



The Propeller

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MOTHER HARRIZENE KEYES, JURISDICTIONAL SUPERVISOR

INSTALLATION OF NEW

DISTRICT MISSIONARIES



District Missionary Gwendolyn Campbell who only needs a spark to get her praise going, was the one honored during an installation service on February 7, 2023 to stand with District Supt. Theoroger White as District Missionary of the Greater Windsor District. She is a faithful member of Refreshing Center COGIC Windsor, NC and diligently supports the ministry vision of her husband, Pastor Kenny Campbell.



District Missionary Janice J. Hoggard was installed on March 9, 2023 to work beside District Supt. Joseph Spencer Jr. in serving the women of the Bishop L. B. Davenport District. She is a member of Hoggard Temple COGIC in Belhaven, NC under the leadership of Pastor Rufus Barnes.



District Missionary Margaret Walker was installed as the District Missionary of the E.C. Cannon District on February 3, 2023. She has served many years in West Virginia with her late husband who was a COGIC Bishop. She is a faithful member of New Bethel COGIC in Charlotte, NC under the leadership of Pastor, Bishop Tommie A. Murphy.



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Beloved Saints:

"I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." (3 John 1:2)

As we witness the transition of the seasons from winter, spring and now summer, it remains God's desire that we're yet prosperous and growing in our personal walk with Him. We must be faithful to the God of the Bible and serve Him from the depths of our hearts. Let us be mindful that we are His dear children; therefore, let us walk in obedience to His word.

In this edition of The Propeller, you will see the wonderful people throughout GNCJ who're propelling ministry as well as those who have made splendid strides in life. We certainly offer our prayers for the continued success of each of them.

Please remember to keep our beloved Bishop Leroy Jackson and First Lady Sheila Woolard and their families in your prayers as well as Deacon Keyes and me, and our family in your prayers as we do likewise for you and yours. Be blessed of the Lord and enjoy a beautiful summer!

Serving for Christ,

Mother Harrizene Keyes
Mother Harrizene Keyes
Jurisdictional Supervisor

DISTRICT MISSIONARY HIGHLIGHTS

District Missionary Dorothy Gray



Quick Facts:

- Her family describes her as “comical” – loves to make them laugh.
- Her famous saying is *Lord help me a little while Holy Ghost!*
- Favorite song is *My Hope is Built*.
- Has a grand-daughter with the same name who calls her the nickname “Poohey Dewey”.

♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ “I Sing Because I’m Happy!” ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪

The Reason Why I Sing!

Watch out when asking District Missionary Dorothy Gray, “What is the reason why you sing?” She just might burst out into a song and respond, ♪ ♪” I Sing Because I’m Happy, and I Sing Because I’m Free!” ♪ ♪ She also might sing the melody of the songs ♪ ♪ “I’m So Glad that the Lord Saved Me and On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand!” ♪ ♪

Yes, this is the testimony of every saint around the globe and District Missionary Gray does not mind singing the tunes that express her joy in the Lord. Consequently, she is known as the *Songbird* of Greater North Carolina Jurisdiction. Her voice is strong, illuminating, and soul searching.

We all can agree to this when she opens her mouth to sing the rich songs of Zion!

My Soul Looks Back and Wonder!

Even if we can’t sing beautifully, we can all witness to this song when we reflect on our lives. District Missionary Gray, Dorothy Gwendolyn Woolard was born in Washington, North Carolina on September 6, 1934. Her parents were the late Charles Jackson Woolard and Rebecca Foreman Woolard. She was reared with six other siblings, four are deceased and

two remain, Bishop LeRoy Jackson Woodlard and Mother Evelyn Satterthwaite. Her family lived in Baltimore, Maryland for a while and moved back to “good ole” North Carolina. Here, in North Carolina, she was not only a laborer in the church, but she also held jobs at the Beaufort County Hospital, Sampson Shirt Factory, and Belk. She resigned from her last job to be the caregiver for her late mother. It was her pleasure to be able to serve her beloved mother.

Earlier in her life, she was taken to an AME Zion Church in Washington, North Carolina. She came to know the Lord later in life when she joined the *sanctified church (Davenport Temple COGIC)* under the leadership of of her Bishop Leroy Jackson and the late District Superintendent Leo B. Davenport. She remained under his teachings until his demised. She continues to serve as a member and General Church Mother under Bishop LeRoy Jackson Woolard.

Precious Memories

In 1992 she was installed as the District Missionary of the Bishop Wyoming Wells District with District Supt. Austin B. Parker, Sr. District Missionary Gray was married to Deacon Jesse Gray for more than 50 years and to their union was born six children: Belinda, Edith (deceased), Jesse Jr., Morris, Michelle, and Reginald (deceased). They ensured that their children attended church while instilling sound Godly principles. Some of them are musicians, singers, and Word carriers.

The 15 precious grandchildren and the overflow of great-grandchildren are a testament to the commandment God gave us to be fruitful and multiply.

By Dr. Vickie M. Whidbee

DISTRICT MISSIONARY WANDA WHITE



PRESCHOOLER HELPS LADY GET SAVED!

by Dr. Mable Springfield Scott



GREENVILLE, NC - April 27, 1973 - COGIC Greater NC Jurisdictional Workers' Meeting ...Wanda White was a North Carolina Central University co-ed with hopes of graduating and moving to Florida to become an airline stewardess. While enjoying semi-independence on her Durham campus, her Rock of Gibraltar mother urged her to join them at the COGIC Greater NC Jurisdictional Workers' Meeting in Greenville. During the night service, the late State Prelate, Bishop Wyoming Wells, raised the final offering, and needed only a dollar to fulfill his goal. Wanda was inching to go, so she quickly donated a dollar. Bishop Wells thanked her and said, "Anything you want, God will give you." Although she was only at the meeting to please her mother, spiritually inside she felt, "I want to be saved" but never vocally articulated those words for she was enjoying college not being saved.



Instead of going in church the next day, she persuaded her saved college friend, Phyllis Whicker, to spend the day playing cards. Although it was Youth Day at the church, they went to eat at a café. While there, Wanda played her favorite songs on the juke box and did a dance routine she was developing for a class.

Eventually, Phyllis and Wanda finally went to church during the 4:35 p.m. altar call, where they squeezed-in and made seats with little kids like Kelli Wells, Angie Carree, and others. The preacher said, "If you want to be saved, stand!" And Kelli, who was going to turn five-years-old in two days, nudged persuasively, "Stand up Sister White, stand up!" Then the preacher said, "If you are standing up, come down front for prayer!" And Kelli urged again, "Go down front for prayer Sister White, go down front for prayer!"



Before she knew it, Wanda was down front at the altar with the preacher and late District Missionary Velma Moore praising God! A bright light suddenly hit Wanda like she had never seen before; lit up all inside her body; and she even saw the light with her eyes closed!

Wanda had scooted into church trying to inch between preschoolers at 4:35 p.m., but by 5 o'clock, Sister Wanda White was saved and sanctified! Her sister initially thought Wanda was faking but she later told her, "I knew it wasn't you, because you are too prissy to jump and shout!"

As she walked back to her seat, a changed, young woman, Sister Wanda White said, "I realized how I looked with my blonde hair and micro-mini skirt: 'I didn't realize how short my skirt was; nobody said anything; and nobody bothered me.'"

Bishop Wells had commended Wanda's mother for faithfulness in bringing her nine children to church. Sometimes, the late Emanuel P. White and Erva A. White's six children would press their way to church, while one was in the Army, one in the Marines, and one in college. Bishop Wells called the Whites a 'powerhouse of a family' and suggested, "If you see a need, meet the need, but don't harass ... if you live for God long enough, He will teach you!"

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DISTRICT MISSIONARY HIGHLIGHTS

After receiving the Holy Ghost, Sister Wanda White became a strong Prayer Warrior for God's kingdom and has been running for the Lord ever since. She and her siblings have followed in their late mother's footsteps and have been loyal servants of God. She has always remembered how kind, caring and compassionate Bishop Wells was in patiently working with young people. In her leadership roles, she has also tried to be available and accessible to support youth. Using scriptures as guideposts, she has poured God's teachings along with sensible life skills into youngsters, while being an example.



Pastor Larry & Lady Clara Lynn talk about White's positive attitude and how she wants to actively include members, especially with her usual quote: "Whatever we need, it's in the house." This is exemplified in how Supervisor Harrizene Keyes describes her: "District Missionary White is a woman of excellence who loves God and is committed to her Kingdom assignment." Winston-Salem District Superintendent Herman & Lady Regina Platt say words of thanks because "District Missionary White touches base with the churches and saints in our District as an outstanding motivator and supporter."

White's professional career has included various roles in Guilford County Schools and the Guilford County Dept. of Social Services. She has successfully worked in almost every facet of the church: Sunday School, Finance, Summer Programs, Choir, Women's Dept., Administration, Prayer, Trustees, Missionaries, Van Driver, Outreach, Radio Broadcast, Big Sister, Mother, Winston-Salem District Missionary; plus local, national and international evangelism. Under the capable leadership of Supervisor Harrizene Keyes, District Missionary White is on the Executive Board, Circle #3, and Executive Leadership Team.

Seeing Wanda White on North Carolina Central's campus back in 1973, who would have imagined in their wildest dreams she'd become a sainted District Missionary? She even said, "I was Kelli Wells' first convert!"

And who would have thought preschooler Kelli would end up being First Lady Kelli Wells Johnson, wife of Bishop Charles J. Johnson III, COGIC Ontario Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction.

The late Bishop Wells and present day GNCJ Prelate, Bishop LeRoy Jackson Woolard have taught saints to pray and help others with love and empathy like the hymn:

"Yes others, Lord, yes others, Let this my motto be;
Help me to live for others,
That I may live like Thee ..."

—1902 Charles D. Meiosis (public domain)



DENIM AND PEARLS TEA

April started with a beautiful gathering of the women of God. They gathered from near and far to come to the 6th Annual Jurisdictional Tea. This Tea, however, was different from all previous Teas. There was an added twist in the attire this year and instead of Pink and Pearls, women adorned themselves in Denim and Pearls. They came bringing their daughters and granddaughters to the special event. Some were accompanied by their husbands and sons. Several women attended for the very first time. It was their introduction to the Jurisdiction as well as to the Department of Women, which was truly a beautiful introduction. This special time of fellowship had been virtual for the past two years due to COVID. This year, it was determined that the Denim & Pearl Tea would be in person. There was excitement and anticipation in the air and God did not disappoint!

I was privileged to interview the Chairperson of the event, Lady Doris Murphy. We are grateful for the work that she and her committee put in to ensure that the event was a success. It is without a doubt that they did a beautiful job with every aspect of the program. Both youth and young adults participated. This showed the inclusion that is prevalent within the Department of Women as it is our supervisor's heart to include women of all ages in an effort to propel the ministry forward. There are souls to be won which are both young and old.

The purpose of the Tea is to benefit scholarship recipients to excel towards a promising future. We consider it a blessing to be able to sow into the lives of the recipients simply through purchasing tickets. Lady Murphy said this event exceeded the committee's goal. She expressed her appreciation for the committee, those who attended, and those who supported financially. Lady Murphy expressed that the donations would be a blessing to deserving individuals who have committed to and been accepted to a college of their choice. This unselfish act of love will help the recipients purchase some much needed books and supplies.

Lady Vanessa Cox was the speaker at the event. She reminded those in attendance of the importance of sowing into the lives of others. Her topic was "Blessed To Be A Blessing." The scriptures were Proverbs 11:25 and Genesis 12:2. Our hearts burned as she gave her personal testimony and expounded upon the word of God. Those of us who were in attendance were asked to remember the person or persons who helped us at some point in our lives. We were also challenged to be a blessing to others. We departed from the event with a mind to be a blessing and ready to purchase tickets again next year! Let's continue to assist in propelling our scholarship recipients forward in this very competitive world. Congratulations to all scholarship recipients both old and new!

Humbly submitted: Lady Patricia Pickett

DENIM AND PEARLS TEA



GNCJ SUNSHINE BAND



Sunshine Band Mission Statement

The mission of the Sunshine Band is to reach out to our children and offer an opportunity for them to receive salvation in their productive years. We desire to build a partnership between the home, the school, and the church in order to provide a spiritual foundation for each child by building character, faith, and self-worth.



Lady Jackson joyfully expresses, "I am honored to serve as the Jurisdictional Sunshine Band President for Greater North Carolina. My goal as I serve under the leadership of our newly appointed International Co-Presidents, Elder Charleston and Sister Algerita Sanders is to implement the vision of the Sunshine Band by distributing and or/communicating information from the International Sunshine Band to the District and Local Bands."



COGIC International Sunshine Band

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Help us congratulate the winner of the Show Your Love Challenge!!!
Chelsia did an outstanding job in letting her light shine through LOVE!
Way to go, Chelsia!!! 🙌🙌🙌👉👉👉👉👉

Greater North Carolina Jurisdiction
Jurisdictional SSB President, Lady Iris Jackson
Local President, Chellia Nelson

[#weshinethroughlove](https://www.instagram.com/weshinethroughlove)

CONGRATULATIONS



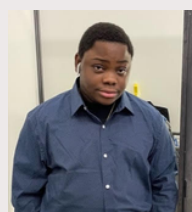
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High School

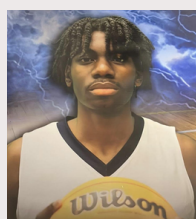
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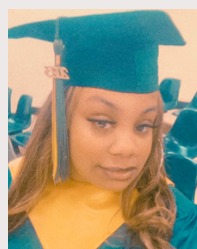
Emmanuel Brown
Graduating from Northeastern High School. Plans to continue earning his Associate of Science in Applied Science degree in Aviation Maintenance, and Associate of Arts degree at College of The Albemarle.



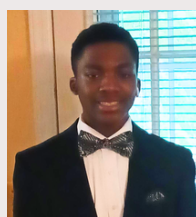
Kelvin Brown
Graduating from the College of the Albemarle with a diploma in computer-aided drafting.
Will go on to earn an Associate's degree in General Education.



Seth Evans
Graduating from Pasquotank County High. Plans to attend Barry University in Miami Shores, FL to major in Kinesiology /Exercise Science and be a member of the Men's Basketball team



Mariah Gallop
Graduating from Northeastern High. Plans to attend Elizabeth City State University and major in Accounting.



Alamo Damian Williams
Graduating from North Forsyth.
Currently working at Wake Forest University; Plans to attend Wesleyan University this fall. He attends First COGIC Winston Salem, NC 27105;
Pastor Bernie D. Cundiff

College



Dr. Lydia Olagunju

Graduating with a **Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Applied Science and Technology with a concentration in Bioscience** from North Carolina A&T State University. Lydia is a passionate researcher with Master of Science (M.S.) in Agricultural Biochemistry and Nutrition from University of Ibadan, Nigeria and a Master of Science (M.S.) in Dairy Science from South Dakota State University.

Her research focused on alternatives to antibiotics in livestock production and recycling of agricultural waste to value-added products. Contribution of her work to food systems sustainability earned her an honoree award funded by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation hosted by INFAS at UC Davis. Lydia has over 3 published peer review papers, 3 manuscripts for review, and 11 manuscripts under preparation for review. She has received several awards, CISC HBCU Fellowship Pilot Honoree 2022, North Carolina A&T Community of Graduate Scholar 2020, North Carolina A&T Graduate College Tuition Scholarship 2019-2020; and Golden Key International Honoree to name a few. Dr. Lydia will be continuing at North Carolina A&T as a post-doctoral researcher. At Wells Memorial, Dr. Lydia Olagunju serves on the Usher Board and the "We Care" food pantry.



Dr. DreVon "Dré" Dobson

Graduating from UNC-Chapel Hill with a **Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Pathology**. Dré studied blood clotting and his thesis work was on the genetic regulation of the blood clotting factor fibrinogen. He received a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Biology from North Carolina A&T State University. Dré has written

over 4 peer reviewed journals with 2 in press, 1 in review and one was cited in Nature Digest. He has presented his research in over 16 oral presentations and has been on numerous panel discussions including "COVID-19 and the Cardiovascular System" and "Strategies for Encountering Bias as an Early Career Professional". He will be continuing at UNC Chapel Hill as a post-doctoral researcher in environmental toxicology. At Wells Memorial, Dr. Dré Dobson serves as a guitar musician with the music department.



Maya Booker

Graduating from North Carolina A&T State University with a **Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Business Management with a concentration in Entrepreneurship**. Maya will be graduating Cum Laude with a 3.4 GPA. She attends Wells Memorial and sings in the college/young adult choir.



Demetrius Booker

Graduating from Wake Forest University School of Medicine with a **Master of Science (M.S.) in Biomedical Sciences**. He is graduating on the internship track, Greensboro Pediatrics. Demetrius holds a Bachelor of Science in Biology from North Carolina A&T State University. He is applying to medical school to become a pediatrician. He attends Wells Memorial.

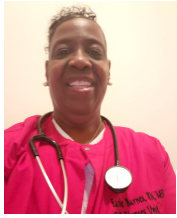
RETIREES/ACCOMPLISHMENTS*Blessings On Your Retirement***Dr. Tonya R. Hargett**

Director, Research Compliance and Ethics
University Research Integrity Officer
North Carolina A&T State University
32 years in the UNC System (UNC Chapel Hill
10y; UNCG 10y; N.C A&T 12y)
Future plans - Biomedical Research
Consultant
Wells Memorial COGIC
Supt. Dr. Herman G. Platt Pastor

Evangelist Missionary Earlie Barnes

Retired from Nursing Education on May 31, 2022;
10.5 years of teaching nursing students the art
and calling of nursing. She retired from nursing
administration in 2011, and began teaching
nursing to share her knowledge of the skill with
future nurses. She shares her nursing
knowledge to all who seeks her and she uses her
motto for life each day: "If I can help somebody
as I pass along, then my living will not be in
vain". Evangelist Barnes continues to serve as a
Nurse Educator on a part-time basis. She also is
an experienced tax professional and a Notary
Public for the state of North Carolina. She
continues to serve her church, Davenport
Temple COGIC, under the leadership of Bishop
LeRoy Jackson Woolard.





3 John 2-"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."



You got the hands for saving lives!.

Cardiac arrest is a malfunction of the heart that causes an irregular heartbeat and disrupts the blood flow to major organs the brain, lungs, and more. Cardiac Arrest is a leading cause of death.

Each year according to statistics 350,000 cardiac arrest events happen outside of the hospital in the United States. What a great reason to become educated in Hands Only CPR.

Hands Only CPR is the first step to providing life saving skills to possibly save a life.

Step 1 Call 911 on your phone or yell for help from bystanders.



Hey you Call 911!

Step 2

If no pulse is found, place the heel of one hand in the center of the victim's chest and place the other hand on top interlocking the fingers.

Press hard and fast delivering between 100-120 compressions per minute.

Allow the chest to fully rise back to position and continue this until professional help arrives.



Look, Listen, and Feel
for Breathing



Position Hands Over Sternum

PRESS HARD AND FAST TO THE BEAT OF STAYING ALIVE!

Remember, You have the hands for saving lives! Be prepared!

Evangelist Missionary Jacqueline Whitman RN BSN
AHA CPR Instructor

<https://international.heart.org/hands-only-cpr>

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- Jurisdictional AIM Convention, June 21-23
- 102nd Annual Holy Convocation, July 24-28
- COGIC Academy Graduation - State Temple Headquarters, July 22 (2PM)
- 34th Annual Jurisdictional Women's Convention, September 20-22

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