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Namaste my Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

It is a blessing to have made it to the second month in this year. Although this month is the shortest, as we have discovered February will be full of activities and events. But before we remind you of the February events, let me thank each and every one of you who prayed with us during our 30 Days of Prayer. I have constantly heard and read text messages and emails of how this 30 Days of Prayer has helped refocus individuals on their journey with God. I have also heard of ways in which this time of prayer has encouraged weary leaders and motivated emerging leaders within our congregation to make this year a year of more self discipline and order. I wish to thank Rev. Alicia Tyson-Sherwood and all of the prayer warriors for their coordination of these thirty days. We will continue to prayer in this month that God will give us now follow through for God's revelation for Mount Aery.

February will be full of activities and continued reflection on the vision God has given Pastor and people. In the month of February we will reintroduce the bible study series, How to Study Your Bible. I want to encourage ever disciple to come out every Wednesday, beginning February 8th, to learn practical and clear ways of understanding the scriptures.

Also in February, we will once again perform Emerging Voices. In addition to our Saturday, February 25th performance at Mount Aery, we have been invited to share a portion of this production during The Cathedral of the Holy Spirit's S.T.E.M. Conference on Friday, February 24th prior to the feature speaker, Dr. Cornell West. I am looking forward to the mighty move of God in both venues. Please pray for our cast and crew.

In addition to Black History Month, February is also known as the month of love and we hope you will use this month to express your love to God, family, friends and the body of Christ. Just last month, a movie debuted entitled Red Tails, the story of the Tuskegee airmen. This was a story of triumph over tragedy, bigotry and discrimination. Let this month remind us that we are all more than conquerors through Jesus, The Christ.

God bless you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Anthony L. Bennett".

Pastor Anthony L. Bennett, D. Min.
Senior Pastor

OUR VISION STATEMENT

To equip the disciples of Mount Aery Baptist Church with the biblical and relational wisdom for the spiritual, educational and social work of ministry beginning in the Hollow Section of Bridgeport, then spreading throughout the Greater Bridgeport Area.

Ephesians 4:11-12 and Acts 2:44-4-7

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Editor's Desk

Our Father, we want to first and foremost, thank you for guiding us into 2012 and helping us as we move into this recasting season, growing closer to you. You are such an awesome God! We know you have special work for us here at Mt Aery, and we ask that you help us as we seek to recast our vision for 2012 so that Mt Aery grows strong, fresh, and anew. Thank you father!

Well, here we go into another year of greatness here at the Mount, and if the powerful time we are having every morning on the 30 Days of Prayer Conference Call, and the great time had by all at the MAYA/TLC New Year's Eve celebration, are any indications of how 2012 is going to play out, we are in for a real treat. From where I stand, we have grown every year, and with all the talented people we have here working as one, we can do some powerful things, not only here at the Mount, but in our surrounding community. Thank you to Rev. Sherwood and the Prayer Ministry for coordinating the prayer conference call, job well done!

I was talking to someone this week who shared with me that they love how the disciples of Mt. Aery don't just concern themselves with the four walls of Mt. Aery, but we reach out into the community and we try to bring the community within our four walls. Pastor Bennett has asked us to use our gifts and talents for this ministry. If you are unsure of your gifts, come out to a Spiritual Gifts class and learn what your gifts are, and let's roll up our sleeves and get to work!

I see us in 2012 growing in what we do for our Lord, our church and our community, gaining new and strong soldiers for the Lord along the way. All the best to each and every one of you and your families in 2012, and keep a close eye on the Message From The Mount to see what new and exciting things are taking place here at the Mount.

God Bless!

Be well!

Henry C. Smalls Jr.,

Director of Operations MFTM

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WHAT'S NEXT?

Important Dates

21 Days of Prayer for the Music Ministry - Call in to the prayer line at 7:00a daily starting February 1st at 610-214-0000. The participant access code is 818878#.

Mount Aery Women's Book Club will be meeting on Tuesday, February 14th at 6:30 pm. The book for discussion will be The Invincible Thread by Laura Schroff.

The African American Historical Association of Fairfield County is holding an awards ceremony at The discovery Museum on Saturday, February 25th from 1 – 4 pm where Pastor Bennett will be awarded the Carter G. Woodson Award in Lifetime Excellence in Service to the Public.

Recognitions

- Mason Pugh, Eli Whitney Elementary School, 6th Grade, 9 – A
- Zequanda “Ze Ze” Wright earned honors at Southern Connecticut State University.
- Pastor Bennett is being awarded the Carter G. Woodson Award in Lifetime Excellence in Service to the Public by the African-American Historical Association of Fairfield County, Connecticut

Retraction

- The MFTM Staff would like to retract information that was published in the December issue of Message from the Mount. In the article "SAW Retreat Recap" Karen Whittington was misquoted and it was published that her daughter is suffering from a terminal illness which is not the case. We at MFTM would like to express our deepest apologies for this error and we would also like to express our apologies to the Sister At Well Ministry for breaking the confidentiality that is used when "Speaking at the Well".

Announcements

- **Go Red Sunday**
In honor of Heart Disease we would like everyone to wear something red on February 12, 2012
- **Generation Next Youth Ministry**
 - o Generation Next Youth Ministry is asking all Members who are interested in volunteering time to the youth of Mt Aery Baptist Church please give your contact information to Malakhi Eason after church in the Narthex. You can also email your contact information or questions to mabc.generationnext@gmail.com
- **Business Owners** – Mount Aery is filled with people needing products and services that someone at “The Mount” can provide. There are several active business owners amongst our church family. We would like to develop a business directory as a resource to the congregations and beyond. Please pick up a form from the carousel in the Narthex. Once completed, turn into the church office. For more information, please see Vyola Parker.
- All Leaders: The Five Star book is available in the church office. The donation is \$10.
- Please be advised that the Deacons on Call for the month of February are Deacons Jones and Lee.
- Submissions of announcements and due dates:
 - Message From The Mount
 - o Send information to mftm@mtaerybaptist.org by Wednesday after the first Sunday
 - Monitors in the Sanctuary
 - o Send information to media_ministry@mtaerybaptist.org by 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.

- **No Pork on Church Property**
 - o For health, healing and sensitivity for those with health conditions, no pork is to be brought on church premises (i.e. ministry affairs and/or catering). For further information, contact Dr. Jeanne Fuqua at 203-500-4100. Office hours are by appointment only on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4p to 8p and Saturdays, 2p to 6p.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Important Dates

- **NO Food or Beverage in the Sanctuary**

- o Please, please, please, do not bring food or beverages into the sanctuary. Parents, please feed infants and toddlers in the Wilson Hall or the Bass Hall. It is everyone's responsibility to be good stewards of the building that God has blessed us with. If you see anyone not being responsible, please get an Usher or a Deacon to handle the situation. Thank you.

- **Parents**, while you are in worship, your children should be in worship next to you, unless Youth Church is in session. Teenagers have been wandering around the church and the younger children have been playing in the Quiet Room. **The Quiet Room is for parents with infants only. Please keep your children with you at all times.**

- As we seek to become a 5 Star Church we will need your help. **Please review the list on the next page,** if you find your name the church office is in need of your current contact information. Please fill out a Contact Information form which can be found in the carousel in the Narthex and submit it to the front office. Thank you.

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Mount Aery Development Corp offers FREE Tax Help!
Beginning Thursday February 2, 2012 to April 18, 2012

The Mount Aery Development Corp.

Will offer Free Income Tax Preparation for taxpayers with 2011 earned income under \$49,000, through the Volunteer Income Tax Program (VITA).

The IRS will employ the services of trained, certified tax preparers to help you file your Federal and State tax returns quickly at no cost. Professional services will include FREE E-filing and direct deposit for filing returns. The goal of the Volunteer Income Tax Site:

- o Is to promote tax understanding and awareness
- o To prepare accurate tax returns free for qualified taxpayers, and
- o Encourage Financial Education and Asset Building (FEAB) through tax incentives,
- o Free tax preparation services to tax payers earning under \$49,000 in 2011.

Start Date: February 2, 2012

Scheduled Hours: Thursdays - 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Sundays - 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Location: Mount Aery Baptist Church - Libation Computer Center

Persons seeking Volunteer Opportunities should contact Brenda B. Seldon, Site Coordinator

To reserve your Space Call 203-540-5624 Monday-Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. or Call 211.

Guess Who? answers for January:

1) Bro. Maurice Colbert 2) Sis. Shanice Maxwell 3) Sis. Cecila Wilson 3) Sis. Mary Wilson

Church office needs your current contact information:

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Butler, Ashley	Freeman, Lawrance	Jones, Jason	Rodriquez, Evelyn	Williams, Ashleigh
Butler, Wayne	Fuller, Natesha	Jones, Craig	Rogers, Wanda	Williams, Betty
Butler, Whilamenia	Galberth, Tory	Jones, Christopher	Roseboro, Jeanette	Williams, Christine
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Charles, Shawn	Gardner, Alan	Joyner-Davis, William	Ryan, Roger	Williams, LaTasha
Charles, Kevin	Gardner, Joy	Karol, Anthony	Salmon, Tyrena	Williams, Terrance
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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.

Deaconess Queen Boone

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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, Bernice Geter

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

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Lester Dennis

Sally Gordon

Deaconess Milla Green

Kenneth Knight

Eulalia Pettway

Deacon Dover Seawright, Sr.

Juanita Sims

Mary Thigpen

Deaconess Anna Watkins

Cecelia Wilson

Please Pray for Our Prayer List

Clinnie Black

Emmanuel Burton

Sandra Cameron

Deidre Fairfax

Harold Farrar

Lois Farrar

Susan Holmes

Unice Jones

Barbara Macey

Regina Manns

Clyde McLaughlin

Carol Carter Mims

Michelle Porchia

Lillian Ragsdale

Tanya Lazaro Young

Bereavement

- **Sarah Harrell** in the loss of her brother, Roosevelt Dempsey of Washington DC
- **Carole Thomas** lost her aunt, Mildred Brown, in New Rochelle, New York
- **Leslie Wilborn and family** lost her father, George Peterson

Ministry Spotlight



Sunday School Basic Bible Class

by Maxine Plummer

Basic Bible is an introductory class designed to equip disciples with the fundamental educational component of their Christian development and understanding as affirmed in our vision statement taken from Ephesians 4:11-12 and Acts 2:44-47. Serving as a foundation for many other M.A.I.L. courses, this class introduces several approaches to biblical study, providing each disciple with practical exercises to help discover what study method(s) work best on an individual basis, and how to utilize the tools necessary for effective application.

Basic Bible is not just for the beginner, but the experienced Bible student as well. Throughout this course disciples will become comfortable finding their way around the Bible, develop a better understanding of its subject matter and writing styles, and gain clear insight through interpretation of the Bible.

Some of the topics discussed are:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• WHAT IS THE BIBLE ALL ABOUT?• HOW DID WE GET THE BIBLE?• THE ANATOMY OF THE BIBLE<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Old Testament Organization- New Testament Organization | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• LEARNING TO PRAY WITH THE BIBLE• HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Chapter Summary Method- Devotional Study Method- Thematic Study Method |
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Based largely on topic work, Basic Bible teaching is a graced response to the intimidation that many feel due to their lack of biblical knowledge. Through the many topics discussed, it gives the average disciple the skills to search the scriptures in the company of others, building faith, knowledge and community together. Disciples who have already taken the class have expressed an inner excitement as they became better acquainted with the Bible.

Basic Bible is an excellent class to help disciples gain a love for the Word of God! Therefore, M.A.I.L. is extending the invitation to all who desire to immerse themselves in God's Word through this class. The new session for this class will begin February 12th with two wonderful instructors, Desmond Gamble and Jean Nimmons.

Poets' Corner

Poets' Corner

speaking with
ink and pen
release

Hail Chief to a Black Man

Faith is the evidence of believing the unseen
But the evidence was overwhelmingly shown through an entire country
How one man can captivate a world beyond worlds?
Have digital voting displayed from third worlds
To vote for a black man who can have a great impact at the start of every shore
Every bi-coastal line and biracial mind finally the Black man has his time
His time to shine in a nation who spit on the color black
Cut off from our families brought to other plantations only to get whipped on our back
Strip from our heritage and bondage to a foreign land
But now after 43 presidents we all hail chief to a black man
A brother with charisma and an intelligent mind
A boat that has risen far and high above others during this rising tide
During this period of racism and recession
Congressional hearings about whether the country is really in a depression
We all hail chief to a black man
A president who is for all people not just for those who look like him
But for those who want a change from the previous presidential cabinet
A new leader to bring dignity back to the superpower
To bring unity across the global world and rescue our own country from greed and power
A lust of agony and violence from war against the Middle East
This shining brother gets the chance to shed unity over grief
We salute our president with pride and joy with hope and chance
Finally we Hail chief to a black man

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Living Healthy through God's Love & Our Ancestors' Example

by Michelle Porchia



This month we are focusing on healthy living through God's love for us and learning how to live healthy from our ancestors. As we celebrate our heritage, we remember God's love, which is not limited to one month and Black History Month as we all know is not limited to one month a year either.

We are very familiar with the scripture, "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them." (Gen. 1:27 NIV) If we believe this, then we are the image of God. And after God created male and female in His image, He said it was "good". If that is the case, why don't we love ourselves more? Why do we look in the mirror and pick ourselves apart...noting all the things we dislike rather than loving ourselves and the beauty of God in us? We need to look at ourselves in the mirror and say, "I am good in God."

Another scripture that people like to quote is, "...do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body." (1 Cor. 6:19-20) Again, if this is the case and we truly believe this, then why aren't we more careful about what we put in our body? We need to remember and treat our body like the temple that it is.

Mt. Aery promotes healthy living and supports that by starting service with meditation, having health fairs, promoting holistic health, etc. We use to have a health clinic in the church but it didn't seem like the clinic was utilized by many people. We also have access to the clinic next door. How many people utilize that service? Do you get a physical every year? Do you take care of your teeth?

We know that Black people are prone to diabetes, hypertension, obesity and heart attacks. Just because we are prone to disease doesn't mean we have to end up with the disease. All of these diseases, even if they are part of our genes, can usually be prevented by making different health and living choices. I've heard people talk about our history of eating "badly" coming from being slaves. I disagree.

Our ancestors in Africa, depending upon which part of African they lived in, actually ate very healthy food. Many of those foods such as nuts and yams were brought to the US. In the Nile Valley the nomad tribes raised cattle, goats, or sheep, which served as part of the tribes' food source. Crops that weren't affected by extreme weather such as wheat, barley,

millet, sorghum and yams became popular throughout the continent and have remained important staples in the African diet today.

Many regions eat various stews, soups and sauces. This is often served over a porridge or mash made from a root vegetable such as cassava or a grain such as rice, corn, millet. Regional differences are reflected in variations on this basic meal, primarily in the contents of the stew. In the traditional African diet, meat and fish are not the focus of a meal, but are instead used to enhance the stew that accompanies the mash or porridge. Meat is rarely eaten, though it is well-liked among some Africans. In West African they ate the Plantain fried, boiled or pounded into fufu. They also had access to dates, bananas, guava, melons, passion fruit, figs, jackfruit, mangos, pineapples, cashews, and wild lemons and oranges. We currently have access to all this food.

Palm oil is the base of stew in the Gambia, southern, and eastern regions. In the Sahalian area, groundnut paste (peanut butter) is the main ingredient for stew. Other stews are based on okra (a vegetable native to the rainforests of Africa), beans, sweet potato leaves, or cassava. Other vegetables are eggplant, cabbage, carrots, chilies, French beans, lettuce, okra, onions, and cherry tomatoes. All the stews in this territory tend to be heavily spiced, often with chilies.

During slavery the food depended upon the plantation and where the plantation was located. Needless to say, the slaves didn't have a lot of food. Some of the food they were able to grow in their own gardens if it was allowed. Mostly they received rations of items such as meat, cornmeal, bacon and peas. The rations were not enough for the week and to sustain them for the work they did. Sometimes they would take some of the leftover crop they harvested and

sometimes they would steal pigs or chickens which usually resulted in them being beaten or even death. Whatever they had, they made the best of it and became very creative in making and stretching their meals. As the Africans did, often slaves made soups and stews with what they had. So even though the slaves ate pork, salt and meat, more often they ate soups, stews and vegetables as their ancestors did.

Today we have a choice. We can still eat our stews, and soups and vegetables. I'm not saying not to eat meat. I'm strongly suggesting we eat more fruits and vegetables, drink more water and eat meat in moderation. Back in the day, the meat was freshly killed and eaten. Nowadays, the animals are injected with steroids, hormones and antibiotics. They are not treated humanely and consequently the meat we purchase is not always good for us. That's why when we hear our seasoned saints talk about they've eaten meat most of their life and they are fine, it's not the same. Meat is different now so I suggest you eat it in moderation. I encourage you to eat free range chicken and eggs or locally grown chicken and eggs.

Lastly, I hear people complain about the cost of eating healthy. I was told when I first started getting more into eating healthy as a life "there is no price for your health. You can either pay the price now or later." You can pay the price for good, real food now or you can pay later in doctor visits and medication. It's your choice.

I encourage you to love yourself, love your body and take care of your health. Our ancestors overcame many obstacles. We have our share of obstacles. Let's not make health our downfall. Making small changes like simply cutting out soda and replacing your doughnut with an English muffin and an egg can make a huge impact. Let's be able to leave the doctor's office with a report of our health is GOOD.

"So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." (1 Cor. 10:31) Choose wisely.



Back to Basics

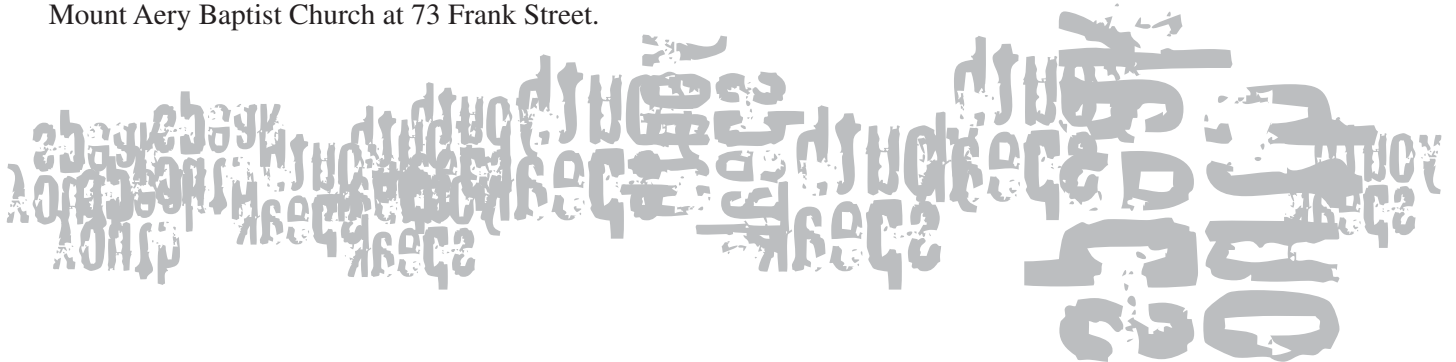
by Judah Seawright

I have been told stories by past college attendees, and while the sharing of their knowledge is helpful, personal experience is a great teacher. Coming into college as a freshman and being the oldest of three, I felt high expectations and pressure to excel. However, there is quite a difference between high school and college. In college you are free to do whatever you choose without the fear of teachers and parents nagging you. Yet, this freedom comes with an enormous sense of responsibility. As a college student, you have accepted the responsibility to attend classes, complete assignments and grasp the information given by your professors all by yourself. It is difficult to balance the challenge of being independent. For the first few weeks I struggled but I was able to steer the ship back on course.

After 3 months of freedom, ramen noodles and late night cramming, winter vacation seemed like a well deserved break. I was looking forward to coming back home to family and friends. However, after being independent for the past four months, coming back home was more of an adjustment than I anticipated, especially for the first week in a half. I could not take the car anytime or anywhere, everybody's alarms went off in the morning and woke me up, and I had to tell my parents my plans. Since this was also Christmas vacation and a long break from college work, and time to celebrate with family, I had no choice but to make the best of it.

During my time off I was able to catch up with many of my friends. Since my break was about 4 weeks long, this gave me plenty of opportunity to hang out with peers and even former classmates I have not seen since graduation. We were able to discuss our personal experiences during the first semester as a college student. We compared college to high school and it was unanimous that college is much better. We shared funny stories, personal struggles and triumphs during this first semester.

It was great to return to Mount Aery, because this church has been such a major part of my life for so long, starting about 14 years ago when I was four. My exams ended in time so I could be home to volunteer for our annual Angel Tree Ministry. This was my third consecutive year volunteering and this year I donated a gift to a 9 year old child. By attending Sunday service and youth church I connected with other youth I had not seen since the summer. I have been attending Abundant Life Ministry in South Jersey; however there is no place like my home church, Mount Aery Baptist Church at 73 Frank Street.



Origination of Black History Month

by Tonya N. Johnson

In the month of February we celebrate Black history Month. We at Message from the Mount decided instead of only celebrating Black History this month we would add Black History as a new section to MFTM to allow us as a church to celebrate Black History every month. For this month we are highlighting Dr. Carter G. Woodson and the origination of Black History Month. Enjoy!



Carter G. Woodson was the son of former slaves James and Eliza Riddle Woodson. His father had helped the Union soldiers during the Civil War, and afterwards he moved his family to West Virginia where a high school for blacks was being built. Coming from a large, poor family, Carter could not regularly attend school, but

through self-instruction he was able to master the fundamentals of common school subjects by the time he was 17.

In 1895, at the age of 20, Woodson entered Douglass High School where he received his diploma in less than two years. From 1897 to 1900, he began teaching in Fayette County, and he later became the principal of his own alma mater. Woodson finally received his bachelor's degree from Berea College in Kentucky. From 1903 to 1907 he was a school supervisor in the Philippines. He then attended the University of Chicago where he received his master's in 1908, and in 1912, he received his Ph.D. in history from Harvard University making him the second Black person to receive a degree from there.

In 1915, Dr. Carter G. Woodson and Rev. Jesse E. Moorland co-founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH). Their goal was to research and bring awareness to the largely ignored, yet crucial role black people played in American and world history. The following year, Woodson published and distributed his findings in *The Journal of Negro History*. He founded the publication with the hope that it would dispel popular mistruths. He also hoped to educate black people about their cultural background and instill them with a sense of pride in their race.

Dr. Woodson also felt the importance of preserving one's heritage and, upon his urgings, the fraternity Omega Psi Phi created Negro History and Literature Week in 1920. In 1926, Woodson changed the name to Negro History Week. He selected the month of February for the celebration as a way to honor of the birth of two men whose actions drastically altered the future of black Americans. Abraham Lincoln, the U.S.

President who issued the Emancipation Proclamation was born on February 12th and Frederick Douglass, one of the nation's leading abolitionists was born on February 14th.

Woodson and the ANSLH provided learning materials to teachers, black history clubs and the community at large. They also published photographs that depicted important figures in black culture, plays that dramatized black history, and reading materials.

Dr. Carter G. Woodson died in 1950, but his legacy continued on as the celebration of Negro History Week was adopted by cities and organizations across the country. This observance proved especially important during the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s, a time when the inhumane and unequal treatment of black people in America was being challenged and overturned.

The Black Power Movement of the 1970s emphasized racial pride and the significance of collective cultural values. This prompted the ASNLH, now called the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, to change Negro History Week to Black History Week. In 1976, they extended the week to a month-long observance.



Black History Month is now recognized and widely celebrated by the entire nation on both a scholarly and commercial level. The Association for the Study of African American Life and History continues to promote, preserve and research black history and culture year-round.

Even with the monumental duties connected with the association, Woodson still found time to write extensive and scholarly works such as "The History of the Negro Church" (1922), "The Mis-Education of the Negro" (1933) and many other books that continue to have wide readership today. Woodson's other far-reaching activities included the organization in 1920 of the Associated Publishers, the oldest African American publishing company in the United States.

Related Resources:

www.biography.com

www.africanamericanhistorymonth.gov/woodson.html

Angel Tree Celebration - The Gift of Giving

Every year, starting just after Thanksgiving, Deacon Luis Febres comes on stage to ask the disciples of Mount Aery to bless a child for Christmas by getting involved in the Angel Tree Celebration. Whether you buy gifts for the children, assist in cooking the meal or desserts to be served to the families or if you help out with the activities, you will be a blessing to the children of the Angel Tree.

Prison Fellowship's Angel Tree is a ministry that reaches out to the children of inmates and their families with the love of Christ. By connecting parents in prison with their children through the delivery of gifts at Christmas, you help brighten the lives of hundreds of thousands of children. Not only do these kids receive a message of love from their parents, but also the true meaning of Christmas — the Good News of Jesus Christ.

This year the Mount Aery family hosted 55 families and gave gifts to over 115 children. On behalf of our Angel Tree ministry, Deacon Luis Febres would like to give a special thank you to the Angel Tree Ministry, Ushers, Deacon Ministry, Fellowship Ministry, MAYA, PLUG, Jesus Corner, Men's Ministry, Audio Ministry, MFTM, Andrea Barge & Sigma Gama Rho Sorority Inc. and the congregation of Mount Aery for sponsoring children, donating time, money and gift cards to the event.

A great time was had by all as there was plenty of food and fun for all age groups. There was face painting, coloring, games (video and board games) and there was plenty of dancing. The children all seemed to really enjoy themselves. There were a couple of rounds, based on age, of intense games of Musical Chairs where the winners of each round was awarded a monetary prize by Bro. Shay Thomas. The young people even taught Pastor Bennett a new dance.

It always warms my heart to go to this event because the children are so appreciative. A lot of the children come in shy and withdrawn but by the time they leave they are laughing and dancing; it is a wonderful site to see.



Christmas Day - “For God so loved the world...”

by Tonya N. Johnson

Last year, 2010, was the first time that I attended worship service on Christmas Day. It was different for me because Christmas was on a week day so it was a struggle to get my mind around getting up and going to church. All I kept saying is “If I don’t go I could be in the bed until about 11 or so before I have to get ready to go to NYC.” I did get up and go to church and I enjoyed it. This year Christmas Day, December 25, 2011, happened to fall on a Sunday causing a lot of discussion amongst the disciples of Mount Aery. People were concerned about how many worship services we would have and if Pastor would stick to his “Christmas Day Rule” of a one hour sermon. Finally it was announced that Christmas Day we would have two worship services at the regular times and lengths.



I got up on Christmas Day and followed my usual routine by attending first service thinking to myself that there probably wouldn’t be many people there. To my surprise the house was full. Pastor Bennett preached an awesome sermon entitled “Mindful of the Meaning” reading from John 3:16-17. He challenged us to, in the midst of all of our gift giving and our family visits and family time, be mindful of the real meaning of this season. Christmas Day is a representation of God’s love as stated in the text John 3:16 “For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” He went on to say that God loved the world, our world, so much that he gave us the precious gift of His one and only son. He explained that nobody but Jesus could live, love, die and be resurrected for our salvation and that is why we celebrate.

I left the church that day on a new kind of high. This sermon turned my whole day around because although I had heard the scripture before I guess I just never really paid attention to the meaning. God’s love for us is so strong that he gave us his son, his one and only son to allow us to have a whole and lasting life by believing in him. That is a love like no other and that is why we celebrate.



Recapping Kwanzaa

by Pearyle "LuLu" Sams-Allen



MAA - Cooperative Economics • NIA- Purpose • KUUMBA - Creativity • IMANI - Faith •

UJIA • UMOJA - Unity • KUJICHAGULIA - Self-Determination • UJIMA - Collective Work & Responsibility • UJIA

Rhythms of the drum call us together and the eldest in the room gives us permission to LET THE CELEBRATION BEGIN!!!

December 26, 2011, the village of Mount Aery came together to celebrate the African-American holiday of KWANZAA- a celebration of family, community and culture.

December 26th is the first day of the 7 day holiday and highlights the principle of UMOJA- Unity: to strive for and maintain unity in the family, community, nation and race.

We had fun with activities ranging from coloring, making jewelry and mekas (the mat that the Kwanzaa set is placed on) to decorating our own family kikombe cha umoja (unity cup).

There were friends and family from as far away as Atlanta, Ga. and the dance ministry of First Baptist Church in Milford treated us with an exciting upbeat dance to the music of "The Sound."

Baked potatoes, black eye peas, jerk turkey, and cornbread were some of the foods we feasted on and our move to a healthier menu was well received.

Vendors from our congregation, the community and out of state gave us a wonderful variety of goods to choose from in the practice of Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics).

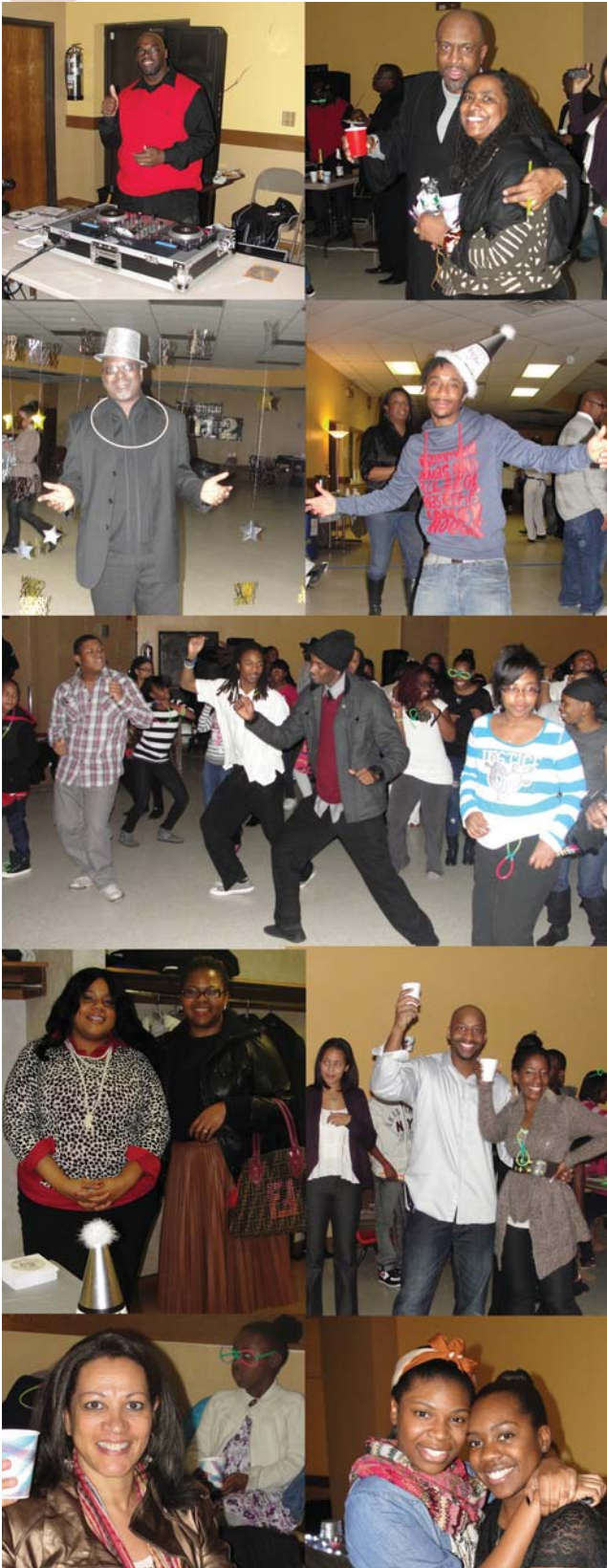
The Kwanzaa celebration at Mt. Aery puts into practice all of the Nguzo Saba (Seven Principles) and I would like to thank the Kwanzaa Team, the Mt. Aery disciples, and friends and family of the community who came together to provide a wonderful and informative time for all.

"If a people are going to be moved, they need a sense of, identity, purpose and direction. It is not practical to think that positive movement forward will happen if we see and know a heritage of the enslavement period in America and a culture that divides and marginalizes us only. The focus has to be on our understanding and accepting the richness of our African cultural heritage and the victory we have as a people of surviving an enslavement period that was to designed to destroy our humanity and our very lives."

Dr. Maulana Karenga , the creator of Kwanzaa , Head of the Black Studies Dept. at California State University at Long Beach.

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The After Party

by Shanta Whitaker

MAYA (Mount Aery Young Adults) and TLC (Together Loving Christ) Ministries at Mount Aery Baptist Church definitely know how to throw a party. After a stirring message from Pastor Bennett during 10pm service about “Necessary Endings”, I headed down to Bass Hall for the “Watch Night Party.” My first duty of the night was to check tickets at the entrance as well as give out souvenir CDs that were made by Nieja Jackson and Wil Murphy. After watching so many members and guests enter Bass Hall, I felt it was time to leave my duties and get in on the fun.

Immediately as I entered, my nose picked up the fabulous scent of food---quesadillas, Jamaican beef patties, salad, and more were being served to a long line of people. I found out that we had to thank Jacqui and Joe Wright for the wonderful food to nourish our bellies after such a soul filling church service. As I glanced around the room, I noticed how the children/teenagers were in the back making cool sunglasses, necklaces, and bracelets out of glow sticks. To the left of me, there was a chili cook off going on.

The party really started when Pastor Bennett and his family showed up. A slideshow was shown of various church leaders placed in funny situations. The crowd laughed when Pastor Bennett’s head was placed on Kobe Bryant’s body doing a slam dunk. I would share the rest of the slides, but you had to be there!

I think eating all of that good food put people in a dancing mood. Over the course of a half hour, the bus stop, the wobble, the cupid shuffle, and the electric slide all had people on the floor moving to the dances. Of course, I had to join in on the fun---all for research purposes...lol.

During the course of the night there was a raffle, an apple cider toast, and of course more dancing. Towards the end of the night, the votes were counted for the chili cook off and Kenny King was declared the winner.

As the party came to an end, I reflected on how wonderful it was to have fellow church members be the first ones I fellowshiped within the New Year. If the success of the party is of any indication, I feel that 2012 is going to be an excellent year for Mount Aery Baptist Church!

REFLECTIONS

The Love of God by Alecia Watson-Thomas



There is a Sweet Anointing in the Sanctuary.
There is Stillness in the Atmosphere.
Oh, Come Lay Down the Burdens you have Carried,
For in the Sanctuary...God is Here!

Falling in love with Jesus is the sweetest thing I know. I often sit back in my humblest moment and think back to the time when my heart did not fully accept Jesus the Christ. The road I use to travel was dark and full of pessimism. I wanted to believe that I was the only one in control of my destiny and that my future depends solely on me. It was not until the moment where I fell to my knees in the lowest place of my life when I knew that I was not alone. I would never forget the night when God wrapped His arms around me in full embrace as I called out His name. I shouted the words, "Jesus, please help me! Show me the way!" as I rocked back and forth profusely. After a few moments I felt calm as my movement slowed leaving me in a fetal position....I slept peacefully for the first time in my life.

The next day I awoke feeling rejuvenated and with a new outlook on life. As I contemplate on the previous night I began to feel giddy, my palms began to sweat, and my heart palpitated with excitement. The newness of this feeling enveloped my inner core and I longed to have that moment again. I knew however, that the moment will not happen in that sense and that it was *carpe diem*. However, the urge to explore my feelings led me to seek the face of the person who was with me that night.

As I grew in my relationship with Christ, my understanding of the word "love" started to take root. I learned through my relationship with Christ that love is exciting, fun, mysterious, constant, reliable and most important real. Falling in love with God provided me with the true foundation of who I am and my true purpose in this world. I've learned that I am never alone...His footprints will forever be stamped in the sand.

There is no true depth of what it means to love someone in the carnal spirit without the true understanding of God's passion. Understanding the true meaning of God's love allowed me to love my brothers and sisters by knowing that within, they also exude the kindness of Jesus the Christ. I've learned to accept and love everything that is a part of His creation. He creates everything in the Spirit of love...in the same Spirit that He created me!

Falling in love with Jesus is the sweetest thing I know.....

**Mt. Aery Baptist Youth Ministry
(Generation Next)
is sponsoring a Ski Trip to...**



- Date:** February 20, 2012
- Cost:** \$95 (includes transportation, equipment rentals, lift ticket and lesson)
- Cost:** \$25 (if you just want to ride to Mohawk Mountain and hang out for the day!)

- Depart from Mt. Aery at 6:30 am
- Leave Mohawk Mountain at 3:30 pm
- Return to Mt. Aery around 5:30 pm

Food will not be provided

**We will begin taking deposits on Sunday, January 22nd
Final payment is due by Sunday, February 12th**

****Sponsors needed all donations accepted.****

Recasting the Vision for the Music Ministry

Day 1 - Leviticus 20:7

Consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am the LORD your God.

Day 2 - Joshua 3:5

Joshua told the people, "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do amazing things among you.

Day 3 - Psalm 50:5

"Gather to me this consecrated people, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice."

Day 4 - 2 Chronicles 29:31 31

Then Hezekiah said, "You have now dedicated yourselves to the LORD. Come and bring sacrifices and thank offerings to the temple of the LORD." So the assembly brought sacrifices and thanks offerings, and all whose hearts were willing brought burnt offerings.

Day 5 - 2 Chronicles 7:66

The priests took their positions, as did the Levites with the LORD's musical instruments, which King David had made for praising the LORD and which were used when he gave thanks, saying, "His love endures forever." Opposite the Levites, the priests blew their trumpets, and all the Israelites were standing.

Day 6 - Exodus 15:2

"The LORD is my strength and my defense[a]; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.

Day 7 - Psalm 35:18

I will give you thanks in the great assembly; among the throngs I will praise you.

Day 8 - Psalm 9:1

I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart;; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds

Day 9 - Psalm 33:1 Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him.

Day 10 - Luke 4:18

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed,

Day 11 - Psalm 148:2

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

Day 12 - Numbers 27:18

So the LORD said to Moses, "Take Joshua son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit of leadership, and lay your hand on him.

Day 13 - Numbers 33:1

Here are the stages in the journey of the Israelites when they came out of Egypt by divisions under the leadership of Moses and Aaron.

Day 14 - Psalm 109:8

May his days be few; may another take his place of leadership.

Day 15 - Acts 1:20

"For," said Peter, "it is written in the Book of Psalms: "'May his place be deserted; let there be no one to dwell in it,' and, "'May another take his place of leadership.'

Day 16 - Deuteronomy 1:9

At that time I said to you, "You are too heavy a burden for me to carry alone.

Day 17 - 2 Samuel 7:11

and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies. "'The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you.

Day 18 - 2 Samuel 7:11

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Day 19 - 1 Chronicles 29:9

The people rejoiced at the willing response of their leaders, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the LORD. David the king also rejoiced greatly.

Day 20 - 2 Chronicles 12:6

The leaders of Israel and the king humbled themselves and said, "The LORD is just."

Day 21 - Isaiah 1:26

I will restore your leaders as in days of old, your rulers as at the beginning. Afterward you will be called the City of Righteousness, the Faithful City."

FEBRUARY 2012—21 DAYS OF PRAYER

Recasting the Vision for the Music Ministry

Prayer time is 7:00am to 7:10am beginning 2/1/2012 through 2/21/2012.
Conference Dial-in Number: 610-214-0000, Participant Access Code: 818878#.
See Rev. Alicia Tyson-Sherwood for more information. To playback prayer:
610-214-0100, access code is 818878#. On February 22, 2012 same Dial in
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FEBRUARY 2012—21 DAYS OF PRAYER continues

Week 1

Examining & Healing Ourselves as Ministers

Week 2

Preparing Ourselves to Heal the Congregation

Week 3

Preparing Ourselves for the New Leadership

Week 4

Preparing Ourselves for the New Leadership

2/22/12 -Lenten Season

40 Days of Prayer Begins Return to
Same Dial In/Access Code 111933#

FEBRUARY 2012 Birthdays

February 1st

Bradley III, Alfonso
Cuttino, George
Henderson, Mary
Marshall, Robert
Nesmith, Tasha
White, Frank

February 2nd

Bryant, Demuzla
Hairston, Wakefield
Hayward, David A.
Porchia, Latanya
Thomas, Bessie
Young, Ambrose

February 3rd

Diaz, Frances
Jones, Shanice
Myrie, Brian
Nichols, Gregory
Rivera, Carmen
Smith, Valerie

February 4th

Black, Kerry-Ann
Bristow, Sadie
Brooks, Evelette
Farrar, Harold
Gardner, Laura
Johnson, Mattie
Laing, Roslyn
Mack, Kynesha
Oaks, Sherlawn
Smallwood, Sonja
Velasquez, Adam
Walker, Delores

February 5th

Commodore Jr., Josh
Holmes, Lucille
Johnson, Anne
Torres, Marcos
Wallace, Ameenah

February 6th

Barge, Erik
Boston, Felicia
Haggans, Ollie
Rosario, Chris

February 7th

Barnes, Tyshon
Bass, Nichelle
Bevel, Wenyyatta
Gonzalez, Myraida
Milton, Genester
Norris, Lakena
Paiva, Wilfredo
Rankin, Vestina
Torti, Brandon

February 8th

Bowens, Beverly
Gary, James

Goggins, Reginal
Johnson, Keshanta
Lawrence, Malinda
Scott-Adams, Gwendolyn

February 9th

Alexander, Rodney
Brigman, Willie
Calloway, Beverly
Edwards-DaRosa, Daphne
Gee, Mary
Henderson, Troy
Lyles, Brianna
McKnight, Mildred
Parker, Timajh
Pettway, Anniemaxine
Roebuck, Carol
Slade, Alanna
Small, Truman
Upchurch, Justice
Wade, Anthony

February 10th

Brown, Maria
Howard, LaShonda
Jefferson, Shane
Mrowka, Amanda
Reid, Thashea
Spearman, Carwin
Taylor, Ronald

February 11th

Barge, Shane
Davis, Corey
Dicks, Justina
Jones, Terry
Langston, Unique
Maye-Hazel, Shantana
Romero, Juan

February 12th

Billings, Tiquan
Dorsey, Ashley
Ellis, Andre
Hobbs, Robert
Holmes, Marian
Irby, Virgie
Jefferson, M.
Kennedy, Karen
Rawls, Robin
Roper, Elaine
ShNorwood, Levina
Thompson, Pauline

February 13th

Bendolph, Carrie
Booker, Eugene
Diaz, Devin
Foxworth, Johnnie
Jordan, Calvin
Lazaro, J. Eric
Lee, Sandra
Nash, Alvin
Preston-Moraes, Renee
Rollins, Jeffrey

Simmons, Jermaine
Wade, Wendy

February 14th

Baldwin, Barbara
Brown, Karen
Coleman, Marquess
Davis, Victoria
Dennis, Darius
Gary, Shermont
Green, Leslie
Nelson, Kimberly
Pettway, Lena
Salahuddin, Aneesa
Spears, Davida

February 15th

Cathey, Chanel
Glenn, Assan
Griggs, Leonard
Harris, Curtis
Hill, Bernetha
Jacobs, Koshayna
Johnson, Percy
Mendez, Delia

February 16th

Bethune, Annie
Dlu Dlu, Delta
Epps, Sakia
Gee, Imani
James, Eric
Lott, Wylodean
Lozado, Tina
Waller, Douglas

February 17th

Clarke, Colin
Ebron, Kashelle
Ebron, Semager
Gallimore, Ricky
Jimason, Erika
Johnson, David
Lewis, Kenney
Miller, Colby
Mincey, Shirelle
Munford, Elizabeth
Thigpen, Alicia
Thompson, Danielle
Thompson, Ida
Venable, Donna

February 18th

Burton, Annette
Cameron, Sandra
Ellington, Monique
Gaines, Earnest
Walker, Lashonda
Walker, Nelson

February 19th

Black, Clinnie
Bradley, Lee
Caviness, Deva
Gary, De'Gene

Henry, Bobby
Johnson, Keyaira
Jowers, Michael
Lazaro, Zuri
Leger, Leanne V.
Lewis, Nicole L.

February 20th

Gomes, Rishaud
Henderson, Kelley
Jackson, Jr., Walter
Jenkins, Delores
Langston, Cymande
Robinson, Nathaniel
Roundtree, Denise
Shelton, Anthony
Stevens, Tyrone
Stewart, Tymisha
Wilson, Carey

February 21st

Byrd, Mozetta
Byrd, Robert
Marshall, Ashley
Newton II, Ernest
Pettway, Irene

February 22nd

Davis, Jamura
Dunham, Terrell
Jackson, Ina
Murray, Anthony
Smith, Troy

February 23rd

Alfred, Getha
Williams, Tyese
Woods, Sharon

February 24th

Boston-Randolph, Farrah
Codrington, Dametria
Codrington, Ladale
Davis, Cynthia
Garrett, Robert
Hudson, Tomeka
Jenkins, Russell
Johnson, Brenda
Johnson, Dexter
Newson, Henry
Potts, Ja'qhan

February 25th

Everett, Sandra
Reid, Isaiah
Rogers, Ronald
Sloan, Alicia

February 26th

Cline, Charlotte
Murray, Deshonna
Swinton, Jahquashia
Tucker, Portia
Watkins, Paula

February 27th

Barge, Andrea
Fleming, Ashle'
Frye, Henry
Jackson, Cynthia
Pierre, Richarde
Rodriquez, Evelyn

February 28th

Bryant, Geena
Davis, Bryan
Harper, Rufina
Jones-Buchanan, Karen
Taylor, Felicia
Watkins, Anna

February 29th

Bowens, Laguanda
Hooper, Patrici

February 2012

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