

QUARTERLY REPORT – GOSPEL 900 WGOK

JAN/FEB/MARCH 2024

PASS IT ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAM

JANUARY 7, 2024

GUEST – REV. DAVID EDWARDS

ORGANIZATION – PEOPLE UNITED TO ADVANCE THE DREAM

SUBJECT – CELEBRATING DR. MLK BIRTHDAY

HOST – ROBERT E. BATTLES

Pastor Edwards outlined the program for the Annual Celebration of the Birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Several community leaders will be recognized for their contributions to Mobile Black History. Vendors will be present with Black History merchandise . Encouraging Black Americans to support each other. . Voter's registration and education will be presented by Mr. Beverly Cooper Director of Stand Up Mobile – A non profit community based organization.

JANUARY 14, 2024

GUEST – MAKINDE GEBOHAAH

SUBJECT – HEALTH IN THE AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY

HOST – ROBERT E. BATTLES.

Makinde spoke about the number of African Americans impacted by Health problems and disease. He invited the audience to attend a local health fair where High Blood Pressure would be discussed and they also had brochures available on cancer, diabetes and other problems we should avoid with a proper diet. Makinde reminded the audience early detection is the Key. The way we eat is the way we live.

JANUARY 21, 2024

GUEST – REGGIE HILL – LOCAL ADVOCATE

SUBJECT – STATE OF THE CITY OF MOBILE

HOST – ROBERT E. BATTLES

Reggie Hill spoke about some events in the city of Mobile and how the black community is impacted. The city council voted 4 to 3 to vote down a bill to limit the mobile Police Department in using the No Knock Warrant in the community. This came about due to a young black male was shot and killed after policemen knocked the door down at a home in Mobile and it was said the young man thinking this was a home invasion, jump out of a window and was killed.

JANUARY 28, 2024

SUBJECT – MOBILE'S FIRST THERAPEUTIC YOUTH MARCHING BAND

HOST – ROBERT E. BATTLES

The city of Mobile's first therapeutic youth marching band program made it's 2024 Mardi Gras debut during the Bay Port Parading Society's parade at 2pm Saturday January 27<sup>th</sup>. This unique therapeutic program is lead by the Mobile Parks and Recreation Department under the leadership of band director LaDarrell Bell. The program not only teaches youth participants instrumental music and dance, but it also focuses on improving their social, emotional and leadership skills.

FEBRUARY 4, 2024

GUEST – JOYCE DAVIS

SUBJECT – AFRICA TOWN PLAY FEATURING DECENDANTS

HOST – ROBERT BATTLES

The Africa Town descendant's organization, invited playwright-Terrance Spivey back to mobile to direct a play at Mobile County School entitled "Ocean in my Bones." This play tells the story of the last slaves brought to the mobile area in 1859 in violation of 1808 bill that prohibited the importation for the purpose of slavery, with the punishment of death by hanging. 110 Africans were brought to mobile from Benin west Africa who had been freed in 1863. They build Africa town- the only community controlled by blacks and run by full blooded Africans..

February 11, 2024

GUEST – BEVERLY COOPER/STAND UP MOBILE

SUBJECT – US CONGRESS 2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT ELECTION

HOST – ROBERT E BATTLES

Mrs. Cooper announced the voter's education project to elect the 1<sup>st</sup> Black US Congressman from Alabama. Black Voters age population is only 48 percent of the new district. All citizens in the district are encouraged to vote the candidate of your choice.

FEBRUARY 18, 2024

GUEST – THE CITY OF MOBILE

SUBJECT – WARRANT CLINIC

HOST ROBERT E. BATTLES

The City of Mobile to host Warrant Clinic May, 2024

This free clinic will offer a simple and nonintimidating way for Mobilians to address outstanding warrants for qualifying non-violent misdemeanors. This will be the first in the state of Alabama.. 11am to 3pm Saturday, may 18<sup>th</sup> at the Springhill Recreation Center, 1151 Springhill avenue.

FEBRUARY 25, 2024

GUEST – FRED RICHARDSON- FORMER CITY COUNCILMAN

SUBJECT – NEW BOOK

HOST ROBERT BATTLES SR

Mr. Richardson talked about his experience on the mobile city council life and how racism impacted his life. He reminded us about Jesus great commandment to love one another as I have loved you.

Mr. Richardson used this as a guidepost to end Racism. He also spoke about his new book and invited comments.

MARCH 3, 2024

GUEST – JAMARA VALARIE/ BLACK STUDENT UNION PRESIDENT

SUBJECT – BLACK HISTORY SEMINAR

HOST – ROBERT BATTLES

Jamara invited all to attend a black history forum presented March 10<sup>th</sup> at the USA Campus in Mobile. I, Robert Battles will serve as the keynote speaker. Mr. Battles is a 1969 graduate of The University of South Alabama..

MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

GUEST – SHERRY MCDADE – SCHOOL BOARD COMMISSIONER

SUBJECT – LEFLORE NEW SCHOOL

HOST – ROBERT E. BATTLES

Commissioner McDade spoke of the new construction at Leflore High School in the Toulminville community. Under the new construction, the school will now face St. Stephen Road in it original plan. Leflore will have a brand-new auditorium, new offices and classroom. The Leflore Alumni association has donated over \$80 thousand dollars back to the school.

MARCH 17, 2024

GUEST – DAVID EDWARD/PEOPLE UNITED TO ADVANCE THE DREAM

SUBJECT – PREPARING FOR THE COMMERATION OF THE ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR

HOST ROBERT BATTLES

Pastor Edwards spoke about plans being made for the community to come together on April 4<sup>th</sup> at the Figures Park in Mobile with Color Guard from local schools, acknowledging leaders in the community and the Keynote speak for the occasion..

March 24, 2024

Repeat of program from March 17<sup>th</sup>.

Host absent due to illness