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Namaste my Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

We are so thankful and grateful to have made it to the first Sunday in the month of May. Last month was indeed a month of celebration and remembrance. We celebrated the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus, The Christ in a most powerful way. We have indeed been renewed and reenergized. It's also good to know that because of The Resurrection, God has the ultimate last word over every situation in our lives.

We also welcomed our new Minister of Music, Brother Tommie Powell, into the Mount Aery community. Brother Powell comes with a wealth of experience, giftedness and anointing to help lead our music ministry into new dimensions of discipleship and ministry. Let me express my sincere gratitude to Minister Nakia Marsh, who has stood in the gap during our search for our Ministry of Music. She has grown and we have grown through her music ministry. I look forward to her continued role in the music ministry.

I also wish to thank Sister Betty Hill, RN and all the coordinators of April's health fair. Many persons gained great insight and hopefully begin to put into practice some of the things given during the health fair. Let us be mindful that God's work reminds us that God desires us to be prosperous and in good health even as our soul prospers. Great job!

We closed the month of April in great fashion celebrating the ministry and contributions of Pastor Thomas, Dorothy, Alexia, Domonique and Caleb Williams. The Oronoque Country Club will never be the same because Mount Aery was in the house. Although we will miss Pastor Williams and the entire Williams family, we are so grateful for each of them, for their selfless love and ministry to Mount Aery. God has them in His hands. We wish them nothing but the best in Christ.

As we pivot into the month of May, we realize this month we will celebrate the gift of mother-hood and all of its various manifestations. I pray that each of us will take the time to celebrate the mother, mother figure or the memory of the one who blessed us in that way.

We will celebrate M.A.Y.A.'s 4th Annual Café Night. Each café night brings multiple generations together for food, fellowship and "good clean fun."

In May, we will also celebrate the fine ministry of the men and women who usher within and without the walls of Mount Aery. We honor Sister Liza Clark and each and every usher for all of their sacrifice on behalf of God's kingdom.

We will also celebrate 89 years of ministry as Mount Aery Baptist Church. God has been good to us. There will be guest preachers and joyful celebrations throughout the month. Stay tuned for more details.

Mount Aery, God is doing a new thing inside of this congregation. Let us continue to pray that God covers us, consecrates us and calls us to higher heights in Him.

God bless you,

Pastor Anthony L. Bennett, D. Min.

Pastor anthony Bennet

Senior Pastor



Editor's Desk

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Glory be to God for bringing us through another month. Last month we were busy with celebrations including the Resurrection of Jesus the Christ, our Health Fair and we ended the month by celebrating the Williams Family and their contributions to the ministry of Mount Aery. Pastor Williams and his family will be missed dearly and it was definitely expressed by all during the luncheon.

We are keeping the momentum of celebration going with several fun and God-filled events this month. We are starting out the month with Sisters at the Well's Walk and Talk event at Seaside Park then we have Café Night, the Fellowship Fishing Trip followed by the Church Anniversary events. Please see the What's Next? section for more information on all of these events and more.

Mount Aery, let's not take our church for granted, we are very lucky to have a church that sponsors so many wonderful events. As disciples of this church we should take advantage that and try to attend as many of these events as possible and also tell people outside of Mount Aery about the events so they can join us in celebration.

God bless,

Tonya N. Johnson Editor-in-Chief MFTM Publication

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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.

May 8 – 8 Weeks

Intersection of Five Star Church and 9 Types

May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 19, 26 – 6 Weeks

• Broad Based Organizing through CONECT

September 11, 18 – 2 Weeks

• Pastor's Wrap-Up

<u>The Connecticut State Missionary Baptist Convention Youth Department</u> sessions will be held at Messiah Baptist Church 210 Congress Street Bridgeport, CT on May 4 and 5, 2012. Friday sessions will begin at 6:00 p.m and Saturday will begin at 8:30 a.m. and breakfast at 7:30 a.m. These sessions are open to all youth of Mount Aery. There will also be classes for adults.

The Connecticut State Missionary Baptist Convention Annual Concert will be held at Messiah Baptist Church, 210 Congress St.Bridgeport,CT on May 6, 2012 at 5:00 pm featuring The Issachar Association Mass Choir, Messiah Baptist Church Mass Choir and Asher Association Mass Choir. Free will offering.

The Connecticut State Missionary Baptist Convention will be May 7-10, 2012 at the Rocky Hill Marriott off of I-91 exit 23. Go to www.ctbaptist.org for more information.

Sisters at the Well are hosting <u>Walk and Talk</u> at Seaside Park at the Concession Stand on May 14th at 6:30 - 8 pm. For more information please contact any of the facilitators of Sisters at the Well.

MAYA is hosting the 4th Annual Café Night on May 18th beginning at 7pm. Tickets in advance are \$7, \$10 at the door. For more information please contact Nieja Jackson.

Fellowship Fishing Trip to Hyannis, MA is being held on May 19th leaving at 9:00 am at a cost of \$105. Costs include transportation, the boat, the pole and the bait. For more information please contact Bro. David Greatheart at (203) 933-3917.

<u>Church Anniversary Renewal Service</u> is being held Wednesday, May 23rd at 7pm. Dr. Benjamin K. Watts from Shiloh Baptist Church located in New London will be our guest preacher.

89th Church Anniversary is being held Sunday, May 27th during both services. Our guest preacher will be Pastor Ticey Brown from Mount Tabor Missionary Baptist Church, Los Angeles, California.

Special Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Jeremiah Wright will preach during the 7:45 am Worship Service at Mount Aery.

<u>Leadership Institute</u> 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 <u>Senior Cook-Out</u> 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 <u>2nd Annual Faithful Grateful Prayer Cruise</u> 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

Important Dates

Pastor's Engagements

May

May 6th at 4pm Ebenezer Gospel Assembly 291 Bunnell Street, Bridgeport 17th Pastoral Anniversary May 15th at 7pm Calvary Baptist Church 21 Concord Street, South Norwalk, CT 06854 Revival, Renewal and Re-Dedication May 27th at 4pm English Chapel Cathedral of Miracles 285 Wilmot Avenue, Bridgeport Usher's 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.
- <u>Chosen Generation</u> 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.
- <u>Generation Next Youth Ministry</u> 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
- <u>Business Owners</u> Mount Aery is filled with people needing products and services that someone at "The Mount" can provide. There are several active business owners amongst our church family. We would like to develop a business directory as a resource to the congregations and beyond. Please pick up a form from the carousel in the Narthex. Once completed, turn into the church office. For more information, please see Vyola Parker.
- 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 March are Deacons Dewitt-Smith and Vermont.
- 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.
- <u>Parents</u>, 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.

PRAYER MAY 2012-PENTECOST

30 Days of Pentecost Prayer

Prayer time is 7:00am to 7:10am beginning 5/1/2012 through 5/31/2012. Conference Dial-in Number: 610-214-0000, Participant Access 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 access code is 111933#. Code: 111933#. See Rev. Alicia Tyson-Sherwood for more information. To playback prayer: 610-214-0100,

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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

Grover Gardner

Gardner Heights Nursing Health Care, 172 Rest Rock Road, Shelton, CT 06484

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

Bereavement

- · The family of Phyllis Ennis
- · Patricia Allen in the loss of her brother in Jamaica
- Deaconess Milla Greene in the loss of her niece, Margaret Gaskill, of Stratford
- Vernetta Johnson, Victoria Bartelle and family in the loss of their uncle in South Carolina

Please Pray for Our Healing List

Deacon Brad Belcher Maxine Boykin Sandra Cameron Delores Cox Lester Dennis Sally Gordon Shukriyyah Hassan Jeffrey Hill Archie Jenkins Kenneth Knight Deacon Benjamin Maxwell Eulalia Pettway LaJuene Pollard Juanita Sims Mary Thigpen Deaconess Anna Watkins Cecelia Wilson

Please Pray for Our Prayer List

Clinnie Black Isiahiah Brown **Emmanuel Burton** Terrence Commodore Ruth Hasty-Dove Harold Farrar Lois Farrar Deaconess Milla Green Deacon Jeff Hill Unice Jones Barbara Macey Regina Manns Clyde McLaughlin Carol Carter Mims Michelle Porchia Barbara Wilson Tanya Lazaro Young

Ministry Spotlight







Clothing Ministry - Telephone Interview 4/19/12

by Eva J. McLeod

At 8:30 p.m. this writer contacted Christine White to interview her regarding Mt. Aery's Clothing Ministry.

EM: Hi Christine, how are you? I just want to have a conversation with you regarding the Clothing Ministry at Mt. Aery, if you have a few minutes.

Christine: Hold on a minute . . . Okay . . . sure I can talk now.

EM: My name is Eva McLeod and I am one of the staff writers for MFTM. What is the Clothing Ministry and who is in charge of it?

Christine: The Clothing Ministry consists of me, Bernice Heyward and Johnny Cook. We ask people in the community if they have clothes they would like to donate to the Mt. Aery Clothing Ministry for those who are in need. Johnny Cook, who works at Merton House, picks up and drops off clothes for the Clothing Ministry throughout the week. On Thursdays between 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the community can drop off clothes at Mt. Aery. We accept clothes that are clean and in good condition.



EM: Where is the Clothing Ministry located?

Christine: The Clothing Ministry is located on George Street adjacent to the Optimus Health Care Center in the basement of the Beige house. On Friday mornings at 10:00 a.m., when the community is invited to come in, we have prayer. The basement is tastefully decorated with teddy bears, flowers and a picture of Pastor Bennett on the wall. According, to Ms. White, it is not just a Clothing Ministry; it's a place where we minister to people about GOD. After prayer, we invite people to "shop 'til you drop where everything is free, clean, and wrinkle-free and where they have peace of mind while shopping.



EM: Who started the Clothing Ministry?

Christine: Reverend Queen Curran started the clothing ministry at Mt. Aery. She started the clothing ministry in P.T. Barnum many decades ago. In recent years, she began bringing the clothes from P.T. Barnum to Mt. Aery and that's when it became Mt. Aery's Clothing Ministry. Prior to opening to the public on Friday mornings, the workers are there at 9:00 a.m. to go through the clothes and prepare them. We have shoes, children's clothes, and men and women's clothing. We place the clothes in different sections and we direct the people where to go get what they are looking for.



EM: How long has the Clothing Ministry been established at Mt. Aery?

Christine: I am not really sure, but I would say about 7 to 8 years.

EM: WOW!! That's been awhile and I'm sure the people who have known about the ministry have appreciated some good shopping!

Christine: People will call me at home because they have clothes but don't have transportation to the church to take the clothes, so we go pick the clothes up and take them to the church. People can also leave the clothes in the bin in Wilson Hall and will we pick them up from there as well.





Eva J. McLeod

EM: I can hear it in your voice that you enjoy doing what you do for the Clothing Ministry. Do you enjoy what you are doing?



Christine: "I love it," it's my calling. I enjoy helping people, so do Bernice Heyward and Johnny Cook. We praise God and help the people. "Thank you Jesus, thank you Jesus, what a blessing. What a blessing it was talking with you."

EM: It was a pleasure and a blessing talking with you as well. Is there anything else you would like to add?

Christine: "Make sure the clothes are in good condition because we don't want to give people something we don't want for ourselves". You are invited to come see the Clothing Ministry; we would love to have you."



EM: I will come and visit....without a doubt.....again thank you for the interview and sharing your story about Mt. Aery's Clothing Ministry......Have a good night!!!!

If anyone have clothes that they would like to donate to help clothe someone in need......contact Sister Christine White, Bernice Heyward and Brother Johnny Cook.



Honoring Mothers' Day

by Michelle Porchia



Michelle Porchia

Proverbs 6:20-23:"My son, observe the commandment of your father and do not forsake the teaching of your mother; bind them continually on your heart; tie them around your neck. When you walk about, they will guide you; when you sleep, they will watch over you; and when you awake, they will talk to you. For the commandment is a lamp and the teaching is light; and reproofs for discipline are the way of life."

There is an old saying, "Mother knows best." I would add, and grandmother too. 2 Timothy 1:5 ESV "I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well."

When I was growing up I loved staying with my grandmother. I gained my love of cooking from my grandmother and my love of gospel music. My grandmother used to listen to Mahalia Jackson. As I look back, I think my grandmother played Mahalia Jackson when she had things going on. My grandmother used to make hot water cornbread for the two of us. No one else liked it. I felt so special. I have tried to create traditions with my grandchildren. We bake together and make simple meals together. My 13 year old granddaughter actually loves to cook and has cooked a few meals for us. We also play word and board games together.

At my home my mother bought a jigsaw puzzle every Christmas. She would set up the card table and it stayed up until we finished the puzzle. However, my mother was extremely strict. She had rules and I was often reminded if I didn't like the rules, I could leave. "My house, my rules. You don't follow my rules, you can't live in my house." I used to think my mother was the meanest person. As I look back over my life I realize my mother taught me a lot. She taught me the importance of education, my love of reading and music, being independent, working hard for what I wanted and the importance of saving. My mother was a single parent most of my life. I don't ever remember her staying home from work because she was sick. I'm blessed because my aunt also played a role in my development...the importance of image. Dressing well, primping and loving dancing.

We never know when/how we will impact the life of a young person. As women, we impart wisdom to the "younger" women/men we come in contact with. We need to remember we are role models in some way. We share experiences, words of wisdom, skills and knowledge. Sometimes through our experiences we share what not to do as well.

Some of us may not know our mothers or remember our mothers. Some of us still have our mothers with us and some of us have celebrated our mothers' home going. Our lessons of life may have come from our aunts, grandmothers, mother figures, a friend's mother, or it could even be a teacher. The point is I would hope there has been a wise woman in your life that you have learned from. I was in the wedding of one of my mentees. She had a Council of Wisdom (or elders), anyway it was six women that had positively impacted her life. I was privileged to have been a part of that Council. We walked in together before she entered the church. While we were waiting for the wedding to begin, we all shared some of our experiences we had with the bride. I was blessed by the other women. Who would you include in your Council?

John 19:26-27 When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" (27) Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

If you don't have a positive relationship with your mother, trust that she did the best she could with where she was in her life at the time. Take what you can from the relationship and learn from it. When you have the chance to impact a life, please do so and do it with care. Proverbs 23:22"...despise not thy mother when she is old."This Mother's Day, thank your mother or the woman/women who impacted your life, for her wisdom and guidance and remind her that you will always hold what she has taught you close to your heart.

Proverbs 31:28 Her children rise up and call her blessed; Her husband also, and he praises her.

My Mommy by Bryeisha Kingwood

My mom name is Jasmine M. Kingwood, she isn't any typical mom. Yes a mother is supporting and to be there her child, but my mom does more than that she's my best friend. Every time I need something she's always there for me. Yes we have our times but we learn that no matter what were always are going to love each other. I'm her only girl so she knows what goes on in my life even when I think she doesn't or when I can be a handful. What makes my mom so special? She special because after everything we've been thru she's always been the one to defend what I believe in. Sometimes I can be wrong but shell still takes my side. By the way I'm writing this you can tell we have a really close bond like no other. I can say I'm proud to say I'm her daughter. I can also say I love my mommy she's my dairy, my best friend, and also my right hand.





by D'Andre Haynes

I would say "Hoodie Sunday" was the day that all of the young people finally came out of their shells. This day was a tribute to Trayvon Martin, the teen who was murdered in Sanford, Florida. To see the congregation come and wear their hoodies

was an amazing thing. Some people had their package of Skittles and their iced tea with them also. During the prayer Pastor explained the story of what happened in Sanford, Florida with Trayvon Martin being murdered. Then came Chosen Generation, who sang "He Will Supply" by Kirk Franklin. As they began chanting "He said he will supply," everybody in the congregation was on their feet and the young people of CG were singing their hearts out. As the song ended the young people broke out in praise and just had to release this day. Ever since this day, the young people have just let themselves be free when they worship God, which is really a great feeling to witness. They can be anywhere else, but they (WE) chose to be here in the house of the Lord.

Black History Moment: Carol Moseley Braun

by Tonya N. Johnson I

I decided for this month to focus on someone in more current Black History. This month we are spotlighting Carol Moseley Braun, the first Black woman to be elected to senate. Enjoy and remember to celebrate Black history, our history, all year long not just in February!

SYNOPSIS

Born on August 16, 1947, in Chicago, Carol Moseley Braun is a political figure and former US Senator. In 1992, she ran for the Senate, and although a tax scandal marred her campaign, she won the election and became the first black woman to go to the Senate. While in office, claims arose that she misused funds from her 1992 campaign, and she lost her next race and joined the private sector in 2004.

EARLY CAREER

Politician, Senator, lawyer, educator. Born Carol Elizabeth Moseley on August 16, 1947, in Chicago, Illinois. A leading African American political figure, Moseley Braun's career has been marked by great successes and missteps. She graduated from University of Illinois in 1969 with a degree in political science and then went on to the university's law school. Moseley Braun earned her law degree in 1972 and began working as assistant United States attorney in Chicago the next year.

Moseley Braun held her first political post as a Democratic representative to Illinois House of Representatives, beginning in 1978. As a representative, she was known as an advocate for social change, working for reforms in education, government, and healthcare. In 1988, she took another challenge. She was elected recorder of deeds for Cook County, Illinois and oversaw hundreds of employees and the public agency's multimillion budget.

FIRST BLACK WOMAN ELECTED TO THE SENATE

In 1992, Moseley Braun made the leap to the national political arena. She ran for the U.S. Senate, looking to unseat incumbent Democratic senator Alan Dixon in the Democratic primary. Up against a seasoned politician who had spent decades in office, Moseley Braun appeared to be the underdog. But many responded to Moseley Braun as a chance for political change. She won the primary, but faced another tough opponent in Republican Richard Williamson. Williamson tried to capitalize on Moseley Braun's mishandling of a tax situation. Although the scandal marred her campaign, she won the election. Moseley Braun became the first African American woman to be elected to the Senate.



Carol Moseley Braun

As a senator, Moseley Braun tackled many issues, including women's rights and civil rights. She served on several committees, including the powerful Senate Finance Committee. Moseley Braun continued to support educational reforms and called for more restrictive gun control laws. Her time in office, however, was affected by claims that she misused funds from her 1992 campaign, spending the money on personal expenses. While no charges were ever filed, this allegation clung to Moseley Braun as she sought re-election in 1998.

POST-SENATE WORK

Her re-election campaign was also hindered by her Republican opponent Peter Fitzgerald. A self-financed candidate, Fitzgerald didn't have restrictions on how much he could spend during his campaign. He won the election by a close margin. After leaving office, Moseley Braun was appointed U.S. ambassador to New Zealand and Samoa by President Bill Clinton in 1999. She left the post at the end of the Clinton administration. A career-long advocate for education, Moseley Braun then taught at Morris Brown College.

In 2003, she campaigned for the Democratic presidential nomination. Moseley Braun opposed the war in Iraq and spoke out about the country's economic situation, but she dropped out of the race in early 2004 after failing to garner enough support. She asked her supporters to vote for Howard Dean.

Since then, Moseley Braun has been working as a business consultant and started an organic foods company called Good Foods Organics. She has one child - a son named Michael from her marriage to Michael Braun, which ended in divorce.

Resource: www.biography.com

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Hoodies In the House: Praising The Way to Worshipping to the Next Level!

by Leslie Davis-Green

On the weekend of March 24th and 25th a mass communication would hit the airwayes. The word was out via facebook, twitter, RSS, mobile, blogging, and good ol' word of mouth that brought parishioners out young through seasoned in support of the Travyon Martin tragedy. What happens from this will go down in history as a time when the actions of the United States would be magnified. For on Sunday, March 25, 2012 Mount Aery Baptist church like many churches across the nation responded to what was perceived as a huge, deliberate expulsion of the life of Trayvon Martin by wearing a hoodie. The land of the free, the home of the right to bear arms, the land where our sons, our fathers, our sisters, and our mothers died are being catapulted to the frontlines. Dying while EWB (existing while black) and out after sunset wearing a hoodie just seems....how can we say, oh yes barbaric. Wearing a hoodie dates back centuries. According to Wikipedia.com the history of the hooded sweatshirts goes as far back as medieval times as a formal wear for monks. It was included in decorative hoods called tunics or robes. The first hooded sweatshirt produced in the United States was in the 1930's and marketed to laborers enduring the freezing temperatures while working in upstate NY. The rise of hoodies as we know it today with university logos began around the 1990's with Tommy Hilfiger, Giorgio Armani, and Ralph Lauren using them as a primary component for many of their collections. Hoodies have been worn by coaches, players, joggers, teams and just plain everyday people trying to keep warm. The hoodie will be linked to the senseless death of Trayvon Martin for a long time.

On this particular Sunday the praise team ushered in all those who would hear with "Welcome to This Holy Place." This

while the masses came in wearing hoodies in honor of Trayvon Martin was a sight to see. A Litany For Children Slain By Violence was read by Pastor and People. The selection of words cried out to God and people to hear the weeping of those left behind when a child is slain by gun violence. It challenged people to rise up and abolish laws that are fueled by capitalism and justified by racism. Laws such as these only serve ways of evil with no value for life. It demanded by the reading that adults be the hedge of protection for the lives of all children. It asks that the spirit of Ubuntu be embraced which states, "I am because we are and because we are, I am."



The scripture reading came from Psalm 3, where David is fleeing from his son Absalom. David asks and thanks God for his protection. The praise team sings "You Are Holy," as Pastor enters the sanctuary steps into the pulpit wearing a hoodie. His booming deep voice calls out, "There is no one like our God, we cry out to God for all those who lost their lives. For senseless murders and deaths in Bridgeport, for moms and dads in Bridgeport who lost their children to violence. Zimmerman weighs in at 250lbs with a 9mm gun in hand while Trayvon Martin weighs in at 140lbs with a bag of skittles and ice tea in Martin an A. B student who majored in cheerfulness says one of his teachers; Zimmerman having a record of a battery of charges on police officers and neighbors. Zimmerman called police 46 times since January 2011; employs aggressive tactics and is not a registered



member of a Neighborhood Crime Watch group. Trayvon Martin was left for 3 days after being shot as a John Doe. Jim Crow justice is alive and well; we must stop the outburst of outrage and start assembling on any Jim Crow position in a society that insists it doesn't exist." Pastor repeats that, "Outrage is not enough, we must do something." Pastor puts it to the congregation, "How do we channel outrage so to help our community deal with all of the Trayvon Martin's?"

Generation Next, Mount Aery's anointed youth and young adult choir sung, "He Will Supply". It may have been little known by many that the prayers of the youth that day had been lifted up at the altar. They were ministered to at rehearsal to trade in their sickness and pain and sorrows by laying it down at the altar for the joy of the Lord. A cloud of witnesses of angels of the Lord descended upon them as they sung and their praise rallied into worship and the congregation was swept away by God's own hands on this Sunday. Our youth are dealing with and going through so much and they are coming to terms with the understanding that the Lord is right there by their side. They are learning to taste and see. They are learning that as they minister to the people, God ministers to them.

Wow and it was done. God spoke through the youth of Mount Aery. He used them to minister and they allowed themselves to be His vessels. What a perfect God who used the youth that are in the same age bracket as Trayvon Martin to reach the masses.

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Men's Community Breakfast by James A. Smith, Jr.

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners, and recovery of site for the blind, to release the oppressed." LUKE 4:18

This scripture rested in the heart of our own Brother Lonnie Spaulding when he broached the subject to the men in our Men's Fellowship several Saturdays ago. The idea was to substitute our monthly men's breakfast with a community breakfast in which we would follow the part of our mission statement that says: "go out into the Hollow and spread the good word." I am paraphrasing of course.

Coming out of Men's Weekend one could feel a spirit that some brothers were tired of the status quo and were ready to take positive actions to make our mission statement come to life. We spoke of going to the Green's Homes Apartments and passing out flyers and tickets, while speaking and inviting the residents, who are our neighbors, to break bread with us. We discussed these actions with the idea that we would make them aware of the many services our church offers.

When the day came to go out and do so, the weather did not cooperate as we would have wanted it to. Nevertheless, undaunted Brother Lonnie, Brother Kenny Jackson, Brother Ed, a good brother and myself went out and engaged the neighbors we encountered and told them about the breakfast we were holding. I would have been disappointed in the turnout of brothers who went out with us if I didn't know that with God you only need a dedicated few who are willing to let his light shine and any worthwhile objective can be accomplished. Being around in the 70s, I remember a song by Curtis Mayfield in which he said: "Everybody's sayin, everybody's prayin, but when come time to do, everybody's layin."







On the morning of the breakfast I left my house at 5:30 am and walked to Mt Aery to meet Trustee Shay Thomas who had so graciously agreed to open the church so that the Mighty Men could start preparations for the event. They prepared a fabulous meal of pancakes, turkey sausage, eggs and juice, enough to

feed a small army.

We accommodated old Bass
Hall nicely and
the breakfast was
set for the guests.

Although the day did not play out quite as smoothly as we had hoped or planned, the brothers got another chance to testify about the goodness of the Lord and how he has brought us a mighty long way. One can plan and plan, but God is the best of planners.







I sat at a table with Pastor Bennett, Lonnie Spaulding, Kenny Jackson, Darryl Cooper and Bruce Cunningham and couldn't help but see the talent in our midst. We all felt the weather (cold and raining) stopped the people from coming out.

At every opportunity, Pastor shares his vision with the church and with the men's ministry. The vision that African men can stand on God's word and make a difference in our village; that we can and must be verbs, no longer nouns, men of action.

The question is my brothers, will you join us? Or will you stand by and let the Zimmermans of our world continue to shoot our babies down like dogs in the street! Will you continue to stand by and let our woman and children be used as folly by those that wish them no good! The Bible is full of stories of men who answered the call to let the one true God manifest himself and they were never chosen based on their abilities.

Brothers, we would like to offer you all the opportunity to engage with us in being men of action, we all acknowledge that this world needs men of action. But if for some reason you choose not to, please just stay out of our way.

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IMA Holy Week Service: Dr. King, King David &

by DIT Kathy Tabb-Smalls

On Wednesday, April 4, 2012, the 4th night of the annual IMA Holy Week Services, Mt Aery brought the house down at Jesus Christ the Redeemer Church of God located in Bridgeport, CT. Our very own Angel of this house, Dr. Anthony L. Bennett, was the preacher of the hour, accompanied by the melodious Mass Choir lead by the magnificent Minister Nakia Marsh, our junior and senior ushers, and a host of Mt Aery disciples came out to support our pastor!

Jesus "did" something every day of holy week except on Wednesday--no one really knows what Jesus actually did on Wednesday, so the question on everyone's mind was, "What will Pastor preach about?"

Well, the sermon went a little something like this: "Hidden Preparations"

Tonight, April 4th, 44 years ago, in 1968, this country lost a prophet in the land; a wife lost a husband, and three children lost their father. Millions across the city, state, and nation were filled with shock, anger, and despair as the news that Dr. Martin Luther King had been assassinated spread. The one who lived non-violently, was gunned down in the most violent way. With the assassin's bullet, the movement had lost its drum major. The assassination of Dr. King was not only felt then, we feel his loss even now. For God had graced him to do in 39 years what few could accomplish if they were to live 109 years. His legacy still speaks to us today. And yet, to bring even greater meaning to April 4, 1968, we have to connect it to April 3, 1968 at Mason Temple in Memphis, TN where Dr. King addressed a crowd in preparation of the sanitation workers' strike. That night there was a Holy Ghost power in that place and in him, for in his eyes, you could see the glory of the Lord!

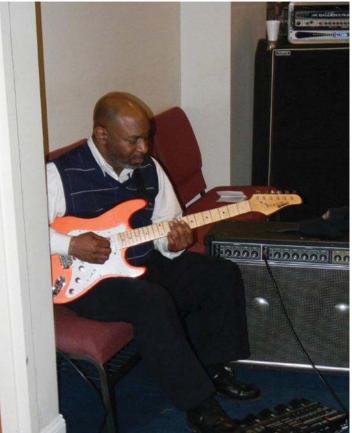
What we need to remember tonight is, 'don't let folk recast Dr. King'. He was not a humanitarian, though he helped the whole world; he was not a Negro activist, though he stirred up activity; he was not a politician, though he met with kings and presidents. Remember, he was a preacher of the gospel of Jesus the Christ. Sometime during the night of April 3rd, Dr. King had a talk with Jesus. They talked about what it would be like without his wife and children. Maybe, in the Lorraine Motel, Jesus reminded Dr. King of the necessity of hidden preparations--the need for God to distance us to get us alone so that we can focus on our divine destiny.



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The King of Kings





Jesus had his share of hidden preparations:

- Hidden in Mary's womb for 9 months;
- Hidden in a manger surrounded by dirt and hay--not befitting a King;
- Hidden in Egypt so Herrod would not find him;
- Hidden in the temple from his parents and they thought he was lost:
- Hidden from age 13-30 preparing himself for a worldchanging ministry;
- Hidden for 40 days in the wilderness, tempted by the devil, but he came out stronger because he had the Word!

Luke 37 tells us each day Jesus was preaching at the temple and he spent the night on a hill called The Mount of Olives. And while we may not know what Jesus did during the day on Wednesday, what we do know is what he did at night, for somebody knows that "the night time is the right time to be with the one you love". Jesus stole away for hidden preparations; away from the crowds; away from the noise; away from the bickering of who he really was; away from the slow-learning disciples; away from face-booking, texting and tweeting. Jesus teaches us that sometimes you have to make yourself unavailable. Some of us are too available which is why we don't have the power to do what God would have us do. For the kind of power Jesus needed to fulfill his assignment, he needed some hidden preparations. For Dr. King to have the kind of power to lead the civil rights movement, then he would need some hidden preparations. If we want power to deal with the issues of our day, if we want the power to turn our communities around, maybe Wednesday was purposely filled with no public ministry to help us understand that God's power of hidden preparations may be on the agenda, maybe it's empty for a reason. Sometimes God allows us to have hidden moments so that we can learn from Him, so maybe that ought to teach us that there are seasons, that maybe instead of trying to get discovered or passing out your business card, instead of trying to make a name for yourself, you ought to just be still and know that God is God!

I believe Jesus' hidden preparations helped Dr. King on the night of April 3, 1968. Luke said it was at night time that Jesus went to the Mount of Olives and just as Jesus referenced the Psalm at His time on the cross, I believe during His time on the mountain, he would meditate on Psalm 27, David's Psalm. I also believe Dr. King drew strength for his assignment to give his own life for the cause of civil rights. Both knew that David, in his most stressful and troubling time, penned this Psalm when he was running for his life from those seeking to disrupt what God has destined. David, the apple of God's eye, finds in this Psalm, some hidden moments. He says in those hidden moments, "the Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear."

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Dr. King, David, and Jesus drew power when they declared faith in the midst of fear.

David says the Lord is the strength of my life, whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom shall I be afraid? These declarative statements are placed in front of a rhetorical question, i.e., because the Lord is my light, because the Lord is my salvation, because the Lord is my strength--these are declarations. Whom shall I fear?, whom shall I be afraid?--those are rhetorical questions. We know that F.E.A.R. is False Evidence Appearing Real and F.E.A.R. is also False Education Appearing Real. David isn't saying that he doesn't have fear; David is really saying why should he fear. Faith is not the absence of fear, for David knew that he did not operate in a vacuum. The reality was that Dr. King struggled with his fear and depression regarding he and his family's safety and the movement's effectiveness. The truth of the matter is all of us wrestle with some type of fears and insecurities. If someone tells you they don't fear anything, they are not being truthful, but if that is the case, you'd better run from them because they will do anything, including harming you. What David and Dr. King realized was that in hidden preparations:

- We give our fears, anxieties, and insecurities over to God and God gives us his light, strength, and power. That is why we declare, in spite of my sickness, the Lord is my healer; in spite of my debt, the Lord is my provider; in spite of my kids acting crazy, the joy of the Lord is my strength.
- Dr. King and David understood that God was prospering them even under the pressures of life. David says, "when my foes, even my enemies, came upon me to eat my flesh, though an army comes against me". David had to deal with the pressures of his enemies; Jesus had the pressures of the religious leaders; Dr. King had the pressure from the white and black churches who wanted him to slow down, as they thought he was moving too fast.





But someone knows that when the pressures of life comes in your ministry or your family or your job, if you have some hidden preparation time, you don't have to quit, pout, shrink, coward, or punk-out; you can just stay in the hidden moments, God will give you the power to prosper and advance in spite of adversity, the power to rise above. So even when your enemies try to come against you, they stumble and fall. God gives you grace to come through it with a shout and a praise. The Lord will prepare a table in the presence of your enemies. God will bless you so good that it overflows so much that you can bless someone else. God will take care of you when they talk about you and say you won't amount to anything because God has you in protective custody--He will take care of you and provide for you.

David says, "when I came out, I had a song of praise", like "I don't believe he brought me this far to leave me" or "the Lord will make a way somehow".

What's your song?

AMEN!

The History of Mother's Day

by Deacon Doreen Cotter

The origin of Mother's Day can be traced back to the spring celebrations of ancient Greece in honor of Rhea, the Mother of the Gods. The spring celebration was a Mothering Festival in the springtime to celebrate the rebirth of the land and the beginning of the most fertile time of the year. These festivities honored the goddess in all women. In prehistoric tribes the mother Goddess was worshiped as the creator of life – back then, societies tended to celebrate Goddesses and symbols rather than actual Mothers. The maternal objects of adoration ranged from mythological female deities to the Christian Church itself. Only in the past few centuries did celebrations of Motherhood developed a human focus.

During the 1600's, the early Christians in England celebrated a day to honor Mary, the mother of Christ. By religious order the holiday was later expanded to include all mothers, and named as the Mothering Sunday. Celebrated on the 4th Sunday of Lent (the 40 day period leading up to Easter), "Mothering Sunday" honored the mothers of England.

During this time many of England's poor worked as servants for the wealthy. Most of the servants' jobs were located far from home, so the servants would live at their employer's homes. On Mothering Sunday, the servants were encouraged to return home and spend the day with their mothers. A special cake, called the mothering cake, was often brought along to provide a festive touch. As Christianity spread throughout Europe, the celebration changed to honor the "Mother Church" — the spiritual power that gave people life and protected them from harm. Over time, the church festival was combined with Mothering Sunday and people began honoring their mothers as well as the church.

In 1607, when the first English colonists known as pilgrims, settled in America they discontinued the tradition of Mothering Day, mainly due to the lack of time. They had fled England to practice a more conservative Christianity without fear of being persecuted.

In Boston, Massachusetts, the first Mother's Day Peace Proclamation in 1870 was penned by Julia Ward Howe. She was a social reformer and poet who also wrote the words to the "Battle Hymn of the Republic." It was a rallying cry for women to press for peace and called for women to leave their homes to seek peaceful solutions to international affairs. This tradition spread, and was later organized in other areas of the country as well.



In 1907, Anna Jarvis took Howe's idea a step further and began to campaign for a nationally recognized Mother's Day. In the late nineteenth century, Jarvis's own mother had tried to establish "Mother's Friendship Days" as a way to heal the scars of the Civil War. Persuading her mother's church to celebrate Mother's Day on the anniversary of Jarvis's mother's death, the second Sunday in May, our Mother's Day holiday was born. In 1910, the governor of West Virginia proclaimed the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day. By 1911, Mother's Day was being celebrated in almost every state in the country. On the 9th of May 1914, President Woodrow Wilson made the official proclamation that Mother's Day would be a national holiday to be celebrated annually on the second Sunday in May.

In 1934 Postmaster General James A. Farley announced a stamp to commemorate Mother's Day. The stamp featured the famous painting "Arrangement in Grey and Black". The painting was a portrait of the mother of James Abbott McNeill Whistler, an English artist. It was brought in to the United States as part of an exhibit in the year 1934.

Today, Mother's Day is a day honoring mothers, celebrated on various days in many countries around the world. It is the day when you acknowledge your mothers contribution in your life and pay a tribute to her, often with flowers, cards and other gifts. The festival has become commercialized to such a great extent that florists, card manufacturers and gift sellers see huge business potential in the day. It is unfortunate to note that Ms. Anna Jarvis, who devoted much of her life for the declaration of Mother's Day, was deeply hurt to note the huge commercialization of the day.

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have a happy mother's day!!!

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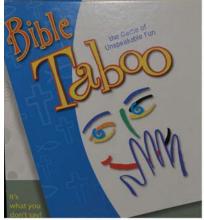
Game Night with TLC: Together Loving Christ

by Rev. Alicia Tyson-Sherwood

The couples of Mt. Aery are on the move with goodies, guests, and games. The game night on March 24, 2012 was an expression that after we share in the wonderful dishes that everyone pitched in and brought to game night, we still could afford a date night without a pricey tab. We feasted on everything from appetizers to desserts. The guests came from near and far. We had friends of friends and family members present at this feast of love. The highlight of the night was a game called "Bible Taboo." Even after a fun-filled evening, the guests insisted in staying late to play the game.

On game night, couples came to share their feelings about what made them smile and what they loved about each other. One of our guest couples, Wendy Tyson-Cook and Ken Cook kicked it off by saying that they loved the way their spouse made their written work come to life on the computer. Wendy shared that she loved the way her hubby embraced her family. To everyone's surprise, every couple that shared was uninhibited and truthful about how they felt about each other. Ending the couples' sharing was one of the youngest couples explaining how his love for the Lord and Mt. Aery drew his young wife to want to find out more about God. This was an inspiring and loving testimony that couples were not ashamed of the gospel or the way they felt about each other.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smalls gave a wonderful lesson on the meaning of a cord of three strands. In Ecclesiastes 4:9-12, the scriptural reference speaks about how a three cord is not easily broken. Some of you may remember the movie, "Not Easily Broken," with Morris Chestnut, where the threestrand cord was part of their wedding vows. Each strand holds a special meaning. The Gold Strand symbolizes that Jesus has been invited to the position of authority in marriage. The majesty of the groom is represented by the purple strand. The white strand represents the bride. Having been cleansed by salvation by Christ. It was a powerful reminder for couples to put God first, submit to each other, and to love knowing that your union will be strengthened and nurtured.











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Now, with the goodies, the guests, and the demonstration out the way, the time was also at a close. The couples decided to go past the time allotted for the event and by the demand of the couples, the game Bible Taboo was going to take place after hours. No, TLC does not hold anyone hostage, some couples did have other commitments, but it was obvious that many were late for those prior commitments. No one wanted to leave, but those who did left with much regret.

We played Bible Taboo with the enthusiasm of young children playing Simon Says. The game is very similar to Taboo. There is a biblical word given and there is a list of words that you cannot use. The word 'condom' came up when one couple said what a man puts on, and we never laughed so hard in our lives. The laughter that erupted in that time and space proved beyond a shadow of a doubt that TLC's Bible Taboo Game Night was a huge success and a good time to be had by all.

All couples are invited to join and in the event that your equal half cannot attend, feel free to come and join us so you can go back and tell them what they missed. I did, and it made for a wonderful sharing time for hubby and me. I encourage you to come out and represent the oneness. This was a great time with or without your other half. I even got to dance when the couples decided to have an impromptu slow dance. Hats off to all of the facilitators of TLC.









A Matter of Principles by Bridget Franklin





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Ujamaa – Cooperative Economics

Sharing and pooling our financial resources and goods and services for the common benefit of family and community participants with the goal of building and sustaining cooperative economic enterprises

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Resurrection Sunday - the images . . .





























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MAY2012Birthdays

May 1st Berry, Pollv Dewitt-Smith Rawles, Savanua Grier, J.R. Pratt, H. Vega, Rosalie Williams, Tiffany

May 2nd

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

May 3rd

Ackins, Regina Craig, James Godfrey, Princess Hairston, Sandra Harrison, Linda Lanham, Kevin Roseboro, Jeanette Valentine, Henry Wilson, Ruby

May 4th

Clark, Liza Davis, Carl Grant, Ryan McNeil, Vontese Murray, Sha'Quaysha Mesidor, Ronald O'Brien, Tremayne Rhoden, Desiree Rhoden, Desiree' Ryan, Melvin

May 5th

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

May 6th

Ben, UJ Best, Nichelle Cheatham, Motisha Green, Aliyah

Grey, Derrick Hill, Jeffery Mcintyre, Sharon Paulin, Jennifer Savariau, Nathalie Staton, Lydia Wallace, Paris Wilkins, Patrick Yarboro, Bonita

May 7th

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

May 8th

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

May 10th

Armistead, Valerie McFadden, Clarence White, Christine

May 11th

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

May 12th

Boothe, Keisha Daniels, Terrance Dickey, Heather Fernandez, Theresa Jackson, Tammi Malone, Jaeque Miller, Davida Norris, Tiffany

May 13th

Drinks, Martha Newsome, Edward Nurumah, Bomani Void, Shamika

May 14th

Allen, Beverly Anne Johnson, Diane Cato, Natasha Gerald, Florence Lynch, Eddye Sutton, Eula

May 15th

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

May 16th

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

May 17th

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

May 18th

Burton, Emmanuel Counts, Christy Donnell-Jackson, Angela Hudson, Vance Langston, Craig Lewis, Cheryl McKinney, William Patton, Garland Smith, Richard Wright, Rakeema

May 19th

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

May 20th

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

May 21st

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

May 22nd

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

May 23rd

Brown, Linda C. Hudson, Gladys Jones, Frances Mae Jones, Cecil Leger, Rose Marie Lincoln, Tawanda Ragsdale, Lilly Small, Jimmy Smith, Richard Tate, Bridgett

May 24th

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

May 25th

Adetona, Adekunle Garner, Michael Jones, Gale McIntosh, Mary Ann Peeler, Donald Pough, Marvin Robinson, Linda

May 26th

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

May 27th

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

May 28th

Baldwin, Samuel Banks, Ronald Bryant, Michele Davis, Leah Eldridge, Jashima Gary, Roberta Jackson, Sylvia Long, Cynthia

May 29th

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

May 30th

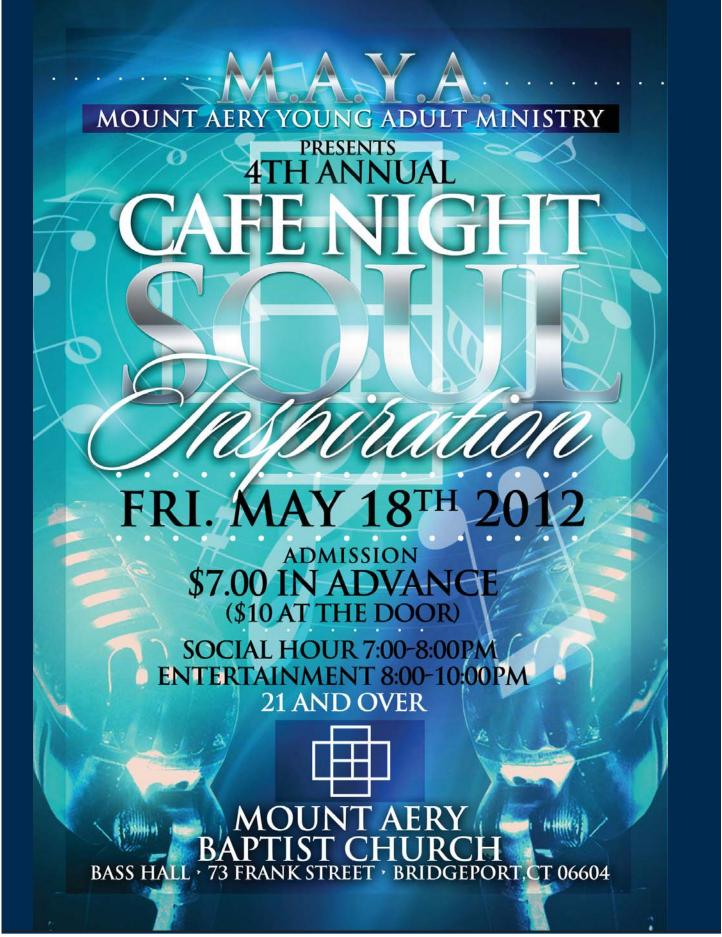
Alexander, Katrien Allen, Patricia Anderson, Tiffany Bell, Jeffrey Bennerman, Jaris Daniels, Deja Dixon, Reginald Gallimore, Frederick Harvin, Diane Hunter, III, William

May 31st

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

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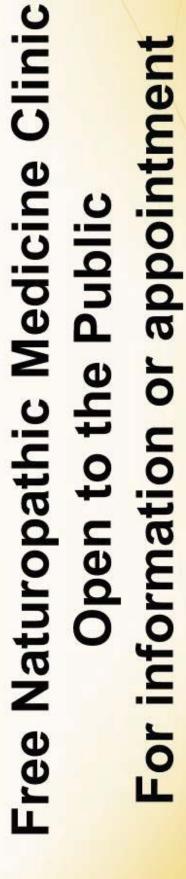


Time: 12:00 noon until 4:00 p.m. 73 Frank Street, Bridgeport, CT









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A cancer diagnosis can cause many life challenges. We are interested in your stories about the ways that family and friends influenced how you coped during and after the diagnosis.

In collaboration with *The Witness Project*® you will be asked to participate in a focus group that will take approximately 90 minutes.











A \$50.00 gift certificate compensation and refreshments will be provided to participants.

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