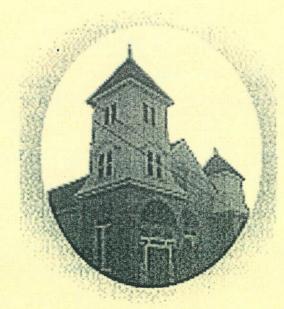
St Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church Valdosta Heritage Foundation Theatre Guild Valdosta

present

A Folk Musical Drama, Performed in Pantomine and Song

# Heaven Bound



September 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 PM September 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM

### Cast

Narrator St. Peter St. Cecilia Angels at the Gate

First Pilgrim Wayworn Traveler Pilgrim of the Cross Satan Striver Wayward Girl Mother's Girl Rich Man Widow Orphans

Pilgrim of Faith Pilgrim to Promised Land Gamblers

Their Christian Mother Pilgrim of Sorrow Determined Soul Preacher Hypocrite Bedridden Soul Burden Bearer Reformed Drunkard Soldier of Army of Lord Kelli Pierson Edward Foster Mincey Mack Imani Mack Kenvarda Moore Marilyn Johnson Rossie Moore Geraldine Green John Gaston Purcell Cooper Erica Edmondson Christian Willis Robert Mickens Janice Isom Kenneth Sermons Eric Henderson Jere' Waters Isaac Roberts Thelma Jordan Michael Williams Calvin Hamilton Shirley McClain LaVert Emanuel Wyonnie Hardee Mark Pierson Anitra Smith Fadia Gatlin Deborah Davis Kima Hamilton Keith Williams

## **Celestial Choir**

Sandra Lewis Delores Addison Gloria Pittman Rosa Scott Josie B. Thomas Jean Bryant Sharon Brinson Leon Henderson Brenda L. Smith Nyejirah A. Staten Sylvia Marable Amy Melissa Young Janice W. Young Bettye J. O'Neal Taurance Phillips

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...welcome you to witness this Year 2000 version of a time-honored pageant of pilgrims on the road to Heaven, beset by Satan's temptations along the way. Will they succumb to his enticements? Or will they forge ahead, with eyes on the Cross, to be welcomed through the Golden Gates by St. Peter and the Celestial Choir?

First created and performed at Big Bethel AME Church in Atlanta in 1931, "Heaven Bound" was produced here soon after by St. Paul's congregation. When Mrs. Louie White, President of the Valdosta Heritage Foundation, recently became aware of its existence, she felt it was time for this musical drama to be seen again in Valdosta. Theatre Guild Valdosta was invited to work in a technical capacity, and the three organizations (St. Paul, Heritage Foundation and TGV) joined hands to become "Heaven Bound"! Performers were recruited from other churches also, which makes the production a broad community effort.

The drama was the first scheduled to coincide with a fundraising campaign spearheaded by the Heritage Foundation last spring. That effort benefited QUOLA (Quality of Life Association) headed by Dr. Amanda Brown, member here at St. Paul, and the foundation made the first \$1000 donation. Quola owns the old Ferguson Building and the adjoining "Hole in the Wall", across from St. Paul, and they need to roof and secure the latter structure preparatory to converting both into a center for tutoring, small business incubating and support, and other activities to benefit the community. If you would like to donate to QUOLA, you will have the opportunity as you leave the church following today's performance. Ticket proceeds will benefit St. Paul AME's renovation project.

Old Satan threw up some obstacles along the way, but here we are offering you an evening (or afternoon) of entertainment, mental stimulation and spiritual food, which we hope, will delight, challenge and renew you. Enjoy and be fed!

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John Demming

Donna Jovner

Valerie Ford

Additional Church Represented: Macedonia First Baptist Church

We would like to thank the following businesses for their kind contributions to our production:

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Dr. Mary Watson, VSU Director of Grants & Contracts, TGV

Mrs. Ruth Council, Retired Educator Member St. Paul AME

Joanne Griner, TGV

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Mike Kondrot

Joanne Griner, John Gaston, Mary Watson

Marge Pruden, Eloise Pride, Mary Brown

Jack Pruden

Tony Cascella, Jan Young

Calvin Hamilton

Amanda Brown

#### **Churches Represented**

Bethel CME Gray's Chapel AME Joyous Praise Ministries Morning Star Baptist New Hope Missionary Baptist Perimeter Road Baptist St. John Catholic St. Paul AME Tabernacle C.O.G.I.C.