

Welcome

OWACA
Organization of West Adams
Christian Athletics

50TH ANNIVERSARY

CELEBRATION & COMMUNITY AWARDS LUNCHEON



SATURDAY
DECEMBER 9

AT HOLMAN
UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH

TICKETS

REGULAR: \$50 - VIP: \$100
TABLE FOR TEN: \$450

HONOREES



Rev. Ken Walden



Bill Hardy



Treasure Owens



Trusse Norris



Sandra Hardy



Dr. Joseph Gambrell



PROGRAM

11:00 am Doors Open
11:30 Welcome and Prayer
11:45 Lunch Served
12:15 Presentations
History OWACA
Honorees
1:45 Closing

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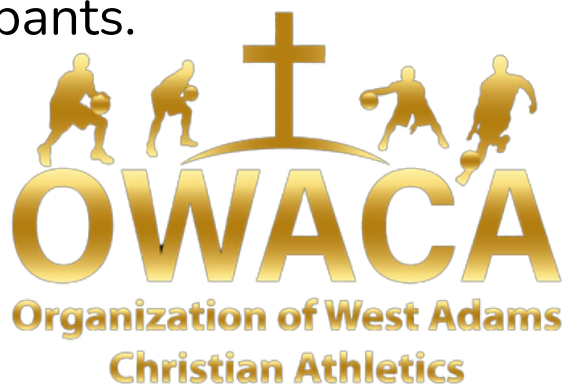


Music by:
Charles Barnes
Catering by
Chef Sharon

OWACA History

"To Christ through Sports"

Our earliest program began in the late 1950's. As organized by the Los Angeles Council of Churches, the Church Welfare Bureau operated a Wilshire Adams Basketball League. At that time, the program was assisted by the Protestant Community Services staff. OWACA spun out as an independently operated program in 1980. Programs conducted by OWACA since that beginning have been coed basketball, volleyball, and primarily basketball. Typically teams included all boys, however, there was an occasional girl included on some teams. Up until the COVID-19 pandemic each year a basketball league was conducted with participants between the ages of 14 and 18. In 2022 a one-day basketball tournament was held at Trinity Baptist Church. We are now developing a basketball league for younger participants.



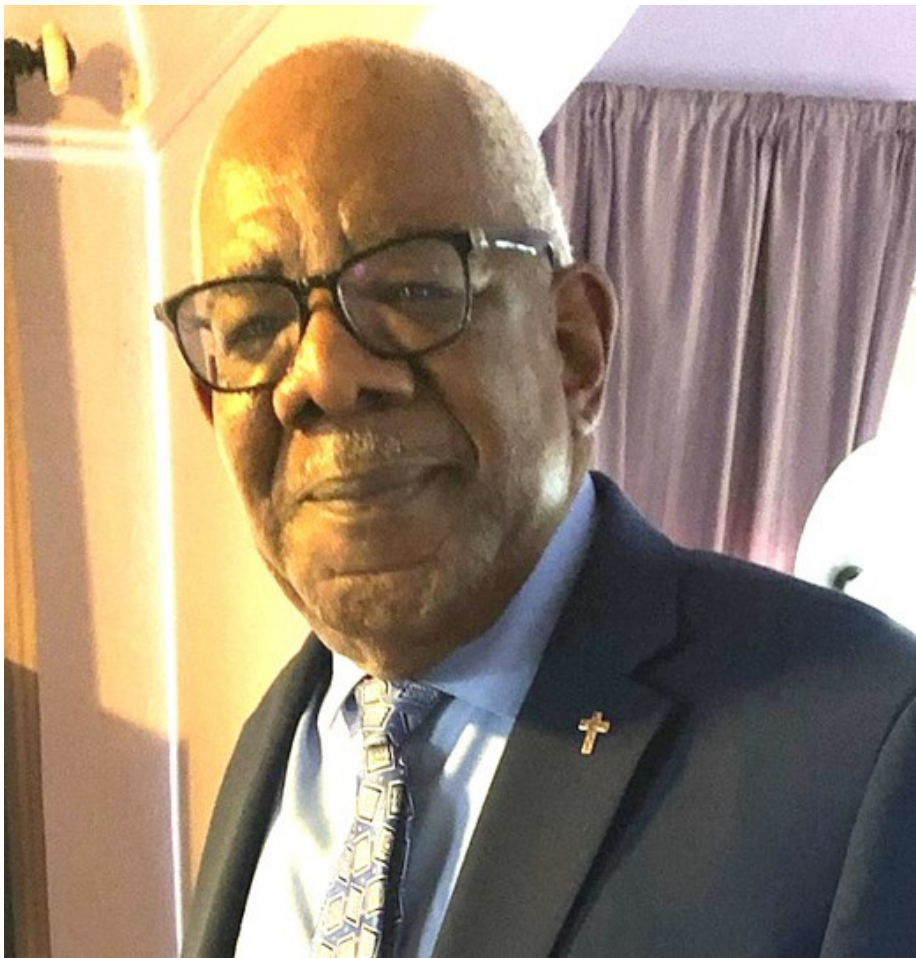
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MESSIAH BASKETBALL TEAM

1st row left to right: Wilbur Johnson (Mgr.), Reggie Smith, John McFrazier, Willie Thomas, Ronald Booker, Jerome Spurlin, William Johnson, Ernest Simpson, Greely Snoden (record keeper)
standing left to right: Bobby Wvche (asst coach), Curtis Simpson (score keeper), Richard Cribbs, Kenneth Brooks, Carl Smith, Raymond Adams, John Span, Ricardo Starks, Marvin Adams, Samuel Roy, Robert Ard (Athletic Director) T. Norris, Coach not pictured

William Johnson 1960s Messiah team member



OWACA History

1984 Holman Coed Team Bill Hardy, Coach



1978 OWACA End of Season Banquet



OWACA History

1960s game at Trinity Baptist Church Gym



1999 Game



OWACA History

Prayer Before Each Game – This one at Trinity



The Rev. Leonard Jackson, Former Board Member Lorna Hart and Leroy Hart at 2002 Banquet



OWACA History

2002 Game at Salvation Army South LA



2020 Game at South Central Salvation Army Gym



OWACA History

Trinity Coaches 2022 one day tournament



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HONOREE



Trusse Norris, Chairman OWACA, former NFL

Trusse is currently the Chairman of the board for the Organization of West Adams Christian Athletes (OWACA) serving the community for over fifty years. OWACA has impacted thousands of young people and families in the community. He is also a former professional football player with the Los Angeles Chargers. He played college football at the University of California, Los Angeles. (UCLA). Norris' professional career was with the Los Angeles Unified School District as a teacher and administrator in the Division of Adult and Career Education.

HONOREE



**Rev. Dr. Ken Walden, PH.D., Senior Pastor,
Holman UMC**

Walden was born in Brooklyn, New York, and raised in Saint George, South Carolina. At an early age he served in leadership positions within various organizations such as the Junior Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Boy Scouts of America, and congregations.

HONOREE



Treasure Owens, MBA

Author, Founder, Financial Coach, and Real Estate Development. POWERS Network Inc.

As a native of Los Angeles, I have always believed that if you want to see a change in the world, you have to be the change yourself. This is why I have always been interested in helping others achieve their dreams and visions.

HONOREE



Sandra Hardy

Sandra was been a professional nurse for more than 50 years. She served as Director of Surgical Services at Cedars Sinai and Children's Hospital. Beyond her professional career, as a longtime member of Holman church she's taught 1-5 Disciple classes, served as Lay and Co-lay Leader, worked with the Jobs for Kids Program, worked with the West LA College Upward Bound Program, served as a member of the Finance Committee, assisted with the Store House Ministry, served as a chairperson on the board of CYFC, and served on the SPPRC. Currently, as an ad-hoc member, she assists in organizational events such as the Christmas gift program.

HONOREE



Bill Hardy

Long time community servant, Bill became a member of Holman UMC, under the leadership of Rev. LL White, a church active in social justice/civil rights movements. It was because of his interest in sports that he asked Rev. White if he could renew Holman's participation in a church basketball league, to which he responded yes. Bill coached youth in OWACA for over 40 years. Many of Holman's youth, now adults have participated in OWACA, engaging in Christian fellowship through sports. Bill became a member of Holman UMC, under the leadership of Rev. LL White, a church active in social justice/civil rights movements. It was because of his interest in sports that he asked Rev. White if he could renew Holman's participation in a church basketball league, to which he responded yes. Bill coached youth in OWACA for over 40 years. Many of Holman's youth, now adults have participated in OWACA, engaging in Christian fellowship through sports.

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Dr. Joseph Gambrell

Dr. Joseph Gambrell, MD is a retired pediatrics specialist in Downey, CA and has 51 years of experience. He graduated from HOWARD UNIVERSITY. A community servant, President of Holman United Methodist Men, Adviser, and member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, Mu Sigma Lambda Chapter.

THANK YOU

Music by:
Charles Barnes

Charles has been a native of Compton, even before moving to live in Compton. Charles Barnes started working with the Compton Unified School District in 2003, and finally became resident to Compton in 2008. During the same time, God turned Charles into a national and international missionary. On the national scene, Charles formed choirs, marching bands, and praise groups in Carlsbad, New Mexico, Walterboro, SC, Islandton, SC, Jacksonboro, SC, Cottageville, SC, Round-O, SC, Ruffin, SC, Wilson, NC, and Garden Grove, CA. Charles helped Pastor Jesus Miranda start new church groups in Orange, CA, and Buena Park, CA. Between 2011 and 2012, Charles soon came to the First United Methodist Church, and the Salvation Army in Compton, CA and joined their wonderful music program. On the international scene, Kenya, Africa, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and Campos, Brazil has two new praise bands that helped bring over 20,000 people to Christ. God opened hearts and allowed His Holy Spirit and His Word to fill each person to decide that God is real. Charles wrote nine CD's with original music and a few new arrangements. Charles placed the CD music with video on [Youtube.com/Barnes8711](https://www.youtube.com/Barnes8711) . Every song on all the CD's have a testimony about the living God.



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Master of Cermonies



Reginald Grant, MS Ed.

Business Strategist, Keynote Speaker, Co-founder, eSportsInstruction and NFTs By Athletes, Inc., former NFL He consults with CEOs, management teams, and start-up companies to help them navigate the raise capital process, develop revenues, and develop a culture of success.. Using our eSports Instruction, eSiPitch, and non-traditional Business Accelerator platforms. Retired English Teacher, author of a dozen books on business and education.

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Holistic Offerings & Opportunity for People, Inc. was established in 2008 to engage the extremely low-income neighborhoods and the obstacles youth in the city face.

From the organization's inception, the need to engage foster, homeless, juvenile justice-involved, and underserved youth was evident through the various community assessments and surveys. In practice and theory, transforming individual behaviors is vital when deterring recidivism and reducing negative reactions to inequalities exacerbated by a lack of support or advocacy. H.O.O.P. Inc. established a network of professionals, lifelong educators, juvenile justice administrators, high-character college students, and business owners focused on motivating, engaging, and providing a positive role model to underserved youth.

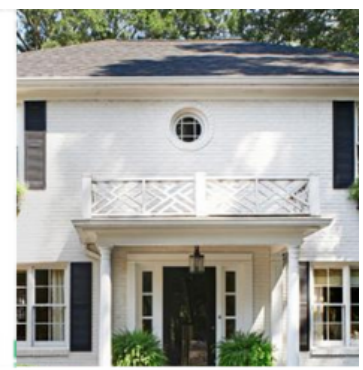




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