

Pastor's Appreciation Sunday

PASTOR AND PEOPLE CELEBRATING GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

Greenforest Vision Statement

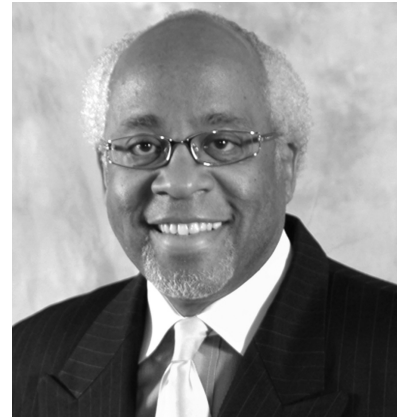
TO BUILD A UNITED BIBLICAL COMMUNITY OF LOVING RELATIONSHIPS WHOSE MEMBERS DAILY DEVOUTLY LOVE, FOLLOW AND MODEL CHRIST, AND RESPOND PROPERLY TO HIS LORDSHIP THROUGH POWERFUL WORSHIP.

Greenforest Mission Statement

TO FIND THEM. TO BRING THEM IN.
TO GROW THEM UP. TO SEND THEM OUT!



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PASTOR DENNIS AND SIS. PAM

MITCHELL

Theme

"PASTOR AND PEOPLE
CELEBRATING GOD'S FAITHFULNESS"
(1 THESSALONIANS 5:23-24)

JANUARY 15, 2012
7:45 AM & 10:45 AM



GREENFOREST COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
3250 RAINBOW DRIVE, DECATUR, GA 30034
404-486-1120, WWW.GREENFOREST.ORG
REV. DENNIS MITCHELL, SENIOR PASTOR

Our Speaker

PASTOR JAMES DIXON



Pastor James Dixon, Jr. is a native of Birmingham, Alabama. He received an Associate of Science Degree from Lawson State Jr. College and a Bachelor's Degree from Samford University, both of Birmingham, Alabama. He is also a graduate of Howard University School of Divinity, Washington, D.C. where he received a Master of Divinity Degree.

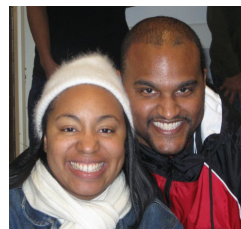
Pastor Dixon served as a home missionary for the Southern Baptist Convention for eight years until he accepted the call to return to the pastorate.

He is presently the Pastor of the El-Bethel Baptist Church located in Fort Washington, Maryland. He served a two year term as the First Vice President of the Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware followed by a two year term as President. He currently serves as Missionary Consultant in African American Church Development & Discipleship Ministry for BCMD. He has served as moderator for the Prince George's Baptist Association, and he has served as Vice-President of the Centre Pointe Counseling Center. Rev. Dixon served as Vice-President of the National African-American Fellowship SBC and is now serving as President. He is the Director of the Antioch Institute, a new initiative specifically designed to train African American leaders to go out as teams, evangelize, start Bible studies and begin new self-supporting churches.

He has been married to his childhood sweetheart, the former Miss Dessie Harris, for thirty-nine years. Rev. Dixon is the father of four children, Anthony, Natasha, Christopher, and Shavaun, and the grandfather of eleven.

He has been in the ministry for thirty-Five years and has pastored a total of five churches. He has traveled extensively around the world preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. He is a ministering servant who has been set apart to make a difference in the kingdom. He truly loves the Lord with all his heart, and is committed to carrying out the will, the ways, and the works of God.

MATTHEW AND SHAYNA ROSS



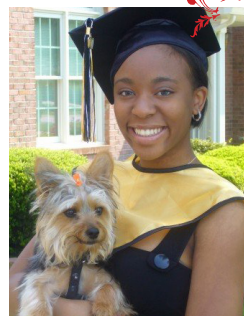
Shayna Elizabeth-Monique Ross was born March 20th in Santa Clara, California and is the oldest of Rev. Dennis and Pam Mitchell's three daughters. She is married to Matthew Ross. They reside in the Metro Atlanta area.

LT. GLENN AND ERIN MITCHELL RICHESON



Erin Mitchell Richeson is the middle daughter of the three girls born to Rev. Dennis and Pam Mitchell. She was born in San Jose, California on April 25th. She is married to Lt. Glenn Richeson. They reside in Connecticut.

ANDREA MITCHELL



Andrea Renee Mitchell is the youngest of Rev. Dennis and Pam Mitchell's three daughters. Andrea was born on July 17th, sharing the same birthplace as her mother Dallas, Texas. She currently resides in the metro Atlanta area.

Our First Lady

SIS. PAM MITCHELL



Known to some as Jazzy, mom, daughter, and sister, faithful, supportive, confidant and friend, still others know her by her smile, and quiet reserve, Pam R. Griffin Mitchell is a native of Dallas, Texas. Educated in the Dallas Independent School District in Dallas, Texas, Pam earned her B.S. degree in Journalism Radio-Television from San Jose State University in San Jose, California. Pam did Post Baccalaureate studies in Education at San Jose State University.

Over the past thirty years, Pam has served in many capacities in church life. Pam served as a Sunday school teacher, choir member, and Deaconess while a member at Emmanuel Baptist Church in San Jose, California. She served as a Sunday school teacher at the "Exciting" Singing Hills Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas. Pam has also served as a Sunday School Growth facilitator through Lifeway Christian Resources formerly the Sunday School Board, and has served as a member of the faculty for Lifeway's Black Church Week in Ridgecrest, North Carolina and Glorieta, New Mexico. Pam wore many hats while at Central Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama including Sunday school teacher, choir member and organizer of several special events.

Pam is a featured writer in the North American Mission Board, SBC Women's Evangelism Devotional. Her writings include *Heartcall: The Call to Prayer*, which features pastors and missionary wives from around the United States. Other writings include, Children's Bible Lesson Quarterlies published by Boyd Publishing Company, Nashville, TN. while at Central Baptist Church.

As a member of Greenforest, Pam serves as Fellowship Leader for the Millennium Fulfillment Hour Class and occasionally serves a substitute teacher. She has also taught classes during the True Love Wait Conference and has served on the Women's Day committee, and as a volunteer for True Love Waits and Ministry Fest conferences

Pam is a seventh grade teacher with Cobb County School District. She describes teaching as a calling. Teaching is a mission field where differences can be made in the lives of boys and girls both academically as well as spiritually by daily reflecting the love of Jesus Christ; truly, "the harvest is great and the workers are few." Pam has been married to Dennis Mitchell for 32 years. They are the parents of three daughters.

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ORDER OF SERVICE 7:45 AM

- Devotion Deacons
- Tribute.....
- Welcome/Greeting Bro. Louis and Fannie Alston
- Tribute.....
- "On Missions" Appeal.....
Deacon Candidate Ron and Sis. June Coleman
- Praise and WorshipMin. Brandon Maxwell
- Introduction of Speaker/Offertory Prayer.....Rev. Maina Mwaura
- Offering/Selection.....
- Solo
- Sermon Pastor James Dixon
- Call to Discipleship
- Remarks..... Pastor and Sis. Pam Mitchell
- Benediction.....

Scripture Reference

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

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Our Pastor

REV. DENNIS MITCHELL



The visionary and Senior Pastor of the Greenforest Community Baptist Church is Reverend Dennis W. Mitchell, born in San Francisco and reared in El Cerrito, California. Reverend Mitchell was ordained into the Gospel Ministry in 1991 at the Emmanuel Baptist Church in San Jose, California.

For nearly twenty years, Reverend Mitchell has remained steadfast in his pursuit of building the kingdom of God through ministerial service. He has served as a

Christian Education Director at the "Exciting" Singing Hills Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas, a Sunday School Growth consultant with the Baptist General Convention of Texas, and a Black Church Extension associate director with the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Reverend Mitchell's pastoral experiences include serving as pastor of the Central Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama, executive pastor of Greenforest Community Baptist Church and interim pastor of Greenforest.

Reverend Mitchell was educated in the Richmond, California public school system, and earned his B.S. degree in Economics from Jarvis Christian College in Hawkins, Texas. He received his Master of Divinity degree from Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas and worked on a MBA at the University of Washington - Seattle. In 2007, Reverend Mitchell began pursuing a doctorate of Ministry Degree at The Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.

Reverend Mitchell has been a member of Greenforest since 1994, where he has served as Shepherd of the Millennium Fulfillment Hour Class and Master Teacher of all adult Fulfillment Hour Shepherds. Reverend Mitchell's most recent assignment was with the Southern Baptist Convention where he served as Senior Division Director of the North American Mission Board, Church Planting Group; where his primary responsibilities was leading the development of a national strategy for assisting Baptist state conventions, associations and local churches to plant new, healthy, reproducing congregations across the Continental U.S., all U.S. held territories and Canada.

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ORDER OF SERVICE 10:45 AM

- Call To Worship
- Tribute.....
- Welcome/Greeting
Deacon Candidate John and Constanca Davis
- Selection Children's Chapel Choir
"On Missions" Appeal.....
Deacon Candidate Ron and Sis. June Coleman
- Tribute.....
- Praise and WorshipMin. Brandon Maxwell
- Introduction of Speaker/Offertory Prayer.....Rev. Maina Mwaura
- Offering/Selection.....
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- Sermon
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- Remarks..... Pastor and Sis. Pam Mitchell
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- Tuesday, January 17:** 12:00pm Keenagers 7:00pm Fitness Class; Alpha Toastmasters; Brotherhood Choir Rehearsal
- Wednesday, January 18:** 12:00 Noon Bible Study; 6:30pm Pre-WOW Classes; 7:30pm January Bible Study / WoW
- Thursday, January 19:** 7:00pm Food Addicts Anonymous; Fitness Class; Celestial Choir Rehearsal; 7:30pm Voices of Inspiration
- Friday, January 20:** 6:30pm Phoenix Rising Toastmasters 7:00pm Line Dancing
- Saturday, January 21:** (3rd Saturday) 8:30am Feed the Homeless (*Dea. W. Bentley, S. Jumper*); Bulletin Assembly; Fitness Class; 9:00am Brotherhood Choir Rehearsal; 10:30am Celestial Choir Meeting
- Sunday, January 22:** (4th Sunday) 7:45am 1st Worship Service 9:30am Fulfillment Hour 10:45am Mid-Morning Worship;

FAMILIES EXPERIENCING RECENT SICKNESS or BEREAVEMENT

- ❖ Bro. William Rantin (FM) Emory Hospital
- ❖ Bro. Steve Gilead (JH) Emory Hospital Room G434
- ❖ Sis. Bernice Cunningham (MH) Emory Hospital Midtown
- ❖ Baby Kennedy Webb surgery on Thursday, January 12th

Financial Challenge Update

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| 2011-12 Financial Challenge Update | |
| TOTAL 2011/12 Financial Challenge | \$488,000.00 |
| Amount Collected as of January 8, 2012 | \$222,709.00 |

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MOVIE NIGHT AT THE FOREST!

Friday, January 27, 2012 ♦ 7pm ♦ ELC/Genesis Room
 Families are encouraged to come out and 'Fellowship Together' to watch the movie "Courageous." Following the popular "Chastain Park" approach -- you are welcome to bring your own food, grab a table, and enjoy the movie. Childcare will be available for children 10 years old and younger.



Would you like to become a better steward over your finances? Are you interested in learning more about budgeting, mortgages, insurance, mutual funds, preparing for retirement and more? You can register today for the Financial Peace University course starting on February 1, 2012. For more information, please contact Bro. Michael Edwards at (404) 697-5519 or lamaredwards3@gmail.com. Please use this link to see the full class schedule or to register: <http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/locations/org/31543/classes/200501>

January Bible Study/WoW (Wed., Jan. 18th, 25th)

- Movie Night ~ "Courageous" (Fri, January 27th)
- Church Life Session [To ratify Budget] (Sat, Jan 28th)
- Installation of Leaders (Sunday, January 29th)
- Super Bowl Fellowship (Sunday, February 5th)
- Valentine's Dinner Dance (Saturday, February 11th)



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