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God Has Truly Been Good

by Rev. Christopher C. Diggs



Wow!!!!!! 2014 is gone, as we reflect on this past year we can say with confidence that, "God has truly been good to us." More importantly, as we embark on the New Year I think it is imperative for us to build on what God has done. Additionally, our entire church, from the youngest to the oldest member can be a part of something really great in 2015. Specifically, I think we can all

maximize our gifts and talents by serving God and each other. Being a strong church family is a huge priority, and I believe we will continue to humble ourselves and live out the true meaning of what it looks like to be a Christian.

My plans are to hit the ground running this year, our first Administrative Board meeting

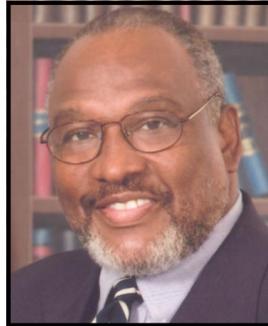
will be next Saturday at 9:00A.M. There, I will reveal a plan to expand all ministries in the church. This will be the first time since I have been here that we actually are in a position to do productive and positive ministry at Burns. Also, I anxiously anticipate working closer with our sister church, Hammitt Hill UMC in the future.



Congratulations to Barbara Wortham; she will receive The Martin Luther King Day of Service—Community Member Award on Monday, January 19, 2015 at 9:30A.M. at the OPC

Activity Center. Come out and support her.

Burns UMC will hold its **Annual Emancipation Proclamation Program**



as part of its regular Sunday morning worship service on Sunday, January 25, 2015 at 11:00a.m. The speaker for the occasion will be our own **Alvin O. Chambliss, Jr.**, the last civil rights attorney in America. The public is invited and refresh-

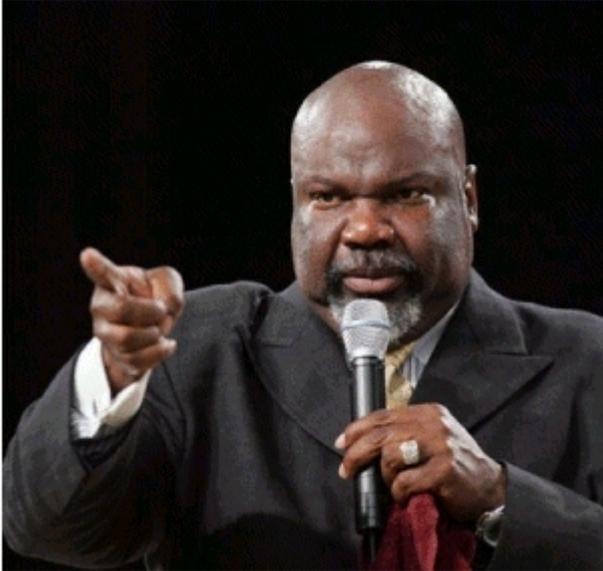
ments will be served afterward.



FREE GARAGE SALE: On Saturday , December 13, 2014 Burns UMC held a Free Garage Sale. Pictured above (l.to r.) are Burns members, Hubert Murray, Sabrina Vaughn, Terry Vaughn and Rhondalyn Peairs.

One Decision Can Shatter Every Limitation In Your Life! The Move Is On!

By Rev. T.D. Jakes



You were not created to live with limits--you were not purposed to stay put. God has something greater in store. So prepare yourself because I am convinced that . . . Transition is taking place; Breakthrough is your birthright; **THE MOVE IS ON!** I'm talking about a barrier-breaking, stronghold-shattering move of God, destined to bring you into a new dimension of blessing. Intellectually, emotionally, spiritually, financially--God wants to **MOVE** powerfully in every area of your life! And when God moves, He always takes you higher!

God moves from faith to faith, from glory to glory. That's why I am persuaded that the opportunities ahead are greater than anything you've experienced in the past. God has set it

into motion. His hand is moving. You are in transition! Now, let me remind you that although the promise of transition is thrilling, the process of transition can be trying. Any time there are new levels to be reached, there are also new devils to be defeated. Satan will use whatever lie he can--intimidating odds, lack of experience, previous failures, haters, doubters, critics--to try to keep you stuck in your situation.

But today is a new day! What stopped you in the past doesn't have to stop you any longer. God has you in transition, and it's time to seize every opportunity He is bringing your way! God is on the move, and I believe He wants you to move with Him. Wherever you are today--good or bad, high or low--you don't have to stay there. It's time to go higher . . . it's time to discover all God has destined you to be!

Soup For Seniors

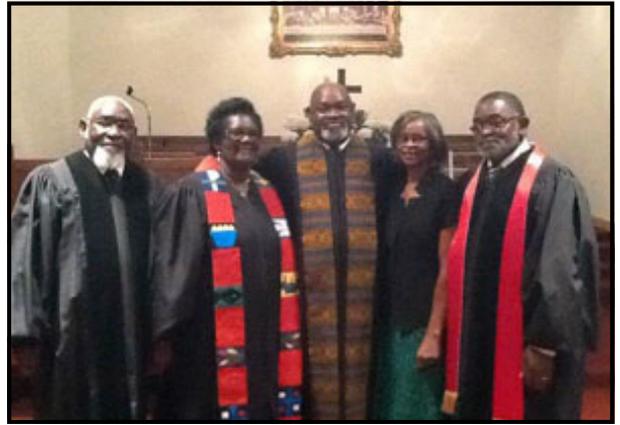


Burns UMC Senior Ministry called "SOUP for SENIORS" is back, held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month beginning at 11:00

A.M. Please come and join us for a bowl of soup, fun and fellowship. Sponsors are Ann Cancer & Janis Blake.

A Family Affair at Decell UMC

A recent revival at Decell United Methodist Church was a family affair. Evangelists for the week included the Rev. Frank Gipson, the Rev. Mattie Gipson, Greenwood District superintendent, the Rev. Clinton Gipson of Decell UMC; Margaret Gipson, lay servant trainer and the Rev. Marvin Gipson, of Oxford Burns UMC. For several weeks, the Revs. Frank and Clinton Gipson, have been hosting a Wednesday noon prayer luncheon



for members of Decell and the church community. Attendance has grown from 10 to over 40 people gathering to pray for the church, the community, Greenwood, the state, the nation and its leaders.

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