

Empower the Dream

King daughter to keynote scholarship benefit

Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church will be raising scholarship funds at two upcoming benefits, including a major community event in February that will include Dr. Bernice A. King, the daughter of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The first event is happening on Saturday, Jan. 17 when a Drum Major Scholarship Benefit Luncheon takes place at Legacy Emanuel Hospital with Portland educator Michael Grice serving as keynote speaker.

The second benefit is the church's ninth annual "Empower the Dream" Drum Major Ecumenical Community Scholarship Service on Sunday, Feb. 15 at 2 p.m.

An empowering celebration of unity, love, hope and conviction that is open to all members of all of the Portland community at large, the service honors the valiant lives, the prudent visions and the communal contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Coretta Scott King, Yolanda Denise King and Rosa Parks.

The special keynote address will be given by Dr. Bernice A. King who is King's youngest daughter. She is the Chief Executive Officer of The King Center which was founded by her late mother, Mrs. Coretta Scott-King in 1968.

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Dr. Bernice A. King, daughter of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., will be the keynote speaker when the Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church hosts its annual Drum Major Ecumenical Community Scholarship Service on Sunday, Feb. 15.

ing orators and speakers on the circuit today, Elder Bernice King leaves her audiences speechless and challenges people to "Raise the Standard." She began her oratorical journey when she spoke in her mother's stead at the United Nations at age 17.

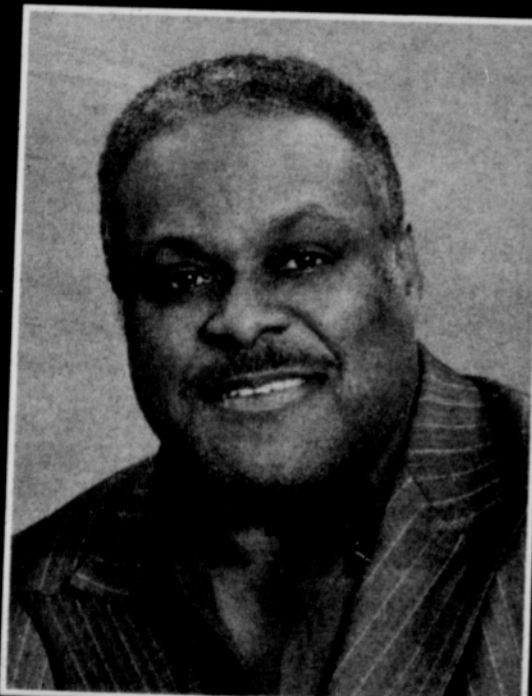
Also on program will be a soul-stirring musical performance line up of talented musicians and singers. A host of local faith and community leaders plan empowering and inspiring presentations that champion the message of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. One of the highlights

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will be a special tribute honoring the community service dedication of the late Portland City Commissioner Charles Jordan. State Rep. Lew Fredericks will serve as master of ceremonies.

Tickets to "Empower the Dream" are \$20 for adults, and \$6 for children and teens, and are available online through Ticketbud.com or in person at the church office located 3138 N. Vancouver Ave. A packed house is expected and space is limited.

The Drum Major Scholarship Fund was established by Pastor J.W. Matt Hennessee and the Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church to financially support students who have made a plan to seek higher education or develop a vocational trade.



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