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By Maxwood Annulus with Selwyn Carrington Sr.

We still have hope! was the theme of a life-transforming rival that was recently conducted at the Tabernacle Seventh-day Adventist Church in Miami, Fla. Sherwin Jack, pastor of the Maranatha SDA church in Atlanta, Ga., was the featured speaker and conduit God used to bring His word of hope.

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The program essentially calls students together to pause for a moment of prayer during their busy schedules one afternoon every week. Through this program she also began attending the Grace Fellowship.

During the Christmas break Farmer returned to her home in Atlanta, Ga. and, on her own, was impressed to study the Amazing Facts study guides. This, in conjunction with what she gained from her attendance at church and the spiritual encouragement she gained by attending the UNIT’s weekly meetings, bolstered her decision to become a member of the church.

As of January 18, 2014 Lenisa Farmer is a member of the Grace Fellowship. Her aunt traveled from Atlanta to witness her baptism and has indicated her intention to take her stand for the Lord as her niece has done. Lenisa also invited two of her friends, VSU students who, despite being self-proclaimed Baptists, shared that they had enjoyed the worship experience and would be returning to worship with Grace Fellowship. Farmer continues to be a faithful attendant of Prayer and a Snack.
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On Thursday, February 20, 2014, The Orange County Regional History Center in Orlando, Fla. hosted a night of music and praise at its first ever Black History Praise Day celebration event.

The Mt. Olive Seventh-day Adventist Praise Team, captivated audiences with three musical selections, Aint Got Time To Die, Every Time I Feel The Spirit and a breathtaking solo performance of Were You There When They Crucified My Lord by Praise Team member, Caron Drake.

Guest speakers, The Reverend Canon Nelson W. Pinder, Dr. Carl MaultsBy and Deana Kalakay rounded out the evenings program with inspiring words of wisdom. I had an incredible cultural learning experience that pushed my awareness of gospel music and community to new heights, said Kalakay, principle of LeadUp Coaching and Consulting.

On Sabbath, February 22, 2014, the community celebration of Black History continued as Mt. Olive presented a special divine worship program that featured a presentation of Negro Spirituals by the Mt. Olive Mass Choir, a reenactment of Sojourner Truths speech, Aint I A Woman by Jennifer Tomlinson and a special solo performance by Joshua Porter of the First Baptist Church of Orlando.

Tony A. Taylor, pastor of the North Orlando SDA Church was the guest speaker. He gave a dynamic sermon on the residual lingering influences of slavery and how African Americans can move past the negative influences of their past.

All in all, the Mt. Olive SDA Worship and Education Center accomplished their goal of community outreach and Black History education. Carl E. Ware, pastor of Mt. Olive, hopes that next year the church can be just as influential in informing Central Florida of the impact African Americans have had in spreading Gods Word.
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