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Dr. Townes has served as an instructor in the Department of Religious Studies at DePaul University, and as adjunct professor of ethics and society at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. She has also served as adjunct professor at Chicago Theological Seminary and McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, Illinois. In addition to her teaching responsibilities, she served as interim pastoral leader of Christ the Redeemer Metropolitan Community Church for three years.

**Professional memberships include:** The Commission on Life and Theology—of the American Baptist Churches; the National Commission on the Ministry; the General Board of the American Baptist Churches; The Society of Christian Ethics; The Society for the Study of Black Religion; The American Academy of Religion; the Ministers' Council of the American Baptist Churches; and The Chicago Baptist Association.

She has served as chair of The Women In Ministry Coordinating Committee of the National Council of Churches; the Board of Directors of the Ecumenical Women's Center; and the Board of Directors of reStart, Inc.—an interfaith agency for the homeless.

Dr. Townes' work focuses on African American women in the church. Her books include: *Womanist Justice*, *Womanist Hope*, and *In a Blaze of Glory: Womanist Spirituality as Social Justice*. She is co-editor of *The Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*, and editor of two anthologies: *A Troubling in My Soul: Womanist Perspectives on Evil and Suffering*, and *Suffering and Embracing the Spirit: Womanist Perspectives on Hope, Salvation, and Transformation*. She is currently completing another book: *Breaking the Fine Rain of Death: A Womanist Ethic of Care*.

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April 7, 1998

**York Chapel**

**Dr. Emilie M. Townes  
St. Paul School of Theology  
Kansas City, Missouri**

**1998 Martin Luther King, Jr  
Lecture/Preaching Series  
York Chapel - Duke Divinity School**

April 7, 1998

11:00 pm

**Order of Worship**

Prelude	
Welcome	C. Jarrett Gray, Jr.
Opening Prayer	Scott Smith
*Hymn of Praise #519	Congregation
"Lift Every Voice and Sing"	
Scripture: Psalm 137:1-6	Stephen Lewis
Sermon:	Dr. Emilie M. Townes
"Songs of Zion"	
Prayers of the People	Vanessa Abernathy
*Closing Hymn #701	Congregation
"When We All Get to Heaven"	
*Benediction	Dr. Emilie M. Townes
Musician	David A. Arcus, Organist

**BSU Officers**

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**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

*Tuesday, April 7, 1998*

**11:00 am Preaching**

**Dr. Emilie M. Townes**  
**"Songs of Zion," Psalm 137:1-6**  
 (York Chapel - Duke University Divinity School)

**2:00 pm Lecture**

**Dr. Emilie M. Townes**  
**"Shutting Down America When Collard Greens  
 Started Tasting Like Water: Black Health and  
 Health Care in the United States"**  
 (York Chapel - Duke University Divinity School)

**5:30 pm Dinner**

with Dr. Townes  
 West Durham Baptist Church, 1901 Athens Street

**7:00 pm Preaching**

**Dr. Townes**  
**"Searching For Paradise in a World  
 of Theme Parks," Hebrews 10:19-11:3**  
 West Durham Baptist Church

*Wednesday, October 8, 1997*

**11:00 am Preaching**

**Dr. Emilie M. Townes**  
**"The Valley Before The Vision," Ezekiel 37:1-14**  
 (York Chapel - Duke University Divinity School)

**2:00 pm Lecture**

**Dr. Emilie M. Townes**  
**"Searching For Paradise in a World of Theme  
 Parks: A Womanist Ethic of Care and Healing"**  
 (York Chapel - Duke University Divinity School)

**3:30 pm Reception**

Alumni Memorial Common Room (115 New  
 Divinity) Duke University Divinity School

## **DIRECTIONS TO WEST DURHAM BAPTIST CHURCH**

From Duke Divinity School, take the Durham Freeway (Hwy 147 S) until the Alston Avenue Exit (Exit 11). Turn right on Alston Avenue and continue down past North Carolina Central University. Take a left on the Alston Avenue extension (the NCCU Law School will be on the right and there will be a Burger King on the left). Continue on the Alston Avenue extension until Nixon Street (the street cuts off on the right hand side and picks up again on the left hand side in the next block). Take a left onto Nixon Street and the church is straight ahead.

## **\*\*IT STILL IS NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP FOR THE DINNER TONIGHT AT THE CHURCH\*\***

### **The menu includes:**

Fried Chicken/Grilled Cajun Marinated Chicken

Grilled Colombash Shrimp

Barbecue Pork

Au Gratin Potatoes

Steamed Sweet White Corn (with sugar)

Green Beans with Red Pepper & Seasoning

Corn Bread Squares

Rolls

Tea/Lemonade

Assorted Cakes: Lemon-Coconut, German Chocolate, Butter  
Pound

**\*\*The price of the dinner is \$5.00. Please see Jo Burt in  
Black Church Affairs by 4:00 P.M. today, or you may pay  
at the church.\*\***