

“Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert. (Isaiah 43:19).”

Celebrating the Fisk Renaissance



Palm Sunday in the Fisk Memorial Chapel

The Fisk Memorial Chapel

Year In Review

2013-2014



Mission

Fisk University produces graduates from diverse backgrounds with the integrity and intellect required for substantive contributions to society. Our curriculum is grounded in the liberal arts. Our faculty and administrators emphasize the discovery and advancement of knowledge through research in the natural and social sciences, business and the humanities. We are committed to the success of scholars and leaders with a global perspective.

Vision

To be among the best small liberal arts institutions in America.

Motto

Her sons and daughters ever on the altar.

Tagline

Cultivating scholars and leaders one by one.

Religious Life Statement

The Fisk Memorial Chapel is an ecumenical, non-denominational, interdenominational and interfaith arena for learning, worship and public service which overtly seeks to bring hope and healing to the lives of individuals and families throughout our global community.

Vision for the Church within the Chapel

To be a beacon light for Jesus Christ in order that people may experience the love of God and serve a hopeful humanity.

A Prayer by W.E.B. Dubois, Class of 1888

“God bless all schools and forward the great work of education for which we stand. Arouse within us and within our land a deep realization of the seriousness of our problem of training children. On them rests the future work and thought and sentiment and goodness of the world. If here and elsewhere we train the lazy and shallow, the self-indulgent and the frivolous-- if we destroy reason and religion and do not rebuild, help us, O God, to realize how heavy is our responsibility and how great the cost. The school of today is the world of tomorrow and today and tomorrow are Thine, O God. Amen.”

Prayers for Dark People, W. E. B. Dubois, Edited by Herbert Aptheker (Amherst: The University of Massachusetts Press, 1980), 53.

Dedication of the Fisk Memorial Chapel, July, 1893

“At last Fisk may pride herself upon possessing an audience room suitable for the accommodation of her guests...In the possession of this beautiful memorial chapel for our Sunday worship and for concerts and anniversary occasions, we are greatly rejoicing and today we say with deeper meaning than ever before, Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.” The Fisk Herald.

Dear Friend in Ministry,

The words of the prophet Isaiah will always have a special meaning for the members of our Fisk Family who have had the opportunity to visit the Fisk Memorial Chapel. Engraved above the entrance to the Chapel is a message that has touched the hearts, minds and souls of people throughout the world for more than two-thousand years. It reads: "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee (Isaiah 60:1)." The words that are inscribed within the stone of the Chapel have inspired our campus community since 1892; however, they have new meaning in light of the period of rebirth and renewal that is now occurring at Fisk University. Theologians confirm and our experiences agree that the attributes of a good and generous God are an ever-present reality. Indeed, they can be seen in the life of our University community. I am pleased to report that God continues to find favor with Fisk University, and the period of rebirth and renewal proclaimed by Isaiah, has found new expression among the faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends of our beloved University.

The Religious Life Program at Fisk University greatly contributed to the Fisk Renaissance that occurred throughout our campus during the past year. Dr. H. James Williams, the 15th President of Fisk University, was inaugurated in the Chapel. The Religious Leaders for Fisk hosted an Inaugural Prayer breakfast in the Appleton Room. The Second Annual HIV/AIDS Awareness Observance sponsored by the National Consortium of Black Women in Nashville was held for the first time in the Chapel. The first annual Fisk for Fisk Benefit Concert, which featured the outstanding singing talents of our alumni, occurred in the Chapel. The exterior of the Fisk Memorial Chapel was painted,



The Reverend Dr. Jason and Mrs. Angela Curry

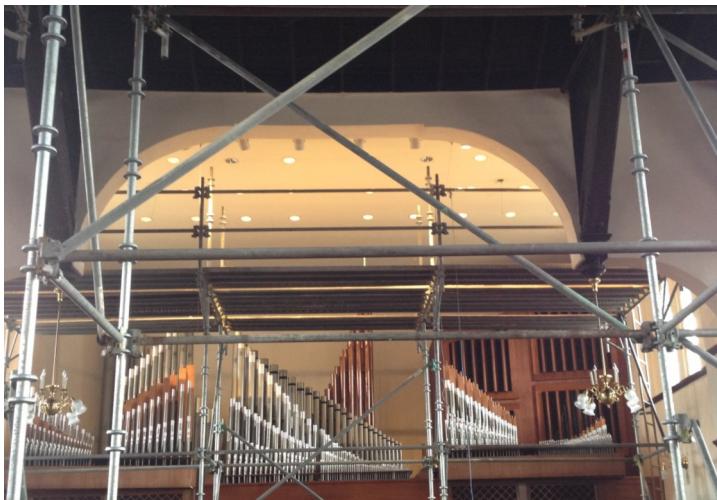
and nationally and internationally renowned ministers such as the Reverend Miles Munroe and the Rev. Dr. Marvin McMickle preached in the Chapel. We were also fortunate to have organizations such as The Consortium of Doctors, which is an organization of African-American women who have achieved the doctoral degree in their fields of study, visit the Chapel. Indeed, we are the humbled and blessed beneficiaries of God's grace, and we are fortunate to witness and participate in God's unmistakable activity of renewal in the Chapel.

Angela and I hope that you will find value in this Year In Review. As your peruse the pages, we pray that you will be inspired to visit the Chapel on Sunday morning at 9:00a.m. throughout the academic year, participate in the ministries of the Chapel, and/or continue to contribute to the growth and vitality of Fisk University. On behalf of our entire University, we thank you for your love for and loyalty to Fisk University. May God continue to bless and keep you in the years to come.

The Fisk Renaissance has Begun



Mrs. Carole Williams, the First Lady of Fisk University, and the Fisk Memorial Chapel Assistants, lead the Renaissance effort on Day 1 in the Chapel. Pictured are Ms. Cierra Lewis '15, Ms. Courtney Macon '14 and Mr. Julian Darley.



Construction workers build scaffolding to repair and replace broken lights before installing a new sound system on the ceiling.



People worked incessantly for several weeks painting both the interior and exterior of the Chapel.

Welcoming the Class of 2017



THE NEW STUDENT PINNING CEREMONY



On August 18, 2013, members of the Class of 2017 received a lapel pin, which bears the insignia of the Fisk Jubilee Singers, in the Fisk Memorial Chapel. According to Mr. Anthony Jones, Vice President of the Division of Student Engagement and Enrollment Management: "The New Student Pinning Ceremony is a solemn tradition at Fisk University that serves as a part of the official welcoming to the institution. Along with the Opening Convocation, where students pledge the Athenian Oath, the ceremony highlights those auspicious values that help define the regal nature of Fisk culture. New students receive a custom pin placed upon them by a current student that serves as a reminder to uphold those values."



Ms. Ivory P. Brown '15 places a pin on the lapel of Mr. Jason Eugene Field '17 during the New Student Pinning Ceremony in the Fisk Memorial Chapel .

Celebrating the March on Washington



Remembering Trayvon Martin

On August 24, 2014, Fisk University students marched in solidarity with thousands of people in Washington DC who were paying tribute to the 50th Anniversary of the 1963 March on Washington. The Reverend Al Sharpton, President of the National Action Network, informed the nation that the March was “a continuation, not just a celebration.” Fisk University’s students, faculty, administrators, and staff marched to the Bicentennial Mall in Nashville, Tennessee in order to pay tribute to Trayvon Martin on the one-year anniversary of his death. Many people throughout the nation are continuing to seek justice for the African-American teenager who they believe was the unfortunate victim of a hate-crime. Pictured right: Ms. Brooke Davies, President of the Student Government Association, speaks to students about embracing our democracy, remembering our ancestors and registering to vote.



September 11th

Service of Remembrance



As a person born in New York State, I vividly remember taking trips to the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center to visit my grandmother. The Twin Towers were a place of employment for thousands of Americans; however, they were also a source of national pride for American citizens throughout the world. The tragic events of September 11, 2001 affected individuals and families throughout our country. As a resilient nation that continues to embrace the values of freedom and tolerance, we have constructed the One World Trade Center (the Freedom Tower) and we continue to move forward with the values befitting of a democracy.



Members of the Fisk Memorial Chapel Liturgical Dance Team pay tribute to the victims of September 11th through dance. From left to right: Ms. Kierra Pryor '17, Ms. Jade Hendricks '15, Ms. Cierra Lewis '15 and Ms. Kourtney Jones '17.

On Sunday, September 8, 2013, members of the Fisk Memorial Chapel participated in an annual service which was intended to remember those individuals and families who were affected by September 11th. We continue to pray for these individuals as well as for the leaders of our nation. Also, we give thanks to God for those who sacrificed themselves in order to save others. Our intent is to remain active agents in the continued healing process of our nation. We thank God for this grand opportunity to be present in the rebuilding of our nation. Please continue to pray for us as we continue to pray for you. Dean Curry

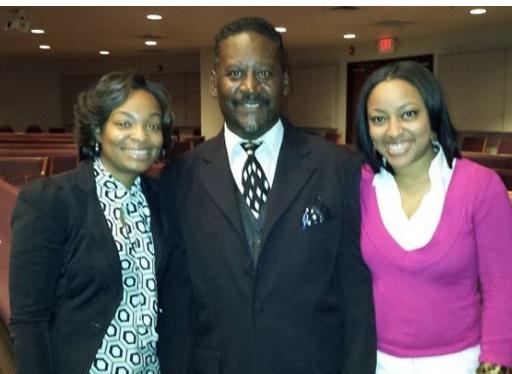


Congratulations!

Celebrating the Achievements of our Fisk Memorial Chapel Assistants



On April 27, 2014, Ms. Courtney Macon '14, President of the Fisk Memorial Chapel Assistants, was recognized for her outstanding leadership on Senior Appreciation Day in the Fisk Memorial Chapel. We thank God for Sister Courtney Macon!



From left to right: Dr. Michael Chatman '07 received his MD from Meharry Medical College. Ms. Sherry Harper '07 (far left), pictured with Dr. Christopher Duke '91 and Ms. Morgan Daniels '07, is the Executive and Artistic Director in Dance at Prairie View A & M Univ. Ms. Beatrice Adams recently received her Master of Arts Degree in Social Sciences from the University of Chicago. Dr. Michele Matthew '08, pictured with her brother Oliver, received her MD from Howard University.



Ms. Kelsey Burton '12 and Ms. Chelsey Burton '12, pictured with Mr. Philippe Andal '13, recently received their Masters of Public Health degrees from Tennessee State University. Ms. LaQuasha Logan '12, pictured with her mom, received her MA in Women and Gender Studies from Loyola University. Ms. Darria Hudson '10, received her M.Div. from Vanderbilt University.

SUSAN G. KOMEN

RACE FOR THE CURE



"In 1980, Nancy G. Brinker promised her dying sister, Susan, that she would do everything in her power to end breast cancer forever. In 1982, that promise became the Susan G. Komen® organization and the beginning of a global movement. What was started with \$200 and a shoebox full of potential donor names has now grown into the world's largest nonprofit source of funding for the fight against breast cancer. To date, we've invested more than \$2.5 billion in groundbreaking research, community health outreach, advocacy and programs in more than 30 countries. And we won't stop until our promise is fulfilled." On October 26, 2013, the Fisk Memorial Chapel Assistants participated in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure for the third year. The race was held in Brentwood, Tennessee. The Chapel Assistants also contributes financially to this organization on an annual basis.

Pictured from left to right: Ms. Jade Hendricks, Ms. Taylor Jackson, Ms. Alonyia Godfrey, Mr. Cameron Ramos, Ms. Ciera Lewis, Ms. Ju'say Ealy, Ms. Courtney Macon, Mr. Julian Darley and Ms. Cynthia Buford.



The Gift of Song: Students Lifting their Voices to the Lord in the Chapel



Mr. Jermain Johnson '13, Ms. Audrey Tillis '14 and Mr. Cameron Kieth lead students in song during the Homecoming Gospel Explosion on November 10, 2013.

God has blessed Fisk University by providing members of the University to hear both popular and traditional songs sung by outstanding students throughout the year. The students willingly and eagerly offer their gifts to the Lord and the Fisk Family. In particular, we are grateful for the selfless service of Ms. Audrey Tillis '14 (above), Ms. Andrea Porter '17 (right), Mr. Brandon Ahmad '17 (below left), Ms. Peace Odiaise '16 (below center) and Ms. Joi-Anissa Taylor '16 (below right) for singing in various worship services throughout the academic year. We pray that God will continue to bless and keep you throughout your matriculation at Fisk University!



Ms. Andrea Porter '17

Remembering the Past
James Weldon Johnson
Fisk University Professor

Celebrating Black History Month

*God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou Who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou Who hast by Thy might, led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.*

James Weldon Johnson

Embracing the Present
Mr. Brandon Ahmad '17
Singing in Chapel

We Welcome you to Chapel service !
February 9, 2014, 9:30 a.m.
Dinner Served Following Service

"The greatest among you will be your servant." Matthew 23:11

We Welcome you to Chapel service !

Ms. Peace Odiaise Singing

Minister Samuel Adeogun Preaching

The Chapel and the Wesley Foundation Worshiping together!

Dinner Served Following Service

January 19, 2014

Welcome to Fisk Sunday!

Celebrating Black History Month
W.E.B. DuBois
Class of 1888

Ms. Joi-Anissa
Of the Fisk Jubilee Singers
Singing

Remembering the Sacraments
Holy Communion Service

Love is in the Giving!

The giving of our Time The giving of our Talents The giving of our Treasure

We Welcome you to Chapel service !
February 2, 2014, 9:30a.m.
Dinner Served Following Service

Liturgical Dancing in the Chapel

"Then Miriam the prophet, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine and led all the women as they played their tambourines and danced." Exodus 15:20



Members of Orchesis Dance Company performed during worship services in the Chapel throughout the Fall Semester of 2013.



The Fisk University community was fortunate to see the Gospel displayed through dance in the Fisk Memorial Chapel. Members of the Orchesis Dance Company (right), under the Direction of Ms. Nadira Freeman '10, and the liturgical dancers of the Fisk University Choir (left) performed throughout the year. We thank God for our dancers!

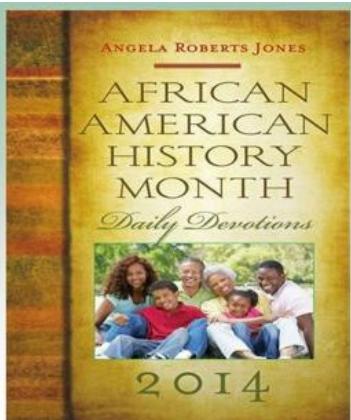
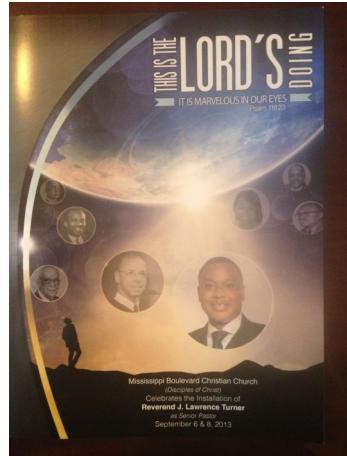


Members of liturgical dance team with the Fisk University Choir performed at the Gospel Explosion during Homecoming .

“Her Sons and Daughters Ever on the Altar”



Congratulations to the Reverend Jason Turner, M.Div, '03 who was installed as the Senior Pastor of the Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church on September 6 & 8, 2013. He is pictured with his wife, Mrs. Bridgett Turner, and Dean Curry.



Meet the Author:
Book signing dates:
Books-A-Million: Dec. 14, 1-4 pm
Ft. Campbell PX: Dec. 20, 10:30-1:30 and 4-7 pm
ajonesministries@gmail.com

Congratulations to Pastor Angela Jones, MA, MM, '83 on the completion of her new book! Also, we thank God for Elder Demetrius Short '99, who is pictured with President Williams, for his \$2,500.00 contribution to the Fisk 50/50 Protégé Program.



Congratulations to the Reverend Dr. William Flippin, Sr. M.Div, D.Min. '74 for the construction of a new edifice for the Greater Piney Grove Baptist Church. He is pictured with his wife of thirty-nine years, Ms. Sylvia T. Flippin.



Fisk University Clergy on the Move



Congratulations to the Reverend Dr. Marcus Cosby, M.Div, D.Min, '95, who serves as the Senior Pastor of Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church. Pastor Cosby, who serves on the Board of the Fisk University General Alumni Association, was recently elected to the Fisk University Board of Trustees.



Congratulations to Pastor D. Corrie Shull, M.Div., '09 (center), pictured with Rev. Terry Mackey, MDiv, '04, on the purchase of a new edifice for Burnett Avenue Baptist Church. Congratulations to Evangelist Matasha Allen who is now an Associate Pastor at Life Touch Ministries.



Congratulations to Minister Philippe Andal '13, on his successful internship at Burnett with Pastor Shull. He is pictured with friends while doing community service at the Kosair Children's Hospital. Congratulations to Reverend Brandon Perkins, M.A. '09 on his successful summer experience in Ghana.



The Coronation of Mr. & Miss Fisk University



The Coronation ceremony occurred in the Fisk Memorial Chapel during Fisk University's Homecoming celebration. Picture from left to right: Ms. Jasmyne Rudan '16, Miss Sophomore; Ms. Shelita Morris '14, Miss Senior; Ms. Audrey Tillis '14, Ms. Fisk University; Mr. Julian Williams '14, Mr. Fisk University; Ms. Brea Martin '15, Miss Junior and Ms. Kiera Pryor '17, Miss Freshman.

The crowning of Miss Fisk University at the Coronation ceremony is a time-honored and wonderful tradition which began in 1927. On November 13, 2013, the Fisk University community recognized and embraced Ms. Audrey Tillis '14 as Miss Fisk University. Also, Fisk University recognized and embraced Mr. Julian Williams as Mr. Fisk University. Mr. Williams is also recognized as the first student to hold this prestigious office at Fisk University.

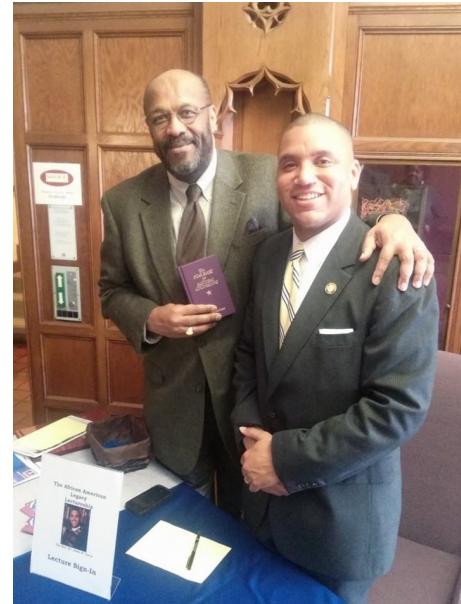
The Royal Court also participated in the Coronation, and Campus Queens and Kings from various colleges and universities were recognized during the event. Also, Mr. and Miss Fisk University received gifts from the Organization Kings and Queens at Fisk University.



Learning and Celebrating with Friends at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School

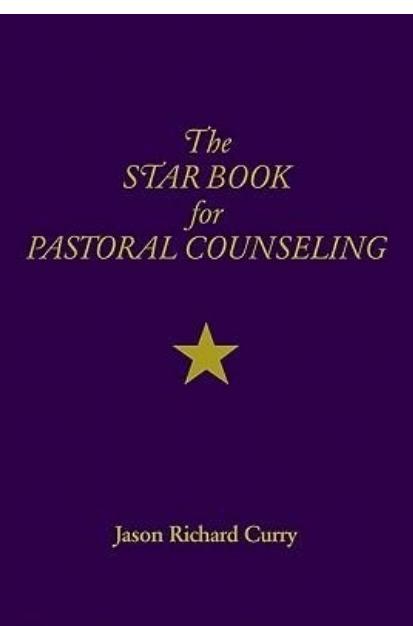


President Marvin McMickle (center-right, second row), Rev. Winterbourne Jones '09 (far left, second row) and members of Divinity School Community following the African-American Legacy Lecture Series.



President Marvin McMickle and Dean Curry at the book signing following the lecture.

On October 10, 2013, Dean Curry delivered the lecture entitled "Religion, Psychology and Culture, Toward a Method and a Model for Holistic Healing" for the African-American Legacy Lecture Series at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School. Following the lecture, Dean Curry signed copies of his recent publication entitled "The Star Book for Pastoral Counseling" which is currently being used in a course taught at the Divinity School. "The opportunity to spend time with colleagues and friends at Colgate in order to discuss the models and methods needed to bring hope and healing to individuals and families who are currently suffering was an invaluable experience which should also remain central to the mission, life and vitality of the contemporary church." Dean Curry



Jubilee Day 2013



On October 6, 2013, members of the Fisk Family attended the annual Jubilee Day convocation in the Fisk Memorial Chapel. Jubilee Day is an occasion in which the University community formally recognizes the extraordinary sacrifice of the original Fisk Jubilee Singers. These courageous students sang Spirituals throughout the world in an effort to raise funds to support their beloved institution. The international acclaim that was achieved by the original Fisk Jubilee Singers established the tremendous and revered legacy that exists to this present day.

The Reverend Dr. Bernard Lafayette was the keynote speaker for Jubilee Day. Dr. Lafayette is known throughout the world for his outstanding contributions to the Civil Rights Movement. He was a member of the Nashville Student Movement, and he participated in the Freedom Rides of the 1960's. Dr. Lafayette worked tirelessly to help secure voting rights for African-Americans.



The Reverend Dr. Barnard Lafayette and Mr. Justin Jones '17. Mrs. Carole Williams, the First Lady of Fisk University, reflects on the significance of Jubilee Day at the gravesite of Ms. Ella Sheppard Moore, an original member of the Fisk Jubilee Singers.

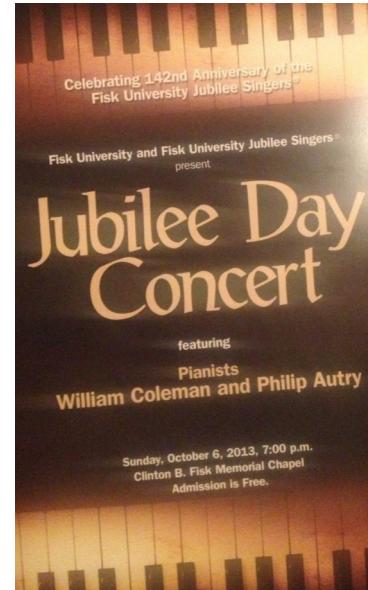


The Fisk Jubilee Singers sang at the gravesite of Ms. Ella Sheppard Moore.



Alumni and friends gather after the Jubilee Day Convocation. From left to right: Dr. Rod and Mrs. Joan Bahner, Dr. Phillip Autry, Dr. Jacqueline Wade, Dr. Matthew Kennedy, Mrs. Jennifer Gamble and Dean Curry.

Jubilee Day Concert 2013



Dr. William Coleman, Dr. Philip Autry, Music Discipline Coordinator at Fisk University, and Dr. Paul Kwami, Musical Director and Curb-Beaman Chair of the Fisk Jubilee Singers in the Fisk Memorial Chapel at the Jubilee Day Concert.

Dr. William Coleman has over 15 years of professional experiences as an artist, performer, educator and public servant. Currently, he serves as the Director of Arts Access for the Tennessee Arts Commission. The Arts Access program is designed to support underserved constituents and organizations across the state and identify barriers to Commission programs and funding for these groups. In addition to these grant management responsibilities, Mr. Coleman also serves as the agency Title VI and Accessibility Coordinator.

Mr. Coleman is sought after as a coach and collaborative artist across

the country such as world renowned Soprano, Leona Mitchell, for the Langston University Mast Class and Concert Series. As collaborator and artistic director, Mr. Coleman's performances have touched every genre of music. Recently, he was called on to accompany renowned Flamenco Artist, Shannon Calderon, at the St. Louis Tap Festival.

As an educator, he has served on the faculties of Fisk University, Langston University, the University of Central Oklahoma and Middle Tennessee State University. He has done extensive work with the elderly and the youth populations.

Dr. Philip Autry played solo piano recitals throughout the United States, and presented at national conferences of MTNA, MENC as well as the National Conference on Keyboard Pedagogy and World Piano Pedagogy Conference. His playing has been described as "clarity and precision coupled with feeling and emotion." He is the recipient of the Gail Boyd de Stwolinski Award from the University of Oklahoma School of Music. He is currently the Music Discipline Coordinator in the Fisk University Department of Arts and Languages. Formerly, he was on the faculty of Angelo State University in San

Angelo, Texas.

Other professional activities include participation in the National Conference on Keyboard Pedagogy and Mentors and Coordinators Conference of the United Negro College Fund and Mellon Foundation. He has presented at the National Association of Schools of Music Annual Meeting. He was a co-coordinator for the first annual Historically Black College/University Conductor Summit at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D. C. Dr. Autry was awarded the Ridley/Jones Prize from the Fisk University's History Department for original primary research on Fisk University.



Bread for the World

National Lobby Day

On Capitol Hill, June 10, 2014



Ms. Courtney Macon '14, (center, first row), President of the Fisk Memorial Chapel Assistants and members of the Tennessee delegation representing Bread for the World assemble at the Capital Building as they prepare to meet with members of Congress and their representatives on National Lobby Day.



The Reverend David Beckmann, President of Bread for the World with Ms. Courtney Macon '14, Dean Curry and Samuel Curry.

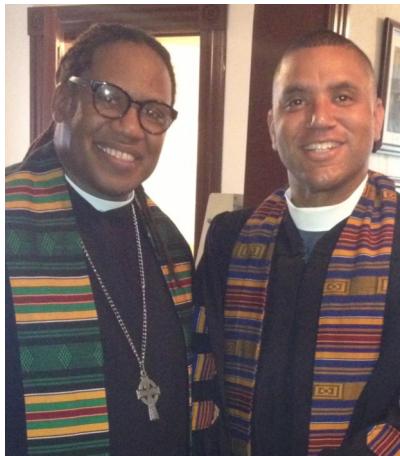


Members of the Tennessee delegation representing Bread for the World meet with Congressional representatives in the Office of Senator Lamar Alexander [R-TN] to advocate on behalf of poor and hungry people.

Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's leaders to end hunger at home and abroad. According to the Reverend Beckmann, President of Bread for the World, one of the organization's goals is to "put a circle of protection around poor and hungry people." On July 9-10, 2014, members of the Fisk Family attended National Lobby Day in an effort to encourage members of Congress to support legislation that improves the lives of people in the United States and throughout the world. The love ethic of Jesus Christ, who is the Bread of Life (John 6:35), continues to inspire those who dare to end hunger and poverty throughout our world.



The Curry family and Ms. Courtney Macon '14 on National Lobby Day.



Reverend LaMarco Cable, Deputy Director of the Southern Hub for Bread for the World and Dean Curry on Bread for the World Sunday.



Bread for the World Sunday in the Fisk Memorial Chapel. Second row: Dean Curry, Minister Samuel Adeogun '16, Ms. Kelsey Burton '12, Ms. Terrica Sampson '09, Ms. Courtney Macon '14, Ms. Kaylina Madison '10, Mrs. Carole Williams, Reverend LaMarco Cable. First row: Micah and McKenzie Sampson.

Faith, Family and Fellowship:



Giving Thanks for the Fisk Family



The Investiture of Dr. H. James Williams

15th President of Fisk University

April 11, 2014



The Renaissance at Fisk University undoubtedly began with the presence of a Renaissance Man. On April 11, 2014, Fisk University inaugurated Dr. H. James Williams, a true Renaissance Man, in the Investiture Ceremony at 10:00 a.m. in the Fisk Memorial Chapel. As the former Dean of the Seidman College of Business at Grand Valley State University, Dr. Williams is well prepared to lead our beloved institution from a position of financial stability to prosperity. As a scholar in the field of Economics, he commands the respect of his peers throughout the country. As the son of two preachers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, he knows, loves, and trusts the Lord. We thank God for Dr. Williams and First Lady Carole Williams, and we pray that God will bless them and keep them in the months and years to come.



Members of the Fisk Family had a wonderful time in the Chapel during the Fisk for Fisk Benefit Concert!

The Clergy Roundtable on



Ms. Sharon Kay, Dean Curry and the Reverend Troy Merrit, Jr. '70 and '73, participate in the Clergy Roundtable

African-Americans have amassed both political and economic capital throughout the past one-hundred years. For example, there are a number of African-American Congressman on Capitol Hill, and the most powerful elected official in the world is an African-American, President Barack Obama. According to an online article written by C. Daniel Baker, which was published on November 28, 2013 in Black Enterprise, the buying power of African-Americans is projected to reach \$1.1 trillion in 2015. However, in spite of our advances, political (e.g., challenges to the 1964 Voting Rights Act), economic (e.g., disproportionate rates of unemployment and underemployment), environmental (e.g., food deserts in urban communities), educational (e.g., disproportional dropout, suspension and expulsion rates for African-American boys), social (e.g., the pervasive use of racial profiling as a method to curtail crime) and spiritual (e.g., the absence of a holistic message, which addresses our existential plight as well as our spiritual predicament) challenges continue to confront, if not plague, the African-American community. The Clergy Roundtable at WFSK, Fisk University's radio station, is a forum hosted by Ms. Sharon Kay, General Manager of WFSK, and Minister Xuam Lawson, Program Director of WFSK, that is designed to 1) inform a larger audience about the aforementioned challenges in African-American life, and 2) present potential and/or real solutions to these challenges. African-American clergy from around the nation have an opportunity to discuss the ways in which the church in general, and the Black Church in particular, can effectively address these challenges. We applaud the efforts of Ms. Kay, Minister Lawson, the clergy, and those who are working to improve our communities.

The Religious Leaders for Fisk Annual Luncheon



Dr. H. James Williams, President of Fisk University, greets the Reverend Dr. Sondrea Tolbert '92 and the Reverend Dr. Robin Kimbrough '94.



The Reverend J. Lawrence Turner '03, Senior Pastor of the Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church, greets the Reverend Dr. Judy D. Cummings.

Fisk University has a long and distinguished history of providing moral leadership to the city, to the state and to the nation. Fisk University alumni such as Congressman John Lewis [D-GA] and Dr. Dianne Nash were courageous, moral leaders during the Civil Right Movement. Fisk University remains intentional in realizing its objective of "cultivating scholars and leaders one by one" among members of our student body. Fisk University also recognizes the outstanding contribution of clergy throughout the city and nation who support our beloved institution as they continue to improve our society. On January 28, 2014, the Steering Committee for the Religious Leaders for Fisk hosted a luncheon in order to recognize the tremendous contributions of clergy who have promoted the Mission and Core Values of Fisk University. The Reverend J. Lawrence Turner '03, Senior Pastor of the Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church, was the outstanding keynote speaker for the event. As a University community, we are grateful for the opportunity to partner with clergy throughout the nation. May God continue to bless and keep them in all of their ministerial endeavors.



Bishop William Morris, the Reverend Cynthia L. Seifert, the Reverend Dr. Judy Cummings, the Reverend Dr. Sondrea Tolbert, and Dean Curry.



Pastor Turner with the Fisk Memorial Chapel Assistants. Mr. Cameron Ramos '16, Minister Samuel Adeogun '16, and Minister Stephanie Morris '17.

Honoring, Helping and Healing:



Dean Curry was honored to preach for Rev. Dr. J. L. Fitzgerald, Pastor of Ephesians Baptist Church for forty-seven years. He's pictured with Elder Vincent Stokes '09, Mrs. Fitzgerald and Mr. Tim Hardiman (far right).



On March 23, 2014, the Fisk Memorial Chapel hosted the Annual Talent Hunt for the Omega Lambda Lambda chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. The winners of the Talent Hunt are pictured with Dean Curry.



Ms. Sharon Hurt, Executive Director and dynamic leader of the Jefferson Street Urban Merchants Partnership, Inc. with Dean Curry, (a Board Member), and Rev. Dr. William F. Buchanan (center) and Mr. Tony McLarty .



Dean Curry, pictured with Council Member Eric Gilmore and family members, offers prayer at a community-wide candlelight vigil held in honor of a teenager who accidentally drowned in Percy Priest Lake.



Fisk University was honored to participate in the MLK Scholarship Banquet which was sponsored by the College Trust Fund. President H. James Williams was the keynote speaker and Dr. Curry offered prayer. From left to right: Mr. Bob Poole, Vice President of Institutional Advancement at Meharry Medical College; Mrs. Rosetta Miller-Perry, Publisher of the Tennessee Tribune newspaper; Judge Rachel Bell; Dean Curry and Dr. Reavis Mitchell, Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences at Fisk University.



The Chapel and Community Partners in Nashville



On February 22, 2014, the Chapel Assistants spent time at Tennessee State University with Mr. Frank Thomas and the Rev. Stacy Rector, Executive Director for Tennesseans for Alternatives to the Death Penalty.



On July 25, 2014, Dean Curry spent time with Dr. Phyllis Qualls-Brooks and the Consortium of Doctors; African-American women who have achieved the doctoral degree in their fields of study.



In July, Ms. Leigh DeVries, Mr. Teddy Christenberry, Dr. Andrew Zirschky and Ms. Laura Larsen (from left to right) from the Center for Youth Ministry Training in Brentwood, TN held worship services in the Chapel.



The Seven Last Words Service occurred on April 18, 2014 during Religious Emphasis Week. Rev. Pam Kellar, Rev. Robin Kimborough, Min. Stephanie Morris, Min. Samuel Adeogun, Rev. Vincent Stokes and Rev. Joe Tribble.



On September 15, 2013, the student body held a candlelight vigil outside of the Chapel commemorating the 50th Anniversary of four little black girls in Birmingham, AL. (Ms. Sierra Blackwell and Dean Adrienne Latham).



The Leaders of the Interfaith Fellow Team (L.I.F.T.) hosted an interfaith panel discussion. Dr. David Popkin (left), Dean Curry and Dr. Sajid Hussain spoke about Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

Fisk University Music Discipline Presents
“Music for One, Two and Three Instruments”
Faculty and Guest Recital
March 21, 2014



From left to right: Mr. Stefan Petrescu, Mr. Dexter Brewer, and Dr. Phillip Autry, Music Discipline Coordinator at Fisk University.

Violinist Stefan Petrescu has won numerous prizes as a violin soloist in his native Romania. He served as concertmaster of the Constanta Chamber Orchestra in Romania, which toured America and Western Europe. In addition, he has performed in recitals and as a soloist with orchestras in France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Hungary, Russia and the USA. As a member of the orchestra and associate concertmaster, he worked extensively with the Nashville Symphony Orchestra. Mr. Petrescu is currently a member of the string faculty at Tennessee State University and Fisk University. A highly sought after teacher and performer, he is very active in recording and composing. One of his most popular virtuoso works is the Tennessee Fantasy for unaccompanied violin.

Violinist Dexter Brewer is a diocesan priest and fifth pastor of Christ the King Catholic Church. He grew up in a musical home where the children learned to play piano at a young age. As a teenager, he landed a joy playing piano at a Baptist church where he was baptized. He first attended mass when he was a student at Yale University. He describes it as “one of the most extraordinary experiences of my life. I could feel the presence of the Spirit there.” He began to attend Mass regularly and was confirmed during his freshman year. By the time he earned a bachelor’s degree in music and theory, he was considering the priesthood and law school. He decided to attend law school at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana, where he could consider both vocations.



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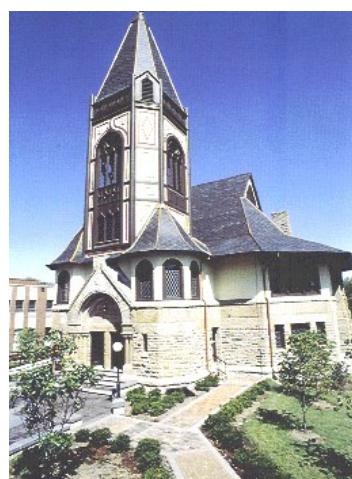


*2nd National Annual African American
WOMEN & GIRLS HIV/AIDS AWARENESS SERVICE*



On March 16, 2014, the Fisk Memorial Chapel hosted the Second National Annual African-American Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Service. Two outstanding speakers, Ms. D. Felicia Walker, who is the author of From Better to Worse: A Memoir of Unconditional Love, and the Reverend Dr. Edwin C. Sanders, who is the Senior Servant and Founder of the Metropolitan Interdenominational Church, discussed their encounters with HIV/AIDS and the strategies that they employ to address its impact on the lives of individuals and families throughout the city, state, and nation. Members of the audience were also fortunate to hear an outstanding presentation from the Reverend Marilyn Thornton, Director of the Wesley Foundation. From left to right: Dean Curry, the Reverend Marilyn Thornton, the Reverend Dr. Edwin C. Sanders, a Chapel guest, Ms. Damita Shaw, Ms. D. Felicia Walker, the Reverend Pamela Kellar and the Reverend Dr. Sondrea Tolbert.

The Leaders of the Interfaith Fellowship Team (L.I.F.T.)



L.I.F.T. from left to right (back row): Dean Curry, Minister Samuel Adeogun '16, Chapel Assistants; Ms. Amanishakhete James '15, Wesley Foundation; Ms. Cierra Lewis '15, President, 31 Status; Minister Stephanie Morris '17, Chapel Assistants and Pastor Shino Prater, Advisor, Every Nation Campus Ministries. From left to right (front row): Ms. Nikkita Roberts '15, President, Wesley Foundation and Ms. Courtney Macon '14, President, Fisk Memorial Chapel Assistants.

Dean Curry designed the Leaders of the Interfaith Fellowship Team (L.I.F.T.) in September 2003. The mission of L.I.F.T. is 1) to provide a forum for dialogue among students who are both leaders and representatives of religious denominations or organizations at Fisk University, 2) to enhance the religious life of all students who attend Fisk University, 3) to promote tolerance and acceptance of the variety of different religious perspectives that exist at Fisk University, and 4) to promote interfaith activities (e.g., panel discussions) that stimulate both critical and analytical discussions about issues affecting humanity (e.g., poverty, violence and world hunger).



The Fisk Memorial Chapel Assistants with Dean & Mrs. Curry



Reverend Marilyn Thornton and members of the Wesley Foundation at Fisk



31 Status at Fisk University

Spending Time with Campus Pastors from Every Nation



Dean Curry met with campus pastors from around the nation at Every Nation's School of Campus Ministry.

Every Nation embraces the following mission statement: "We exist to honor God by establishing Christ-centered, Spirit empowered, socially responsible churches and campus ministries in every nation." Every Nation Campus Ministries (ENCM), which was formerly known as Victory Campus Ministries, has been established at Fisk University for ten years. ENCM has played a vital role in enhancing the religious life program at Fisk University.

On July 2, 2014, Dean Curry participated in a conference hosted by Every Nation's School of Campus Ministry. Approximately thirty-six of Every Nation's campus pastors from around the country attended the event in Brentwood, Tennessee. The focus of the discussion for the afternoon concerned identifying and embracing effective strategies for addressing the spiritual needs of students who attend Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU's).



Pastor Shino Prater, Dean Curry and Mr. Steve Johnson, Campus Pastor for Bethel World Outreach.



From left to right: Mr. Nick Jones, National Director of Every Nation Campus Ministries, North America; Dean Curry; The Reverend Dr. Robin Kimbrough, Chaplain, Meharry Medical College and Pastor Shino Prater, Director of the African-American Resource Ministry and Coordinator of Outreach to Historically Black Colleges and Universities for Every Nation.



Mr. Jeff Tate, Producer and host of Just Men TV, has been helping men to identify and embrace their roles as Christian men for more than fourteen years. Mr. Tate has successfully used his national platform to help men to demonstrate the love of Christ in their families, on their jobs and in their communities. On April 26, 2014, Mr. Tate hosted an exceptional conference titled "Manifest Your Identity." Christian men, who are professionals in a variety of different fields, shared their testimonies regarding God's intervention in their lives and they encouraged the men present to live or "manifest" their divine destiny as followers of Jesus Christ. Dean Curry, Minister Samuel Adeogun '16, a minister in the Fisk Memorial Chapel and Mr. Julian Williams '14, who was Mr. Fisk University , participated in the conference.



Mr. Michael Diallo McLendon, Master of Ceremonies, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Tate and Dean Curry

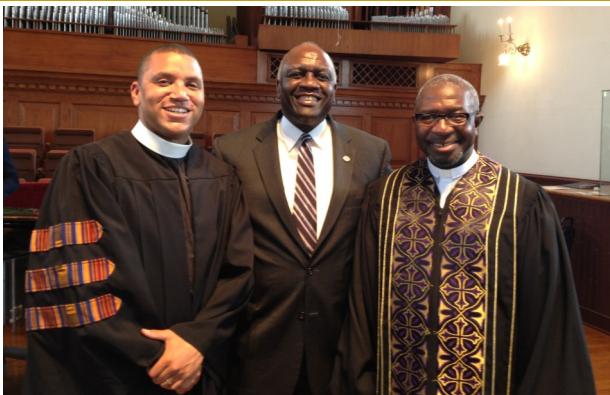


Dean Curry, Mr. Julian Williams '14 (third from left), Mr. Tate, and Minister Samuel Adeogun '15 (fifth from left) with students from Tennessee State University. The students participated in a debate regarding the significance of the role of the father in general, and the Christian father in particular, in the home.

The Presidential Prayer Breakfast and the Palm Sunday Worship Service



Minister Samuel Adeogun '16, with Rev. Winterbourne Jones '09, Dean Curry, and Rev. Clarke McGriff, leads worship.



Dean Curry, President Williams, and the Reverend Clarke McGriff; Pastor of Green Hill Baptist Church, President Williams' best friend, and preacher for Palm Sunday.



The Reverend Lula Mae Williams (President Williams' mother), President Williams, the Reverend Dr. Cheryl Townsend-Gilkes, and Dean Curry.

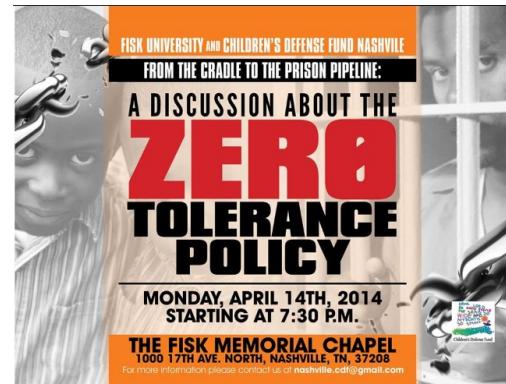


Rev. Dr. Judy Cummings, Rev. Angela Roberts Jones, Rev. Dr. Sondrea Tolbert, Dr. Cheryl Townsend-Gilkes, Dr. Pam Kellar, and Dean Curry attend the Prayer Breakfast.



Rev. Jones, Rev. Dr. E. Christopher Jackson, Rev. James McCarroll, Dr. Shirley Brown, Rev. Troy Merrit, and Bishop William Morris attend the Prayer Breakfast.

The Children's Defense Fund in the Chapel



On April 14, 2014, members of the Children's Defense Fund hosted a panel discussion, which focused on various solutions for addressing the Cradle to the Prison Pipeline. From left to right: The Reverend Janet Wolf, Reverend Eric Brown, Judge Sheila Calloway, Mr. Ndume Olatushani, the Reverend Damien Durr, and Dean Curry.



The 20th Annual
Samuel DeWitt Proctor
Institute for Child
Advocacy Ministry,
Alex Haley Farm



On July 15, 2015, Dean Curry was fortunate to spend time with colleagues and friends at the 20th Annual Samuel DeWitt Proctor Institute for Child Advocacy Ministry. First picture: The Rev. Eric Brown, Lead Organizer, the Children's Defense Fund, Nashville Team, and Ms. Marian Wright Edelman, Founder and President of the Children's Defense Fund. Second Picture: Dr. Victor Anderson (left), the Oberlin Theological School Professor of Ethics and Society, Vanderbilt University, and the Reverend Dr. Otis Moss III (right), Senior Pastor of the Trinity United Church of Christ, Chicago, Illinois.

Nashville Children's
Sabbath:
A Weekend of
Hope,
Jubilee Hall
Fisk University



On July 31, 2014, the Children's Defense Fund held an ecumenical service in Jubilee Hall to begin the Nashville's Children's Sabbath: A Weekend of Hope. Min. Morris '17, who is picture with Rev. Brown and Rev. Wolf, offered prayer at the event.

Fisk Welcomes Alumna Nikki Giovanni '67



On April 3, 2014, Dr. Nikki Giovanni, world-renowned writer and poet, pictured with Dr. Reavis Mitchell, Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, spoke in the Fisk Memorial Chapel. Dr. Giovanni was the guest lecturer for the Fisk Lecture Series which occurred during the Spring Arts Festival. The lecture was followed by an open dialogue.



Nikki Giovanni is a world-renowned poet, writer, commentator, activist, and educator. Over the past thirty years, her outspokenness, in her writing and in lectures, has brought the eyes of the world upon her. As one of the most widely-read American poets, she prides herself on being "a Black American, a daughter, a mother, a professor of English." Dr. Giovanni remains as determined and committed as ever to the fight for civil rights and equality. Always insisting on presenting the truth as she sees it, she has maintained a prominent place as a strong voice of the Black community. Her focus is on the individual, specifically, on the power one has to make a difference in oneself, and thus, in the lives of others.

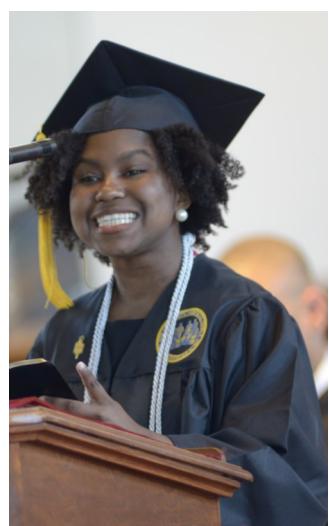
Many of Dr. Giovanni's books have received honors and awards. Her autobiography, Gemini, was a finalist for the National Book Award; Love Poems, Blues: For All the Changes, Quilting the Black-Eyed Pea, Acolytes, and Hip Hop Speaks to Children: A Celebration of Poetry with a Beat were all honored with NAACP Image Awards. Blues: For All the Changes reached #4 on the Los Angeles Times Bestseller list, a rare achievement for a book of poems. Most recently, her children's picture book Rosa, about the civil rights legend Rosa Parks, became a Caldecott Honors Book, and Bryan Collier, the illustrator, was given the Coretta Scott King award for best illustration. Rosa also reached #3 on The New York Times Bestseller list. Shortly after its release, Bicycles: Love Poems reached #1 on Amazon.com for Poetry.

Dr. Giovanni's honors and awards have been steady and plentiful throughout her career. The recipient of some twenty-five honorary degrees, she has been named Woman of the Year by Mademoiselle magazine, The Ladies Home Journal, and Ebony magazine. For additional information about Dr. Giovanni, please visit <http://nikki-giovanni.com/index.shtml>.

Fisk University Baccalaureate Service



On May 4, 2014, the Reverend Dr. Marvin A. McMickle, President, Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, Professor of Church Leadership, Director of the Program of Black Church Studies, was the preacher for the 2014 Baccalaureate Service. He is pictured with students from the graduating class who are members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.



The Baccalaureate Service is always a time of worshipful celebration at Fisk University. We were tremendously blessed by the anointed singing of Ms. Angela Stockdale '06, MM, Adjunct Professor Music and Resident Director of Jubilee Hall, and the inspiring scripture reading by Ms. Courtney Macon '14, President of the Fisk Memorial Chapel Assistants. We were also blessed by the presence of President and Mrs. H. James Williams.

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Honors Convocation



On January 18, 2014, the Honorable Helen Shores Lee , Circuit Judge of the Tenth Judicial Court of Alabama, was the speaker for the 2014 Martin Luther King, Jr. Honors Convocation. She is pictured with Ms. Brooke Davies '14, President of the Student Government Association, President H. James Williams, Ms. Ashlee Lee '16, Dr. Reavis Mitchell, Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, and Mr. Victor Bradley '14.



The Honorable Helen Shores Lee was appointed Circuit Judge of the Tenth Judicial Court of Alabama by Governor Don Siegelman and assumed the bench in January 2003. Judge Lee became the first African-American woman to serve in the Civil Division of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County.

Prior to her practice of law, Judge Lee served as Magistrate for the city of Birmingham, Alabama (1986-87). Judge Lee practiced law in the Birmingham community for more than sixteen years with the firm of Shores and Lee until her judicial appointment in January 2003.

She is a graduate of Fisk University. She received her M.A. in Clinical Psychology from Pepperdine University in Los Angeles, California and the Juris Doctorate from Samford University, Cumberland School of Law in Birmingham, Alabama. Judge Lee has been happily married to Bob Lee for fifty years.

When it comes to her personal philosophy, she has this to say:

“As a child, I learned from my parents early the importance of giving back to the community. As an adult, I have found that the giving of your time and service can be one of the most rewarding experiences in life. If I am to promote the welfare of my community and make my city a better place to live then I must get involved and I must give of my time, my service and myself for the benefit of others. This is the model I follow in my professional career and personal life.”

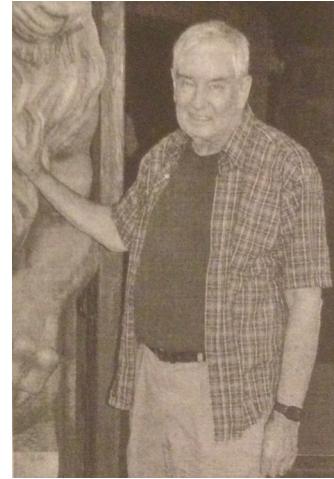
In Memoriam



Dr. Matthew Kennedy

March 10, 1921 - June 5, 2014

Dr. Matthew Kennedy served as the Director of the internationally renowned Fisk Jubilee Singers from 1956 to 1979. He retired from Fisk University in 1986 and remained active in Nashville as the pianist at First Baptist Church Capitol Hill. Dr. Kennedy graduated from Juilliard and performed at Carnegie Hall and throughout the world.



Dr. Ronald Smith

April 7, 1942 - July 17, 2013

Dr. Ron Smith served as a member of the Fisk University faculty as a Math professor from 2001 to 2010. He is survived by his wife of thirty-two years, Dr. Dani Smith.



Dr. Leslie M. Collins

October 4, 1914 - February 24, 2014

Dr. Leslie Collins was a nationally renowned literary scholar who served in the Department of English at Fisk University from 1945 to 2008. Dr. Collins wrote 100 Years of Fisk Presidents and he edited Listen Lord, a book of prayers and meditations.



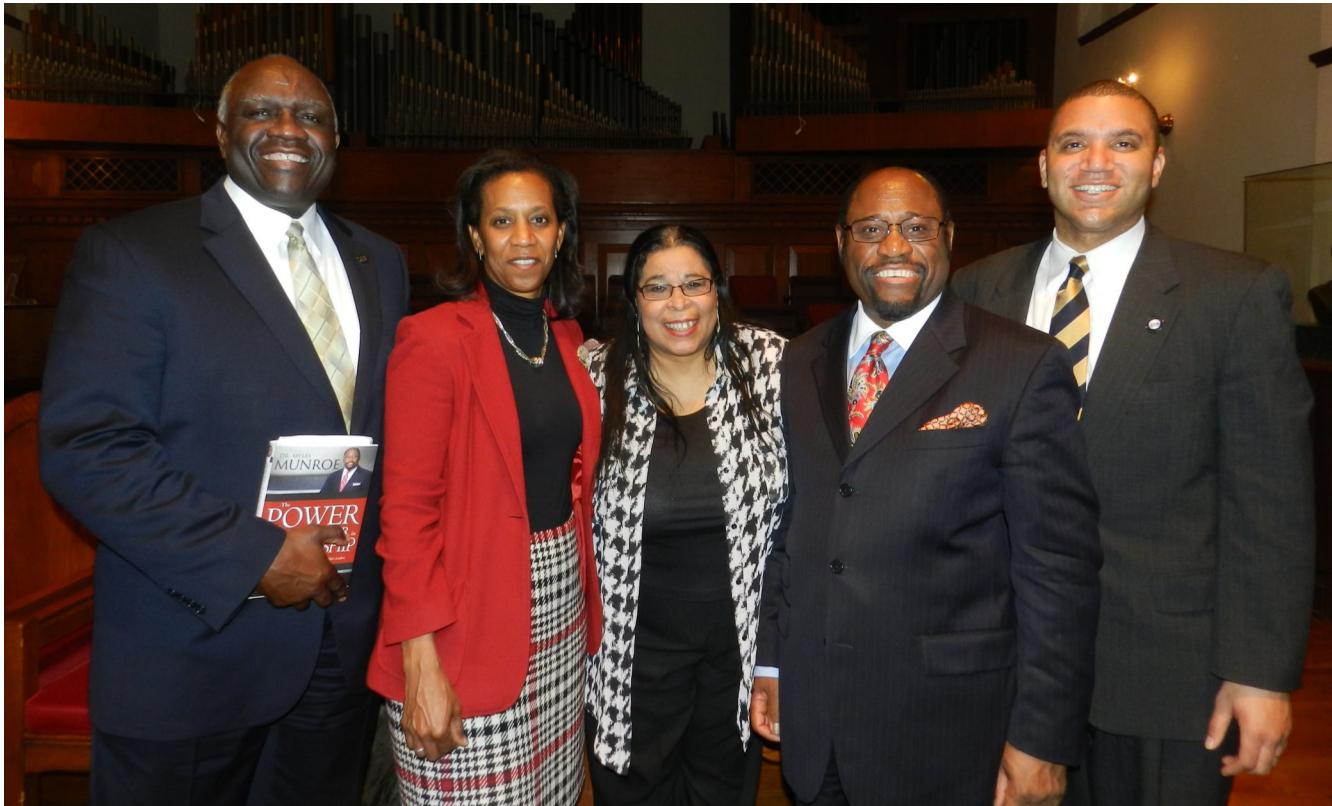
Ms. Thelona Manning-Steele

July 9, 1954 - April 1, 2014

Ms. Thelona Manning-Steele was the first president of the Gwinnett County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She was also a member of Alpha Beta at Fisk.

Fisk University Remembers Dr. Miles Munroe

April 20, 1954-November 9, 2014



On February 24, 2014, Fisk University welcomed internationally renowned pastor, author and motivational speaker Dr. Miles Munroe. He is pictured with President and Mrs. H. James Williams, Ms. Sharon Kay, Executive Director of WFSK at Fisk University, and Dean Curry. Sadly, Dr. and Mrs. Munroe died in a tragic plane accident. They will be greatly missed.

A leader of leaders, Dr. Myles Munroe was an internationally renowned author, lecturer, teacher, life coach, government consultant, and leadership mentor. He spent the last thirty years traveling the world and training leaders in business, education, government, and religion. He delivered his message on personal and professional development to more than 500,000 people yearly and millions through his Media program.

Dr. Munroe was a multi-gifted, international motivational speaker, best-selling author, and business consultant to governments, Fortune 500 Companies, and corporations, addressing the critical issues that affect every aspect of human, professional, leadership, social, and spiritual development. He wrote over 38 books; many of which have become bestselling books in the marketplace including Becoming a Leader, The Spirit of Leadership, The Principles & Power of Vision, The Pursuit of Purpose, Rediscovering the Kingdom, Understanding Your Potential, Releasing Your Potential, God's Big Idea, and In Charge among many others.

Dr. Munroe had been invited to over 80 nations as an ambassador of his nation, the Bahamas, to address government bodies, business leaders, universities, and religious organizations. He had also been honored by the government of the Bahamas with the Silver Jubilee Award (SJA) for providing 25 years of outstanding service to the Bahamas in the category of spiritual, social and religious development. Dr. Munroe and his wife Ruth Ann Munroe were the proud parents of two young adults, Charisa and Chairo (Myles Jr.).

For additional information about Dr. Munroe, please visit <http://mylesmunroementoring.com/memtorme.php>.

