

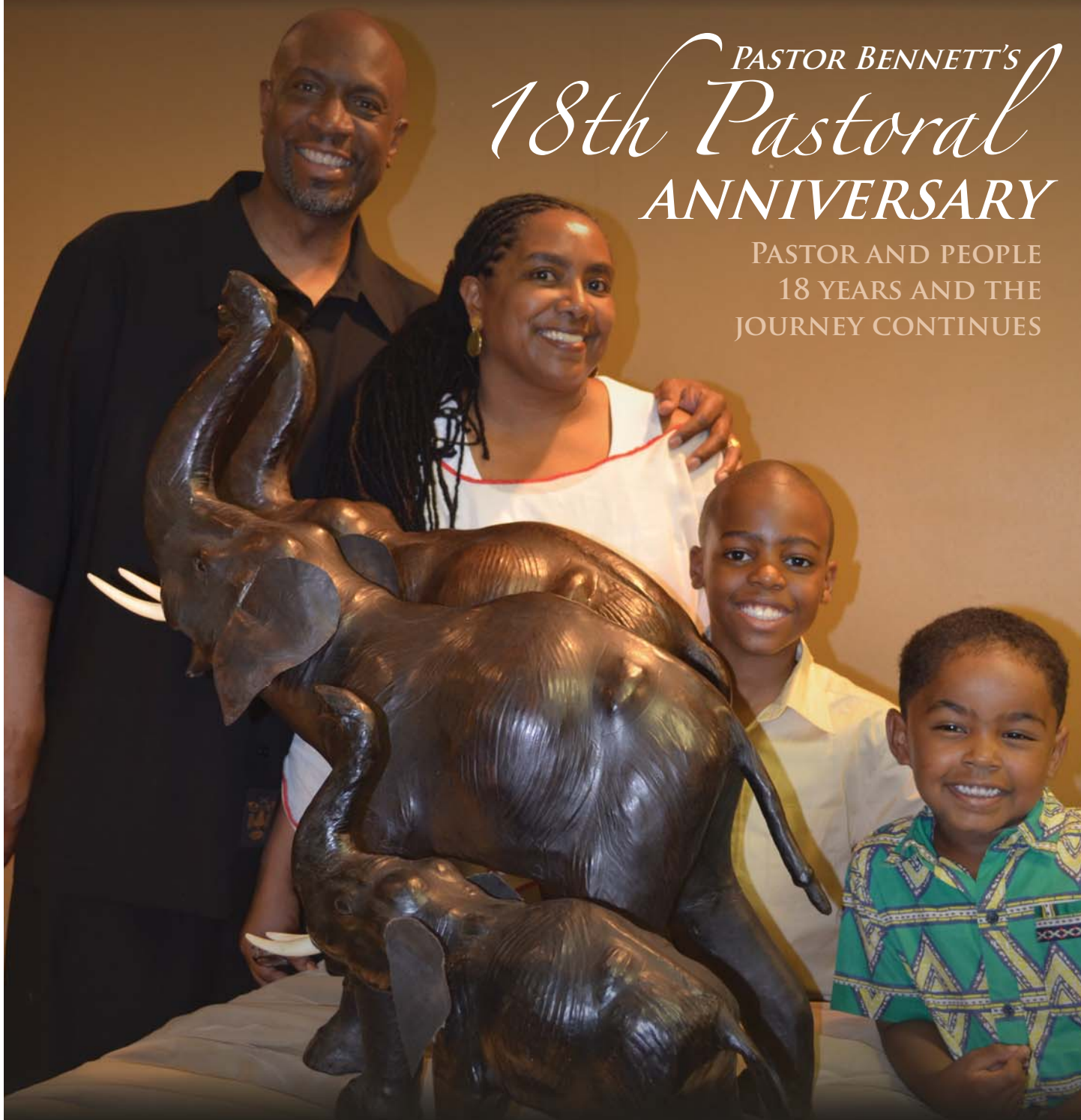
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from the Mount

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PASTOR BENNETT'S *18th Pastoral* ANNIVERSARY

PASTOR AND PEOPLE
18 YEARS AND THE
JOURNEY CONTINUES





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Namaste my Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

I hope you are having a restful and recreative summer. Whether you have been able to go away or whether you are enjoying what is called a “staycation,” I hope you are taking time for your family, friends and for your own personal renewal.

July was a wonderful month in the life of Mount Aery. We celebrated 18 years as pastor and people with a marvelous celebration on Saturday, July 7th. I wish to thank each and every team member for the marvelous preparation and “party time at the Mount.” As I have stated in the past, the best is yet to come.

We concluded the month of July with an even grander celebration during our church outing at Beardsley Park. Hundreds of people came together in wonderful food and fellowship. I know the saints were praying because the rain clouds didn’t impact our fun the entire day. Let me thank Brother Greg McBroom, Deacon Luis Febres, Rev. Alicia Tyson-Sherwood and all the teams of people who coordinated, cooked, prepared, transported, set up and broke down, hosted, first aided and in any capacity contributed to the great success of this church outing. We are indeed a praying people with a powerful witness!

As we enter into the month of August, we hope you will continue this last month of vacationing before resuming the busy fall schedule. While the core activities of Mount Aery will continue (Sunday School, Worship, church office hours), our day and evening Bible Studies as well as our ministry meetings will be on break during this month. If you do not already know, we will have one worship service at 9:30a throughout the month of August. We will resume our regular schedule of 7:45 am and 11 am worship services on Sunday, September 2, 2012.

We trust and pray whether you will be away or within the city limits that you will keep Mount Aery in your prayers as we continue, even in this summer season, to do the work of ministry to the glory of our God.

God bless you,

Pastor Anthony L. Bennett, D. Min.
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We certainly had a lot of excitement in July at the Mount. We kicked the month off with a wonderful celebration of pastor and people, "18 Years and the Journey Continues". We had a fabulous evening of celebration and fellowship with Pastor Bennett and his beautiful family. Many of Pastor's friends called in to wish him a happy anniversary via Skpe and the Couples Ministry, TLC, performed a heartfelt dance to honor Pastor and Donna and their years of commitment to each other and this ministry.

On Sunday, Pastor Richard Williams III came and blessed us with a "conversation", as he called it, where he reminded us of God's love for us...His unconditional love for us. The scripture for that day was John 3:16 NIV "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

We were also introduced to our new intern originally from Oakland, CA but here studying at Yale Divinity School, Jamall Calloway. We were blessed to hear him preach for the first time since becoming our intern on the 4th Sunday. His sermon was entitled "A Woman with Issues" which, of course, stirred the women of the congregation up a bit. Reading from Mark 5:25-34 NIV, Jamall asked "Can you stand naked and bare in front of God and tell the truth? Not just on Sunday or Wednesday, everyday?" Jamall preached an awesome sermon and had many standing to their feet, even the women who he stirred up in the beginning.

We closed out the month with our Annual Church Outing where a good time was had by all, despite the intermittent rain. There was plenty of food and activities but most of all there was a lot of fellowshiping.

Most people vacation in the month of August so we are going to have one Worship service every Sunday for this month at 9:30 am, Sunday School will be held at 8:30 am. Whether you are vacationing or not try to enjoy the last of the summer because as my neighbor always says "before you know it, it will be cold again".

God Bless,

Tonya N. Johnson
Editor In Chief
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WHAT'S NEXT?

Important Dates

During this season of prayer, we will all be listening to the recorded prayer of the day. Call in to the prayer line at 7:00a daily at 610-214-0000. The participant access code is 111933#. Please note that long distance charges may apply.

Worship Service for the month of August will held at 9:30 am. Sunday School will begin at 8:30 am.

Missionary Society Ministry presents the ***2nd Annual Faithful Grateful Prayer Cruise*** on August 11th at 8:00 am to 8:00 pm at a cost of \$120 per person. For more information please contact Mount Aery's Missionary Society at (203)334-2757

Board of Education Vote on September 4, 2012 and the Charter Revision and Presidential Vote on November 6, 2012. Please vote!

Leadership Development Mandatory 16-week training - Classes are scheduled for 6p to 7:30p.

September 11, 18 – 2 Weeks

- Pastor's Wrap-Up

Pastor's Engagements

September

September 2nd at 5pm

Springs of Life-Giving Water Church

31 Sperry Street, New Haven

Friends and Family Worship Experience Service

September 16th at 4pm

Good News Missionary Baptist Church

Main Street, Bridgeport

Church Anniversary

October

October 14th at 4pm

Mount Bethel Missionary Baptist Church

100 Webster Street, New Haven

Recognitions

- Congratulations to Deacon Brad Belcher and Toni Belcher for 34 years of walking together in the ministry of marriage!
- Congratulations to Edwardo and Shamika Paul, Celebrating 14 years of marriage!
- Congratulations to Deacons Luis and Annette Febres in the ministry of marriage!

Announcements

- **Generation Next Youth Ministry** is every second and third Sunday starting at 11:15AM. Age group is 4 – 21. Please encourage our youth to fellowship with each other in a high energy worship experience downstairs in the Bass Hall.
- **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.
- **Generation Next Youth Ministry** is asking all Members who are interested in volunteering time to the youth of Mt Aery Baptist Church please give your contact information to Malakhi Eason after church in the Narthex. You can also email your contact information or questions to mabc.generationnext@gmail.com
- **All Leaders:** The Five Star book is available in the church office. The donation is \$10.
- Please be advised that the Deacons on Call for the month of August are Deacons Lee and Nielsen.
- **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

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

Bridgeport Manor, 540 Bond Street, Bridgeport, CT 06610

Archie Jenkins

Lord Chamberlain Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, 7003 Main St., Stratford, CT 06497

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

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, Millie Burton

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 Healing List

Ada Allen
Deacon Brad Belcher
Carolyn Blue
Maxine Boykin
Delores Cox
Sally Gordon
Deacon Jeffrey Hill
Kenneth Knight
Juliet LaRose
Margo Lazaro
Eulalia Pettway
Jim Ragsdale
Lillian Ragsdale
Waverly Ragsdale
Esther Ryan
Juanita Sims
Mary Thigpen
Barbara Wilson
Cecelia Wilson
Michelle Wilson

Please Pray for Our Prayer List

Clinnie Black
Isaiah Brown
Sandra Cameron
Ruth Hasty-Dove
Harold Farrar
Lois Farrar
Deaconess Milla Green
Shukriyyah Hassan
Unice Jones
Barbara Macey
Regina Manns
Deacon Benjamin Maxwell
Autumn Mitton
Caleb Mitton
Spring Mitton
Rose Newport
Michelle Porchia
Terrance Quiller
Deaconess Anna Watkins

Bereavement

- **Deacon Brad & Toni Belcher and Darrel & Debbie Fedrick** in the loss of their niece in North Carolina
- **Deaconess Milla Greene & family** in the loss of her husband, James Greene of Bridgeport
- **Margarite Gilbert & family** in the loss of her father, Emmanuel Edwine of St. Lucia
- **Wendy James** in the loss of her father, Velbert James

Ministry Spotlight



Fair Elections Ministry

by DIT Peter Hurst

As Rev. Bennett has shared, there are important elections coming up that will impact the future of Bridgeport and the future of the United States of America. First, on Tuesday, August 14th, there is a primary election to decide several seats: U.S. Senate; U S Representative; and State Senate. Second, on Tuesday, September 4th, there will be a special election to fill open seats of the Board of Education. Bridgeport's public schools must be improved, and electing the right board members to oversee the school system is critically important for the future of our young people and our city. Third, on Tuesday, November 6th, changes to Bridgeport's charter will be on the ballot. An important issue on the ballot is whether the school board will continue to be elected by the citizens of Bridgeport or whether the Mayor will have the sole power to appoint the members of the school board. Fourth, also on Tuesday, November 6th, the entire country must decide on the next President of our country. The decision will be whether to re-elect President Barack Obama or to elect Mitt Romney.

As we approach these important elections, the disciples of Mt. Aery should be aware of two very important facts: 1) Mt. Aery has a large congregation and our large congregation could make a huge impact in each of these elections since voter turnout is usually so low; and 2) we, as disciples of Mt. Aery, can only make an impact if we follow Rev. Bennett's request to register to vote and vote in each of these elections.

To encourage Mt. Aery disciples to register and vote, a Fair Elections Ministry has been established. Along with Rev. Bennett, the Fair Election Ministry has four requests:

First, volunteers are needed to help contact members of Mt. Aery and encourage them to vote in each of the upcoming elections.

Second, if you haven't registered to vote, please do so immediately. The Fair Election Ministry will have voter registration cards in Wilson Hall after each service so you can register to vote.

Third, if you are registered to vote, make sure you go vote on August 14th, September 4th and again on November 4th. Before each of these elections, Mt. Aery disciples will be contacting you to remind you to vote. Please take their calls. More importantly, please vote.

Fourth, if you need transportation to polls in September or in November, please let us know and transportation to the polls will be arranged.

Mt. Aery, elections are about the future and about controlling our destiny. Compared to the rest of Fairfield County and the rest of Connecticut, Bridgeport has lower household income, a higher poverty rate, a higher unemployment rate, inadequate access to affordable, quality health care, and most importantly, a public school system that is failing our children. Our children need you to vote. Our seniors need you to vote. Our unemployed disciples need you to vote. Those without access to health care need you to vote. Just go vote!!!



Back to School the Healthy Way

by Michelle Porchia



Summer is almost over and I am not ready, it went by much too quickly for me. I don't know about you, but I plan on enjoying what's left my summer until the last minute.

So much goes into preparing to send our youth back to school. It seems the Back-to-School sales start earlier and earlier. It is, however, something we need to get ready for. So, let's do it right and have some fun.

Financially Preparing for Back-to-School

Often we get stressed about back to school shopping, especially these days, because our finances are tight. Here are ways to take off some of the stress and use your money well:

1. Have a budget. (How much do you realistically have to spend?)
2. Capitalize on the sales and use coupons. At the end of season sales, you can get basic tops, camisoles, etc., that you can still wear throughout the fall.
3. Consider bulk shopping. You can buy in bulk to get a lower price then split the supplies and costs with your friends and family.
4. Take advantage of community giving. Many community centers, churches and organizations are giving away free back packs full of supplies for community youth. Don't be proud. If you qualify for the giving, take advantage of the opportunity.
5. Re-think last year's supplies. Did you use all the supplies from last year? We rarely use all the paper, pencils, glue that we bought the year before.
6. You don't have to buy all NEW clothes. Stores like Savers, Goodwill and consignment shops have nice new or barely used clothes for a third of the price. Many of the items still have the price tags on them. Mt. Aery clothes closet has nice items also. Consider doing a clothes swap (especially with uniforms) with friends, family/Mt. Aery family members. I know a young lady who did most of her school shopping last year at Savers. For \$35 she got 6-8 items, half of which were new. You can't get one or two items in the store for \$35. For you name brand shoppers, they have name brands at the discount stores as well.
7. Parents, consider taking your lunch every day. You will save a lot of money.

NOTE: Have children change their clothes and shoes when they come home from school. The school clothes will last longer.

Back-to-School the Healthy Way

Young people will eat healthy, especially if there is nothing else to eat. Try healthy snacks and meals in different ways. Parents/guardians, you need to eat healthy also. You'll feel better, save money and be a good role-model.

1. Start the day with a healthy breakfast. Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. If time is an issue, there are healthy toaster waffles. Consider putting fruit, almond butter or cashew butter on the waffle instead of the sweet syrup. Yogurt with fruit is also a good breakfast. Add seeds or nuts to it, which is even better and fast. You need protein in the morning...not a lot of sugar. Limit the amount of juice that is being consumed. Consider diluting the juice with some water or sparkling water, juice is can be really sweet. Consider buying the more healthy juices, often Target will have them on sale. I stock up for when my granddaughters visit.

2. Consider fixing lunch for your students. If they eat at school, send healthy snacks with them fruit (not fruit roll-ups), sliced vegetables, popcorn instead of chips, etc. When I substituted at various schools, I saw that the majority of the students did not even eat the school lunch because they didn't like it. Students that brought their lunch ate more. At snack time, I was really impressed to see how many students brought fruit, vegetables with dressing dip, pretzels instead of chips, etc. Yes, the students ate the healthier snacks.
3. Have healthy after school snacks like fruit slices, trail mix (no M&M trail mixes), yogurt, almond butter and rice cakes, etc.

Additional Tips

Do as much as you can up front/ the night before, to eliminate morning chaos and stress.

1. Make lunches (the part you can) the night before. Lay out clothes for children and for you the night before. It will lessen the stress in the morning.
2. Have a place where the child can place their papers/permission slips to be signed, reviewed, etc. (They can decorate a bin or box or have a cork board, both available at the Dollar Store.)
3. Have a place where back packs go every day. At night before bed, check to make sure that homework, permission slips, gym clothes, etc. are in the back pack.
4. Have a standard bed time for your child. They need their rest and a routine is helpful for you and for them. Children need a lot of sleep. (3-6 Years Old: 10 - 12 hours per day; 7-12 Years Old: 10 - 11 hours per day; 12-18 Years Old: 8 - 9 hours per day) These are guidelines from the experts. Start to wind down and establish bedtime rituals for your child and for you. It helps to get in bed easier and to fall asleep easier.

College Students

1. Take advantage of sales.
2. Returning students, replace only what you need from the year before. If items are still in good condition, use them.
3. When people ask what you need, tell them. It's better to get what you need. Gift cards are especially helpful because the student can shop once they get back to campus and see what they need.
4. Send college students care packages during the year, especially with healthy snacks, microwave foods and non-perishable items.

Parents, don't be concerned if you don't hear from your college student for a while. Don't call or text them several times a day or every day. I know it's tough. Let go and let God. Trust that you have done the best you can to prepare your college student or any level student for that matter. Believe that God's got this.

Adults going back to school, many of these suggestions are helpful for you as well. If you are going back to school and have a family, often you do your studying after everyone is in bed. Make sure you have a consistent place to study. Also, consider doing your homework while your child/children are doing their homework. Study when you are not so tired and you will be a good role-model for your child.

Implementing even a few of these suggestions will help you to save money, be healthier and have less stress.

"But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way." (1 Corinthians 14:4 NIV)

Blessings for a wonderful 2012-13 school year.

Black History Moment: George Edward Alcorn, Jr.

by Tonya N. Johnson

Hello again family! This month we are highlighting African-American inventor George Edward Alcorn, Jr. Enjoy!

A noted academic and administrator, **George Edward Alcorn, Jr.**, is a noted pioneer in the field of semiconductor devices and one of the top inventors in the field of aerospace.

Born March 22, 1940 in Indianapolis, Indiana, George was the son of Arletta and George Alcorn, Sr., an auto mechanic. Both parents promoted the virtue of education to George, Jr. and his younger brother Charles.

George was an excellent student in high school and entered Occidental College in Los Angeles, California on an academic scholarship. He was a remarkable athlete and received varsity letters in baseball and football. He also graduated with honors with a degree in physics in 1962 and followed this by enrolling in the Nuclear Physics program at Howard University. He completed his Master's work in 1963.



George Edward Alcorn, Jr.

He obtained work during the summers of 1962 and 1963 at North American Rockwell, a leading aerospace company. He worked in the company's the space division and was assigned to perform computer analysis on the orbital mechanics and launch trajectories for rockets and missiles. Some of his work involved the Titan and Saturn rockets from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) Apollo space missions and well as the NOVA missile.

In 1964, Alcorn applied for a research grant from NASA to study the concept of negative ion formation. He was awarded the grant and conducted his research from 1965 to 1967. At the same time, he was enrolled in the Physics program at Howard University and received a PhD in Atomic and Molecular physics in 1967. Finally, after tremendous success and researcher, George took a moment to focus on his personal life and got married to Marie DaViller in 1969.

Alcorn signed on with Philco-Ford, a division of the Ford Motor Company. Philco-Ford produced a wide array of products, ranging from car radio to television set. It also had an aerospace division which developed satellite tracking systems for NASA's manned space program. Alcorn served as a senior scientist for the aerospace division. He later worked as a senior physicist for PerkinElmer, a multinational technology corporation and then as an advisory engineer for International Business Machines (IBM). His relationship with IBM proved quite valuable in 1973 when he was selected to teach as an IBM Visiting Professor in Electrical Engineering at Howard University (eventually becoming a full professor). As if his schedule was not already busy enough, he also taught Electrical Engineering at the University of the District of Columbia as a full professor.

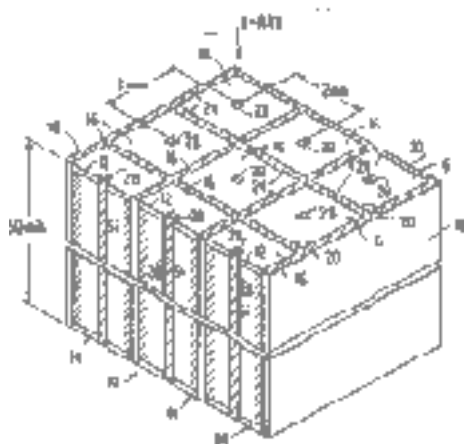
Black History Moment: James Edward West

In 1978, Alcorn left IBM and joined NASA where he invented an imaging X-ray spectrometer which used thermomigration of aluminum. X-ray spectrometry is used to provide data which can be analyzed for a number of applications, including for obtaining information about remote solar systems and other space objects. He would receive a patent for the device in 1984. As a result of the significance of this work, he was the NASA/GSFC Inventor of the Year (GSFC is an acronym for the Goddard Space Flight Center, NASA's first space flight center established in May of 1959). In 1986 he developed an improved method of fabrication using laser drilling.

Because of his success in his endeavors, NASA placed him in an administrative/management position as the deputy project manager for advanced development of new technologies for use in the International Space Station, Freedom. In 1990 he was named the manager for advanced programs for NASA/GSFC and in 1992 became the head of the Office of Commercial Programs at GSFC, helping to find commercial uses for the new technologies developed at GSFC. Later he ran the GSFC Evolution program which oversaw the development and running of the space station. In 1994, he oversaw a space shuttle experiment which utilized a "Robot Operated Material Processing System" to conduct the manufacturing of material in the microgravity of space.

In 1999, he was awarded the Government Technology Leadership award and two years later was awarded special congressional recognition for his work for aiding business in the Virgin Island in employing technology. Finally in 2005 he was named the Assistant Director for Standard/Excellent - Applied Engineering and Technology Directorate for GSFC.

Over his career, Alcorn created numerous noteworthy inventions and secured more than 25 patents. He is seen as a pioneer in the field of plasma semiconductor devices. His concept and implementation of "plasma etching" has become a standard in the industry. He also served his community well over the years, involving himself in programs aimed at recruiting minorities and women to NASA as well as programs to encourage inner-city children to focus on science. In 1984, Alcorn was awarded the NASA-EEO medal for his efforts and was honored by Howard University with its Heritage of Greatness award. George Alcorn is a well-rounded academic and leader in the field of space science, but his contributions as a manager as well as a community leader distinguishes him in the field of science.



Resource: www.blackinventor.com

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"The Lord is the strength of his people, a fortress of salvation for his anointed one." Psalm 28:8

Nasmaste My Beloved,

I join in celebration with you and our Mount Aery Family for the 18 years of your pastoral leadership. As one who is also blessed to know you as priest of the Bennett household, I thank God for your dual role as a partner in the ministry of marriage and family. I have watched you grow in faith, love and service for our God, family, the beautiful people of Mount Aery and the community of Bridgeport. I praise God for your obedience to his word, discerning spirit, generous heart and graciousness. You have a way of opening your heart and mind to embrace new levels of God's call to serve him and all his people with a bold yet humble presence. I salute you for your courage to stand alone for what you believe is right and just by God's standards. I praise God that he has blessed you with mighty men and women of Mount Aery Baptist Church who are willing to stand with you for Social Justice. I honor and pray for you as a strong man, loving husband, father, grand baba, and anointed leader. May our God bless you today and always in ways you cannot even imagine.

Happy 18th Anniversary!

Peace & Forever on End Love!

Donna

P.S. – I love you forever daddy "bad boy". ~Ahmad
& Thanks for always being a great hero to me. ~Jaden





Portrait of a Preacher by Andre Turner, Jr.

In the City of Angels God sent his angels over the city
 To protect his child from the unforgiving realities of the streets
 When Inner city teens were joining Cripples and Pirus street sets
 On South Western Avenue Brother Bennett was giving God the praise and respect
 Before the pulpit in the hollow he was known by the name of Bass
 Gaining his licensed to preach by Mount Tabor ministries in '83 while living in L.A
 ATL bound to the same higher educated establishment as our prominent civil rights leader
 Creating a silhouette of God's vision... this is a portrait of a preacher
 Bachelors in Religion and Masters in Divinity God equipped him to fight against the enemy
 Preparing for leadership in the Port where he is the head of Mount Aery's sanctuary
 Our modern day Moses leading his people to the promise land of serenity
 A calmness within the comforter and shelter within the Father
 Every Sunday that baritone voice invites God's children to the Alter
 To surrender their inequities that the troubles of life offer
 And put them on God's path... the one that the Devil tried to alter
 Preaching and Echoing the theme "A Praying People, With a Powerful Witness, Of the Perfect God"
 Extending the church's hand in Bridgeport with various ministries creating a spiritual montage
 Expounding the definition of Christ like by his own life style
 A down to earth brother that have a love and fondness to spread the word of God
 Proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity... Guest Lecturer at prominent universities
 Appendage Professor at an outstanding seminary
 After years of dedicated service to his Father we pay homage to this visionary
 The accomplishments is a reflection of his faith in Jesus
 Here is a portrait of a powerful Preacher
 A Husband, a father, a son, a wonderful Pastor... we salute this astounding man
 You created a path for other young men to follow and we all hail chief to this black man

generalNEWS Father's Day 2012



4th Annual Café Night: A Night of “Soul Inspiration”

by Yolonda Kearney

On May 18, 2012 MAYA (Mount Aery Young Adult Ministry) hosted its 4th annual Café Night, “Soul Inspiration”, where we showcased a variety of talent which was not meant only to entertain but to be uplifting.

Putting the event together required weeks of planning from advertisement, ticket sales, decorations, menu and recruiting new talent. Although we’ve planned Café Night three years in a row, putting everything together again is still a task which can create feelings of anxiety; because we always want everything to come perfectly together for you, our guests. Nevertheless there are usually unforeseen and unavoidable adjustments along the way. In the end everything falls into its place. Thanks be to God.

The first hour of the event is always dedicated to fellowship and food. This year we also had several vendors for our guest to patronize. We’d like to personally thank Parker’s Pampering -Vyola Parker, Basket King-Kenneth King, Scentsy-Nanette Malone, Stella & Dot- Melanie Jackson, Bejeweled-Yolanda Costen-Ewell and Betty’s Boutique-Betty Wooten-McElveen for their support.

For the entertainment line-up we featured a variety of performers included spoken word artists; Arikeade (Maguena Adetona), Face (Michael Charles), and Kimberly Bryant, Vocalists; Zion (Thomas Mitchell), Nakia (MABC Music Ministry), Malakhi Eason and Chris Singleton. Chris Singleton was a crowd favorite with his parody of Usher’s song “There Goes My Baby”. Please check out Christopher’s rendition entitled, “There Goes My Chicken” on YouTube. Hilarious! Lisa Wilson also got her funny on with original comedy and Ashley Service inspired us through mime. We also featured Gospel Rap artists 3 Disciples and Christopher Woods. What a Blessed night.

MAYA would like to thank everyone for their participation and support and welcomes your ideas and feedback to help our next event to be even more successful.



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4th Annual Café Night: A Night of “Soul Inspiration” Pictures



Generation Next Youth Retreat 2012: “I DECLARE WAR”

by Taylor P. Dawson (Sophomore, Spelman College)

I declare war against the enemy. Do you? Well, at the 2012 Generation Next Youth Retreat at Mount Aery Baptist Church, all of the youth did just that. The theme of our retreat was I.D.W. (I Declare War). The retreat was fantastic, and my peers and I had a blast! Let me tell you why.

So, it began on Thursday, June 21, 2012, and we went to Rollermagic Roller Rinks in Waterbury, CT. I had not skated in forrevverrr, so I was a little rusty in the beginning. Some of the young children were just learning how to skate for the first time, so a lot of us older kids stepped in to help and encourage them. It was fun to skate, laugh, sing, and dance with everyone. Yes, I said dance; the DJ played “The Wobble”, “The Electric Slide”, “The Cupid Shuffle” and more, so you know we all got down! Even in our skates haha! Overall, it was so much fun, and I must admit that it was comical when some of my peers fell or slipped while out on the floor and tried to play it off. I won’t mention any names; I do not want to get in trouble!



Moving forward, Friday, June 22, 2012, was boot camp. They split us up by age and we had workshops. My group was with Mrs. Alecia Thomas, and she taught us about different statistics when it comes to teens. She reminded us to keep focused on God to avoid becoming a part of the negative statistics. She also taught us the psychology of our brains and how it’s good to think logically, but we cannot forget to think spiritually, as well. Furthermore, Friday night was also the first live concert. Mount Aery’s own dancers performed to “Anthem of Praise” which was awesome.

In addition, spoken word artists, rappers, and mimes ministered to us. Following the show was the sleepover! Many activities were provided for us to ensure that we would stay up late if not all night. I played Twister, sang karaoke, danced a little, and ate some cotton candy and popcorn. Karaoke was definitely the highlight of my night. I discovered some hidden talents of my friends and got a good laugh from the butchery of songs. I thought I had enough will power to pull an all-nighter, however I was knocked out at 3 AM. I had a great 4-hour sleep, but when I woke up, I was freezing because the spot I had chosen was right in front of the cold air vent! I should have known something was up when people left that spot available. Anyway, breakfast at 7:30 AM hit the spot, and then our parents came to pick us up at 8 AM.



Saturday, June 23, 2012, was war time. This was our day of community service and volunteering. We were split into three groups: 1) to plant flowers in the community, 2) to paint murals, and 3) to write letters to Mayor Bill Finch. I was in the third group and I assisted Mrs. Betty Hill in helping the children brainstorm ideas that they wanted to discuss with the Mayor (i.e. the good, the bad, and what can be changed or improved to enhance the city of Bridgeport). They had an abundance of ideas, and their letters were articulate and effective. Although I was not with the other two groups, I heard that the kids had fun getting their hands dirty, and there was even a spray painting contest. This day was relaxed, in general, since we all had a late night on Friday. It was great that we were able to have some fun while giving back to our community.

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Finally, Sunday, June 24, 2012, was church and the "Post-War Party". Guest preacher Daniel Bland from Cathedral of the Holy Spirit did a phenomenal job and spoke in a way that we understood. Throughout the weekend, we all were practicing as two big youth choirs. There were the young people under age 10 and then the older kids who were 10+. On Sunday, each group performed in front of the whole church. The feeling I had while singing and moving was intense. I had so much energy and all I wanted to do was let it out and share it, I believe my fellow youth felt the same way. We had fun and this was our way of showing what we took out of the youth retreat experience. Later on that evening, guest bands and music groups came to perform. They had the crowd going good and praising God for sure!

The big youth choir performed again that night. We closed with the song "You lose and I win" which sums up our entire weekend. The scripture for our retreat was 2 Timothy 2:3-5 which asserts, 3 Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. 4 No one serving as a soldier gets involved in civilian affairs--he wants to please his commanding officer. 5 Similarly, if anyone competes as an athlete, he does not receive the victor's crown unless he competes according to the rules. To me, this means that if we live our lives, not worrying about other people, but solely focusing on God and his word, we will be blessed in life. All of our youth need to realize this. They need to know that they are children and soldiers of God who can "win" and live a great life by just following God and living for God. This 2012, "I Declare War" Youth Retreat was, in fact, a blessing to me. I needed this word, especially since I have started a new journey in my life. Today, it is so easy to get caught up in the world and its ways but this helped me to know that I can get through this life with my God by my side. I thank everyone that made the youth retreat possible, and I hope all who participated were truly blessed and encouraged in some way.



The Annual Fellowship Senior Cook-Out

by Lillie Moore

The Fellowship Ministry hosted its Annual Senior Cook-Out on the church grounds on Saturday, June 30, 2012. Those in attendance, in spite of the second heat wave of the season, enjoyed plenty of good food, including hot dogs, hamburgers, cold drinks, salads watermelon and an assortment of delicious deserts. Pastor Anthony L. Bennett and the 1st Lady of Mt Aery, Donna, dropped in to share in the good fellowshiping, affectionate sharing and fun filled festivities. There were loads of prizes for those who took part in a spirited game of Bingo. All in all, the afternoon was an oasis in the sun at Mt Aery Baptist Church and God was in the midst.

It was a job well done by the new President, Wanda McClain, with the help of her husband Ed and the Fellowship Club. The long time, former President, Dec. Haggan, was there early to help set up and later looked on with an "I knew you could do it" smile of approval while he sat with crossed legs in the shade of a tree.

What a Fellowship of the Church Family.

The Fellowship Ministry would like to give a special thanks to Deacon CJ Adetona and Austin Perkins.



A Matter of Principles by Bridget Franklin

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**The seventh day of Kwanzaa celebrates
Imani – Faith**



Trusting and believing with our heart and mind in ourselves, our parents, our teachers, and our leaders and our capacity as a people to make a better world

The Imani principle is the bedrock principle. Mary McLeod Bethune teaches us that “Without faith, nothing is possible. With it, nothing is impossible.” Howard Thurman tells us that: “Faith is the substance and spirit which makes “tired hearts refreshed and dead hopes stir with the nearness of life; faith is the “promise of tomorrow at the close of everyday, the triumph of life in the defiance of death, and the assurance that love is sturdier than hate, right is more confident than wrong, that good is more permanent than evil.” And, the African American National Anthem, Lift Every Voice and Sing, reminds us that faith and hope are tethered together: “Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us/Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.” Our history, the anthem teaches us to keep believing even in the most hopeless moments: Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod/Felt in the days when hope unborn had died/Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet/ Come to the place for which our fathers sighed.

AUGUST2012Birthdays

August 1st

Blackwell, Patrice
Bohannon, Henry
Caribe, Bonnie
Hill-McCall, Bernadette
Holden, Emma
Smith, Artent
Vermont, Terence

August 2nd

Feaster, Amira
Lumpkin, Jeffrey
Murphy, Lois
Powell, Rochelle
Slade, Keith
Spearman, Lynda
Carther, Anthony

August 3rd

Cesar, Alain
Dawson, Blair
Gary, Soraya
Perez, Elizabeth
Perry, Leonard
Ruffin, Dametrias
Sanon, Caroline
Santos, Dwayne

August 4th

Durrah, Robert
Hopkins, Brianna
Lee, Henry
Plata, Julena
Rankin, Lisa
Roundtree, Shamoni
Laraye
Simmons, Sonya
Warren, Terence
Wright, Rickie

August 5th

Bass, Gloria
Bevel, JeRel
Dempsey, Dontay
Dicks, Frances
Hall, Shawna
Jones, Barbara R.
Jones, Tykeem
Myrie, Adrian
Pettway, Ryan

August 6th

Alvarez, Danielle
Dickey, Nicole
Hodges, Lonnie
Holmes, Naomi
Jackson, Loretta
Lamar, Quinne
Oquendo, Crystal

August 7th

Berry, Patricia
Bush, Jessica

Dewitt-Smith, Janet
Hayes, Willie
James, Tina Marie
Studivant, Bernadine
Tate, Tonya
Taylor, Tiffany
Tucker, Velva

August 8th

Anderson, Ina
Baker, Carolyn
Boahen, Stephen
Combs, Catherine
Green, Frankie
JeanBaptiste, Jazmin
Spillman, Guy
West, Rashidydaa

August 9th

Blackwell, Grace
Dewitt-Smith, William
Jones, Samuel
LaRose, Terrence
Maxwell, Eugene
Nichols-Rhoden, Lynette
Pettway, Christopher
Reid, Ronnie
Scott, Sarina
Turman, Kara
Velez, Pedro

August 10th

Allen, Lacy
Bendolph, Genesis
Daniels, Freddy
Dixon, Quinnette
Fulton, Nancy
Grace, Jr, James
Graves, Marquisha
Parker, Tina
Pettway, Joe
Reynolds, Byron
Williams, Ella June

August 11th

Bracey, Lisa
Chest, Debra
Estrada, Nelly
Horton, Linard
Robinson-Turner, Loretta
Smith, James
Thompson, Petrelle'
Washington, LaTonya
Whittington, Karen
Wilson, Mark

August 12th

Batson, Manuel
Desrouilleres, Stacy
Gardner, Glover
Kennedy, Inell
Lamar, Senetta

Powell, Iasia

August 13th

Brown, James
Dalrymple, Damian
Gant, Gayle
Johnson, Carla
Pettway, Dennis
Riddick, Chakena
Walker, Janet

August 14th

Abdul-Karim, Samira
Cannady, Carol
Ely, Ruby
Evans, Michael
Hutchinson, Raquel
Lemdon, Mable
Pettway, Chelsey
Shaner, Michelle
Sherrod, Twana
Upchurch, Jerry

August 15th

Bradley, James
Hamilton, Carlton
Hopkins, Eric
Lazarus, Theresa
Upchurch, Harold

August 16th

Grisby, Lee
Livingstone, Dolores
Miller, LaShalle
Spearman, Glenn

August 17th

JeanBaptiste, Julian
Johnson, Chamya
Johnson, Chanea
Jones, Lyle
Norris, Joseph
Pugh Sr, Gerard
RayeII, Akiam
Romero, Robin
Santiago, Angelica
Vazquez, Crucito
Whitaker, Shanta

August 18th

Boyd, Joan
Cruz, Desiree
Ferguson, Michael
Hawthorne, Marvin
Holloway, Fern

August 19th

Allen, Toquirah
Bryant, Rhonda Bristow
Danso, Kwabena (NaNa)
Ebron, Crystale
Fenwick, Victoria

Jordan, Sarita
Lawhorn, Kendell
Lewis, Michelle

August 20th

Hawkins, Barbara
Laws, Shalishea
Lowe, Jonathan
Pettway, Patricia
Proctor, Joseph
Raines, Grover
Williams, Adrienne

August 21st

Blackwell, Monique
Blaine, Elnora
Commodore, LaShonda
Ebron, Lorraine
Godfrey, Venus
Moraes, Tyler
Moye, Renee
Paul, Edward
Smith, Emajai
Williams, Patricia

August 22nd

Bryant, Mary
Hardison, Stephanie
Jackson, Kenneth
Pettway, Annie Mae

August 23rd

Abraham, Jazmine
Baker, Andre
Cotter, Doreen
Keller, John
Rogers, Clara
Rogers, Wanda
Royster, Ivy

August 24th

Bethune, Elijah
Gardner, Trendon
Harrell, Sarah
Higgins, Justin
Santiago, Emily

August 25th

Brown, Tinerra
Hanna, Vickie
Johnson, Louise
Jones, Glenda
Marrow, Evelyn
Murray, Malcom
Williams, Ronald

August 26th

Dennis, Kathie
Hudson, Curtis
Jackson, Walter
Johnson, Otis
Jones, Maxine

LaRose, Timothy
Parker-Ervin, Latoya
Wells, Desirae
Williams, James

August 27th

Anderson, Brooke
Badgett, Quamisha
Davis, Shamika
Forney, Kiesha
Lee, Ryan
Paul, Shamika
Randolph, George
Vann-Dennis, Justine

August 28th

Blanding, Regina
Jones, Teresa
Patterson, Gail
Stanley, Chyna
Stewart, Michael
Vermont, Regina
Wallace, Shirlene
Wray, Juliet

August 29th

Dyer, Carmen
Gautier, Edith
Goodwin, Roderick
Hart, Latoya
Higgins, Clive
Rawls, Alfreda
Stewart, Charles
Vermont, Jada

August 30th

Barr, Audrey
Charles, Shawn
Craddock, Allison
Gardner, Germar T.
Harrison, Anthony
Miller, Bernetha
Myrick, Antonio
Pryce, Michael
Smith, Jordan
Thomas, Joyce

August 31st

Fleming, Kieth
Freeman, Kazmain
Kingwood, Jocelyn
Richardson, Joseph
Tuck, Tanjala
Wilson, Cecelia

August 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 9:00 AM Tutoring w/Denise Maxwell 6:30 PM Deacons Ministry	3	4 8:30 AM Men's Ministry Meeting 12:30 PM Mass Choir Rehearsal 1:00 PM Missionary Ministry Meeting 2:00 PM NAAFA Rehearsal
5 8:30 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Celebration 11:00 AM Olmec Bookstore	6	7 9:00 AM Tutoring w/Denise Maxwell	8	9 9:00 AM Tutoring w/Denise Maxwell	10 7:00 PM Leadership Institute	11 8:30 AM Men's Ministry Meeting 12:30 PM Young Adult Praise Team/Chosen Generation Rehearsal 1:30 PM Music Ministry Rehearsal w/Corvina Nielsen 2:00 PM NAAFA Rehearsal
12 8:30 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Celebration 11:00 AM Olmec Bookstore 6:00 PM INA Concert	13	14	15	16	17	18 8:30 AM Men's Ministry Meeting 12:30 PM Young Adult Praise Team/Chosen Generation Rehearsal 2:00 PM NAAFA Rehearsal
19 8:30 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Celebration 11:00 AM Olmec Bookstore	20	21	22	23	24	25 8:30 AM Men's Ministry Meeting 3:00 PM Baby Shower (Liza Clark)
26 8:30 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Celebration 11:00 AM Olmec Bookstore	27	28	29	30 6:30 PM Deacons Ministry	31 6:00 PM Ed & Wanda McClain Vow Renewal	

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AUGUST 2012 – PRAYING ON VACATION

Prayer for All Seasons—One Service for the Month of August-9:30 am Sundays

Prayer time is 7:00am to 7:10am beginning 8/1/2012 through 8/30/2012. 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 Distances Charges May Apply Note: Do not announce yourself if you call after 6:59am. Please mute

S U N	M O N	T U E	W E D	T H U	F R I	S A T
			1 Philippians 4:7 Deacon Adetona	2 Luke 6:12 Deacon Blackwell	3 Luke 9:18 Sis. Boyer	4 Luke 11:1 DIT Tabb-Small
		Vacationing with Jesus				
5 Matthew 6:21 Rev. Tyson-Sherwood	6 Leviticus 27:30 Bro. Bryant	7 Deuteronomy 14:22 Deacon Cotter	8 2 Chronicles 31:12 Bro. Cummings	9 Philippians 4:10 Deacon Dewitt-Smith	10 Psalm 100:4 Sis. Dumas	11 Malachi 3:10 DIT Tabb-Small
		The Heart of Tithing				
12 Psalm 147:1 Rev. Tyson-Sherwood	13 Psalm 33:1 Deacon Febres	14 1 Corinthians 14:40 Deacon Gardner	15 Ephesians 6:15 Sis. Gist	16 Colossians 2:6 Sis. E. Hill	17 1 Peter 2:2 Bro. V. Hill	18 Ephesians 6:12 DIT Tabb-Small
		Spiritual Fitness in Christ				
19 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 Rev. Tyson-Sherwood	20 1 Corinthians 11:1 Sis. S. Jackson	21 Isaiah 41:3 Deacon Lee	22 Psalm 10:17 Sis. C. Lee	23 Titus 2:7 Sis. Maxwell	24 Isaiah 25:1 Sis. Rawls	25 Hebrews 11:1 DIT Tabb-Small
		A Journey of Faith				
26 Luke 6:48 Rev. Tyson-Sherwood	27 Romans 15:20 Sis. Sams-Allen	28 1 Corinthians 3:10 Deacon Seawright	29 Ephesians 2:20 Bro. Smalls	30 1 Timothy 6:19 Bro. Smith	31 2 Timothy 2:19 Sis. Williams	
		Foundational Faith				

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Welcome all disciples
to walk with us during the summer months

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Beginning

**Saturday - May 19, 2012
7:00 AM**

**Saturday mornings
7:00AM**

**Monday evenings
6:30PM**

Seaside Park

**at the Concession Stand parking lot
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**Let's gather in fellowship while getting in shape -
leading up to our Women's Conference in September**