

Grand celebration to highlight local

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Bishop C.T. Wells, his wife First Lady DeAngelo Wells, the entire Emmanuel Church family, and ministries from around the country will be celebrating the 50th year of ministry for this revered local ministry with a grand three-day celebration April 10 – 12.

On Friday, April 10, Emmanuel Church will kick-off the Anniversary Celebration with a Gospel Concert, 7 p.m., at the church, 1033 N. Sumner St. The concert will feature national recording artists: Todd Galbreth, Shawn McLemore, and Zacardi Cortez. Local gospel artists also participating include past and present members of Emmanuel's stellar music ministry: Evangelist Beverly Brazzle, Minister Onnie Irby, Tommy Hammond, and DaNell Daymon. Tickets for this event are \$10 and are available at Emmanuel Church.

On Saturday evening, April 11, the celebration takes a turn towards glitz and glamour with the 50th Anniversary Golden Awards Gala at the Crown Plaza Hotel, 1441 N.E. 2nd Ave. The festivities will begin at 6 p.m. with a social hour featuring the sounds of well-known local saxophonist Eldon T. Jones and his jazz ensemble,



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N'Touch. The awards portion of the evening will immediately follow and will feature inspired reflection from Bishop Wells, First Lady Wells, Emmanuel Temple Founders, Bishop A.A. and Evangelist Mattie Wells, and other local and national speakers and guest musical artists. An historical documentary on the church will be shown, and the evening will culminate with awards honoring individuals who have made the

ministry what it is today. Tickets for this event are \$35 and are available at Emmanuel Church.

Then on Sunday, April 12, the anniversary weekend culminates with two spirit-filled services. The guest speaker for the 11 a.m. service will be the Founding Pastor of Emmanuel Temple, Bishop A.A. Wells, and the guest speaker for the 3:30 p.m. service will be Bishop George Bloomer from Bethel Family Worship Center in Durham, North Carolina. Special music will be rendered by the Emmanuel Church Reunion

Today, Emmanuel Church, with a membership of over 400, stands on the shoulders of those eight faithful members who 50 years ago dared to pioneer a great local ministry in the city of Portland

Choir under the directorship of nationally acclaimed choir director DaNell Daymon. Both of these events are free to the community.

Emmanuel Church was founded on April 11, 1965 as Mississippi St. Full Gospel Pentecostal Church by influential community leader Bishop A.A. Wells and his wife, Evangelist Mattie Wells. Their humble roots began in a small storefront building on North Mississippi Avenue. There were eight people present for that first service.

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