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About our speaker...

Rev. Dr. Arnetta McNeese Bailey is a woman whose passion for ministry permeates every fiber of her being. From a ministry birthed out of an impassioned plea from a son seeking help for his drug-addicted mother to national and international speaking, preaching, and teaching events, this gifted servant is obedient to the call and direction of God. She is mother, teacher, founder, mentor, sister, daughter, friend, minister, and business woman.

Arnetta has served *Christian Women Connection* since 2002; first as Ministry Coordinator and now as Executive Director. Under her leadership, Women of the Church of God made the transformation into *Christian Women Connection* to become “a place for every woman, where every woman takes her place.” She has served the church extensively as a board member for Children of Promise, the Executive Leadership Strategic Planning Committee, the Reconciliation Task Force and the Circle of Missions Committee. She has also authored adult curriculum for Bridges and was a featured writer for the revised version of *Called to Ministry Empowered to Serve: A History of Women Clergy in the Church of God*.

Rev. Bailey is the Founder and Executive Director of *Priscilla's Lost and Found*, a faith based mentoring program for women in transition. In 2007, the parallel ministry, *In the Company of Good Men*, was launched for men. Presently there are seven chapters nationwide.

Arnetta holds a degree from Ashland Theological Seminary in African American Religious Studies and a Master of Theological Studies degree from Anderson University School of Theology. She recently received an honorary doctoral degree from Anderson University earlier this year. She loves the church and fully believes in unity and holiness as the foundational principles of the Church of God Reformation Movement.

Arnetta has served extensively as a keynote speaker for national conferences and conventions throughout the United States. In addition to being a featured guest on the Trinity Broadcasting Network, she has preached and taught internationally in the countries of India, Zambia, Kenya, Uganda, Bermuda and the Caribbean. Rev. Arnetta McNeese Bailey and her family are members of the Sherman Street Church of God in Anderson, IN. She has three children, Merlelynn, Markus & Jamal and is the proud grandmother of two.



Unity Services

October 30, 2016 – Richmond Heights Church of God – Richmond Heights, MO

Visit www.slamaonline.org to find out what's going on in the area and to view archived issues of the SLAMA newsletter. To submit information for newsletter, send an email with attachments to office@slamaonline.org.

Pastor Anniversary / Appreciation Schedule

April (TBA) Blessed Believers Christian Fellowship

May (first Sun) Riverview

June (first Sun) Market Ave

Aug (first Sun) Edgemont

Sep (third Sun) Kinloch

Oct (first Sun) Community –Black Jack, MO

Oct (fourth Sun) New Cote Brilliante

Nov (TBA) Gathering Place-Fairview Heights, IL

Dec (first Sun) Madison

Save the dates:

October 19 – 21 7:00 PM
REVIVAL
Speaker: Pastor Horace Shephard

October 22nd 5:00 PM
FORMAL BANQUET

October 23rd 3:00 PM
AFTERNOON SERVICE
Speaker: Pastor Michael Jones

**25th Silver
Pastoral
Anniversary**

**Pastors Miki &
Carol F. Merritt**

Contact Mary Anderson for additional information: 314-727-3550 or office@newbcog.org



Market Avenue Church of God

requests your presence

“To God Be The Glory!”

Retirement Banquet

Reverend George O. Prude

Friday, November 11, 2016
Four Fountains by Sheraton
319 Fountains Parkway
Fairview Heights, IL 62208
Tickets available for \$50

For more information contact Robynne Moore @ 314-267-0095

20 years of Pastoring
11 years at Market Avenue



\$75.00 roundtrip bus transportation from



St. Louis, MO to Covington, KY for NIYC 2016

Roundtrip bus transportation is \$75.00.

A deposit** of \$30.00 per seat is due immediately.

Final Balances due before September 30th.

**Deposits are non-refundable, but ARE transferable to another person by written request.
SEATING IS LIMITED & EXPECTED TO GO QUICKLY.

Make church checks or money orders payable to “SLAMA” (St. Louis Area Ministers Association)

For questions, or to send in payments with 2016 NIYC Bus Sign-up Sheet, contact:
REV. BRIAN BURTON
3763 AFFIRMED DR.
FLORISSANT, MO 63034
Phone: 314-853-7374 and email: bmbmb314@gmail.com

**Metropolitan Area Youth
of the Church of God**



Planning meetings for area youth events are held every fourth Monday of the month at 7:00pm via video conference.

You may contact Min. Brian Burton via email at bmbmb314@yahoo.com to be included on the distribution for the video conference invitation.

We're asking for all youth, youth leaders and/or representatives from each church to participate.

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PASTOR'S PRAYER FELLOWSHIP

We are calling all Pastors to come out, fellowship, discuss issues and pray on one accord during our time together. The meetings are typically held on a Tuesday. The time (AM or PM) is at the discretion of the host pastor. The next Pastor's fellowship prayer meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at 9:00am** at the following location:

Market Avenue Church of God
1505 Market Avenue
East St. Louis, IL 62207
618-271-0527
Host: Pastor George Prude

*** Please Note:** Be sure to check the schedule and watch for updates as the schedule and frequency of these meetings have changed for

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WHEN: August 27, 2016

TIME: 9:00am – 4:00pm

WHERE: Tiemeyer Park
3311 Ashby Rd
St. Ann, MO 63074

Contact person: Pastor Nelson
618-271-4775

Donations are being accepted and volunteers are always needed.

Go to nacog.com for more details on National Association events.

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**CENTENNIAL CAMPMEETING
Celebrating 100 Years!**

**NATIONAL
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YOUTH
CONVENTION**

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**December 27-31, 2016
Northern Kentucky**

The NIYC will take place in Northern Kentucky in the city of Covington, KY which shares a border with Cincinnati, OH. The Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport (CVG) is the most convenient way to arrive by air. **Register** now to lock in the current rate at nyc.org/2016. See the insert for bus information.

MEET THE NEW PASTOR OF FIRST CHURCH OF GOD – ST. LOUIS, MO



Pastor Brian M. Burton accepted the calling to pastor the First Church of God – St. Louis as of June 1st of this year. You could say that the Church of God has always been in his blood. His great-grandmother, Julia West was instrumental in the formation of the Richmond Heights Church of God. His grandparents, Hughie, Sr. and Lucinda Ellison faithfully serving the Garfield Avenue and Kirkwood Church of God congregations for many years. He began serving at the Kinloch Church of God at a young age, and continued there for most of his adulthood under the mentorship of Rev. Hughie W. Ellison.

In the summer of 2006, in the lower level Fellowship Hall of New Cote Brillante Church of God, he first met Vanessa Landry of Baldwin, Louisiana at a graduation event for the Metropolitan Christian Bible Institute (MCBI). Vanessa had

remained in the St. Louis area, working as an RN at St. Joseph's Hospital in Kirkwood after transferring from Grambling State University to complete her nursing studies at Maryville University. She was saved and mentored under the ministry of Elder Dr. Ferrell and Elder Dr. Donna Roddy at the Edgemont Church of God, and she affectionately refers to them as mom and dad, her spiritual parents.

Brian and Vanessa found themselves both enrolled in MCBI the following month after meeting. Two years later to the day after meeting, they were married at the Kinloch Church of God in August 2008. The very next day, they both graduated from MCBI with Associate degrees in Theology. They both continued on to receive their Bachelors in Theology from MCBI.

Moving from St. Louis to the Decatur/Springfield, IL area in the summer of 2009, Brian served as an Associate Pastor at the Capital City Church of God under Rev. Dennis E. Hawthorne for 5 years. There he had responsibilities in Christian Education, youth ministry, worship arts and media ministry. Pastor Burton was ordained by Illinois Ministries of the Church of God in the summer of 2011. Moving back to the St. Louis area in 2014, he and Vanessa joined the Edgemont Church of God. There, he served on the pastoral staff as an Associate Pastor and she served in the Nursing Ministry, until their calling to the First Church of God – St. Louis.

Pastor Burton and First Lady Vanessa value education, and work to model using their education for the Kingdom. In addition to the Bachelor of Theology degrees they both earned, Vanessa had previously obtained her Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N) from Maryville University. She works (ministers) as a Labor and Delivery Nurse at St. Clare Hospital in Fenton, MO. She seeks to continue graduate level studies to obtain Nurse Practitioner certification in Women's Health. Pastor Brian obtained his Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Mid-America Christian University, graduating just the past May with the honor Summa Cum Laude. In August, he will graduate from MCBI with a Master of Theology degree, and he is currently enrolled in Anderson University School of Theology, seeking his Master of Christian Ministry degree, with a specialization in Chaplaincy. This is necessary in his endeavor to become a Board Certified Chaplain.

In addition to the pastorate, Pastor Burton works as a Property Manager for Freedom Place. In partnership with the St. Patrick Center, Veteran's Administration and Missouri Department of Mental Health, Freedom Place is an apartment building in the City of St. Louis exclusively designated to house homeless veterans, and is dedicated to combating the stigma of homelessness, mental illness, developmental disabilities, and substance addiction. Additionally, he serves under the direction of SLAMA as a coordinator for Metropolitan Area Youth of the Church of God (MAYCOG), a volunteer for the

National Inspiration Youth Convention (NIYC), and Assistant Treasurer of the National Men's Ministry (NMM) of the National Association of the Church of God.

The Pastor and First Lady work to provide positive example in education, ministry and life application to their children. Quintin is continuing in his junior year at Lincoln University in Jefferson City, MO. He majors in Music Education, is a proud member and section leader of the LU Marching Musical Storm drum line, and also serves a local Jefferson City church as part of their music ministry team. Pfallin will soon depart for Anderson, IN to begin her freshman year at Anderson University, majoring in Biology to fulfill her desire to have a career in the forensic sciences. Joshua is an intelligent and witty young man, an avid wrestler attending Hazelwood West High School.

The Burtons reside in Florissant, Missouri, but as schedules and opportunities allow, you might find them visiting their kid's college campuses, at various ministry conferences nationwide, or capturing a moment to getaway to their favorite city of Washington, DC, a cruise, or a sunny beach somewhere in the Caribbean.

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