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## PROGRESSIVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

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**SANTA CRUZ** — Progressive Missionary Baptist Church was filled with joy and exultation on Sunday as the downtown establishment culminated a weekend celebrating its 50th anniversary with a Gospel Jubilee and Finale. Friday and Saturday members commemorated the benchmark with a gospel music workshop, a Christian Authors luncheon, and a Black and Gold Gala at the Museum of Art & History. Founded by 18 members on Nov. 13, 1962, the church has a long history of involvement in and service to the community, and continues to welcome members of all ages, genders, ethnicities and nationalities. The church offers ministries for college students and prison populations, outreach for at-risk youth, an emergency food bank and support for families in crisis.