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Pastor's Pen



Namaste my Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

All I can say is, “**WOW!**” What a February we have had! Some compare Storm Nemo to the blizzard of 1978. Well, I was 13 years old back then in sunny Los Angeles. So I don’t know about then but I am thankful and grateful the storm has come and gone. And yet, **WE’RE STILL HERE...PRAISE THE LORD!** On the other side, Nurse Betty Hill reminded us during one of our Sunday morning meditations that storms and our inability to move around in them can serve as impetus to be still and

know that God is God. I am also thankful that during the weeks we were able to have worship service, God manifested God’s power in a mighty way. **To God be the glory!**

As we move into the month of March, we honor and celebrate the legacy and contributions of women not only within our congregation but throughout our Diaspora. All of our lives have been enriched and blessed because some woman somewhere shared her time, talents and treasure with us.

March is also the continuation of our Lenten season and our study time of the **Irresistible Church**. I want to encourage everyone to come on out and study with us. I am also thankful that as we approach our Resurrection Sunday, we now have a solid 80 to 100 persons who access our prayer conference line on a daily basis. Mount Aery, let’s be the church that God can’t help but bless.

I hope to see each of you during this month at our Deacon’s Ordination, Men’s Weekend, Youth Church Re-launch and Resurrection Sunday services.

God bless,

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



EDITOR'S DESK

Namaste Brothers and Sisters,

What a month we had? I think we all heard the news reports of how bad Storm Nemo was going to be but some of us, including myself, didn't believe it. Thirty plus inches later, all I can say is "Praise God we made it through with nothing more than possibly a sore back from shoveling."

With the storm came the frustration of waiting to be plowed out, the number of days the kids were missing school, and the list goes on. However, the storm also allowed some people time to draw closer to their loved ones and more importantly, others to draw closer to God. For me, the storm gave me time to reflect on all the things that transpired in the weeks prior and how God had once again brought me through it all.

With that in mind, I decided for the Lenten season this year I would focus on showing God how grateful I am for all He does for me by being intentional about studying and praying. I learned this week in Bible Study that being intentional about prayer is one of the traits of an Irresistible Church so I guess that puts me in line with what we as a church are trying to accomplish.

Message from the Mount is honoring the legacy and contributions of women before us this month by passing along an article on the history of Women's History Month.

March is going to be a busy month at the Mount as we have several events scheduled including our Deacon's Ordination, the Usher's Banquet, Men's Weekend, Palm Sunday, MAYA's Senior Breakfast and of course Resurrection Sunday Service which will include baptism.

We are gearing up to celebrate our 90 years in existence with several fun filled events throughout the year. Let's come out, have some fun and celebrate our church!

God bless,
Tonya N. Johnson
Editor-in-Chief

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Important Dates

During this season of prayer, call in to the prayer line at 7:00a daily at 610-214-0000. The participant access code is 111933#. The calls are recorded so please mute your phone to eliminate background noise. Please note that long distance charges may apply.

For all events listed please be aware that more information will be forthcoming in the weeks to follow and as the event gets closer.

Men's Health Fair will be held on March 2nd at 8am. All men are welcome to attend. For more information please contact the Men's Ministry.

Deacons' Ordination Ceremony will be held on March 8th at 7pm. Please come out and support our Deacons In Training as they transition to Deacons of Mount Aery.

Leadership Institute will be held on March 9th at 10am. All leaders are required to attend but all are welcomed.

Usher's Annual Banquet will be held on March 9th at 6pm. For more information please contact the front office.

Men's Weekend will be held March 15th – 17th. Please contact the Men's Ministry for more information.

Palm Sunday is March 24th

M.A.Y.A. Seniors Breakfast has been postponed to Saturday, March 30th at 9:30am. All youth and young adults interested in helping M.A.Y.A., please see Deacon Jackie Seawright.

Resurrection Sunday is March 31st. Remember, save your money and “dress down” for this worship celebration.

Baptism is March 31st at 11am worship celebration. Please see Deaconess Greene if you have completed your New Disciples Class or give your name to the church office and we will notify Deaconess Greene.

Baby Dedication will be held on Father's Day, June 16th. Please fill out the form in the Front Office if you would like to have your child dedicated back to the Lord.

Missionary General Membership Meetings are held at 1pm on the following dates:

- March 2nd
- June 1st
- September 7th
- December 7th

Save the Dates

- **Block Party** – June 29th
- **Annual Prayer Breakfast** – July 20th
- **Holiday Hills** – July 27th
- **Annual Missionary Cruise** – August 10th
- **90th Anniversary Banquet** – November 23rd

Announcements

- We are studying “The Irresistible Church, 12 Traits of a Church Heaven Applauds” by Wayne Cordeiro in Bible Study. We have a limited number of books and they are \$10 each. Bible Study is on Wednesdays from 6:45p to 8pm. Come on out and be blessed.
 - **Lost and Found** – Several pairs of glasses, sunglasses, bibles and other lost items are in the church office. If you have lost anything, please check the church office. Items may be given away if left any longer. Thank you.
 - **Chosen Generation** is inviting everyone from the ages of 12-21 to join this youth and young adult choir. Please see Brother D'Andre Haynes, Sister Jazmin JeanBaptiste or Min. Nakia Marsh with your interest.
 - **All Leaders:** The Five Star book is available in the church office. The donation is \$10.
 - **Deacons on Call** for February are Deacons Dewitt-Smith and Failey.
 - **Submissions of announcements and due dates:**
 - o **Message From The Mount**
 - Send information to mftm@mtaerybaptist.org by Wednesday after the first Sunday
 - o **Monitors in the Sanctuary**
 - Send information to media_ministry@mtaerybaptist.org by Wednesday before the Sunday you want the announcement
 - Please make sure that your announcement is in PowerPoint format.
- 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.
 - **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.**

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

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.

Susan Holmes

Arden House Care and Rehabilitation Center, 580 Mix Avenue, Hamden, CT 06514

Deaconess Queen Boone, Arthur Ragsdale

Bridgeport Manor, 540 Bond Street, Bridgeport, CT 06610

Clyde McLaughlin

The Carolton Chronic & Convalescent Hospital, 400 Mill Plain Rd, Fairfield, CT 06824

Emmanuel Burton

Connecticut State Veteran's Home, 287 West Street, Rocky Hill, CT 06067

James Freeman

Gaylord Hospital Outpatient Center, 52 Gaylord Farm Road, Wallingford, CT 06492

Lester Dennis

Ludlow Center for Health & Rehabilitation, 118 Jefferson Street, Fairfield, CT 06825

Bernice Adams, West Barnes, Leroy Wilson

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

Mary Ryan

Northbridge Health Care Center, 2875 Main Street, Bridgeport, CT 06606

Deaconess Okakue Brown, Bernice Geter

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

Please Pray for Our Prayer List

Maxine Boykin
Isaiah Brown
Delores Cox
Helen Dennis
Ruth Hasty-Dove
Harold Farrar
Lois Farrar
Sally Gordon
Evelyn Hill
Deacon Jeffrey Hill
Brenda Johnson
Unice Jones
Regina Manns
Deacon Benjamin Maxwell
Chinesta McLeod
Autumn Mitton
Caleb Mitton
Spring Mitton
Rose Newport
Eulalia Pettway
Terrance Quiller
Jim Ragsdale
Lillian Ragsdale
Waverly Ragsdale
Esther Ryan
Juanita Sims
Mary Thigpen
Deaconess Anna Watkins
Barbara Wilson

Bereavement

- **Stewart, Freeman, Blue, Hardison and Cox families** in the loss of Michael Stewart
- **Mildred Dyer** in the loss of her niece, Amy Wise, in South Carolina
- **Ruth Gunter** in the loss of her sister, Annie Gunter Johnson, in South Carolina
- **Kennedy and Pettway families** in the loss of Chester Kennedy, Sr. in Alabama

Got the Winter Weather Blues?

by Kathy Tabb-Small

Winter's just generally a miserable time for some people. It's cold, it's dark, it's bleak, and it's not very colorful.

Seasonal Affective Disorder or SAD is caused by the reduced amount of sunlight in winter months, resulting in low levels of Vitamin D3. Two common symptoms are lack of energy and cravings for more sugary foods. Also, some people who are normally very social and outgoing tend to not care about spending time with friends.



Treatment includes exercise and eating a well-balanced diet. Another known treatment is exposure to high intensity lights. Still another treatment is daily Omega 3 fish oil supplements (certified free of mercury). They are best consumed with an antioxidant such as an orange, grapefruit or their freshly squeezed juice.

The latter method is much cheaper, but be warned that excessive levels of Vitamin D cause hardening of the arteries, therefore it is highly advised that you have your vitamin D levels checked at least three times in the first year and once annually thereafter, in mid winter.

Simple tips to beat the Winter Weather Blues:

- Open your curtains during the day to let more sunlight in.
- Spend time with a pet, like walking your dog--getting exercise and sunlight--two things that make you feel better.
- Take a trip--Wintry freezing temperatures that come along with the winter months can certainly get you down in the dumps. Escape the icy temps by booking a trip to a warm destination.
- Enjoy outdoor activities. First, shed your vanity and dress for the weather. Dress in layers so that you don't feel weighed down. The lakes and parks are beautiful for walking, jogging, or bike riding. There are also winter festivals, especially around holiday time. Take the kids sledding or ice skating.
- Stay sociable and interact with family and friends. Plan small indoor get-togethers at your home once per month during the winter.
- Avoid watching/reading negative or violent movies, television or books.
- Surround yourself and your home with love, vibrant colors, and beautiful flowers.

The ultimate tip to beating the Winter Weather Blues is staying positive in word and indeed.

POET'S CORNER

speaking with
ink and pen
release

Queen

Written by Malek Simpson

*Spoken in one language
Yet understood by everyone
The essence of a sweet, loving embrace of a woman's intellect
Incredible creation, evidence there is an incredible God
Sensitivity outlines their creative nature
Undeniable strength of a million warriors
Reside in the deepest core of their being
We honor, recognize, respect, and love our African-American women
You have the courage to stand up against the wrongdoings of society
You have been able to mold this nation
Embracing the duration of joy & pain when giving birth
A true Queen, tested & tried yet loyal, regal, & true
Our world is NOTHING without YOU!!!*

MLK Celebration Message: “There is More to the Dream”

by John Burgeson | CT Post writer, Wednesday, January 23, 2013

BRIDGEPORT -- A former city pastor told 600 who packed Mount Aery Baptist Church on Monday that there is much more work to be done before the dream of Martin Luther King Jr. can become a reality.

"While we share the joy of the second inauguration of Barack Obama, there have been a lot of people who say that the dream has been realized," said Tyrone P. Jones IV, who led the Messiah Baptist Church on Congress Street for nine years. "But I beg to differ. Only a part of the dream has been realized. There is more to the dream, and we must rise up to take up the mantle of social justice."

The inauguration in Washington, taking place on the same day meant that Bridgeport Black Pride's 34th annual MLK celebration had to proceed without the usual presence of U.S. representatives and senators in the pews. Still, Mayor Bill Finch and other city officials turned out.

Jones, now the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Guilford, in Columbia, Md., urged the audience to recall the work of a poet.

"Maya Angelou taught us how to have dignity in the face of degradation," he said. Jones said that Angelou, who spoke at the inauguration of President Bill Clinton two decades ago, has a message for all African-Americans.

"She taught us how to shine when we have been sanctioned into the darkness of despair," Jones said. He then recited a verse: "... Out of the huts of history's shame, I rise. Up from a past that's rooted in pain, I rise."

Jones also asked the crowd to recall Thurgood Marshall, the first black on the U.S. Supreme Court, and the nearly impossible obstacles he had to overcome.

"The University of Maryland Law School refused to admit him because of the color of his skin," Jones said.

"One of the first cases that he won was

against the University of Maryland and their discriminatory practices against qualified blacks. He went from one who was pushed aside to the highest judge in the free world." Quoting from the Bible, Jones said that God "raises up those, in time of need, who will come to lead us to justice."

"But before God does the raising up, it's up to you to get ready to rise."

He said that blacks in the United States can't "rest on their laurels" and be content with the gains made through King and Obama.

"We can no longer sit back and look at the fact the Martin Luther King was our modern-day prophet," he said.

The event was hosted by Mount Aery Pastor Anthony L. Bennett, who praised the work of Bridgeport lawyer Reine C. Boyer.

Boyer was a volunteer coordinator for the United Haitian-American Society during its relief efforts after the 2010 earthquake in Haiti. A portion of the event's proceeds was given to her organization.

Gerard Azor is the executive director of the UHAS and Franck Dalember is the chairman.

Gwendolyn Brantley, who heads Bridgeport Black Pride, said that the organization is looking for young members to carry the organization forward.

"For all of these things to happen at one time -- the second inauguration of Barack Obama, Martin Luther King Day and January being the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation -- I'm just glad to be a part of it," she said. "This only comes around once in a lifetime."

Jones, who was there with his wife, Elizabeth, and their two children, said that he was at the celebration many times before, but in the audience.

"And never did I think that I would be guest speaker, so I'm honored to be here today," Jones said. "It's good to be back home again."



History of National Women's History Month

by Tonya Johnson

Namaste family, as we know this is Woman's History Month. I'm not sure when I became a history buff but I found some information online about the history of this month and thought that I should bring it to you. Knowledge is power! Women have contributed a lot to the building of our nation and that should be celebrated...Enjoy!!!

As recently as the 1970's, women's history was virtually an unknown topic in the K-12 curriculum or in general public consciousness. To address this situation, the Education Task Force of the Sonoma County (California) Commission on the Status of Women initiated a "Women's History Week" celebration for 1978.

The week March 8th, International Women's Day, was chosen as the focal point of the observance. The local Women's History Week activities met with enthusiastic response, and dozens of schools planned special programs for Women's History Week. Over one-hundred community women participated by doing special presentations in classrooms throughout the country and an annual "Real Woman" Essay Contest drew hundreds of entries. The finale for the week was a celebratory parade and program held in the center of downtown Santa Rosa, California.

Mobilizing a Movement

In 1979, Molly Murphy MacGregor, a member of the National Women's History Project, was invited to participate in The Women's History Institute at Sarah Lawrence College, which was chaired by noted historian, Gerda Lerner and attended by the national leaders of organizations for women and girls. When the participants learned about the success of the Sonoma

County's Women's History Week celebration, they decided to initiate similar celebrations within their own organizations, communities, and school districts. They also agreed to support an effort to secure a "National Women's History Week."

Presidential and Congressional Support

The first steps toward success came in February 1980 when President Carter issued the first Presidential Proclamation declaring the Week of March 8th 1980 as National Women's History Week. In the same year, Representative Barbara Mikulski, who at the time was in the House of Representatives, and Senator Orrin Hatch co-sponsored a Congressional Resolution for National Women's History Week 1981. This co-sponsorship demonstrated the wide-ranging political support for recognizing, honoring, and celebrating the achievements of American women.

A National Lobbying Effort

As word spread rapidly across the nation, state departments of education encouraged celebrations of National Women's History Week as an effective means to achieving equity goals within classrooms. Maryland, Pennsylvania, New York, Oregon, Alaska, and other states developed and distributed curriculum materials for all of their public schools. Organizations sponsored essay contests and other special programs in their local areas. Within a few years, thousands of schools and communities were celebrating National Women's History Week, supported and encouraged by resolutions from governors, city councils, school boards, and the U.S. Congress.

Each year, the dates of National Women's History Week, (the week of March 8th) changed and every year a new lobbying

effort was needed. Yearly, a national effort that included thousands of individuals and hundreds of educational and women's organizations was spearheaded by the National Women's History Project.

National Women's History Month

By 1986, 14 states had already declared March as Women's History Month. This momentum and state-by-state action was used as the rationale to lobby Congress to declare the entire month of March 1987 as National Women's History Month. In 1987, Congress declared March as National Women's History Month in perpetuity. A special Presidential Proclamation is issued every year which honors the extraordinary achievements of American women.

Women Inventor Facts

Until about 1840, only 20 U.S. patents were issued to women. Patents are the proof of "ownership" of an invention and only the inventor(s) can apply for a patent. Women were not allowed equal rights of property ownership (patents are a form of intellectual property) and many women patented their inventions under their husband's or father's names or did not bother to patent their invention at all. Mary Kies broke that pattern on May 5, 1809. On May 15 1809, Mary Dixon Kies received the first U. S. patent issued to a woman. Kies invented a process for weaving straw with silk or thread.

Resources: www.nwhp.org
www.about.com



Women's History Month

by Marilyn Moore, Contributor

MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

The 2013 theme, assigned by the National Women's History Project, for Women's History Month is "Women Inspiring Innovation Through Imagination: Celebrating Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics." (STEM)

This year, 13 women are honored for their extraordinary vision and role models in the Stem fields. Traditionally, women are noticeably underrepresented in the STEM fields. Here are two women of color recognized for their contributions by the National Women's Health Project.

2013 Honoree - Patricia Era Bath, Ophthalmologist and Inventor

Patricia Bath's invention of the Laserphaco Probe was an important milestone in the advent of laser cataract surgery. Bath

co-founded the American Institute for the Prevention of Blindness in 1976 and committed to "protect, preserve, and restore the gift of sight." She broke ground for both women and African Americans in medicine and ophthalmology, including being the first African American woman doctor to receive a patent for a medical purpose.

2013 Nominee - Tamara Brown, Biomedical Engineer and "Champion of Change"

In 2004 in Buffalo New York, Tamara E. Brown launched "Tech-Savvy". Her goal was to convince middle school girls that they, too, could enjoy being in a science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM) field. Miss Brown was named White House Champion of Change in 2011 and honored for inspiring thousands of young women and their parents to consider education and career opportunities in STEM.

WOMEN'S HISTORY QUIZ

1. Who was the first black woman in Bridgeport to create a chapter of the National Association of Black Engineers Pre Collegiate Chapter?
2. What anthropology professor became the first African-American woman president of Spelman College?
3. Who was the first woman of color to go into space on the shuttle Endeavor in 1992?
4. Who was the first black woman in the world to earn a pilot's license, and was a barnstorming aviator who performed daredevil tricks?
5. What black woman chemist developed an extract from the AWA Root which relieved leprosy symptoms when injected and which was widely used until sulfa drugs were invented in 1940?
6. Who was the first black prima donna soprano at the Metropolitan Opera, and the winner of 19 Grammy awards?
7. Who was the first black woman lawyer in the United States and the first woman admitted to District of Columbia bar in 1872?
8. Who led the fight to criminalize lynching, helped form the NAACP, and aided many black people who migrated from the South to Chicago?
9. Who was the first woman to successfully become a fireman in Connecticut?
10. Who was the author of "Our Nig," published in 1859, the first novel by a black person in English, which described racism in the treatment of free blacks in the North by abolitionists?

Source: National Women's History Project. www.nwhp.org

Consecration Service

by Andre Turner and Tonya Johnson

The consecration unto to our God who gives us breath and life is an honor that we cherish for his life that he gave so we can live. The blood that was shed on Calvary for us was an expensive token that was paid for God's children. The magnificent gesture from God to send his only begotten son to die for sinners who put him to death.

The consecration service is for those who are putting forth a glorious effort to service the Lord in ministry. The art of consecration suffices the love and service, the same attributes that God showed with his inception of earth and heaven into existence. The abundance of beauty from the spirit of the Lord created an extended olive branch to his children that he loved.

Ministers, domestic and abroad, pay homage to the Lord for His sacrificial offering of blood by diligently submitting until His will. Like a sheep herder over seeing his sheep, Ministers of God over see God's flock. The title of minister is not one to under appreciate; it is a great and wonderful honor that is bestowed upon a steward of the Lord. A title that is earned from obedience that is showed for doing the hard work of the lord, six days of serving in every capacity of life and showing God love and reverence on the seventh day.

The majestic love that one person has for another is an extension of God's love and on Consecration Sunday the celebration into God's ministry will be illustrated. As life goes on many pass and withers away, the servitude unto God does not go unnoticed because the love of God is everlasting.

On January 27th we at Mount Aery Baptist Church witnessed the consecration of the leaders into offices. After Pastor Bennett preached his sermon entitled "A Church that God Can't Help But Bless" he asked that all the leaders come to the altar for consecration. As Pastor Bennett read the litany and the leaders responded Pastor D and Rev. Anderson anointed the leaders and prayed over each of us individually.

Being a leader at Mount Aery is an honor that we as leaders should not take lightly and that was displayed at the consecration.



Consecration Service



Black History Moment: *Colonel Stephanie E. Dawson*

by Jonathan Dawson (Cousin of COL Dawson)



Colonel Stephanie E. Dawson

Stephanie E. Dawson
Colonel, NYARNG

COL Stephanie E. Dawson recently assumed Command of the 369th Sustainment Brigade on October 1, 2008. She is the first black female commander since its inception over 95 years ago. This brigade has a strong tradition of being one of the most outstanding citizen-soldier units in the nation. For the past 100 years, they have been on the forefront of the battle for justice, civil rights, and equality.

Prior to that time, COL Dawson was the Deputy Commander of the 369th Sustainment Brigade, a position she held for two years. As a Lieutenant Colonel, she was the Commander of the 27th Rear Area Operations Center. Her unit was one of the first New York Army National Guard units to be mobilized in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in February 2003 and returned in April 2004.



Jonathan Dawson

Additional positions held by COL Dawson include: Battalion Executive Officer, 369th Corps Support Battalion; Support Operations Officers; 369th Corps Support Battalion; Ammunition Officer; and 107th Corps Support Group among others. As Executive Officer for the 369th Corps Support Battalion, during the unit's 9-11 activation, she helped spearhead battalion relief, security, supply, transportation, and other logistics support missions for initial Ground Zero operations.

COL Dawson has received a number of military awards including the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal.

COL Dawson completed the U.S. Army War College in July 2007 after attending other prestigious military programs. COL Dawson's civilian education includes a Masters in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College, a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Marist College, and a Bachelors of Arts in Economics from Cornell University.

As a civilian, COL Dawson is a certified Project Management Professional (PMP) and works for the Chief Operating Officer of the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey. She is currently the Assistant Director of Operations and has served as the Assistant Director of Capital Programs, and General Manager in banking and then held a number of positions at the Department of General Services in New York City.



Mt. Aery Men, here is the Power Prayers for Men, you need to
"Revitalize Your Prayer Life"

by John Hudson Tiner

**Men, how often do you pray and how often are your prayer's answered?
Do you rejoice when they are answered?
How do you feel when they are not answered?**

As a man, you face many special challenges in life---challenges that call for specific prayers.

Prayer changes circumstances, and it can change us. Instead of tossing and turning at night while grappling with difficult choices, turn them over to God in prayer. Instead of worrying about your next decision, ask God to show the way. God is listening, and He wants to hear from His children. When Manasseh, a king of the Kingdom of Judah, was taken prisoner he asked for help. "And when he prayed to him, the Lord was moved by his entreaty and listened to his plea; so he brought him back to Jerusalem and to his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the Lord is God" (2 Chronicles 33:13). God listens to our prayers just as he listened to Manasseh's.

Prayer is a two-way communication that involves both talking to God and listening to His voice. Through prayer we express our love to God, thank Him for our blessings, admit our sins, and request His intervention in difficult circumstances. Often the return conversation from God doesn't consist of actual spoken words. Instead, He brings insight through His Word, opens new opportunities in our lives, makes visible blessings we have already received, and fortifies our lives in ways beyond our imagination.

Communication with God is a simple act with immense ramifications. Like a lever that allows us to use a small effort to move a large load, prayer invites the power of God into our lives, strengthens our spirits, and cements our robust relationship with God. Through it we can encourage our families and have a positive impact on our local communities and beyond.

In its simplest form, prayer is talking with God as a friend. By sharing our hopes, dreams, and concerns, friends develop deeper and more meaningful relationships. In the same way, when we pray to God daily in an informal, conversational way, we develop a close relationship with Him.

When you use and have Praying Power, Brothers, You Got Power!!!

**To The Brothers of Mount Aery Baptist Church,
Peace & Love, GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES.**

STAY TUNED, MORE TO COME!

MARCH 2013 Birthdays

March 1st

Azpiri, Naiara
Bryant, Jeffrey
Fedick, Lisa
Guerrier, Fabienne
Lee, Alice
Miller, Judith
Murray, Christopher
Parks, William
Seawright, Lillian
Thigpen, Barbara

March 2nd

Edmonds-Myles, Sadiga
English, Malcolm
Gibson, Trevin
Pulley, Karen

March 3rd

Deslandes, Dorothy
Frances, Gregory
Jackson, Laverne
Jordan, Manion
Kendricks, Kimberly
Kendricks, Rhonda
Mullins, Roger
Myles, David
Smalls, Barbara
Szucs, Barbara
Wilson, Clarice

March 4th

Brown-Rogers, Renata
Daniels, Terrell
Fisher, Doris
Martin, Janna
Nimmons, Jean
Phillips, Nadine
Studivant, Robert
White, Christina
Williams, Monique
Wright, Joseph

March 5th

Anderson, Catherine
Anderson, Juanita
Henry, Kiearta
Jones, Ashley
Langston, Ali
Lee, Kim
Thompson, Sylvia
Threat, Vonetta

March 6th

Day, Jovan
Goodwin, Rochelle
Greatheart, David

Lewis, Sandra
Smalls, Sharon
Stone, Noelle
Williams, Tiffany
Wright, Lakeem

March 7th

Adams, Bernice
Annunziato, Kristen
Austin-Christy, Sharon
Baldwin, Dalaine J.
Carter, Sovah
Cobb, Sherrine
Colson, Sheila
Dumas, Renee
Johnson, Latasia
Mendez, Dezmond
Mones, Barbara
Reid, Joel

March 8th

Black, Thomas
Davis, Cynthia
Durant, Tracy
Lazaro, Monica
Riley, Tiffany
Turnball, Deborah

March 9th

Black, Geneysha
Cooper, Odell
Davy, Orlando
Jones, Unice
Maye, Shawneisha L.

March 10th

Butts, Jr., Curtis
Dixon, Theresa
Laws, Stanley
Pettway, Mackerea
Porter, Rashaun
Wright, Zequanda

March 11th

Gallimore III, Frederick
Ingram, Bobbie
Padilla, Freddie
Richardson, Leon
Spearman, Barbara

March 12th

Brown, Nysheen
Crumpton, Lavesha
Lopes, Ana
Miller, Remy
Miller, Sheila
Phillips, Laurie
Spencer, James

March 13th

Gatling, Bryan
Hill, Harold
Jones, Nedra
Martin, Betty
Womack, Sidney

March 14th

Boykin, John
Hall, Quantishay
Hargell, Brinita
Johnson, Shenneetha
Pulley, Christina
Riddick, Denzel
Thigpen, Mary

March 15th

Alves, Lynda
Brown, Stafford
Burton, Samantha
Jones, Jennifer
Manns, Betty

March 16th

Gatison, Thedis
Gerald, Johnny
May, Janet
McKenzie, Julian
McKenzie, Mabel
Miller-Hayes, Jocelyn
Paul, Candida
Wilson, Anita

March 17th

Belin, Freddie Lee
Boston - Bass, Fallon
Brown, Caleb
Cherry-Cruz, Teresa
Foster, Jimmy
Jones, Christine
Jones, Garrett
Washington, Kimberly
Wilson, Michelle

March 18th

Barnes, Ashley
Hill, Antoinette
Holloway, Clarice
Jones, Rhonda
Joseph, Tiffany
Moore, Markus
Rozier, Ricardo
Sheffield, Kendale

March 19th

Bember, Mary Ann
Bostick, Warren
Fleming, Bernice

Fowlin, Dalon
Holloway, Qaiyima
Johnson, Lorenda
Moore, Claudia
Perkins, Glory
Pinto, Delia
Richardson, Kenneth

March 20th

Cameron, Charles
Shabazz, Adul Jalil
Young, J

March 21st

Abrams, Elizabeth
Crumpton, Tanya
Cuttino, Barbara
Galberth, Ella
Geter, Chakachan
Lahey, Mikela
Underwood, Chaz
Underwood, Chaz
Upchurch, Ellen
Williams, Andrew

March 22nd

Cauthen, Deja
Daley, Tanisha
Goode, Margaret
Hall, Doreen
Kearney, Dorothy
Macey, Barbara
Mims, Kimberly
Palmer, Tiffany
Williams, Mary

March 23rd

Bailey, Glenstene
Byrd, Nannette
Cohen-Gatison, Mary
Dickey, Lindsay
Shepard, Willie

March 24th

Christy, Alyssa
Hibbert, Sheryll
Moore, Debbie
Richardson, Willie Mae
Timmons, Rushawn
Williams, Porsha

March 25th

Breedlove, Eleese
Conyers, Sandra
Jones, Samantha
Jones, Shani
Jordan, Charlene
Matthews, Bonita

Walker, Brian
Walker, Lamesha
Wilson, Denise

March 26th

Davis, Piaget
Patton, Garland

March 27th

Bonney, Richard
Gamble, Cassandra
Jackson, Larry
Washington, Wayne
Witherspoon, Jonathan

March 28th

Adetona, Oluwadamisi
Allen, Laretha
Coslow, Myrtle
Davis, Winston
Dempsey, Tayanna
Dukes, Danielle
Lindsay, Theresa
Simmons, Jena
Williams, Bobbie

March 29th

Adams, Alisa
Jordan, Molly
Lee, Shelia

March 30th

Green, Sampson
McIntosh, Joel
White, Princella
Williams, Terrance

March 31st

Byfield, Bryan
Cebert, Morine
Danso, Kellie
Etheredge, Deloris
Lary, Helena
Miller, Tony
Ramsey, Donna

Answers to Women's History Quiz

1. Gwendolyn Brantley
2. Johnnetta Cole (1936)
3. Dr. Mae Jemison (1956)
4. Bessie Coleman (1892-1926)
5. Alice Ball (1892-1916)
6. Leontyne Price (b 1927)
7. Charlotte Ray (1859-1911)
8. Ida B. Wells-Barnett (1862-1931)
9. Lisa Ina Anderson
10. Harriet E. Wilson

March 2013

Mount Aery Baptist Church

Event Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
					6:00 PM Men's Health Fair Set-up	8:00 AM Men's Health Fair 9:00 AM Nursing Ministry Meeting 10:00 AM Ministerial Staff Meeting 11:00 AM Male Chorus Reh. 12:30 PM Mass Choir reh. 1:00 PM Missionaries Ministry Meeting
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
7:45 AM Worship Celebration 9:45 AM Olmec Store 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Celebration 1:00 PM Olmec Store		6:00 PM Church Anniversary meeting 6:30 PM Martial Arts Class 6:30 PM SAW Meeting 7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal	12:00 PM Daytime Bible Study 6:45 PM Bible Study	6:30 PM REFUGE 6:30 PM Youth & Young Adult Leaders 7:00 PM Praise Team reh.	7:00 PM Deacon's Ordination	8:30 AM Men's Ministry Meeting 10:00 AM Leadership Institute 11:00 AM Male Chorus Reh. 12:30 PM Praise Team reh. 6:00 PM Ushers Annual Banquet
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
7:45 AM Worship Celebration 9:45 AM Olmec Store 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Celebration 1:00 AM Youth Church 1:00 PM Olmec Store	6:30 PM Fellowship Ministry Meeting 6:30 PM SAW Gathering	6:00 PM Spiritual Gifts 6:30 PM Martial Arts Class 6:45 PM Trustees Ministry Meeting 7:00 PM Male Chorus Reh.	12:00 PM Daytime Bible Study 6:45 PM Bible Study	6:30 PM Deacons Ministry Meeting 6:30 PM REFUGE 6:30 PM Youth and Young Adult Leaders 7:00 PM Male Chorus reh. 7:00 PM Senior Ushers Ministry Meeting	5:00 PM Men's Weekend	6:00 AM Men's Weekend 12:00 PM Male Chorus Reh.
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
7:45 AM Men's Worship Celebration 9:45 AM Olmec Store 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Men's Worship Celebration 1:00 AM Youth Church 1:00 PM Olmec Store 3:00 PM Men's Dinner		6:30 PM M.A.Y.A. Ministry Meeting 6:30 PM Martial Arts Class 7:00 PM Committed to Praise	12:00 PM Daytime Bible Study 6:45 PM Bible Study	10:00 AM Community Convening 6:30 PM REFUGE 6:30 PM Youth & Young Adult Leaders 7:00 PM Chosen Generation reh.	10:00 AM Community Convening	8:30 AM Men's Ministry Meeting 9:00 AM New Disciples Ministry 10:00 AM Scholastic Ministry 12:30 PM Committed to Praise/Chosen Generation Reh 2:00 PM Junior Ushers Ministry Meeting 3:00 PM Junior Ushers Ministry Reh
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
7:45 AM Worship Celebration 9:45 AM Olmec Store 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Palm Sunday 11:00 AM Worship Celebration 1:00 PM Olmec Store		6:00 PM Spiritual Gifts 6:30 PM Martial Arts Class 7:00 PM Combined Praise Team Rehearsal	12:00 PM Daytime Bible Study 6:45 PM Bible Study	6:00 PM Baptism Class 6:30 PM REFUGE 7:00 PM Mass Choir Rehearsal	Good Friday	7:30 AM MAYA Senior Breakfast setup 8:30 AM Men's Ministry Meeting 9:30 AM MAYA Senior Breakfast 12:30 PM Mass Choir reh. 1:30 PM Combined Praise Team Rehearsal 3:00 PM Baptism Class
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7:45 AM Resurrection Worship Celebration 9:45 AM Olmec Store 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Baptism, Resurrection Worship Celebration 1:00 PM Olmec Store						

MARCH 2013 – LENTEN SEASON

Organized Prayer Time

Prayer time is 7:00am to 7:10am beginning 1/1/2013 through 12/31/2013. Conference Dial-in Number: 610-214-0000, Participant Access Code: 111933#. See Rev. Alicia Tyson-Sherwood for more information. To playback prayer: 610-214-0100, access code is 111933#. This is not a toll free call, Long Distance Charges May Apply. Note: Do not announce yourself if you call after 6:59am. Please mute your phone so that prayer will not be disturbed. Haggai 2:9

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S U N	M O N	T U E	W E D	T H U	F R I	S A T
3 Mark 12:41 Min. P. Williams	4 Mark 13:1 Bro. G. Cummings	5 Matthew 24:16 Deacon Blackwell	6 Matthew 24:36 Pastor Bennett	7 Matthew 25:1 Rev. Velva Tucker	8 1 Timothy 3:13 Deacon Adetona	9 Psalm 84:10 Sister B. Dempsey
10 Matthew 25:31 Min. P. Williams	11 John 12:20 Bro. G. Cummings	12 Mark 14:12 Deacon Blackwell	13 John 13:1 Pastor Bennett	14 1 Corinthians 11:23 Rev. Velva Tucker	15 Job 38:3 Deacon Adetona	16 James 1:22-26 Deacon Blackwell
17 Ezekiel 37:5 Deacon Adetona	18 Matthew 26:31-35 Bro. G. Cummings	19 John 14:1-31 Deacon Blackwell	20 John 15:1-27 Pastor Bennett	21 John 16:1-4 Rev. Velva Tucker	22 John 16:5-33 Deacon Adetona	23 John 17:1-26 Sister B. Dempsey
24 Palm Sunday John 12:13 Min. P. Williams	25 Mark 11:12-19 Bro. G. Cummings	26 Mark 13:37 Deacon Blackwell	27 Luke 22:39 Pastor Bennett	28 Mark 14:12 Rev. Velva Tucker	29 Mark 15:47 Deacon Adetona	30 Matthew 27:27 Sister B. Dempsey
31 Resurrection John 20:1 Min. P. Williams						

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Got Milk?



A Well for Wellness

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

Date: Monday March 11, 2013

Time: 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Place: Mount Aery Baptist Church
– Bass Hall –

Don't Forget Your Bibles!

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