



College Hill Pastor Michael T. Williams, Gail and Sen. John Horhn, guest speaker S.V. 'Sonny' Adolph Jr. PHOTO BY JAY JOHNSON

College Hill - 110 years of laboring in the Spirit

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"Come along, my friends come along" were the first lyrics sung by the male chorus of the First Missionary Baptist Church of Gulfport during the 110th year church anniversary

celebration of College Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Jackson, Miss.

For a church that embraces the motto, "Moving the Masses Toward the Mission of the Master," the remaining lyrics of the song "Ride This Train"

were in perfect harmony with it's anniversary theme, "Laboring in the Spirit: Remembering the Past, Rejoicing in the Present and Investing in the Future" (James 2:26).

For 110 years, College Hill has been a constant servant of

the Lord, actively welcoming all to "come along..." as they learn and grow in the Lord.

The celebration began Saturday, April 1, with its annual

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Lee mulls "high crimes and misdemeanors" for Trump



Sheila Jackson Lee (D-Texas) expressed concerns about President Donald Trump's potential ties to Russia, as NNPA President and CEO Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., look on. Jackson Lee spoke during a 2017 NNPA Black Press Week event at Howard University in Washington, D.C. FREDDIE ALLEN/AMG/NNPA

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After just two months in the Oval Office, President Donald Trump has already proven to be a liability to the free world, keeping Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (D-Texas) up many nights wondering what the New York City real estate developer will do next.

However, the veteran Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) member isn't just losing sleep, she's investigating the possibility of drafting articles of impeachment against the 45th president.

"High crimes and misdemeanors," an animated Jackson Lee told a gathering of Black Press reporters, editors and publishers at Howard University last week.

She pointed to Trump's alleged ties to Russia and the possible role that Russian officials played in distributing fake news stories and leaking, damaging emails that disrupted and derailed Hillary Clinton's bid to become the first woman to become the president of the United States.

"High crimes and misdemeanors" is a phrase used in Section 4 of Article Two of the United States Constitution.

The statute states that "The President, Vice President and all civil Officers of the United States, shall be removed from Office on Impeachment for, and Conviction of, Treason, Bribery, or other high crimes and misdemeanors."

According to the Constitutional Rights Foundation (CRF), a non-profit, community-based group, working to educate young people about the importance of civic participation in a democratic society, the framers of the U.S. Constitution borrowed the phrase "high crimes and misdemeanors" from the English Parliament; the phrase was originally used to describe "grounds to impeach officials of the crown."

The post on the CRF website continued: "Officials accused of 'high crimes and misdemeanors' were accused of offenses as varied as misappropriating government funds, appointing unfit subordinates, not prosecuting cases, not spending money allocated by Parliament, promoting themselves ahead of more deserving candidates, threatening a grand jury, disobeying an order from Parliament, ar-

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Stepping outside of traditional ministry to become a public servant

"Let's Rebuild Together"

By Othor Cain
Editor

At 39 years old, Ronnie Crudup Jr., feels a new call from God to do 'more' for Jackson. That calling includes stepping outside of the four walls of New Horizon International Church, where he currently serves as the executive director of the church's community arm New Horizon Ministries.

Crudup vividly recalls a short stay in the hospital nearly two years ago after an unexplained fall. "I was hospitalized for three days and all I could do was look up at the ceiling and I heard that voice...that voice from God, asked me a question...If the doctor comes back and says to you, you only have a year or two left to live, what are you going to do." I had to ponder that question and that's when I decided I'm going to give all of my energy and time to boys and young men, helping them become great and making sure South Jackson is transformed."

Crudup moved to South Jackson in 1993 and has watched the area that he's called home for over a decade slowly decline. "I'm a firm believer, you can either sit on the sidelines and complain or you can get up and get involved...I chose the latter," he said.

Crudup has recruited businesses to South Jackson, bought, transformed and created affordable living in South Jackson and created sports programs for youth. "It's not that I've done all of these things by myself, its the very essence of what my campaign is all about, we are rebuilding South Jackson together and now I want to help lead the efforts to rebuild Jackson together," he said.



Ronnie Crudup Jr. announcing his candidacy for mayor of the city of Jackson backed by family, friends and supporters.

In offering himself as a public servant with his quest to become the city's CEO, Crudup understands it will take collaborative efforts to move Jackson in the right direction. "We didn't get to this place overnight and we will not rebuild overnight, but what we can do immediately is join forces, bring our contacts to the city at large and create opportunities for growth," Crudup said. "It will take every citizen in this city working together, that's how we 'Rebuild Together.'"

Crudup is making this investment in the city for the long haul. "I think its time for a new direction and regardless of how this race turns out, I'm committed to staying involved...if by chance it won't be a Crudup administration, I'm committed to working with the next administration in some capacity," he said. "When we made the decision to do this, I knew that I would not return to the church to work in ministry ... of course, I will still worship at New Horizon!"

What Crudup also knows is that he isn't seeking the mayor's seat for financial gain. "Listen, I've had many folk approach me during and even before this campaign and say to me...we like what you're doing in South Jackson, let us help you expand your work there, make a larger imprint of your work....pay you a great salary," he said. "Some people think I'm crazy for pass-

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Top five candidates meet in social media forum

By Othor Cain
Editor

Tuesday, March 28, citizens gathered at the Jackson Convention Complex in downtown Jackson for the first ever Social Media Town Hall Forum.

The forum was designed to connect the candidates for Jackson's top job with voters through social media. This forum provided voters a deeper focus on issues rather than the normal political rhetoric heard during campaign speeches, television and radio commercials and at local churches.

"I'm really glad I attended this forum," said Carol Woodson. "It gave me an opportunity to get up close with each of the candidates and I walked away with a better understanding of whom I'm going to support."

The social media forum was sponsored in part by the Mississippi affiliation of AARP. "We are non-partisan



Top five mayoral candidates Ronnie Crudup Jr., Robert Graham, John Horhn, Chokwe A. Lumumba and incumbent Mayor Tony Yarber

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and wanted to hear from these candidates and in particularly hear where they stand on issues surrounding Jackson's aging population," said

Kimberly Campbell, executive director for AARP Mississippi. "This election is far too important for us not to get involved and understand

what's happening." More than 200 people were as-

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