

**MEDIA ADVISORY**

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**Bank of America Memphis to Host Preview Screening of the PBS Docuseries *GOSPEL***

*Event to be held on Friday, February 9*

Bank of America Memphis, in partnership with local PBS affiliate WKNO-TV and Greater Community Temple COGIC, will host a preview screening and panel discussion of the PBS docuseries *GOSPEL* with a special performance on Friday, February 9, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Greater Community Temple will perform a selection of songs featuring singer and actress Deborah Manning Thomas and singer and songwriter Pastor Christopher Williams of Faith Covenant Baptist Church.

Created by acclaimed Harvard scholar and documentarian Henry Louis "Skip" Gates, Jr., directors Stacey L. Holman and Shayla Harris and PBS, with support from Bank of America, *GOSPEL* explores the rich history of Black spirituality through sermon and song. From the blues to hip-hop, African Americans have been the driving force of sonic innovation for over a century. Musical styles come and go, but there is one sound that has been a constant source of strength, courage, and wisdom from the pulpit to the choir lofts on any given Sunday: the gospel. *GOSPEL* will premiere on February 12 and February 13 at 8:00 p.m. CST on all PBS stations, including WKNO-TV.

"We are thrilled to host this preview screening in Memphis, a city with a rich history of Black spirituality," says Trevia Chatman, President of Bank of America Memphis. "Bank of America is pleased to help incredible filmmakers tell stories that add meaning and nuance to what we know of the country's history and character. We will continue our ongoing efforts to create and build partnerships that advance a greater understanding of history and deepen our connections that promote diversity, equity and inclusion."

**WHO:** Trevia Chatman, Bank of America Memphis President  
Bishop Brandon B. Porter, Church of God in Christ Inc. General Board Member  
Dr. Vernell Bennett-Fairs, Navigate Higher Ed, LLC Owner  
Apostle Kevin Davidson, National Recording Artist  
Dr. Karren D. Todd, Empowerment Coaching and Consulting, LLC., CEO

**WHAT:** Preview screening of PBS docuseries *GOSPEL* and a special performance by Greater Community Temple COGIC

**WHEN:** Friday, February 9  
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Greater Community Temple COGIC  
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