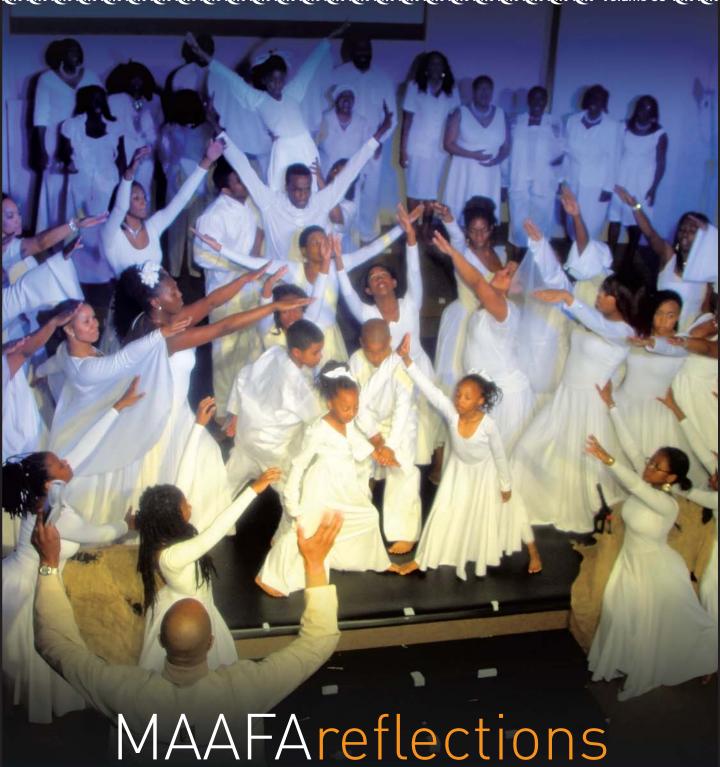
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Namaste my Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

We greet you with the joy of Jesus who is the reason for all seasons. My, how the year has gone. This is the first Sunday in the last month of 2011. God has been good to us. Amidst all of the year's celebrations and challenges, joys and struggles, God has been a constant presence, power and provision in all of our lives. Give God the glory!

November, indeed for Mount Aery, was a month of thanksgiving beginning with the conclusion of the commemoration of the MAAFA. Following was a week of regrouping and preparation for the Thanksgiving holiday. Under the leadership of Kitchen Ministry, Missionaries and others, we sponsored Thanksgiving for homeless brothers and sisters. And following our Thanksgiving holiday, we closed the month of November out with the founding of CONECT (Congregations Organized for a New Connecticut). You will definitely find out more about CONECT and how Mount Aery is connected to CONECT.

The month of December brings with it our celebration that God loved humanity enough that He wrapped Himself in human flesh and visited us on earth for 33 years. We will once again share with the children of Angel Tree. Please see Deacon Luis Febres for all information.

In keeping with our holiday season and because Christmas and New Years days fall on Sundays this year, we have created the following worship schedule:

Christmas Day, Sunday December 25th, both worship services, 7:45 and 11am

New Year's Eve, Saturday, December 31st, 6pm Vesper service &

10pm Watch Night

New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1, 2012, one worship service at 11am only

Please govern yourselves according and we pray that all will attend as many services as possible.

Mount Aery, God is indeed blessing us as we end this year and anticipate the newness of 2012.

God bless you,

Pastor Anthony L. Bennett, D. Min.

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Senior Pastor



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Namaste Mount Aery,

I pray you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with lots of love, family, good food and actual giving thanks to God for it all.

November was a busy month for us here at the Mount. We started off the month with the MAAFA production – Healing the Land which was a great success. I personally enjoyed the production with the thought provoking scenes, vivid story telling by cast members and let's not forget the dancers, I especially liked those scenes. We have some great talent here. We were also blessed with the teachings of Dr. William M. Small who shared 'The Construction of America (where do we fit in?)', concerning the struggle that we as Black Americans find ourselves entangled in today. On Sunday we were blessed by the preaching of his son Rev. Dr. W. Marcus Small who reminded us that we are history in the making. We also found out that Dr. Small and Rev. Dr. Small are family to our Pastor Thomas Williams. Finishing out the month of November was the Founding Assembly for CONECT (Congregations Organized for a New Connecticut) at Cathedral of the Holy Spirit.

It is hard to believe that we are in the last month of 2011. The month of December at Mount Aery will be filled with celebrations of the birth of Jesus the Christ by ministries like Sisters at the Well, the Fellowship, Deacons and Nursing Ministries and MAYA and gift giving to children by the Angel Tree Ministry. We will close the month as well as the year out with Watch Night service.

Because we live in such a rushed society, everything and everybody is pushing to get things done as fast as possible it seems like the years are going by so quickly. Do you ever take the time to stop and reflect on the year and what you have or have not accomplished? When you reflect over the year 2011, what are your most memorable moments?

Be blessed,

Tonya N. Johnson, MFTM Editor in Chief

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Holiday Stress & Depression... What To Do for This Season?

by Linda Smith, MS

This is the season to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ; however society promotes it as a season of gift giving, parties and celebrations, decorations, family gatherings and much more. And when we cannot meet those "expectations" of finding the perfect gift(s), wearing the perfect outfit(s), cooking the best meals, and conflict-free family gatherings, for some it can take its toll and cause undue stress and strain. The literature emphasize that we have to be realistic, plan ahead, and seek support to ward off the negative effects of stress and depression which can affect your overall health beyond the holidays.

The National Institute of Health notes the following as symptoms of depressions, keeping in mind that at some point in time in your busy life that we all may experience sadness or loneliness which is a normal reaction to some type of loss or just "everyday" life struggles. But when these symptoms become extended over a long period of time, it is necessary to seek professional help. Some common symptoms of depression are as follows:

- Fatigue and decreased energy level.
- Loss of interest in things you once found pleasure with.
- Difficulty concentrating, remembering details, and /or making decisions.
- Feelings of guilt, worthlessness, and/or helplessness.
- Irritability, restlessness.
- Overeating or loss of appetite.
- Persistent sadness, anxious, or feelings of "emptiness".
- Thoughts of suicide, and/or suicide attempts.
- Insomnia, early-morning wakefulness or oversleeping.

With the joyfulness and excitement of this holiday season it is important to stay focus on what is realistic and not the ideas which society through the commercialism of gift giving and gift buying has tried to evoke. As people of faith, the gifts of peace, joy, and love giving to one another are more meaningful. Tie them with a warm smile, a hug, and/or kiss will help to reduce your stress level as you journey through this season of giving.

Measures to take to reduce or eliminate stress and depression are found in the following:

- Remember the Reason for This Season celebrating the birth of Christ. Use an Advent calendar to reflect on this season with your friends and family.
- Manage yours and your family expectations before gifts are even purchased know your budget and plan ahead. As they say, "know before you go."
- Start early with planning and prioritizing the tasks you have to do to prepare for your family and yourself.
- Take time for yourself, make sure you get enough sleep, eat healthy meals (enjoy the sweet treats in moderation), exercise, and drink plenty of water.
- Volunteer, giving to others bring about good feelings for both you and those you extend help to.
- Spend fun, no expectation time with your friends and family. Celebrate your family and set aside differences. Try something new, create new rituals.

As people of faith, we can seek solace in the word of the Lord by keeping in mind that this is the Season of Advent and a celebration for our Lord. When stress is at its peak it is hard to regroup, so prepare so that this season can be stress-free. It is important for you to acknowledge your feelings whether happy or sad and seek help from a support system when you feel overwhelm. This is the season of joy which is found within our faith. Symptoms of depression which go untreated can worsen and last for years and carry with it a risk of suicide. Recent studies show that attempts at or suicide is not as common as once thought for the holidays, even still seek help at anytime. You can contact the local suicide hotline-Immediately-by calling 1-800-SUICIDE (1-800-784-2433). Remember, Jesus is only a prayer away.

Happy Holidays

WHAT'S NEXT?

Important Dates

Spiritual Gifts

What are Spiritual Gifts?

Spiritual Gifts are special abilities given by the Holy Spirit and distributed to every believer according to God's design and grace for the common good of the body of Christ.

Why does Mount Aery use Spiritual Gifts?

- They are for the building of the Body of Christ.
- They show us as individuals how we can make our unique contribution to the body of Christ.
- They reveal a part of God's will for our lives.
- They confirm that every believer has a place of service; gifts are given for power and purpose in our ministry.

How does the Spiritual Gifts process work? (Romans 12:4-8 NIV)

The process works by getting a basic understanding of what the gifts are and appreciating how the Lord intended for them to be used. Then by taking a series of assessments, which will help identify the gifts within you.

Classes will be offered on the following dates:

Session One

Monday, December 12, 2011 at 7 pm

Leadership Institute is scheduled for Saturday, December 10th at 12 – 1:30 pm.

<u>The Fellowship, Deacon and Nursing Ministries Christmas Dinner Celebration</u> is being held on December 10th at 6 pm at the Holiday Inn in Bridgeport, CT and will include live jazz entertainment for the cost of \$38. For reservations please contact Lillie Moore at (203)372-1428 or Rose Howard at (203)386-8874.

<u>SAW Christmas Celebration</u> ~ <u>Celebrate the Miracle of the Holy Night</u> is being held on December 12th at 6:30 pm. Please feel free to bring a dessert of your choice.

Holy Spirit Discernment Session is scheduled for Wednesday, December 14th at 7 pm.

<u>Bridging the Gap.</u> MAYA welcomes you to an afternoon of fellowship, food and fun at the Senior Luncheon being held on December 28th at 1 pm, immediately following Bible Study.

MAYA & TLC Presents a New Year's Eve Celebration being held on December 31st at 12 – 2:30 am with a \$5 sacrificial offering in Bass Hall after Watch Night Service.

<u>Angel Tree Ministry</u> is looking for volunteers to be a blessing to a child. For more information please contact Deacon Luis Febres at (203)543-5534.

The Proposed 2012 budget will be available to tithing members on Sunday, November 27th. There will be a congregational review of the budget on Wednesday, December 7th immediately following each Bible Study.

Pastor's Engagements

January 13th at 6:30 pm Temple Israel 14 Coleytown Road, Westport MLK Celebration

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Bridgeport CT 06610

WHEN: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2011

TIME: 6PM TO 11PM

COST: \$38.00 per person

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Mount Aery Baptist Church Sisters At The Well Ministry

Christmas Celebration Celebrate the miracle of the Holy Night with Sisters at the Well

Feel free to bring a dessert of your choice . . .

Date: Monday December 12, 2011

Time: 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Place: Mount Aery Baptist Church

- Bass Hall -

Don't Forget Your Bibles!

Come and share this time with your sisters in Christ and as always, please bring a friend!

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We grow warmer through Fellowship...stronger through Worship ...broader through Ministry ...deeper through Discipleship, and larger through Evangelism.

Ministry Spotlight







Kwanzaa: A Celebration of Family, Community and Culture Part 2

by Tonya Johnson

As we get ready for the holiday season we wanted to remind everyone about Kwanzaa. Kwanzaa is a celebration of family, community and culture which falls in line with Mount Aery's theme this year of faith, family and finances. This month we wanted to highlight the seven basic values of African culture that Kwanzaa introduces and reinforces. These values are called the Nguzo Saba which in Swahili means the Seven Principles. Here are the principles listed in Swahili and English along with the Nguzo Saba symbols:



Umoja ~ Unity

To strive for and maintain unity in the family, community, nation and race.



To define ourselves, name ourselves, create for ourselves and speak for ourselves.





Ujima ~ Collective Work and Responsibility

To build and maintain our community together and make our brother's and sister's problems our problems and to solve them together.

Ujamaa ~ Cooperative Economics

To build and maintain our own stores, shops and other businesses and to profit from them together.





Nia ~ Purpose

To make our collective vocation the building and developing of our community in order to restore our people to their traditional greatness.

Kuumba ~ Creativity

To do always as much as we can, in the way we can, in order to leave our community more beautiful and beneficial than we inherited it.





Imani ~ Faith

To believe with all our heart in our people, our parents, our teachers, our leaders and the righteousness and victory of our struggle.

Mount Aery's Kwanzaa Ministry will be hosting a Kwanzaa Celebration on December 26th. Please contact Pearyle LuLu Sams-Allen to volunteer and for more information.

Excerpts from <u>www.officialkwanzaawebsite.org</u>



MAAFA Reflections

by Zequanda Wright

When I reflect on MAAFA, I reflect on many moments, miseries and memories. I've been in the MAAFA for eight years. My eighth year is what I remember the most, not only because it was most recent but because it was more significant. Leading up to the MAAFA production 2011 I encountered many crazy things. Things from strange looks from whites at school to almost being hit by a car and feeling like it was because of my African DNA. Stress and fear came up against me but tranquility was brought over me after those long rehearsal nights. Not only was I affected by race and misery but also memories. One memory sticks with me most until this very day. While walking on the labyrinth with so many things on my mind I remember counting eight paths towards the center. The thought of my grandmother came to me. Wow! I've missed about two years with MAAFA because of school. Nonetheless, surely I came back with my grandmother Joyce C. Pace as my ancestor. May we never forget where it is we come from. ASHE!



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Is Your Ministry Resurrecting or Resuscitating?

An Account of Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III by Leslie Davis Green

October 31, 2011

Opening with praise to the most high God, This is the day that the Lord has made and I shall rejoice and be glad in it, and His praise will always be in my mouth. The Chicago remix version of the MAAFA that was presented in February is faith does not have to be disconnected from our culture. God gave us our culture and we should not jettison it from who we are.

John 11:1-4 and 38-44 was Jesus' Resurrection Ministry. In the story Lazarus' sisters send for Jesus as their brother is dying. Jesus receives the message in time but decides to stay where he was for another two days. In those two days Lazarus dies and upon Jesus arriving Mary and Martha state that if only you came earlier our brother would still be alive. Jesus knowing that Lazarus would be risen from the dead intentionally allowed this time between his death and burial in the tombs for the benefit of the people. It was God's way of letting us know that some things have to die before they can live. I see dead churches but they don't know it yet. The church is on the verge of possibly losing her power. We are here to serve God; God is not here to serve us.

We are called to a resurrection ministry. From the book of John, here is a non-traditional family of two sisters and one brother. Two sisters taking care of one unemployed brother. On the southside of Jerusalem where mountains block the wealthy from seeing the poor and impoverished. The sisters said a word to Jesus. They sent word saying "Lord, the one you love is sick." Jesus listened to a sister then just as he does now. Never shortchange the power of a word from a sister. If there had not been sisters in our lives we would not be where we are right now.

In the same way, God also trusts a sister. Mary had to carry the Lazarus as he came out of the tombs. word in her belly before a brother (Jesus) could preach it.

Jesus was on a resurrection (new life) mission not a resuscitation (bringing back to life) mission. Sometimes God shows up late and on time simultaneously: chronos, the personification of time.

Let me tell it to you this way. Once golf balls were very smooth, unlike the way you see them today with the dinks all over them. As the balls were hit and dents and scratches were formed on them, it was discovered that they traveled farther. They traveled much farther than the smooth ones. These balls traveled further after going through sand and a beating. Sometimes after going through something, it is then that we can travel farther. Sometimes it takes some wear and tear to come out ahead.



Just as there was a stone laid across the entrance of the grave where Lazarus rested, there are people who put their stone on their grave, not Jesus, it is here when Jesus arrives that the stench of death mixes with the sweet smell of life. For Jesus has come to resurrect life from the grave. The church wants to keep the stone over the grave. God says move the stone because you will be sick of the smell of death and will operate towards the smell of life. The stench has to move into our nostrils. The stench of betrayal and political unrest. Why didn't you brew, Tea Party, with President Clinton, President Bush, and President Reagan's healthcare reform failure? It was only when a Black man took office that you now want to brew tea. The stench moves among us constantly.

Jesus' few words raised Lazarus and removed the stench of death, those few yet powerful words, "Lazarus come forth" and things move. When God says "come forth" daylight shows up. To set brothers free we have to take off the grave clothes of our brothers just as Jesus commanded those to take off the grave clothes of Lazarus as he came out of the tombs

God will resurrect because we are called to a resurrection ministry. Giving the church new life with a new purpose. When living with a new purpose you can face death another way.

Post modern age of the church has forgotten what the church is for. Jesus did not die for us to get a new Bentley but so we can help set our people free. Bless someone else if you want to make an impact. Pass on what you have, unwrap your gifts. Pharisees will plot against your ministry, like the Tea Party. Spiritual crack will resuscitate looking for the next fix. But on Sunday resurrection takes place and sets people free. Do you know someone wrapped up in grave clothes? Help to take the grave clothes off and set them free.

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Let It Rain

by Rev. Alicia Tyson-Sherwood

Let it rain, let it rain... until God's reign ruled the Mount on Tuesday, November 1, 2011 when Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III, Senior Pastor of Trinity United Church, in Chicago Illinois, declared that the "drought is over". He delivered a sermon titled, "When Your Brook Dries Up, "stressing that droughts are only temporary.

After a rousing praise and worship encore, Rev. Moss highlighted the importance of praying before preaching. He went on to remind us that we are men and women kissed by nature's sun. Moss' disarming nature made us feel like we were in a living room listening to a favorite storyteller. Through, tea cakes made by his grandmother, he learned how to be grateful for his blessings. We then heard a heartwarming tale of a young black doctor who was not allowed to operate on a racist man who was adamantly opposed to being treated by a black doctor expressing that "no "N-word" doctor is going to lay hands in me." The young black doctor advised hospital employees to tell the racist man that a white intern would be performing the surgery and so the racist man went under anesthesia thinking the white intern was performing the surgery. He woke up in recovery after a successful surgery. As the racist man was being wheeled down the hall, someone had forgotten to tell a nurse about the hoax and she commented to the racist man, "Aren't you glad that you let that "N-Word" put his hands in you. We roared with laughter welcoming the humor, Dr. Moss used to uplift, teach, preach, and encourage.

He returned to the issue of droughts, by referencing the book of 1 Kings Chap. 17, wherein the prophet Elijah, not only warned of a drought, but through intercessory prayer; called forth a drought. He prayed for the "Baal" worshippers to stop their apostasy and because of the peoples' refusal to listen, Elijah prophesied that there would be a drought in the land.

Dr. Moss further highlighted how God delivered a drought to redeem His people by quoting Elijah's words from Chap. 17... "will be neither dew nor rain these three years, except by my word" The preacher recapped the

scripture and adlibbed by saying that it was an African-American woman that ministered to Elijah and the Rev. stressed that we should be careful not to let the "shape "of your help hinder your healing.

Elijah did not let the male ego get in the way of his blessing. Finally, Rev. Moss taught that Elijah learned to pray in an intercessory fashion and God responded to Elijah's prayer by restoring life to the widow's son. The widow then recognized that Elijah was a prophet saying, "Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth." We too responded in like manner as Rev. Moss preached the unadulterated Word of God.

There were many additional teaching moments as he related the nature of droughts... using the example of the resilience of drought resistant plants.

He compared Christians to those plants and stressed his point by instructing us to turn to our neighbor and declare "you are only seeing 30% of me."

While I don't like all that I have had to endure in life, Rev. Moss' words were a revelation. It was a powerful reminder that we are going to experience some dry seasons, but when the drought is over; we will emerge as stronger Christians.

What a time we had and what a message! All in attendance stood to our feet and applauded God's messenger for the anointing that emanated from the preached Word. Rev. Otis Moss III was here last year, and was back again in 2011. We the people of God can't wait to be blessed again by this man of God, who blessed us beyond measure.



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What Part Do We Play???

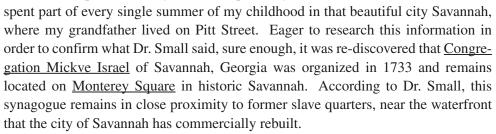
by Rev. Velva Jean Tucker

During the MAAFA Workshop on Saturday, November 5, Dr. William M. Small shared his wisdom and knowledge concerning the struggle we as Black Americans find ourselves entangled in yet today. In his self titled lecture 'The Construction of America (where do we fit in?)', Dr. Small referenced at least two noteworthy books.

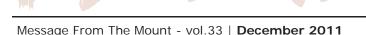
One of the books is titled 'Disintegration: The Splintering of Black America', by Eugene Robinson which discusses how we were then, and how we are now as far as being "together" and (not) having one Black agenda.

The other book is titled 'Betrayal: How Black Intellectuals Have Abandoned the Ideals of the Civil Rights Era', by Houston A. Baker, which reveals the author's belief on the tradition of racial activism in America and how it has deteriorated.

What really captured my attention, though the entire presentation was flawless, came near the end of the lecture, when Dr. Small shared that one of the oldest synagogues in this country is located in Savannah, Georgia and that that synagogue directly connects the Jews to slavery due to its proximity to former slave quarters! Why did this capture my attention? I



Did I say the workshop was all that??? Yep – it was ALL THAT! Let the Church say: AMEN!



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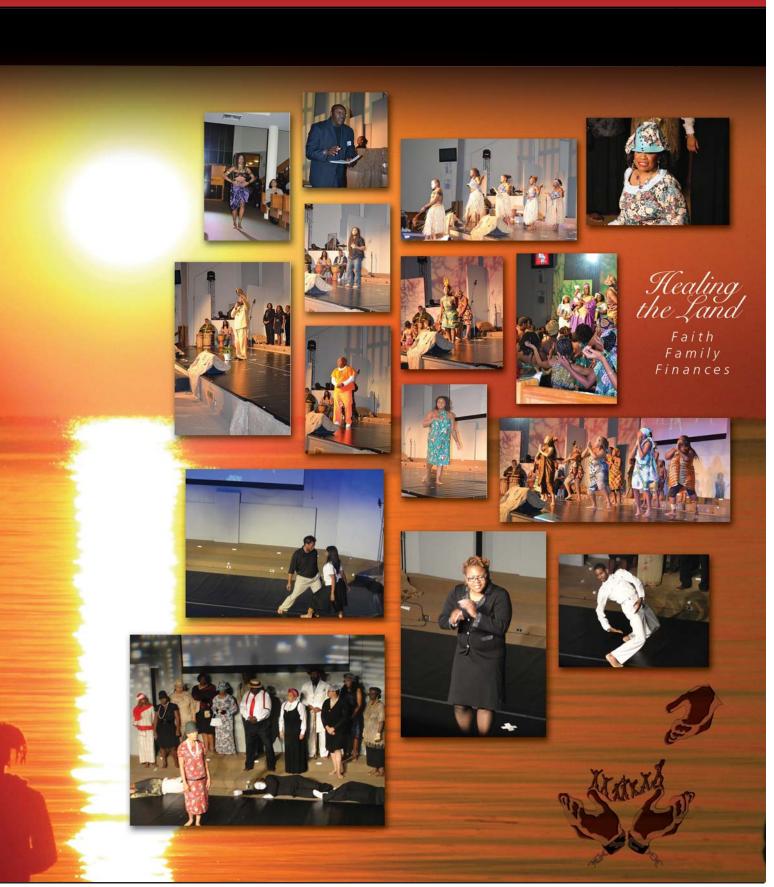
Reflections from the Director by Rev. Ina Alisa Anderson

As I preached about Moses' "God Given Assignment", I have had to look back to my own assignment that was in the form of the MAAFA Influence 2011, "Healing the Land". All I can say is God is true to his word. Like with Moses, He spoke directly to me; whether in a thought or an ideal, through my writing or researching the assignment, it was bigger than I could have imagined. 'And I knew it was big!'

In trying to capture what was Pastor Bennett's conversation at that time and his vision and to brainstorm with Gina and others were at times hard for me to comprehend but, I kept showing up and sitting through those meetings wondering "Why me?" I would ask the Lord, how was He going to work this out because I didn't see a way and of course He would tell me "Just keep showing up." It didn't matter that I did not see it the way anyone else did, it was not for me to become frustrated with the assignment but just to prepare as He told me because the assignment came from Him. Like He told Moses "I will be with you until the end", so He was with me.

Steve Covey states "start with the end in mind" and the end, the finish product of this production was huge, larger than I could have imagined. "Do this as if it were my last time." I am in awe actually, that people are still talking and learning and researching what they had witness during Healing the Land! Cast members are still going through withdrawals and we all have come to the conclusion that In spite of what things may look like at times, God is in charge. We are reminiscing and wondering what February 2012 might have in store for us! We really do miss each other ... lol (Rehearsals)

I find myself praying and listening a lot to the still small voice that leads me in directions that are quite amazing. All my questions would be answered; the what, when, where, who, how and why by way of people, places and things, WOW! I mean yes it does take hard work and determination with an intent to stay focused and it wasn't always easy but I mean you look back and see all who benefits and then you say to yourself it was all worth it!!!



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In the Audience for a Bold Message from Dr. William M. Small

by Leslie Davis Green

Sharing of African consciousness; those who came before us, who paved the way, these names shall forever be on our tongues, then and only then does the spirit live.

He had never seen a MAAFA production such as the one presented to him on that fateful evening. His eyes of 64 years are now open in new ways. He has been on the road of the African consciousness movement for longer than many in this audience have been alive. He's not a betting man, but would bet that any of the children in this production will turn out to be all right because of the sharing sense of values and purpose. The message received from the MAAFA was to inform not to entertain. He asks that each person involved in the evolution keep in touch with their spiritual responsibility and purpose so they will "Understand the Challenge."

Intellectual scholars are would be geniuses in charge for what we already know. What would Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s life be about if he accepted the status quo of today? What if Dr. King refused to speak unless a deal had to be made for him to receive \$20,000 for that speaking engagement? Who would've heard his words and become pro-active to the message? To be a leader today you need a TV show as though GE can help us be who we ought or need to be.

The importance of the MAAFA is as such:

Affirming commitment between + Empowering the self and community = MAAFA the church and the community

In other words, the MAAFA should induce a change in relationships from oppressor to spiritual growth and power in spite of the oppressors bests efforts. Not to endure suffering and not to make it a force in life so that it becomes more digestible for those among us. We need to speak within ourselves. We need to speak truth to power.

In the dictionary power is defined as something operating out there. There is no mention of encouraging people to think of power as something that is within ourselves. Power and faith are platforms for affective change. If you talk about social change it will come. Let's not romanticize it, many who have picked up the gauntlet and made enough noise to move people toward social change for Black people have been killed. So there is a need to be grounded in our faith and connection to God. There must be a commitment to re-establish something within ourselves like a strong rope and the ability to believe we can do the impossible.

What is the connection between faith and power? Things in our world make political strategies less connected to us, the people. If you notice, poverty is increasing. Also take note, poor and poverty are not the same thing. Poverty is used as entitlement, a trap designed to sink those on it in order to get something from government. Where once we shared now we will kill to keep ours or steal yours. We have fallen asleep at the wheel, lulled into accepting the crumbs as though it were a feast. Remembering in his childhood days if you and your friend were trying to get somewhere and only one of you had a bike, the friend would simply sit on the handlebars or on the seat and hold on as both of you would travel the journey together. Then, no one really got left behind. In the process of government assistance (that big block of cheese), we have allowed ourselves to be manipulated as a consequence of our own behavior. No longer is there room on the bike for two. The governments hand up or hand out, depending on how you view it, has people killing each other because of the way \$2-3 million were distributed. Government agencies promoted jobs with no skills more than jobs with skills therefore keeping poverty at the forefront and dependency on government handouts even more so. On average, Blacks net worth is \$5,000 while White's net worth is \$100,000.

In the Audience for a Bold Message from Dr. William M. Small continues

There is a misfire in Black communities. We have been r people, their church and their community. divided over and over again. Cohesiveness is lost within ourselves and in our communities. There is no longer a sense of a definition of blackness. In order to defend the integrity of our cause we must be able to define ourselves and come together in strength of knowing who we are. We are isolated; grass roots is dead and political leaders are paid off.

Some are upset with President Barak Obama, thinking that he should be doing more for the Black community. In all fairness let's take a look at these expectations. Here we have a Black president whose mother was white and whose father was an African from Kenya. His father's involvement in his rearing was more absent than present and he was raised in Hawaii by his white maternal grandparents. In all due respect to the wonderful job they did in raising him, he wasn't raised in a Black consciousness environment. Therefore, how can we expect him to have an understanding of what it is to be raised Black?

So what do we do? Houston Baker wrote a book "Betrayal" where he argues that Black leaders today betrayed the Civil Rights movement.

First thing to do is to develop a definition or standard as to what passes for Blackness. The church cannot do what needs to be done in its present condition. From Birmingham jail Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was writing to churches because they did not support him. Dr. King created the Southern Leadership Conference as his way of making changes. The conference was funded by the church and we need to do something like this. As Gil Scott Heron says "The revolution will not be televised."

Second; we need to start some Saturday schools because we know that the system will not. Our incomplete history books have our children coming out of school as though they have just been hatched, not knowing their heritage.

Third; we need to develop a system of global understanding as the world is getting smaller with technology being key to a new way of communicating and reaching out.

Fourth; we have got to make better use of technology. For every hour our children are on the computer, they need to show something they have learned that will help our

Fifth; we need to become better protectors of our leaders and children. We need to back and support them not only after the fact but to be proactive in their teaching and guidance. It is our responsibility.

Sixth; we need to become managers of our own conflict in the church and our homes. We need collaboration not choice. It's not always either this way or that way. Sometimes and many times it can be a little of both, a collaboration of efforts for the common goal or outcome.

Seventh; we need to put our poets on a CD because we have a distribution network at our church. Put it across the country; show the world we have a base.

Our African connection travels across continents, blood lines, knowingly or unknowingly. Dr. Smalls left us with this true story. An elderly woman in Africa was living in what we consider an in-law apartment connected to her children's more modernized home. She desired the hut type of dwelling that she had always known as a child. Her children respectfully built such a dwelling for her, keeping up with her wishes and still keeping her close to them because this is our way. The woman, because of her age, had failing eye sight was reaching out to who she thought was her son to tell him something, by accident as it may be interpreted by some, she touched Dr. Small and began to speak. Her children and Dr. Small felt a sense of embarrassment at the mistake but the elderly woman put it like this: "We have an African connection where once a woman has a child, all children are her children." This isn't something that would be found in text books but is something that is passed down person to person because this is our way.

We must have a call for the wisdom from our elders and ask ourselves, "Is this the place our fathers saw when they were sacrificing for our future?"

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Seaside Park Send Off

by Michelle Porchia

On Sunday, November 6, 2011 various people gathered at Seaside Park to have a closure to MAAFA and give a final send off to the ancestors.

The ceremony was serene, beautiful and solemn at the same time. Everyone was given flowers and after words from Pastor Bennett, everyone took their moment to toss the flowers into the water and to bid the ancestors farewell.

People also released their attachment to the ancestors, to their roles and to any emotions they may have had towards the ancestor and/or from the MAAFA. Emotions were shared in various ways. It was a personal and private experience for everyone.

For me, I had a surprising revelation; I was able to release the slave owner I played. The ancestor I connected with in the Royal Procession of the MAAFA I would like to think I held on to. However, it seems my connection to the Black Wall Street ancestor did not leave at Seaside Park, she came to service with me. At prayer time, she raised her voice one last time before she took her leave. "You want to talk about health disparity and trauma, we've been through it all, but by God's grace and mercy we are still here." This was more than a line to me, I have and I am still going through health disparity and trauma and truly by God's grace, I'm still here. Whereas this still resonates with me, I thank the ancestor for allowing me the experience through sharing the MAAFA Black Wall Street and learning about that experience. And now it is time for me to be a part of the rebuilding of Black Wall Street here and now. Ashe







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History In The Making

by Pastor Thomas Williams

The MAAFA is always a great time for remembering family and those who led the way for us. Rev. Dr. Marcus Small of New Calvary Baptist Church in Norfolk, VA expressed this when giving his opening remarks. He thanked the Lord for what a special blessing it was to follow his father William Small Sr., who shared at the Saturday MAAFA workshop. To add to the family theme Professor Small is the first cousin Pastor Mildred Williams the mother of our own Pastor Thomas Williams. Marcus and Thomas both grew up in New Jersey.





Pastor Small reminded us that we are "History in the Making" Taking his text from Joshua 4:1-9, he acknowledged that we are living in stressful times. He then encouraged everyone that despite major obstacles in your way, God will show up and create a pathway to get you through your stress! Moreover, he challenged us not to be so quick to move from our blessings, we need to hang around, there may be a lesson we are supposed to learn.





This was an especially moving service for me as I remember my father inviting Professor Small to share at our church back in the day. Then when Marcus first acknowledged his calling my father was one of the first to invite him to preach. So it was exciting seeing my cousin who I used to play GI Joe's and army men with grow into this great and powerful man of God. It was truly a blessing to see this great father and son combo in action this weekend. As my cousin Marcus descended from the pulpit we embraced and I whispered to him to cherish the moment.

SAW Retreat Recap

"Walking With God Stepping Into Your Spiritual Journey" by Eva J. McLeod

On October 11, 2011 I had the pleasure of meeting with the Sisters At the Well once again for a conversation to find out how some of the Sisters are continuing on with their Spiritual Journey.

With fourteen women in attendance, Sister Nieja Jackson and Sister April Gist were the facilitators for the evening. They opened up the floor for the ladies to express themselves about their Spiritual Walk. There was a young sister there that shared her story about how she took the bus to the meeting. She stated that she had been down in the dumps, going from church to church, dealing with family issues, being unemployed and just lost. Her story was heart wrenching. She shared that she is looking for support and guidance and she needed a support system. The Sisters at the Well listened to her and gave her advice on how she can come to the Well and be a part of the group. They encouraged her to seek God and have Faith. Give Praise and be thankful for what she already has. She was encouraged to stay strong and just keep coming to church.

Sister Gail Patterson intervened and expressed her walk with God. She said for her, she is a new creature in Christ. She is not the same as she was before she joined the Sisters At the Well. She encouraged the young sister to stand firm and believe that she can do all things through Christ and it doesn't matter what people say about her just continue to go forth.

Sister Evelyn Marrow spoke about how her walk with God is challenging. She stated that people look at her as being hypocritical and holier than thou. She got really emotional when expressing herself. She stressed that maybe she should just let her light shine naturally instead of talking the talk and preaching to others about the goodness of God.

Sister Karen Whittington shared that her walk with God has I truly enjoyed sitting with the "Sisters at the Well". It is always also been challenging. Her daughter is suffering from a terminal illness and she is going through and she just needs some support. She stated when she decided to come to the Sisters at the Well gathering that night that she would find solace and support to help her with her journey. She wanted to reconnect blessed beyond your own imagination. herself again with the women at the well.

Sister Leona stepped in and stated that we have to know the word for ourselves. We have to rebuke that devil when he comes upon us. She shared that there was a time that she didn't come to church, but her husband would come and one morning she decided to attend one Sunday morning and she stated that she has been coming every since. She stressed to the young sister that you have to know the Word of God and stay in the

The sisters were ministering to each other encouraging them to hang on and stay strong. Be patient God knows the desires of your heart. Sister Williams shared no matter what you're going through; He's always there, no matter what. Someone else stated keep praying and keep standing, keep praying and keep standing. God's the Rock and the foundation, trust Him He's everlasting.

Sister Neija who is finding her way in life stated that her journey is coming along, it was confirmed when she walked the Labriyinth at church. One can pray silently and in the middle of the Labriyinth the individual can praise God however they choose. Sister Betty Hill led the journey at Bass Hall.

Lastly, I asked the question "What is the mission for the Sisters At the Well"? Sister Leona expressed, it's empowering to encourage our sisters and each other as we go through our stuff. We as sisters have to be there for one another. She added that anyone can come to the Well, one doesn't need an invitation it has an open door policy. "Come one, come all". The Well would like to see more participation from the women in the congregation to join in with the ministry. The sisters meet every 2nd Monday once a month from 6:30 to 8PM. "Taste and See", stated Sister Leona, it works come and join.

inspiring and nurturing to be amongst "women" who have faced trials and tribulations in life, tragedy, triumphs and Peace at the end of their Journey but still continue to stand firm on the word of Almighty God. I charge you to come and join; you will be

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The Vermonts Go To Washington, DC

Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Dedication Insights

by Deacon Terence Vermont and Family

Deacon Terence Vermont:

My journey to Washington D.C. for MLK Memorial dedication was very memorable. Not only for the fact that I was able to witness the official dedication of the monument but the fact that Martin Luther King Jr. was finally being recognized for his many long years and dedication on fighting for civil rights for minorities.

I was overwhelmed by the thousands of people who were there to witness such a monumental and important marker in our history. MLK not only was an important figure on the civil rights movement but he was also a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., the first Black Greek lettered organization founded in 1906 for which I am also a member. This monument, in my opinion was long overdue but nevertheless, I know that his family and also his fraternity are very proud of the fact that he is finally being recognized amongst the greatest of our leaders in American history. I was also proud of the fact that I was able to share this moment with my wife and two daughters, who themselves, have their own stories to share.

Regina Vermont:

Knowing and appreciating the legacy left by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. could only leave one overwhelmed. Having attended the official dedication ceremony, there was an unspoken connectedness that transcended words and could only be felt through the kindred spirits of those who stood waiting to see a portion of Black History symbolically merge with American History. This moment was especially significant because I was able to





bare witness to it with my children in hopes that it would not serve as a brief flash in time but a tradition that will continue.

As if that weren't enough, God showed his favor as we were straining to gain a glimpse of the White House through the gates, to have someone hand us tickets to gain access onto the property! Being able to bridge The Dreamer so close to Our Reality truly framed a breathtaking picture to last a lifetime. Moreover, this experience served as a Call-To- Action because there is yet plenty of climbing to do before we reach the "Mountain Top."

Jasmine Vermont:

My experience at the MLK dedication was one that I will never forget and carry with me for a lifetime. It felt good to be a part of history and be able to tell my children and grandchildren that I was there and was able to witness his dream become a reality and his words and legacy literally set in stone.

Jada Vermont:

Being able to attend the MLK Memorial Dedication really meant a lot to me. It was a historical moment and I'm glad that I was there to witness it. I had a feeling of accomplishment as I gazed upon the great statue. We, as an African American community, have come a long way throughout the many years since Dr. King's death. His dreams are finally coming true and I'm sure he is smiling down on us from Heaven.

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TLC Movie Night

by Alexandra Lee-Dicks

Together Loving Christ (TLC) Couple's Ministry hosted its second movie night on Saturday, November 19th showing a film titled You Saved Me. With a documentary format Director Lamar Tyler showcased interviews of married couples sharing their real life love stories detailing their trials and triumphs as well as their tribulations and testimonies on marriage, being married and about each other. Couples highlighted in the movie were at different stages in their marital journey from newlyweds to a widow who had been married for 50 years.

With African American marriage rates declining and divorce rates rising the common theme the couples echoed throughout the film as sustaining their marriages was faith in God; being totally committed to each other; honest, open communication; and acknowledging the strength of two joined together to make one solid couple. Couples also shared on the thought: *This marriage saved me from...?*

Following the movie there was dialogue, sharing & encouragement between those in attendance on both marriage and family life. Discussion centered around the importance of African American marriage and role modeling healthy relationships for the younger generation to see, family values, commitment and communication.

The next TLC event will be held in conjunction with MAYA on New Years Eve following Watch Night service in Bass Hall from 12:00am-2:30am.



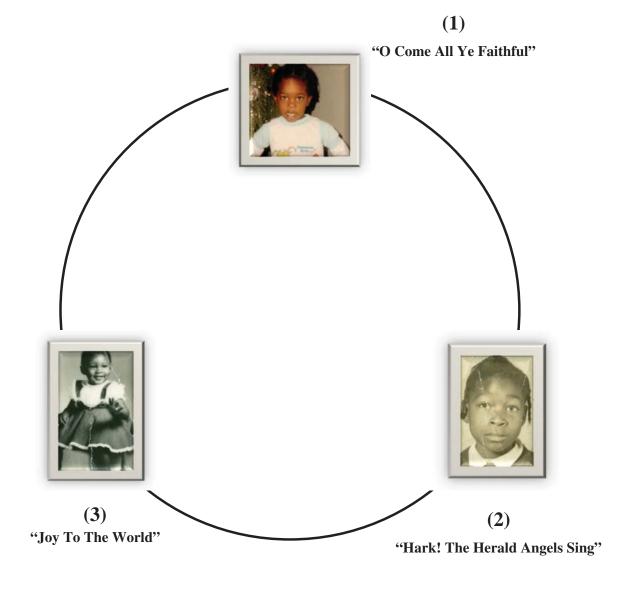
GUESSWHO!!!

From the list of names that is given, select the correct name and place it beside the numbers below:

Sis. Deloris Crawley Sis. Mary Wilson Deacon Minnie Grant Sis. Shiana Bartelle Sis. Sandra Hairston

(2) _____

(3) _____



Answers for November: 1) Sis. Rena Monk; 2) Sis. Angela Colbert; 3) Bro. Earl Pettway



Doreen's Top Biblical Questions

by Doreen Cotter

True or False:

The Sermon on the Mount, the Parables of the Kingdom and the Ascension of Jesus is recorded in the Book of Matthew							
2. The Books of Matthew and Mark give Jesus' genealogy							
. The "Kingdom of Heaven" is found thirty-three times in the gospel of Matthew.							
4. The commonality between Abel, Rachel and David is that they were all keeper/shepherd of the Sheep							
5. The name Barnabas means "Son of Encouragement"							
6. The Alter of Incense is a reminder of Prayer.							
7. Two gospels that record the Great Commission are Matthew and Mark							
8. In the Bible king Saul was the first person to be cremated							
9. Methuselah, the oldest man in the Bible died before his father							
10. To prove that they were not spies, Joseph asked his brothers to bring Benjamin and his father Jacob to Egypt							
The Book of John:							
• The Apostle Thomas is known by two other names, what are they?							
How is the Candlestick a picture of Jesus?							
J i t L o t W							
How is the Shewbread a picture of Jesus?							
J i t B o L							

Announcements

- Please be advised the Deacons on Call for the month of November are Deacons Cotter & Dewitt- Smith
- Submissions of announcements and due dates:
 - Message From The Mount
 Send information to
 mftm@mtaerybaptist.org by
 Wednesday after the first Sunday
 - Mid-Month Message From The Mount Update
 - > Send information to mftm@mtaerybaptist.org by Wednesday before the third Sunday
 - Monitors in the Sanctuary
 > Send information to
 media_ministry@mtaerybaptist.org
 by the Wednesday before the
 Sunday you want the
 announcement

If announcements are not received by the due dates they may be omitted or placed in the next edition.

alse (the Ascension is recorded in Acis)
alse (not Mark but Luke)

True

True

True (Ps. 141:2)

True (Gen 5:24)

False (Not his Father Jacob) Gen 42:14-15

Twins and Didymus (John 11:16; 21:2)

Lessus is the Light of the World (John 8:12)

Lessus is the Light of the World (John 8:13)

Acknowledgement

- Happy Birthday to Deaconess Queen Boone on her 101st Birthday!!!
- With Special Thanks to all of you. "To know you is to know people who are kind, considerate, and thoughtful. To know you is to be grateful for the special things you do." Pastor Bennett, for everything you've done...for being the special people that you are... thank you so very much. Sadie Singleton and the family of Julia Leonard.
- To Pastor Bennett and our Mount Aery family. We thank you for the love and support and all that you all have done in being there for me and my family during our time of bereavement.
 Deacon Bo and the DeWitt-Smiths.

Hospitalization & Nursing Home

Please be aware that there are strict legal and ethical guidelines regarding giving out patient information. Therefore, if you are hospitalized and desire pastoral support, you or your family member must notify the church office in advance, if possible. When you are admitted, state your denomination and place of worship.

Please address all correspondences for the above disciples to the church and the administrative office will forward all mail. Thank you for your cooperation.

Maxine Boykin

Bridgeport Hospital, 267 Grant street, Bridgeport, CT 06610

Grover Gardner Sr.

Gardner Heights Nursing Health Care, 172 Rest Rock Road, Shelton, CT 06484

Bernice Adams, West Barnes, Leroy Wilson

Maefair Health Care Center, Maefair Court, Trumbull, CT 06611

Deaconess Okakue Brown

St. Joseph's Manor, 6448 Main Street, Trumbull, CT 06611

Eulalia Pettway, Juanita Sims

St. Vincent's Hospital, 2800 Main Street, Bridgeport, CT 06606

Bereavement

- Ruby Ely, Clara Ely and Lonnie Ely in the loss of their brother Charles Ely in Bridgeport, CT
- Celia Wilson & family in the loss of Lucy Taylor of Tallahassee, FL.
- Clarice Holloway & family in the loss of Fannie Mae Hughes in South Carolina.

Please Pray for Our Healing List

Deacon Brad Belcher

Clinnie Black

Deaconess Oueen Boone

Emmanuel Burton

Millie Burton

Sandra Cameron

Linda Fulton Christy

Delores Cox

Lester Dennis

Eunice Faison

Harold Farrar

Lois Farrar

Barbara Foust

Bernice Geter

Sally Gordon

Jodi Green

Deaconess Milla Green

Susan Holmes

Brenda Johnson

Selaja Johnson

Unice Jones

Kenneth Knight

Barbara Macey

Regina Manns

Clyde McLaughlin

Paul Mendes

Lillian Ragsdale

Deacon Willie Mae

Richardson

Bonita Robinson

Deacon Dover

Seawright, Sr.

Sally Soares

Mary Thigpen

Cecilia Williams

June Williams

Cecelia Wilson

Deacon Harold Walton

Deaconess Anna Watkins

Tanya Lazaro Young

DECEMBER2011Birthdays

December 1st

Bember, Porter Bradley, Keith Brassell, Diane Caesar, Gloria Coplon, Latosha Day, Terrie Y. DeJesus, Marta Febres, Annette Foremar, Nenyelle Kenyattaia, Dorothy Lindsey, Curtis Matthews, Ronald Reyes, Luis Scales, Reginald

December 2nd

McDufin, William Moye-Sprangle, Yvonne Pasha, Hope Perkins, Fay Rogers, Dawn Williams, Donell Williams, N'Gai

December 3rd

Baldwin, Willie Cardwell-Adams, Michele Daniels, Mary Hill, Jacklyn Hill, Jocelyn Smith, Karin

December 4th

Barreiro, Elizabeth Coleman, Zinnia Edmonds, Marshall Penix, Elizabeth Reed, Lakeisha Reed, Lakeya Skeeter, Sharron Wilson, Lamar

December 5th

Barnett, Barbara Boone, Queenie Buford, Carlton Cauthen, Adrian Ess, Darin Hunter-Faison, Jeanette James, Jesse McKenzie, Roger McKnight, Quincy Travis, Lisa

December 6th

Brown, Jr. George Dunn, Sandra Fleming, Brianna Lyles, Starsheenma Simpson, Sheila Swinton, Kimberley Wedda, Elizabeth

December 7th

Barksdale, Rita Brown-Palmer, Bernadette Wortham, Terrance Cuttino-Muniz, Ke'isaa Gray, Donna Harris, Artrena Marsh, Mary McIntyre, Keneisha Reese, George Slade, Lisa Thomas, Alecia Walls, Kecia Waters, Vicky Wright, Jessie

December 8th

Gallimore, Cirell Geter, Frederick Hargrove, Ebony Holmes, Kimberly Lee, Kevin Penix, Avery Phaire, Claudine Porter, Michael Reed, Valerie Robinson, Wesley Vereen, Kenneth Walden, Chimere

December 9th

Housey, Angela Marshall, Leola Perry, Vanessa Satchwell, Sharon Sims, Bonita Soares, Jordan Thompson, Terry Watley, Andrea

December 10th

Burks, Cecelia Frederick, Monique Galberth, Tory Jackson, NaQuasha Johnson, Rhoshenae Lee, Brittany Mack, Barren Pollard, LaJeune Risher, Vanessa Sanders, Rodney Velez, Nancy Walton, Catherine

December 11th

Blanding, Jennifer Cruz, Rubin Curran, Horace Drew, Patrick Foster, Joan

December 12th

Anyoha, Anseln Gary, Michael Hill, Betty Rollins, Quintin Rollins, Quinton Simmons, Denetris

December 13th

Bradley, Rubin Brite, Michael Burres, Betty Dicks, Carl Foster, Telazia Hardison, Shawn Hendrickson, Jhakiema Ingram, Philip Mitchell, Justan

December 14th

Hudson, Armoni Jordan, Nhrai Joseph, Veronique Lee, Charlene Lewis, John Mendez, Tykeisha Mercer, Rhonda Pettway, Marster Pettway, Robert Stephenson, Kathy

December 15th

Bennett, Anthony Cooper, James Freeman, Lawrance Horton, Horace Seawright, Dwayne Thomas, Alisha Thomas, Felisha Womack, Crystal

December 16th

Ben, Joe Failey, Felicia Garner, Katrina Jones, Shanda Langston, Peter Lanham, Roosevelt Mallard, Steve

December 17th

Day, Terrell Johnson, Jeannette Maye, Tamika Mendenhall, Latisha Mincey, Loletha Moorer, Mazie Nichols, Sean Pettway, Lee Small, Trevon Stokes, Alan Taylor, Shayna Walker, Virginia

December 18th

Butler, Whilamenia Cook, Talyn Dennis, Monica Hill, Lakisha

Holmes-Cobb, LaNeesa Narcisse, Paul Pettway, Lenora Slade, Rosie Thornton, Marion Worsley, Irene

December 19th

Eason, Reginald Gordon, Calbert Ploughman-Hamm, Jeanine N. Spearman, Carwin Sundar, Keisha

December 20th

Bush-Hanks, Denise Domond, Ellen Eldridge, Mary Gary, Blair Rivera, Walesca Thompson, Leona Thornton, Barbara

December 21st

Boyd, Melanie Gist, April Mitchell, Inez

December 22nd

Antoine, Donna Childs, Michael Drew, Katurah Hill, Shirley Jones, Cynthia Rowe, Charmaine

December 23rd

Daniels, Rhozharia Dennis, Helen Graham, John Gray, Christie Hendrickson, Simon Nielsen, Caleb Walker, Vickie West, Letitia

December 24th

Lazaro, Madison

December 25th

Buford, Mary Carter-Mims, Carol Lesperance, Esther Reed, Shirley Scudder, Janis White, Andrea

December 26th

Cruz, Lashonda Ellis, Chyna Hairston, Samuel Manns, Melissa McFadden, Lori VanNorden, Gregory

December 27th

Carr, Thelma Edwards, Bernardine Jackson, Mary Kearney, Chyron Kearney, Yolanda Simpson, Sandra Williams, Melissa

December 28th

Bennett, Angelope Ely, Clara Fields, Audrey Gardner, Joy Gerald, F. Jackson-DeYounge, Gladys Langs-Johnson, Selaja Tawney, Millicent

December 29th

Banks, Christopher Burton-Seldon, Brenda Chandler, Martin Clemons, Charles Curtis, Anderson Evans, Toni Geer, Connie LaFountain, Sadara Pettway, Barnetta White, Gloria

December 30th

Bass, Santoni Bowens, Debbie Crumpton, Andrew Dyer, Crystal Grey, Tawanda James, Robin Kearse, Serverina Mitchell, Cheryl Pettway, Randy Rainey, Juanita Smith, Geronald Taylor, Marcia

December 31st

Brown, Vendance Lesperance, Bernadette McIntosh, Bennie Santos, Monica Seawright, Jacqueline Washington, Sally

December 2011

Saturday	5.00 AM Daily Prayer 6:00 AM Daily Prayer 8:30 AM Men's Ministry Breakfast 10:00 AM Senior & Junior Ushers Christmas 11:00 AM Bridgeport Chorale Union 11:00 AM Mass Choir Rehearsal 12:30 PM Interpretes 1:00 PM Ministers Meeting	6:00 AM Daily Prayer 6:00 AM Daily Prayer 8:30 AM Men's Ministry 11:30 AM Tax Law Changes/ Chartable Giving 12:00 PM Leadership Institute	4 7 6:00 AM Daily Prayer 6:00 AM New Disciples Orientation 12:00 PM Angel Tree Ministry 12:30 PM Interpreters 7:00 PM Christmas Jazz Concert	24 6:00 AM Daily Prayer	6:00 AM Daily Prayer 6:00 AM Men's Ministry 5:00 PM Church Office Opens 6:00 PM Vesper Service 7:00 PM Watch Nigh/Baptism/ Communion
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Tuesday		600 AM Daily Prayer 5:00 PM BCAC Child Care 5:00 PM BCAC Child Care 5:00 PM BCAC Children Issues Forum 5:00 PM Payer Ministry 6:30 PM MAAY A St. Luncheon 7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal	6:00 AM Daily Prayer 5:00 PM Prayer Ministry 6:30 PM A.Y.A. S. L. Luncheon 6:30 PM A.Y.A. S. L. S. Luncheon 6:30 PM A.Y. Book C. The 6:30 PM Trustees Ministry Meeting 7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal	600 AM Daily Prayer 500 PM Prayer Ministry 600 PM AIDS Ministry 6:30 PM Martial Arts CT 7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal	6-00 AM Daily Prayer 5:00 PM Prayer Ministry 6:30 PM Martial Arts CT 7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
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"A Smooth Gazz Christmas"

Featuring Bob Baldwin

Date: December 17, 2011

Place: Mount Aery Baptist Church

73 Frank Street

Bridgeport, Connecticut 06604

Time Doors open at 7 PM Concert begins at 8 PM Catered VIP reception immediately following the Concert

General Admin: \$15.00 (in advance) / Much more at the door VIP Admin: \$30.00 (in advance) / Much more at the door

