

GREATER NEW HOPE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Fourteenth Annual Scholarship Banquet

**Sunday, April 26, 2009
4:00 p.m.**

*"Enhancing the Vision
of Higher Education"*



SPEAKER

Chief Judge Marilyn E. Atkins
**36TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
DETROIT, MICHIGAN**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Greater New Hope Praise Team

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The committee would like to thank you for your continued support of this very worthwhile endeavor. May God bless each and every one of you!

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Greater New Hope Missionary Baptist Church Scholarship Fund is to "Enhance the Vision of Higher Education" by providing the opportunity through financial assistance for tomorrow's leaders to develop the necessary leadership skills, self esteem and character which will enable them to become positive and productive citizens.

HISTORY

The Greater New Hope Scholarship Fund was established in 1992 under the vision of Deacon James L. Ford, Sr. At that time Major Donald Tucker initiated the first contribution to the fund with a \$500 donation, and also played an active role in the official formation of the fund.

We have been honored to have some notable speakers over the past years such as Congressman David Bonior, United States House of Representatives; Jimmy Williams, former Detroit Lion; James Henry, University of Michigan Head Track Coach (Girls); Marilyn Atkins, Chief Judge-36th District Court-Detroit, Michigan; Wilmer Jones-Ham, Saginaw Michigan's first female Mayor; Mildred Gaddis Host of "Inside Detroit," WCHB - 1200 AM; Angelo B. Henderson Pulitzer Prize winning writer / Co-host of "Inside Detroit," 1200-AM WCHB, and U.S. Attorney Jeffrey Collins among others.

Each year God has continued to enable us to accomplish our goal of "Enhancing the Vision of Higher Education" for many young people in our community by providing various scholarships. This has been made possible due to your prayers, the overwhelming support and success of our annual scholarship banquet, regular donations from our sponsors, and the spirit of love and cooperation of our own church family. To date we have awarded \$80,000 in scholarships.

We thank God for providing us the means and the opportunity to help many young people accomplish their goals of obtaining a higher education. We pray that God will continue to bless our endeavors. God has blessed us to help students throughout their college career. We have contributed to graduates from several colleges, including Grand Valley State, University of Michigan, Michigan State University, and Princeton University in fields such as: Criminal Justice, Psychology, Accounting, Engineering, Pre-Law, and several other fields.



ABOUT OUR SPEAKER
CHIEF JUDGE MARILYN E. ATKINS
36th District Court

Marilyn Atkins was born in Detroit, Michigan and raised in Saginaw. She graduated from St. Joseph's High School in Saginaw and earned a Bachelor Degree in Psychology from Saginaw Valley State University in 1973. She and her family moved to Detroit in 1974 where she worked as the assistant to the Director of Labor Relations for the Michigan Employment Security Commission. She enrolled in law school at the University of Detroit School of Law in 1976 and graduated with a Juris Doctor Degree in 1979. She was admitted to the State Bar of Michigan in June 1980.

In August 1980 she began working at the Legislative Service Bureau. After eight months she became an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Michigan in the Workers' Compensation Division and held that position until August 1983.

In September 1983, former Governor James Blanchard appointed her to the Worker's Compensation Appeal Board. In October 1985 the Governor appointed her Chairperson of the Board. Her appointment as Chairperson marked the first time a woman or an African American headed the Board in its fifty-year history. She held that position until May 1991.

In June 1991, she was appointed a Magistrate in the 36th District Court in Detroit. A lifelong Democrat, she was appointed a judge in that Court in March 1994 by Governor John Engler. The Michigan Supreme Court appointed her Chief Judge of the 36th District Court effective January 1, 2000.

Chief Judge Atkins is a member of the State Bar of Michigan; Association of Black Judges of Michigan; Wolverine Bar Association and Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association.

She is a life member of the NAACP; Board Member of the Detroit Urban League; Board Member of the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependency Greater Detroit Area; Advisory Board Member for Benjamin E. Mays Male Academy; Member, Optimist Club of Central Detroit and former Chairperson of the Michigan Legislative Black Caucus.

Chief Judge Atkins works extensively with Detroit youth in schools and churches. She is frequently a guest speaker at youth rallies. She has dedicated herself to helping young people avoid crime and she encourages them by her presence and lectures to be all that they can be because they are our future.

*** * * RECEPTION * * ***

(4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

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Mistress of Ceremony

Erika Parker

Greeting

Beverly Smith

Invocation

Deacon Donald Daniels

*** * * DINNER * * ***

(4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.)

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History

(Read on your own)

Ministry in Song

Greater New Hope Praise Team

Poetry

Karen Ratliff

Memorial Tribute

Deborah Mack

Introduction of Speaker

Deborah Mack

Speaker

Chief Judge Marilyn E. Atkins
36th Judicial District Court
Detroit, Michigan

Remarks

Deacon Alfred Petty
Reverend John L. Mack, Pastor

Benediction

Pastor John L. Mack

MEMORIAL TRIBUTE

In Loving Memory of

LORI A. FOLSON



Grand Valley State University
Bachelor's Degree
Criminal Justice

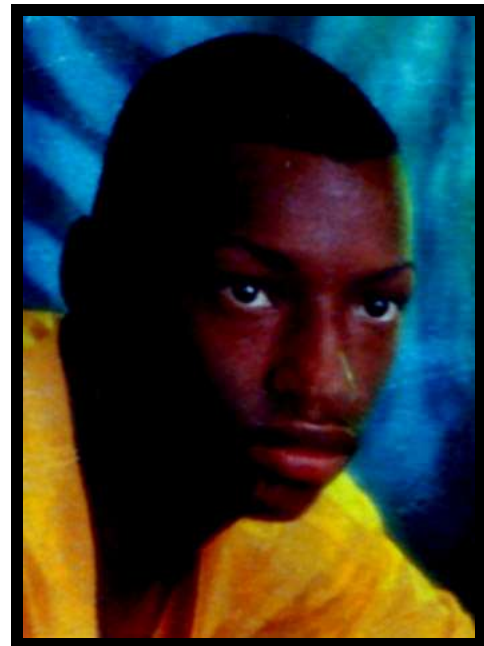
Proverbs 19:21

Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails. (NIV)

1 Timothy 4:12

Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity. (NLT)

CRAIG D. WEBSTER



Grand Valley State University
Bachelor's Degree
Human Resources Management



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