



# Lead, Follow or Get Out of the Way: We Salute Freddie Clark by Betty Banks

Madison said good-bye to Freddie Clark on Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. His life here in Wisconsin over the span of 40 years was full of community activism and reaching out to others who needed his help. He remained dedicated to advocating for others and fighting the good fight that at times seemed daunting. Freddie recognized those who stood with him and lent support.

He said the following about Club TNT and Voices newspaper, "Club TNT is about community and have never shied away from being here (Allied Drive) to support and spread a positive message.

The residents here recognize this and consider them our strongest community partner. Voices newspaper is an extraordinary historic outlet for the residents here. Voices is our voice and

we are taking advantage of that", he went on to say. Yes, Freddie was our biggest cheerleader.

He was an effective communicator,

religion and economic strata.

Allied Drive had many challenges and when he saw what needed to be done, he either found people to do it or

his sense of humor that kept you laughing as he poked fun at politicians, newspaper headlines and his adversaries. And, here in Madison we are a better community because Freddie Clark came here 4 decades ago and decided to stay.

It is like losing your best friend. We are grieving and cherishing all the memories at the same time. But before you get too weepy, Freddie is staying on as Political Analyst for the Heart and Soul Radio show that broadcasts on WTDY1670AM, Saturday nights from 6-8pm.

"From the community to the airwaves your Saturday evenings will never be the same..."

Listen to hear Freddie's voice and know that he is still with us even though he is miles away.



*"We should all strive for Allied Drive to become a vibrant and thriving community. It takes resources and an investment in people. It is about jobs and affordable housing and providing ways for residents to have a decent quality of life."*

whether he was going "toe to toe" with government officials or toe to toe with residents in Allied Drive, constantly driving home the critical points that were productive and in most cases lead to a resolution of the issue. He reached out across the divides of race,

he would do it himself. He lived in the neighborhood and kept a watchful eye on those who were the most vulnerable and took care of them.

The residents of Baton Rouge will be the beneficiary of his courage, talents and skills. His parents will enjoy

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## Enter to Worship - Exit to Serve Fountain of Life and the Allied Drive Community

When you visit the website of Fountain of Life Worship Center you learn the following: "Fountain of Life (FOL) has been an integral part of the Madison community for the past twenty-five years. Our ministry is committed to preaching a relevant and powerful message of hope, love, forgiveness and empowerment. We believe the Christ has called us to minister holistically—not just spiritually—therefore, your physical and emotional needs are of concern to us as well.

Accordingly, FOL has designed its various ministries to address the needs the of the entire person. In fact, we have even created a faith-based social services and family empowerment organization called The Nehemiah Community Development Corporation, in order to address the social, financial and educational needs of the children, youth and families of our surrounding community."

When I met with Pastor Alex Gee, it was clear that those words had depth and meaning. And that they held the beginning of the understanding as to why there is an excitement in the air, that has been filling the Allied Drive Community in a special way since



Fountain of Life (FOL) Worship Center found a new home at the Allied Boys and Girls Club on Jenewein Rd. At a time when FOL was finding itself holding 2 services in its home on Badger Road, and struggling with finding a sense of community with those separate services, Pastor Gee was in a discussion about Allied Drive needing a church.

He knew well that a church could not just put itself into the community to hold services, and then go back to another part of the city for the rest of the week. He also knew that that the church would have to be one that is looking for a home. Yet the challenges of setting up a worship space every week are many and require manpower and commitment. Knowing all this, Pastor Gee was not able to get the idea of the worship center

on Allied Drive out of his heart. FOL went into the community to meet the people and to take prayer requests. On Sunday morning the names and prayer needs were read. When people heard that someone was praying for them they would tell others in the community that they heard their name in church and they were being prayed for. Personal invitations to come and worship were given, and continue to be shared, and the congregation grows each week.

Pastor Gee states that it is important for people to see others like themselves in leadership. He goes on to explain, "Church is not for the elite. It has to be relevant in everyday life."

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Fountain of Life  
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every Sunday at  
10 am  
at the Jenewein Rd  
Boys and Girls Club.  
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