

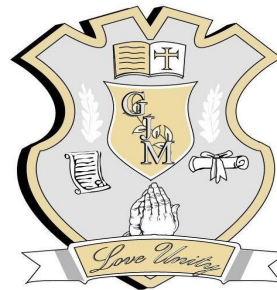
## Thank You!

Dear Lord, Thank You for our great family, our sponsors, the wonderful staff at our selected venues, volunteers and this great weekend. We honor your presence and grace bestowed upon us day after day. You have allowed us to once again gather and celebrate our legacy. We know that the strength of our family is love, humility, understanding and faith. We come in reverence of You. We pray and thank You for your blessings and guidance as we continue in our journey. We give praise, glory and exemplify You in all that we do.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

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## Gillyard-Johnson-Mahoney Family Reunion

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the 5th  
Gillyard  
Johnson  
Mahoney

Family Reunion

*Honoring Our Past  
Celebrating Our Future*



*Dinner Banquet*

*An Evening of Elegance*

August 4, 2012

7:00 p.m.

Shreveport

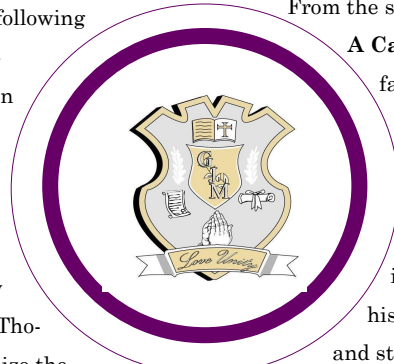
Convention Center

Shreveport, LA

## The Beginning

### (How it all got started)

The year was 2003, when members of the Gillyard, Johnson and Mahoney families met and decided to unite to plan a family reunion. That following year, August 6-8, 2004, the Gillyard-Johnson-Mahoney Family convened in Mansfield and Shreveport, LA, with 98 family members for the first official Family Reunion. The planning team members were, Velma Dumas, Melvin Gillyard, Bettie Griggs, Daisy Reed, Jerry Samuels and Constance Thomas. They worked diligently to organize the three - day event, and have now been designated as charter members. Since 2004, the reunions



The GJM Family Crest

have seen increased attendance. A mission statement, family crest, newsletter and a web site have all been developed.

From the start, it was important that during the reunions, **A Call to Action**, a single focused command to the family, be issued. In 2004, we called upon our family to “Live Healthier Lifestyles.” At every subsequent reunion, a Call has been delivered. Displays documenting the Family’s History are an integral part of each reunion. It remains important that we use the reunions to share our history and that we remain committed to family and strengthening bonds.

## Honoring Our Past-Celebrating Our Future

A milestone is a significant point in development. The 2012 GJM family reunion marks a milestone in the development and history of the reunions. It is the fifth gathering of the family. The theme, Honoring Our Past-Celebrating Our Future, presents an opportunity for our family to connect with one another, commemorate the legacy of the Gillyard-Johnson-Mahoney family and enjoy a weekend of hope and renewed excitement and anticipation about our future.

## The Future

We have ignited our children’s appreciation of family and the importance of family reunions. Our foundation is strong and our family history is documented, which now includes five family reunions. We have seen an increase in attendance and a heightened interest in preserving our family’s legacy. Grounded

on such a firm foundation means that we have secured our legacy for future generations.

Our reunions future can perhaps be best reflected in the words of American Essayist and Psychologist, Og Mandino;

*“Build this day on a foundation of pleasant thoughts. Never fret at any imperfections that you fear may impede your progress. Remind yourself, as often as necessary, that you are a creature of God and have the power to achieve any dream by lifting up your thoughts. You can fly when you decide that you can. Never consider yourself defeated again. Let the vision in your heart be in your life’s blueprint. Smile!”*

Our Mission Statement is our blueprint, ... *to strengthen and preserve family as God orders our steps.*

## Program

(Master of Ceremony - Frederick Gillyard)

### Welcome

### Prayer

### Dinner Served



### Introduction of Speaker

**Cassandra Griffin**

### Speaker

**Pastor Johnnie Griffin**

(Associate Pastor)

### In Memoriam

(Special Tribute to Jerry Samuels)

**Music by the Family Choir**

### Song

**Family Choir**

### Scholarship Presentation

**Takisha Brumfield**

### Skit

**My Family’s Keeper-  
The Voices of Six Women**

### Acknowledgements/Announcements

**Daisy Reed**

**Dancing - DJ Rocking Rose**