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Lake Providence Missionary Baptist Church presents a Black History virtual panel discussion

WE'VE COME THIS FAR BY FAITH

The Role of the Church Throughout Black History

A Virtual Panel Discussion Featuring:



Rev. Dr. Kelly M. Smith, Jr.
Pastor, First Baptist Church
Capital Hill



Dr. Forrest Harris
President, American
Baptist College



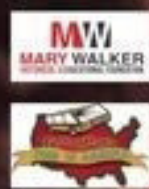
Linda T. Wynn
Tennessee Historical
Commission



Dr. Clark White
Historian, Author
Adjunct Professor, UTC



Dr. Learotha Williams
Associate Professor
Tennessee State University

February 26, 2022 • 2:00 pm CSTJoin us Online via Zoom! Visit www.LPMBC.org to Register.

We've Come This Far By Faith:
The Role of the Black Church in
African American History.

February 2022 - History shows that the Black church was a mainstay foundation for African Americans with their struggles and triumphs. The church has always been there during times of Slavery up to Emancipation, through the Reconstruction and Jim Crow era, at the forefront of the Civil Rights Movement, as well as supporting today's social justice challenges. Featured panel guests are Dr. Forrest Harris, President of American Baptist College, Dr. Kelly M. Smith, Jr,

Pastor, First Baptist Church Capitol Hill, Nashville, TN, Linda T. Wynn, Assistant Director for State Programs, Tennessee Historical Commission, Dr. Clark White, Historian and Author, Chattanooga, TN and Dr. Learotha Williams, Associate Professor of African American and Public History, Tennessee State University.

Black History Month is a time when many Americans and institutions focus on the contributions and achievements of African Americans. Throughout history, the Black Church has served as one of the main arteries in advancing African

American progress. Tony Brown, noted author and commentator, stated, "Without the Black Church, Black America wouldn't have had a prayer."

Join this distinguished state-wide panel of guests on February 26, 2022, at 2:00 pm CST,

to discuss the role of the Black Church in African American History. Jackie Beard, the committee chair said, "this is an awesome opportunity for youth organizations, as well as adults, to learn more about the important role Black Churches played in our march to freedom and equality. The mission for this proj-

ect is to educate our youth on the accomplishments of African Americans, inspiring them to achieve at the highest level."

Join us online via Zoom. Visit LPMBC.org to register.

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Court Announces 4th Annual Civics Essay Contest

CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, February 15, 2022 – High school and middle school students in 17 area counties are invited to participate in the annual civics essay contest sponsored by the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee, Chattanooga Division.

This year's topic is Brown v. Board of Commissioners of the City of Chattanooga, an important federal lawsuit that alleged the Chattanooga city government was in violation of the Voting Rights Act. The lawsuit was brought on behalf of minority voters to challenge the at-large electoral system in Chattanooga.

The contest is open to public, private, and home school students in 6th to 12th grade in the following counties: Bedford, Bledsoe, Bradley, Coffee, Franklin, Grundy, Hamilton, Lincoln, McMinn, Marion, Meigs, Moore, Polk, Rhea, Sequatchie, Warren, and Van Buren.

Entries must be postmarked or emailed by March 18, 2022. Email submissions should be sent to dbolano@bakerdonelson.com with the subject line: Brown v. Board of Commissioners Essay Submission. Entries can also be mailed to Civics Contest, Attn: Kelly L. Walsh, U.S. Courthouse, 900 Georgia Avenue, Chattanooga, TN 37402.

A \$300 prize will be awarded to the winning high school author, and a \$200 prize to the winning middle school author.

Winners will be announced mid-April. Along with their parents and teachers, winning students will be invited to a reception at the Courthouse with members of the selection committee.

Additional information and essay materials may be found on the Court's webpage: <https://connections.tned.uscourts.gov/participate.html>. Please contact Kelly L. Walsh at kelly_walsh@tned.uscourts.gov or 423-386-3523 for more information.

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