

A Living Legend

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Berl Handcox

AUSTIN, TX - Berl Handcox, a living legend was recognized at a get-together on April 28, 2018 by some of his friends and colleagues. The gathering was in the form of a luncheon and comedy roast. An invocation was given by Rev. Robert Anderson and Mel Davis accompanied the group's singing of the Negro National Anthem on his saxophone.

Mr. Handcox was employed by the IBM Corporation where among his many duties was the initiation of finding and recruitment of Black technical professionals. Willie Johnson and Sam Robertson were the first Black engineers that he recruited. Mr. Handcox knew that his alma mater could provide the mother lode of engineers, so he expanded his search to include Prairie View A&M University, where he found Robert Reid and Roy Ewing to add to the growing list of engineers. On a business trip to the IBM plant in Lexington, Kentucky, Berl Handcox along with James Moore were able to lure Ron Stewart, Abe Clay, Bill McCann and other Kentuckians away from the Bluegrass State to Austin.

Mr. Handcox not only escalated the employment of Black professionals at IBM; he also established friendships and relationships with Austin's Black doctors (Sydney White, Sylvester Bradford, et al), educators (Joe Leonard, et al) and other civic minded individuals. These associations would ultimately lead to Berl's enduring legacy. Austin in 1970 was the largest city, in the nation, which did not have a city council chosen by geographical district representation. But as Austin is nicknamed the "Friendly" city, its progressive inclusion attitude deemed that it was time for all residents and ethnic groups of the city should have representation on the city council. Mr. Handcox ran in a citywide race in 1971 when he was elected as the first Black city council member of Austin, Texas.

Other persons on hand to help Berl Handcox remember that historic accomplishment nearly a half century ago were Ron Stewart, Kevin Hart, LeRoy Wormley, Charles Crenshaw, General Marshall, Chuck Threat, Abe Clay, Vincent Harding, Robert Emerson and Nat Bradford.

THE EAST NINETEENTH STREET MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH CELEBRATES 91st CHURCH ANNIVERSARY



AUSTIN, TX - The Pastor and the members of The East Nineteenth Street Missionary Baptist Church, 3401 Rogge Lane, Austin, TX 78723, will proudly celebrate the 91st Anniversary of their Church on Sunday, May 20, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

In 1927 twenty-four Christians saw the need to organize a new fellowship on the East side of Austin, to accommodate the growing African-American population in the area. The new fellowship was organized and located at 2007 Whittier Street and was named The East Nineteenth Street Baptist Church. Reverend R. B. Canady was called to pastor the Church. As the Church grew, property was purchased and the Church was moved to 1500 East 19th Street (currently named, East Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd.). Over the years several outstanding ministers lead this flock.

In 1992, under the leadership of our current Pastor Milton C. Walker, Sr., the members selected and purchased the current location, 3401 Rogge Lane. The Church has continued to grow and serve the Austin Community.

The Anniversary Celebration will begin on Saturday, May 19, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. with a "Family and Friends Picnic" on the Church grounds. The Anniversary Program will be Sunday, May 20, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. The Guest Minister will be Reverend Glenn Taylor, Pastor of Union Grove Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee. Theme is: "Stronger Together"; Scriptural Reference: Acts 2:1-4. The Pastor and members cordially invite you to join us in this celebration. **CONTACT: NOLA MARIE DILWORTH, EAST NINETEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH: (512)928-2401.**

5th annual Community Fit Blast

AUSTIN, TX - The Alliance for African American Health in Central Texas is excited to bring to you the 5th annual Community Fit Blast. **This event is FREE and open to the public.** There will be multiple activities to engage in including, Zumba, led by Jabari Warfield, line dancing and more. Stations for agility and low-impact drills will feature instruction by ex-NFL player, Reggie Rusk, 6-time boxing champion, Herb Fulton Jr. and body building champion, Tara Kinney. This is a fun event for ALL Ages. This year we are adding a segment to recognize participants in our A Better Me wellness program. A Better Me provides one-on-one and group support to individuals who are trying to modify their health habits by moving more and eating better.

Join us on May 19th from 10:00a – 1:00p at Givens Recreation Center located at 3811 E. 12th street, Austin, TX. Register at <https://communityfitblast2018.eventbrite.com>.

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Sunday School	9:00 A.M.
Discipleship Training	10:00 A.M.
Worship Service	11:00 A.M.

Wednesday

Midweek Prayer Service	7:00 P.M.
Child Development Center	
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WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday Worship - 7:45 a.m. & 11 a.m.
 Church School - 9:45 a.m.
 Bible Studies - Mon, 6:30 p.m. & Wed., 12 noon
 Wednesday Night Worship - 7 p.m.
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Weekly Schedule
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.
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Sunday Morning Worship @ 11: am

This life, therefore, is not righteousness, but growth in righteousness; not health, but healing; not being, but becoming; not rest, but exercise. We are not yet what we shall be, but we are growing toward it. The process is not yet finished, but it is going on. This is not the end, but it is the road. All does not yet gleam in glory, but all is being purified.
 --- Martin Luther
 Romans 5:1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ

Kenneth Hill, Pastor

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Sunday School	8:45 a.m.
Praise and Worship	10:15 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study	12:00 p.m.
and Praise /Bible Study	6:30 p.m.

(to include Children's Choir Rehearsal and Bible Study with age appropriate Activities)

Rev. Jack C. Gause
 Pastor