

# RISING STAR CHRISTIAN SCROLL

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## REBUILDING THE BROKEN-DOWN WALLS



March 6	Youth Event – Buckets for Christ
March 8	New Members Reception To Ebenezer Baptist Church
March 13	Teen Girls Lock-In
March 22	Birthday Fellowship
March 28	Youth Dancers' Uniform Dedication
March 29	Palm Sunday
April 3	Good Friday Service
April 5	Happy Resurrection Day! Sunrise Service at 6:00 a.m.
April 9	Pastor Smith's Birthday
April 12	To Morning Star Baptist Church
April 26	Senior Steppers Spring Tea

Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church

Rev. Dr. Jules E. Smith, Pastor



# Editorial

Greetings Rising Star! Daylight savings time means spring is just around the corner!

This edition of the Christian Scroll highlights the Semi-Annual Business Meeting, the Nehemiah Project, St. John's COGIC Pastoral Celebration, New Members Fellowship, Connect for Health, and the Senior Steppers Valentine Luncheon.

As each ministry continues the Lord's work within and outside of Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church, we are reminded that staying connected with one another by God's Grace, Mercy, and Love bears an abundance of fruit.

**“Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord.”**

**Leviticus 19:18**

P. Moore  
Editor

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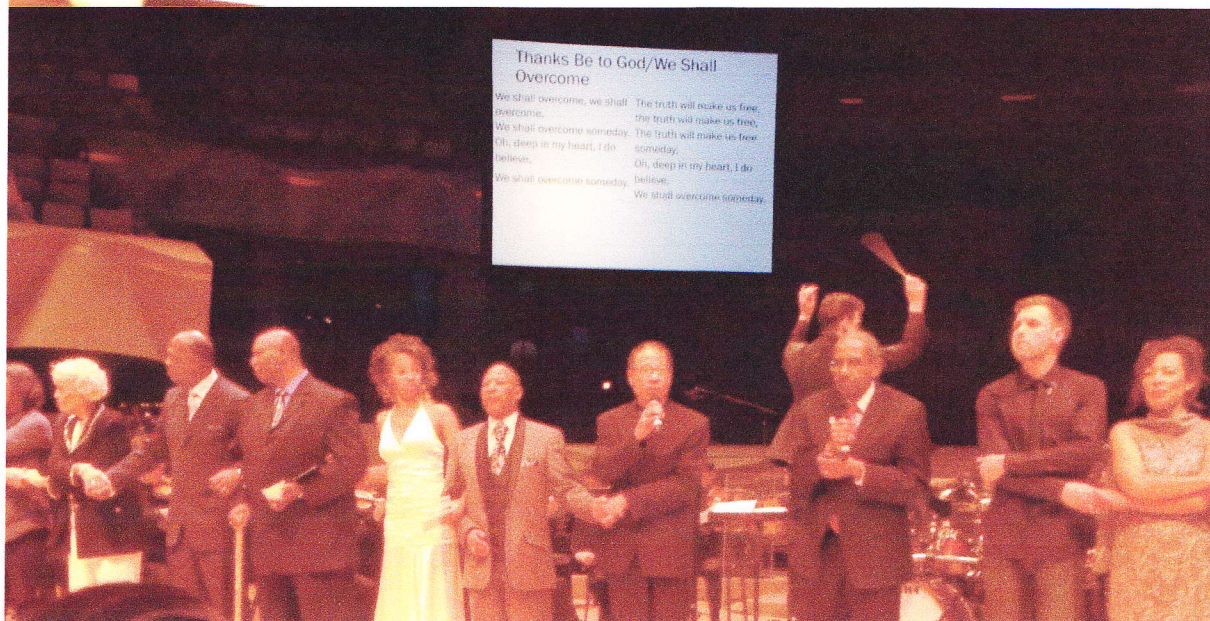




## PASTOR SMITH RECEIVES DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. 2015 HUMANITARIAN AWARD

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Awards and Celebration Concert was held on Tuesday, January 13, 2015, at Boettcher Concert Hall. Hosted by Tamara Banks with musical contributions from the Colorado Symphony and The Flobots, this annual awards ceremony is held as part of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration. Honorees are nominated and selected by the community and overseen by the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Colorado Holiday Commission. The Commission sponsors celebrations of Dr. King's life and legacy as a leader, visionary and pillar of the civil rights movement.

**Rev. Dr. Jules E. Smith**, proud pastor of the Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church, Denver, CO was recognized as a humanitarian leader who lives and leads in the example of peace and equality as exemplified by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Pastor Smith embodies King's dream of equality, peace, service and social justice for all.





## Annual Church Business Meeting

On January 24, 2015 Rising Star's Annual Business Meeting was held. Pastor Smith called the meeting to order with an announcement of the 2015 church theme: 'Rebuilding the Broken-down Walls', Nehemiah 2:17-18. The stated aim of the meeting was to bring to light and provide enlightenment to 2014 accomplishments and to share goals and objectives for 2015. Discussions regarding the church's finances, ideas and suggestions for change, and the introduction of the Nehemiah Project were among the primary topics.

Constructive exchanges occurred revolving around the church's financial position. Pastor indicated that there is a need to increase giving in addition to the standard tithes and offerings as a balloon mortgage payment will be due in 2017. The 2015 Capital Fundraising Plan, the "Nehemiah Project", is being launched to raise additional funds for building maintenance and upkeep, current monthly operational expenses, current mortgage expense and support ministries (new church van). Members are asked to contribute \$20.00 per month in addition to their current level of giving.

A change in times for Sunday worship services, beginning February 1, 2015, was announced. The early morning service will remain at 7:45 – 9:00 a.m.; Sunday School will be held from 9:15 – 10:20 a.m. and the mid-morning worship service will begin at 10:30 a.m. This change should allow those attending early morning worship service to move on to Sunday School in a timely manner.

Good Friday worship service will again be held at Rising Star, beginning at 12 noon – 3:00 p.m. on April 3, 2015. Pastor has proposed an Easter Sunrise Service beginning at 6:00 a.m. followed by the mid-morning worship service. A decision will be announced at a later date.

Rev. Bruce Merriweather has been selected to implement an evangelism team. Bros. Shelwyn Reed, Roosevelt Thomas and Alton Smith will begin training as deacons in February 2015. The Grief Support Ministry, under the direction of Sis. Edwyna Choice, has been re-activated. Members are encouraged to participate in a 21-day Daniel's Fast beginning March 8 through Sunday, March 29. Sis. Joann Pegues and the Faith to be Healthy Ministry will be offering scriptural references to fasting and prayer during this time.

Ideas and suggestions for change within the church were offered. It was refreshing to hear the next generation speak and share their thoughts on the subject of change. Many veteran congregants offered concise suggestions and spiritual guidance towards seeking relevant solutions that would proactively serve the church.

P. Moore, C. Hampton  
Reporters



## FROM DENVER, COLORADO TO HAITI IN 12 DAYS

Bonjour: (French – Hello)

I am grateful to God for blessing me to travel to Haiti and to be of service to the people of Haiti. The Haitian people speak Creole French which is an official language in Haiti. Haitian Creole French is a language spoken primarily in Haiti: the largest French derived language in the world, with a total of 12 million fluent speakers. It is also the most-spoken creole language in the world.

The Mission Trip began on January 26, 2015 from Denver, Colorado with Margaret Bass, Rev. William Rooks, his wife Betsy and me on a “Red Eye” American Airlines flight to Haiti, connecting through Miami. I had not been to sleep after my Sunday service and Trustee duties so I slept restfully for the five-hour flight.

The temperature was in the 80s every day. A couple of days with thunderstorms, and Yes (Wee) a cold shower in Haiti is refreshing whether morning or evening!

The Team of Missionaries came from all across the nation. There were only four Missionaries from Colorado. The Team of Doctors was from Akron, Ohio. The Coordinators assessed our strengths and weaknesses and assigned daily tasks in the Clinics. My assignment was to register the patients. I had an opportunity to personally greet the patients or at least to offer a smile. For the most part we were everyday people, some retired, and some taking personal leave to comfort “People” who need comfort. We wanted to make a difference.

The Clinics, sometimes two a day, were held at the Women’s Center, open air parks, churches, orphanages and at the Guest House where we lived for the twelve days in Haiti. There were lots of issues crying out for attention. We brought a sharp focus to health care. Doctors examined, assessed and treated the patients at the Clinics. The donations from churches in the Salem District and personal donations fed the patients who came to the clinics with beans and rice (staple) for their families. Prayer warriors were on site if patients stated that they wanted prayer. Your donations of eyeglasses provided the patients an opportunity to be able to read or to correct distant vision problems.

Speaking of nutrition, breakfast and dinner was served hot and “Family Style”. Egg Omelet (onion and green peppers), fresh baguette bread (toasted and buttered), fresh mango, fresh-squeezed grapefruit juice, and the most delicious fresh ground coffee. We augmented breakfast with various types of fish, canned ham, peanut butter and Nutella. The evening meals contained meat (chicken or beef in a sauce) sometimes with potatoes, rice, couscous, vegetables, green pea soup, green beans, and carrots. To be sure, onions and green peppers would be in the dishes which were very tasty. The “Cook” enjoyed seeing the Missionaries eat her presentations of plates of food and was very concerned if any food was left on the serving plates. Becoming aware of her concerns, we did our best to send the serving plates back to the kitchen empty. Lunch was simple and a selection of a variety of fish or chicken in the can with crackers, nuts, dried fruit, and cookies with a soft drink or water. No Chipotle, No P.F. Chang, No McDonald’s



The Guest House where we stayed was a very large residence (Estinfil Guest House/Port-au-Prince). Two to three Missionaries rested in each bedroom. Some bedrooms were large enough for bunk beds which accommodated even more Missionaries. The entire residence is fortified with concrete walls and barbed wire. Every entrance and window has ornamental bars.

The bonding between Missionaries and Doctors came in the evening as we prepared medication packets for the patients who would attend the Clinic(s). It is so hard to comprehend that the Haitian people are not getting regular/routine health care and must depend on Mission Trips for the treatment of vitamin deficiency, cold/flu, anemia, headache, and various types of infections, 5+ years after the earthquake.

Rev. Rooks and his wife (First Lady) Betsy are making a difference in ways large and small. They are doing the impossible each year as they take Teams of Missionaries and Doctors to Haiti.

The Day Mission of Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church contributed in a monetary way to purchase rice and beans for the Haitian people as a 2014 Service Project. Eyeglasses were also donated by Missionary members. Missionary Henrene Waller coordinated the effort.

I hope that you will consider going on a Mission Trip. No matter your age, there is something that you can do! Ask yourself, "If not now, when? If not me, who?"

Bonswa (Good Day),  
Nannette Locke  
Mission Ministry Leader (Day)  
Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church

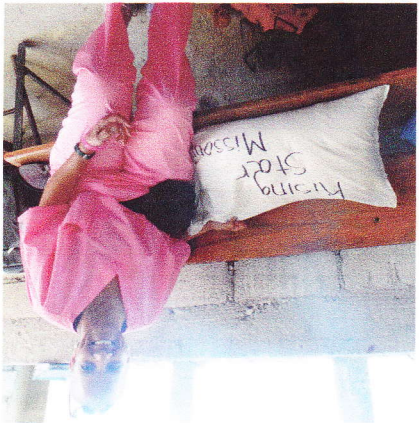




**HAITI MISSION TRIP**









**St. John Pentecostal Church of God in Christ**  
**2nd Pastoral Anniversary Celebration**  
**January 23, 2015**

On Friday evening, January 23, 2015, Rising Star was the guest of St. John Pentecostal Church of God in Christ, located at 3590 Grape Street in celebration of their 2<sup>nd</sup> Pastoral Anniversary honoring Pastor Debra Clay. Pastor Smith delivered the message and the Jules E. Smith Ensemble rendered songs of praise and worship to an enthusiastic congregation.

The music, praise and accolades for Pastor Debra's work over the past 2 years came from many churches in the Greater Denver area. The visiting choirs were outstanding, adding to the aura of praise for Pastor Clay. The atmosphere was electric with love and admiration from church members to visiting ministers and guest.

After an eloquent introduction by our very own Reverend Ida Gice Smith, the Reverend Dr. Jules E. Smith delivered the Word of God from John 14: 12-13. The theme for Dr. Smith's sermon was "Expect the Great" summarized as follows:

Expecting the great involves two things: (1) excludes all differences, not another and (2) there is NO other.

It hasn't entered the mind of man the things the Lord has in store for you. The Lord made two great promises—"Yes" and "Amen." He who promises is faithful.

Faithfulness endures for all generations. You have to believe God so you can expect the great; you need to have faith in God. Hebrews 11:1, Faith is rooted in the past,

rests in the present and fulfilled in the future. Faith is the foundation of the things hoped for, and evidence of the things not seen. You must --- "Expect the Great."

Faith is absolutely necessary; without it you cannot please God. You have to come to Him and seek Him.

If you seek Him with your whole heart, and when you find Him, he will reward you. We serve a great God. If you know and seek the true God, there is no other above Him. He is able to perform abundantly. We must have an IQ of God; increase our faith of what He can do through you and me. The God we serve specializes in the impossible.

Jesus said that those who believe in Him, they will do the same works that He did: Heal the sick, open blinded eyes, comfort the grieving, provide companionship to the lonely, and bring joy to sadness; salvation and freedom. "If you believe in me you will do the same kind of works"... characterized by loving and caring; helping and performing... "Not only will you do the same works but greater works you will do." No greater works are possible, only through Him. He equips us and enables us to do His work.

The anniversary celebration was a very moving and stirring service celebrating the work of Pastor Debra Clay for the past 2 years and the support of the congregation and community in her ministry.

Eileen Burnley, Cynthia Reese  
Reporters



## YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

### MARCH 6

Buckets with Christ (Teen Boys)  
7 p.m. – 10 p.m.

### MARCH 7

Youth Staff Meeting  
9:00 a.m.

### MARCH 13-14

Slumber Party Lock-in / Let's Be Real (Teen Girls)

### MARCH 28

Dedication Program for Youth Dancers' Uniforms

### APRIL 5

**HAPPY EASTER!!**

### APRIL 18

Community Service – “Sweet Dreams in a Bag” (Parents & Youth)  
9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Bethany E-Free Church, 6240 S. Broadway, Littleton, CO 80121



## **FAITH TO BE HEALTHY MINISTRY**

### **HEALTH COVERAGE SUNDAY**

Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church was among several church hosting Health Coverage Sunday to allow members to sign up for 2015 health insurance coverage. Staff members from the Center for African-American Health and Rising Star's Faith to be Healthy Ministry were on hand to discuss health insurance options and free in-person enrollment assistance.

Connect for Health Colorado is part of the Affordable Care Act.



### **BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS**

Are conducted every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday following the 7:45 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services in the Guest Registration Area.

### **MEETINGS**

The Faith to be Healthy Ministry meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month in Room 107 at 5:30 p.m.





**Save-The-Date**

Saturday – June 20, 2015

**Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church**

# Hawaiian Luau

**Roasting Pastor Smith & First Lady**

Rev. Dr. Jules E. Smith and Rev. Ida Gice Smith

**Saturday - June 20, 2015**

**RSMBC Gymnasium**

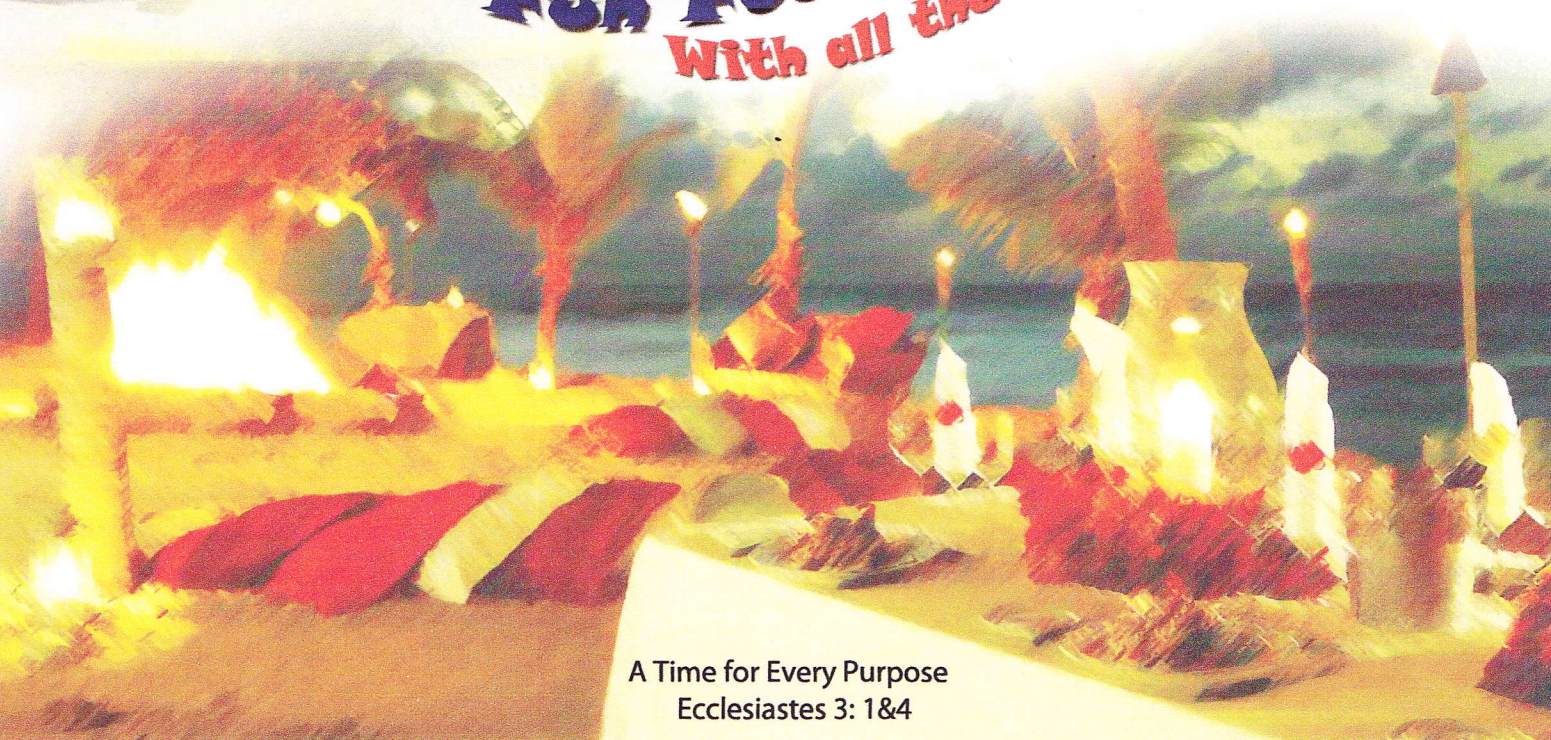
**1500 S. Dayton Street Denver, CO**

**3:00pm to 6:00pm**

**Donation: \$20.00 Adults / \$10.00 Youth 12 years & under**

**Sponsored by Pastor's Aid Committee & Supporters of RSMBC**

**Fun Food and Fellowship**  
**With all the Luau trimmings!**



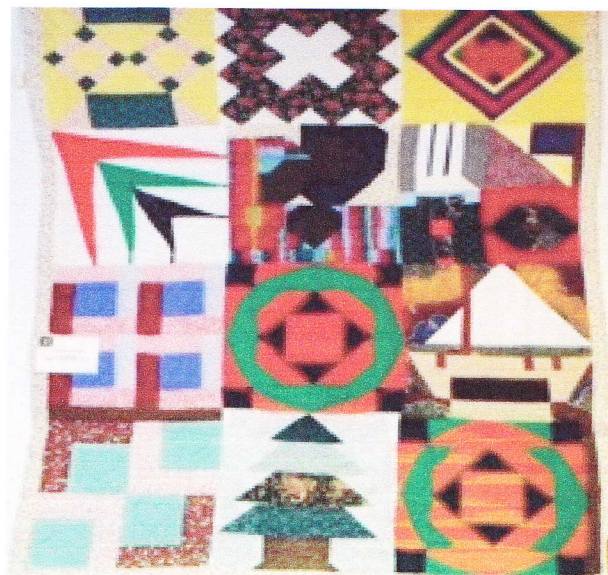
**A Time for Every Purpose**  
**Ecclesiastes 3: 1&4**

**For more information on tickets and how you can support this fun event  
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## CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY AFRICAN – AMERICAN QUILT EXHIBIT

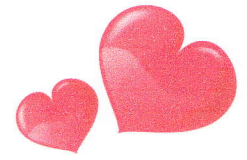
February is known and celebrated nationwide as Black History Month. During the month of February, the African-American Quilters Guild of Denver displayed a large number of quilts on the walls surrounding the Fellowship Hall. Some of these quilts were made by the late Sis. Rose Shipp, member of Rising Star, and the tradition has been carried on by her daughter. Take a look at some of these awesome works of art:





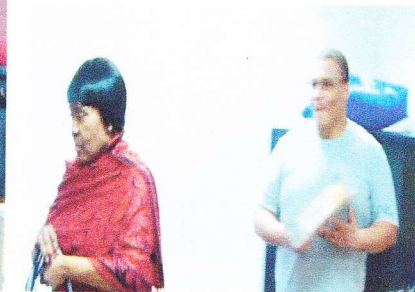






## SENIOR STEPPERS CELEBRATE VALENTINE'S DAY

The Senior Steppers Ministry of Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church celebrated Valentine's Day on the actual day, February 14. Approximately twenty-five "Steppers" and friends gathered at Rising Star for plenty of food, fellowship and a "secret pal" gift exchange. Some gifts and/or cards were exchanged from the time the fellowship was announced in January up until the final gift exchange on Valentine's Day. Laughter was in the air as members lovingly surprised each other with gifts.







Photos Courtesy of Yvonne Boyer



# WHAT TO DO WITH THOSE EASTER EGGS!!!

## Deviled Egg Salad

### INGREDIENTS:

7 hard-cooked eggs*	2 cups grape tomatoes or cherry tomatoes, halved
3 T salad dressing or mayonnaise	2 medium red sweet pepper, chopped
1 T chopped fresh dill weed	4 slices bacon, crisp-cooked, drained and crumbled
1 clove garlic, minced	3 green onions, sliced
5 dashes bottled hot pepper sauce	1 recipe Dill Vinaigrette
1/8 t salt	
6 cups torn Boston or Bibb lettuce	

### PREPARATION:

1. Halve hard-cooked eggs lengthwise and place yolks in a small bowl. Set whites aside. Mash yolks with fork and stir in salad dressing, dill weed, garlic, hot pepper sauce and salt. Stuff egg white halves with yolk mixture. Set aside.
2. On a platter arrange lettuce, tomatoes, sweet pepper, bacon and green onions. Arrange eggs on greens. Drizzle with Dill Vinaigrette.

Makes 6-8 servings.

**Dill Vinaigrette:** In a screw-top jar, combine 1/3 cup olive oil or salad oil; 2 T tarragon vinegar; 1 T chopped fresh dill weed; 2 t Dijon-style mustard, 1 clove minced garlic; 1/4 t salt and 1/4 t bottled hot pepper sauce. Cover and shake well.

**\*To hard-cook eggs:** In a large saucepan, place eggs in a single layer. Add enough cold water to cover eggs by 1 inch. Bring to rapid boil over high heat. Remove from heat, cover. Let stand 15 minutes. Drain, cool, peel.

Submitted by Sis. Julia Payne



## IN LOVING MEMORY



December 23, 1919 – January 19, 2015

### **LEATHIA L. PERKINS**

*Leathia L. Perkins was born in Abbeville, LA to Ulysses Hardy and Bertha Briggs. She was preceded in death by her husband Otis T. Perkins. She is survived by one daughter; Irma, grandson; Michael, granddaughter; Lisa, three great-grandchildren; Micah, Ebony, and Keenan, two nieces; Sheila Hardy Maddox of CO and Julene Kennedy of CA, one nephew; Clarence Hardy Jr. LA and one godson; Clyde Briggs, TX.*

*Leathia was a member of Rising Star for over 30 years. She loved to cook, bake and was known for her red beans and rice. She was a member of the Senior Mission and a Deaconess. In her early years she was an active member of the church choir.*

*She loved her Pastor, her church and especially the Lord.*

## CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF. . . .



January 17, 1928 – January 25, 2015

### **THOMAS BELL MARTIN, JR.**

*Tom was born and raised in Lake City, SC; the son of Thomas "Possum" Bell Martin, Sr. and Minnie Luvenia Martin.*

*Tom or "TB", as he was affectionately called, served his country proudly in the United States Army. He moved to Denver in 1957 and held numerous jobs. He was a Quality Control Manager of Denver Urban Renewal Authority (DURA), a position he was most proud of.*

*He not only took pride in his work but truly relished his family, friends and business colleagues. Tom never met a stranger and he loved to talk. He united with Rising Star in 2009. He loved his church family and was an active member in his Sunday School class.*

*He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Nellie, daughters Vanessa Heggs and Robin Williams, sons Michael Martin (Deanna), Brian Martin (Lynne) and Andre' Martin; 11 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.*



# Rising Star Christian Scroll

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**Not Shown: Eugene Cornish, Krystal McGhie**



**Scheduled Services**

**Sunday**

Morning Worship..... 7:45 & 10:30 AM  
Communion (1st Sunday)..... 7:45 & 10:30 AM  
Sunday School..... 9:15 AM – 10:20 AM  
Youth Church (2nd and 3rd Sunday) Sunday School Classrooms..... 10:30 AM

**Wednesday**

Prayer and Bible Study..... 7:00 PM

**Thursday**

Bible Study..... 12:00 Noon

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