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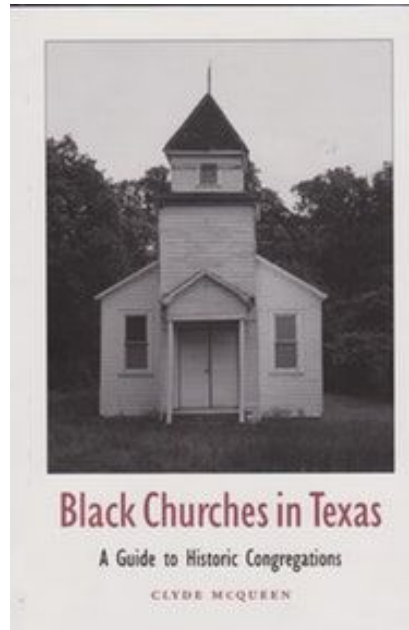
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*L*ight of the Church

January 19, 2019 – March 31, 2019

Bryan, TX, January 10, 2019 - The Brazos Valley African American Museum (BVAAM) in collaboration with the Texas A&M/Cushing Memorial Library and Archives is proud to present the first exhibition of 2019 entitled **Light of the Church, helping build the Black community**. The public is invited to the museum for a free opening reception, **Saturday, January 19, 2:00pm to 4:00pm** featuring music, light refreshments, and gallery viewing. The Brazos Valley African American Museum is the exhibition host where the original pieces will be on display until March 31, 2019.

The exhibition features items from the BVAAM, community, and photographs from the Clyde McQueen Collection at the Cushing Library. Research material used for the book *Black Churches in Texas* by Dr. McQueen, published by Texas A&M University Press in 2000 were donated to the library. Valuable contributions were made to the exhibition from A&M Museum Studies Program student interns, Anton duPlessis, Rebecca Hankins, and Francesca Marini with Cushing Library, and Wayne Sadberry with BVAAM. The exhibition showcases churches from Brazos County and the surrounding counties; these are churches that were 100-year-old at the time the book was published. BVAAM will offer free admission the entire month of February in honor of Black History Month.



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ABOUT THE BRAZOS VALLEY AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM

The Brazos Valley African American Museum was built on the site of one of the original Black Schools in the Brazos Valley. It was the brainchild of retired educator, Mrs. Mell Pruitt, and became officially recognized in 1999. The Brazos Valley African American Museum is the first establishment of its kind to promote the history of African American citizens in the Brazos Valley. The mission of the museum is to explore, develop, preserve, and present the cultural history and heritage of African Americans.

Admission Hours: Tuesday through Friday from 10 AM to 5PM. Saturday from 10AM to 4PM.

Admission Fees: Adults \$5; Senior Citizens \$4; Students \$2; Children 5 and under are Free; Groups of 8 or more \$3

For more information about the Brazos Valley African American Museum please visit www.bvaam.org
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ABOUT THE TEXAS A&M/CUSHING MEMORIAL LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES

The Cushing Memorial Library and Archives is the rare books, special collections, manuscripts, and archival repository for Texas A&M University Libraries. The collections of the Cushing Library reflect the comprehensive nature of the educational and research enterprise at A&M as well as the wide diversity of interests found among current and former students, faculty, staff and friends.

For more information about the Cushing Memorial Library and Archives please visit cushing.library.tamu.edu