

**INVITATION**

Exquisite Events

**WEDDING DRESS**

Eve Milday  
from Pearl's Place

**BRIDESMAIDS DRESSES**

Wtoo from Pearl's Place

**GROOM, GROOMSMEN AND RING  
BEARER TUXEDOS**

Vera Wang from Men's Warehouse

**FLOWER GIRL DRESSES AND RING  
BEARERS SUITS**

Tip Top Kids from Kumbayah Clothing

**RINGS**

Bride: Halo  
cushion-cut  
diamond ring  
and band; Groom:  
white-gold wedding band with braided  
detail from a jeweler in Atlanta.



**FLOWERS**

Crystal Floral and Events Décor

**CHURCH**

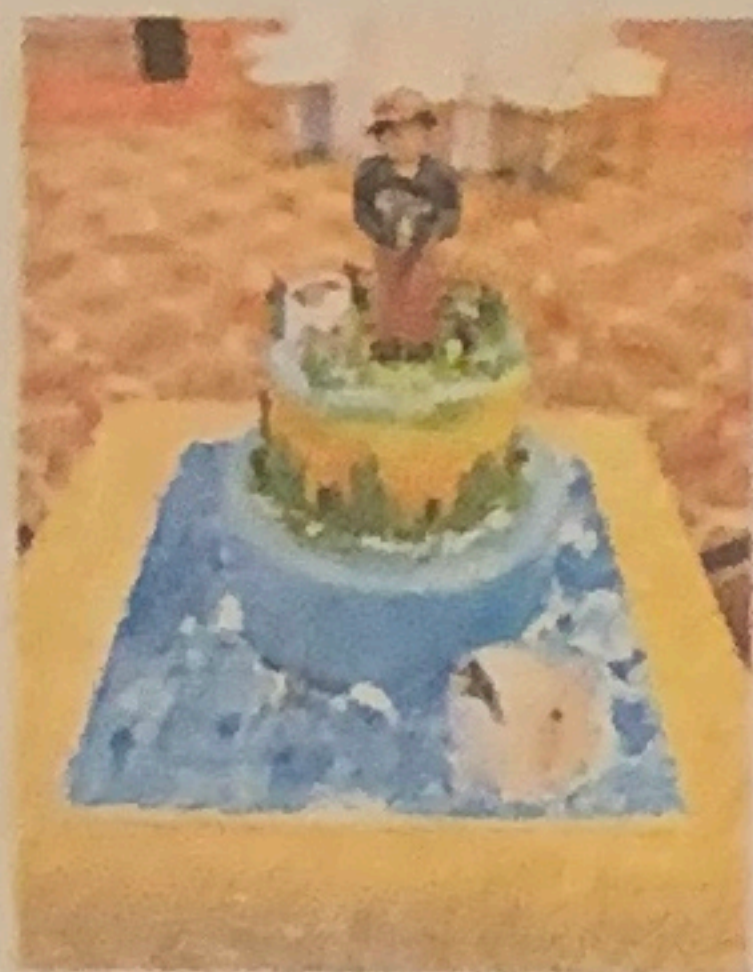
Macedonia Church of God in Christ

**OFFICIANT**

Dave Jones Jr.

**WEDDING AND  
GROOM'S CAKES**

Royal Cakery



**ENTERTAINMENT**

Zulu Social Aid & Pleasure Club  
Tramps and 9th Ward Hunters Mardi  
Gras Indians

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# Chauntis & Gregory







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When Drs. Bruce and Carmen Brown decided to set up their friends Chauntis Jenkins and Gregory Floyd, their matchmaking efforts crisscrossed the globe. The Browns lived in New Zealand at the time; Chauntis lived in New Orleans, and Gregory in Atlanta.

Initially, both were reluctant to go on the date. Gregory was leery of long-distance relationships. Plus, the set-up was blind. He had seen photos of Chauntis, but Chauntis only saw a picture of Gregory as a four-year-old because Carmen didn't like his other pictures. "I forced myself not to Google him," Chauntis said.

Then there was the reason he was coming to New Orleans: the Falcons vs. the Saints game.

But football rivalries were swept aside after their first date on Sept. 7, 2013, the night before the game. (The Saints won.)

"I never thought I'd meet the love of my life on my first blind date...or that he would be an Atlanta Falcons fan," said Chauntis, a native New Orleanian.

The couple dated long distance, and as time went on, spoke about marriage, which created a dilemma for Gregory. "How am I going to surprise her if she already knows," he said.

A solution came in the form of his favorite

hobby. A family practice physician in Atlanta, Gregory is an avid fisherman in his free time.

On May 21, 2015, while Chauntis was visiting, he asked her to go fishing. Even though her idea of relaxation includes "a glass of wine and a couch," she dressed for the occasion. As the sun set, he got to the moment.

"Do you think I can catch something with this today?" Chauntis recalls him asking her. "Do you think I can get the big catch today with this bait?" Chauntis, who is nearsighted and didn't have her glasses, saw him holding the fishing rod. It took a few seconds "before my vision focused and realized that there was a huge engagement ring on the end of the fishing hook."

Gregory teasingly told her he was going to throw the line back in the water, at which point she screamed, "Oh no, don't do that!" He then dropped down on one knee and asked her to marry him.

The wedding on Dec. 20, 2015 in New Orleans was a joyous occasion uniting families from across the country. Chauntis now lives in Atlanta, where she is an attorney with Porteous, Hainkel and Johnson.

But she remains a New Orleans girl at heart, though Gregory still likes to poke her allegiance to the Saints. For her birthday he bought her a Saints T-shirt which says on the back: "I still love my Dirty Birds."

