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Namaste my Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

We greet you with Jesus' joy as we have just completed celebrating 89 years of life impacting and life transforming ministry. The ministry of Mount Aery has impacted our city, our state, our country and, yes, even in parts of our world. Through our mission and ministry, God has blessed Mount Aery to make a difference for the cause of Christ. I wish to thank the disciples of Mount Aery whether you have been in this ministry for 70 years or 70 months, you have blessed the ministry in great ways.

I am thankful for the powerful ministries we have experienced during our renewal service on Wednesday, May 23rd. Bishop Benjamin K. Watts encouraged and challenged our hearts through his preached word. During that evening's service, we were all pleasantly surprised by the music ministry of Voices of Recovery. In May, we also concluded our first module of Leadership Development Classes (the intersection of the Five Star Church and the Enneagram). I wish to thank Minister Nancy Kingwood Small, Barbara Jones, Ramona Berry and the Five Star Church Book Team for leading us through this initial phase of our leadership development session. I truly believe the fruits of this labor will be seen in the days to come. Mount Aery, I pray you understand how God has graced us and blessed us with such opportunity and resources. To God be the Glory!

As we move into the month of June, we will be acknowledging all of the graduates throughout the month. Please inform the church office of those who are graduating and/or will be graduating this school year. We also look forward to honoring the many men of our congregation who serve as fathers and father figures in the lives of those they love. We will conclude June with our annual Youth and Young Adult weekend. This year's theme is "I Declare War." We look forward to the powerful time we will have in equipping our young people on effectively facing the battles within their lives.

Please pay attention to the monitors and announcements for updated schedule of activities.

God bless you,

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



Editor's Desk

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Father, we thank you for this day and all you do for us every day. You wake us up and give us strength to make it through the day. You are our healer and our provider, and we just want to say thank you, Father.

Namaste, Mt Aery Family and Friends. We have been about our kingdom-building business once again here at The Mount. The Men's Fellowship held a very informative men's health event that you can actually check out in this month's issue of MFTM Health Section; The men also went out to sea to experience another great fishing trip; Nurse Betty Hill, The Nurses Ministry and the whole Health Fair team did another amazing job with this year's health fair, MAYA (Mount Aery's Young Adults) hosted its 3rd Annual Café Night; Sisters at the Well held their Annual Walk and Talk event at Seaside Park (this event is not only for women, so brothers lets go out and support our Sisters), and the list goes on.... In all of these wonderful events that we have been blessed to be a part of, we know that prayer is the key, so to Rev. Sherwood, Bro. Ken Knight, the entire Prayer Ministry, and everyone who has been on the schedule to pray, job well done! Personally, being on the prayer line first thing in the morning just gets my day moving in the right direction, and as I commute to work, I can reflect on the prayer from earlier that morning.

We want to wish all the fathers a Happy Father's Day! And to all the mothers, aunts, uncles, grandparents, and anyone who stands in the gap as a father-figure, we wish you a Happy Father's Day as well! On this Father's Day, I reflect on growing up and watching my father as a deacon, being called upon to pray on many occasions at church. I can see him now as he would come around to the front of the pew where the deacons sat and get down on one knee to talk to God. Once I heard "Oh Heavenly Father", it felt like he was on a one-on-one call to God because he was so passionate in his prayer--you just knew God was answering him on that prayer line. I remember those days like it was yesterday. You may not think that your children are watching or paying attention to you or to what you are saying or doing, but trust me, they are, and this Father's Day, am I grateful and thankful to my father for teaching me the importance of having prayer in my life.

We also celebrate and say farewell to Pastor Thomas & Dorothy Williams & Family as they prepare to transition to Florida. I wish to extend a personal "Thank You" to "The General and his Queen" for all that you have done for us here at Mt. Aery as well as in her personal lives. The two of you have been great teachers, patient encouragers, and the best of friends to "The Colonel and his Bride". We salute you, Williams Family, and may God continue to bless you and all the best to you in your future endeavors.

God Bless and Be Well!

Henry C. Smalls Jr.
Director of Operations
MFTM

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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.

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

June 5, 12, 19, 26 – 6 Weeks

- Broad Based Organizing through CONECT

September 11, 18 – 2 Weeks

- Pastor's Wrap-Up

Leadership Institute is being held June 9th at 10 am in Bass Hall. All leaders are expected to attend. All disciples of Mount Aery are welcome.

The Fellowship Ministry is hosting their annual **Senior Cook-Out** on Saturday, June 30th at 12 noon to 4 pm at Mount Aery Baptist Church. Come enjoy great food, fellowship and fun!

Generation Next Youth Retreat is being held June 21st – June 24th. This year's theme is "I Declare War." The donation for everything is \$35. We will have a skate party, concert, dance/step show, sleepover, food and much more. Please sign up in the Narthex until May 27th. You also can be a financial blessing to a young person who may not be able to afford registration. We will also present a Gospel theatrical play "Why Not Me." For those not attending the retreat, the donation for the play is \$5.

Missionary Society Ministry invites you to their **Annual Prayer Breakfast** on July 21st at 8:00 am with a donation of \$10.

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

Pastor's Engagements

June

June 24th at 4pm

Zion Baptist Church

137 Pearl Street, Waterbury

Deacons, Deaconess and Trustees Annual Day

July

July 6th at 7:30pm

Full Gospel Pentecostal COGIC

36 Beechwood Avenue, Bridgeport

80th Church Anniversary

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 June are Deacons Failey and Febres.
- **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

Bernice Adams, West Barnes, Leroy Wilson

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

Deaconess Okakue Brown, Bernice Geter

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

Lillian Ragsdale

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

Bernardine Edwards

Yale – New Haven Hospital, 20 York Street, New Haven, CT 06510

Please Pray for Our Healing List

Deacon Brad Belcher
Maxine Boykin
Sandra Cameron
Delores Cox
Lester Dennis
Sally Gordon
Jeffrey Hill
Archie Jenkins
Kenneth Knight
Eulalia Pettway
Juanita Sims
Mary Thigpen
Barbara Wilson
Cecelia Wilson
Michele Wilson

Please Pray for Our Prayer List

Clinnie Black
Carolyn Blue
Isiahiah Brown
Emmanuel Burton
Ruth Hasty-Dove
Harold Farrar
Lois Farrar
Deaconess Milla Green
Shukriyyah Hassan
Deacon Jeff Hill
Unice Jones
Barbara Macey
Regina Manns
Deacon Benjamin Maxwell
Clyde McLaughlin
Carol Carter Mims
Autumn Mitton
Caleb Mitton
Spring Mitton
LaJuene Pollard
Michelle Porchia
Terrance Quiller
Deaconess Anna Watkins

Bereavement

- **The Gardner family** in the loss of their father, Grover Gardner, Sr.
- **Vivian Eisan** in the loss of her mother, Rosemary Lilly
- **Deacon Ben Maxwell and family** in the loss his brother, William Maxwell
- **Nicole McKenzie and family** in the loss of her mother
- **Deaconess Milla Greene and family** in the loss of her sister-in-law
- **Gloria Lee and family** in the loss of her cousin in Virginia
- **Ammie Greene** in the loss of her cousin
- **Rev. Queen Curran** in the loss of her cousin Edward Cameron in North Carolina
- **Tonya Johnson and family** in the loss of her father Larry Dove, Sr. in Brooklyn, NY.



Men's Health

by James A. Smith aka Ja'mes Lumumba

"Please test your servants for ten days : Give us nothing but vegetables to eat and water to drink. Then compare our appearance with that of the young men who eat the royal food, and treat your servants in accordance with what you see." So he agreed to this and tested them for ten days.

At the end of the ten days they looked healthier and better nourished than any of the young men who ate the royal food. So the guard took away their choice food and the wine they were to drink and gave them vegetables instead.

To these four young men God gave knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and and learning. Daniel 1:12 – 17

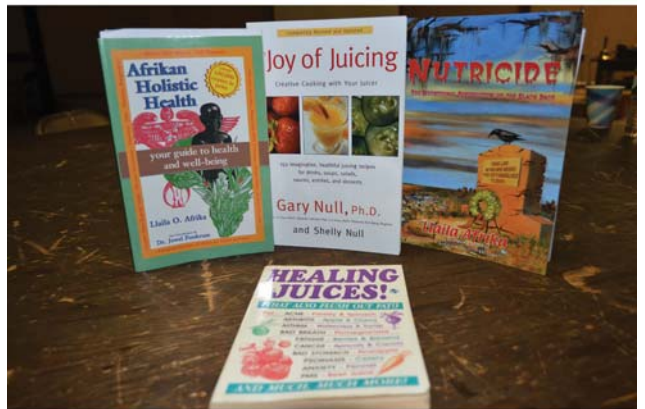
On Saturday the 12th of June in the Bass Hall several brothers gathered for a health initiative that featured a DVD presentation by world renowned African Holistic Dr. Laila Africa. The great and well learned doctor took us through many processes of bad habits we have acquired over the years and explained the dangers of continuing with these bad habits. He scientifically broke down the ingredients of chewing gum, while lecturing about the negative effect it has on our stomachs. When he listed the ingredients in the flu shot commonly taken, it was a revelation to us.

Dr. Africa spoke to us about the value of eating the proper foods and also the proper time to eat the food. He admonished us to stop using the poisonous salt and sugar, as well as white flour, white rice and as a matter of fact he half jokingly said stay away from anything white.

After the film was over we discussed what we heard and we pretty much agreed that some changes needed to be made right away and some changes would take time to get used to. Brother Tim Minor said he couldn't give up his combination of steak and potatoes in response to the Doctor's assertion that you never mix protein with a starch.

We then adjourned to the kitchen area where Brother Lonnie Spaulding (I love that brother) had prepared a delicious mix of vegetable and fruit smoothie. (When you see him ask him for his recipe.) We talked about the efficiency of juicing and the amazing health benefits and made vows to each other to do better in caring for our health.

Overall, it was a very informative and bonding event and the goal is that over time, not a long time, people will see the results of the day. Just like Daniel and the 3 young men we will be blessed with better health, livelier appearances and more active and knowledge filled brothers.



Poets' Corner

Poets' Corner
speaking with
ink and pen
release

Image of My Architect by Andre Turner, Jr.

Before I was a Father I was a man built in the image of my architect
A man created to replenish the world by creating children and becoming their protector
Protecting them from the sharks upon the earth
While building a home with a Wife whom God gave me first
Loving them all with an unconditional heart that my creator created
An everlasting devotion to my family...so they will never feel exacerbated
I'm elated to be a strong, proud father a family man with an educated mind
A fixture in my children's life and a role model that is very sublime
An inspiration for all the earth to see
I walk tall with my shoulders broad and my head held high
Many voices ask and say, "Who am I?"
I say, "Before I was a Father I was a man built in the image of my architect."
I am many things if you can truly see, a professor that gives astounding lectures
I am a preacher who can preach to the masses
Or a teacher who can show attention to youngins inside elementary classes
I am a doctor who can perform miracles by the grace of God
And I am a defender of my fellow brethren who've shown repentance in his eyes
Many voices ask and say "Who am I?"
I say, "Before I was a Father I was a man built in the image of my architect."
I am a Husband who loves his Wife forever
I smile when she walk in the room and leave words of comfort inside letters
We submit to each other because we have earned the respect of each other
I will always be her shoulder, her marital comforter in her time of need
I am everything that she asked God for and she is everything I asked for me
Before I was anything I was a man built in the image of my architect
He created me to be a Son, a Husband and a strong proud Father

Give It Up For My Dad!

by *Kunle Adetona*

What can really be said when it comes to a man that is always there and sacrifices everything for his children, his family. Words cannot truly express it all. But for a brief moment, I want to thank God for my father and all the fathers that are making a positive impact in the lives of their children.

The way I feel about my father; the best way to describe him is a hard working man who loves God and his family. No matter what he may be going through, good or bad, he always calls on God.

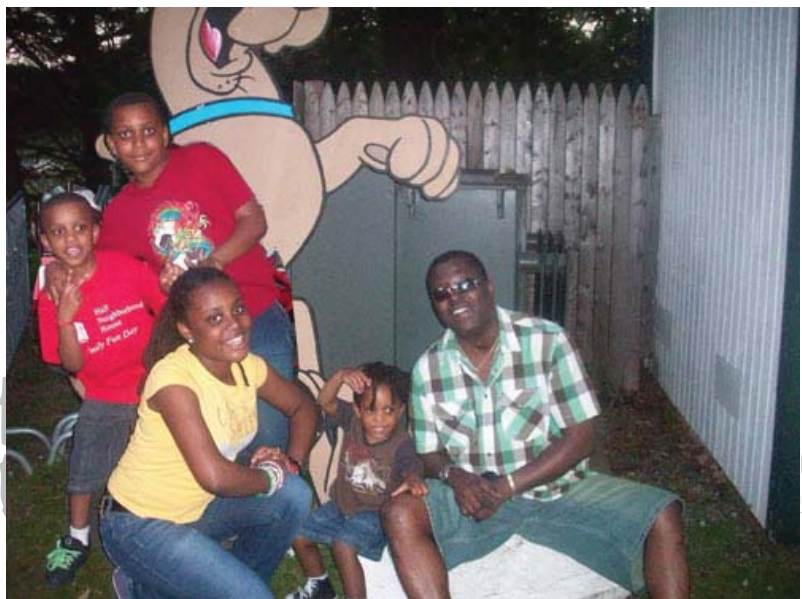
I thank God for his instructions. He talks to us a lot. He'll rather talk than spank us. Sometimes, I prefer to get the spanking and get it over with than listening to him talk, LOL. I can remember when he was teaching me how to ride my first bicycle. He kept on telling me to stay focus, be steady, and believe I can do it. To this day, I still say those same words to myself. I thank him for telling us how important it is for me, my brothers and my sister to do well in our school work, preparing us to be great leaders of tomorrow. We understood what he was saying because he made it very plain and simple. I thank God for his patience, because sometimes, I think he is just too cool.

Thank you, dad, for your stories and history that you've told us, letting us know how good God has been, and that greatness runs in our family. Thank you for the vacations and trips we've gone on, letting us know that the world is bigger than just our "hood". I can go on and on and on.....

On behalf of my siblings and I, we are very privileged, honored, and proud to have you, Deacon Cornelius Jide Adetona as our father. We love you, dad.



Kunle Adetona



Black History Moment: Lonnie Johnson - Invention: The Super Soaker

by Tonya N. Johnson

Namaste Mount Aery! In light of the quickly approaching summer season, which includes outings, cookouts and fun in the park, I thought it would be fitting to tell you about the inventor of the Super Soaker. Enjoy!!



Lonnie Johnson

You don't have to be a rocket scientist to come up with a great idea, but it certainly doesn't hurt. For Lonnie Johnson, a lifetime of achievement and success at various levels on government and private sector projects could not prepare him for the success he would ultimately achieve - by building a better squirt-gun.

Lonnie Johnson was born on October 6, 1949 in Mobile, Alabama. His father worked as a civilian driver at Brookley Air Force Base, and his mother was a homemaker who worked part time as a nurse's aide. His father taught Robert and his brothers how to repair various household items, prompting the boys to create their own toys. The boys once made a go-kart out of household items and a lawn mower motor. Although his parents were excited about his interest in science and inventing, they weren't prepared for the time he decided to experiment with a rocket fuel he created with sugar and saltpeter which exploded and burned up part of the kitchen. His talents were more refined when he attended Williamson High School and in 1968, as a senior, took part in a national science competition sponsored by the University of Alabama. There he displayed a remote controlled robot named "Linex" which he built from scraps found at a junkyard and parts of his brothers' walkie-talkie and his sisters' reel-to-reel tape recorder. He placed first in the competition and entered Tuskegee University on a mathematics scholarship. At Tuskegee he was elected into the Pi Tau Sigma National Engineering Honor Society and graduated with distinction in 1973 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. He continued on at Tuskegee and received a Master's Degree in Nuclear Engineering in 1975.

After graduation, he took a position at the Savannah River National Laboratory, conducting thermal analysis on plutonium fuel spheres. He later served as a research engineer,

developing cooling systems at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He then joined the Air Force and was assigned to the Air Force Weapons Laboratory in Albuquerque, New Mexico where he served as the Acting Chief of the Space Nuclear Power Safety Section. In 1973, he left the Air Force and took over as Senior Systems Engineer at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California. He worked on the Galileo Mission to Jupiter, but returned in 1982 to his military career. He worked at the Strategic Air Command (SAC) facility in Bellevue, Nebraska and then moved to the SAC Test and Evaluation Squadron at Edwards Air Force Base in Edwards, California where he worked on the Stealth Bomber. He also worked as Acting Chief at the Space Nuclear Power Safety Section of the Air Force Weapon Laboratory at Kirkland Air Force Base in New Mexico. A Captain, he was awarded the Air Force Achievement Medal and the Air Force Commendation Medal. In 1987, Johnson returned to his work at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory where he worked on the Mars Observer project, and served as the fault protection engineer on the Saturn Cassini mission project. He later worked as a project engineer for the Kraft mission which studied asteroids.



Earlier, around 1982, he was working on developing a heat pump that would work by circulating water rather than expensive and environmentally unfriendly freon. In his basement at home, he took some tubing with a specially devised nozzle on the other end and connected it to a bathroom sink. When he turned on the faucet, a stream of water shot out of the nozzle across the room with such force that the air currents caused the curtain to move. His first thought was "this would make a great water gun."

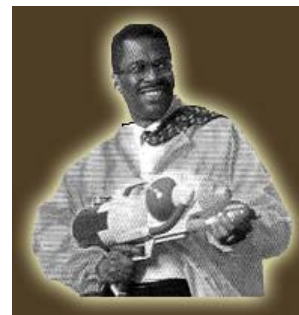
out to develop a pressurized water gun that was safe enough for children to play with. Water guns at the time very unsophisticated and cheaply made, able to shoot streams of water about eight feet. Using basic tools, he combined a PVC pipe, a piece of plexiglas and an empty plastic soda bottle. His invention

worked by partially filling a reservoir tank with water and then using a handle to force air into the chamber. When the trigger was pulled, the air pressure would force water to exit through a narrow hole, launching a blast of water more than 25 feet. He called his invention a "pneumatic water gun" and he continue revising it until it could shoot almost 50 feet. When he had developed a working model (which he called the Power Drencher), he and his partner Bruce D'Andrade began trying to market it while trying to secure a patent for it. They first tried to market it to Daisy Manufacturing, the BB Gun manufacturing giant, but no deal could be worked out after two years of negotiations. After securing the patent in 1991 (the toy was now called the Super Soaker), Johnson was introduced to Al Davis, an executive with Larimi Corp. at a New York City Toy Fair. Two weeks later Johnson was in Larimi's headquarters in Philadelphia. The executives watching the demonstration all exclaimed "Wow!" Their only concern was whether anyone would pay \$10.00 for a squirt gun. After signing a deal with Johnson's company (Johnson Research and Development Co., Inc.) they would all be in for a big surprise.

Within a year, all involved knew they had a runaway hit. On the popular Tonight Show, host Johnny Carson used a Super Soaker to drench his sidekick Ed McMahon. Within 10 years more than 200 million Super Soakers had been sold. The gun had gone through many modifications and expansions, with new product lines, and became the toy of the decade. Johnson continued inventing and would eventually hold more than 80 patents. For his contributions to science (and in light of his great success with the Super Soaker) Johnson was inducted into the Inventor Hall of Fame in 2000. His company has continued to innovate, creating improved radon detectors, heat pumps and lithium battery products as well as new toy concepts.

Lonnie Johnson didn't have to be a rocket scientist to become a worldwide success.... but it sure gave him something to fall back upon.

Resources: www.blackinventor.com



A Farewell Extravaganza The Williams' Family Farewell Banquet

by Eva J. McLeod

A Debt of Gratitude- Romans 16:1-16 "They risked their own necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles." Romans 16:4 "Consider what the Lord has done through those who've shown you love; and thank Him for each faithful one. A Blessing from above, for those who have helped you, take time to give them thanks."

On April 28th, 2012, about 150 people were in attendance at the Oronoque Country Club in Stratford, CT, where a celebration took place for the Williams Family who is embarking on a journey of newness, change and growth. . . Oh, what a Celebration it was. The congregation was there to tell Pastor Williams and his family what they meant to them, what they have done for them, and how much they loved them. In return, Pastor Williams and his family expressed their love and gratitude to the people at Mt. Aery Baptist Church.

William Acosta, the former minister of music at Mt. Aery, performed song and praise for Pastor Williams and his family. Beautiful melodies flowed lightly in the air that lingered with the spirit of almighty God. The Mt. Aery choir sang Pastor Williams' favorite songs and hymns, while he sat in awe and watched each person perform and then thank him.

Ms. Shante Hanks was the mistress of ceremony. She worked the room with elegance and grace. The praise dancers adorned in their white garments danced from side to side, serenading the crowd with flowing movements and in synchronization. It was a beautiful evening! Church folk dressed in their SUNDAY BEST, smiling, laughing and praising GOD for his goodness and his mercy.

The menu consisted of a buffet of carved turkey, juicy sliced beef, roasted vegetables and garden salad and a beautiful blue and white cake for dessert. Everyone enjoyed their dinner, chatted with each other while the soft gospel music played in the background.



Pastor Williams was filled with emotion and was overjoyed while he humbly sat in his chair and watched God move. He was content and felt blessed that God had brought him to a place where he could be a witness. Everyone thanked him and his family for being a blessing to them and to Mt. Aery Baptist Church. A place where they worshipped almighty God, where their children had a safe place to be, to learn, to grow and to worship in the spirit of God. A place where Sister Dorothy said she "found herself", not as Pastor Williams' wife, but the Dorothy who she never knew. God brought her to a place where she used her voice and was able to express herself. She connected with women in a circle of friendship with the "Sisters at the Well".

She became that voice, that leader who shared stories with women about their journey's and their lives. Pastor Williams was that man who shared of himself with individuals in the church who looked for a shoulder to cry on, have a listening ear and a person to whom many looked to for guidance, direction and strength.

Various ministries got up one by one, group by group and shared their stories of how the wonderful man of God affected their lives. It was an emotional, tear-filled moment for those whose lives he touched.

Many people shared hugs, kisses and tears which meant a lot to the Williams family. People came from near and afar to say their good byes and to give him and his family a word of encouragement and show their gratitude and love and express their well wishes as he and his family embark on a new journey to Sarasota, Florida where they will have new experiences and new challenges while trusting and believing in the same God that has brought them thus far.

Towards the end of the celebration, Pastor Williams and his family stood before the crowd and thanked everyone for their kind words, their gratitude, their good deeds, and their wish for everyone to continue to trust GOD and have Faith. Pastor Williams spoke about his father who represented God to his family, his mother who was present and always there for her husband and family. His childhood friends shared fond memories of them growing up and going in different directions but always sharing the bond of true friendship. He spoke about the friendship that he had with the members of Mt. Aery and how he wanted to and did make a difference to those who were in need of spiritual guidance.

Mrs. Donna Thompson Bennett and her husband, Dr. Anthony L. Bennett spoke about their journeys together, how they consoled, encouraged and assisted each other through spiritual guidance and hard work.

The finale was extremely awesome when Pastor Bennett, his wife, Donna Thompson Bennett, Deacon Brad Belcher and Deacon CJ Adetona conducted the spiritual cleanse where they cleansed the family's feet in individual basins filled with water. They prayed for each family member asking God to bless the family and keep them safe as they go forth in their new endeavors in life.

It was an awesome evening filled with the spirit of God. Everyone listened intently as Pastor Williams and his wife shared their wishes for their children, one by one. He explained that they may not understand it now, but as time goes on they will understand that God has a plan for their lives...just trust him and move forward. I was sitting in awe as they spoke to their children, as Pastor Williams spoke to his mother, his family and his church family and his childhood friends who came to celebrate with them from New Jersey. Most importantly, to his wife, Dorothy, who he promised to love, be more pro-active in their marriage and stay steadfast as a husband, Pastor and father. She was filled with appreciation and gratefulness for his kind words and just being the man that God called him to be.

The message that was conveyed was consider what the Lord has done through those who've shown you love. Thank him for each faithful one, a blessing from above. For those who have helped you, take time to give them thanks. It was truly an evening of a debt of gratitude. (Romans 16:4)

They will be truly missed but never forgotten in our minds, souls and spirits. May God continue to bless them as they embark on their journey to higher heights. We wish them love, peace and happiness.



The Williams' Family Farewell Banquet continues





Out to Sea with Dave Greatheart & Co.

by Henry C. Smalls, Jr.

With fishing pole in hand and a line in the sea, early in the morning on May 19, 2012, Dave Greatheart, along with a host of fishermen & women, embarked upon another annual event of fishing in the open sea.

Dave Greatheart spoke of a great day of fishing and a lot of fun had by all. Dave would like to thank Men's Fellowship Ministry for assisting him in sponsoring the fishing trip. He also wants to thank Deacons Charlie Jones and John Hill for sharing his vision and helping it come to fruition. A special thank you is extended to Mt. Aery staff members, Barbara Jones and Vickie Bartelle for all their help. Last, but not least, David would like to thank his First Mate, his wife, Carrie Greatheart, for always being there helping him with organizing and planning the Fellowship Fishing Trip. The Men's Fellowship Ministry also invites you to be a blessing through our sponsor-a-youth program which affords a worthy young person the opportunity to enjoy a day of fishing at no cost. Because of his faithfulness and dedication to Youth Church, Chosen Generation Youth Choir, Mass Choir, Anointed Praise Teen Dance Ministry, and the Audio/Video Ministry, this year's recipient is Maurice Colbert! Please see David Greatheart for more details on how to become a youth encourager through sponsorship.

The Meaning of Father's Day

by Gregory M. McBroom

Father's DAY – What does it mean, and why am I getting another tie that doesn't seem to match anything else in my closet?

To answer those questions we will have to look back just a bit to give a historical as well as a commercial perspective on the day we currently know as Father's Day.

As you may have suspected Father's Day celebrations began as a complement to Mother's Day celebrations.

One of the earliest observances of Father's Day took place in Fairmont, West Virginia on July 5, 1908. It was organized by Mrs. Grace Golden Clayton, who wanted to celebrate the lives of 250 Fathers who had been lost in the Monongah Mining disaster several months earlier. That disaster resulted in a thousand children suddenly being fatherless.

Although Mrs. Clayton enlisted the help of her church and Pastor the Reverend Robert Thomas Webb to promote the event; it didn't take long for local retailers to adapt to the event by promoting greeting cards and traditionally male oriented gifts, hence the tie you just received.

The official holiday received some high level backing from the likes of figures such as William Jennings Bryan, Presidents Woodrow Wilson, and Calvin Coolidge. President Lyndon B. Johnson made

Father's Day a Holiday in 1966, and President Richard M. Nixon declared it officially recognized in 1972.


In the mist of all this Congress defeated two attempts to formally recognize the holiday before it finally made it through.

A few interesting facts about Father's Day are:

- More phone calls are made on Mother's Day, but the percentage of collect calls is much higher on Father's Day, making it the busiest day of the year for collect calls.
- There are more than 70 million Fathers in the United States alone.
- Economists estimate that Americans spend more than \$1 Billion each year on Father's Day gifts.

So now that you know some of the fun facts about Father's Day, let's go back to that first question: "What does it mean to me?"

To answer that question we just have to look at our relationship with our heavenly Father, which is one complete with Love, Discipline, Limitless Knowledge, Continual Forgiveness, Gifts of the Spirit, and even material benefits. It all comes from God the Father.



THE MEANING OF
FATHER'S DAY

To gain further insight into our relationship with God and our relationship with our children as Fathers, let's refer to a song by Lionel Richie, which does a great job telling the story. That song is "Jesus Is Love". It starts out like this:

Father
Help your children
and don't let them fall
by the side of the road, mm...mmm....

And teach them
to love one another
that heaven might find
a place in their hearts

The song goes on to say:

We've got to walk on
walk on through temptation
'Cause His love and His wisdom
will be our helpin' hand

And I know the Truth
and His words will be our salvation
lift up our hearts
to be thankful and glad

Later on the lyrics go on to say:

I wanna follow your star
wherever it leads me
and I don't mind, LORD
I hope you don't mind

I wanna walk with you
and talk with you
and do all the things you want me to do
'Cause I know that Jesus
(Jesus is love, I know) 'Cause I know, Lord
(and if you ask, I'll show)
(Love is the word forever) and ever
and ever

As we attempt to be more like Jesus the lyrics suggest that we:

Bring our children LOVE
Bring our children JOY
Help our children turn their lives around

That we:

Pick our children up when they fall
Stand beside them
Love them

And that our children should be able to
call on us

In the morning
In the evening
In the midnight hour

But as much as we try, we know that it is
God who will be ours and our children's
ultimate Father.

***All your children shall be taught by the
Lord, and great shall be the peace of your
children. Isaiah 54:13***

***Train up a child in the way he should go,
and when he is old he will not depart from
it. Proverbs 22:6***

When the question comes up as to what to
do or how we should behave or respond to
our own children in any given situation, it
should be absolutely clear to all Fathers,
that whether or not you had good role
models to pattern yourself after here on
earth, your ultimate role model is God the
Father. The way He:

LOVES

FORGIVES

TEACHES

GIVES GRACE & MERCY

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

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Passport to a Healthy Lifestyle: 2nd Annual Health Fair

by Claudia Edwards, RN

Those who used their 2011 passports to get on the train headed to a healthier lifestyle were able to renew them on April 28, 2012. Mount Aery was again the station where a successful health fair was held.

Sister Betty Hill and the Mount Aery Nurses Ministry invited the congregation and community to focus on some new ports along the way to their destination of healthy living.

Nutrition, Exercise, Dental Care and Obesity

The fair was kicked off by Pastor Bennett with prayer and focus on the health concerns in our community. He demonstrated those concerns by engaging in screenings and challenging himself to vigorous exercise for 45 minutes. "I did it, I didn't know I could last that long" was his response when the music stopped. This did indeed set the tone for "Let's move", "Let's eat better", "Let's turn the key that opens the door to a new you", and "Let's defeat minority health disparities."

Twenty vendors shared information on a wide range of health issues from Men's Health and exercise, prostate cancer, breast cancer, diabetes, heart disease, rehabilitation, dental care, elderly care, banking and insurance and final care. Speakers shared vital information and insight into the seriousness of health reform. Mrs. Windy Battle was excellent in explaining the importance of healthy food choices. We must understand the connection between what we eat and how it affects our health. Dr. Ronald Birmingham, a dentist, captured the attention of both adults and children as he stressed the need for good daily dental care because dental diseases can trigger other health problems.



There was something for everyone. The children enjoyed visiting the fire truck and the ambulance. The AMR team provided coloring books and crayons. Many people took advantage of the blood pressure, blood glucose and HIV screenings. Consultants were there for questions and referrals.

As lunchtime approached, all were invited to stay and enjoy a healthy lunch and listen to our last keynote speaker Mrs. Vine Samuels, Director of Minority Health and Wellness for the City of New Haven, CT. Mrs. Samuels laid out for us six dimensions of wellness for the mind, body and spirit. It is these dimensions that truly define who we are and how we attain optimum health and happiness.

Sister Betty Hill and the Nurses Ministry wish to thank all the vendors, city agencies, the community and the Mount Aery Church family and friends for making the fair a success. Special thanks to Pastor Bennett and sponsoring ministries – Men's Fellowship, Deacons, Sisters at the Well, Fellowship. Thank you to the Children's Ministry, ASHE Ministry, Optimus Health, office staff and parking attendants.

Keep your PASSPORTS and continue your journey to a healthy lifestyle!

A Matter of Principles by Bridget Franklin

NGUZO



SABA

**The Fifth day of Kwanzaa celebrates
Nia – Purpose**



Fulfilling our duty and obligation to contribute to the high and morally serious purpose of nation-building, i.e. , the quest to recover and restore our people to their traditional greatness

Charles Hamilton, the intellectual giant who built from scratch the intellectual and framework and the legal strategy and infrastructure and which led to the 1954 Brown v. Board of Education decision by the Supreme Court, and Dunbar High School in Washington D.C. is a compelling narrative of Nia.

Dunbar High School, located in Washington D.C. represents one of the most inspiring and compelling models of African American educational excellence- Dunbar was once the pride of the race, outperforming in city-wide examination students attending the high school for whites. Within the walls of Dunbar from 1870 to 1954 (eighty-four years) there was teaching of only black children by only black teachers. There was a respect for learning and an expectation of superiority based on knowledge and pride emanating from teachers and instilled into students that made Dunbar a special educational environment.

JUNE 2012 Birthdays

June 1st

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

June 2nd

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

June 3rd

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

June 4th

Barnett III, Dewey
Blackwell, Marilyn
Crook, Michelle
Crump, Princess
Hart, Shameka
Johnson, Barbara
Mack, Gloria
Miller, Cynthia
Pettway, Brian

June 5th

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

June 6th

Ebron, Kolin
Hendricks, Jaquasha
Jackson, Annie
Kyle, Calvin
Lowe, Melvin
Owens, Glynnteischa

Richburg, Raven
Rucker, Dwayne
Thomas, Ava
Vinson, Leslie

June 7th

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

June 8th

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

June 9th

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

June 10th

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

June 11th

Bass, Jannie
Grier, Ella
Johnson, Paulette
Jones, Julian

June 12th

Black-Daniels, Trena
Brown, Jennie
Calloway, Crystle
Carter, Lisa

Daniels, Trena
Harris, Jean
Jeffries, Swan
Smith, Carlton
Smith, Marvalene

June 13th

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

June 14th

Alfred, Anessa
Black, Gail
Cook, John
Padgett, Kurt
Shepard-Garrett, Monica

June 15th

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

June 16th

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

June 17th

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

June 18th

Felican, Lehem
Hill, Davon
Javis, Kenneth
McLeod, Chinesta

Ryan, Roger
Torres, Carmen
Williams, Tammy

June 19th

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

June 20th

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

June 21st

Brooks, Donna
Cohen, Leonard
James, Jessica
Stanford, Candice

June 22nd

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

June 23rd

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

June 24th

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

June 25th

Anderson, Curtis
Bendolph, Desha
Mackey, Ronald
Madrid, Daniel
Pratt, Larritta
Preston, Robin
Ryan, Michael
Wilson, Mark

June 26th

Irby, Sasha
Martinez, Emelitzza
Pettway, Leila

June 27th

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

June 28th

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

June 29th

Ageuda, Shirlee
Cameron, Ophelia
Gray, Leasha
Manns, Regina
Rogers, Kevin
Samuel, Rose
Taliaferro, Keasha

June 30th

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

June 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 7:45 AM Worship Celebration 9:45 AM Olmec Bookstore 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Celebration 1:00 PM Olmec Store 3:00 PM CONECT Retreat	4	5 6:00 PM Leadership Develop Training 7:30 PM Martial Arts CT 7:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal	6 12:00 PM Daytime Bible Study 6:45 PM Bible Study	7 6:00 PM Praise Dance Rehearsal 6:00 PM Youth Retreat Rehearsal 6:30 PM REFUGE 7:00 PM Joint Ministry Meeting 7:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal	8 9:00 AM Willie James Massey, Jr. Viewing 11:00 AM Willie James Massey, Jr. Funeral 1:00 PM Willie James Massey, Jr. Family Repast	9 8:30 AM Men's Ministry Meeting 10:00 AM Minister's Meeting 12:30 PM Mass Choir Rehearsal 1:00 PM Missionary Ministry Meeting 1:00 PM Youth Retreat Rehearsal 2:00 PM Couples Ministry Meeting 4:00 PM Praise Dance Rehearsal
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17 Father's Day 7:45 AM Worship Celebration 9:45 AM Olmec Bookstore 9:45 AM Sun day School 11:00 AM Worship Celebration 1:00 AM Youth Church 1:00 PM Olmec Store	18	19 7:30 PM AIDS Ministry Meeting 7:30 PM M.A.Y.A. Ministry Meeting 7:30 PM Youth/Young Adult Praise Team Rehearsal	20 12:00 PM Daytime Bible Study 6:45 PM Bible Study	21 6:00 PM Youth Retreat	22 6:00 PM Youth Retreat	23 8:00 AM 4th Annual AIDS Walk-athon 8:00 AM Youth Retreat
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Sisters at the Well

Welcome all disciples
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Beginning

Saturday - May 19, 2012
7:00 AM

Saturday mornings
7:00AM

Monday evenings
6:30PM

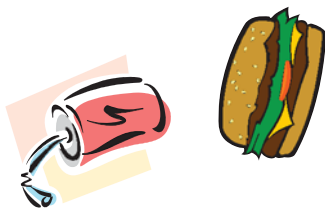
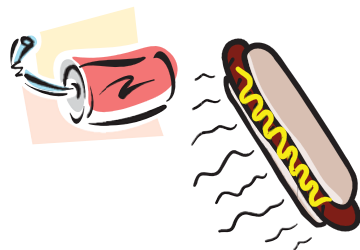
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leading up to our Women's Conference in September

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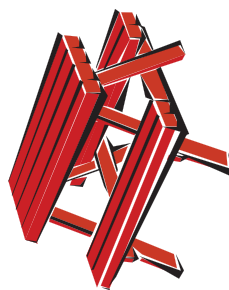
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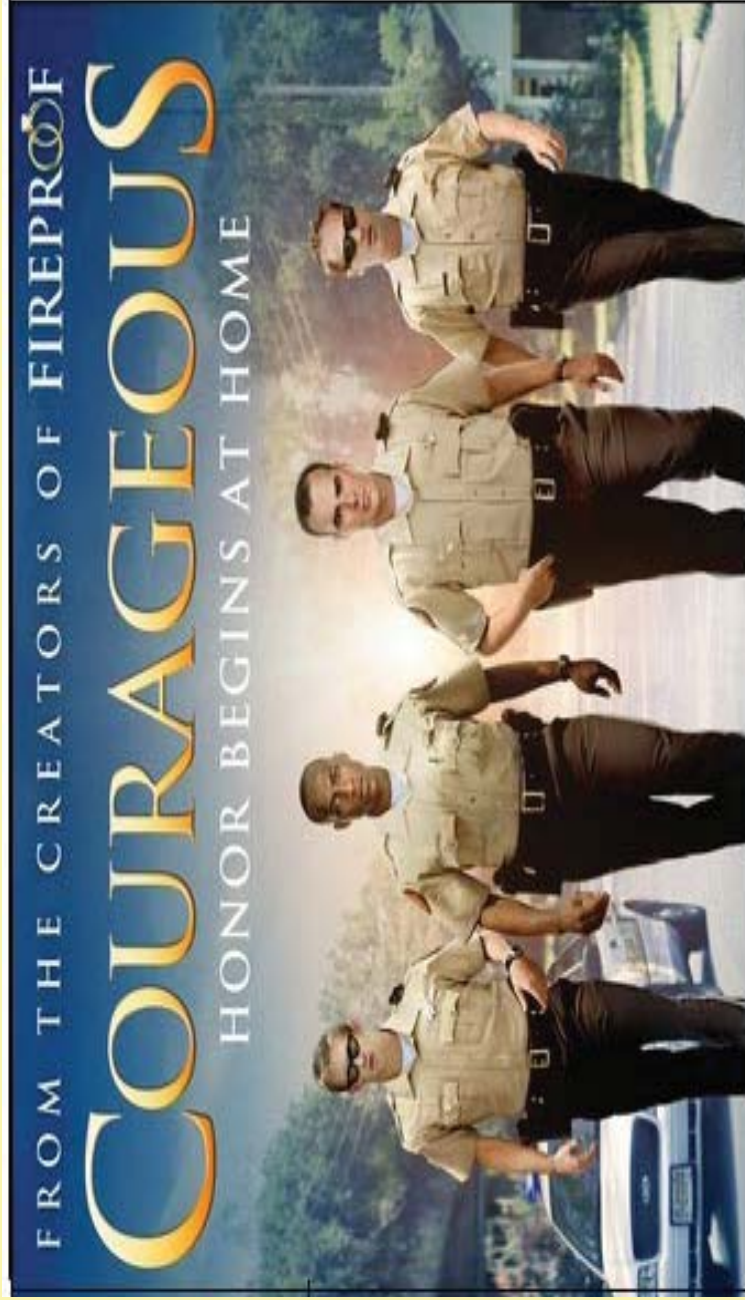
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SAVE THE DATE

TLC Couples Ministry MOVIE NIGHT



Date: SATURDAY, JUNE 9 @ 6 PM (Bass Hall)

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