

## ***WHO WE ARE***

The **White County Black History Awareness Weekend Celebration Committee** of is a non-profit organization with the following goals:

The mission of the WBHAWC is to:

- 1 **identify** the accomplishments of African Americans in White County,
- 2 **provide** an opportunity to celebrate such accomplishments and,
- 3 **promote** diversity with unity among all people in White County.

## ***WHO IS INVITED***

In a word...**YOU!!!** The FREE events are intended for all residents of White County and the surrounding area. It is designed for individuals, businesses, agencies, and others who are interested in enhancing the White County image. If you are interested in making a difference, you are invited.

## ***GOALS OF THE CELEBRATION***

The goal of the WBHAWC is to

replicate and increase the positive image that White County experienced during its previous Black History Celebrations. The newspaper, television, and radio personnel reflected positively on previous events. The weekend is very successful with participation by civic and business leaders throughout the county.

The Committee is preparing for celebrations from January 23,30 2010 and February 6,13, 19-21 2010.

## ***WHY THE EVENT IS NEEDED***

The Black History Weekend is needed because it provides an opportunity to learn more about Black History. The 2000 Census identified five towns in White County that have absolutely no Black residents. The Black History weekend will provide those communities and others an opportunity to gain some insight into the Black culture, contributions, and achievements.

The goal of the Black History Weekend is contrary to the people who may say "Black History" is divisive because it excludes other races. Such attitudes are inaccurate and reflect a less-than-

enlightened attitude. Black History is inclusive of all races. Anyone who wants to learn about the struggles of Black people in this country is invited to participate in the programs. No one is excluded.

## ***HOW IS EVENT FINANCED***

The weekend is financed through donations, primarily from entries into the weekend parade. The committee is also grateful for the various businesses that have supported our efforts over the last five years. Your donations help to cover the weekend and support the WCBHAWC, Inc. Please make checks payable to WCBHAWC.

Mail your contributions to:

**WCBHAWC**

**P. O. Box 853**

**Searcy, Arkansas 72145**

## ***POINTS TO REMEMBER***

Black History Awareness benefits the entire community.

Black History Awareness is inclusive, not exclusive.

Black History Awareness provides an opportunity to learn more about the culture and contributions of African Americans.

Black History is mostly spiritual because faith is the major source of support for overcoming obstacles.

**YOU ARE INVITED!!!!**

**THEME: Revisiting, Renewing and Reclaiming Our Vision** focuses *on our mission to celebrate and pay homage to those who have walked before, for those who walk with us, and for those who will walk after us. We are uniting and embracing the path that our ancestors envisioned. We have achieved and will continue to succeed through God's guidance.*

**EXPECTED ATTENDEES  
AND ACTIVITIES**

**1/23:6pm Honoring Afro-Americans**

**Educators - Mt. Arratt, Beebe, AR.**

**1/30:6pm Honoring Afro-Americans  
Business Own and Professional - Arnold  
Tabernacle, Kensett, AR.**

**2/6:6pm Honoring Afro-Americans in the  
Field Medicine - Christ Temple (COCHUSA),  
Searcy, AR.**

**2/13:10-2 College Career Day For Seniors –  
Mt. Arratt, Beebe, AR.**

First United Methodist Church  
Arkansas Baptist College Choir Concert

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**SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES**

**2/19 7:00 PM - Opening Address –**  
The Honorable Judge Wendell Griffen.  
Keynote Speaker Mt. Arratt Baptist – Beebe, AR

**2/20 – Parade Searcy, AR. – 11am  
Race and Hussey to Spring Park  
Grand Marshal Attorney J. Leon  
Johnson**

**Free Fellowship – Spring Park After  
the Parade  
2/20 – 6pm Special Program And Art  
Exhibition – Carmichael Center, Searcy  
AR.**

**2/21 – 7:00pm White County Youth  
Federated Choir First United Methodist  
Church, Searcy, AR.**

**White County Black  
History Awareness  
Weekend  
Celebration**

Sponsored by

The White County Black History  
Awareness Weekend Celebration  
Committee (Representing)  
Afro-Americans Churches and  
Community

January 23, 30; February 6, 13

Weekend Celebration  
February 19, 20 and 21