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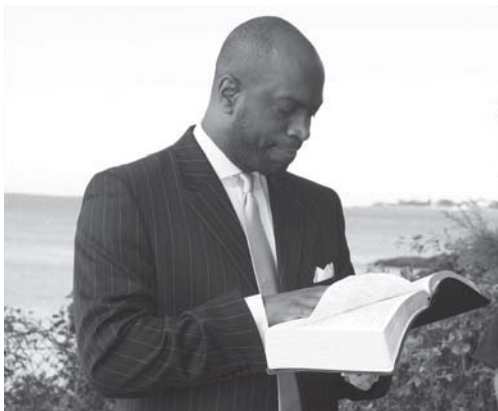
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Namaste my Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

We greet you with the Power of the Resurrection! I know many of us packed into our sanctuary to acknowledge the death of deaths and celebrating God raising Jesus from the grave while reminding us of life everlasting through Jesus, The Christ. Let us commit ourselves to not only celebrating once a year, but everyday to growing in the Power of God's Resurrection.

This month of May is always a historical and festive season for Mount Aery. During this month, we will celebrate God blessing us with 88 years of powerful and life changing ministry. Beginning Wednesday, May 11 and every succeeding Wednesday in the month of May, we will celebrate through our church renewal services (May 11th, Dr. Leslie Callahan, St. Paul's Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, May 18th, Dr. Johnny Ray Youngblood of Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church of Brooklyn, New York and May 25th, Dr. Lance Watson). Each night will include powerful preaching, good financial literacy information and anointed praise and worship music ministry. We will also celebrate the sacrifice and service of the women of this congregation on Mother's Day on May 8th as well as the selfless service of our ushers on May 15th.

We are thankful to our young adult ministry, M.A.Y.A., for hosting our third annual Café Night in which creative expressions of love and ministry will come forth (you never know who will perform?).

On May 22nd, Pastor Richard Williams of the Victory Institutional Baptist Church will once again celebrate with us our 88 years of local, regional and national ministry. Rev. Dr. Lance Watson of St. Paul's Baptist Church of Richmond, Virginia on Wednesday, May 25th will close us out.

Let me thank everyone who has contributed to the flow of activities. In particular, let me thank Deacon Annette Febres for her efforts to include all of our generations in the celebration of Mount Aery's holy heritage.

God bless you,

Pastor Anthony Bennett

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Editor's Desk

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

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Peace and Blessings to All,

Exciting and wonderful things are about to happen at the Mount and I need your help to capture it all! At MFTM our mission is to help chronicle the history of the church, provide a photographic journal of major observances, give light to emerging talents and provide voice to new opinions and insights. Literally between May and June we are going to have the opportunity to do all of that.

Look at all of the wonderful events that are coming up. Starting in May we have Mother's Day, three nights with three special speakers for Church Renewal, the Men's Fishing Trip, Church Anniversary, the Pre-Father's Day Concert, Father's Day, Youth Retreat and Pastor's Anniversary!

To capture all of this and to do it well we need your help. We are looking for self-motivated, enthusiastic and energetic people. We need more photographers, more writers, more editors, and more interviewers. We need "techy" people to help us expand on the web. We need techies to help us move into podcasts. We need young people so we can eventually start a "Youth from the Mount" magazine and website. Not to mention we need sales people to help us grow our advertising.

If you are interested in writing, taking pictures, proofing or learning how to print the MFTM please sign up in the office. Come see the church from a whole new perspective! Welcome to a very special team, it will be the most fun you will have doing ministry.

Stay blessed my beloved,
Pastor Thomas A. Williams,
MFTM Editor in Chief.

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Mother's Day and Mother Earth

by Michelle Porchia

Spring is upon us, although it doesn't look and feel like it. The earth is awakening from its sleep. Flowers are blooming, birds are chirping and the trees and grass are turning bright green. Most days we have more sun light.

We can take our lead from spring. Our body also is awakening to a different cycle. We will have more energy. We will crave different food. It's a time of euphoria – "spring fever" is what we normally call it. Even though it is not a medical diagnosis, spring fever is real. The body goes through changes just as the earth does.

We need to eat healthy, natural food. Eat plenty of fruits and vegetables, drink plenty of water and stay hydrated. We need to move our bodies – take walks and enjoy nature. We need to listen to our bodies.

Mother's Day is also a time of celebration...celebration of the person who gave us birth and/or gave us guidance, love, encouragement, support, etc. Whether it is our biological mother, an adopted mother or a mother figure, it's time to celebrate that person. So let's celebrate our loved one by doing something that is good for her. Here are a few suggestions: flowers are always nice. A gift certificate for a massage, pedicure/manicure will help her to relax. Prepare a HEALTHY meal for her. Put a picture, reminding her of a happy time in her life, in a beautiful frame. Burn a CD of her favorite music. I think you get the idea. Do something to further her life and health. Express your love and appreciation by showing you've paid attention to the things she likes.

As "mother earth" adorns us with flowers, the music of birds, the greenery of the grass and the light of the sun to provide us with Vitamin D and wonderful sunlight, let's give our "mothers" a loving, healthy feeling of euphoria by showing her appreciation, by giving her something that will enhance and further her life.

Happy Spring. Happy Mother's Day.



Michelle Porchia

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

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, May 9, 2011 at 7 pm	Saturday, May 28, 2011 at 1:30 pm
Monday, June 13, 2011 at 7 pm	
Monday, July 11, 2011 at 7 pm	Saturday, July 23, 2011 at 1:30 pm

Usher's Anniversary is being held on May 15th at 4 pm.

MAYA presents the 3rd Annual Café Night ~ Abundance of Praise is being held May 20th, 2011 at 7 pm celebrating MABC 88 years of Ministry. For more information please contact the MAYA Ministry.

Men's Ministry Annual Fishing Trip is being held on May 21, 2011. The bus will be departing Mt. Aery at 9:00 am. The cost this year is \$100 which includes bus, boat, fishing pole and bait. Limit first 50 people to sign up. Women and children are welcome. Anyone under 18 years old must be accompanied by an adult.

Baptism is being held on May 29th at the beginning of the 11 am service. If you would like to be baptized please sign up for one of the preparation classes being held on May 20th at 6 pm or May 28th at 3 pm. For more information or to sign up contact the front office.

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.

Church Anniversary Renewal services will be held Wednesdays at 7 pm

- May 11th – Dr. Leslie Callahan
- May 18th – Rev. Dr. Johnny Ray Youngblood
- May 25th – Dr. Lance Watson

88th Church Anniversary Celebration is being held on May 22nd, 2011 at 7:45 and 11 am. Our guest preacher will be Rev. Richard Williams, III from Victory Institutional Baptist Church in Los Angeles, CA

Rev. Dr. Leslie D. Callahan

On May 17, 2009, the congregation of the historic 119-year-old St. Paul's Baptist Church, located in the heart of Philadelphia, called Dr. Callahan as the church's first female pastor. Dr. Callahan delivered her first sermon as St. Paul's Pastor on May 31st to an excited congregation of St. Paul's members and friends. The well-received sermon was entitled "It's Time."

On September 27, 2009, St. Paul's installed Dr. Callahan as their 5th Pastor that concluded after week of pre-installation celebrations.

A gifted professor, Dr. Callahan, serves on the faculty of New York Theological Seminary as Assistant Professor of Modern Church History and African American Studies. Previously, she was a member of the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania as assistant professor of religious studies.



Rev. Dr. Leslie D. Callahan

A native of Gary, West Virginia, she experienced her first Christian education and formation at Apostolic Temple Church where she developed an enduring love for Jesus Christ and for Christ's body, the Church. Having experienced her call to ministry at an early age, Dr. Callahan began the public proclamation of the gospel at age 19.

Pastor's formal education includes the Bachelor of Arts in Religion from Harvard/Radcliffe and the Master of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York and the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree in Religion from Princeton University. Her research interests include religious history in the United States, particularly independent African American Christianity and Pentecostal studies.

Dr. Callahan was ordained in 1997 at Judson Memorial Church and served as Minister of Christian Education at the First Baptist Church of Princeton, New Jersey, and as interim pastor of Salem Baptist Church of Jenkintown, Pennsylvania. Noted for her preaching and teaching gifts, she was recognized in the June 2005 edition of the African American Pulpit as one of the "20 to Watch," outstanding African American ministers under age 40 who are playing a major role in shaping the future of the African American church.

In addition to her ministry and scholarly pursuits, Dr. Callahan enjoys traveling, golfing, reading, movies, and sports. She is also an active member of the Philadelphia Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Dr. Callahan's written expressions and thoughts can be found in her blog and most recently published article in the *The Audacity of Faith: Christian Leaders Reflect on the Election of Barack Obama* by Marvin A. McMickle (Editor).

THE REV. DR. LESLIE D. CALLAHAN's favorite scripture: One thing have I desired of the LORD; that I shall seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in God's temple. Psalm 27:4.

Rev. Dr. Johnny Ray Youngblood

Born in the State of Louisiana and reared in New Orleans' Lower Ninth Ward, Johnny Ray Youngblood was licensed to preach at the age of 12.

Dr. Youngblood is the father of three sons: Johnny Jernell, Joel Ray and Jason Royce, and grandfather to Donna Lynn, Joshua, Jalen, Jordyn and Jasmine. His work is widely recognized and has earned him great respect for producing the phenomenal, by challenging the traditional and empowering oppressed people to achieve the impossible.

Johnny Ray Youngblood's commitment to the call for spiritual healing, racial parity, social justice, and economic equity for all people has garnered him national recognition as a prophet, preacher, national leader, public advocate, motivator, writer, and teacher. He is, without a doubt, one of the leading theologians of his time.

Dr. Youngblood has served as Senior Pastor of the St. Paul Community Baptist Church (SPCBC), located in the East New York section of Brooklyn, New York from 1974-2009. He will continue to be a servant of God through ministry as in 2001 he was called to serve as Senior Pastor at the Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn – a role he was honored to assume in memory of one of his mentors, the late Rev. George H. Murray.

In the tradition of The Gospel, Rev. Youngblood has designed a socially relevant, thoughtfully crafted ministry that has touched and shaped the lives of men, women and children alike. One of the cornerstones of Rev. Youngblood's ministry, for which he is widely respected and recognized, is his intentional ministry to Black men which challenges and empowers them to be strong leaders of their communities, Bible based vanguards who are politically aware, involved in social action as well as be the cord that bonds family.

In 1984, Rev. Youngblood founded the St. Paul Community Christian School, renamed The Johnny Ray Youngblood Academy in March 2007, which served grades K- 8 until temporarily shuttering in June 2008. Over the years he has also collaborated to establish two public high schools, as well as provided support to the Trey Whitfield School and the George H. Murray Preparatory Academy, located at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church.

In September 1994, Rev. Youngblood began to hold conversations and sponsor lectures at St. Paul Community with world-renowned speakers on the subject of **SLAVERY AND ITS CONTINUALLY DEVASTATING EFFECTS ON AFRICAN AMERICAN PEOPLE**. Born from these discussions was the genesis for one of the most effective healing ministries in the world today, The Commemoration of the MAAFA (pronounced Mah-ah-fah). **THE MAAFA SUITE: A Healing Journey™** is the centerpiece of this annual commemoration now in its fifteenth year, which is a psychosocial dramatic depiction of the horrors of the Trans-Atlantic slave trade that pays tribute to the millions of African men, women and children who were lost in the government-sanctioned, multi-continent sale of humans.

In 2003, St. Paul Community instituted its economic development corporation, E.D.I.F.Y. (Empower, Develop & Improve Families and Youth) Communities of New York, Inc., with Dr. Youngblood as

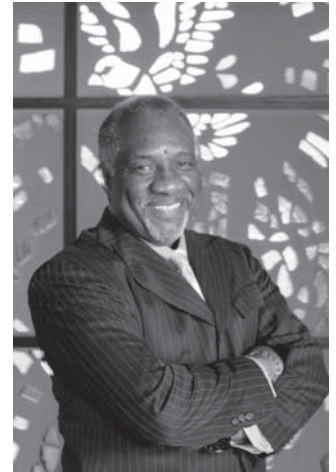
Chairman. In 2004, E.D.I.F.Y. proudly sponsored their first major event, The Economic Empowerment Conference and Expo. Over 3,000 participants packed the Brooklyn (NY) Marriott and gleaned valuable information from internationally recognized speakers and lecturers from the fields of finance, real estate and entrepreneurship.

Pastor Youngblood is recognized on the national political front, and is noted in the Congressional Record, as a result of his work with East Brooklyn Congregations (EBC), the Brooklyn organizing entity of the Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF). Dr. Youngblood is credited through EBC with leading the Nehemiah Housing Project, which to date has constructed 2,900 single family owner-occupied homes in Brooklyn.

Rev. Youngblood was the celebrated subject of the 1993 book, *Upon This Rock: The Miracles of a Black Church*. Written by Samuel G. Freedman, the book chronicles Dr. Youngblood's life, his journey to St. Paul Community and has become a staple on reading lists at seminaries across the United States. In June 1998, Dr. Youngblood released his own book of reflections and poetry, *I Honor My Father*, a collection inspired by the impact the illness and subsequent death of his father that year had on his life. Dr. Youngblood wrote this book as a work of love to his father, Palmon Youngblood, not as a preacher.

In March 2006, Dr. Youngblood's vision for Brooklyn broadened. He organized other Brooklyn pastors who together founded Brooklyn Congregations Together (BCT). The churches of BCT are joined by their faith in Jesus Christ, but the destiny of BCT is to be ecumenical and interfaith in makeup and ministry. Their motto, "Together in the Spirit of the King", has come to life through borough quality of life programming which has served and positively affected over 3000 community residents to date.

Dr. Youngblood received his Doctorate of Ministry degree from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio, where he studied as a Samuel D. Proctor Fellow. He earned his Master of Divinity degree from Colgate-Rochester Divinity School in Rochester, New York, and his Bachelor's degree from Dillard University in New Orleans. He has been honored, esteemed and celebrated by many national organizations and institutions and was inducted into the prestigious Martin Luther King, Jr. Hall of Preachers at Morehouse College in Atlanta.



Rev. Dr. Youngblood

Dr. Lance D. Watson

Dr. Lance D. Watson is a three time Summa Cum Laude graduate of Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan from which he holds the Bachelor of Science in Psychology, the Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and the Master of Arts in Guidance and Counseling.

He is a Magna Cum Laude Graduate of the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University from which he holds a Master of Divinity and a Summa Cum Laude Graduate of the Presbyterian School of Christian Education at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia. He completed his doctoral studies at United Theological Seminary earning the doctorate of ministry degree.

His achievements and recognitions are noteworthy. He has been honored as an Outstanding Contributor to Education, an Outstanding Communicator and Minister of the Year, as well as an African American Role Model by several organizations. He is listed in Who's Who in Religion and a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

He serves as Senior Pastor of the Saint Paul's Baptist Church of Richmond, Virginia and chief visionary for its corporate affiliates, Destiny Child Development Center, Destiny Christian Academy, Destiny Center for the Performing Arts, Charisma Books and Gifts, Saint Paul's Federal Credit Union, Saint Paul's Community Foundation, NIA, Inc. of Greater Richmond and [Positive Power Media Group](#).

He is host of the telecast "Positive Power" seen nationally on TV ONE Network. Saint Paul's has been noted by the Virginia General Baptist Association as one of the fastest growing churches in Virginia and as one of the fastest growing churches in the nation by Outreach Magazine.

This young, progressive and forward-looking congregation for "People On the Grow" serves as the spiritual home for more than 12,000 persons and supports mission and ministry causes around the globe. Saint Paul's has acquired almost 400 acres of land with plans to construct "The City of Possibility," a master planned community that will feature multiple residential neighborhoods, commercial, retail and office spaces, a park, an elementary school and a community life facility.

Saint Paul's has already completed Phase 1 of this development with the construction of six buildings totaling 125,000+ square feet to house its expanded ministry, mission and media operations. Saint Paul's is a multi-site ministry with three locations and plans underway to open an additional location in the near future.

Born in Detroit, Michigan, he is married to Rosemary Wilder, a noted and world traveled singer, and together they parent three children. A gifted communicator, life coach, teacher and author; he is featured in "Courageous Church Leadership: Conversations with Effective Practitioners" and "African American Sermons".

His own works have been featured in the African American Pulpit, the Baptist Herald and several other publications. He is author of Being Healthy From Now On, Maximize Your Edge: Navigating Life's Challenges, Meet Me in the Morning and the soon to be released, That Was Then, This is NOW available through all major bookstores and from Saint's Paul's bookstore [CharismaBooks.com](#).



Dr. Lance D. Watson

Pastor Richard Williams

Pastor and Teacher, Pastor Richard Williams, a native of Los Angeles, has a long and distinctive church history that defines his pastorate here at the Victory Church.

As a youth, he grew up at one of the premier baptist churches in Los Angeles, the Paradise Baptist Church, under the pastorate of the renowned Dr. A. J. Iverson. Pastor Williams was baptized in 1959 by Dr. Iverson and served in the youth department as an usher and junior deacon, eventually, president of the youth department. His gifts and talents in music afforded him the opportunity to serve as the musician and ultimately, director of the "Angel Choir".



Pastor Richard Williams

In 1977, Pastor Williams, in obedience to God, followed Dr. E.E. Stafford to the Mount Tabor Missionary Baptist Church of Los Angeles, another of the premier churches in Los Angeles. Dr. Stafford invited Pastor Williams to join his ministry staff as Minister of Music, where he led a staff of ten musicians, directed and developed the music ministry for the church and provided leadership for five choirs and 350 voices.

It was at Mount Tabor where Pastor Williams heard and obeyed the voice of the Lord in his life and answered "the Call" to preach the Gospel. His trial sermon, on Sunday, December 10, 1977 at 6:00 p.m. was entitled "Take Me, I'm Yours", scripture text was taken from Isaiah 6:1-8. Being endorsed by the Board of Deacons and assented by the church body, Pastor Stafford licensed Pastor Williams to preach that evening. Dr. Stafford found Pastor Williams prepared and capable and on April 20, 1980 Pastor Williams was catechized for ordination and ordained.

In December 1986, a small group of ix pioneering saints felt God's call to organize a new church. They enlisted Pastor Williams to assist in their endeavor and entered into a covenant to organize a weekly bible study to ensure that they were hearing the Lord's voice with clarity. The Institutional Bible Fellowship grew from the six to over forty attendees by the end of 1987.

In March 1988, the Victory Institutional Baptist Church was officially organized. The meeting was officiated by the Reverend Santel Harris and Pastor Williams was voted its first Pastor. He was officially installed in October 1988.

Pastor Williams is known for being an able scriptural expositor. A social activist in Southern California, Pastor Williams presently serves on the board of directors of two community organizing groups: The Los Angeles Metropolitan Churches and Partners In Urban Transformation. In addition, he serves as President of the Ministers Conference for the Providence Missionary Baptist Association, the Reverend Welton Pleasant, Moderator. He also serves as a Pastor Advisor of the Los Angeles Chapter of Musicians in Action.

Pastor Williams is a graduate of Fuller Theological Seminary of Pasadena, California. He is married to the former La Verne Knight and is father of two daughters and four sons.

Ministry Spotlight



Sunday School - Intermediate Youth Class

by Bridget Franklin & Cathy Patton - Instructors

TEENS

M.A.I.L.
Mount Aery Institute of Learning

Sunday School Class Ages: 13 - 17

Instructors: *Sister Corvina Nielsen & Sister Tonya Lee*

Today our Teens are exposed to and are dealing with such an overwhelming amount of concerns in the world today:

- Drugs and alcohol abuse, various disorders and prescription drug use, and associated side effects such as depression, suicidal and violent tendencies, eating disorders and sexual anxieties.
- Driving, dating, online safety, social networking websites, peer pressures, rebellion, home life, gambling and shoplifting are also among the issues teens are dealing with every day, and there's more.
- Self-image, self-esteem, clothing and hairstyles, along with body art such as piercings and tattoos are all things thrown in the faces of young people today.



Sister Nielsen and Sister Lee are doing a fabulous job teaching our teens how to use the Bible as a practical application.

Our Teens want to know how learning about a God who walked the earth 2000 years ago will help them in their current situations today. By using the practical application method of teaching our children will have the tools necessary to connect with our God, their peers, and their families. Without these tools our children may feel there is no reason to learn about God and find other ways of dealing with life.



Well, in our Teen class they are learning that times have not really changed much, and that our God is the same yesterday and he will be the same today, tomorrow and forever. This is all the more reason why it is important for us to get our teens involved.



Written by Sister Bridget Franklin
Administrative Assistant - M.A.I.L.

youth speak



Doreen Presents: The Youth Perspective of the National Baptist Deacons Convention

The mission of the Connecticut Baptist Deacons Alliance (C.B.D.A) is to help advance the personal growth of each member of the Alliance by providing training for Deacons, Deaconesses and Youth to develop a social and friendly atmosphere between churches through a spirit filled educational and developmentally structured program that results in meaningful changes through the power of God's word.

March 25th – 26th was the mid-year session for the National Baptist Deacons Convention of America, Inc. and its auxiliaries (N.B.D.C) held at the Hilton Gardens Inn in Suffolk, Virginia. The theme this year was "Empowering Leaders for Kingdom Building through the Lens of Worship" and the supporting scripture was John 4:23-24. The Connecticut Baptist Deacons Alliance, Women's Auxiliary and Youth Department were the hosts of the event, so we arrived a day early to ensure that everything was in place.

The N.B.D.C will hold their 77th Annual Convention in Cherry New Jersey during the week of July 18 – 22, 2011. This will be the first time in 77 year history that the convention will be hosted by Region No. 2 (Delaware, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania) making it a historic event.

The following are 3 stories from a set of sisters who attended the convention for the first time. These girls are each 2 years apart in age so as you read the stories you will see the difference in focus as the ages change.

ARDAIJAH WALTON – 15 year old

This was the first time that my sisters and I attended the National Baptist Convention, we had a wonderful experience. My trip to Suffolk, Virginia was a great and fun journey. We met many other young people from different states who had the same interests that we had, to learning more about God and the work that He does through us and having fun. There were different workshops, for various age groups. In my class we learned how God is there for you at all times. During the trip President Martha Walker of the C.B.D.A and Deacon Cotter helped me to overcome my fear of speaking in front of a crowd by preparing me to give the welcome on behalf of Connecticut. At first I was nervous because of all the names I had to give recognition to in my greetings, names such as President Richard E. Banks of the N.B.D.C, President Rose M. Hofler of the Women's Auxiliary, President Yvonne Lomax of the Young Adults, President John Hart of the Youth Department and many more, but I did it. Both the Young Adult and Youth Department presidents were young people, for me that was inspiring. We also had our own young ushers Montsho Canton and Kamerer Simmons at the door representing our

state. I feel that I have matured from this trip and I would love to do it again. The members of the Deacons Alliance and Deaconess Auxiliary were very welcoming and loving. They are great and help me grow closer to the Lord and they are very funny, we had a great time on the ride to and from the convention.

My sisters and I would like to thank Rev. Bennett, Mount Aery and the Deacons Alliance for giving us the opportunity to such a wonderful experience. We also thank Deacon Jones, who was our designated driver, for getting us to and from our destination safely.

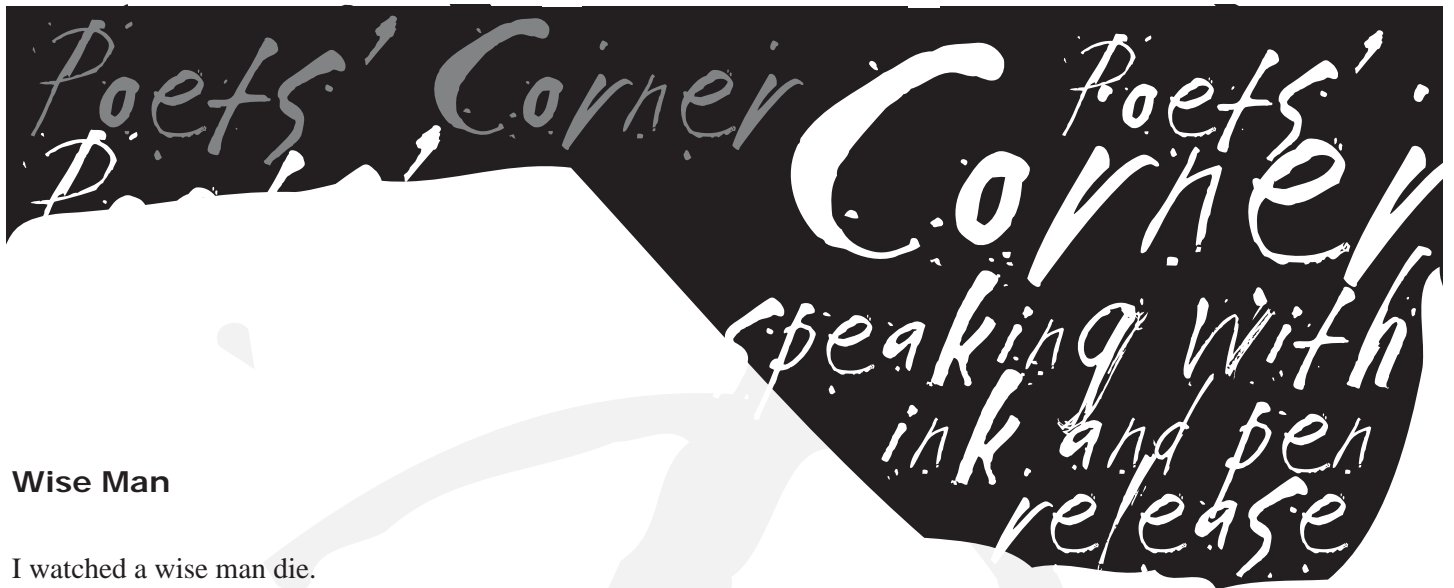
LATASIA WALTON – 13 years old

While in Virginia I learned many new things about God, while having fun. The three days felt like they were so short. The first day at the hotel I was so glad the second Deacon Cotter got our room key I ran and laid on the bed, so relieved that we finally made it (the ride down was long). However, I was kind of mad that the car ride was over because the conversations and games in the van were so funny and interesting. If you asked me, we probably laughed all the way to Virginia. My class was for the ages 10 up to 13 years. My first day in my class was very interesting because I got to meet children from Washington and New Jersey. The moment we met we all clicked instantly. We learned about how much God loves us more than anything in the world and how one should not get attached to material things. Also during my class we played games and completed skits. My teacher gave us a card with words on it and we had to make a skit about it in 30 seconds. My skit was about older people going to the movies. There was one person who was rude in the theater and after the people told her to calm down and she apologized. On my last day we were all sad but then we all piled up in the van and started towards home. And just like the beginning we laughed all the way to our destination.

FAITH WALTON – 11 years old

I remember learning about a key to God's palace, and how people long ago, the Jews in Egypt, believed in God. I also learned that God had created Adam and Eve to be the first man and woman to live on earth, but then they got banned from the garden because they talked to a poisonous snake (the devil). I also remember in the class I went to they taught us that God created the heavens, and Earth that we now live on. Something else I remember our teacher explaining to us was that Earth was never a shape until God made it into the shape that it now is. Without God I also learned that the ocean would still be covered with darkness. But God called light to eliminate the evil. I also remembered that our teacher talked to us about Joseph and his eleven brothers. Joseph father had given him a coat of many colors, but his brothers were jealous and sold him into slavery.

I guess you can tell from the stories of these 3 sisters that they had a great time while learning about God and fellowshiping with children from other states.



Wise Man

I watched a wise man die.
I didn't shed a tear because I knew he took every step to get his soul prepared.
He used to preach to me
It went in and out my ears
He used to prophesy
And tell me what would happen to my peers.
He use to break down the Bible
Tell stories of disciples
Constantly feeding structure
And nourishing this cycle.
All the kids around the way use to laugh and joke
They said if there's a real God then tell me old man why are you broke?
See they didn't understand all they understood was flesh
Not the quest for eternal life, eternal life is blessed.
All they saw was City
Ghetto life can make it pretty
Fancy cars Ghetto stars
And every body's easy.
They say Cash can rule the world but it can't deliver you
Resurrect you or do things God can do.
Came in this world alone
Gonna leave this world alone
It's either Heaven or hell the choice is yours alone.

~Swing – the Spiritual Implement

TLC: Together Loving Christ Couples Ministry - Financial Freedom

by Alexandra Lee-Dicks

On April 9, 2011, couples who fellowshiped with the TLC ministry were blessed to participate in a financial workshop where pertinent information was shared and discussed on preparing for a healthy financial future.

The evening began with a video presentation produced by our very own TLC Core member Mrs. Alecia Thomas where students spoke candidly about how they are planning to pay for their college education and their expectations about financial support from their parents. Mt. Aery disciples & TLC Core members Shamika and Eduardo Paul spoke openly in the video about the blessings they have received from incorporating the Biblical principle of tithing into their lives and how it has helped them to better manage their finances. Next a brief true/false answer quiz called Let's Test Your Financial Knowledge was given by Alecia & Shay Thomas to test couples financial expertise.

Mr. Handy Luigi, a man of God and financial professional with Prudential Insurance Company of America referenced Proverbs 23:3-5 and then facilitated a lively and informative discussion with a PowerPoint presentation titled Financial Choices that Matter Most. Mr. Luigi is also a Youth Leader/Preacher for his church Gospel Assembly located in Bridgeport, CT and is happily married with children. When asked about his achievements thus far, he gives credit to God for paving the way and giving him the love and energy to study His word.

Mr. Luigi further shared with couples by distributing packets of information with worksheets and a CD, and fielded questions on topics including stocks, bonds, money market funds, annuities, retirement planning, term vs. permanent life insurance, disability and long term care coverage and what the specific coverage's protect, tax deferred accounts, rule of 72 rate of return, diversification and wealth transfer. He also discussed that key considerations of financial decision making are:

- Current price vs. long term cost
- Current and possible tax consequences
- Costs of borrowing money
- Guaranteed and non guaranteed outcomes of investments & insurance vehicles
- The need for leverage and liquidity and control
- Risk tolerance level
- Time horizons

While investing does involve risk and there are no guarantees, Mr. Luigi pointed out that your income earning potential = your wealth. To get started on securing your financial future a couple or individual needs to determine their goals and priorities and choose to act today! Although life events happen, both expected and unexpected that can impact your financial health, he challenged the group that no matter what, if you contribute to your financial goals repetitively and with discipline you can attain goals and take control of your financial life.

At the end of the evening those in attendance were thankful for the fun fellowship, food and sharing all while learning sound steps to grow, leverage and protect wealth.

For the months of May and June 2011 Mount Aery's Couples Ministry - Together Loving Christ (TLC) will not have stand alone ministry events but will be supporting the MAYA Café Night - Friday, May 20, 2011 at Mount Aery from 7:00 – 10:00 pm and the church wide Gospel Concert – Saturday, June 18, 2011 starting at 6:00 pm.



From Promise to a Purpose Fulfilled an in

by Shay Thomas

Shay Thomas



Kenneth Jackson Sr., a native of Bridgeport, Connecticut and member of Mount Aery Baptist church is noted for his outstanding leadership in the community. He is a Mentor, Organizational Founder, Child Advocate, Violence Prevention Specialist/Gang Interventionist, and Community Activist. He is an alumna of Harding High School, class of 1973. Kenneth's passion to help At-Risk-Youth stems from his incarceration for a total of 14 years. Ken made a promise to God that he would dedicate his life to At-Risk Youth and the Ex-Offender populations if he was given a second chance in life.

Many organizations were formed in lieu of Ken's promise to minister to this certain population. He established an organization called, Black Men United, Inc. In this organization he "hand-picked" the most positive ex-offenders in the Bridgeport community and gave them the opportunity to serve as mentors and role models.

In 2001, Ken started his own non-profit organization, Kenneth R. Jackson, Sr. Mentoring Services, Inc., which serves to motivate and uplift the minds and attitudes of youth. His goals are to instill the principles of self-sufficiency, goal setting, personal responsibility, community commitment, and family unity. Ken merged his organization with the Family Re-entry Beacon Community Program that retrains ex-offenders who seek to serve as mentors in their community. The program is highly involved in Juvenile Justice Review Boards and school-based mediation designed to find solutions and alternatives to incarceration.

Ken continues to serve in the community. He has been involved in an abundance of educational and presentation experiences. His list of speaking engagements and workshops conducted are plentiful. He has received many awards and citations for his works, notably The Urban League of Southern Connecticut Martin Luther King Jr. Award and also the NAACP Community Service Award. I had the pleasure to sit down for an in depth conversation with my fellow Mount Aery brother shortly after his recent speaking engagement at a Youth Gang Summit. The following is the gist of that discussion.

Shay: Hey Ken how are you doing today?

Ken: Hey, as they say I am blessed and highly favored.

Shay: I heard that! I'm excited about this time to sit and vibe with you. Can you tell me a little about the Youth Gang Summit that you were recently involved in?

Ken: Sure, first of all, I thank you for the opportunity. Detective Harold Dimble invited me to speak at a gang summit at one of the local churches and asked me to play a role. My role was to start the event with a little testimonial and also to talk about history of gangs. I showed a presentation that illustrates the history and organizational structure of gangs. I also spoke about how our youth aren't born into wanting to be gang members; it has a lot to do with peer pressure, home environment, and their walk from home to school. We don't have a lot of gangs. We have a lot of groups (neighbors, brothers, cousins) that are formed because of their defense against the larger gangs...they want to identify themselves and have numbers so that no one approaches them. Our kids are so bored and end up liking the group setting and start to identify with each other by dressing alike...getting the same colored hats etc. Also involved in the summit, was a Youth Junior Police Commissioner Program who did several realistic skits. The skits were based on bullying, harassment, sexting- some of the issues that youth face in their schools. One skit highlighted the "pistol" as a form of empowerment for the youth, in essence

giving them another "heart" or additional courage, which leads to irrational behavior. The overwhelming thought as the skit ended was..."it took one second to ruin my life". Another skit was a territorial skit in which a young male teen was confronted by a female crew and backed down at the time. However that young male left and rented a pistol. Oh yes, "rented" a pistol! Then came back to the block, a gun fight ensued resulting in the death of an innocent bystander, which happened to be a child with a basketball in his hand.

Shay: Wow, what powerful portrayals of situations that happen in our community, unfortunately far too often. Do you think that our communities especially our urban communities have become desensitize to these things that happen almost weekly?

Ken: Not just the community but it happens in your own home. Parents tend to buy into children wanting privacy...for instance, a child demanding that their parent stays out of their room. When you buy a house one is not told who belongs in each room. For the sake of lessening the argument, parents back away and subscribe to the theory of there is no need to check the rooms. I wouldn't care if they are getting good grades...check the room! It's not a mistrust type thing, it's a safety type thing...Many of our children are naïve to the predators in the community. Our children may be asked to hold something in their possession that was a part of a criminal activity and then they innocently get in trouble. The community is under siege...I would love for all the churches in Bridgeport to give me two minutes to speak to the kids in the church to let them know that they are loved. Let's do something with the young men and women who are on the blocks. As I said before these kids are bored...old enough to work but there is no job because of the funding being cut. There aren't many after school programs or youth jobs...children will not stay in the house so they bring their energy and efforts outside and to the streets; therefore they see a lot of things. Older adults need to make it a point to tell our stories to our children so that they are not raised by video games like Grand Theft Auto, lyrics of rap songs, the computer,

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Interview with Kenneth Jackson, Sr.

and texting...our children are changing with the times. We cannot compare these children to our youth and we need to acknowledge that it is a total different era...we cannot compare the two.

Shay: That was a great point. You have given some good insight into how these circumstances and predicaments develop. Can you speak more about tangible things that we can do as a community or church to be pro active and get the message out or get involved to stop some of the terrible situations from transpiring?

Ken: The churches can start to have more forums. Churches can start to have more developmental workshops because the role of a parent does not necessary mean that they are the 'advisor'. There is so much that a parent does not know about certain aspects of life. A documentary like "Waiting for Superman" sheds tremendous light on issues that we are faced with in our communities as we deal with social structures. I have not been to Harvard or Yale but I have been to the school of Hard Knocks...I've been to the "institution"...I am a "streetologist" (laughing). The most recent books I am reading are: School to Prison Pipeline, Keeping Black Boys out of Special Education, The Solutions for ADHD. These books speak volume about real issues that our children are faced with. Parents should be proactive and embrace different workshops that can "assist" not "tell" them how to raise their child. Parents need assistance and I don't mind doing it.

Shay: You have an authentic way of breaking things down. I sense your strong passion for ministering to our youth and helping parents understand today's generation. Ken, before we go, if you had two minutes to express your passion to our Mount Aery family, and lead up to a national level, all the way to President Obama. What would you say?

Ken: First, keep praying because God is real and I am a living testament. If I was in front of President Obama I would tell him to keep his head up because he made history. Through our history they have attacked us

and it will not stop with him. I would ask if there is any extra funding that would allow me to extend my program and help these fathers to be accountable. I am not as much as concerned about the relationship between the biological parents prior to the child, but more so about the welfare of our children. We have to stand in front of our children. I have two sons who were in prison. And because of the examples that I set for them when I was in the streets, they followed me to prison. So who was I to call home and have them put on the phone to tell them how to they "better" act. I was a bad example, but, now I flipped the script and am trying to be a positive role model not just for mine but for everybody. Many children are missing their fathers...men in the home is a missing link...not just to be a "physical enforcer" but be a "physical presence".

Shay: Thank you for sharing. I will be praying with you for your ministry. Once again thanks for your time. God Bless you.

In conclusion, within our conversation Ken went on to share his vision of an Ex-Offender Alumni Association as well a Fatherhood Initiative Program which included leading ex-offenders nationally to the Washington Monument in hopes to change policy. I won't disclose all the details. God willing we will hear about it and become a part of the movement first hand.

After his release in 1994, Ken began his journey to outlive the pain of his past and fulfill the promise he made to God. 17 years later, Ken remains a soldier in the army of the Lord, fighting the good fight. Equipped with a spiritual fervor that has never lessened, he continues to advance forward in the name of Jesus to restore and rebuild the lives of at risk youth, ex- offenders and countless others within our community. From a promise to a purpose fulfilled!

May Ken's testimony and triumph serve as an inspiration to all of us on how Jesus can transform any situation for the better.



Kenneth Jackson, Sr.

Dr. Felicia Thomas visits the Sisters at the Well by Tonya Johnson



Sis. Donna Thompson-Bennett
& Dr. Felicia Thomas



Pastor Bennett &
Dr. Felicia Thomas

On April 2, 2011 the women of Mount Aery were blessed with a visit from Dr. Felicia Thomas facilitated by Sisters at the Well. Dr. Thomas took time off from completing her dissertation to share with us.

The evening started with a game where all participants wrote on an index card something that they felt no one there knew about them. As Dr. Thomas read the cards the group had to guess who the person was that this statement was referring to. It was a very fun and interesting game that allow us to see a different side of each other.

Dr. Thomas' theme was based around a quote from William Easum "We are doing ministry in the jungle". Dr. Thomas gave us several golden nuggets of information on how we as women can do ministry in these times. She explained that you have to be adaptive and resilient. You have to learn to not take things personally, everything is not about you.

Dr. Thomas told several amusing but informative stories to illustrate her points which helped many people to understand how to employ the information that was being shared.

Dr. Thomas ended by passing out an article by William Easum entitled Ministry in the Age of the Unthinkable. She charged us with reading the article and getting together to discuss it at another time, not necessarily as a group but just as friends.

If you were one of the sisters who attended the event, did you read the article? Did you get with someone to discuss it? How was that discussion? These are some of the questions that I am sure Dr. Thomas would ask if she were to come back to Mount Aery.



Dr. Felicia Thomas

Honoring Sister Jones As She Turns 90 Years Old

by Sis. Edith Brown



Sis. Brown – Hello Sister Jones it is always a pleasure seeing you.

Sis. Jones – Thank you, I like that.

Sis. Brown – On behalf of the Message from the Mount and the Mount Aery members, we wish you God's continued blessings. Are you really 90 years old?

Sis. Jones – Yes as of April 4, 2011

Sis. Brown – How long have you been a member of Mount Aery Baptist Church?

Sis. Jones – I joined in 1942. Rev. A.C. Bass was the minister.

Sis. Brown – When did you start playing the organ/piano for the church?

Sis. Jones – Shortly after I joined the church.

Sis. Brown – I know you have many fond memories.

Sis. Jones – When the women's choir and the men's chorus went to Matthew, VA to perform a concert then they went again for Thanksgiving with Rev. Bass. We were invited back again with Pastor Jerome Streets. Playing for all the choirs when and where we were invited was a joy. I have always enjoyed playing when I could, starting as a child.

Sis. Brown – Jean are you still practicing some time?

Sis. Jones – Yes on the keyboard

Sis. Brown – Do you have any advice for the young musicians today?

Sis. Jones – Yes, keep God in charge and practice, practice, practice and stay humble. I am so thankful that God has blessed me.

Sis. Brown – Sister Jones thank you for your time.

After The Storm –

An Update on Haiti More Than A Year After the Earthquake

by Reine C. Boyer

On January 12, 2010, a devastating 7.0 magnitude earthquake struck the island of Haiti and caused more than 1.6 million people to become homeless, over 250,000 people died, and hundreds of thousands lost their limbs or were seriously injured. As a Haitian American woman, born in Haiti but raised here in the US, I was deeply affected by the news of the devastating Earthquake. Like many Haitians and Haitian Americans, when I initially heard the news, I was paralyzed, stunned and grief stricken. For many days and weeks, people of Haitian descent living throughout the world outside of Haiti (commonly known as “Jaspora”) waited to hear the news about our loved ones, and many Jaspora suffered not only the loss of property located in Haiti (often purchased for their loved ones living in Haiti), but also suffered the loss of family members and friends.



The international community and the United States campaigned to raise over 11 billion dollars to help Haiti, and many people boarded airplanes and ships to give humanitarian aid. It was an effort like no other and Haiti and its children captured the hearts and minds of the world. It is during this time that all children of God showed the Namaste (divinity of God in them) and came together to help their fellow man (much like now following the Japanese earthquake and Tsunami disaster).

The book of Micah (6:8) instructs us that we are to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with our God. During this past year, many Christian and non Christian organizations sought to do justice and good for Haiti, and in the midst of doing good, they saw the resilience of the Haitian people and their reliance on God and many were inspired to deepen their faith and their lives were changed by the experience. I for one have been changed and my faith has catapulted to another level by this experience. And the journey that I embarked upon is one that I will never forget.

My journey began immediately after I heard the news of the earthquake. I couldn't just sit around and do “nothing,” so I decided to join the humanitarian efforts launched by the United Haitian American Society of Connecticut (UHAS). Since its humble beginnings over 10 years ago, UHAS has become the premier Haitian organization in Connecticut whose mission is to promote Haiti and the Haitian American

community. Although UHAS is mainly known for its annual parade/festival held at Veteran's Memorial Park in Norwalk every July as well as its passport services offered at City Hall in Norwalk for Haitian nationals who do not wish to travel to Haiti or New York to renew their passports, UHAS recognized the need to mobilize a humanitarian effort to help those affected by the Earthquake. As it had in the past when it spearheaded donation drives to collect nonperishable goods to send to hurricane victims in Haiti and Louisiana, UHAS sounded the alarm to various communities in Connecticut and many (including Mount Aery) donated generously to the purchase of water, canned goods and also hygienic products.

However, UHAS believed more needed to be done, and so it organized medical teams to travel to Haiti and to collaborate with existing hospitals and clinics in Leogane, Port au Prince and Pernier (in Petionville), and Les Cayes to bring much needed medical help and support to those suffering. It is through this effort that I joined UHAS to help coordinate and recruit medical personnel. In collaboration with our partners including the Mount Aery Development Corporation, UHAS sent three (3) delegations to Haiti and eight (8) medical teams during a 6 month period from early February to September, 2010. These medical teams treated over 3,000 patients and provided over \$100,000 worth of medicines and medical supplies and equipment. In addition, the



three (3) delegations of UHAS members traveled to Haiti to distribute toiletries and essential hygienic products to over 2,500 people, distribute milk and school supplies to over 300 schoolchildren and provide over 5,000 lbs of rice, beans and nonperishable food items to hundreds of families during 2010.

Recently, in March of this year, 15 UHAS members traveled to Haiti to distribute toys and hygienic supplies to children in Leogane. Contributions from churches (including Mount Aery) as well as individual donations helped to purchase the toys. Originally, UHAS' intent was to travel for Christmas to bring the toys and supplies to the children, but with the deadly Cholera outbreak that occurred a few months following the Earthquake during the fall of 2010, the US State Department warned against travel and the trip was postponed to March of this year.

Despite the overall success UHAS has had in providing medical assistance and humanitarian aid to Haiti, it has become clear that the need is still pressing and much more work needs to be done. Like many other organizations, UHAS is looking at the long term possibilities in Haiti in the area of education and healthcare. UHAS intends to build a more sustainable project that will support indigenous Haitians and their struggle for self determination. Given Haiti's long documented history of corrupt governance and political instability, the funds raised (11 billion) by the US

and the international community following the Earthquake have not been released, but rather held in escrow. Therefore, more than thirteen (13) months following the Earthquake, less than 30% of the rubble has been cleared in the streets and millions are still living under the squalor of the notorious "tent cities" where crime (such as rape of young children and women) and air born diseases run rampant. However, it appears that there is a bright silver lining in the horizon with the recent election of Presidential candidate Michel Martelly. Like President Obama, President Elect Martelly ran on a platform of "change" for Haiti and many of the youth helped elect him.

The task force, consisting of the United States (under the leadership of former President Bill Clinton), the US State Department under Secretary Hillary Clinton and the international community have openly stated that it will work together with President Elect Martelly and his administration to reconstruct Haiti. It is UHAS' hope and belief that Haiti will one day rise again to become as it was once formally called "the Pearl of the Antilles." It is with this hope that UHAS will craft its vision for its future missions and projects in Haiti as it partners with organizations, churches and individuals in order to help the people of Haiti. And in doing so, it is undeniable that we will continue to "... do good, love mercy, and walk humbly with [our] God." (Micah 6:8)



GUESSWHO!!!

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

Deacon Bo Dewitt-Smith
Sis. Evelyn Wiggins
Deacon Fred Nielson
Sis. Ramona Berry
Min. Carol Johnson
Deacon Brad Belcher
Deacon CJ Adetona

- (1) _____
(2) _____
(3) _____
(4) _____

(1)

**“For the Kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but . . . Joy in the Holy Spirit”
(Rom.14:17)**



(2)

**“The Spirit of God has made me; The breath of the almighty gives me life.”
(Job 33:4)**



(4)

**“The mind of sinful man is . . . the Spirit is life and peace”
(Rom, 8:6)**



(3)

**“The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit”
(Rom. 8:16)**



Answers for April: (1) Sis. Shukriyyah Hasan; (2) Bro. Julian JeanBaptiste;
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Bernice Geter

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Susan Holmes

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Monique Pugh

Lillian Ragsdale

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Richardson

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Sally Soares

Mary Thigpen

Deaconess Anna Watkins

Felicia Whitfield

Cecilia Williams

June Williams

Cecelia Wilson

Bereavement

- **Min. Carol Johnson** in the loss of her cousin, Harry Henderson, in Virginia
- **Tyhishia Brown** in the loss of her uncle
- **Kim Lee** in the loss of her grandfather, Raymon Goode
- **Maxine Plummer** in the loss of her uncle
- **Corbin Cooper** in the loss of his father, Jake Cooper
- **Magnolia Barnes & family** in the loss of her father, Albert Barnes
- **Jacqui Wright** in the loss of her cousin, Martha Lee "Sunshine" Johnson of E. Woodville, Mississippi
- **Terry Walden** in the loss of his cousin, Patricia Patterson

MAY 2011 Birthdays

May 1st

Berry, Polly
Dewitt- Smith Rawles,
Savanua
Dewitt-Smith, Sonia
Grier, J.R.
Pratt, H.
Smith, Hiram
Vega, Rosalie
Williams, Tiffany

May 2nd

Collins, Jewon
Faison, Eunice
Gallimore, Terrence
Harris, Simone
Moore, Jewon
Nielsen, Fredi
Taylor, Susie
Tucker, Darrell

May 3rd

Craig, James
Godfrey, Princess
Hairston, Sandra
Harrison, Linda
Lanham, Kevin
Roseboro, Jeanette
Wilson, Ruby

May 4th

Clark, Liza
Davis, Carl
Grant, Ryan
McNeil, Vontese
Murray, Sha'Quaysha
Rhoden, Desiree'
Ryan, Melvin

May 5th

Brewer, Warren
Carter, James
Cauthen Sr., George
Foust, Tassanee
McClain-Darby, Tammy
Murphy, Daniel
Pettway, Willeon
Prince, Lakisha
Stephenson, Sandra

May 6th

Ben, UJ
Best, Nichelle
Cheatham, Motisha
Grey, Derrick
Hill, Jeffery
McIntyre, Sharon
Paulin, Jennifer
Savariau, Nathalie
Staton, Lydia

Wallace, Paris
Wilkins, Patrick
Yarboro, Bonita

May 7th

Barnes, Elizabeth
Burroughs, Steven
Gomes, Karlanda
Green, Milton
Jones, Sean
Manning, Shaunette
Pulliam, Joe
Small, Sharon
Williams-Bryant,
Debra

May 8th

Alston, Steven
Brown, Krishna
Dailey, Richard
Daniels, Selina
Turnage, Tiara
Ward, Shanae

May 10th

Armistead, Valerie
Day-Hall, Valerie
Lowe-Little, Tifney
McFadden, Clarence
Mesidor, Ronald
White, Christine

May 11th

Deavens, Gregory
Gordon, Maxine
Horton, Nienne
Oliver, Anthony
Sharpe, Mark
Telford, John
White, Mary
Young, Vernon

May 12th

Boothe, Keisha
Daniels, Terrance
Fernandez, Theresa
Jackson, Tammi
Malone, Jaeque
Miller, Davida

May 13th

Newsome, Edward
Nurumah, Bomani
Void, Shamika

May 14th

Allen, Beverly Anne
Cato, Natasha
Gerald, Florence
Lynch, Eddy

May 15th

Brown, Sophie
Davis, Tania
Hatton, Esther
Humphrey, Karen
Johnson, Carol
Leak, Lonna
Loman, Diana
Pittman, Linwood
Robinson - Fuller,
Bonita

May 16th

Burgin, LaMaurice
Ess, Juliet
Irby, Jyles
Long, Tracy
McCulloug, Willie
Ragsdale, Waverly
Rowe, Marisa
Sims, Brittany
Walker, Marcia

May 17th

Baskin, RaSheme
Burton, Millie
Crowder, Latavia
Gallimore, Kiana
Green, Tiffani
Grisby, Lee
Jones, Craig
McIntyre, Simeon
Slade, Brandon
Tyson-Wright,
Jacqueline

May 18th

Burton, Emmanuel
Counts, Christy
Donnell-Jackson,
Angela
Hudson, Vance
Langston, Craig

Lewis, Cheryl
McKinney, William
Patton, Garland
Poole, Shanell
Smith, Richard
Wright, Rakeema

May 19th

Baldwin, Fannie
Collins, Lisa
Johnson, Diane
Little, Natasha
Spearman, Toni
Williams, Irene
Wright, Jaime

May 20th

Fernandez, Jose`
Freeman, Zelda
Goldiamond, Stacie
Johnson, Linda
LaRose, Juliet
Shepard, Simone
Vermont, Jasmine`

May 21st

Belcher, Toni
Cook, Melanie
Curges, Minnie
Figueroa, Evelyn
Irby, Avery
Jefferson, Bernard
Perry, Eric
Smith, Jermaine
Taylor, Debbie
Williams, Jeffrey
Williams, Latrice

May 22nd

Bowens, Tyiesha
Davis, Joyce
Eady, Margaret
Hill, John
Hoarde, Vinnell
Jones, Roslen
Malcolm, Jason
Page, Jonathan
Scales, Kelvin
Walton, Myron

May 23rd

Brown, Linda C.
Hudson, Gladys
Jones, Frances Mae

Leger, Rose Marie
Lincoln, Tawanda
Ragsdale, Lilly
Small, Jimmy
Smith, Richard
Tate, Bridgett

May 24th

Adams, Michele
Custis, Akeem
Jenkins, Rina
May, Sarah
Murphy, Jetaya
Webb, Ciayra

May 25th

Adetona, Adekunle
Garner, Michael
Jones, Gale
McIntosh, Mary Ann
Peeler, Donald

Pough, Marvin
Robinson, Linda

May 26th

Bush, Joshua
Kennedy, Taquaisha
King, Charles
Manning, Jeanette
Smith, Pamela
Timmons-Shelton, Taja
Tyner, Phillip
Watts, Dorothy

May 27th

Barthelemy, Ingrid
Bell, Beverly
Blake, Margaritta
Carter, Tiffany
Christie, Markis
Dupree, Marion
Horton, Rarnetta
Richards-Franklin, Sharon
Sims, Aimee
Stoogenke, Katrina
Taylor, William
Watley, Renee

May 28th

Baldwin, Samuel
Banks, Ronald
Bryant, Michele
Davis, Leah
Eldridge, Jashima
Jackson, Sylvia
Jones, Cecil
Long, Cynthia

May 29th

Ferguson, Mark
Gee, Geraldine
Jackson, Aiesha
Johnson, Kadeija
Jones, Dominique

May 30th

Alexander, Katrien
Allen, Patricia
Anderson, Tiffany
Bell, Jeffrey
Bennerman, Jaris
Daniels, Deja
Dixon, Reginald
Gallimore, Frederick
Geter, Terrell
Harvin, Diane
Hunter, III, William

May 31st

Bradley, A'Licia
Butts, Curtis
Dew, Aisha
Douglas, Charles
Edmondson, Zandra
Peeler, Donte
Richards, Natalee
Torres, Keith

May 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 6:00 AM Daily Prayer 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	2 6:00 AM Daily Prayer	3 6:00 AM Daily Prayer 5:00 PM Prayer Ministry 6:30 PM Martial Arts CT 6:30 PM Youth Retreat Meeting 7:00 PM Academy of Ministry 7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal	4 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	5 6:00 AM Daily Prayer 6:00 PM Exercise Class 6:30 PM REFUGE 7:00 PM All Women's Group	6 6:00 AM Daily Prayer	7 6:00 AM Daily Prayer 8:30 AM Men's Ministry 10:00 AM SAW Workshop 11:00 AM All Women's Group 12:30 PM Interpreters
8 Mother's Day 6:00 AM Daily Prayer 7:45 AM Fellowship Ministry 9:45 AM SAW Gathering 9:45 AM Spiritual Gifts 11:00 AM Youth Church 1:00 PM Olmec Store	9 6:00 AM Daily Prayer 6:00 PM Fellowship Ministry 6:30 PM SAW Gathering 7:00 PM Spiritual Gifts	10 6:00 AM Daily Prayer 5:00 PM Prayer Ministry 6:30 PM Martial Arts CT 6:30 PM SAW Book Club 6:30 PM Trustees Ministry Meeting 7:00 PM Academy of Ministry 7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal	11 6:00 AM Daily Prayer 12:00 PM Daytime Bible Study 7:00 PM Church Anniversary Renewal	12 6:00 AM Daily Prayer 6:00 PM Exercise Class 6:00 PM Lawrence/Hopkins Wedding Rehearsal 6:30 PM Deacons Ministry Meeting 6:30 PM REFUGE 7:00 PM Senior Ushers	13 6:00 AM Daily Prayer	14 6:00 AM Daily Prayer 8:30 AM Men's Ministry 9:00 AM MADC Board Meeting 10:00 AM Male Chorus Rehearsal 11:00 AM Bridgeport Chorale Union 11:30 AM Chosen Generation Rehearsal 2:00 PM Lawrence/Hopkins Wedding
15 6:00 AM Daily Prayer 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 4:00 PM Ushers Anniversary	16 6:00 AM Daily Prayer	17 6:00 AM Daily Prayer 5:00 PM Prayer Ministry 6:00 PM CSC Core Team 6:30 PM Martial Arts CT 6:30 PM Youth Retreat Meeting 7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal	18 6:00 AM Daily Prayer 12:00 PM Daytime Bible Study 7:00 PM Church Anniversary Renewal	19 6:00 AM Daily Prayer 6:30 PM Chosen Generation Rehearsal 6:30 PM REFUGE	20 6:00 AM Daily Prayer 6:00 PM Baptism Preparation Class 7:00 PM M.A.Y.A. - Cafe Nite	21 6:00 AM Daily Prayer 8:30 AM Men's Ministry 9:00 AM Annual Fellowship Fishing Trip 9:00 AM New Disciples Orientation 11:00 AM Chosen Generation Rehearsal 12:30 PM Children Choir Rehearsal 12:30 PM Interpreters 4:00 PM My Pastor Can Sing Concert
22 6:00 AM Daily Prayer 7:45 AM 88th Church Anniversary Worship Celebration 9:45 AM Olmec Store 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM 88th Church Anniversary Worship Celebration 1:00 PM Olmec Store	23 6:00 AM Daily Prayer	24 6:00 AM Daily Prayer 4:00 PM Parent Center - "Women's Tea" 5:00 PM Prayer Ministry 7:00 PM Academy of Ministry	25 6:00 AM Daily Prayer 12:00 PM Daytime Bible Study 6:30 PM P.L.U.G. 7:00 PM Church Anniversary Renewal	26 6:00 AM Daily Prayer 6:00 PM Exercise Class 6:30 PM M.A.Y.A. 6:30 PM REFUGE 7:00 PM Mass Choir Rehearsal	27 6:00 AM Daily Prayer	28 6:00 AM Daily Prayer 8:30 AM Men's Ministry 10:00 AM Scholarship Ministry 11:00 AM Mass Choir Rehearsal 1:30 PM Spiritual Gifts 2:00 PM Junior Ushers Meeting 3:00 PM Baptism Preparation Class
29 6:00 AM Daily Prayer 7:45 AM Worship Celebration 9:45 AM Olmec Store 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Baptism, Worship Celebration 1:00 PM Olmec Store	30 6:00 AM Daily Prayer	31 6:00 AM Daily Prayer 5:00 PM Prayer Ministry 6:30 PM Martial Arts CT 6:30 PM Youth Retreat Meeting				

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THE MOUNT AERY BAPTIST CHURCH PRESENTS:

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FEATURING:

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LASHUN PACE
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\$7 in advance (\$10 at the door)

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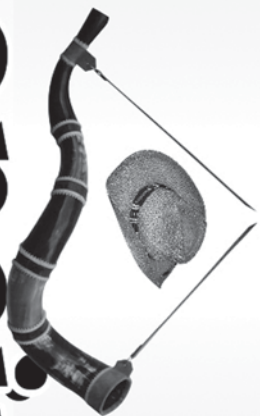
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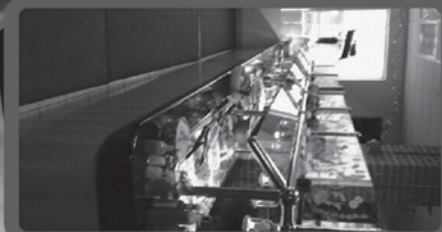
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