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THE UPDATE

NEWS & EVENTS

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He is not here: for he is risen, as he said,
Come, see the place where the Lord lay. Matthew 28:6

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HE AROSE!

Father, Father forgive them, for they know not what they do.



Then they did crucify Jesus, and two thieves.



One of the thieves said, when thou comest into thy kingdom, Hear, O Lord, remember me.

And the people clamored: He is death guilty, take him, crucify him!

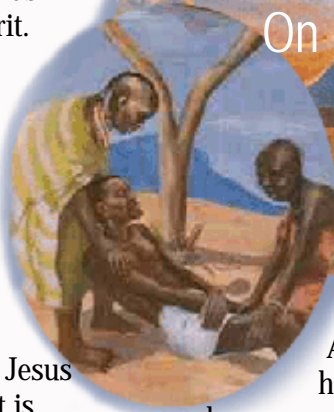
God, my Father, oh why has thou forsaken me?



Father, into Thy hands I commend my spirit.

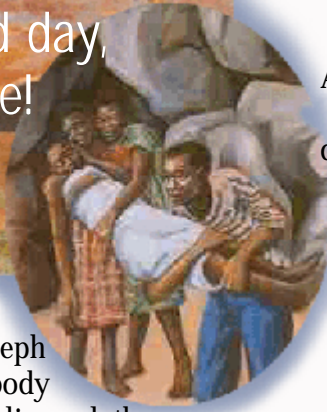
On the third day,
He Arose!

And it was about the sixth hour; and the sun was darkened, and darkness covered the earth, until about the ninth hour; and the veil of the temple was rent, and all the graves were opened wide.



And with a loud voice Jesus cried, exclaiming, It is finished!

And when Joseph had taken the body he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed.



~~FROM THE CHURCH CLERK~~

TO OUR NEW MEMBERS: Sisters Angela Y. Lilly (Restored), Latasha G. Smith (Baptism), Frances Stafford, Cathy H. Somers and Mattie J. Johnson (Christian Experience). "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." Proverbs 3:5-6
Welcome into Mount Horeb's Church Family!!!

TO OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS: "Even in your darkest hour, the Lord will bless you with His power. His loving grace will surely abound, in His sweet care you shall be found." Pastor Cooper and your Church Family's thoughts and prayers are always with you. We pray that you will be renewed with strength, good health and healing.

TO OUR VISITORS: "A careless word may kindle strife, a cruel word may wreck a life, a timely word may lessen stress, a loving word may heal and bless. Kind words are always the right kind." Pastor Cooper and the Mount Horeb Parishioners are blessed to have you worshipping with us. Remember you are always welcome in God's House.

REMINDERS: Each church auxiliary was requested to submit to the Church Clerk a one page report covering the calendar year 2003. A report will be prepared compiling each auxiliary's activities during 2003 and distributed to any member requesting a copy. **HAVE YOU SUBMITTED YOUR REPORT?**

If you have had a change of name, address or telephone number, please make the Church Clerk or the Church Secretary aware of the change at your earliest convenience.

There are still unclaimed 2004 church contribution envelopes on the table near the entrance door to the Fellowship Hall Annex. If you do not have your envelopes, please check the table. If you cannot find your envelopes, come to the Church Clerk's office for assistance. Thank you for your cooperation.

QUOTE! "You will find as you look back upon your life that the moments when you have truly lived, are the moments when you have done things in the spirit of love." --- Henry Drummond

Sister Joan Randolph
Church Clerk

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The scholarship applications are now available in the Arizona Cousin Fellowship Hall. The deadline to submit applications to the church office is **Sunday, May 2, 2004**. Applications will not be accepted after that date. Be sure to check the church website, www.mthoreb.org, for additional scholarship information.

Sister Mia Roberson, Scholarship Chairperson

APRIL SUNDAY SCHOOL SUBJECTS

Sunday, APRIL 4th - "Jesus' Crucifixion"

Lesson Scripture - John 19:16b-24, 26-30

Sunday, APRIL 11th - "The Empty Tomb"

Lesson Scripture - Matthew 28:1-15

Sunday, APRIL 18th - "Faithful in His Service"

Lesson Scripture - 1 Thessalonians 1:2-10; 3:6-10

Sunday, APRIL 25th - "Ready for His Return"

Lesson Scripture - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 5:2-11

All are invited to attend!

Deacon Wylie D. Powell, Superintendent

EDITORIAL



When we were children, some of us played a game called "hide and seek." One child would hide and all the other children would try to find him or her. Normally, the game would be played outdoors and one could hide behind a tree, a shed, the house or a truck. However, no matter which place was chosen, the hidden child would eventually be found. Then the game would start over and a different child would hide.

On rainy or stormy days, the game would sometimes be played with a child and a parent. The parent usually knew where the child was hidden but played the game anyway. At times, the parent initiated the game as a trick to garner a little quiet time. Before long, the child would discover that the parent was not seeking to find him or her. Then, the child was disappointed and perhaps showed a bit of displeasure. Both parent and child were seekers but neither one found what was sought.

The Bible tells us to "seek and we will find." But what are we seeking? This year, during Lent, let us seek to rediscover ourselves. You may be thinking, "I know myself, I don't need to do this." Nevertheless, some of your best qualities may be hidden and need to be revealed. Think about some of these promises and maybe you will make them your own:

"I will give less time to trying to change others and more time to improving my own life.

I will refrain from thinking or speaking of that which I do not wish to happen.

I will keep my conversation on an ascending note.

I will place the picture of success on the walls of my mind."

Do we say of a truth, "I know that," and pass it by? Or can we say of this truth, "I do that?" When we can say of a truth, "I do that," then the truth becomes our own. Let us look to the risen Lord as we seek to rediscover our true identity.



Sister Bernice Perry Perkins, Editor

“MATTHEW 28”



The last chapter of Matthew's Gospel focuses on the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ and on the Great Commission He gave to His disciples to publish to the ends of the earth His redemptive acts and their meaning for all people.

I. He is risen:

Never did anyone speak with greater significance than did the angel when he said, "Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for He is risen."

We have let the truth of the resurrection of Jesus Christ become too common. In reality, many of His followers live somewhere between sundown on Good Friday and before dawn on Easter Sunday. We have not recognized and fully responded to the fact that ours is a living Lord.

II. Jesus met them:

Over and over again our Lord revealed himself to His disciples after His death and the grave.

Our Lord wants to meet us today on life's highway.

III. Share the Good News:

Some have professionalized the Great Commission and applied it only to the ministers and others have applied it to foreign missionaries. But the Great Commission is found in the phrase, "Teach all Nations." All of us are to be sharers of the good news.

IV. A wonderful promise:

The Great Commission closes with the promise of our Lord to bless, with His continuing presence, those who give themselves in obedience to His command to share the good news of His love with all people.

As He was with Abraham, Isaac, Moses, Joshua, Jeremiah and others, so will our Lord be with us if we are obedient to Him.

Happy Easter
Pastor Cooper

TIMELESS WISDOM



Commit your ways unto God that you may be guided along life's pathway.

Learn to meet life's challenges and complexities with faith and trust in God.

Release all fears and doubts to the everlasting Father, for to Him nothing is impossible.

God is the source of all good, all wisdom and the answer to every challenge.

God responds to us as we turn in faith to Him.

Boundless energy is ours when we learn to rely on Divine guidance.

Each of us has some God-given talent or uniqueness that no one else can offer the world.

We are surrounded, upheld and maintained by the presence of God.

Give thanks daily for your many blessings.

"Just as there are no little people or unimportant lives, there is no insignificant work." Elena Bonner

Prayer lays the ground work to meet all challenges in life. Continue to pray.

Let God be your partner in all your undertakings.

Release every concern to God.

Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.

Know that God is a refuge in times of storms.

Look to the future with great anticipation for God's wonderful surprise of blessings not yet realized.

Pray for others who are in greater need than you are.

Thank God for His grace.

A soft answer turneth away wrath but grievous words stir up anger.

Dorothy Dines Davenport

RETIREMENT



Sister Dorothy A. Hunter, Contract Specialist/Contracting Officer at the Department of Education, is retiring April 1, 2004. She has enjoyed 37 years of service with both the District of Columbia and federal governments.

After retiring, Sister Hunter intends to appreciate the good life such as enjoying her five (5) grandchildren, reading novels, gardening, movies, dancing, listening to jazz, attending plays, sightseeing, traveling and church activities...just a few things.

In September, Sister Hunter intends to enroll in an associate degree program at Prince George's Community College to study Criminal Justice. She credits God for all His blessings to be able to continue in good health and maintain strength and fortitude throughout all of these years without a break in service.

A luncheon will be held on April 22, 2004 at Phillips Restaurant, 11:30 - 2:00 p.m. Friends who would like to attend this celebration, please contact Sister Hunter.

And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power.

1 Corinthians 6:14

Knowing what God has done for us through Jesus is all the reason we need to celebrate.

WHAT I COULD DO IF I REALLY WANTED TO

If I wanted to, I could help make this church the most wide awake and working church in all the world. **If I wanted to**, I could visit members who are sick or home bound and find other ways to help them. **If I wanted to**, I could attend Bible classes regularly and encourage others to do the same. **If I wanted to**, I could show more devotion in worship and receive much more good from the services myself. **If I wanted to**, I could profit more from the sermon by not resenting the truth when it reveals some of my weaknesses. **If I wanted to**, I could tell others about Christ and His church and lead them to Him.

Of course, this all depends on what I want to do. I could be an honored servant of the greatest of all kings. I have the ability – **If I really wanted to**.

Submitted by: Trustee Ruby Macon

BLACK HISTORY IN WASHINGTON, D.C.



The Department of Christian Education presented a Black History Program on Saturday, February 28, 2004, entitled "Black History in Washington, D.C." The program opened with the Negro National Anthem, "Lift

Every Voice and Sing." Scripture was read by Sister Marion Wilson and Rev. Rufus Nix prayed. The Youth Choir, under the direction of Sister Linda Stroud and pianist Sister Blanche Trueheart, rendered two musical selections. Sister Raichella Chapman gave a memorable recitation on Rosa Parks, a pioneer in the Civil Rights Movement.



Then began the presentation of the American Heritage Trail of Washington, D.C. Along the trail were stops at the Greater U Street corridor, LeDroit Park, Lincoln Park, Logan Circle, Downtown Washington, Brightwood, Anacostia and other areas. The play presented some history of Washington, D.C. and the significant role African Americans played in this city's civic life and identity since it was first declared the New National Capital in 1791. It depicted a period when the majority of Blacks were enslaved and the changes that took place in D.C. from slavery until Congress passed the District of Columbia Emancipation Act on April 16, 1862. The Act made Washington, D.C. the first freed city in the nation nine months before President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation in January 1863.



The historical narrative was supported by dramatic skits, a video pictorial of famous black personalities, buildings, churches and neighborhoods. Background music coincided with the music of the era. Sisters Virginia Daniels and Shaketa Powell wrote and directed the play. The dramatic cast included Brothers Franklin Murphy, Gerald Anderson, Jabari Anderson, Daniel Powell, Frederick King and Master Gilchrist; and Sisters Esther Murphy, Deborah Anderson, Mary Beal, Shaketa Powell, Jewell McMillan, Tamara Thomas, Delores Hawkins and a host of others. Video pictures were provided by Deacon George Thomas; historical music by Brother Ronald Hawkins; and Sister Eliza Stevens and staff served delicious soul food.



Pastor Cooper gave remarks and the invitation to discipleship. The program concluded with remarks by Sisters Marion Wilson, Chairperson, and Willie B. Cooper, Director, Department of Christian Education. Many thanks go out to everyone who helped make this celebration a joyous occasion.

Submitted by
Sister Marion Wilson &
Brother Ronald Hawkins

16TH ANNIVERSARY of THE FIRST FAMILY



Today, March 28, 2004, marks the completion of 16 years of outstanding leadership by Pastor Cooper. He preached his first sermon as the new Pastor of Mount Horeb Baptist Church, the 9th in the 133-year history of the church, on Sunday, March 28, 1988.

His message on that Sunday morning included a solemn promise: "I will lead you as God directs me." Since that promise, Pastor Cooper and First Lady Willie B. Cooper, have provided exemplary leadership at Mount Horeb and elevated the church to new levels of spiritual growth and material expansion.

Shortly after his arrival, Pastor Cooper formed many new organizations, instituted a variety of needed services and implemented a number of developmental programs to increase the spiritual maturity of officers, auxiliary leaders and new members of the rapidly expanding church. Concurrently, he accelerated the church's support for foreign missions and established numerous outreach programs for the residents of nearby communities.

Mount Horeb has realized remarkable material expansion during the ministry of Pastor Cooper, as a result of aggressive efforts in the acquisition of nearby properties. Under his leadership and with an effective Building and Expansion Program, the church purchased five properties on Bladensburg Road during the years 1989-1992. These acquisitions were followed by the purchase of two additional buildings at 3005 and 3015 Mount Horeb Plaza in early 1998. Extensive renovation and reconfiguration projects for the latter buildings were promptly initiated so as to provide for an assortment of contemporary equipment and facilities for spiritual activities of church auxiliaries and groups and the physical well-being of its members. Renovation projects were successfully completed in early 2003. Building 3005 has been designated as the Mount Horeb Annex, which contains the new Fellowship Hall with a 500-seating capacity auditorium, audio/video equipment, sound stage, a professional kitchen, administrative offices, male and female lounges, and a computer center and systems for access to "the information super highway, the Internet." Building 3015 has been designated as the Albert L. and Mamie G. Steward Recreation Center, which contains a gymnasium with basketball court, exercise equipment, lockers, showers for men and women, arts and crafts, etc. On March 30, 2003, dedication services were held, during which time the Annex and the Recreation Center were dedicated to the services of our Lord and Savior. In future years they will stand as silent tributes to the vision, courage, prayers and labors of Pastor Cooper and the supporting cast of dedicated officers and loyal members of the Mount Horeb Church Family.

The inspirational leadership provided by Pastor Cooper and our adorable First Lady, is richly deserving of the accolades of members of the Mount Horeb Church Family. No one can deny that a loving God, with whom all things are possible, has truly smiled upon Mount Horeb. **TO HIM BE THE GLORY!**

14TH ANNIVERSARY THE SHARE FOOD PROGRAM



In April 1990, Mount Horeb became one of approximately 150 Host Sites in Washington, D.C. and the Metropolitan area for the SHARE Food Program. During early 1990, church officials (e.g., trustees, deacons, etc.) and other

volunteers developed managerial and operational procedures for running the Program. On the 4th Saturday in April, initial distribution of packages was made. Monthly distributions have been made without a single cancellation since 1990.

The Program has enjoyed remarkable success at Mount Horeb and continues to be one of the more enduring outreach activities of the church. Because of the high volume, HQ SHARE regularly donates a free package. The consistent high volume and efficiency of operations often result in HQ SHARE identifying this Site as a model among the 300 or more Sites in the area.

Volunteers from our Church Family provide the manpower for running the Program. Over the past 14 years, they have donated countless number of hours of time, monies and the use of their personal equipment in carrying out the various tasks of the registration and distribution functions. It merits noting that more than fifty percent of SHARE packages distributed each month are gift packages donated by members of the Church Family to families who need help in meeting their food requirements.

The Program has enjoyed tremendous success over the past 14 years because of sustained support of members of our Church Family. In this regard, new members or other members who are not familiar with the SHARE Food Program, are invited to become participants. You may do so by purchasing SHARE packages for yourself or donating them to needy families. SHARE packages can be purchased for an affordable \$15.00 each and two hours of "community service." You may also volunteer to assist with registration, distribution or other tasks associated with the Program. Contact the Host Site Manager for additional information.



As we complete our 14th year of operations and start the 15th, I express my thanks and the thanks of the Mount Horeb Church Family to all participants for your loyalty and generous support in making the SHARE Food Program at Mount Horeb a successful community outreach activity.

Brother Anthony M. Rudder
Manager, MHBC Host Site