

# PEACE PIPELINE

*Our Motto: "This is the place where love reigns supreme,  
God's love to us and our love to one another."*

FEBRUARY 2010

## **From the Desk of the Pastor "Black History Month 2010 Dream No Small Dream"**

*"In the last days, God says, I will pour out  
my Spirit on all people.  
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,  
your young men will see visions,  
your old men will dream dreams."  
Acts 2:17 NIV*

Since 1926, the month of February has been designated as Black History Month to acknowledge and celebrate the past and present contributions of African American men and women who have enhanced and enriched people and families throughout the USA and even the world. As I reflect on people like Booker T. Washington, George Washington Carver, Rosa J. Young, Rosa Parks, Maya Angelo, Fannie Lou Hammer, and many others, I ask the question "how did they start? What prompted them to initiate their work or service?" While the answers to the questions might vary somewhat I am moved to say that somewhere in the beginning or origin of their work or service, either they or someone had a dream about what could be done. I am convinced that all great movements and events, all great works and services are the reality of a dream or vision for a greater or better future.

As I look across the landscape of our nation and view what is happening in many of our institutions, including the church, it is not always a pleasant sight. In this post-Christian era many churches and institutions are hurting and declining in size and membership. While many members and leaders would declare that the economic recession in our nation is the culprit of much that is wrong in our nation, I believe that the larger crippling culprit is due to the lack of God's people being open to actively receiving, embracing, and living out the dreams of God for His people and their lives. It is my premise that this applies to all institutions and people of all ages who are experiencing a continuing life cycle or pattern of decline or brokenness. For example, if you ask a young brother in his 20s who is not working and not looking or actively seeking work, what vision or dream has God given him for his life. I think you would be hard pressed to get an answer. Not because God is not giving dreams to men and women, for above in Acts 2:17, God's gives the promise that in these last days young men and women would prophesy and dream dreams.

The great poet Langston Hughes said in his poem titled "Dreams":

*"Hold fast to dreams  
for if dreams die  
life is a broken-winged bird  
that cannot fly."*

As we go forth as the people of God as the Body of Christ, let us pray and ask God to pour upon us dreams for this age and century so that we can have an impact that will bring about transformation and renewal in the lives of God's people and institutions that serve Him and His people. What is the God-given dream He is calling you to develop, to do, to share, to sponsor, to support, to encourage, to lift up in your neighborhood, our church, and in the metropolitan area?

*Pastor Wiggins*

## Pastoral 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

On Sunday, February 21, 2010, our Pastor, Rev. James Wiggins, Jr., will celebrate 12 years as the pastor of Peace Lutheran Church. This occasion will be marked with a worship service of Thanksgiving and praise with one worship service at 11:15am followed with an anniversary soul food feast in the Fellowship Hall. The anniversary preacher will be our pastor's brother Rev. Stephen A. Wiggins, Sr., Pastor of Christ Lutheran Church, East Point, GA. Please invite your family and friends to join us as we give thanks to God for blessing, sustaining, and empowering us for 12 years as pastor and people together in service to God and His people.

## Ash Wednesday 2010

The Lenten season will kick-off on Wednesday, February 17, 2010, with the traditional service of imposition of ashes and Holy Communion at 7:30pm. Each Wednesday, for six weeks we will gather at 7:30pm to reflect upon the life, sufferings, and ultimate death of our Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus, to redeem us, a lost and condemned people. We ask all members to actively participate in this season of penitential reflection and repentance as we continue to receive the daily outpouring of God's amazing grace that richly offers us His love and forgiveness as a merciful God.

## Peace Lutheran Church 50<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary

The culmination of our 50<sup>th</sup> church anniversary will be celebrated on Sunday, November 21, 2010. I am pleased to announce and thank Mrs. Karen Boyette for her willingness to serve as the chairperson of our 50<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary Committee. Please watch the weekly bulletin and our monthly newsletter for more information about activities and events that will take place during the year leading up to our Jubilee celebration. To God be the glory!

*Pastor Wiggins*

## News From the Christian Education Ministry

This Christmas Eve the Sunday school staff, Music Ministry, and the Praise Dancers presented a Christmas program entitled "The Reason for the Season". Shea Patterson, the assistant director of Sunday school, did an excellent job in coordinating the program. The evening of celebration set our minds on the coming of our Savior. We concluded our evening with refreshments of hot cinder, hot chocolate, punch, Christmas cookies, and cupcakes

It has been a very long time since we have had a Christmas program on Christmas Eve. Last summer when I approached members of the Music Ministry and the Praise Dancers, they were willing and excited about doing the program. Shea had chosen a play by September and copies were made so the Music Ministry and Praise Dancers could see how all this would come together. Through lots of e-mails, telephone calls, team effort, and prayers, Peace had a lovely Christmas Eve program and service. We are planning to do this again next year. We welcome your comments, suggestions and of course any help that you are willing to give us for next year. Lord, help us to keep our eyes focused on Jesus, our redeemer and Morning Star.

*Mrs. Carolyn Kimbrough, Director of Sunday School*

## COALITION OF LUTHERANS IN BLACK MINISTRY

**March 12-14, 2010**

**Ebenezer Lutheran Church  
310 S. Tremont  
Greensboro, North Carolina**

**"Get Your *'Blaze* On!"**

**Battleground Inn  
1517 Westover Terrace  
Greensboro, North Carolina  
(800) 932-4737**

**Reservation Cut-off date - February 19, 2010**

**Guest Speakers: Rev. Victor Belton, Member, LCMS Board of Directors  
Rev. Glenn Lucas, Executive for Mission Development, Southeastern District LCMS**

## SICK AND SHUT INS

Please remember our members below in prayer and send them a card:



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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO . . .

Brittney Edmonds	1	Myanna Ross	11	Alice Graham	21
Nathan Edmonds	1	Devon Johnson	12	Clifton Williams	21
Krystal Hunter	1	Epiphany Smith	12	Lakeisha Gaines	24
Corey Blocker	2	Bradley Edge	13	Melvin Coleman	25
Craig Bryce	2	Vivienne Morgan	14	Allison Dooley	26
Kathleen Jackson	3	Ashley Williams	15	Kimalon Wright	27
Gloria Jones	3	Cedric Williams	15	Pamela Edge	28
Marie-Claude Shorter	3	Christopher Bernard	16	Kanaya Oke	28
Madeline Nowlin	4	Donna Greene	16		
Niceal Boykin	7	Darryl Greene	17		
Nicolas Boykin	7	Walter Person, Jr.	17		
Diane Mansfield	7	Naevon Boykins	18		
Lynda Bowles	8	Barrington Barnes	20		
Ashley Camp	8	Cheyenne			
Paris Brown	9	Johnson-Harris	20		



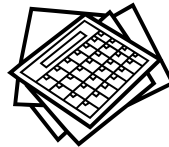
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**Rev. James Wiggins, Jr., Pastor**  
**Cora Boone, Church Administrator**  
**Georgetta Watts, Assistant to the Pastor**  
Sunday School: 9:30 am;  
Adult Bible Class: 9:45 am  
Worship Services: 8:00 am and 11:15 am  
Fifth Sunday Unity Service: 11:15 am  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS



February 14: Valentine's Day  
February 15: Presidents' Day  
February 17: Ash Wednesday, worship service with Holy Communion, 7:30pm  
February 21: Pastor Wiggins' 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, one worship service, 11:15am

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