

Greetings First Afrikan Family,

As you know we have begun our preparation for the 24th First Afrikan Church Anniversary Celebration, ***Building First Afrikan's Future Together: Restoring God to the Center of Life*** with our intentional times of prayer, study, worship and work. We have included in your Sunday bulletin for the past two weeks the dates of our collective times of prayer and study as we engage the theme "Walking In The Presence Of God". Please join us in prayer every Wednesday at 6am and 6pm, in Bible Study every Wednesday at 1pm and 7pm and every Sunday for worship at 8am or 10am. Our times of work vary so please check out the calendar of events and participate in as many events as you can. We want our anniversary celebration to be a success so please assist the Anniversary Chairs, Elder Doug Gaither and Rev. Rhonda James-Jones in spreading the word about our weekend of celebration.

On Saturday, December 9th we will kick off the celebration with the ***Building First Afrikan's Future Together Black Business Expo*** from 10am - 6pm. Come out and do your holiday shopping with us and support businesses in our community. Let your dollars circulate in the Black Community and help us Build First Afrikan's Future Together. If you would like to participate as a vendor or have a recommendation of a vendor please contact Elder Doug Gaither @ 678-296-4421, or Rev. Rhonda James-Jones @ 678-782-9050. Please share the vendor application with local businesses that you know. Bring a friend with you and let's have a good time of communalship as we enjoy quality products made For Us By Us.

On Sunday, December 10th bring more friends with you as we have a dynamic Africentric worship experience planned for our 24th Church Anniversary Service, invoking God's Presence, Inviting God's Pleasure, Illuminating God's Word and Implementing God's Purpose as we focus on Restoring God to the Center of Life. We plan to record this service to DVD to have a visual record of the celebration so we look forward to our full FAC family being present. We will serve dinner after service.

As our theme for this year suggest we are aware that our future, FAC's future requires us to build it together and we acknowledge that God must be the center of our lives. First Afrikan Church has a rich history and we believe that

there is yet greater things to come from this historic Africentric Christian Ministry that has the capacity to empower women, men youth and children to move from membership to leadership in the church community and the world. In fact First Afrikan's legacy runs deep as we have shaped so many institutions, businesses, churches, communities and families we know that we have a firm foundation upon which to build into the future. **Our Building on a Firm Foundation Commemorative Journal** will chronicle the work of First Afrikan as she has touched and transformed the lives of so many who have walked her sacred grounds, participated in her transformative bible studies and been actively engaged in her illuminating prophetic preaching experiences under the guidance of our powerful master teacher and prophetic preacher, the Reverend Dr. Mark A. Ogunwale Lomax, founding pastor of First Afrikan Church. If you would be so kind as to extending you hand to help us by sharing the Commemorative Journal Advertisement Letter with persons, business, institutions that you know have be a part of First Afrikan's Story over the past 24 years so that their investments and contributions can be included in this year's celebration, your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Doug and I are excited about working with you in celebrating the work and ministry of First Afrikan Church and look forward to our journey together over the next few weeks as we pray, study, worship and work together as we commit to *Building First Afrikan's Future Together: Restoring God to the Center of Life.*

Sincerely,

Elder Doug Gaither
24th Anniversary Co-Chair

Rev. Rhonda James-Jones
24th Anniversary Co-Chair