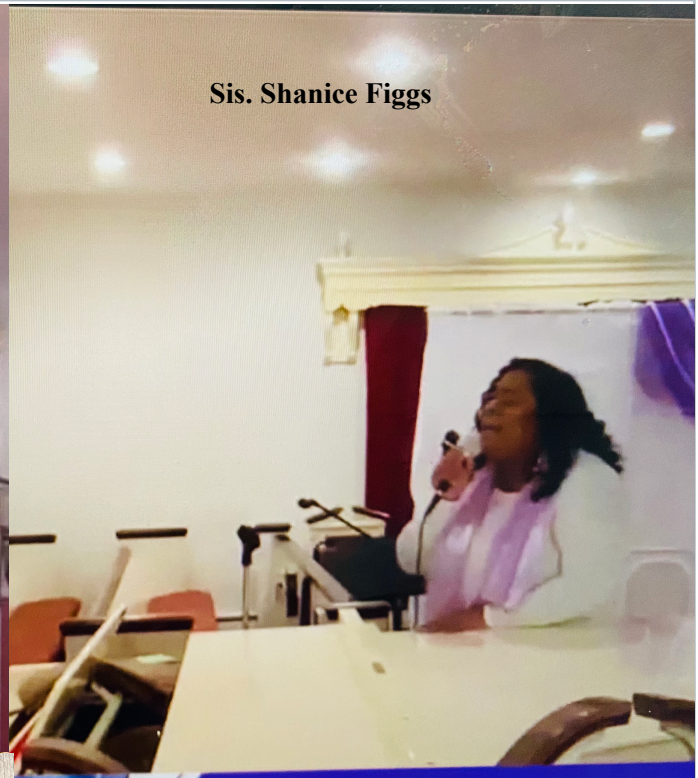
Sis. Sanai Alston & Sis. Winnie Eure



Sis. Carla Walker



Sis. Shanice Figgs



Sis. Diona Cochran



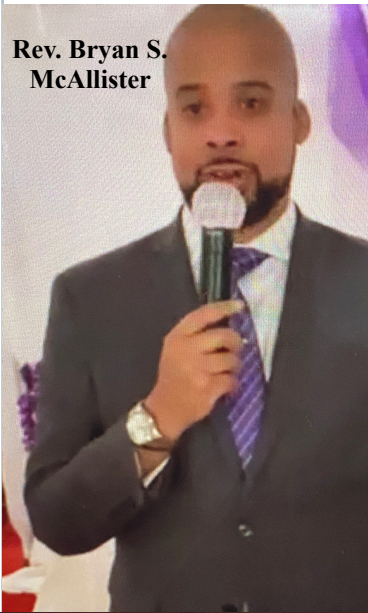
We love to tell the story of Heard A.M.E. 100 years of history in the Roselle Community. We give God all the glory and thank Him for His love. 100 years of history, our blessing from above.

Sis. Regina Edwards

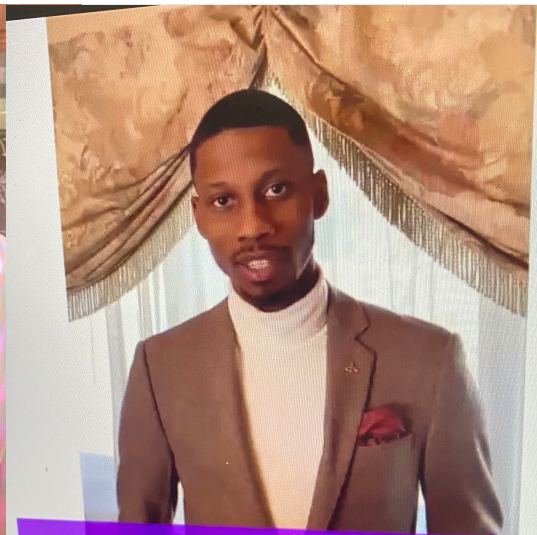
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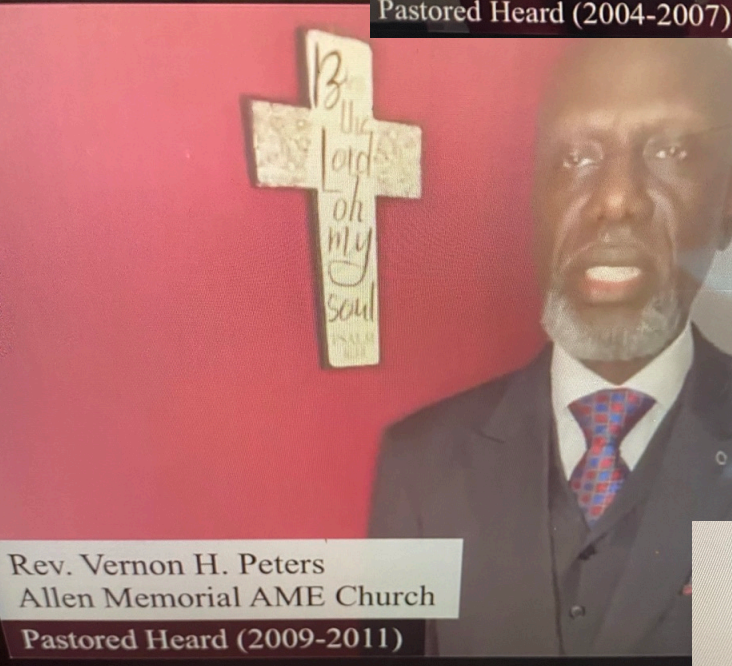
Rev. Bryan S.
McAllister



Rev. Dr. James Coaxum
St. James AME Church, Atlantic City
Pastored Heard (2004-2007)



Marcus Burnett, President
New Jersey Council of Churches



Rev. Vernon H. Peters
Allen Memorial AME Church
Pastored Heard (2009-2011)



Rev. Stephen A. Green
Greater Allen Cathedral AME Church
Pastored Heard (2017-2020)



Dr. Jahkimmo Smith & Rev. Lashonna Smith
Zion AME Church, Southampton, Bermuda
Pastored Heard (2007-2009)



Rev. Archie Cummings, (Retired)
Pastored Heard (2011-2017)



Mayor Donald Shaw
Roselle, New Jersey



Governor Phil Murphy
New Jersey



U.S. Senator, Cory Booker
New Jersey
Assemblyman Jamel C. Holley
20th Legislative District

Rev. Cassius L. Rudolph



Presiding Elder Vernard Leak
New Brunswick District



Bishop Gregory G. M. Ingram & Rev. Dr. Jessica Kendall Ingram
Presiding Prelate & Episcopal Supervisor of the
First Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church



Rev. Stephen A. Green

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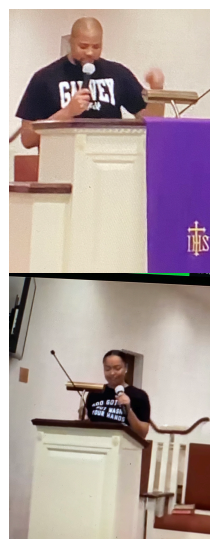
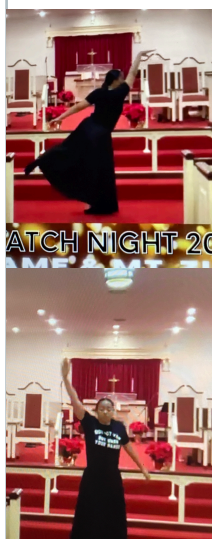
John 1:14

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.



WATCH NIGHT 2021

DECEMBER 31, 2020 Marked a beautiful ending to 2020 and a beautiful beginning to the New Year 2021. Heard along with Zion AME Columbia and Zion AME Devon made this virtual event a memorable one. It was one of prayer, scripture, song, dance and of course the preached word. The Rev. Patricia S. McAllister was present, greeted all and prayed a fervent alter call prayer. Heard's First Lady Kamaria Byrd McAllister danced and once to the song "Stand." How appropriate this was since the topic that she and Pastor preached on was *Suit Up and Stand Up*. There corresponding scripture was Ephesian 6: 10-18. In this text Paul instructed to be strong and put on the whole armor of God. Pastor and First Lady alternately spoke encouraging all to do the same because "no matter what 2021 has for us God has everything we need to make it." We must be strong, not in our own strength, but in the Lord and power of his might. We must "Stay woke and be persistent" in our prayer life and in our faith. Photos below:



To the Massey Family

Who mourn the loss of their dear sister, Mary Hurling, who was an original member of Heard AMEC's Pastor's Aide and former member of the Emergency Choir

&

Florence Staples

Who mourns the loss of her daughter Dorothy King, who served as Vice President of the Lay Organization and President Emeritus of the T.R. Goyins Inspirational Ensemble

&

The Family of Rev. Kim Mayner, Ms.

*Dorothy Mayner & Regina Edwards
Who mourn the passing of their Mother, Sister-in-Law and Aunt, Harriet Mayner respectively. Mrs. Harriet Maynor was a former member of Heard AMEC and a librarian at Elizabeth High School.*

Flonnie McLaughlin & Family

Who mourns the loss of her son, Gerald McLaughlin, former Sunday School student and member of Youth Choir

&

*James Brazil & Family
who mourn the passing of his sister Hazel Kelsey Bagley.*

CONDOLENCES CONT'D.

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George G. Woody & Family

Who mourn the loss of his wife, Beulah McClinton Woody, Funeral Director of George G. Woody Funeral Home, member of First Baptist Church in Linden, NJ, recipient of numerous professional and community awards including "Council Woman of the Year" from Roselle Section of the National Council of Negro Women

&

The Family of Hazel Goodwin

Resident of Roselle and affiliate member of Heard AMEC, members People Institutional AME, Brooklyn, NY Rev. Craig J.J. Wright, Pastor, who mourn their loss. Mrs. Goodwin was a donor of Heard's Women's Missionary Society's Christmas Tree Wish List for 2019.

&

The Family of Kim Griffiin

Long time member of Heard AMEC and member of the Women's Praise Dancers Who mourn their loss

&

Mr. & Mrs Daniel Reuben & Family

Who mourn the loss of his sister Mabel Carrie, A member of New Zion Baptist Church in Elizabeth, NJ and a faithful supporter of Heard Church Ministry.

&

Sarah Wilson & Family

Who mourn the loss of her brothers, Deacon Leroy Scott, Rev. Franklin Scott and sister Alberta Green

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

Sis. Elaine Mosley, dedicated to the service of Class Leadership, visited the sick and shut in members on her class list Monday December 21st and delivered some Christmas blessings. The members received a gift card for Shoprite, sanitizer, face masks, hand and lip cream, a devotional, the Heard Herald Quarterly Newsletter and homemade cookies. Elaine has 16 people on her list and was able to Reach out to all except one. Below are a few Photos of her visit. On the left is Elaine visiting Mary Pershay. On the right, she is visiting Lorraine McGriff and below she is visiting with Anthony Pinnix.





FIRST EPISCOPAL DISTRICT 2020 VIRTUAL ADVENT SERVICE

Sunday, December 6 at 6pm via zoom was the New Jersey Annual conference Advent Service. The service opened with a song by St. James AME Church, Newark NJ, "Welcome to This Place" this was followed by a Litany of God's Advent, the song "Joy to the World" and prayer by Rev. Myra T. Billips. The Scripture for the evening was Isaiah 9: 1-7.

After the welcome was given to the first virtual zoom advent service, Presiding elder Wade spoke. He talked about one of the attributes of a great leader, Storytelling. He mentioned that Steve Jobs had this gift, but for us our own Bishop Gregory G.M. Ingram, the 118th Elected Consecrated Bishop, too has this gift. Whether he tells the story of the love of his life, his wife and Episcopal Supervisor Rev. Dr. Jessica Kendall Ingram, his first assignment as bishop in S. Africa, or his bouts with illness, his gift is evident, great and well-received.

Bishop Ingram then introduced the preacher of the evening, the 19th Senior Pastor of St. Luke Church in Newark, NJ, the Rev. Joseph A. Hooper who has served as an adjunct Professor at Yale University and holds a Doctorate of Ministry from New Brunswick Theological Seminary.

The subject of Rev. Hooper's message was "The Power of Anticipation". "We have been patiently waiting for God to do something in this country," preached Rev. Hooper. "When you have anticipation you learn to walk in dark times."

There is no reason to stop because you can't see what God is doing." There is power in anticipation. God will bring you out, turn situations around.

At the end of this virtual service, the Rev Dr. Jessica Kendall Ingram spoke. She graciously thanked the First Episcopal District, officers, pastors and everyone for the blessing of 8 years of precious memories She called to mind the song "Memories of the Way We Were." The Bishop followed her message with his own thank you to everyone for fond memories.

This service was an inspirational one from beginning to end, a demonstration of what the AME church with the anointing of God, our Father, can do.



This event was spearheaded by Heard AMEC Pastor Bryan S. McAllister. The event which featured discussion by Dr. Chris T. Panell, Rev. Natalie Mitchem and Dr. Mary Gayle Flannelly, was both vital and very informative about the current Covid-19 vaccines. The discussion was lively and pertinent to questions in our black communities and black churches.

Following are a few key points from the messages from these three panel members:

See next page.

A. Let us not operate out of fear or misinformation. Both the Pfizer and the Moderna vaccines have proven to be safe and effective. There is no meaningful difference between the two. Take whatever one is made available to you.

B. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are 94 and 95% effective. The newest Johnson & Johnson vaccine is 85% effective and the FDA will comb through the data to make sure it is accurate.

C. Clergy & church Leaders have to be role models, especially when we don't know how many persons have been vaccinated or have yet to be vaccinated. Example: Clergy may say, "We're still wearing our masks, no we're not high fiving."

D. The vaccine is only one item. It is another layer of protection. We still must social distance and that means not holding long conversations in public with people, still washing hands and still wearing masks.

E. Those in leadership in our communities should investigate and search for information to get to black communities. That might mean new and innovative ways to get the word out through youth groups, or in a barbershop setting etc. Make information available through websites, zoom, etc.

F. Resources have to be mobilized for dealing with language and literacy barriers keeping people from getting the vaccine.

G. We must eat healthy at home and at church. Hydrate our bodies and exercise, get restorative sleep; fight diabetes, hypertension, obesity and stroke. These diseases have increased our vulnerability to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

H. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccine are said to prevent symptomatic disease and decrease the ability to transmit the virus to someone else. We still do not know how long the efficacy of the vaccine.

I. There may be side effects from the vaccine. Adverse reactions should be reported to your doctor.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AT HEARD AMEC (COVID 19 TESTING)

Thanks to the vision, efficient and forward thinking of Brother Doyle Armstrong and Pastor Bryan S. McAllister, on November 21, 2020, COVID 19 provided an opportunity for community engagement as we invited our neighbors and friends to our outdoor, socially distanced and safe environment to receive saliva testing for the SARS virus referred to as Covid19. Union County workers interacted with the community to facilitate the testing process, informing those who had questions and assisting those who requested technical support. Brother Armstrong gave gift bags to the first 50 people tested. We were able to provide the space for over 1000 people to be safely tested (between 10am and 1pm), then informed of the procedures to receive their results. We are grateful for the collaborative spirit of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, our Union County Health Department and Roselle Mayor's Office, Borough Administration and Health Departments. *Submitted by Rev. Naomi Myers*



**Brother Doyle
Armstrong**

&

**Pastor Bryan S.
McAllister**

Rev. Naomi Myers, Pastor & Mayor Donald Shaw





The above Flyer was distributed prior to Halloween of 2020 to inform church members and the community of the Sunday School Trunk or Treat event in celebration of Halloween. Members and friends decorated their car trunks and filled them with candy for the kids who dressed in a variety of colorful costumes. Some of the adults were dressed in costumes too. Everyone had fun on this occasion.



Photos Cont'd.



All photos taken by Sis. Tiffany McGriff



SPOTLIGHT ON HEARD YOUTH

Sanai Alston



Sanai Alston is currently a 6th grade student at Leonard V. Moore Middle School in Roselle. Prior to the Coronavirus Pandemic, she was awarded a certificate for the Gifted and Talented for receiving all A's for all 4 marking periods in the 5th grade. During the first marking period in 2020, Sanai made Honor Roll for receiving all A's.

She is also an active member of Sunday School, Junior Ushers, Heard Angels Praise Dance Ministry and a member of the Young people department.

Layani Alston



Layani Alston attends Dr. Charles C. Polk Elementary School in Roselle. She turned 9 years old on November 30th and is currently in 3rd grade. In 2020, the past marking period, Layani received an A & B average and was nominated Star Student during virtual learning. Layani follows in her big sister Sanai's footsteps. She is also an active member of Sunday school, Junior Ushers, Heard Angels Praise Dance Ministry and a member of the Young People Department.

Congratulations to Sanai & Layani Alston! We wish you continued Success! Keep striving!

Submitted by Sunday School Superintendent Tina McGriff



THE ARCHIVES CORNER

SIS. KATHRYN RIDDICK

Sis. Kathryn Riddick came to Roselle as a young adult and lived next door to Maurice Cummins. It was Sis. Maurice and her sister-in-law Mary Cummins who told Kathryn about Heard Church. Rev. Theodore Kelsey was pastor at the time she joined. Sis. Kathryn has memories of the old church where members entered by the side door, went around the back steps and into the choir loft. She joined the Emergency Choir which was directed by organist and director Mrs. Sutton.

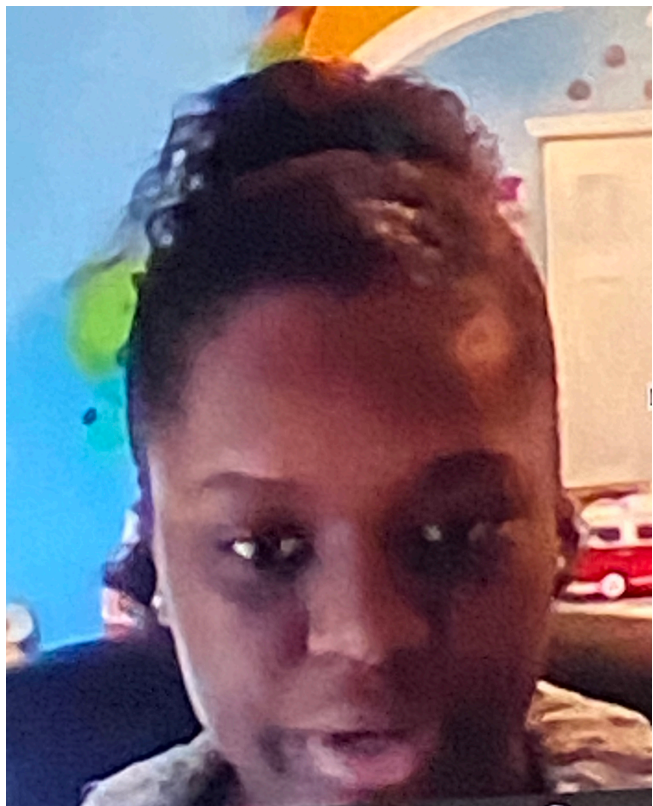
Sis. Kathryn brought all 5 of her children to Sunday School, 4 girls and one boy, Sharon, Joanie, Kim, Melanie and Willie, where they received their christian education. She shared that she was particularly fond of Rev. T.R. Goyins, Rev. Cummins and Rev. Coaxum.

Sis Kathryn has faithfully and diligently served as a member of the Pastor's Aide, Stewardess Board, School School, Culinary Committee, Senior Fellowship, Usher Board (Assistant Chaplain), Naomi Holmes Caring Hearts and Missionary. She recalled being honored as Mother of the Year and remembers those who were and are her dear friends at Heard

Sarah Mayers(deceased), Delores Pinnix,(deceased) Lucille Massey Myrtle Counts, Mrs. Wilhemana Martin(deceased) and Tessie Massey(deceased). Sis Kathryn was married to Willie Riddick (deceased). She has 8 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.



CONGRATULATIONS TO HEARD YOUTH!



JASMIN HALL MCGRIFF

Miss Jasmin Hall McGriff was first place winner for the Founder's Day Essay Contest for the 11th grade. Here she is reading her essay.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO HEARD
YOUTH CONT'D.**



QIORA ROLLINS

Representing Heard AMEC, Qiora won 1st place For 9th grade in the Founder's Day Essay Contest. Here she is reading her essay.



ADRIANA ROLLINS

Representing Heard AMEC, Adriana won 2nd place in the Founder's Day Essay Contest for 9th grade.



MADISON BOYD

During Founder's Day Worship Service, Madison Boyd pays tribute to Misty Copeland by performing a dance .

**BLACK HISTORY TRIBUTE TO REV. DR.
THEODORE R. GOYINS**

Rev. Dr. Theodore Roosevelt Goyins was born on April 2, 1925 in Columbia, SC. He was the seventh of eight children born to the late Rev. Frank and Mrs. Katie Clark-Goyins. He began his religious education and accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior at Temple Zion Baptist Church in Columbia where his father was the minister. Upon high school graduation, he studied at Allen University in Columbia.

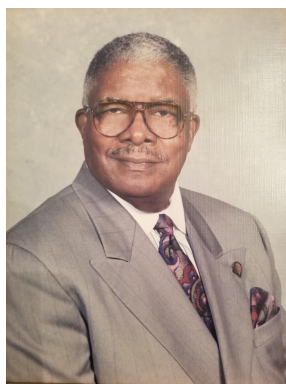
Pastor Goyins settled in Newark, NJ in 1943 and immediately affiliated himself with Israel Memorial AME Church where he served as Sunday School Superintendent. He received his license to preach there under the tutelage of the late Rev. Dr. John WP Collier, Jr. It was at a church social he met his lovely bride and dedicated wife of fifty five years, the former Clara Williams. They were married in 1948. To this union four children were born, Yvonne, Sharon, Theodore, Jr. and Gregory.

After receiving his call to the ministry, he continued his education at several HBCU's and Drew University Theological Seminary in Madison, NJ. Rev. Goyins received his first pastoral appointment to Bethel AME Church in Madison, NJ, where he served for 18 years. During this time he also worked in electronics at Mepco in Morristown, NJ. Always a builder, Bethel was renovated during his tenure. Rev. Goyins was active in several organizations that promote social justice. He was Pres. of the Morris County NAACP

for 9 years, VP and member of the Board of Directors of the Morris County Urban League and served on the Board of Directors of the NJ State NAACP. There were several occasions when he marched with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Rev. Goyins was also the president and co-owner of Holiday Lodge which was a hotel and cafe on the boardwalk of Lake Mohawk, Sparta, NJ. It was the only black owned and operated business in Sparta.

Rev Goyins began his pastorate at Heard AME Church in 1971. From the beginning he worked tirelessly and successfully to achieve many goals during his administration. Upon his arrival the need for a parsonage was pressing. Within two months a parsonage was purchased and dedicated. In 1972 Rev. Goyins began a drive, starting with his \$1,000. gift to build a new church. In 1973 ground was broken for construction and on Sept. 9, 1973 dedication services were held celebrating over \$500,000 spent to the glory of God in the creation of God's new house of worship. Another \$500,000 addition to the church was celebrated in 1996. This consisted of a new heating and air conditioning system, extensive enlargement of the fellowship hall, three classrooms, a conference room, a fully equipped computer lab and a ramp for the handicapped. A chair lift was installed in the front entrance. Rev. Goyins initiated all these improvements and the church was debt free.

Soon after his arrival it became apparent to the Heard congregation that Rev. Goyins knew instinctively how people thought and felt. His personality and sensitivity to the membership inspired the Heard Church family to higher goals and a willingness to work harder in the service of the Lord. Thus, the Christian Education Dept., Young People's Dept, Heard Lay Organization, Heard Praise Dancers, Ladies Guild, Men's Fellowship, New Jersey Club, Senior Fellowship, Peaches of Georgia and South Carolina Clubs were organized. Under his leadership a Children's Church and a Youth Church were established. The Male Chorus, Sunbeam Choir and Rev. TR Goyins Inspirational Ensemble were formed to sing God's praises. An advocate for Self-Help, Rev Goyins was the founding member and organizer of Heard Federal Credit Union which was chartered in 1980. Annually, for three consecutive years, a carnival was sponsored by Heard AME Church at Sylvester Land Field in Roselle.



Pastor Goyins was given a warehouse which he then sold and donated the proceeds, so that Heard Community Ministries could begin building and acquiring properties. Heard Community Ministries constructed three townhouses which became Roselle's first affordable housing. A contest was held to name the complex. Mrs. Nadine Snow's suggestion won. The housing complex was then appropriately named Goyins Manor. Rev. Goyins was responsible for the acquisition of seven other properties acquired to provide decent and affordable living quarters for twelve families along with one commercial enterprise. He was the founder and Director of what was the largest known free food program in New Jersey for persons and families in need of emergency food assistance. Since its inception on March 19, 1998, Heard AME Church Food Store continues to be recognized as a Union County Community Resource. Rev. Goyins was responsible for the origin of Heard Commission that provided the only source of free food sustenance available to HIV/AIDS patients and clients (in Union County) who were referred by local hospitals and agencies. Heard Commission was fully staffed and provided food delivery to the families.

One of Pastor Goyins' last acts was to actively petition for Rev. Dr. James Coaxum, III, former youth pastor of Heard, to succeed him as the Sr. Pastor of Heard upon his retirement on June 4, 2004. God answered his prayer. On Sunday, June 20, 2004, Rev. Goyins was named Man of the Year at Heard AME Church. He received a rousing ovation from the congregation. In what would be his final message to the Heard family, Rev. Goyins stated that he was proud of the accomplishments of the church thus far and encouraged the membership to continue its role as a community outreach church. Rev. T. R. Goyins Scholarship Foundation, Inc. was founded in honor of his dedication and commitment to education. July 2004, The Roselle Borough Government dedicated a street in Rev Goyins' honor. The portion of East Eighth Avenue from Spruce Street to the dead end by Heard's front door is named Rev. Dr. T.R.Goyins Plaza.

Among Rev. Goyins' hobbies and interests were traveling, reading, reciting poetry, competitive golf and checkers, collecting model cars, wood working and bird watching.

Among his favorite poems was "The Bridge Builder" by Will Allen Dromgoole, which in retrospect reflects Rev Goyins' life. A poem which speaks to his success was recently found among his papers. It is entitled: "That Man is a Success" by Robert Louis Stevenson.

*Submitted by
Yvonne Goyins*

