



A Year of New Beginnings Black History in the Making



JOY Baptist Tabernacle Celebrates 22 years: Founding Pastor Dr. Michael P. Williams and Exodus & Pioneer Members on PIONEER Sunday, February 10, 2008

JOY Youth put their considerable talents on display during **Black History Month**

Black History Month at **JOY** continues to be an event, where our history is put on display and we are reminded of the accomplishments of those who have gone before us and paved the way. But equally as important is the promise of the future



LeAnn Broadus



JOY Praise Team

displayed in very bright colors by our young people. It began in earnest on **Black History Sunday, February 17th.** The Voices of **JOY**, dressed in African inspired garb, set the atmosphere, leading the congregation in the singing of the Negro National Anthem. Our very artistic Dance Team, choreographed by Camisha Dixon, rocked the house. Accomplished soloist LeAnn Broadus performed two songs including Negro Spiritual "Walk Together Children". Then, 8 year old Jay Franklin took the stage and

recited an excerpt from a rebuttal arguing "Why Black History?" written years ago by Dr. Michael P. Williams. Jay Franklin amazed the audience with his ability to pronounce words and express thoughts far beyond his years. Treating us to another heart tugging performance, Camisha Dixon danced divinely to Sam Cooke's "A Change is Gonna Come". The **JOY Arts Ministry, JAM**, led by Sherel Ames and Quinnelle Reed kept us informed and educated by providing **JOY** with audio



Jay Franklin



Camisha Dixon

visual presentations throughout the month. The highlight of the JAM presentations was the February 24th performance on film of an original skit based on the Underground Railroad and featuring outstanding performances by Portia Matthews as Harriet Tubman, Tawanda Franklin as a slave mother, whose son, played by Jamal Winters, is about to run away with another slave, played by Jerard Johnson. Jonathan Scott, took center stage to perform an original poem entitled "Remember", a gripping and reflective work about slavery.



Jonathan Scott



Milayah Scott

(see an excerpt on page 2) And as if we had not been sufficiently amazed by our children, Milayah Scott took a seat on the edge of the stage and announced that she was going to sing "Strange Fruit" made famous by Billie Holiday, written by a Jewish man who happened upon a recent lynching in the South and was inspired to pen the words. Truthfully, it was as if Miss Holiday was paying us a visit. In this remarkable time when we could very well see an African-American man win the Presidency of the United States, **JOY** is no less thrilled about the incredible talent of our young people and the futures God has planned for all of them.



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**Happy
Birthday
March**

Greg Taylor	1	Patrick Beasley	14
James Wood	2	Fallon Wilson	14
Kendra Gloud	2	Maizi Edwards	14
Brett Jordan	2	Christy Raven	15
Alfred Broughton	3	Jairus King	15
Kali Gipson	3	Norris Michael	16
LaShanna Sanders	3	Dairus Jones	17
Jaiden Grace	3	Jerre Jackson	19
Jackie McCoy	7	Mildred Pace	20
Sharmanesha Edwards	7	Shari Turner	21
John Ames	8	Lanette Broussard	23
Jacquarez Dorsey	8	Julia Barron	24
Albert Williams	9	Cederick Pickerom Jr.	26
Florentine Ramirez	10	Davon Johnson	26
Lavert Dunn	13	Perry Busby III	27
Barry Barron	14	Kevin Thomas II	27
		Jacoby Burroughs	29
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		Kyra Williams	30
		Aisha Jordan	31
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WELCOME TO JOY

New Members
Stephen Evans

JOY BAPTIST TABERNACLE

Schedule of Services

- **Sunday**
9:30 am...Mid-Morning Service
Praise and Worship, Ministry of the Word
- **First Sunday**
7:00 pm...Celebration of the Lord's Supper
- **Good Friday Services**
12 Noon-March 21
- **Wednesday 12 noon**—Pastor's Noon Day Bible Study
- **Wednesday 6:30 pm** Intercessory Prayer
7:30 pm...Mid Week Bible Study
(Nursery and Children's Services Provided)

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Excerpt from "Remember"
by Jonathan Scott

...If I could remember

I would be running from the crack of the whip
The moonlight showing the dry of my lip
My tears fall to the cold waters
My arms holding fast to my dying baby daughter
Maybe the blood from the bullets in my back
Will bring me to the Lord, saved from this attack...

What I think I will remember...

Is how far we've come in the midst of the dark
How we fought for nothing, gaining not even a spark
Of what we truly deserve, because we're the mark
Of our very own cursed graves
No wonder people feel we were better off as slaves...
Now let it continue. Let it flow
Become what is mine
Cut the ropes
Now show me a sign
Hear the sound
Sever the line
Be free

Kudos and Congratulations to...

Anthony "Quick 6" Alridge, who is was named **Outstanding Offensive Player of the Year** at the **University of Houston**. But there's more! Quick came in 3rd overall, showing his skills at the **NFL Scouting Combine**, and has been invited to several NFL team practices. We are believing God for a fantastic pro contract for Quick! A nicer, more deserving guy can't be found.

Jamar Brooks, who is now a regular feature in the R.E.A.L. News, participated in the **Chapter Math Counts Competition** at **Fluor Daniels Engineering Firm**. Jamar won the **4th place Individual trophy!** Jamar has now qualified for the **state competition** in Austin, TX this month. And we must mention, again, that Jamar is in the 8th grade, competing against high school students. Knock 'em dead, Jamar!

Nia Gordon, who auditioned for the **Houston Ballet Dance Academy** and was accepted! While she was not selected to dance in the Nutcracker this year, she was chosen to be a member of the **Jazz Ballet** class. We just know we will see her on stage one day soon! Nia's got rhythm in her shoes! Speaking of happy feet, Nia will be running in her very first track meet, March 13th. She will be running the Division I long relay.

Jamese Harris, who went from all A's and 1 B to **ALL A's!!** Jamese is a 4th grade student at **Girls and Boys Preparatory Academy**. Way to go, Jamese!

Christian Jordan, show works for **UPS** and has shown such promise that UPS is sending him to Universal Technical Institute to study **auto mechanics technology!** Christian is also a **Black Belt in Karate**. You go, boy!

Avary McCoy, who has been accepted to **Florida A&M University** for fall 2008.

Derrell Noris, who has been selected the **IT Student of the Year** at **Prairie View A&M University**. Derrell is a sophomore majoring in Computer Science and Business Management.

Jonathan Scott, who gave a stellar performance in the **Hightower High School** production of "Fame" last month. That he is quite the actor is just the tip of the iceberg. He is also a gifted writer and poet. And quite handsome, don't you think?

Milayah Scott, who went to **solo and Ensemble Competition** last week and received a **perfect score** on her solo! That means she will be sporting a **medal** for her efforts. We should also mention that Milayah recently revealed another very promising talent as a jazz singer. Pastor and Evelyn Scott are bursting with pride about all their children, as are we!