

# JOHNSON-PHILLIP ALL FAITHS CHAPEL

Presents

## *51<sup>st</sup> SESSION* *of the* *Annual Ministers' Conference*

**“Relevant Preaching...  
Restoration, Reformation and Revitalization”**

FEBRUARY 3 & 4, 2009

**PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY  
PRAIRIE VIEW, TEXAS**

# Conference Speakers



**Dr. Gregory G. Groover, Sr.** is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate from Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia. He received his Master of Divinity and Master of Social Work from Union Theological Seminary and Columbia University School of Social Work, respectively. Dr. Groover completed his doctoral work (D.Min.) at the New York Theological Seminary. The focus of his demonstration project and dissertation was on the strategic development of faith-based educational initiatives by urban African American congregations. Dr. Groover was appointed Pastor of the Historic Charles Street A.M.E. Church in Roxbury, Massachusetts in June 1994. Since arriving, Dr. Groover has significantly restructured and decentralized the management apparatus of the church, and increased participation, diversity, and accountability to the church's membership. In addition he established new ministries, fellowship clusters, and professional related alliances aimed at building the congregational life and maximizing avenues in which members could share and cultivate their skills, talents, and gifts. Dr. Groover serves on the Board of Directors for several nonprofit organizations, including the Charles Street A.M.E. Roxbury Renaissance Center, where he serves as Chairperson.



**Dr. Joel C. Gregory** is a Professor of Preaching at Truett Seminary and Distinguished Fellow of Georgetown College in Georgetown, KY. He is founder and principal of Joel Gregory Ministries, an international ministry of teaching and preaching. Dr. Gregory earned two degrees from Baylor University, B.A. *summa cum laude* and Ph.D. He holds the M.Div. from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary where he also taught preaching for three years. Over the last four summers Dr. Gregory has taught preaching to more than 100 pastors in Proclaimers Place seminars at Regents Park College Oxford. Dr. Gregory will give the Donald Macleod Lectures on Preaching at Princeton Theological Seminary in 2010 and is the featured speaker at the Mercer Preaching Consultation 2008. He is the author of Gregory's Sermon Synopses, *Growing Pains of the Soul*, *Homesick for God*, *James-Faith Works* and *Too Great A Temptation*, his memoir which formed the basis for "God's Man in Texas," one of the most performed plays in community theaters nationally. He is co-author and co-editor of four other books. He recently contributed the article on "Expository Preaching" to the forthcoming *Abingdon Dictionary of Preaching*.



**Bishop Henry M. Williamson, Sr.** is the 52nd Bishop of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. He was elected on July 3, 2002 at the General Conference in Atlanta, Georgia and assigned as the Presiding Prelate of the Ninth Episcopal District. This area includes five regions, eight states and over 120 churches on the West coast. He currently resides in Los Angeles, California. Bishop Williamson is a graduate of the historic Roosevelt High School in Gary, Indiana. He received a B.A. in Sociology from Purdue University Calumet Campus, a Master of Divinity from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, Illinois, with advanced work in Clinical Pastoral Education. Bishop Williamson was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from United Theological Seminary and Doctor of Humane Letters from Lane College in Jackson Tennessee, in March 2004.



**BISHOP ANDY C. LEWTER, JR.** In 1993, Bishop Lewter was consecrated by Bishop Paul S. Morton and became a founding member of the Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship. Since its inception, Bishop Lewter has served as a general overseer, state bishop, regional bishop, international ministry bishop and currently the Bishop of Education and Episcopacy. Currently Bishop Lewter operates an online Bible College, Internet Video Streaming website and several church-based Bible Colleges. In 1976, Bishop Lewter graduated from Oberlin College with a triple major in Religion, Communications and African American Studies. After Oberlin, Bishop Lewter enrolled at Harvard Divinity School where he graduated with a Master of Divinity degree in 1979. Bishop Lewter also holds the Doctor of Ministry degree from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. Bishop Lewter is the pastor of the Hollywood Full Gospel Baptist Cathedral in Amityville, New York.



**Bishop Marvin C. Pryor**, The life of Bishop Pryor is one of servanthood as an exemplary visionary leader with a heart for people from all walks of life. Although the needs of the people far exceed any man's ability to take care of it all, Bishop Pryor is committed to give as much of himself and his time to help make a difference. He has served the ecumenical and secular communities collectively for more than forty-five years as an educator, spiritual advisor & mentor, pastor, bridge-builder and bishop. The central theme of his ministry at Victorious Believers Ministries (VBM) is to empower everyday people for victorious living. *Victorious living is a way of life!* Bishop Pryor is a graduate of Michigan State University (B.A., Political Science & History), the University of Michigan (M.A., Guidance & Counseling) and doctoral studies in Educational Leadership & Administration from the University of Michigan.

*Conference Schedule*

*Willie Albert Tempton, Sr.  
Memorial Student Center  
Opal Johnson Smith Auditorium*

*Tuesday  
February 3, 2009*

*Opening Session  
9:30 a.m.*

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*Luncheon Session  
12:00 Noon  
(Ticket Required)*

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*Lecture Session  
3:00 p.m.*

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*College Night  
6:00 p.m.*



*Wednesday  
February 4, 2009*

*Ministers' Convocation  
10:00 a.m.*

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*Banquet Session  
12:00 Noon  
(Banquet Ticket Required)*

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**Greetings:**

What an exciting year it has been! This past year, we celebrated the Golden Anniversary of the Annual Ministers' Conference; the Chapel received some needed renovations; new ministries have been birthed, and so many other opportunities have come along giving us reasons to celebrate the Creator's goodness. God is Good!

Even though another year has come and gone we still have many chances to empower others to fulfill their ministerial obligations to the society, the nation and the world. As we begin the next fifty years of ministry at Prairie View A&M University, let us continue to leave a legacy that will be planted in the archives of this institution.

Personally, I express my sincere thanks to those colleagues in ministry who believed in the dream -- the dream that ignited us to fuel flames of enthusiasm about what's to come in campus ministry. Campus ministry is that tool that makes the difference in the lives of students who have come to receive an education of the first class. Thank God for those ministers who believed in contributing to a great cause which allows students to fulfill their educational goals.

Furthermore, we are living in an exciting time where change is inevitable. Electing our first African-American President of the United States gives us additional hope that things can change when God is in control. What a year!

Our theme for this 51<sup>st</sup> Session of the Annual Ministers Conference, "Relevant Preaching . . . Restoration, Reformation and Revitalization" challenges us to preach messages that gives people hope in difficult times, and restore their faith back in the church and its ministries. Our society has painted such a picture that is out of focus, so as preachers of the twenty-first century we must proclaim the need to preach the big 3 R's.

It is my prayer that God will grant you favor to continue to attend and support this great conference and see what is in store for years to come. I look forward to your attendance and participation.

Faithfully yours,

*Charles H. Lewter, IV*  
Dean of Chapel