

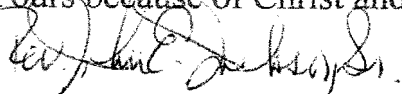
Pastor's Page

Greetings my dearly Beloved in the Lord! We are beginning the annual recognition of the accomplishments of Africans on the continent and in Diaspora.

The Great historian Carter G. Woodson single-handedly pioneered the celebration of "Negro History week" to be observed the second week of February in order to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. Negro history week expanded later to "Black History month." We come this day to renew our commitment to our African Ancestors and Reclaim "The Hope that the present has brought us..." In honor of African History makers who have pioneered for our people we honor Richard G. Hatcher, former Mayor of Gary, IN and the first Black Mayor of a major metropolitan city. On the 3rd Sunday of this month we will honor another Pioneer from Gary, IN Katie Hall for her pioneering work to get Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday a National Holiday. Beloved no one month could exhaust the accomplishments of African people from the day that God scooped dirt to make man in his own image in Africa up till now, but Dr. Woodson didn't intend a week or month to do that. Dr. Woodson wanted us to recall, renew and recommit to building off of what has been vouchsafed to us from the "Souls of Black folk," "Who Dwelled in deep woods," in order to Counter "The Mis-Education of The Negro." *"We have come over a way that with tears has been waters; We have come treading a path through the blood of slaughtered..."* Let us begin by Thanking God for this Soldier in the Struggle for Social and Political Justice, our own Richard G. Hatcher! To God Be The Glory!!!

Remember this "Gye Nyame!"

Yours because of Christ and Calvary,



Pastor John E. Jackson, Sr.