

Esther, The Queen, Comes Alive in the Memphis District

The question: "What can we do to make Annual Esther Day 2014 more exciting than ever?"

The answer: Sis. Erika Johnson (4) Chairperson for Esther Day and her committee agreed to use a skit suggested by the District Deputy Grand Matron instead of the traditional "Occasion".

The results: Superb! Great! Impressive! Fantastic! Excellent! Stupendous!

As the scene opens, Sunbeams Mayelissa Rivera and Ashanti Rivera enter the palace bringing fruit and gifts to Persian King Xerxes (Haywood Bion--264) who calls for servant (JerMichael Meeks) to remove the crown from Vashti (Camille Pegues-- 215). Xerxes falls in love with Esther (Tammy Meeks --127) and immediately makes her the new queen. However, Esther is advised by her uncle Mordecai (Mose Davis-- 233) not to reveal that she is a Jew. Also, Haman (Adrian Weaver - 123) plots to kill Mordecai because he does not bow down when he passes by. Narrator, Stephanie Norfleet (62) guided us through the rest of the story. Sis. Patricia Burdette (215), co-chair of the program assisted in directing the skit which included members of the O.E.S., lodges, sunbeams and knights,

It was truly a blessing to have both Grand Worthy Matron Rubye B. Meeks and Grand Master Arvin Glass join nearly 100 sisters and a large number of brothers, friends and other guests who filled Morningview Baptist Church to witness this service and to be blessed by the wonderful sermon from the book of Esther delivered by Dr. Justin Holloway (346) as well as, songs of praise from the District Choir under the direction of Sis. Chandra McKinner (264). To make the service even more special was the presence of Past Grand Worthy Matron Carrie T. Herron who received a standing ovation in recognition of her strength to press on. Praise God!

The Memphis District truly received a dual lesson on Esther that day which was followed by a feast prepared by Sis. Deborah Bobo (106) and her committee. Deputy Sharon Franklin (291) expressed how pleasing it is for the District to come together to support District efforts and for the willingness for a variety of members to volunteer to participate in these services.