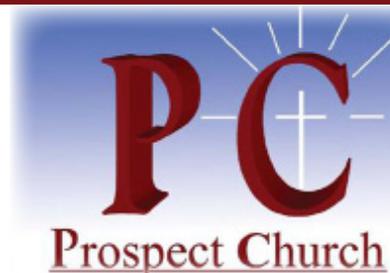


# THE PROSPECT



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## MISSION:

The Prospect Church is a loving and caring fellowship. We seek to develop and enhance the spiritual, mental, physical, and economic well-being of our community through the sharing of God's Word.

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### *One Church, Two Locations*

#### Worship Services:

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Children's Church: 10:30 a.m.

*(2nd & 4th Sundays)*

Prospect Church Main Campus

2809 Missouri Avenue

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73111

Phone: (405) 424-1795

Worship Services: 9:30 a.m.

Quail Springs Mall location

2501 W. Memorial

(Theatre 13 – Southwest entry)

Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday

9:00a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

## WHERE TO in 2010?

On the first Sunday of 2010, January 3rd, members of the Prospect Church learned of their direction for the new year. Pastor Cooper opened the new year's message with passages from Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 1:8, Ephesians 4:1-16, and 1 Peter 2:9-10. As the congregation read these verses TOGETHER, the one church, multi-site ministry vision stood tall. His words illustrated a "God size vision" with eager anticipation of what is to come in 2010 for the Prospect family and thus the kingdom of God. He summed up the blessing of adding the 9:30 a.m. worship service at Quail Springs Mall AMC Theatre in 2009. With the attendance now averaging 140, this service will celebrate its first birthday at Easter 2010. Pastor Cooper made the vision plain and the benefits clear that we would grow larger and smaller at the same time; that we would have a "new church feel" over a trusted brand and a new church vibe with a "big church punch." And that by maintaining one senior pastor and a combined staff, we would have less cost, greater impact, more outreach and more opportunity for ministry and provide a venue for worship other than the church. The Prospect Church vision statement reads:

*The Prospect Church is called by God to redeem souls and disciple lives, impacting families and communities we serve. The Church will be guided by Biblical principles. With one core ministry, we will serve in multiple locations and develop ministries that address the individual location's needs. As one church in Christ, we will conform to uniform policies, procedures, and pastoral leadership. We will utilize one budget (with specific allocations per location), a joint board and combined staff support.*

# Sister 2 Sista

The young ladies of Sister 2 Sista are always involved in community. They recently celebrated the Christmas holiday with residents of the Lutheran Redeemer Nursing Home, where they shared gifts and joined the residents in singing their favorite Christmas songs together. After the visit the ladies of Sister 2 Sista enjoyed their own Christmas in the Multipurpose building at Church. Just last month they had a new experience...and a chance to march in the Martin Luther King Parade. In the upcoming months they're working on planning a Valentine Day Social and attending the annual Ebony Fashion Show in March.

## REQUIREMENTS

- Sister 2 Sista is open to Members and Non-members of Prospect Baptist Church.
- Young ladies must be Kindergarten through 12th grade.

## PURPOSE

The Sister 2 Sista Ministry at Prospect Church was created for "sister-peer groups," Kindergarten through 12 Th grade. Our goal is to assist young ladies in developing and maintaining a relationship with God so that He may be an essential part of their daily walk. They are also involved in various civic and community activities.

## ACTIVITIES

- Meetings are held on the second Saturday of the month at 1:30 p.m.
- Bible study is conducted as part of every Sister 2 Sista Ministry meeting.
- Activity planning is normally held during regular meeting times and the first Monday of the month at 7 p.m.



Valentine Day is a holiday celebrated on February 14 by many people throughout the world. In the English-speaking countries, it's a traditional day in which lovers express their love for each other by sending Valentine Cards, presenting flowers and giving confectionary. The day is most closely associated with the mutual exchange of love notes in the form of "valentines." Since the 19 th century hand-written notes have given way to mass-produced "greeting cards."

# Life in Christ

LinC's is the young adult ministry here at Prospect Church, which is the next step after your completion of the youth ministry, for example Men of Prospect are able to join Men's Ministry and women may join Women's Ministry after their journey through LinC's. LinC's is an acronym for Life in Christ, young adults between the ages of 18-25 are the target age for our ministry but not limited to those parameters, anyone and everyone are welcome. We meet every Thursday at 7:15pm (Excluding the first week of each month) at Prospect Church location at 2809 N. Missouri Ave., Oklahoma City, OK 73111. We meet for an interactive Bible Study. We strongly ask if you are a young person looking to strengthen your relationship with Christ to come get LinC'd with us. If you missed us in 2009 don't worry 2010 will be bigger and better! Check the overhead and bulletins for more information regarding upcoming events.

In closing here are the newly elected officers for 2010:

President: Brittany Carradine

Vice-President: Kevin Shelton

Secretary: Ronnisha Wiley

Treasurer: Jerrill Gill

Special Events Coordinator: Jessica Cherry

*In trying times, don't quit trying. And let us not grow weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we do not lose heart.*

*Galatians 6:9 RSV*



## *National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day February 7, 2010*

Blacks are disproportionately affected by HIV/AIDS, while making up only 13 percent of the U.S. population, they account for more than 49 percent of AIDS cases. AIDS is now the leading cause of death for Black women ages 25 to 34, and the second leading cause of death for Black men ages, 35 to 44.



# Jeremiah Generation

## (Oklahoma's Promise)

### *Making a Difference in the Lives of Oklahoma's Youth*

Our youth are attempting to grow up in a world full of challenges, at home, school, and in the neighborhood. Some would say that saving them is an impossible task. But I once heard a story about a woman who was seen feverishly working to return hundreds of beached starfish back into the ocean.



People stood by and watched, finally one of them yelled to her, "There's no way you can reach them all. There's too many, give up, it won't matter." The woman never stopped working but picked up the next starfish, and as she threw it back in the water she said, "It mattered to that one."

The challenge to make a difference in the lives of our city's children is a daunting one, but it is by no means impossible. The critical element of determining how many lives we can touch is you. The Prospect Church has partnered with the Oklahoma Department of Higher

Education to give every Centennial High School student an opportunity to receive the privilege of a college or technical education. The scholarship program is called Oklahoma's Promise and it offers free tuition to all Oklahoma students who are residents of the state, whose parents make less than \$50,000 annually, and acquire a 2.5 GPA before graduation. This is a marvelous opportunity for our Centennial 8th, 9th, and 10th grade students.

Because 10th grade is the last year students can sign up, it is imperative that we move quickly to inspire them and their parents to sign up now! Please join the effort to connect eligible students with this wonderful scholarship program.

Will you be a difference maker? Ask me how you can help.

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Prospect Church  
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(405) 526-1380 Direct



# AN INVITATION TO ALL WOMEN:

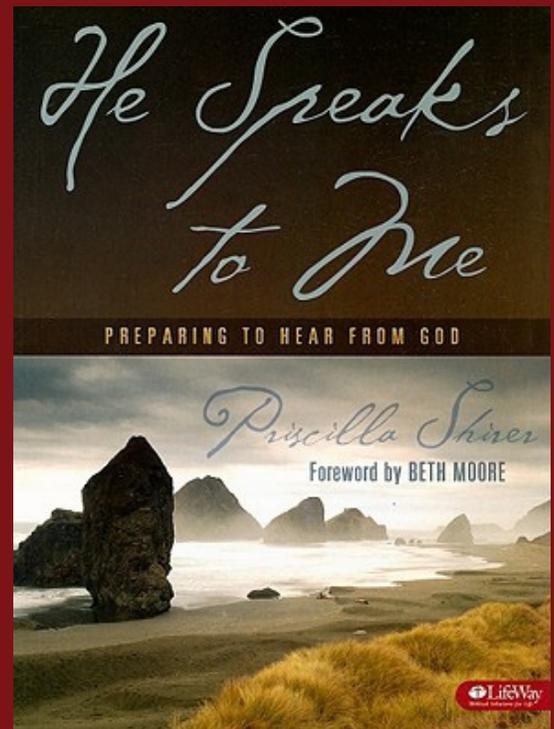
*JOIN US IN 2010!*

Priscilla Shirer is a wife, a mother, and a Bible teacher. Through the expository teaching of the Word of God to women, her desires to see women not only know the uncompromising truths of scripture intellectually but experience them practically by the power of the Holy Spirit. Priscilla is a graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary, with a Master's Degree in Biblical Studies. She has been a conference and motivational speaker for major corporations, organizations and Christian audiences across the United States and the world. She is now in full time ministry to women across the country and abroad.

She is the author of *A Jewel in His Crown*, *A Jewel in His Crown Journal*; *We Are Changed: Transforming Encounters with God*; *He Speaks to Me*; and *Discerning the Voice of God*. She has authored five video driven bible studies with Lifeway Christian Resources.

The Women's Enrichment Ministry of Prospect is excited to invite you to one of Priscilla's video series entitled, *He Speaks To Me: Preparing to Hear From God*. The bible study series is being coordinated by Sister Marsha Beasley who has lined up an impressive roster of bible teachers from within the Prospect family. The series begins on Saturday, January 16 and will continue each 1st and 3rd Saturday monthly throughout 2010. Every woman of God is invited to explore this powerful teaching and is encouraged to invite someone to come along as we prepare ourselves to hear from God. The bible studies will be at 10:00a on 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month. For more information, see Sister Marsha Beasley or any member of the WEM.

Priscilla Shirer draws life lessons from the account of God speaking to the boy Samuel. In this beloved Bible story found in 1 Samuel 3, Priscilla relates six characteristics found in Samuel that are applicable to women today as they tune their ears to hear God's voice. These characteristics are: A Simple Relationship, A Set Apart Holiness, A Still Attentiveness, A Single-Minded Worship, A Sold Out Hunger, and A Servant's Spirit. By listening to God's voice and obeying Him, women will be drawn into a closer relationship to God that brings a deeper desire to serve Him faithfully.





# Help Wanted

The Communications Ministry is looking for few good writers, reporters, proofers, photographers and graphic artists interested in sharing their skills and talents as part of our newly launched newsletter or webpage for Prospect Church. If you're looking for a challenge then you're in luck. Interested candidates must have: Excellent grammar and writing skills – Strong writing, editing skills and verbal communication skills. If interested, please contact

Cheryl Harris, Communications Ministry Coordinator.

## NEWSLETTER NAME NEEDED???

The Prospect Communications Ministry is searching for the *Right Name* for our newly launched newsletter and we need your help. If you have a couple of good ideas, right on the tip of your tongue, we'd like to encourage you to submit them for consideration on the following form, with a brief explanation. Who knows you might be the one with just the name. Our deadline for name submissions is February 20, 2010. Please drop the attached form in an envelope addressed to the attention of Joyce Jackson Coleman, Newsletter Editor and leave it in the Church office. The names will be reviewed and selected by the Communications Ministry and announced in the next issue.

Newsletter Name \_\_\_\_\_

Why this should be the name selected \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

# Black History Month

Carter G. Woodson, an American Historian established this African American observance as Black History Week on February 12, 1926. For many years after that the second week of February was set aside for this celebration. In 1976, as part of the nation's bicentennial the week was expanded into Black History Month.

Why February? It was not a conspiracy to keep the Black man down, even though it's the shortest, coldest month of the year. Black leaders chose February because it's the birth month of African American abolitionist and editor, Fredrick Douglass and African American Poet, Langston Hughes. It's also the birth month of Abraham Lincoln, our 13th President and the month the National Association of Colored People (NAACP) was founded.

## Bible Quiz

1. COMPLETE: "In all thy ways acknowledge hi, and he shall \_\_\_\_\_."
2. What is the promise of this proverb that instructs parents "Train up a child in the way he should go"?
3. Who issued this invitation: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest"?
4. COMPLETE: Jesus said, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be \_\_\_\_\_."
5. What was the promise Jesus gave to those chosen and ordained to bring forth fruit "that remains"?
6. In what Old Testament book of wisdom do we find this promise: "Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days"?
7. What did Paul promise the Galatians who did not become "weary in well doing"?
8. COMPLETE: The apostle Paul's conviction: "I can do all things through Christ \_\_\_\_\_."
9. In what New Testament book do we find this promise: "And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him"?
10. What did Peter promise those who humbled themselves "under the mighty hand of God"?

SCORE: \_\_\_\_\_

nine to ten correct answers: Outstanding  
seven to eight correct answers: Very good  
five to six correct answers: Fair  
four or fewer correct answers: More study needed

## CONGRATULATIONS!!!

### Prospect Scholarship Award

#### Recipients:

DeAndre Fisher, OU  
Tiffany Miles, Langston  
Dantren Henderson, Langston  
Rio Ray, UCO  
Christian Smith, Toledo University

### ***Ebony Awareness Bowl***

*sponsored by Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity*

Saturday, January 23, 2010  
Tabernacle Baptist Church

***1st Place Winner*** (individual competition)  
Clayton Stevenson

***Team 3rd Place*** - Prospect

Ayanna Rashidi

T'Shaila Cox

Jalaun Parker

*Alternates on the team were Tarryn Leonard  
and Clayton Stevenson*

## Calendar of Events

### February

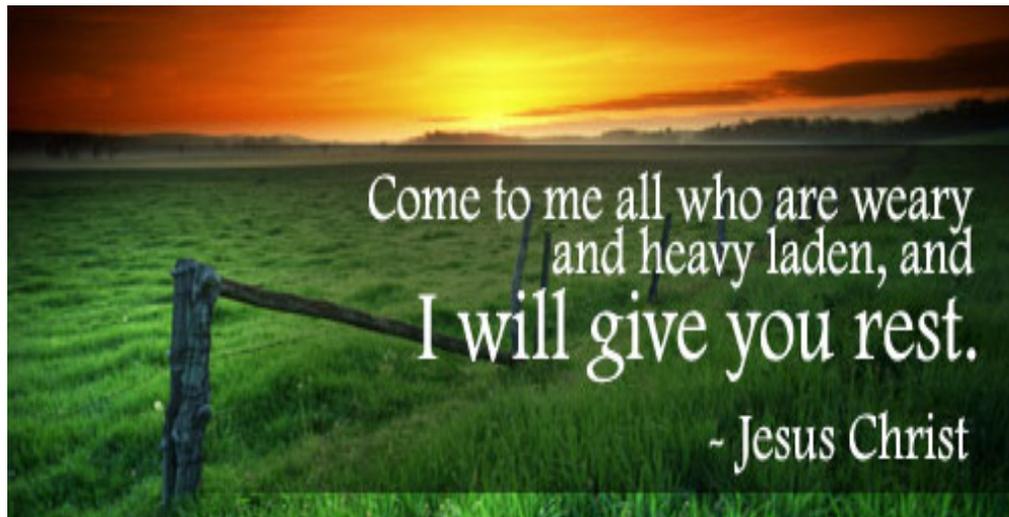
20-21 Soul Food Bazaar  
20 Business Development Seminar  
27 Sunday School Teachers Workshop  
(contact Dahn Elam, Sunday School  
Superintendent)

### March

15-19 HBCU College Tour  
21 Usher's Annual Day  
28 Bring a FRAN Sunday

### April

4 Easter Sunrise Play and Breakfast  
23-25 Pastor Cooper's Appreciation



Joyce Jackson Coleman, Editor  
Courtney Hunnicutt, Graphic Designer