



The Unity Group



Presents

45th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Prayer Breakfast

**FOCUS 2020—Crisis In The Community,
Where Do We Go From Here?**



Rev. Dr. Jeremiah A. Wright, Jr., Guest Speaker

*Saturday, January 17, 2015 • 9:00 a.m.
Greater Tucker Baptist Church
1115 North Moore Road
Chattanooga, Tennessee 37411*

Celebration Program and Order of Worship

Visual Presentation.....	Unsung Heroes/Sheroes
Mistress of Ceremonies.....	Pastor Charlotte Shynellen "Nyaboke" Williams Eastdale Village Community United Methodist Church
Master of Ceremonies	Reverend Dwight L. Harrison, Host Breaking The Cycle Radio Talk Show

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP (EXCHANGE OF BROTHERLY AND SISTERLY FRIENDSHIP)

The Prelude	The Drumbats for Christ, Rev. Dr. Elston Mclain Mt. Moriah Parish, Director
Permission from the Pastor and Elder to speak	
Community (Mbongi) Greetings.....	Rev. Gary Hathaway, Pastor Elect Greater Tucker Baptist Church
Call to Worship (AKWAABA-WELCOME)	Pastor Charlotte Shynellen "Nyaboke" Williams
Pouring of Libation.....	Ms. Nicole D. Coleman, East Chattanooga Church of God
Congregational Selection	<i>Lift Every Voice and Sing</i>
Invocation	Rev. Melvin Tibbs, Pastor, Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church
Musical Selection.....	Pastor Sharon McWhorter
Scripture Reading.....	Mateo Tibbs, Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church
Blessing of the Food	
Musical Presentation	Bro. Shane Morrow/Creative Underground
Special Presentation	
Community (Mbongi) Prayer <i>(Two minutes please)</i>	Mrs. Jacqueline Bridges, Silverdale Baptist Church Manuel Tibbs, Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church Rev. Charles Moore, Rose of Sharon Baptist Church President of the Clergy Koinonia
Musical Presentation	The Drumbats for Christ
Introduction of the Speaker	Rev. William Terry Ladd III, Pastor First Baptist Church, East Eighth Street
Speaker	Rev. Dr. Jeremiah A. Wright, Jr., Founder and Pastor Emeritus Trinity United Church of Christ, Chicago, Illinois
Closing Remarks	Mr. Sherman E. Matthews, Jr., Unity Group Chairman
Congregational Selection	<i>We Shall Overcome</i>
Benediction.....	Rev. Gary Hathaway

The Rev. Dr. Jeremiah A. Wright, Jr.

is described as a man of faith, a homiletic genius, a theological scholar and a pastor's pastor. He cherishes spending quality time with his family and friends.

Wright was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the son of a preacher. Dr. Wright is a son of the parsonage and hails from a family steeped in educational achievements. His wife, Dr. Mary Henderson Wright, shared a connection to Virginia Union University with Wright's dad and granddad. He earned degrees from Howard University, the University of Chicago Divinity School and the United Theological Seminary.

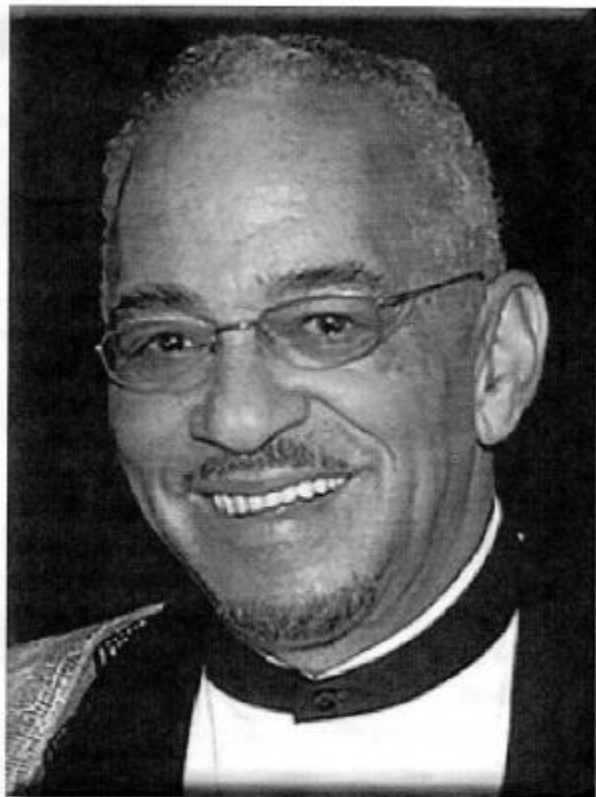
Dr. Wright said, "I have tried to bring those two different worlds together [the academy and the pew] in the context of pastoral ministry in an effort to move an ignored people from hurt to healing and from hate to hope. My mission at Trinity has been to bring those worlds together by using the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the life of Christ as a model for what is possible, of what might be, and of what our faith really is—'the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen.'"

For 36 years, Dr. Wright served as senior pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago, IL. His ministries addressed the needs of the community by moving ministry, as stated in his own words, "from theory to praxis." Dr. Wright's efforts made Trinity one of the most politically active and socially conscious churches in the nation with over 50 active social justice ministries. Under Dr. Wright's leadership, the membership of Trinity United Church of Christ grew from 87 members (in March of 1972) to over 8,000 members while he served as its pastor.

Dr. Wright has authored numerous articles for academic journals and has published four books of sermons widely used in seminaries: *What Makes You So Strong?*, *Good News: Sermons of Hope For Today's Families*, *Africans Who Shaped our Faith* and *When Black Men Stand Up For God*.

His book, *A Sankofa Moment: The History of Trinity United Church of Christ* was released in February 2010. The Reverend Dr. Jeremiah A. Wright, Jr. Lectureship is said to have prepared President Barack Obama for the role of President of the United States. Wright has received numerous awards, commendations and appointments, including nine honorary doctorates.

At the end of May 2008, Dr. Wright retired as senior pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ. Now he spends his time preaching, teaching, leading study tours to Africa, Brazil and the Caribbean. Dr. Wright is married to the Rev. Ramah Wright and has five children, Janet, Jeri, Nathan, Nikol and Jamila; and three grandchildren, Jeremiah, Jazmin and Steven.



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Lift Every Voice and Sing

Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring. Ring with the harmonies of Liberty; let our rejoicing rise,
high as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of faith that the dark past has taught us, sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on till victory is won.
Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod, felt in the day that hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet, come to the place on which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered, we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last where the white gleam of our star is cast.
God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who has by thy might, led us into the light, keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee, lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee,
Shadowed beneath the hand, may we forever stand, true to our God, true to our native land.

We Shall Overcome

We shall overcome, we shall overcome, we shall overcome, some day.
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe we shall overcome, some day.
We'll walk hand in hand, we'll walk hand in hand, we'll walk hand in hand, some day.
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe we'll walk hand in hand, some day.
We shall live in peace, we shall live in peace, we shall live in peace, some day.
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe we shall live in peace, some day.
We shall all be free, we shall all be free, we shall all be free, some day.
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe we shall all be free, some day.
We are not afraid, we are not afraid, we are not afraid, today.
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe we are not afraid, today.
We shall overcome, we shall overcome, we shall overcome, some day.
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe we shall overcome, some day.

"We are now faced with the fact that tomorrow is today. We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now. In this unfolding conundrum of life and history there is such a thing as being too late. Procrastination is still the thief of time. Life often leaves us standing bare, naked and dejected with a lost opportunity . . . This may well be mankind's last chance to choose between chaos or community."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Where Do We Go from Here: Chaos or Community?