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THE UPDATE

NEWS & EVENTS

Honour thy father and mother;

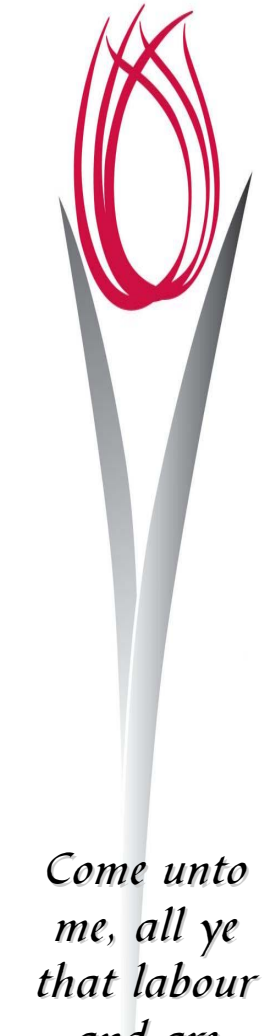
which is the first commandment of promise. Ephesians 6:2

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**HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY 2009
MOUNT HOREB MEMBERS GONE TO BE WITH GOD!!!**

Elenora Harris 1988	Arthur E. Cowan 1992	Dorothy M. Thornton 1999	Margaret Baltimore 2004
John E. Robinson 1988	Sandra J. Alston 1992	Edward King, Sr. 1999	Wilean Allen 2004
Walter L. Hellams 1988	Daisy P. Butler 1993	Howard Foster 1999	Mary L. West 2004
Dorothy Shaw 1988	Theodora L. White 1993	Earl H. Jenkins 1999	Lucille Richardson 2004
Robert Hightower 1988	Ernest Adams 1993	Blanche Foreman 1999	Percy L. Sanders 2004
Annie R. Garnett 1988	Flosse McNeil 1993	Welton Mason 1999	Alberta E. Porter 2004
Julia R. Smith 1988	Maurice B. Harris, Jr. 1993	Lacy Spencer 1999	Elizabeth Burton 2004
Maymo J. Gales 1988	William W. Douglas 1993	Mary Dunkins 1999	Connie Coleman 2004
Richard Phronebergen 1988	Ethel F. Wright 1993	Floyd Baynes 1999	Thomas Nelson 2005
Hazel Butler 1988	John Williamson, Jr. 1993	Alice Williams 1999	Jessie Nash-Johnson 2005
Bertha Clement 1988	Dea. Elijah M. Crudup 1993	Arizona Cousin 1999	Frank Kirkland 2005
Shirley Williams 1988	Dora Shropshire 1993	Elsie Brown 1999	Verdia M. Davis 2005
Willie McLean 1988	James Bethea 1993	Lillie Carter 1999	Viola Mason 2005
Lesari Crenshaw 1988	Delores A. Callahan 1993	Evelyn Sutherland 1999	Esther Wills 2005
Thomas J. Chalmers 1988	William F. Watson 1993	Lena D. Jackson 1999	Emma Fountain 2005
Solomon Wright 1988	Madeline M. Jones 1994	Nannie Bethea 1999	Jonny Hartsfield 2005
Mary T. Caldwell 1988	Gussie Tyler 1994	Louis Carter 1999	Gertrude Davis 2005
Mary W. Barton 1988	Lucy Lumpkin 1994	Joseph Datcher 2000	Corine Hubbard 2005
Dea. Kinnie White 1989	LaRaine Torain 1994	Milton Jeter 2000	Ivaline L. Barrett 2005
Katherine Hill 1989	Willie Dickerson 1994	Geneva Franklin 2000	Warren Porter 2005
Henrietta McCarter 1989	Geneva King 1994	Augusta B. Lucas 2000	Lora H. Brandom 2006
Hattie Wilson 1989	Estelle Adair 1994	Robert D. Peyton 2000	Peggy Willingham 2006
Dea. John R. Jones 1989	Eva Carpenter 1994	Kenneth Davis 2000	Rosie G. Cook 2006
Doris M. Edwards 1989	Oscar D. Duckett 1994	Melvin Washington 2000	Mamie Steward 2006
Raymond G. Daniels 1989	Janie Watkins 1994	Albert Willingham 2000	Lillian Harris 2006
Rev Eugene Wyche 1989	Maybell Starkey 1994	James Brisker 2000	Joseph Halsey 2006
Lillie B. Gallmon 1989	Thomas Callahan 1994	Greg A. Hannah 2000	Imogene T. Tillman 2006
Margaret Taylor 1989	William Harrod 1995	Evelyn Anderson 2001	Rosemary Franklin 2006
Lawrence Jones 1989	William R. Hawkins 1995	Hunita Wood 2001	Mamie K. Feeling 2006
Isabelle Curry 1989	Martha Brown 1995	Percy Foreman 2001	Ferrel R. Barber 2006
Goldie Brooks 1989	Allina M. Price 1995	Melvin A. Hawkins 2001	Ruth Irving 2006
Ruth Monroe 1990	Eva Trueheart 1995	Frank Bailey 2001	Remington Anderson 2006
Lucille Edwards 1990	Frederick L. King 1995	Barbara Garcia 2001	Lewis N. Horton 2006
Randolph Hilton 1990	Johnson C. Whitted 1995	Ernest Harris 2001	Rosa E. Thalley 2006
Ervin L. Handon 1990	Evelyn Craig 1995	Lula Cooper 2001	John Pharr 2006
Dea. Roscoe Allen 1990	Allen A. Britton 1995	Alice Tucker 2001	Mildred White 2006
James O. Staten 1990	Howard Chambers 1995	Alberta Ware 2001	Dea. John Jones 2007
Sarah Scott 1990	Martha Williams 1995	Doris Henderson 2001	Leopold Wilburn 2007
George E. Thorne 1990	Jacob Murphy 1995	James Henry 2001	Christine Cogger 2007
Dea. Milton Hubbard 1990	Mary E. Jones 1995	Esther Whitehead 2001	Vernon Williams 2007
Moses Jefferys 1990	Julia B. Smith 1995	William Jackson 2001	Jennie Matthews 2007
Horace Whitfield 1990	Dorothy W. Green 1995	Gurley C. Huston 2001	Rev. Grover Gilbert 2007
Dorothy W. Dangerfield 1990	Charles Whitfield 1995	Bessie Trice 2001	Clarence Gross 2007
Ray C. Wilkerson 1990	James Edwards 1996	Eleanor Jones 2001	Jerome Johnson 2007
Willie Lee Echols 1990	Mattie Goodman 1996	Elbert Roberson 2001	Tania Johnson-Allen 2007
Willie B. Fitzpatrick 1990	Thomas George T. 1996	Rev. Rudolph E. White 2002	Ella Fleming 2007
Bobby L. Torain 1990	Ella Brown 1996	Shelton A. Burton, Jr. 2002	Alma R. Vance 2007
Verline Berry 1991	Rayword Holmes 1996	Sophie J. Black 2002	Ronald Houston 2007
Nova Mae Baldwin 1991	Dorothy Hawkins 1996	Gladys Palmer 2002	Ruth Steiner 2007
Lucile Brown 1991	Ellen Taylor 1996	Isaiah Byrd 2002	Janice Overton 2007
Leon R. Pullum 1991	Eva Sanders 1996	Estelle Peete 2002	James Johnson 2007
Helen Cashwell 1991	Geraldine Gordon 1996	Oda Bell Wilson 2002	Mary Jackson 2007
Ellen Robinson 1991	Laura B. Watkins 1996	Zelma Richardson 2002	Audrey Brooks 2007
Ruby King 1991	Louise Cashwell 1997	Revella White 2002	David Richmond 2007
Dana E. Whitfield 1991	Ralph F. Taylor 1997	Bertha Peak 2002	Robert Henderson 2007
James C. Brewington 1991	Lottie Davis 1997	Lila B. Wesley 2002	Jewell Marie Butler 2007
Dea. Ardell Davis 1991	Lillie Sanders 1997	Mattie Graves 2002	Dea. Wylie Powell, Sr. 2008
Ruth V. Young 1991	Annie Crudup 1997	Doris Jones 2002	Lillie Wingfield 2008
Ophelia C. Gregory 1991	Allen Jones 1997	James West 2002	Walter Davenport 2008
Dollie E. Coleman 1991	Edna L. Corbin 1997	Helen Foster 2003	Jannie Hellams 2008
Elsie Edwards 1991	Rev. Chester Brooks 1997	Wade Shaw 2003	Mildred Foreman 2008
Carolyn G. Smith 1991	William Rogers 1997	Mattie Brown 2003	Howard Williams 2008
Barbara Abbott 1991	Mary P. Harris 1997	Althea L. Nelson 2003	Carolyn Hawkins 2008
James Singleton 1991	Dora Eason 1998	Mildred Henderson 2003	Florence Cohen 2008
Ianza J. Dickerson 1991	Annie Parchman 1998	Leatha Moore 2003	Alice Thompson 2008
Bernis Bethea 1991	Charles Wood 1998	Audrey Gross 2003	Deac. Alfreda Moses 2008
Mande Taylor 1991	Juanita Champion 1998	Helen Powell 2003	James H. Thomas 2008
Dea. Willie F. Fisher 1992	Marie Chalmers 1998	Ada Taylor 2003	Annie Clark 2008
Carrie A. Moon 1992	Glady Fox 1998	Donnie Graham 2003	Winfred Hayes 2008
Carl E. King 1992	Sarah Parker 1998	Lettie Johnson 2003	Nanearl Roberson 2008
Arthur C. Carter 1992	Walter King, Sr. 1998	Edna L. Boyd 2003	Michael Ferrell 2008
Marie H. Greene 1992	Mozell Simon 1998	Floyd Nelson 2003	Lury V. Clinkscales 2008
Cora J. Marshall 1992	William Little, Sr. 1998	George Clanton 2003	Bettie Sanders 2008
Alfred S. Cherry 1992	Nathaniel Coleman 1998	Mary Ames 2003	Francis Jenkins 2008
Henry White 1992	Pearl L. Wooten 1998	Mamie Jenkins 2003	Agatha Meadows 2009
Wesley Britton 1992	Oscar D. Jones 1999	James E. Lee 2003	Wainwright Boseman 2009
Maurice Harris, Sr. 1992	Dea. Miles Hooper 1999	Edward Thomas 2003	Franklin Murphy 2009
Martha Quinn 1992	Curtis Hannah 1999	Romanello Robinson 2003	Connie Austin 2009
Mary E. Odem 1992	William Graves 1999	Vera Carter 2004	Ruth Simmons 2009
Venessa Boston 1992	Oliver Flowers 1999	Gloria N. Champ 2004	
Mildred Daniels 1992	Hester Henderson 1999	Bertha L. Miles 2004	



*Come unto
me, all ye
that labour
and are
heavy laden,
and I will
give you rest.
(Matthew 11:28)*

IN MEMORIAM

~~FROM THE CHURCH CLERK~~

TO OUR NEW MEMBERS: By Baptism--Brothers Marcus L. Deloatch (Youth) and Joshua D. Williams (Youth). Brother Jack B. Martin, Sisters Beatrice Hamlet and Mattie Dickey by Christian Experience. Welcome into the Mount Horeb Baptist Church Family. "The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all." (2 Corinthians 13:14)

TO OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS: Your Church Family's thoughts and prayers are always with you. We hope and pray that the telephone calls, visits and cards enlighten your days and will lead to a speedy recovery.


TO OUR VISITORS: For all His Children, God desires a life of calm not flurry. His will for everybody is that we should trust, not worry. To make it in a tough world, keep in touch with God. The Mount Horeb Baptist Church Parishioners extend a warm welcome to you. We are delighted and blessed to have you worshiping with us. We invite you to return and fellowship with us as often as you like. Remember, you are always welcome in the House of the Lord.

MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE: To keep the church's membership records current and in order, please make the church clerk's office aware if you have had a change in your name, address or telephone number. Your cooperation is appreciated.

SOME IMPORTANT THINGS IN LIFE: The most destructive habit....WORRY, the greatest joy....GIVING, the most satisfying work....HELPING OTHERS, our greatest natural resources.....OUR YOUTH, the most powerful force in life....LOVE, the most powerful channel of communication....PRAYER, and the most important being in life....JESUS THE CHRIST.

HAPPY MOTHER'S AND FATHER'S DAY
Sister Joan Randolph, Church Clerk

AARP DRIVER REVIEW

 AARP Driver Review Course, held on Saturday, April 4, was a refreshing review for drivers 50 and above. There were 30 in attendance for this course, including eight Senior Fellowship Guild members. The instructor for this class was Brother Edmund Robbins, assisted by Sister Gloria Robbins. The Senior Fellowship Guild is grateful to have had Mount Horeb's own as our instructor for this class and look forward to working with Brother and Sister Robbins at a future date.

Submitted by Sister Clemmie Wilson, President
Senior Fellowship Guild

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Romans 8:18

MAY SUNDAY SCHOOL SUBJECTS

May 3rd - "New Family in Christ"

Lesson Scripture - Ephesians 1:3-14

May 10th - "New Works in Grace"

Lesson Scripture - Ephesians 2:10

May 17th - "New Message from God"

Lesson Scripture - Ephesians 3:1-13

May 24th - "New Life in the Home"

Lesson Scripture - Ephesians 5:21--6:4

May 31st - "New Armor for Battle"

Lesson Scripture - Ephesians 5:21--6:4

JUNE SUNDAY SCHOOL SUBJECTS

June 7th - "Hearing God's Call"

Lesson Scripture - Exodus 3:1-12

June 14th - "Accepting Responsibility"

Lesson Scripture - Exodus 4:10-16, 27-31

June 21st - "Recognizing Authority"

Lesson Scripture - Exodus 5:1-9, 22, 23; 6:1

June 28th - "Finding Protection"

Lesson Scripture - Exodus 14:15-25, 30a

Join Us for Sunday School...All Are Welcome!

Deacon James Paschall, Superintendent

EDITORIAL

Don't Let Your Religious Beliefs Fade



One of my favorite spiritual songs is "Cert'nly Lord." Imagine slaves working in the fields and singing "Have you got good religion? Cert'nly Lord - Cert'nly, Cert'nly Cert'nly Lord" and instantaneously being uplifted.

Everywhere in our world there is mystery. Everywhere there are questions. Religion offers answers, consistency and hope.

A childhood friend had rheumatic fever. As a result she now has a heart condition, is anorexic, has high blood pressure, is a chain smoker and recently had a brain aneurysm. By any normal medical calculation, the doctors say she should be dead. Instead, she takes care of her 8 month old great-grandchild. She believes that God has a plan for her. She enjoys every moment of her life, never complaining but always thankful and serving others despite her health.

Researchers at leading medical schools say that active religious practices and beliefs are associated with longer, healthier and yes, happier lives. While doctors don't necessarily understand why this is, many religious leaders proclaim that religion is important not because they know all the answers but because they have the best answer there is: FAITH. So brothers and sisters let's keep the FAITH.

Sister Yvonne John, Editor

And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Ephesians 4:32

There is one thing that we should keep when we give it our word.

MINISTER'S CORNER



Being Prayerful in Your Christian Walk - What is "Your Christian Walk"? Simply put, it is our daily lifestyle - the way we live, our conduct and/or behavior - It is that which the people around you see. Our lifestyle can draw others to Christ or it can push them away from Him; thus, it is very important to develop an on-going relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Your Christian Walk is living according to the principles of God; that is, "... Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself" (Matthew 22:39). Ephesians 5:2 says "And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savour."

During this Christian walk, faith in God and daily communication with Him are required. The Bible gives us examples in men and women such as Daniel, Nehemiah, Paul, Elisabeth, Mary and Hanna. Throughout the New Testament we are given the value of prayer as well as the best example, Jesus. In:

Luke 6:12 - "And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God."

Luke 21:36 - "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man."

Luke 22:32 - "But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren."

Luke 22:44 - "And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground."

John 16:26 - "At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you."

Let us remember we can find many other examples within the 66 Books of the Holy Bible. I would like to leave you with one other and it is Acts 1:13-14:

"And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Phillip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James.

These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren."

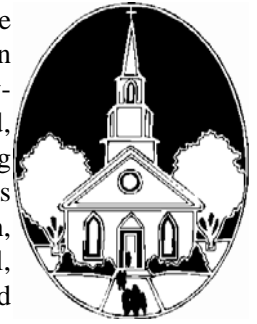
Just like Jesus and those gathered in the Upper Room, we too need to pray. The power of prayer can help us with all issues of life. It is a good thing to believe that prayer changes things.

May God bless you.

-----Reverend Dr. Melvin Wallace
God provides all the spiritual armor we need.

PULPIT COMMITTEE

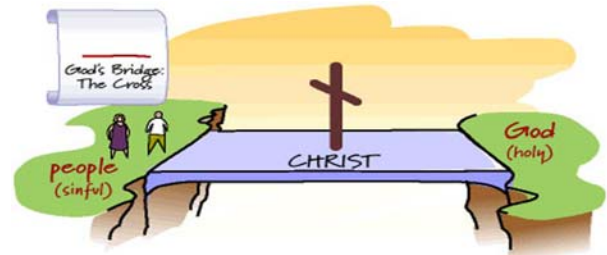
The Mount Horeb Pulpit Committee held its first organizational meeting on Wednesday, April 1, 2009. The following members are Anna Hartsfield, Chair; Leola Jenkins, Vice Chair; Craig M. Hawkins, Secretary; James Boseman, Crystal Jackson, Elicia John, William E. Morris, David Powell, Joseph Saunders, Eliza J. Stevens, and Joyce Williams; with Gerald Moore and Ronald Hawkins, serving as Alternates. Internal working groups from this committee will be established for specific search tasks, as the need arises. The Pulpit Committee members are committed to being impartial, will not compromise the integrity of the process, request your feedback, and will be transparent to the Mount Horeb Church Family. Ongoing updates in the search process will be provided to Mount Horeb's membership. The committee requests your continued prayers for God's spiritual guidance and unity of our Church as we move through this critical undertaking.



-----Submitted by Sister Anna Hartsfield

HE HEARD HIM

Why Not Me?



Then Jonah prayed unto the Lord his God out of the fish's belly, And said, I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the Lord, and he heard me;

out of the belly of hell cried I, and thou heardest my voice. For thou hadst cast me into the deep, in the midst of the seas; and the floods compassed me about: all thy billows and thy waves passed over me.

Then I said, I am cast out of thy sight; yet I will look again toward thy holy temple. ...

When my soul fainted within me I remembered the Lord: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple...

But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD.

(Jonah 2:1-4, 7, 9)

SALVATION IS OF THE LORD.

Submitted by Sister Elizabeth Dortch

YOUNG PEOPLES' CORNER

SISTER TENAYA PRINCE WINS TWO PRESTIGIOUS RESEARCH AWARDS



Mechanical engineering student, Tenaya Prince, has recently been named the Region 2 First Place Winner of the Undergraduate Students in Technical Research Regional Showcase (URRS) award and the Second Place Winner of the Focus Research on Entrepreneurial Empowerment (FREE) award. Prince has done extensive research on embedded resistors and has won these honors based on her paper, "Trimming of Embedded Resistors: 3 D Electrical Modeling."

As first place winner of the URRS award, Prince presented her research at the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) national convention in March. Of the six national regions, Prince is the winner for Region 2, which is comprised of over 2,400 collegiate student members. These members represent chapters throughout Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Washington, D.C., West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina.

Sponsored by NSBE, this first place tribute consists of a trophy and a \$200 monetary award. As a result of expanding her research to include its entrepreneurial potential, Prince is also honored with the FREE award, sponsored by the University of Maryland Black Graduate Student Association (NBGSA) and the Black Engineers Society (BES). As a second place winner, Prince has received a certificate of participation and a \$200 monetary award.

Currently, Prince is the PCI Co-Chair for the National Society of Black Engineers and is involved with many volunteer activities including Operation Caring Spirits--an Air Force volunteer program, Christmas in April and Walk for Education. She has won other awards including several academic awards and the Michael L. Cherry Scholarship award, "for community service and being an inspiration to others." As a mechanical engineering senior, she is looking forward to her upcoming graduation in Fall 2009. Post graduation, she plans to pursue a career with General Electric Transportation in their Edison Engineering Development Program, after which she plans to enroll in graduate school.

2009 CHURCH PICNIC: It's picnic time again! Make sure the date of Saturday July 18th is highlighted on your calendar.

There will be great fun, delicious food, the best fried fish and wonderful fellowship for all. Your participation will make this occasion a great success!

Trustees Janice Caldwell
and Gerald Anderson

SPELMAN COLLEGE GLEE CLUB Came To Mount Horeb



On Sunday, March 15, the Mount Horeb Baptist Church (MHBC) opened the 2009 concert series with a much anticipated performance by the Spelman College Glee Club. The Church spent months planning, promoting and pitching the legacy and star appeal of the Glee Club. Based in Atlanta, Georgia, the Spelman Glee Club consists of roughly 60 female voices primarily trained to sing classical, traditional spiritual, gospel, jazz and choral music. However, to limit the Glee Club to a handful of genres would be a great injustice to the discipline, poise and talent that these young women possess. While visiting MHBC on their Annual Spring Tour (other stops included New York City, Columbus, OH and a joint performance with the Harvard University Glee Club), the ladies amazed and inspired the crowd by performing selections in Korean ("Arirang"), Czech ("Ach! Synku Synku") and Spanish ("Las Amarillas"). At other times in the concert, the young women played instruments and conducted as the director looked on, proving that these phenomenal musicians will not be confined to only singing! At one point, two underclasswomen were recognized for having arranged two African-American spirituals ("Go Down, Moses" and "Rock-a My Soul"); an impressive accomplishment for even a seasoned musician.

The young women only added to their allure and charm as they warmly embraced the MHBC family and friends after the concert at a reception. They welcomed questions about both the Glee Club and the College, as well as about their individual experiences as student-musicians. The choir's director, Dr. Kevin P. Johnson, was on hand to meet and greet the crowd and offer wisdom and advice to aspiring Spelmanites. After the formalities, the women enjoyed a hearty meal prepared by the Church and several alumnae joined them to "roast" the director and reflect fondly on their days at Spelman and/or in the Glee Club. But Spring Tour is a job like any other, so immediately after dinner, the women were rehearsing for the next day's performance before calling it a night. Members of the Church provided homestays for the Glee Club, a tradition that has lasted many generations in the organization's 80+ year history. The next morning the Glee Club reunited at the Church and after another local performance, headed to Queens, NY for a day of shopping and relaxation before returning to Georgia. The choir made it back home safely later that week and was most grateful with the love and service they received at Mount Horeb. We welcome you anytime, Spelman Glee Club!

Submitted by Sister Suneye Holmes

ABOUT OUR CHRISTIAN SUMMER DAY CAMP



Our Christian Summer Day Camp (CSDC) is an ongoing program that takes place every July; our camp is based on Godly principles and rooted and grounded in Christ. Children between the ages of five and thirteen are able to attend the CSDC. Activities are planned that are meant to enrich and stimulate them while they are having fun. Each Summer for two weeks in July, their day starts with daily devotions. On most days field trips are scheduled and we do our best to make them exciting and memorable. Some of the trips taken are: the Smithsonian Museum of African Art to participate in playful performances for Children, the Natural History and American History Museums, National Gallery of Art, Air and Space Museum, Botanical Gardens, Waterfront tour and boat ride (Harbor Police display), Pontoon Boat Tour at the Bladensburg Waterfront Park to observe wildlife, National Aquarium, Smithsonian's Discovery Theater, the Sculpture Garden, the Publick Playhouse to see the Russian Circus and a trip to the Public Library.

In addition, the CSDC provides arts and crafts, liturgical dance classes, movies and other recreation activities including gospel skating, bowling and swimming. The children have lunch and snacks each day. As you can see, the two weeks of CSDC are filled with activities.

We are constantly looking for ways to enrich our children and in the process we hope to leave them with some happy memories of their CSDC experience. We always need sponsors to enable more children to participate in the CSDC and to provide trips for the children that otherwise may be too costly. Moreover, we need adults to go on the field trips and to share their resources and talents with our children. Any help you are willing to give the camp will be greatly appreciated. Donations may be left in the church office.

Sister S. Tijuana Williams
Obeying God's rules pleases Him.

EHIGIE IRABOR



Ehigie Irabor, a student of Hardy Middle School, has been selected as a Student Ambassador Representative for the People to People Organization in Australia. This honor can be a life-altering experience for him. However, to participate in this most rewarding opportunity, approximately \$7,000 will be needed. Persons interested in helping Brother Irabor raise these funds are encouraged to send tax deductible contributions to Mount Horeb Baptist Church in care of Ehigie Irabor Ambassadorship. Contributions must be in by May 31, 2009.

~~EVANGELISM NEWS~~

The second training session of the series on Evangelism for 2009 was held in the Christian Education Building. Reverend Wallace led the session describing Relational Evangelism and Peer Evangelism and giving examples.



The overall objective of the training session was to learn strategies to mentor, train, nurture and evangelize disadvantaged, at risk youth from the foster care system, using relational and peer evangelism, called "Nurturing and Evangelizing Children of Promise."

Foster children are God's children, and He loves them. They have been gifted with God-given purposes, but many times the gifts have been smothered and therefore hidden.

Evangelizing these children is important in the context of a relationship. Nurturing first, because you must meet the children where they are. Evangelism second because many of these youth have issues around trust.

Historical data shows that approximately 78% of all conversions come out of the context of a family or a personal relationship.

Because friends can influence friends, discussions were around ways to develop friendships with this lost population. Develop a personal relationship, build trust, then evangelize was the poignant strategy shared. This is relational or lifestyle evangelism. Peer evangelism, as discussed, is a subset of relational evangelism, primarily as a way for the youth of Mount Horeb to be engaged in evangelism. This is where peers, those either by age, school or social friends, or by persons who have been in at risk situations and have come through and are now serving God. Therefore, it is important to first develop a relationship, build trust, then present the Gospel.

The session closed with a real life talk from a former foster child who is now an adult and is serving God. She came to the Lord in the context of a relationship through the foster family who raised her. This is an excellent example of God using the foster care system to reach a soul and showing His love.

Submitted by Sister Anna Hartsfield
PRAYER REQUEST: We pray that the Church will continue to come together in unity and prayer each Friday morning at 8:30 a.m. (or throughout each day) while we search for a Pastor.

Deacon James Boseman, Chairman

THE DIXON FAMILY



The Dixons met while serving in the United States Navy and were married in 1991. Sister Beverly Dixon is the fifth of nine children and was born and raised in East St. Louis. She retired from the Navy in 1994 with the rank of E6. She joined Mount Horeb in 1996. Brother Elijah Dixon has a younger and older sister. He was born and raised in Charleston, South Carolina. He has been a member of Mount Horeb since 2006. They attend the 7:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service.

Sister Dixon is one of nine Mount Horeb "Quilting Queens." As a member of the Tuesday Quilting Club, Sister Dixon has made over 30 quilts, one of which was given as a door prize at our last Fall Festival. She serves as the Arts and Crafts instructor for the Thursday Senior Fellowship Program and teaches these skills to the youth at our Summer Camp Program.

Sister Dixon has a very interesting story detailing what drew her to Mount Horeb. One Sunday while walking down Bladensburg Road, she met and started a conversation with a lady who asked where she was going. She replied that she was searching for a neighborhood church home. The stranger said she was going to Mount Horeb and invited Sister Dixon to join her. Once inside the Church, the stranger introduced her to lots of people, all of whom were extremely friendly. Sister Dixon felt at home and responded positively to the call to "come back as often as you like." What makes this so amazing is that Sister Dixon has not seen the stranger since that first encounter.

Sister Yvonne J. John, Editor

DAY OF SERVICE



On Saturday evening, January 17th, I settled down to read my daily Washington Post. I saw an article announcing that for the first time a new incoming President was opening the White House to visitors the day after his Inauguration. The article provided a web site where you could apply for admission. Even though I knew thousands of people had probably already applied by that time of the day and that my chance of getting admitted was slim to none, I submitted an application anyway. Once I hit the submit button, I was led into another web site set up by Mayor Adrian Fenty. This one asked you to volunteer for a day of service in honor of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. Not trying to put a White House visit (and possibly meeting President Barack Obama) above honoring Dr. King by serving others, I applied to work at RFK Stadium. I chose the first shift, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 noon, because I'm a morning person.

Monday morning I got up and out early, caught the Metro train to the Stadium and proceeded to wait in line - wait to fill out another form; wait to circle around outside; wait to pass through scanners; wait inside the stadium. Patiently waiting, I met people from all over the country who were in Washington for the Inauguration of the first African-American President, and who decided to volunteer their time and service also. Finally, when the group that I was part of finished our orientation explaining how we were needed to stuff care packages for soldiers serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, we were led to a huge heated tent in the middle of the field. There we picked up a plastic bag, moved from table to table, allowing other workers to drop items in the bag, and at the end of the line zip-locked it and started the process over again. The aim was to fill a total of 3,000 bags per hour, 100,000 for the day.

On my second round, folks started shouting and music started playing (Chuck Brown's "I Feel Like Busting Loose"), getting louder and louder. People were saying, "they're here, they're here." I asked, "who's here?" Someone said "Michelle Obama". It seemed like everyone in the tent rushed to our section (B) to where Mrs. Obama was led in by black suited Secret Service persons, followed by media crews and cameras. Everyone instantly pulled out cell phones and cameras to take pictures, and so did I. I was able to get three pictures before we were "encouraged" to move on down the line. After I zip-locked my bag, I picked up another to reenter the line. By this time Secret Service had taken charge and gotten things back in order. We were allowed to pass through the line five or six at a time, and were told not to pull out anything (cameras). At this time Michelle Obama was at the table passing out supplies. She dropped her item in my bag and when I offered my hand for a handshake, she took my hand in both of her's and kindly shook it. In a most warm and gracious manner, she said, "How are you? It's nice to meet you." I replied, "Fine, it is a pleasure to meet you." She did not rush to let go, but someone (Secret Service) said "MOVE ON!" Volunteers had been encouraged to write letters to soldiers when we left the tent. On stationary provided, I wrote thanking a soldier for serving our country and wishing God's blessings while on foreign ground and for a safe return home to a new Administration - an Administration that has brought hope back to this country.

Oh, another dignitary was there with Mrs. Obama, Mrs. Biden. Honestly, I can't remember whether or not she put items in my bag as I passed through.

Sister Deborah T. Anderson, Reporter

TRUSTEES' REPORT



BY HARVEY E. HARRIS — THE WASHINGTON POST
The Rev. Nathaniel Thomas of New Redeemer Missionary Baptist Church, left, prays during a joint service at the First Baptist Church of Highland Park with the Rev. Henry P. Davis. Both pastors' churches were allegedly scammed.

During our November Church meeting, Chairman Joyce Williams informed us of the kiosk problem resulting in our loss of \$62,000. Our bank allowed United Leasing to withdraw that amount from our checking account. Your first question is, "why the bank didn't stop this?" Buried in the bank's policy is a statement which allows such withdrawals and protects Wachovia from liability. When it was learned that the money was taken from our account, we knew checks needed to be covered so one of the trustees withdrew \$50,000 from a home equity plan to deposit in the church's checking account to prevent outstanding checks from being returned.

At the November meeting Deacon Boseman asked members to give \$200 each or any portion of that amount and mark the envelope "Emergency Loan" to repay the trustee's loan very quickly. To those persons who have contributed, we say thank you; and we hope others will give to the "Emergency Loan."

Representatives from the District of Columbia Attorney General's Office of Consumer Protection came to Mount Horeb and talked with several trustees, a deacon, Reverend Nathaniel Thomas and Henry Gaston of the D.C. Ministerial Association, regarding the kiosk situation and our loss. At that time the representatives promised to do what they could to find out more about the matter.

Now that the issue has been thoroughly investigated by the OAG's Office, Attorney General Peter Nickles has announced that the District has filed a suit against several individuals and companies including the Urban Interfaith Network (Mr. Perkins and Mr. Morris) and five or six leasing companies (including United Leasing) for having engaged in a nationwide scam to defraud African-American churches of hundreds of thousands of dollars. The scam targeted up to fifty predominantly African-American churches in the District, Maryland, Michigan, Wisconsin, Tennessee, California and other states.

The District's suit alleges that the defendants approached numerous congregations offering "free" computer equipment. As part of the agreement to receive the equipment, congregation officials were required to unwittingly sign documents that obligated the groups to long-term lease payments that amounted to \$50,000 or more. The computer equipment was valued at no more than a few thousand dollars, and at times, did not function properly.

"While it is not surprising that in tough economic times we see an increase in financial scams, what is unconscionable is that these Defendants allegedly targeted their scheme at religious congregations - groups whose funds are often used to feed the poor, assist people with housing, and otherwise benefit those in need in their community," said Attorney General Nickles. "The community is outraged at this egregious behavior, and I intend to aggressively pursue recovery on behalf of these congregations, many of which have been severely impacted by this scam."

Once this suit was released to television and other media outlets, Mount Horeb was contacted because we were the lead church to contact the DC OAG's Office for assistance in this scam.

On April 10, Mayor Fenty and Attorney General Nickles held a news conference in front of Mount Horeb to show their support for our plight and all area churches involved.

In the meantime, Reverend Nathaniel Thomas, Pastor of New Redeemer Baptist Church, Forestville, Maryland, who was familiar with our loss had begun to call together other churches which lost money or are paying leasing companies for kiosks that are not working. A group of churches have organized "Churches United for Justice, Inc." which represents about 30 churches in the DC Metropolitan Area. The attorney for the group is Fred Cooke, former D.C. Corporation Counsel under the Barry Administration. A class action suit is being considered by this group.

Articles in the Washington Post on April 10 and 11 also summarized this issue as a means of calling attention to fraud and scam artists.

ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOP



The Mount Horeb Baptist Church Tenth Annual Scholarship Workshop was held on Saturday, February 7, 2009. The purpose of the workshop is to provide information and resources to parents and high school students seeking financial assistance to further their educational needs. This workshop is open to all Mount Horeb Baptist Church high school students and parents as well as students and parents from surrounding communities and churches.

This year we were fortunate again to have four excellent speakers: Dr. Robert L. Kight, Ed.D., Managing Partner, The Kight Group, LLC.; Mr. Charles Gibbs, Interim Vice Provost for Student Affairs, Howard University; Brother Dwight Datcher, Director of Athletics, Howard University; and Brother Nicholas Austin, Georgetown University Law Student.

All stressed the need to be aware of an ever-changing society/world. Situations are shifting, and we are looking at a world we've never seen before. Therefore students entering college need to prepare for this ever-changing society.

Dr. Kight stated that there are two types of scholarships: Need Based and Merit. He indicated that 60% of scholarships available are merit scholarships. Marketing yourself makes you competitive for a merit scholarship. This means listing your accomplishments, talents and abilities. It's a good idea to start as early as Junior High School or Middle School. He suggested two Websites to research: shifhapens.com and change.com.

Mr. Gibbs emphasized building good character as a tool for getting a scholarship and keeping it. This takes responsibility. Students need to take Core Classes (Math, Science, etc.). Put a blueprint together for post-secondary education. Be a good citizen. Ask the right questions and expand their thinking. Students will need a mentor-someone who can help them get ahead. Know that character and GPA (grade point average) are your tools.

Brother Datcher stressed the need to set goals and find out how you accomplish them. Start by knowing who you are and what you want. Never stop learning and never give up on your dreams. Stay focused, have good character and good judgment.

Brother Austin suggested that students must first learn to make sound decisions, process information, and expand their knowledge. Have fun at college, but "handle business" first-go to class and do homework. After graduating from college, continue to seek mentors; know how to carry yourself, and give back to the Church.

Thanks to Sister Anna Hartsfield, there were many resource materials on financial assistance available. Most of this material can be found in the "Scholarship Corner" of the Arizona Cousins Fellowship Hall.

Brother Craig Hawkins, Chairman
Submitted by Sister Carrie Webster

MID-WEEK AT MOUNT HOREB

Thank God that our Church is not a Sunday-only building! Activity is everywhere and Wednesdays are a prime example. Promptly at 10:30 a.m. Sister Dorothy Lee Jones teaches the Bible class. This class stresses coping skills undergirded by Biblical principals with emphasis on healthful living, empty nesting, financial management, social interactions and Christian fellowship.

At 12 noon, class members are joined by others in the Audrey Gross Chapel. There, a soulful prayer meeting takes place - led by our Deacons and music by pianist Sister Jewel McMillan. Everyone leaves uplifted and inspired.

Later the same evening, there are groans and moans emanating from exercisers in the gymnasium. But again, promptly at 6:30 p.m. another Bible study class convenes in the Audrey Gross Chapel where Sister Mabel Turner leads the lesson in Old Testament Studies. Currently moving book-by-book from Genesis and now in Jeremiah, this group focuses on Biblical characters, laws and history affecting our Christian walk.

Finally, the hymns of praise coming from the Inspirational Choir as they rehearse over and over, leaves one feeling inspired Mid-Week at Mount Horeb.

Submitted by Sister Barbara Battle
In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Order Of Service

Sunday

7:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.Worship Services
Fourth SundayHoly Communion
9:00 a.m.Sunday School

Tuesday

7:30 p.m.Prayer Service

Wednesday

10:30 a.m.Bible Study
12 NOONPrayer Service
6:30 p.m.Prayer Service

Saturday

12 NOONYouth & Adult
Bible Study

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It's not the load that breaks you down; it's the way you carry it.