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THE UPDATE

NEWS & EVENTS

Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel,

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which being interpreted is, God with us. Matthew 1:23

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M E R R Y C H R I S T M A S

The Word Made Flesh



Bring It All To Jesus
He's Waiting!

~FROM THE CHURCH CLERK~

To Our New Members: 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). On October 18, 2005, Baptism Service was held and 10 new members who had given their life to Christ received the Right Hand of Fellowship, becoming a member of the Mount Horeb Baptist Church Family. Five young men were baptized: Brothers Tony T. Hawkins, Anthony Renfrow, Thorman Jerry, Jr., Tony T. Fenwick and Demetrius I. McNeil (Youth); two young women were baptized: Sisters Kiara Rosenboro and Wanda M. Fenwick Stubbs; Sister Ardena A. Kersey (Restored); Brothers Xavier Morgan (Youth) and Dwight Jones (Christian Experience). The Mass Male Chorus rendered the soul-stirring music. It was an awesome and spirit-filled service, which was enjoyed by all who attended. Your Church Family welcomes you.

To Our Sick and Shut-ins: Pastor Cooper and your Mount Horeb Baptist Church Family pray that the coming days bring you restored health and happiness anew. Just remember that God is always near and just keep on believing that His love will cast out fear.

To Our Visitors: Pastor Cooper and Mount Horeb Baptist Church Parishioners welcome you. Come back to worship and fellowship with us as often as you like.

Official Board's Actions:

- (1) On the recommendation of the Deacon Board, the Official Board approved Deacon Terry Moore, Sr. to serve as advisor to the Young People's Choir. He will be present at their rehearsals and provide guidance where needed.
- (2) Brother George Jenkins resigned as Minister of Music effective September 30, 2005. The Official Board accepted his resignation with a note of thanks which was written to him.
- (3) In a meeting with the Directors of the Music Department, the Official Board approved of Sister Debra Datcher to serve as Interim Chair of the Music Department until a Minister of Music is found and Brother Robert Stroud to serve as Co-Chair.
- (4) The Official Board approved a recommendation from the Director of the Music Department for the following groups to sing one Sunday per month at both the 7:30 and 10:30 a.m. services in order to give more time for study and preparations:

Inspirational Choir and Young People's Choir-First Sunday
Mass Male Choir-Second Sunday
The combined Gospel Chorus and Morning Echoes-Third Sunday
Chancel Choir and Youth Choir-Fourth Sunday

Many thanks are extended to all the youths who have participated in the 10:30 a.m. worship services rendering the announcements, responsive reading and the prayer. You are doing an excellent job.

The Church Clerk and Assistant Clerk pray that our Church Family is blessed with peace, joy and happiness this holiday season and throughout the coming year.

Sister Joan Randolph, Church Clerk

DECEMBER SUNDAY SCHOOL SUBJECTS

Sunday, DECEMBER 4th - "Justice for All"

Lesson Scripture - Isaiah 42:1-9

Sunday, DECEMBER 11th - "Strength for the Weary"

Lesson Scripture - Isaiah 49:5, 6; 50:4-11

Sunday, DECEMBER 18th - "Hope for the Suffering"

Lesson Scripture - Isaiah 53:1-3; Luke 1:46-55

Sunday, DECEMBER 25th - "Good News for the World"

Lesson Scripture - Isaiah 61:1, 2; Luke 2:8-20

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

Deacon Wylie D. Powell, Superintendent

EDITORIAL



Gifts come in an assortment of sizes ranging from very large to tiny.

Some of them are wrapped yet others may arrive unwrapped. A toy for a child may be wrapped in comic paper while a wedding present may be presented in silver-gilded paper and display a gigantic ribbon. Unwrapped gifts might be a hug, a smile or even a kiss. No matter how it is offered, the gift without the giver is bare.

Most often, gifts are presented on special occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries or holidays. However, surprise gifts for no special reason will put a smile on almost everyone's face. The magnitude of the present normally is unimportant although consciously or instinctively many persons attach a monetary value to everything they get. Is this the true spirit of giving and receiving?

Christians have received a gift that came wrapped in swaddling clothing, not a designer outfit, nothing fancy, no ribbon to untie, just sweet Baby Jesus. He was a small gift, yet more valuable, more precious than either silver or gold. He is a gift of Grace that we can share and still have sufficient Grace left for ourselves. Can any other gift measure up to the Holy One who was born to die for us? I don't think so! What do you think? Won't you share Jesus this blessed holiday season? And then, why not share Him every other day of the year?

The UPDATE staff expresses thanks and appreciation for your contributory gifts by serving as reporters and writers during this year.

BLESSINGS AND HAPPINESS THIS HOLY SEASON!

Sister Bernice Perry Perkins

Editor

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Luke 2:13-14

“Christmas Means..”

John 1:14



The symbols and the legends, the music and the colors and traditions, the gifts and the bills that go with the season--are these all that Christmas means?

I. Christmas means that light shines in the darkness.

God spoke through Isaiah concerning Israel that “the people that walked in the darkness have seen a great light; and they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.” Christmas comes as a reminder that light shines in the darkness.

II. Christmas means that the God, whose coming we celebrate, is available if we seek Him.

There is still much darkness in our world and many things within our individual lives that are displeasing to God. We need someone who can bring order to our chaotic lives.

Jesus into the arena of human conflict... “the WORD became flesh and dwelt among us.” Throughout His earthly days, He pointed the way for people to go--calling them to the kingdom in a spirit of forgiving and redeeming love. “To as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become the sons of God.”

III. Christmas means that we must look up to a higher world, before we can look out on a better one.

We have tried to solve the human problem, while ignoring humanity’s relation to God. People are created to be the children of God. If we will not live as children of God, we are not likely to live as brothers and sisters to each other.

Have a blessed Christmas!!

PASTOR COOPER

This is Christmas: not the tinsel, not the giving and receiving, not even the carols, but the humble heart that receives anew the wondrous gift, the Christ.

“TIMELESS WISDOM”



Pray without ceasing.



First keep the peace within yourself, then you can also bring peace to others.

To everything here is a season, and a time to every purpose, under the heavens.

The mark of a mature person is the ability to adjust.

What ever your lot in life, build on it.

Things do not change; we do.

Nothing can dim the lights which shine from within.

..... the joy of the Lord is your strength.

A friend loveth at all times.

The simple truth is, that anger makes life difficult; composure makes its sweet.

Meet each day with confidence and gratitude.

Nobody can be you as efficiently as you can.

Make yourself necessary to someone.
HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!

Sister Dorothy Dines Davenport
**THE REAL MEANING OF
CHRISTMAS**

It’s all about the Baby.
It’s all about the One.
It’s all about the Father.
Who sent to Earth His Son.
It’s not about the Christmas trees
Or presents by the score.
It’s not about the parties
Or the snow piled high once more.
It’s all about the Glory.
God sent to earth that day -
A Baby, Christ our Savior,
Who sleeps upon the hay.
It’s not about the season;
It’s all about the Son.
Let’s bow and give Him honor,
Jesus Christ, God’s precious Son.

Mary Ann Jameson

"WOMEN'S DAY 2005"



Women's Day 2005 was a great day. Beginning with the 7:30 a.m. worship service and carrying through the 2:00 p.m. program, the spirit of the Lord was present as we celebrated our Women's Day this year. "Bearing Fruit" - what a powerful subject! It was well worth

keeping in our hearts and on our minds as we continue our journey through life. Our Speaker, Elder Rene Jones of the Mount Zion Christian Church, Rocky Mount, NC, reminded us that not only must we consider the Godly fruit, but also the forbidden fruit and the rotten fruit. It is a choice from which fruit we eat. We should all be mindful of that fruit and know that the example we set in our lives will show what fruit we bear. Her enthusiasm during her presentation will shine in our hearts and minds for a long time to come.

The United Women of Mount Horeb gratefully appreciate the participation and coming together of all the members and friends of the Church to celebrate this important day.

Sister Donna Thurston

Women's Day Chairperson 2005

COMBINED USHERS ANNIVERSARY AND ICUA SERMON

The 98th Anniversary of the Senior, the 15th Anniversary of the Men's Auxiliary and the 74th Anniversary of the Junior Usher Boards was celebrated on Sunday, October 23, 2005.

Our own Pastor Cooper brought forth an uplifting and powerful message from Genesis 22 entitled, "When Faith is Tested." He let us know that as Ushers we will be tested by Satan, by people and by God. Every test by God is designed to bring out the best in us and to strengthen us. We thank God for a beautiful anniversary program and we thank everyone who came out to support us.

U - understanding

S - spirit-filled

H - humble

E - earnest and sincere

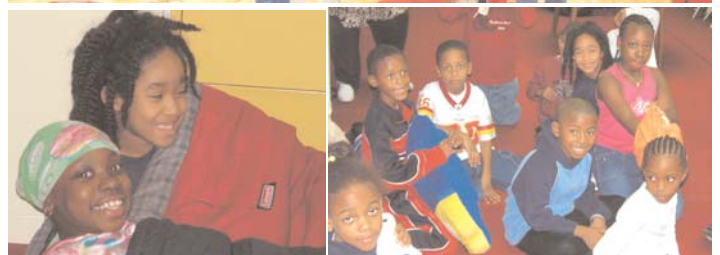
R - ready to serve

Submitted by Sister Mary Gudger

LOCK(ED)-IN WITH GOD

This year's Youth Lock-in, put on by the Young People's Council (Deacon Jonathan Beckett, Chair, Deaconess Shari Campbell, Co-Chair) was a time of praise, prayer and pizzazz as Mount Horeb's Young People discussed different ways to walk with God in their everyday lives. The lock-in started off emceed by Shantee Owens with a song from the Youth Choir and praise dancing by Mount Horeb's own Tiffany Moore, Raichella Chapman, and Devanee Beckett. After praising and worshipping God together, groups were formed: the 5-8 age groups were led by Sisters Lori Edley and Amani Rushing; guest, Reverend Kevin White, led boys 9-13 age group; while guest, Reverend LK Floyd, age 14 up. The 9-13 girls got a special treat from Ms. Angela Elliott, a health and wellness professional, who led them through a seminar about skin care. The older children stayed up all night talking about what it means to live a Christian life in a world that has forgotten God. Even the 5-8's stayed up late after reading and watching a movie about Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan! All in all, the Lock-in was a great time for the youth and adults of the church to interact over some of the issues that are important to them today.

Submitted by Sister Amani Rushing

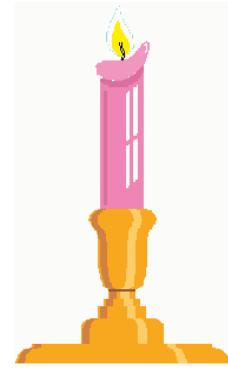
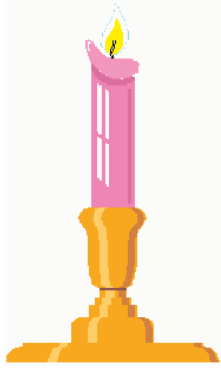


And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:10-11

"HAIL TO THE UPDATE EDITOR"

Sister Bernice P. Perkins



Unless you're a new addition to the Mount Horeb Church Family, you probably have read a few editions of the UPDATE. If so, you are familiar with and perhaps have enjoyed reading the various articles on activities of auxiliaries and groups; events and accomplishments of church members; alerts on financial, health, safety and security matters; etc. Perhaps you do not know that the success which the Newsletter perennially enjoys in bringing you such a variety of news items can be attributed to the outstanding services of Sister Bernice P. Perkins, its Editor.

Sister Perkins has been a member of Mount Horeb for fourteen years and has continually rendered faithful services in various church auxiliaries and groups. Currently, she is a dedicated member of the Inspirational Choir. She commenced working with the UPDATE in early 1997. Because of her superb editorial skills and writing abilities she was appointed Assistant Editor (to the late Brother George Clanton, Editor) in June, 1997. Sister Perkins served in this position with a high degree of professionalism, competence and unwavering devotion until the untimely death of Brother Clanton in October, 2003. She was appointed Editor in November.

Sister Perkins works tirelessly and with firm determination to ensure that the UPDATE remains a useful and credible news instrument. She devotes an enormous amount of time researching (via the INTERNET, news articles, etc.) information for inclusion in each edition. Each article collected and those submitted by reporters and other individuals are carefully reviewed to: (1) eliminate non-essential material; (2) insure appropriateness of subject matter for a church newspaper; and (3) publish on a timely basis. She is deserving of high marks on all of the above.

Editor Perkins is a most congenial and polite person. Her friendly and tactful manner in dealing with the UPDATE Staff promotes a pleasant working environment and enhances camaraderie among its members. Professionally, she is a Registered Dietitian (RD) and has shared her expertise with members of the Church Family by conducting classes and workshops in diet and nutrition. In this regard, she is a member of the American Dietetic Association (ADA). It is noteworthy, that in November, 2004, she was invited by the President of ADA to join a delegation of distinguished dietitians and nutritionists who traveled to the cities of Johannesburg and Cape Town, South Africa and participated in an international, professional and cultural exchange program.

Sister Perkins you justly merit our sincere THANKS and unconditional CONGRATULATIONS for your many years of continuous outstanding services with the UPDATE and Mount Horeb.

Remember, if Christmas isn't found in your heart, you won't find it under a tree.

Keeping Christmas is good, but sharing it is better.

The UPDATE Staff &
Brother Horace L. Williams
(Former Assistant Editor)

SPECIAL ACHIEVERS CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Sister Beatrice F. Whitaker who was honored with a commendable "Service Award." Sister Whitaker served over 30 years as a Deaconess at John S. Thomas Memorial Baptist Church, Washington, DC. This award was presented at a Testimonial Banquet given by the General Baptist Deacons Association, Women's Auxiliary and Youth Department, DC and Vicinity, for her unselfish Christian commitment and exemplary dedication for many years of faithful service to the Association and the Youth Department. May her spiritual leadership continue to provide an anchor to its members and the community.



I "sing with joy" as I congratulate Sister Shaketa Datcher-Powell on being our "Woman of the Year 2005." It is an auspicious honor of which she is most deserving. She will represent UWMH well as she walks the walk during her reign. May God shower her always with His loving blessings and keep her close to Him. Shaketa congratulations. I am very happy for you.

Your Sister in Christ, Janice H. Coles



Congratulations to Sister Mia Roberson-Wood who was recently recognized by the Prince George's County Maryland Alumni Chapter, Norfolk State University, as Ms. Alumni 2005-2006. She has been a very active member of the chapter for six years and currently serves as Chairperson of both Membership Services and Scholarship.



On Friday, November 4, 2005, Trustee Hayward W. Corley was inducted into the Howard University Athletic Hall of Fame. Trustee Corley graduated from Howard University in 1975. He was a member of both the Football and Track and Field Teams. He was named to the All Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Team in Football and is an All-American in Track and Field. The ten alumnus inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame this year were introduced and honored at a banquet on November 4th. Congratulations Trustee Corley!

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Serve the Lord with gladness!

Order Of Service

Sunday

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

Tuesday

7:30 p.m.Prayer Service

Wednesday

10:30 a.m.Bible Study
12 NOONPrayer Service

Saturday

12 NOONYouth & Adult
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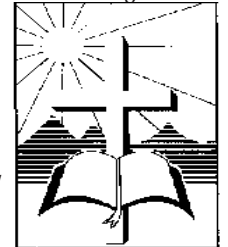
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Prayer Concern:



"We ask all of our friends to join us as we pray for peace throughout the world.

Deacon James Boseman
Chairman Deacon Board

The Security Group is seeking volunteers to assist us on Sundays. We welcome adults and young males, high school age. This service to your church can be counted as community service hours for school. Give your name and telephone number to the church office.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

Do give books--religious or otherwise--for Christmas. They're never fattening, seldom sinful and permanent--personal.