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*"A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed,
and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society."*

-- Billy Graham, Christian Evangelist

2008 Father's Day – A Ministry to Men Celebration

In tribute to the men of Holsey Chapel, Father's Day was celebrated by honoring the Ministry to Men Department. The women under the leadership of Rosa Jackson and Laura Dumas spread a table with all the fixin's. What a surprise!!! From a head table fit for kings to a menu of fried chicken, ham, collard greens, potato salad, macaroni and cheese, cornbread

and a host of desserts, our kings were served like royalty.

These men whether natural fathers or male role models are making a difference in our church and our community. We are blessed to have a cadre of men who are proud leaders and participants in worship and in church work. They are examples of what it means to be strong African American Christian men.

It was quite refreshing for those who have given so much in service to be served. We salute our women for "standing by their men."



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2008 Men's & Women's Day



Sunday, July 13, 2008

Women's Service 10:30 a.m. † Men's Service - 3:00 p.m.

Speakers: Rev. Penny Miller & Rev Horace Wright

Theme: "From Good to Great: Uniting the Family"

Celebration Colors: Lavender & White

Ms. Janie Smith, Ms. Pam Frazier & Mr. Jim Turner, Chairpersons

Real Men Giving Real Time

If you can keep your head when all about you
Others are losing theirs and blaming it on you,
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you
But make allowance for their doubting too,
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or being lied about, don't deal in lies,
Or being hated, don't give way to hating,
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise:
If you can dream—and not make dreams your
master,
If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim;
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
And treat those two impostors just the same;
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,
And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools:
If you can make one heap of all your winnings
And risk it all on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
And lose, and start again at your beginnings
And never breath a word about your loss;
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
To serve your turn long after they are gone,
And so hold on when there is nothing in you
Except the Will which says to them: "Hold on!"
If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with kings—nor lose the common touch,
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you;
If all men count with you, but none too much,
If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And—which is more—you'll be a man, my son!

...You'll be a man, my son!

—Rudyard Kipling

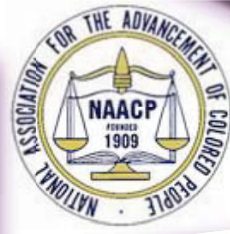


Happy *Father's Day*



Ministry to Men





Honorary Holsey Chapel Member C. C. Hall (right) was recognized during the Father's Day Service by Rev. Dumas, NAACP 2nd Vice President Joyce Jenkins (right), and fellow A.M.E. laborer, Rev. James Davis (left) for receiving the 2008 NAACP "Service Above Self Award" during the recent Freedom Fund Banquet. Steward Hall was honored for his many contributions to Ben Hill County and beyond. We are reminded that he offered his chapel for HCC Services following the Oconee property tragedy in 1997. We are forever grateful for his kindness during our time of need. Happy Father's Day to our friend and brother, C. C. Hall.

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Our first church was built on North Church Street. The site for this church was not adequate, and in 1924 two lots were purchased and a parsonage was built. In 1926, the old church was torn down and a new structure was erected at the East Oconee Street site. This accomplishment was done under the leadership of Rev. J. H. Jefferson. As time passed, the membership grew and there was a need for an educational facility.

During the 1960's, the first unit of the educational building was constructed and the parsonage was remodeled and brick veneered. This was accomplished under the leadership of the late Rev. B. M. Mayfield, the late Rev. S. L. McGill, and Rev. M. C. Pettigrew was the Presiding Elder. In 1981 additional rooms were added to the educational building and a parking lot was donated to the church. The educational building has served as an Outreach Center for many clubs, business groups, summer enrichment programs, annual Vacation Bible School, weekly Bible study, and many other community activities. The Bible teaches that "some plant seeds, and some water, but God causes the increase." This is plainly demonstrated in the history of Holsey Chapel C.M.E. Church. Tragedy struck the church on the night of August 8, 1997. Fire gutted the church building leaving the church without a church home. Charles C. Hall, Owner and Operator of Hall's Funeral Home, generously offered the accommodations of his new funeral chapel. Because of his

stewardship and generosity, Holsey Chapel was able to continue its scheduled program of worship while searching for a new permanent home.

Rev. E. Love Harris was appointed pastor in June 1996 and continued to serve during the search period. On alternating Sundays, Rev. Harris conducted worship service at Holsey Chapel and Broaches Chapel, Ocilla. Holsey Chapel, which met each first and third Sunday, was planning on becoming a station church, that is holding service every Sunday. June 10, 1998 will long be remembered as the day members officially acquired a new church home, located at 515 East Suwanee Street. Rev. Harris officially retired from the active ministry in June 1998 at the Annual Conference. Holsey Chapel was without a pastor for six months, and Rev. Carlton Mahone was appointed pastor by Bishop Othal H. Lakey. Rev. Mahone reported to Holsey Chapel on the third Sunday in December 1998. Holsey Chapel continued to grow and expand under his dynamic leadership. The 2006 South Georgia Regional Annual Conference convened at Holsey Chapel and Rev. Dr. Leroy E. Dumas, Jr. was assigned as pastor in charge. Rev. Dumas, along with his family, brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Holsey Chapel family. Today, our Worship Center encompasses an entire city block with ample worship facilities, meeting rooms, and parsonage.

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