



# Pearlie Grove News

## The Shannons: Celebrating the Christian Family

by  
Sis. Shermeeka Haynes

We are so grateful to share our featured members for the quarter, Angela and Jason Shannon. The Shannon's with their children Abigail, Jude, and their newest addition Jacob, joined the Greater Pearlie Grove family in October 2015, after receiving an invitation from a coworker. They researched, visited and soon discovered that Pearlie Grove was the place for their family.

You may remember the Shannon's as speakers during which Pastor Mason highlighted professionals in our church. They both work in the healthcare industry and are shining examples of ministering in their calling, Jason as a certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA) and Angela as a pediatric gastroenterologist. Angela's occupational gifts mirror her work in many of the church's ministries. She says she's always loved kids and chose her career as well as working in the nursery ministry because of her love for them. "They are fun to be around and so open to learning!" Angela also uses her knowledge and abilities to serve God and uplift His Kingdom by volunteering in the healthcare ministry as well.

During the 8:00 am services, you will

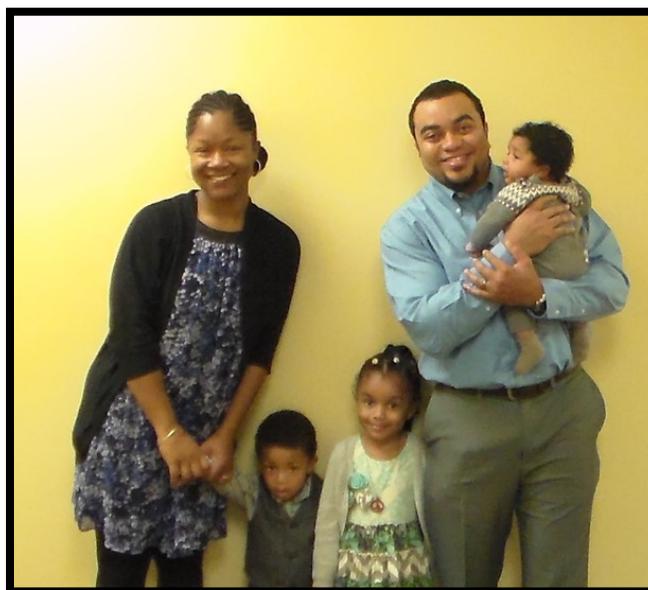
find Jason lending his voice for the glory of God. In addition to singing, he participates in It's A Man thing. It is his desire to actively become a man of God and surround himself with other like-minded Christian men seeking God and his will.

When posed with the question of why they chose GPG, the Shannon's replied, "From the start, Pastor Mason was speaking our language- blunt, no sugar-coating, speaking the truth in love but always speaking bold truth. When he preached about "noncompliant church members" and suggested that maybe they should have their funerals at the

clubs they frequent (rather than the church they rarely attend), we were sold! A pastor who doesn't mind stepping on toes is what we need!" As Pastor Mason always says, "It might be tight, but it's right!"

When the Shannon's aren't enthralled in worship service and ministry, you may find them in the community supporting the Run Up 4 Downs Foundation 5K, the Diabetes Foundation's annual Bacchus Ball, local health fairs, the Mississippi Children's Museum, and both their respective healthcare state organizations. Angela spends downtime reading (especially fiction, fun books), playing piano, and eating sweets. Jason also enjoys reading, football, and chasing after their kids.

"We are so happy and blessed to be part of a church that involves people in its activities. It feels like GPG aims to include members and give them a sense of purpose, belonging, and support. We can't thank GPG enough for welcoming us into the family, and thank God for leading us here." ~The Shannons



## Imani Family Medical Clinic

by Sis. Karla Edwards

"With so many health providers in hospitals pressured to see as many clients as possible, you may find it beneficial to work with someone who can be more personable with you and your family. Imani Family Medical Clinic founded by Sis. Nkeba Bell is ready to serve all of your primary healthcare needs.

Sis. Bell graduated from Delta State University with a Bachelors (1993) and Masters (1997) of Science in Nursing. In 1997, Bell began her career as a family nurse practitioner at Jackson Hinds Comprehensive Health Center, where she worked in adult and pediatric medicine. She also served as the health care provider for their homeless shelter in Downtown Jackson. In 2007, Bell started practice in primary care services at the G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery VA Medical Center.

Bell decided to take a leap of faith with entrepreneurship. Her inspiration to start her own practice came from her aunt, Dr. Annyce Campbell, who prac-



ticed for several years in Jackson. Also, the Entrepreneurship Sunday in 2015 stirred up the gift inside Bell and helped her trust God with this path. Hence, the clinic was named Imani, which means "faith" in Swahili.

Imani Family Medical Clinic is located at 4510 Hanging Moss Road in Jackson. Bell explains that going to a local family clinic will allow your provider to focus more on you. The provider in a family clinic will know you and

your family's history which helps you to feel comfortable and empowers you to be an active partner in your healthcare. Imani Family Medical Clinic offers primary care for elementary age to adult clients, wellness exams, school and sports physicals, chronic and acute illness management, and family planning. Referrals are made to specialists as needed.

Blue Cross Blue Shield, Cigna, Aetna, Tricare, Medicaid (United Healthcare), and Medicare are all accepted insurance plans at the clinic. The clinics hours of operation are Monday – Thursday 8:30am – 4:30pm and Friday 8:30am – 12:30pm. For further questions or to make an appointment, you can call the clinic at 769-257-5713 and email at [ImaniClinic@comcast.net](mailto:ImaniClinic@comcast.net).

### Healthcare at Imani Family Medical Clinic, LLC

*We believe that our patients are active participants in the health care process. Our patients are clients and as such have an active voice in their care. We are here to assist you in reaching your highest level of wellness.*



## *Miss Delijah Johnson- Featured Youth*

by Sis. Wanda Clark

So many times our youth are being portrayed as trouble makers and disobedient. However, not all teens fit this mold. Our very own Delijah Johnson has been selected as our featured youth because she is one of those youth who remain positive in a world of chaos and negative influence.

Delijah is a 14 year old 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Clinton Junior High School. She has many special talents. One is being able to lift heavy weights with hard work and determination. She has been a member of the powerlifting team for a year. She is also a member of the winter guard where she is a flag girl. Being a member of the winter guard allows Delijah to throw flags, dance, and participate in parades. Not on-



ly is Delijah an athlete and performer but she is a scholar as well. She is an honor roll student who enjoys singing, dancing, hanging out with friends, and attending church. She is most proud of her relationship with God.

Her relationship with God motivates her to be an active member of the church. She is a member of Sounds of Unity choir, Jesus Using Sisters "TWEENS", youth church, and Christians Under Construction where she is a member of the Pathfinders Class. Delijah uses her many talents and attributes to work in the church to glorify God.

Delijah also comes from a loving family. She is the daughter of Kennsie and Jeffrey Johnson. She also has an older brother, Jeffrey Johnson, Jr. Please join us in congratulating Miss Delijah Johnson for being chosen as our featured youth.



## Deacon's Corner

**by Deacon Hamp Hooten**

Here at Greater Pearlie Grove, we all know that our church body is growing rapidly. The Lord is truly blessing and sending people here.

1 Corinthians 14:40 tells us, "Let all things be done decently and in order." With that being said, it is a must that we do what and how the Lord has intended us to do.

The Deacons Ministry here at Greater Pearlie Grove are here to assist you in every way possible concerning your spiritual needs. Our Chairman, Greg Walker, and Co-Chairman, Andrew Moncure, because of the multitude God is sending here, have assigned each deacon a group based on your last name. Although we are all here to serve you, it is imperative that you find out who your deacon is so that he may assist you in any request you may have of your church.

We are currently working to have a list of deacons and their alphabet posted with the

AV ministry to be shown at the beginning of each service. We also have bookmarks with this information that can be given upon request. It is our prayer that members will learn their deacon and utilize this family ministry to report sickness, request prayer, give praise reports, etc., instead of calling our pastor. Deacons were chosen to tend to the needs of God's people while the pastor focuses on prayer and ministry of the Word. This must be done so that some of the burdens will be lifted from our pastor. It is important that we remember that there is only one Pastor and a multitude of us.

In closing, please know that we are concerned about you! If you have not joined a ministry, we encourage you to do so. After all, our motto is to "Learn, Grow, and Serve". As individuals, we must learn to put God first in our lives. May God continue to keep you.

### **Group 1 – ABCDEF**

Anthony Clay	A – B
Daryl Jones	B – C
Willie Tucker	C – D
Willis Garrison	D – E
Hamp Hooten	E – F

### **Group 2 - GHIJKL**

Van Jefferson	G – H
Willie Hughes	H – I
Herman Mainor	I – J
Michael Davis	J – K
Andrew Moncure	K – L

### **Group 3 – MNOPQRS**

James Hart	M – N
Jonas James	N – O
Michael Parks	Q – P
Terry Harris	P – R
Johnny Robinson	R – S

### **Group 4 – STUVWXYZ**

Leonard Taylor	S – T
Levorn Lipsey	T – U
Larry McCook	V – W
Anthony Stewart	W – X
Greg Walker	X – Z



## Black History Program

By Toni Martin

The Future is for those who prepare today. The Blueprint Ministry presented a thought provoking program, Feb. 26, 2017. From an inspirational praise dance, songs to a Black History Timeline from 960 BC to 2008, the young people portrayed various figures from the Queen of Sheba to President Obama. The final portion featured a skit and culminated in the questions, "Who will inspire us? Encourage us and teach us as we seek to establish our own history.





## Kidney Disease Awareness

by Sis. Karla Edwards

March is National Kidney Month. Did you know that Blacks suffer from kidney failure at a rate that is more than three times higher than Caucasians? African Americans account for more than 35% of all patients in the United States receiving dialysis for kidney failure. Diabetes and High blood pressure are the two leading causes of kidney failure in African Americans. Kidney disease often has no symptoms and can go undetected until very advanced. Here are six steps to protect your kidneys:

- Know the facts – Healthy kidneys regulate the body's fluid levels, filter wastes and toxins from the blood, regulate blood pressure, and maintain healthy bones. Chronic Kidney

Disease (CKD) can cause cardiovascular disease, heart attack and stroke, high blood pressure, weak bones, and death.

- Assess your risk – Do you or your family have: diabetes, high blood pressure, cardiovascular disease, or is there a family history of these and kidney disease?
- Recognize Symptoms – Fatigue, painful urination, foamy urine, blood in urine, increased thirst, increased need to urinate (especially at night), puffy eyes, and swollen face, hands, abdomen, ankles, feet are possible trouble signs.
- Get tested – Four life-saving tests are: blood pressure, protein in

urine, creatinine in blood, and glomerular filtration rate.

- Stay healthy – Keep healthy kidneys by following a balanced diet, exercising regularly, staying hydrated, quit smoking, drinking alcohol only in moderation, monitoring cholesterol levels, and getting an annual physical.
- Learn more – Learn more about CKD risk factors, prevention, and treatment by visiting [www.kidney.org](http://www.kidney.org)

Source: National Kidney Foundation



## Via Dolorosa "The Walk to Calvary"

by Sis. Galean James

Via Dolorosa!  
The Walk to Calvary  
Each year we celebrate the risen Christ with various Easter Celebrations. This year we are hosting a huge celebration with "The Walk to Calvary or Via Dolorosa!"  
  
Via Dolorosa ("Way of Grief" in Latin) is a road in the old city of Jerusalem, a path where Jesus was lead in agony, carrying the crucifixion cross. There are a total of 12 stations created along this path, based on events that occurred on the way to the Golgotha hill, the site of crucifixion.  
  
Come join us as we commemorate Jesus Christ's journey to the cross and his resurrection.

The Greater Pearlie Grove Youth Department is hard at work preparing for the 2017 production. Mark your calendars and come out to support and witness the awesome work of Via Dolorosa—"The Walk to Calvary!"

Bring your family, friends and neighbors for the Easter presentation Good Friday, April 14, 2017. Attendees will be guided through the 12 scenes and learn about the "Way to the Cross."

Via Dolorosa is said to be the street Jesus walked on the way to His crucifixion.

Our Easter worship service follows that Sunday, April 17, 2017 at 8am only.



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## Our Mission

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen

It is the desire of this local church to fulfill the job description that has been given to us in

Matthew 28:19-20.

“Where Our Mission is to Learn, Grow and Serve”



**Learn.**



**Grow.**



**Serve.**

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