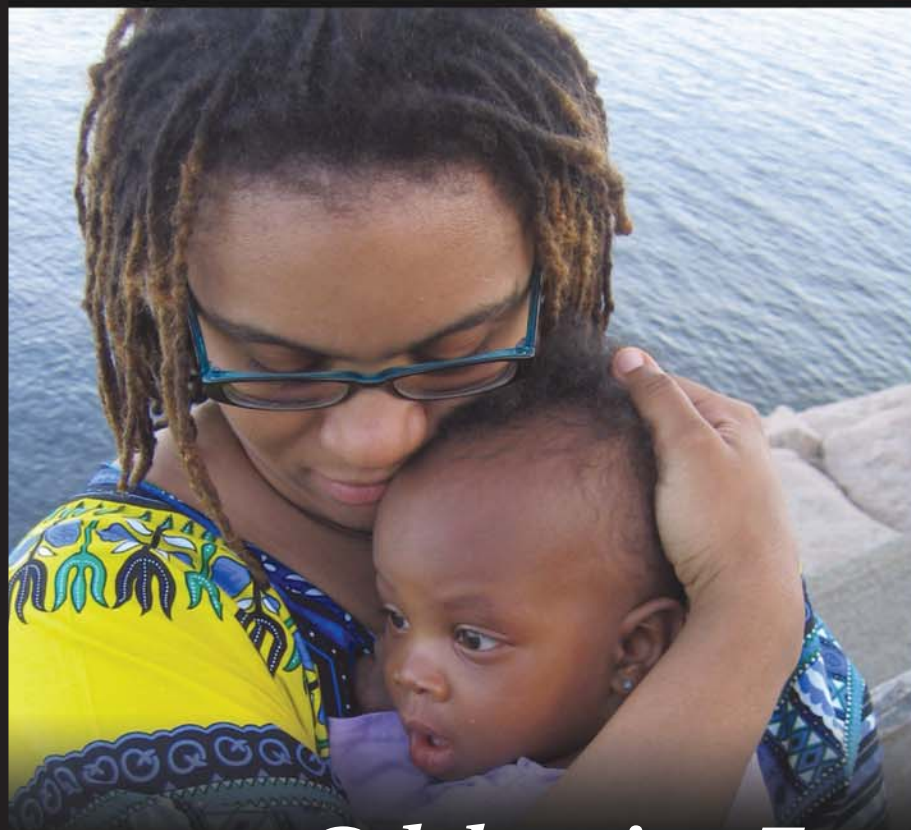


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Honoring Mothers and Daughters*



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## Namaste my Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

We greet with the joy of Jesus. As we reflect on the mighty, marvelous month of May, the celebration of our 88 years of ministry stands out like a shiny light. Our Wednesday night worship and renewal was a great success due to the anointed preaching of Drs. Leslie Callahan, Johnny Ray Youngblood and Lance Watson. Each was used by God to help us celebrate where we have come from yet challenged us to know that our work in ministry is not done.

In between our renewal services, we were blessed to celebrate the labor of our ushers and subsequently, Pastor Tyrone P. Jones IV, Pastor of Messiah Baptist Church, blessed us in a mighty way. By the way, I heard the refrain of the day was "Go Liza! Go Liza! Go Liza!" LOL! And who can forget our MAYA Café night which drew almost 300 people for hours of wholesome, holistic and wonderful entertainment. The night even included a guest appearance by the artist formerly known as "The Pastor." What a great time.

During our actual anniversary on May 22nd, Pastor Richard Williams III, Pastor of Victory Institutional Baptist Church, Hawthorne, California, led us in a wonderful time of worship and the Word. He is such a gift to the Body of Christ. We thank God for all of the activities that helped us celebrate 88 years of ministry as a congregation. I believe the best is yet to come.

As we enter this month of June, we honor and celebrate all of those who graduated or received promotion in this month as well as the month of May. Your commitment to study, your dedication to class assignments has indeed paid off. Job well done!

This month will include our celebration of the birth of the Church, Sunday, June 12th, our Pre-Fathers Day Gospel concert, Saturday, June 18th and the Generation Next Youth and Young Adult weekend, June 23rd through June 26th. Each of these events promises to be life changing and God revealing. Please make plans right now to attend each of these events.

I am honored and privileged to be a part of such a Church on the move for God. I look to see you at all of these events.

God bless you,

Pastor Anthony L. Bennett, D. Min.  
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## Editor's Desk

Extra, extra, read all about it, "Help Wanted!"

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Peace & Blessings to all,

Peter's enthusiastic response to the viewing of Jesus miraculous transfiguration is truly how I feel about the time I've spent at the Mount. God has been good to us. Just in the month of May we were totally blessed by our Renewal series where Dr. Leslie Callahan reminded us to put one foot in front of the other; Dr. Johnny Ray Youngblood deftly avoided cussing while encourage us to ask Jesus to bid us to come; then the amazing Dr. Lance Watson closed us out in grand style. God has been good to us, on renewal Sunday Pastor Richard Williams reminded us that miracles could happen on our way to the temple.

God has been good to us, here at the Mount. The men's fishing trip was a great success and the young adults hosted a wonderful Café night, complete with Dr. Bennett serenading Lady Donna. As we enter June we look forward to the Pre-Father's Day Concert, Father's Day, Youth Retreat and Pastor's Anniversary! God has been good to us.

Stay blessed my beloved,  
Pastor Thomas A. Williams,  
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# Passport to a Healthy Lifestyle – Health Fair

by Claudia Edward RN and Tracey JeanBaptiste

It was all aboard as passengers received their Passports to a Healthy Lifestyle at the 2011 Mount Aery Baptist Church Health Fair. Mount Aery was the station where a huge successful health fair was held on Saturday April 30th. Passengers traveled to booths with information on faith, family and finance.

The fair was kicked off by Mrs. Kirsten Dubey Horton, Director of Health for the City of Bridgeport. Mrs. Horton expressed she was pleased to see so many vendors sharing health information with the community. She spoke about the importance of living a healthy lifestyle, using as an example, changes in her life such as eating healthy and exercising. She said the fair was especially timely, because of the increase in Diabetes, Stroke, Hypertension, Obesity and Asthma in Bridgeport; therefore she challenged everyone to take time to walk, exercise and eat fresh fruit and vegetables.

The music for the exercise class and Zumba stimulated attendees and vendors to take to the floor and “move” for health. Carmen Hatton stated after working out “I love Zumba it makes me feel wonderful”. For our seniors it was a chair exercise experience.



Leader: Nurse Betty

Many took advantage of the blood pressure, glucose and HIV screening. Deacon Dewitt was please to speak with a consultant after having his glucose tested. He reported “I’m straight now; I understand what is going on with my blood sugar”. Deacon Maxwell said “It’s great to get an answer right here”.



Massages by Zuri

Others gained insight into their sleep apnea problems. The massage chair was never empty as people choose to be pampered and relax. Dr. Jaquel Patterson spoke to an attentive group of all ages about the dangers of the high sugar contents found in beverages that we drink on a daily basis.

Police Officer Douglas Wood, spoke to our youth about how to avoid becoming involved in crime. How choosing positive friends and associates can keep them out of our Juvenile System. He also showed a video which pointed out the effect incarceration has on young men and women.

Our little ones and teenagers enjoyed visiting the fire truck, ambulance, bookmobile and the face painting table.

Over a mile walk around the church was both vigorous and stimulating for the participants.

As the day was winding down attendees checked their passports to make sure they had visited each table and had their passports signed, which enabled them to leave with a large bag of personal goodies provided by local businesses. The Business & Professional Women shared fresh fruit and vegetables to encourage healthy eating to fight childhood obesity. Handouts were also given that targeted Michelle Obamas “Let’s Move Program”.

Special thanks to Pastor Bennett and Ministries of Mount Aery. All the Vendors, City Agencies, Organizations, the Mount Aery family and friends for making this health fair indeed a success.



Exercise with Margov

**KEEP YOUR PASSPORTS UPDATED – CONTINUE YOUR JOURNEY TO A HEALTHY LIFE STYLE**

Fair Sponsors: Nurses Ministry, Church Ministries, ASHE Faith, OPTIMUS HEALTH CARE, Witness Project of Connecticut

# WHAT'S NEXT?

## Important Dates

### **Sisters at the Well Book Club**

Next meeting will be held the second Tuesday of the month. We will gather in the Narthex at 6:30 pm

**Leadership Institute** will be held on June 10th at 7pm and June 11th at 10 am. Dr. D. Darrell Griffin is coming back to bless us again.

### **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	Session Two
Monday, June 13, 2011 at 7 pm	
Monday, July 11, 2011 at 7 pm	Saturday, July 23, 2011 at 1:30 pm

**Gospel Concert** is a church-wide fundraiser being held on June 18th. Please save the date.

**Baby Dedication** will be held on June 19th during the 11 am service. For more information or to sign up please contact the front office.

**The Conversion ~ Youth Retreat** is being held June 23 – 26th, 2011. Save the dates.

**Inspirational Cruise** is being held on August 13th, 2011 by the MABC Missionary Ministry. All are invited to a two-hour harbor cruise including an all you can eat buffet and live gospel performances. For more information please contact Sis. Dorcas White at (203)372-7199 or Sis. Audrey Barr at (203)374-1278.

### **Pastor's Engagements**

#### **June 26th at 4pm**

Zion Baptist Church, 137 Pearl Street, Waterbury  
Deacons, Deaconess' and Trustees Anniversary Celebration

#### **September 11th at 4pm**

Good News Missionary Baptist Church, Bridgeport

# Ministry Spotlight



**40 Days of Financial Freedom** - June 1st thru July 6th

by Alecia Thomas, MA

## How Does One Attain Financial Freedom?

In these economic times most people are finding ways to cut cost so that they can save money. I asked a few people what it means to attain financial freedom and their response was to get rid of debt, not having to worry about money, and having the ability to spend freely without constrictions. Although the former sounds great I often wonder if these are ideal circumstances that cannot be obtained as long as we live in a credit stricken country and are natural consumers of economic resources. For instance, most people measure themselves against what they are taught to be the “American Dream”. The dream stems from the ideal in the United States Declaration of Independence that claims that, “all men are created equal”. The measurement of success of this dream is often coined with the physical ownership of a house, car, educational degree, and a desired amount of children. The baffling piece is that the majority of Americans cannot own the above unless they are in financial debt...after all we are enslaved to the financial institutions that own the title of ownership. With that said; *what does it really mean to attain financial freedom?*

As believers, our financial freedom should stem from the belief and trust that God will meet all our needs (Philippians 4:19). We are prone as a people to want to control our destinies and rely on the investments of the economy. We tend to put more emphasis on our employer, bank accounts, credit cards, and loans. We put our trust in the former without realizing its instability. Therefore, our trust must be in the Lord; In Malachi 3:10, the Lord states, “Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the LORD Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.”

My brothers and sisters, I encourage you to join us in our next series of **40 Days of Financial Freedom**. It is important to note that in order to attain “Financial Freedom” we must be ready to walk the path of “Financial Faithfulness”.

Alecia Thomas, MA

*Curriculum Developer, Mount Aery Baptist Church*

# Ministry Spotlight



## M. A. I. L.

Mount Aery Institute of Learning

### SUNDAY SCHOOL ROSTER

All Classes - 10:00 AM – 10:45 AM

CLASS	INSTRUCTOR	AGE	LOCATION
PRIMARY YOUTH	Sis. Diane Calloway Sis. Robin Rawls	4 - 7	Bass Hall
INTERMEDIATE YOUTH	Sis. Bridget Franklin Sis. Cathy Patton	8 - 12	Wilson Hall Cubicle 3
TEENS	Sis. Corvina Nielsen Sis. Tonya Lee	13 - 17	Wilson Hall Cubicle 2
BASIC BIBLE	Sis. Yolanda Kearney Bro. Desmond Gamble	Adults	Wilson Hall Cubicle - 1
INTERMEDIATE ADULT	Sis. Maxine Plummer	Adults	Bass Hall
OLD TESTAMENT	Bro. Paul Mendes	Adults	Bass Hall
NEW TESTAMENT	Rev. Chyron Kearney	Adults	Classroom #1





Namaste and Greetings

# Attention!!!

All Youth and Young Adults ages 5yrs -21yrs - It's that time of the year again

## The 2011 Youth and Young Adult's Retreat



**June 23 – June 26, 2011**

Matthew 18:3 and he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

***This is shaping up into the Youth Event of the year!!!***

Registration is \$20 and has already begun. Parent sign up your Children and Young people get your parents to sign you up for this awesome event that is created with you in mind. Come and express yourself unto the Lord! A good time will be had by all.

There will be a table out in the Narthex after the 7:45am and 11am Services for registration. Registration will end June 15, 2011.

We are looking for donations of water, juice and snacks. You can even sponsor a child if you like and as always we thank you in advance for your support.

### **Weekly and Monthly Events**

Jesus Corner and P.L.U.G.  
Youth Church

Every Wednesday @ 6:30pm  
Every 2nd and 3rd Sunday

Attention: Rev. Anderson is taking a survey to find all who would be interested in going to Six Flags on July 23rd 2011 please sign up ASAP to see if we can make this happen!!!



# Poets' Corner

## Poets' Corner

speaking with  
ink and pen  
release

### HEY MOMMA!

There is no one in this world like you,  
So Loving, So Wise, So Pretty, So True,  
Without you, Momma, I don't know what I'd do.

But I'm sitting here now, away for a while,  
Can't wait to come home and see your smile!

But I'm never alone no matter where I go,  
You annointed me with your spirit, like a river, it flows.

You Baptized my life in the name of Jesus,  
He promised our family He would never leave us.

I thank you so much for paving the way,  
Because of you I was kept, even though I strayed.

You always kept it together, through the midst of the  
storm,  
Though He didn't give us riches, He gave you enough  
to keep our hearts warm.

It hurts so much to be away from you,  
But I'm training in God's army, as a new recruit.

He's training me up, preparing me for His will,  
I still wish I was home with you to sit back,  
watch a movie and chill.

This entire situation is all in God's plan,  
I will come home to be a better man.

He has something great in store for me,  
He gives me glimpses within my dreams.

Please pray and know that I'll be home soon,  
Can't wait to go back to church and praise the Lord with you!

You raised me, loved me, never left my side,  
Thank you for never giving up on my bumpy ride.

I'm telling you now the storm is over,  
My sinful life is over, in here I've found closure.

There is no one in this world like you,  
So Loving, So Wise, So Pretty, So True,  
Without you I don't know what I'd do.

I thank you so much Mom, for being you!

Happy Mother's Day Momma,  
I love you so much!  
Be home real soon!  
Your Son, Blair Christopher Dawson

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## A Grandmother's Love

It's sweeter than a piece of her sweet peach cobbler  
Way more plentiful than a big pot of chili  
Flows deeper than the run-off water after a storm  
Her love shines brighter than the morning sun  
You see, a grandmother's love is like no other  
There is no other type quite like it  
It's special and cannot be replaced  
She has the kind of love that some would kill for  
But then she has they type of love others would live for  
Her love is a comforter when all is wrong in the world  
Through it all, I can always depend on my grandma  
Her love never fails, she is my guardian angel  
While she's here and when she is gone  
Patient love, kind love, sweet love  
Try to go a day without it  
Go ahead, I dare you  
I promise you won't succeed

- Shanice Maxwell

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## Forgiver

Father, please save me from the depths of my inequity  
Forgive me of my transgressions that I cast upon me  
In my darkest days forgive me for not calling out to your name  
My soul rejoices on hearing your name and be glad in the day you made  
Only you can break the yoke of bondage  
The power in your blood washed away many sins and for that we pay homage  
On the first Sunday of the month we break bread and drink wine  
Communion; for your sacrifice as a man, when your blood was shed when you died  
So we can see a better day and give you reverence in Heaven  
The power to lay hands on the sick and heal my brethren  
In the shadows of the land I walked alone  
Depending on myself so I carried five stones  
Unbelieving that only one stone was enough to carry me home  
Because of your guidance I should have been able to defeat violence  
If I would have seek you first my spirit would not have been misguided  
Instead I followed my own path that led to a dead end  
I was forced to seek you, which I should have done in the beginning  
As my eyes opened up and my heart filled with prayer  
I speak in utter tongues to my father, my creator, my Forgiver

- Andre Turner

## Celebrating 88 Years of Ministry

**The First Night of Renewal Service**  
**Guest Speaker – Rev. Dr. Leslie D. Callahan**

by **Eva McLeod**

On May 11, 2011, Mount Aery had a guest speaker celebrating the church's 88th anniversary. The Reverend Dr. Leslie D. Callahan from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; the first African American Woman and fifth pastor who was selected and installed to St. Paul's Baptist Church in the history of 119 years.

For further Biographical information on Dr. Callahan she can be found in the May issue of the Message from the Mount, in the front of the magazine.

As I sat and waited for the speaker to come out on May 11, 2011, I got a surprised of my life. I thought she was going to be an average size woman with a message from the lord. Well, she was more than an average woman in mind, spirit, and soul. She clearly stood taller than her maybe five foot stature.

The praise team sang, the congregation was in good spirits as they joined in with the praise team prior to the dynamic speaker coming out to belt out a powerful word from almighty God. What a sermon!!! Dr. Callahan's theme was "Walking Call". She read from the book of Ephesians the 4th chapter the 1st through the 16th verse, King James Version.

Reverend Callahan started her sermon using the analogy of 'Santa Claus is coming to Town'. She went on to talk about Kris Kringle and Winter Warlock. Kris Kringle was the good guy and winter warlock was the evil one. She stated Kris tries to get out of trouble by offering the Warlock one of his train toys and melts his evil heart. Winter Warlock transforms from villain to victory. Kris Kringle stated your life can change if you start walking putting one foot in front of the other. And soon you you'll be walkin' cross the floor, put one foot in and soon you'll be walkin' out the door. She went on to say that Noah walked with God, Enid walked with God we walk by faith and not by sight hear the calling and answer it with our feet. Walking faith is not so easy, the walk is sometimes full of trials and tribulations but be of good cheer, walk worthily, as it means something to you, be characterize by patience, unity of spirit, humble, peace, gentleness, and fighting to maintain unity.



Left: Dr Callahan | Right: St. Paul Trustee, Dr Callahan, Mrs. Thompson-Bennett

She also talked about how a baby is born and how the baby starts crawling, pulling up on furniture, struggling to stand up and then falling back down, but gets up again to put one foot in front of the other so that he or she can start walking. Dr. Callahan stated that we are just like babies in Christ. We have to grow, learn, challenge ourselves, be Christ like in order to grow and move forward. Love your brother, lover your sister, love you neighbor and help somebody along the way. Change is important.

Being unified is not always easy we must become unified within Christ Jesus; we have to push ourselves past it and get over it. In other words, whatever you are going through you can get past that if you put one foot in front of the other. Grace is the foundation of our sins, continue to look beyond our destiny, we have to walk out the call in order for us grow. It is a long process with no speedy process. God and only God should be our destination. The one who numbered the hairs on our heads, the one whose voice we rejoice to. God never stops calling us.

Move forward and not with hardened hearts, unify ourselves in God, our calling destination is in God, we are instructed by God. One God, One Church, One Faith, One love we can't get anywhere unless we go together. We have to be unified in order to get there together. Jesus is the light of the world.....Shine!!!! Put one foot before the other, and soon you'll be walking 'cross the floor, if you want to change your direction, if your time of life is at hand, don't be the rule, be the exception, a good way to start is to stand. Put one foot in front of the other.

What a powerful message, Dr. Callahan charged us to stop being evil hearted, evil minded, help someone else, however, it starts with ourselves, if we want to change. Change starts from within. Mount Aery it's time to put one foot in front of the other.



# general **NEWS**

## Connecting Across Continents

by Diane "Dee" Brassell



Nelson Mandela, Steve Biko, Miriam Makeba, Hugh Masakela and Archbishop Desmond Tutu we know these outstanding citizens of South Africa whose lives are examples of strength and determination for the betterment of their people. Maria Semanya, Bertha Mohube, Obakeng Khunou, Elaine Serekwane, Sean Tunmer and Peter van Den Elshout are the names of educators in South Africa you don't know who are fighters for the future their country. They know and struggle for the best preschool education for their children.



They were so impressed with the delegation of six from Connecticut they knew that a visit to see exactly what was shared had to be. The guests from South Africa came to the city in Connecticut that many realize is a diamond in the rough called Bridgeport. Here we had less and even with a system that is not as highly functioning as possible that there were ways to make the most of what we had. Bridgeport showed that we do have teachers, professionals and parents who worked hard for the best education possible for all children.



Their schedule was packed with experiences that will live with all they met, talked, listened and prayed with will never forget. They had days filled with visits to surrounding towns who had the newest schools, brightest teachers and higher budgets per child. Yes they were impressed at the amount of funding per child but also they saw different approaches to educating the preschooler. Many experiences were shared on how teachers work with many children with minimal funds and yet much is still accomplished. Many organizations in Bridgeport welcomed our guests with open arms and an eager exchange of ideas and practices.



Our own Donna Thompson-Bennett and Gina Levon Simpson extended an invitation to our visitors to come and engage in the Bridgeport Parent Leadership Training Institute and Child Leadership Training Institute experience. As a graduate of this program I knew that this was a shining moment for this initiative and the current class of Bridgeport parents to experience the great exchange of ideas. The passion for children was a bond that could not have been manufactured; the common element of love for all children to have the best life through the highest quality of education possible was repeated time and time again.



I was told that one of the highest moments of their trip was their worship experience at Mt. Aery Church on April 3, 2011. The welcoming spirit of the Mt. Aery Family enveloped them with the feeling of home and family. The gift of the word of God by our own Pastor Bennett gave them spiritual strength, the confirmation that they are truly blessed to be able to experience this trip of a lifetime and to meet many people who loved children and worked for the best education for all children as much as they did.

There were tears of joy, going home to be with their families who they missed greatly and sadness leaving their new friends and adopted home. The knowledge that this was an experience for those who were touched with exchange of open, loving and passionate meetings will never be forgotten.

# The History of Juneteenth

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Juneteenth Day, also called Freedom Day or Emancipation Day

**Researched by Michelle Porchia**



Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States. Dating back to 1865, it was on June 19th that the Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that the enslaved were now free. Note that this was two and a half years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation - which had become official January 1, 1863. The Emancipation Proclamation had little impact on the Texans due to the minimal number of Union troops to enforce the new Executive Order. However, with the surrender of General Lee in April of 1865, and the arrival of General Granger's regiment, the forces were finally strong enough to influence and overcome the resistance.

## General Order Number 3

One of General Granger's first orders of business was to read to the people of Texas, General Order Number 3 which began most significantly with:

*"The people of Texas are informed that in accordance with a Proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and free laborer."*

The reactions to this profound news ranged from pure shock to immediate jubilation. While many lingered to learn of this new employer to employee relationship, many left before these offers were completely off the lips of their former 'masters' - attesting to the varying conditions on the plantations and the realization of freedom. Even with nowhere to go, many felt that leaving the plantation would be their first grasp of freedom. North was a logical destination and for many it represented true freedom, while the desire to reach family members in neighboring states drove some into Louisiana, Arkansas and Oklahoma. Settling into these new areas as free men and women brought on new realities and the challenges of establishing a heretofore non-existent status for black people in America. Recounting the memories of that great day in June of 1865 and its festivities would serve as motivation as well as a release from the growing pressures encountered in their new territory. The celebration of June 19th was coined "Juneteenth" and grew with more participation from descendants. The Juneteenth celebration was a time for reassuring each other, for praying and for gathering remaining family members. Juneteenth continued to be highly revered in Texas decades later, with many former slaves and descendants making an annual pilgrimage back to Galveston on this date.

Today Juneteenth commemorates African American freedom and emphasizes education and achievement. It is a day, a week, and in some areas a month marked with celebrations, guest speakers, picnics and family gatherings. It is a time for reflection and rejoicing. It is a time for assessment, self-improvement and for planning the future. Its growing popularity signifies a level of maturity and dignity in America long overdue. In cities across the country, people of all races, nationalities and religions are joining hands to truthfully acknowledge a period in our history that shaped and continues to influence our society today. Sensitized to the conditions and experiences of others, only then can we make significant and lasting improvements in our society.

## Juneteenth In Modern Times

Today, Juneteenth is enjoying a phenomenal growth rate within communities and organizations throughout the country. Institutions such as the Smithsonian, the Henry Ford Museum and others have begun sponsoring Juneteenth-centered activities.

Juneteenth today, celebrates African American freedom and achievement, while encouraging continuous self-development and respect for all cultures. As it takes on a more national, symbolic and even global perspective, the events of 1865 in Texas are not forgotten, for all of the roots tie back to this fertile soil from which a national day of pride is growing.

### Juneteenth Festivities and Food

Certain foods became popular and subsequently synonymous with Juneteenth celebrations such as strawberry soda-pop. More traditional and just as popular was the barbecuing, through which Juneteenth participants could share in the spirit and aromas that their ancestors, the newly emancipated African Americans, would have experienced during their ceremonies. Hence, the barbecue pit is often established as the center of attention at Juneteenth celebrations.

Food was abundant because everyone prepared a special dish. Meats such as lamb, pork and beef, which were not available every day, were brought on this special occasion. A true Juneteenth celebration leaves visitors well satisfied and with enough conversation to last until the next.

Dress was also an important element in early Juneteenth customs and is often still taken seriously, particularly by the direct descendants who can make the connection to this tradition's roots. During slavery there were laws on the books in many areas that prohibited or limited the dressing of the enslaved. During the initial days of the emancipation celebrations, there were accounts of former slaves tossing their ragged garments into the creeks and rivers to adorn clothing taken from the plantations belonging to their former 'masters'.

### Traditions

Traditions include an enunciated public reading of the Emancipation Proclamation as a reminder that the slaves have been proclaimed free. The events are celebratory and festive. Many African American families use this opportunity to retrace their ancestry to the ancestors who were held in bondage for centuries, exchange artifacts, debunk family myths, and stress responsibility and striving to be the best you can be. Celebrants often sing traditional songs as well such as Swing Low, Sweet Chariot; Lift Every Voice and Sing; and poetry from Black authors like Maya Angelou. Juneteenth celebrations also include a wide range of festivities to celebrate American heritage, such as parades, rodeos, street fairs, cookouts, family reunions, or park parties that include such things as African American music and dancing or contests of physical strength and intellect. Some of the events may include black cowboys, historical reenactments, or Miss Juneteenth contests. Traditional American sports may also be played such as baseball, football, or basketball tournaments.

### Modern Juneteenth Movement

In 2000, the annual Washington Juneteenth National Holiday Observance and the campaign to establish Juneteenth Independence Day as a National Day of Observance was established. As of 2011, 39 states and the District of Columbia have passed legislation to officially recognize Juneteenth.

The annual National Day of Reconciliation and Healing from the Legacy of Enslavement and the National Juneteenth Black Holocaust "Maafa" Memorial Service were included in the Washington Juneteenth National Holiday Observance. On the "19th of June", 2000, Juneteenth leaders stood with Congressman Tony Hall (D-OH) as historic Apology for Slavery legislation was announced at the U.S. Capitol during the 1st National Day of Reconciliation & Healing From the Legacy of Enslavement. This was followed by the 1st World Day of Reconciliation and Healing From the Legacy of Enslavement, on the "20th of August", in Richmond, VA, in 2010.



# Celebrating Family by Honoring Mothers

Since our focus at Mount Aery this year is Faith, Family and Finances I thought it would be nice to celebrate our families by honoring mother and daughter relationships for Mother's Day. We decided to interview a couple of mothers and daughters to get a little insight into their relationship with each other and the church and to see how they celebrated Mother's Day.

## Candida Paul

**Tonya: Thank you again for doing this interview. I admire how close you and your daughter are so that is why I immediately thought of you guys when we came up with the idea.**

Candida: Aww thank you. It's not a problem

**Tonya: How long have you been a disciple at Mount Aery?**

Candida: I grew up in Mount Aery under Pastor Streets who gave me my first bible. I left for a while then came back after I had my daughter dedicated.

**Tonya: So I guess you have seen a lot of changes over the years?**

Candida: I could see the changes that have been made over the years but I think what kept me here after Pastor Bennett came in was that I enjoyed the changes.

**Tonya: What ministries are you involved in at the Mount?**

Candida: I was on so many ministries at one time that I began to feel overwhelmed so I had to take a step back from some of them. When I was first asked to lead the dance ministry I declined because I didn't feel I was ready to minister to others when I wasn't sure where I was spiritually. It took me a while to step up but I have been dancing for 10+ years. I currently share leadership of the dance ministry with Maguena Adetona. The ministry is divided into 5 sections so we split up the responsibility and try to work with people at various levels and ages as best we can.

**aTonya: How old was your daughter when you started bringing her here? Did you ever have to force her to come?**

Candida: Like I said she was dedicated here and she has been coming ever since. I never had to force her she always wanted to come.

**Tonya: Is she involved in any activities or ministries? Was it something you had to push her to do or did she have a desire to join?**

Candida: She was a part of P.L.U.G., the mass choir and the dance ministry but now that she is in college she does what she can when she can.

**Tonya: Well that is all I have so thank you again for taking the time to do this, I appreciate it.**

## Zequanda Wright

**Tonya: Hello Miss Lady. How are you?**

Zequanda: I am fine. How are you?

**Tonya: I am well. I guess your mom told you what I am doing so I just want to ask you a couple of quick questions.**

Zequanda: Ok, no problem.

**Tonya: I know you are in college now so you can't do as much but what activities are you still involved in at Mount Aery?**

Zequanda: I am still a part of Chosen Generation. I sing with the mass choir sometimes, not as much as I used to. I don't dance anymore but I help them out with choreography sometimes.

**Tonya: Did your mom have to force you to go to church?**

Zequanda: No I was basically born into church. If I didn't go with my mom I would go with my grandmother. I love going.

**Tonya: You and your mom seem to have a very close relationship which I love. What are you doing for her for Mother's Day?**

Zequanda: Mother's Day, that's funny because I have been thinking about it all week. Because I don't work I don't have any money to really get anything so maybe since I am creative I could make something or write a poem since I do poetry or write a song or something like that. Maybe we could go see a movie or something but I plan to do something.

**Tonya: Don't try to steal my movie idea (we both laugh). Well whatever you do I'm sure she will love it. Thank you for letting me interview you. Have a great weekend, see you later.**

Zequanda: No problem and thanks for the ride home.

I asked Malek Simpson if he would interview his sister, Jenita Hayes, who is celebrating her first Mother's Day this year. Here is the interview:

## Jenita Hayes

**Malék: Happy Mother's Day Jenita and thank you for taking time out to share your experience as we celebrate Mothers.**

**I would like to begin by letting our readers know a little bit about you. Can you share with us your name, age, your Husband's name, and the city/town you reside?**

Jenita: Sure, my name is Jenita Marie Hayes and I'm married to Victor Lee Hayes. I'm 32 years old and reside on the North end of Bridgeport, CT.

**Malék: Great, thank you! It's an honor being able to interview my own sister for Mother's Day. This moment is special because you have a miracle of a story to share with the rest of the world let alone the family of Mount Aery Baptist Church. Please tell us your beautiful Daughter's name and age.**

Jenita: Let me say it's an honor to be interviewed by my brother. My daughter's name is Attalia Keren Hayes and she is one (1) years old.



by Tonya Johnson & Malék Simpson

**Malék: That is a beautiful name, what does her name mean?**

Jenita: Thank you very much. Her first name means "God's due season" and her middle name means "child of beauty".

**Malék: I must say her name definitely sums up her story. I mentioned you have a miracle of a story to share, can you please tell us your testimony in regards to the time leading up to the birth of Attalia?**

Jenita: Well, all was going along as usual, my 6 month checkup went well, Attalia was growing and doing just fine. Then the week after my checkup I started getting major headaches like never before. They would keep me up at night without much sleep. If I did fall asleep an hour later I would wake up in such pain. It felt as if my brain was literally trying to escape my head, nothing seemed to help the headaches go away at all. One day I finally called the doctor's office and left a message for the on call doctor to call back regarding the pain I was having. The doctor really couldn't say much since they weren't sure what the headaches stemmed from so I was told if Tylenol didn't work to go to the ER. Then 4:30 am, Thursday, March 25th Victor and I headed to the ER at St. Vincent's Hospital. There we found out that my blood pressure, which was normal throughout both trimesters, was through the roof (220/130). It was ONLY God because under any other circumstance someone would of been passed out and definitely not able to walk themselves into the ER. Test after test we were told I had Preeclampsia Syndrome and was given medicines to bring my pressure down and prepare Attalia in case they needed to deliver. While time was passing a test came back showing that my platelets were dropping. I was then transferred to Bridgeport Hospital, which has the New Born Intensive Care Unit (NBICU) to care for premature births. My blood pressure did respond to the medicine I was given, but my platelets were still getting lower. We were told that the "cure" for Preeclampsia was "Delivery" to ensure that the baby is safe and so I wouldn't suffer any

complications since my platelets were dropping as time went by. There I was three months from my due date and off I went into surgery at 10:23am then 10:48am Attalia was born. To God Be ALL the Glory!!

**Malék: Amen to that! God is more than good! It's such a miracle and a blessing by God to have placed you and Attalia in his arms of protection. For those who have never experienced or could possibly experience your situation, can you tell us how it was for you to go through such a situation?**

Jenita: Throughout the whole situation I had a sense of peace. You never really know where you are in your faith till you are tested and tried. This situation showed how much we, as a family, believed in Him, yet also showed us how we need to get to a place where we truly are solely relying on Him. Needles, nurses, doctors, machines, tubes, confined to a bed, terminology after terminology, forms after forms, and the list goes on. You just never truly know what you have till you almost/have lost it. This experience was an eye opener for me and my walk with Christ.

**Malék: Amazing, absolutely amazing. I thank God for taking care of you and Attalia. We prayed non-stop for God to bring you both through. You displayed a great level of strength and you are a prime example of what it means to be a Mother. How were you able to persevere through such a situation?**

Jenita: God was in control! Despite the fact that Victor and I really didn't like the idea of having to give birth three months early, we knew that the doctors had our best interest in mind. We placed it all in God's hands and just prayed and praise God through it all.

**Malék: Amen to that! What type of support did you have during the time of Attalia's birth?**

Jenita: My family was a great support! When I say family I mean by blood, marriage, and by Spirit. Victor was a great tower of strength

through it all. He had to bear with hearing the good, bad, and ugly of the situation. I'm truly blessed God brought us together. My mother and my brother (you) were also right there with us as well, every day in my room. It was great to have you all there not just for me, but for Victor as well. I could mention a list of people, but I'll stick with my core support: my hubby, mom, and brother (you).

**Malék: That's absolutely wonderful! I'm happy you had such support when in need. That's definitely one example of how family sticks together through thick and thin. When you were able to see your Daughter for the first time, what went through your mind?**

Jenita: I didn't know what to really expect. I've seen a few pictures Victor took so I can see how things were going, but once I was standing in front of her...I wanted to touch her and hold her, but it wasn't quite like that. She was connected to machines and I just didn't want to cause anything to beep or get in the way of her continued growth outside of the womb. I was grateful just to be able to look at her face to face that day.

**Malék: What were your first words to your Daughter when you saw her for the first time after birth?**

Jenita: "Hi babygirl. Mommy loves you, but God loves you best." That was something I tried to whisper to her every time I saw her.

**Malék: Wow! I'm sure such words lifted Attalia's spirit and comforted her. Attalia was a premature baby and had to endure receiving medical support just to breath. As with infants in Attalia's situation, it is said premature babies can face some struggles along the way. Can you tell us what it was like being a Mother for you within the first year of Attalia's life?**

Jenita: It wasn't easy not being able to take her home when I was discharged, but we were there every day so we can spend quality family time together nevertheless. Once she was able to come home with us it was so

amazing. To stay home from work for a few months and just care of her one on one was such a rewarding feeling. Granted we missed out on the feeding every 2 hours and cleaning the belly button till it healed phase of her life, but to watch her grow and beat the odds that are against preemies was glorifying because God was truly and still is in control. He brought her here and we know that this experience will be able to touch many lives for the up-building of God's kingdom.

**Malék: In what ways has God played a part in your family's life?**

Jenita: God is a major role in our lives as individuals and as a family. God is our source and our strength and if He wasn't in our lives I can't say things would have turned out as they have.

**Malék: This has been one powerful moment and I pray the readers see how being a Mother is never easy yet very rewarding. One must never forget the importance of a Mother's work. We celebrate you Jenita, a Mother which never calls for a day off, a break, or selfish thinking. Can you leave words of love to expectant Mothers?**

Jenita: Know that it's a privilege and an honor to be the vessel God uses to bring forth new life. Cherish your role as the one who bears and nurtures new life into this world. As I shared with my sister-in-love (Shakira) "take care of that precious jewel within you", it is an appointed task God has given to all women. Look to Him and He will give you what you need to be that mother He created you to be.

**Malék: Thank you and to this day I still say to myself wow my Sister is a mother! The same person I'd always look up to and protect growing up. I would say Attalia is blessed to have you as a Mother. Our Mother did a great job with the both of us and I love seeing you being a Mother to my Niece. May God continue to bless you as you grow and learn new things as a beautiful Mother. Peace and Blessings!**

I spoke with Sandra Simpson and Beverly Blank with their mom Lenora Simpson

**Sandra Simpson**

Sandra: Hello my sister!

**Tonya: Thank you again for taking the time to do this interview.**

Sandra: No problem, no problem.

**Tonya: How long have you been a disciple at Mount Aery?**

Sandra: Since 1960. They were on Wallace Street under Rev. Bass.

**Tonya: Are you involved in any ministries at the church?**

Sandra: Not at the moment. I was on the choir but I was working crazy hours so I had to take a step back.

**Tonya: As a child did you go to church? Did you enjoy going or was it a situation where it wasn't an option it was something that was done in your house?**

Sandra: I enjoyed going. We went to church then Sunday School came home then went back to church in the evening. We weren't forced but it was just how we were raised, we were raised in the church.

**Tonya: I see how you and your sister Beverly look out for your mom. Are you guys really close and has it always been that way?**

Sandra: We have always been close. There is four (4) of us, three (3) girls and one (1) boy. My mother has four (4) children, four (4) grandchildren and four (4) great-grandchildren. Isn't that something, the fours?

**Tonya: Yeah it is**

Sandra: My mom had three (3) girls and one (1) boy, the grands are three (3) boys and one (1) girl and the great-grands are three (3) girls and one (1) boy. Strange huh?

**Tonya: It's funny, actually.**

Sandra: But yes my sister and I have always been close. Even my other sister and my brother, we are all close. We all get together and have dinner and do things together.

**Tonya: Oh ok, that's nice. My last question is what did you do to honor your mom for Mother's Day?**

Sandra: We went out for dinner, the children and the grandchildren. We celebrated her with flowers and cards. We pampered her and just enjoyed her because she is #1. She raised us well and not that she is older it is time for us to take care of her. She is not as spry and spunky as she used to be so...especially with the dementia kicking in now. When I go on vacation I take her with me. Last year we went to San Antonio, one year we went to Houston. A couple of years ago we went to Hawaii and stayed with my son. I take her with me all the time.

**Lenora Simpson** (Sandra answered the questions for her)

**Tonya: Ok, I just have a couple of questions for your mom.**

Sandra: I'll answer for her but she is right here so they are coming from her.

**Tonya: How long have you been a disciple at Mount Aery?**

Sandra: Since 1945.

**Tonya: How old were her children when she started bringing them to church?**

Sandra: None of us were even 10 year old yet. We had Sunday school upstairs in the balcony at the old Mount Aery.

**Tonya: Was she ever involved in any ministries at the church?**

Sandra: She ushered for 20 years. A faithful usher. We are a very close family and we have so much fun together. My mom will be 89 in September so we have to do something special.

### Beverly Blank

**Tonya: how long have you been a member of Mount Aery?**

Beverly: All my life, 54 years. I was baptized at the age of 7 years old.

**Tonya: Are you involved in any ministries at the church?**

Beverly: Currently no. I used to be one of Pastor's Aids but they discontinued that and the Social Workers Club that was discontinued also.

**Tonya: Growing up did you have a choice in whether or not you would attend church?**

Beverly: No we didn't have an option but we enjoyed going and singing in the choir and joining the activities in the church.

**Tonya: You and your sister, Sandra, seem to be very close. Have you always been that way?**

Beverly: We have always been close. The 4 of us actually got closer after my mother was diagnosed with breast cancer at the age of 79.

**Tonya: How did you honor your mom for Mother's Day?**

Beverly: We all went out to dinner. It really wasn't any different from any other day because we honor her every day. She just received a couple of extra gifts. Whatever Lenora wants she gets. Now she has dementia, closer to Alzheimer's do we keep a close eye on her and keep her active.

I also decided to interview Ramona Berry, Pastor Bennett's Administrative Assistant, since not only does she attend Mount Aery but so does her mom and daughter.

### Sadie Bristow

**Tonya: How long have you been a disciple at Mount Aery?**

Ms. Sadie: I've been here as long as I know myself.

**Tonya: How old was Ramona when you started bringing her to church?**

Ms. Sadie: All of my children came to church with me in their buntings.

**Tonya: Did she have to be coerced into coming or was she a willing party?**

Ms. Sadie: It was understood that everyone went to church on Sunday morning.

**Tonya: If she involved in any activities or ministries at the church, did you push her to join or did she come to you with the idea?**

Ms. Sadie: My girls and my son sang in the youth choirs, with my encouragement, of course.

**Tonya: What did you do for Mother's Day?**

Ms. Sadie: On Saturday before Mothers' Day, I went to lunch with my daughter, Bonita. On Sunday I had dinner with a special friend. Later, Ramona, Kirya came over; we watched a movie along with my son Bernard and his girlfriend, Patrice. I received cards and flowers, too. It was a great day!

### Ramona Berry

**Tonya: How long have you been a disciple at Mount Aery?**

Ramona: My mother, Sadie Lanham Bristow, married my father, the Late Ozies Bristow, in the old Mount Aery on Wallace Street. So I guess my answer would be since birth. As a young adult, I started going to other churches only to realize and to be led back to Mount Aery.

**Tonya: How old was your daughter when you started bringing her to church?**

Ramona: 6 weeks old.

**Tonya: If she involved in any activities or ministries at the church did you push her to join or did she come to you with the idea?**

Ramona: Kirya was invited to participate in the MAAFA when she was 4 years old. After

that, she auditioned for other parts. She was also asked to join the Children's Choir. When she didn't want to attend rehearsals, I told her that she could not participate. She has to put in the work even if she already knows the songs. It's not fair to the other children who go to the rehearsals. I always give her a choice but she must follow through with the requirements of her choices. The only choice I do not give her is to do nothing.

**Tonya: What did you do for Mother's Day?**

Ramona: We just chilled out with my mom and brother while watching a movie.

**Tonya: Are you involved in any activities here at the church?**

Ramona: N/A – I say n/a because I work here.

**Tonya: Did your mom have to push you to get involved in church activities?**

Ramona: Yes. My mom told me and my siblings that we had to join the choir or the ushers. My sisters, brother and I joined the choir. The choir turned out to be the best time that we ever had at church.

**Tonya: What type of relationship would you say you have with your mom?**

Ramona: I think we went through the normal changes in relationship. With me being the first born, you know how it is when the child is growing up and the parent has never parented before so the transition hurts sometimes. That was us. It's good now.

**Tonya: What did you do for your mom for Mother's Day?**

Ramona: If you know Sadie Bristow, you know that she "don't let no grass grow under her feet" (as the saying goes) so I went to her house on Saturday to leave my gift and to my surprise, she was home. We chilled at mom's house on Sunday.

### Kirya Brown

**Tonya: Are you involved in any activities**

## here at the church?

Kirya: Yes. MAAFA, Emerging Voices, praise dance, youth church, and Sunday school

## Tonya: Did your mom have to push you to get involved in church activities?

Kirya: Yes and no. For some of them she did but I didn't want to.

## Tonya: What type of relationship would you say you have with your mom?

Kirya: We disagree sometimes but we talk. I can talk to my mom about anything. Some moms think that to get close to their children, they have to become best friends but they don't. Even though we can talk about anything, my mom is not my best friend. She's my mom.

## Tonya: What did you do for your mom for Mother's Day?

Kirya: I gave mom a card with a bracelet that says mom and a Zumba game.

Next we have Denise Maxwell, her mom Carol McGhee and daughter Shanice Maxwell.

## Denise Maxwell

## Tonya: Hey Denise. Thanks again for doing this.

Denise: Sure.

## Tonya: How long have you been at Mount Aery?

Denise: I want to say a good 11 or 12 years. We started attending when Shanice was about 3 years old. I was visiting churches and heard that Mount Aery had an 8 am service so that is what made me come. I started helping out with the TOTAL Program and I joined shortly after.

## Tonya: What ministries are you involved in?

Denise: I was a part of MAAFA, Atmosphere, I have helped out with Sisters at the Well but I am not a member. I am a part of the

Fellowship Ministry and New Disciples Ministry. I also help out with the kids when needed since I have been a teacher for 27 years.

## Tonya: Did you have to force Shanice to go to church or to get involved in the activities?

Denise: Shanice was willing. She got me involved in MAAFA. She was interested in being a part of the production so I ended up joining the ministry since I had to be there with her. I usually don't have to push her to Ministry. I also help out with the kids when needed since I have been a teacher for 27 years.

## Tonya: Did you have to force Shanice to go to church or to get involved in the activities?

Denise: Shanice was willing. She got me involved in MAAFA. She was interested in being a part of the production so I ended up joining the ministry since I had to be there with her. I usually don't have to push her to join stuff; I did push her to play the piano. It helps with your math skills. She did for about 2 years but she didn't really like it. I also pushed her to take Karate for discipline of the mind. She enjoyed it and she received her black belt at 8 years old. She struggled at certain points and wanted to stop but I didn't want her to quit because I didn't want her to regret it later.

## Tonya: What are you doing for Mother's Day?

Denise: We are going to the Holiday Inn to have brunch after Sunday School. We didn't want to go anywhere that we would have to wait so we decided on the Holiday Inn. We planned out how we would work it out as far as pacing ourselves with the buffet (laughing). Shanice wrote my mom a surprise poem. So we will be spending the day together as a family.

## Tonya: What is it like with the 3 of you in the house together? Do you all get along?

Denise: It has been 6 years and it has its ups

and downs but she was in Flushing, NY by herself so I asked if she would be willing to relocate. It has been a blessing to have her here with her wisdom. We were close growing up but we have a better relationship now. It has been a journey and I am thankful that God has put this together and that we have her here to share her wisdom. I feel it is helping Shanice to develop into a strong Black woman. Shanice is even considering going to my mom's Alma Mata, Hampton University.

## Carol McGhee

## Tonya: How long have you been a disciple at Mount Aery?

Carol: I have to think of when I moved here. It's been about 3 or 4 years now. I moved here in 2004 and I didn't join that year so it must have been 2005 or 2006 when I joined.

## Tonya: When Denise was a child did you have to force her to go to church and get involved in activities?

Carol: No. In the 50s it was just natural for parents to take their children to church. Very seldom did my husband go but the children always went and got involved in the different activities. Denise has been in church all her life after she was christened. I don't really remember what activities she was involved in, I think she was on the choir.

## Tonya: Are you involved in any ministries at the church?

Carol: I go to the usher's events. I am a member of the Fellowship Ministry but that is the only organized group. Since I don't drive I can't do too much. I support whatever Denise and Shanice are involved in. I also go to Sunday School, Old Testament.

## Tonya: Since you have been here in Connecticut with Denise and Shanice. How has this experience been?

Carol: It's fun. (Laughter) It has been a journey, it completes a cycle I guess. We get along pretty good for 3 women and 3 generations. I don't know if it is because they are so



busy that they are hardly here. We try to accommodate each other. We rarely have blow outs. I find that I am closer to Shanice generation wise than Denise. I can relate better to young people.

**Tonya: For my last question, I know that you went to the brunch at the Holiday Inn on Mother's Day...how was it?**

Carol: It was good, it was nice being there and people watching and being with each other but Denise and Shanice are used to eating out where I rather eat at home. I enjoyed just being with them, spending the day.

**Tonya: Well at least you all were able to spend the time together, that is what matters.**

Carol: I just want to say I really like Mount Aery because they are not stuck in the past. The young people are involved and praising God thru dance and things that are different from the old times which I enjoy. You don't make progress by holding on to the past, you have to open your mind and when you do your heart will follow and that is how it should be.

**Shanice Maxwell**

**Tonya: I know that you do a lot of different things at the church, what ministries are you involved in?**

Shanice: The Youth Choir, Mass Choir, I direct the children's choir, Divine Creation, the Praise Dance Ministry, MAAFA, Junior Ushers, P.L.U.G.

**Tonya: Wow you do a lot! When I spoke to your mom she said she really doesn't have to push you to get involved in activities. She only pushed you to get involved in piano and karate.**

Shanice: Ugh...yeah. Those are the 2 that she pushed the hardest on and those are the 2 that I really did not care for. I felt like she wanted me to do it because she wanted to do it as a child and didn't but I really hated it.

**Tonya: But you received your black belt at 8 years old. Do you still remember it; can you still perform the moves?**

Shanice: Yeah I still can do it. When Mr. Jason conducts his class, even though it is different I can still remember the moves and stuff so it is not completely gone.

**Tonya: How did you enjoy Mother's Day at the Holiday Inn with your mom and grandmother?**

Shanice: It was nice. It was a quiet Mother's Day. It was very intimate, just the 3 of us. It was peaceful. My mom and I had a crying moment. She came in my room and hugged me then began to cry and I realized it was because of the card that I gave her so we cried together. We bump heads a lot because we are so much alike so it was a nice moment.

**Tonya: So you and your mom have a good relationship, do you feel you can go to her with anything?**

Shanice: Some stuff I don't but I will find a way to tell her. Sometimes I find it easier to talk to my grandmother because she is easier going then my mom at times. She gives her perspective, sometimes thru a story and helps me to get things into perspective.

**Tonya: So you enjoy having her there?**

Shanice: Yeah it is another side, another opinion.

**Tonya: Thank you for talking with me.**

Shanice: No problem. Have a good night.



# A Tribute to Anne Frank

Researched by: Henry Smalls, Jr.



NEIGHBORHOOD STUDIOS  
OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY

This extraordinary sculpture was created by nineteen students from the Neighborhood Studios sculpture class to be displayed in the lobby during Westport Country Playhouse's production of *The Diary of Anne Frank*. Under the supervision of prominent Westport sculptor Steffi Friedman, the students read the book, discussed their reactions, and decided they would like to create a replica of the famous hiding place

From the beautiful scene on the upper right of the family lighting Chanukah candles to the powerful scene at the lower left of the Nazi storm trooper leading the family out of the house, the individual sculptures within the larger work were each fashioned by individual students to illustrate moments in the story.

After the final performance of *The Diary of Anne Frank*, this sculpture will be moved to the Temple Israel in Westport where it will be on the display for approximately one month. It will then be displayed at other houses of worship in Westport and Bridgeport.

Neighborhood Studios of Fairfield County (formerly the Music and Arts Center for Humanity) provides classes in art, music and dance and is a member of the National Guild for Community Arts Education. Classes are offered in a variety of settings: in-school, after-school, Saturday mornings and four summer camp programs, including the NS/AileyCamp® run in cooperation with the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater. For more information about the Neighborhood Studios of Fairfield County please visit the website at [www.nstudios.org](http://www.nstudios.org).

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- information taken from display documentation
- currently on display at Mount Aery Baptist Church in Bridgeport



## **Black History Moment**

### **Father of Gospel Music: Dr. Thomas Andrew Dorsey**

**by: Isaac Mosley**

Dr. Thomas Andrew Dorsey was born in Villa Rica, Georgia on July 1, 1899 - the oldest of five children born to Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Dorsey. Dorsey began his musical career playing behind noted Blues artists such as Ma Rainey. His association in this circle earned him the nickname, "Georgia Tom". In 1931, he had an epiphany which Dr. Dorsey later described as "The Finger of God" pointing him toward what we know now as Gospel Music. His first Gospel composition was "Someday, Somewhere".

Following the death of his first wife and son, Professor Dorsey wrote the immortal "Precious Lord, Take My Hand", which he himself described as "the greatest song he'd ever written" amongst the nearly 400 Gospel songs he had also composed. "Precious Lord" has been translated in more than 32 different languages and has been republished in many foreign lands.

In 1932, Dorsey joined Chicago's Pilgrim Baptist Church, where he served as musical director for nearly 50 years. It was also in 1932 that Dorsey established a music studio, publishing company and Convention of Gospel Choirs and Choruses, Inc. Professor Dorsey studied Music at the Chicago Music College and received his doctorate from Simmons Institute, Charleston, South Carolina.

Thomas Dorsey is known and loved throughout the world as the "Father of Gospel Music". During his lifetime, he was the recipient of many honors, awards and citations for a Music Ministry that spanned nearly three-quarters of a century. His biography is cited in "Who's Who of Music", and his life's work has been displayed at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C. As the composer of more than 1,000 songs, Dr. Dorsey is the first African-American to be entered into the Nashville Songwriters' Association International Hall of Fame. Dorsey's life and music are also the focus of the 1982 film documentary, "Say Amen Somebody".

Dr. Thomas Dorsey died in 1993 at the age of ninety-six. His life is a testament to faith, dedication, and trust in God. The National Convention of Gospel Choirs and Choruses, Inc. stands as a monument to a man who dedicated his life to the glory of God and to the cultivation and preservation of Gospel Music as an art form, and more importantly, as an avenue of worship and a corridor to the very presence of God.

Submitted by Isaac Mosley  
MT. Aery Baptist Church  
B.G.C.U Youth Dept.

No plans for the summer come and go along with us to the National Convention of Gospel Choirs and Choruses held in Atlanta, Georgia, August 5 – 13, 2011.

At the Sheraton Atlanta Downtown, 165 Courtland St. Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

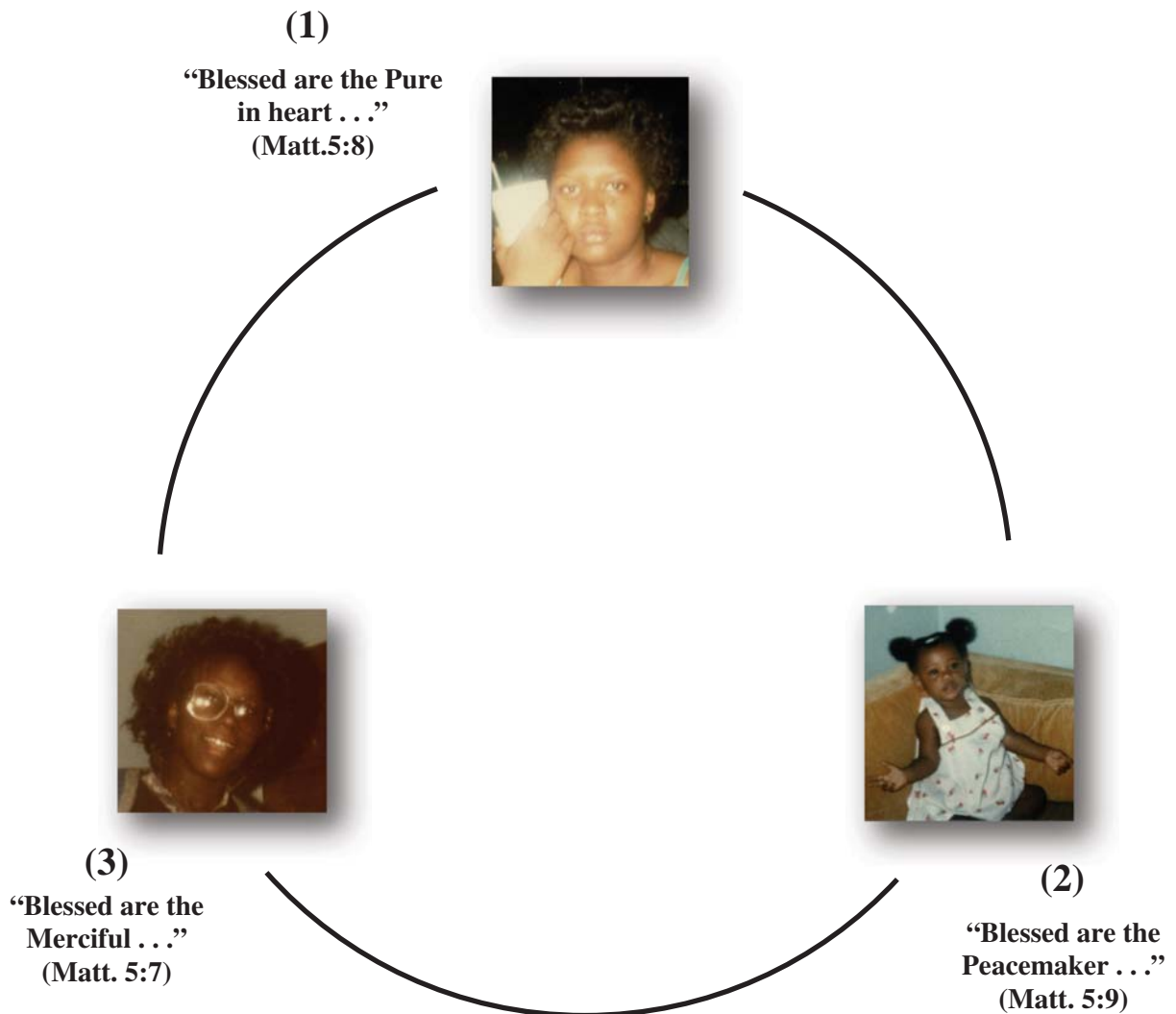
For further information see Sis. Paula Watkins (203-372-2840), Sis. Angela Colbert, Sis. Rosie Slade or Lavanda Wright.

# GUESSWHO!!!

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

Deacon Regina Mosely  
Sis. Michelle Wilson  
Sis. Ramona Berry  
Sis. Neija Jackson

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) \_\_\_\_\_  
(3) \_\_\_\_\_  
(4) \_\_\_\_\_



Answers for May: (1) Deacon Fred Nielson; (2) Sis Evelyn Wiggins;  
(3) Min. Carol Johnson (4) Deacon C.J. Adetona



# Mount Aery Development Corporation, Inc.

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Greetings Community Partner:

As you may know the rate of HIV infection continues to soar in the United States. Local communities face the challenge of raising awareness of the disease as well as encourage HIV testing. June 8th is recognized as National Caribbean-American Heritage Month in the United States. This annual observance is a mobilization effort designed to raise awareness and encourage Caribbean-American and Caribbean-born individuals, across the United States and its territories, to get educated, get tested, get treated and get involved in the lives of those infected or affected by HIV/AIDS. It is a day of hope for the future of a Caribbean and Caribbean American community with available preventive health care as a daily part of life and a Caribbean Diaspora free of HIV/AIDS. This year's theme is "A United Community Is a Force of Power."

The Ashe Faith Project is a Substance Abuse Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA) funded initiative of the Mount Aery Development Corporation (MADC). Under the leadership of Dr. Anthony L. Bennett this project aims to reduce substance use and HIV/AIDS in communities of color by strengthening the partnerships between local community organizations and faith groups, utilizing a wealth of knowledge, experience and passion to maximize local synergies, promote program collaboration, and encourage service integration.

On behalf of the Ashe Faith Project, I would like to extend an invitation for you to attend our 2nd Annual National Caribbean-American HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NCAHAAD) which will be observed on June 4, 2011. Please come out and share in this important community event at the Ashe Women's Center, 105 Frank Street, Bridgeport 06604 at 10:00 am.

We thank you in advance for your consideration. If you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact us at the Ashe Faith Project an initiative of Mount Aery Development Corporation at (203)870-0761 or email [ashefaithmadc@yahoo.com](mailto:ashefaithmadc@yahoo.com)

Please find attach a copy of event flyer, along with information on the impact of HIV/AIDS in the US and Caribbean.

Respectfully,

Nancy Kingwood, MSHS  
Project Director

72 George Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06604  
Paul Mendes, Executive Director  
203-870-0761

**The Ashe' Faith Project  
Invites you**

**To**

**2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN  
HIV/AIDS AWARENESS DAY**

**Saturday, June 4, 2011**

**10am**

**EDUCATIONAL  
WORSHIP  
FUN**



**WORKSHOPS  
FOOD  
RAFFLES**

**FREE CONFIDENTIAL HIV TESTING**

**ASHE WOMEN'S CENTER  
Dr. Anthony L. Bennett Sr. Pastor  
105 Frank Street, Bridgeport, CT 06604**

**“A UNITED COMMUNITY IS A FORCE OF POWER”**

**This Event is sponsored by the Ashe' Faith Project of Mount Aery Development Corporation  
funded by the Center for Substance Abuse and Prevention. For more information call (203) 870-0761.**



# Doreen's Top **TEN** Biblical Questions by Doreen Cotter

1. Jesse was the father of King David:-
  - How many sons did he have? \_\_\_\_\_
  - How many daughter(s) did he have? \_\_\_\_\_
  - What is the name of his daughter(s)? \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ He was the nephew of David, his grandfather was Kenaz and his descendants returned from Babylon to Jerusalem.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ He was the son of Elisheba and entrusted with money of the Tabernacle in the time of Moses.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ She was the Queen of Judah for six (6) years.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ He was the King of Israel who ruled for one (1) month.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ She was a servant in the church of Cenchrea?
7. Where did Paul and Silas convert their jailor? \_\_\_\_\_
8. In what city was Paul when he had a vision of a man saying, "Come over into Macedonia and help us"? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Where did Simon the Tanner lived? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Unscramble the names of these places in Macedonia:  
Sstehacinalo, Polsinae, Reeab, Pplhiipi
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## ANSWERS for May

1. Begins in Jerusalem (Acts 1:4) Ends in Rome (Acts 28:16) 50
3. Place of the skull (Matt. 27:33)
4. Joseph of Arimathea (John 19:38 - 42)
5. Jerusalem 60 times, others mentioned 3-4 times
6. The Jordan River
7. Resurrection: True; True; True; True; Lords Supper/Holy Communion: False; True; True; True; Holy Spirit: True; True; False; True
8. Peter (Acts 2:14)
9. The Religious Leaders
10. Stephen (Acts 6)

## ANSWERS for June

1. Jessie had 7 sons (1 Chronicles 2:13-16)
  - o 2 daughters
  - o Zeruiah and Abigail
2. Joab (1Ch. 2:16, Ezzr.2:6, 1Ch. 4:14)
3. Ithamer (Ex. 6:23, Ex. 38:21)
4. Athaliah (2 Ki. 11:1-3)
5. Shallum (2Ki. 15:13-15)
6. Philippi (Acts 16:12-34)
7. Troas (Acts 16:8-11)
8. Joppa (Acts 9:43)
9. Phoebe (Rom. 16:1)
10. Thessalonica, Neapolis, Berea, Philippi

## Announcements

- Please be advised the Deacons on Call for the month of June are Deacons Jones and Lee.
- 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.

## Acknowledgements

- **Robin Shepard, Shante', Si'mone and family** would like to express their heartfelt thanks to Pastor Bennett, Rev. Williams and the entire Mount Aery family, during our sudden loss of husband, father and grandfather Barry Shepard. Although our lives will never be, the same just knowing we have support from our church family helps us through this difficult time.
- We thank you for everything.

## Recognitions

- **Minister Carol Johnson** graduated from the University of Bridgeport on May 7th, 2011 with a M.S. in Counseling with a concentration in Human Services and was honored by the School of Arts and Science for Academic Achievement.
- **Shanice Maxwell** is being inducted into the French Honor Society on June 1st.

# 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.

## **Glover 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

## **Sadie Kinder Cole**

Subacute Center of Bristol, 23 Fair Street, Bristol, CT 06010

## **Deaconess Okakue Brown**

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

## **Carolyn Gray**

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

# Please Pray for Our Healing List

Deacon Brad Belcher

Clinnie Black

Deaconess Queen Boone

Millie Burton

Sandra Cameron

Linda Commodore

Delores Cox

George Davis

Eunice Faison

Harold Farrar

Lois Farrar

Barbara Foust

Bernice Geter

Sally Gordon

Jodi Green

Deaconess Milla Green

Evelyn Hill

Susan Holmes

Brenda Johnson

Selaja Johnson

Unice Jones

Kenneth Knight

Barbara Macey

Nanette Malone

Regina Manns

Clyde McLaughlin

Thomas Meredith

Linda Mosley

Rev. Jo Anne Oliver

Eulalia Pettway

Monique Pugh

Lillian Ragsdale

Deacon Willie Mae

Richardson

Bonita Robinson

Sally Soares

Mary Thigpen

Deaconess Anna Watkins

Felicia Whitfield

Cecilia Williams

June Williams

Cecelia Wilson

# Bereavement

- **Mr. & Mrs. Edward Cox, Sr. and the grandson of Deaconess Queen Boone** in the loss of Edward Cox, Jr.
- **Carol Carter Mims** in the loss of her cousin
- **Dale Richburg and family** in the loss of his sister, Bobbie Jean Jones in Stratford, CT
- **Frances May Jones and family** in the loss of her daughter Jennifer Jones-Frazier in Bridgeport, CT
- **Bernice Heyward** in the loss of her brother-in-law in Randolph, Massachusetts
- **Jean Jones** in the loss of her sister-in-law in Virginia
- **Lonnie Spaulding** in the loss of his cousin



# JUNE 2011 Birthdays

## June 1st

Barr, Richard  
Gardner, Gregory  
Geyer, Monique  
Mackie, Dawn  
Mosely, Regina  
Pettway, Tasha

## June 2nd

Blackwell, Monica  
Cameron-Sheffield, Elena  
Carter, Claudette  
Crawford, June  
Geyer, Eija  
Geyer, Jacquelyn  
Holley, Ashley  
McClain, Edward  
Miller, Ashley  
Mitchell, Charles

## June 3rd

Dennis, Keyanna  
Johnson, Jeffery  
Jones, Akila  
Kingwood, Bryeisha  
Morris, Amber  
Nixon, Karen  
Pettway, Mattie  
Thompson, Yolanda  
Walker, Spesha'l

## June 4th

Blackwell, Marilyn  
Crook, Michelle  
Crump, Princess  
Davis, NiShika  
Hart, Shameka  
Johnson, Barbara  
Mack, Gloria  
Miller, Cynthia  
Pettway, Brian

## June 5th

Frye, Shalia  
Holloway, Angelique  
Powell, Kimberlee  
Scales, Wanda  
Taylor, Tigenia  
Wolfork, Monica

## June 6th

Hendricks, Jaquasha  
Jackson, Annie  
Kyle, Calvin  
Lowe, Melvin  
Owens, Glynnteischa  
Richburg, Raven  
Rucker, Dwayne  
Thomas, Ava  
Wilborn, Leslie

## June 7th

Caviness, Ronald  
Davis, Kimbla  
Edmondson, Melissa

Haynes, D'Andre  
Howard, Mildred  
Jackson, Janel  
Jones, Garrett  
Kendrick, Lakisha  
McKenzie, Steve  
Mosely, Linda  
Mosely-Green, Leslie  
Richardson, Angela  
Rutherford, Deanna

## June 8th

Armwood, Willie Mae  
Dailey, Dominique  
Kelly, Craig  
Lewis, Tyrell  
Stone, Nancy

## June 9th

Bryant, George  
Gardner, Darryl  
Gardner, Jr., Gregory  
Rabb, Vincent  
Rochester, Vincent  
Smith, Michael

## June 10th

Ballard, Deborah  
Dennis, Naja  
Dennis, Naja  
Ely, Lonnie  
Hill, Shelia  
Honeycutt, Adolphus  
Sanes, Juan  
Scott, Rayford  
Williams, Laquasha

## June 11th

Bass, Jannie  
Grier, Ella  
Jones, Julian

## June 12th

Black-Daniels, Trena  
Brown, Jennie  
Calloway, Crystle  
Carter, Lisa  
Daniels, Trena  
Harris, Jean  
Jeffries, Swan  
Smith, Marvalene

## June 13th

Carroll-Hall, Nekita  
Eady, Avery  
Fenton, Carol  
Mendes, Anthony  
Morgan, Tonya  
Seawright, Deja  
Sims, Miriam  
Slade, JoAnn

## June 14th

Alfred, Anessa  
Black, Gail

Cook, John  
Padgett, Kurt  
Shepard-Garrett, Monica

## June 15th

Bravo, Victoria  
Caesar, Clyde  
Cox, Robert B.  
Mack-Swinton, Linda  
Walton, Michael

## June 16th

Adams, Kyra, L.  
Allen, Antoinette  
Hairston, Sonia  
Hill, Vido  
Kennedy, Danna  
Lyles, Dawanda  
Moye, Carlton  
Perry, LaToya  
Underwood, Tyshaun  
Wray, Michael

## June 17th

Day, Donald  
Fatal, Elijah  
Garner, Sherlyn  
Hudson, Felicia  
Jones, Barbara  
Walton, Harold  
Whirl, Linda

## June 18th

Felican, Lehem  
Hill, Davon  
Javis, Kenneth  
McLeod, Chinesta  
Ryan, Roger  
Torres, Carmen  
Williams, Tammy

## June 19th

Blackwell, Kendall  
Hayes, Shontesha  
James, Michael  
Jones, Daisha  
Matos, Ramon  
Murphy, Dannette  
Williams, Christine  
Wilson, Leroy

## June 20th

Bohannon, Mary  
Harvin, Ruth  
Pettway, Earl  
Savain, Ketcha  
Sloan, Allison  
Tyson-Sherwood, Alicia  
Williams, Patryce  
Wilson, Lawrence

## June 21st

Brooks, Donna  
Cohen, Leonard  
James, Jessica

Stanford, Candice

## June 22nd

Foster, William  
Kuchta, Robert  
Lazaro, Tanya  
Lee, Tonya  
Nance, Anisha  
Shabazz, Muhammad

## June 23rd

Bartelle, Shiana  
Gibson, Danny  
Hatton, Starr  
Lark, Harold  
Manigo, Lori  
Stewart, Tanya  
Strode, Randy  
Tinkler, Michelle

## June 24th

Ferguson, John  
Gordon, Valerie  
Ingram, Charlie  
Lloyd, Lameika  
Mabins, Tondrea  
Raye, Brittany  
Rhoden, David  
Taylor, Maxie

## June 25th

Anderson, Curtis  
Harvin, Stephanie  
Mackey, Ronald  
Madrid, Daniel  
Pratt, Larritta  
Preston, Robin  
Ryan, Michael  
Wilson, Mark

## June 26th

Irby, Sasha  
Martinez, Emelitza  
Pettway, Leila

## June 27th

Austin, Phenell  
Bass, Daniel  
Davis, Tajuanna  
Jenkins, Napoleon  
Mathis, Terry  
Nielsen, Frederick

## June 28th

Christian, Cynthia  
Cox, Edward  
Gnat, Cynthia  
Jean, Michae'lle  
Jowers, Carol  
Mones, Grace

## June 29th

Ageuda, Shirlee  
Cameron, Ophelia  
Gray, Leasha

Manns, Regina  
Rogers, Kevin  
Samuel, Rose  
Taliaferro, Keasha

## June 30th

Austin, Juanita  
Cunningham, Louise  
Daniels, Taylor  
Dennis, LaShonda  
Oliver III, Walter  
Paulin, Robert  
Ricketts, Daena  
Rowe, Etioel  
Sargent-Powell, Elizabeth  
Thomas, Terrence  
Williams, Annie

# June 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>5</b> 6:00 AM Daily Prayer 7:45 AM Worship Celebration 9:45 AM Sunday School 9:45 AM Olmecs Store 11:00 AM Worship Celebration 1:00 PM Olmecs Store	<b>6</b> 6:00 AM Daily Prayer	<b>7</b> 6:00 AM Daily Prayer 5:00 PM Prayer Ministry 6:00 PM Praise Dance Rehearsal 6:30 PM Martial Arts CT 7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal	<b>1</b> 6:00 AM Daily Prayer 12:00 PM Daytime Bible Study 6:30 PM Jesus Corner 6:30 PM P.L.U.G. 6:45 PM Bible Study	<b>2</b> 6:00 AM Daily Prayer 6:00 PM Exercise Class 6:00 PM Praise Dance Rehearsal 6:30 PM REFUGE 6:30 PM Deacons Ministry Meeting	<b>3</b> 6:00 AM Daily Prayer	<b>4</b> 6:00 AM Daily Prayer 8:30 AM Men's Ministry 10:00 AM Senior Ushers Luncheon 11:00 AM Senior Ushers Luncheon 12:30 PM Interpreters 3:00 PM Praise Dance Rehearsal - Maguena
<b>12</b> 6:00 AM Daily Prayer 7:45 AM Worship Celebration 9:45 AM Sunday School 9:45 AM Olmecs Store 11:00 AM Worship Celebration 11:00 AM Youth Church 1:00 PM Olmecs Store	<b>13</b> 6:00 AM Daily Prayer 6:00 PM Praise Dance Rehearsal 6:00 PM Fellowship Ministry 6:30 PM SAW Gathering 7:00 PM Spiritual Gifts	<b>14</b> 6:00 AM Daily Prayer 5:00 PM Prayer Ministry 6:30 PM Martial Arts CT 6:30 PM Trustees Ministry Meeting 6:30 PM SAW Book Club 7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal 7:30 PM Praise Dance Rehearsal	<b>8</b> 6:00 AM Daily Prayer 6:30 PM Jesus Corner 6:30 PM P.L.U.G. 6:45 PM Bible Study	<b>9</b> 6:00 AM Daily Prayer 6:00 PM Exercise Class 6:00 PM Praise Dance Rehearsal 6:30 PM REFUGE 7:00 PM Child Dedication Meeting 7:00 PM Joint Ministry Meeting w/staff	<b>10</b> 6:00 AM Daily Prayer	<b>11</b> 6:00 AM Daily Prayer 8:30 AM Men's Ministry 9:00 AM MADC Board Meeting 10:00 AM Leadership Institute 3:00 PM Praise Dance Rehearsal - Maguena
<b>19</b> 6:00 AM Daily Prayer 7:45 AM Worship Celebration 9:45 AM Sunday School 9:45 AM Olmecs Store 11:00 AM Worship Celebration/ Child Dedication 11:00 AM Youth Church 1:00 PM Olmecs Store	<b>20</b> 6:00 AM Daily Prayer	<b>21</b> 6:00 AM Daily Prayer 5:00 PM Prayer Ministry 6:00 PM AIDS Ministry 6:00 PM CSC Core Team 6:00 PM Praise Dance Rehearsal 7:00 PM Academy of Ministry 7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal	<b>15</b> 6:00 AM Daily Prayer 12:00 PM Daytime Bible Study 1:00 PM Community Time 6:30 PM Jesus Corner 6:30 PM P.L.U.G. 6:45 PM Bible Study	<b>16</b> 6:00 AM Daily Prayer 6:00 PM Exercise Class 6:30 PM REFUGE 6:30 PM Deacons Ministry Meeting 6:30 PM MAAFA Auditions	<b>17</b> 6:00 AM Daily Prayer	<b>18</b> 6:00 AM Daily Prayer 8:30 AM Men's Ministry 9:00 AM New Disciples Orientation 12:30 PM Interpreters 3:00 PM Music Min Concert setup 6:00 PM Music Ministry Concert
<b>26</b> 6:00 AM Daily Prayer 7:45 AM Youth/Young Adult Worship Celebration 9:45 AM Sunday School 9:45 AM Olmecs Store 11:00 AM Youth/Young Worship Celebration 1:00 PM Olmecs Store 2:00 PM Youth Retreat	<b>27</b> 6:00 AM Daily Prayer	<b>28</b> 6:00 AM Daily Prayer 5:00 PM Prayer Ministry 6:00 PM Praise Dance Rehearsal 6:30 PM Martial Arts CT 7:00 PM Academy of Ministry 7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal	<b>22</b> 6:00 AM Daily Prayer 12:00 PM Daytime Bible Study 6:30 PM Jesus Corner 6:30 PM P.L.U.G. 6:45 PM Bible Study	<b>23</b> 6:00 AM Daily Prayer 6:00 PM Youth Retreat 6:30 PM REFUGE	<b>24</b> 6:00 AM Daily Prayer 6:00 PM Youth Retreat	<b>25</b> 12:00 AM Youth Retreat 6:00 AM Daily Prayer 8:00 AM 3rd Annual AIDS Walk 6:00 PM Youth Retreat
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