## **COMING TOGETHER WITH SYDNEY**

She's known nationally as the ABC (All About Christ) Girl. Sydney Hopson, an 8-year-old second grader at Conway Christian School in Conway, Arkansas, was the speaker Friday at the Boys, Girls, Adults Community Development Center's annual Black History program at the BGACDC Center in Marvell.



Sydney tours the nation as a memory recitalist, singer and piano player. She is best known for her ability to recite verses, passages and chapters of the Bible with references. She began a multi-city tour in January reciting Martin Luther King's famous "I Have a Dream" speech. She frequently recites the powerful speech at Black History programs across Arkansas. Copies of her first self-published book, "God Made Me Who I Am," were available at the Marvell event.



"It is important for young people especially to have another young person who is also doing positive things with them during this celebration," said Beverly Turner of the BGACDC. The theme of the celebration was "Coming Together."

Sydney's grandmother, Rene Henderson, said her granddaughter hoped people would be moved to action in their communities during such challenging times around the world.

The print media first got interested in Sydney when she became the firstplace winner in the children's division of the Exclesisa Showcase Extravaganza, a national competition in West Memphis in March 2016. She has appeared numerous times on TV and radio and in January landed a

contract with Actors, Models and Talent for Christ/SHINE during a rehearsal audition for America's Got Talent. She recited at the opening of the Smithsonian Institute's African American Culture and History Museum in Washington, D.C.

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