

The Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, or the CME Church as it is commonly called, came into existence as a result of the movement from slavery to freedom. During the years following the birth of Methodism, the denomination grew rapidly. The Methodist Episcopal Church South was an outgrowth of Wesley's Methodism. Some Blacks, converted to Christianity by slave masters, accepted the Methodist doctrine as it was. However, with the passage of time, the emancipation of Blacks from slavery created the desire by Blacks to have and control their own church. This desire led formerly enslaved persons who had been members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, to start their own independent religious organization.

[www.c-m-e.org](http://www.c-m-e.org)



### Christian Methodist Episcopal Church Ministry to Men Department



There is growing concern throughout all of Christianity and within the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church specifically about the lack of male membership, participation and leadership in the church, the causes of which have been documented beyond dispute. The unjust, racist and unequal social, economic and political conditions of the nation have made the African American men an almost endangered species with hundreds of thousands of black males emasculated, incarcerated, illiterate, irresponsible, abused and abusive. Because the Christian Methodist

Episcopal Church sorely needed a disciplinary, intentional, focused, effective and Bible based ministry to men, especially African American men, the 35th Quadrennial Session & 36th General Conference of the Christian Methodist Episcopal established the Department of Ministry to Men.

[www.c-m-e.org/core/ministrytomen.htm](http://www.c-m-e.org/core/ministrytomen.htm)

## Christian Methodist Episcopal Church Moultrie -McRae -Brunswick District Lay Department



## Third Annual Banquet

Theme: "The Role of Forgiveness in the Life of Youth  
Going from Good to Great"

Holsey Chapel C.M.E. Church  
Dukes-Harris-Jordan Fellowship Hall  
515 East Suwanee Street ☩ Fitzgerald, Georgia 31750  
[www.cmefitzgerald.org](http://www.cmefitzgerald.org)

Saturday, February 23, 2008 ☩ 3:30 p.m.

Rev. Dr. Leroy E. Dumas, Pastor  
Rev. Robert L. Yarbrough, Presiding Elder  
Bishop Othal Hawthorne Lakey, Presiding Prelate

*Greetings*

From our Ministry to Men General Secretary Mr. Leo Pinkett

“Live simply, Love generously, Care deeply, Speak kindly and Leave the rest to God. Remember, life isn't about wanting for the storm to pass... It's about learning to dance in the rain.”

*Greetings*

From our Sixth Episcopal District Coordinator Mr. Jimmy Turner

We are indebted to God for his matchless gift of life;  
For ancestors and their gift to our heritage;  
And for children and their gift to our future.  
May we teach them well as they move from good to great.

*Greetings*

From our District Lay Leader Frank Cray

Let me gratefully use this time to thank the M.M.B. District for your continuous support for the church, and especially to the M.T.M. for your courageous effort in your financial support, and we cant forget members of the board of Christian education for your continuous commitment to making our Church better as we move from good to great .

*Greetings*

From our South Georgia Region Lay Leader Mr. Frank Morman, Jr.

I am honored today to be associated with such fine men. Today, there are those who say that Black men cannot be located...but, I say to them, come to the M.M.B. District, and you can see that we are present and participating. A special thanks to all who have sacrificed for this annual event. May God be pleased with our efforts!

*Order of Worship*

Master of Ceremony: Mr. Charles Coney

Opening Heritage Song.....Audience  
Prayer..... Rev. Dr. Leroy E. Dumas  
Welcome ..... Mr. Devin Jenkins  
Yesterday in Black History..... Mrs. Thelma Graham  
Grace..... Rev. Rosa Jackson

*Repast*

Medley of Heritage Songs.....Holsey Chapel Ensemble  
Reading.....Mr. Tavanta Conaway  
Personal Testimony—The Role of Forgiveness.....Mr. Alfonso Owens  
Awards & Presentations.....  
Mr. Jim Turner, Sixth Episcopal District Ministry To Men Coordinator  
Mr. Frank Cray, Moutrie-McRae-Brunswick District Lay Leader  
Mr. Frank Morman, Jr., South Georgia Region Conference Lay Leader  
Rev. Robert W. Yarbrough, Moutrie-McRae-Brunswick Presiding Elder

Youth Essay Competition.....Mr. Charles Coney  
Remarks ..... Mr. Frank Cray  
Announcements.....Mr. Jim Turner  
Closing Remarks & Benediction..... Presiding Elder Robert W. Yarbrough