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THE UPDATE

NEWS & EVENTS

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*Trust in the Lord with all thine heart;
and lean not unto thine own understanding. Proverbs 3:5*

Jan/Feb 2009

Celebrating Black History

The collage features several newspaper front pages and magazine covers celebrating Barack Obama's historic election as the first African American president. The papers include:

- Los Angeles Times:** Headline "IT'S OBAMA DECISIVE VICTORY MAKES HISTORY". Sub-headline: "In California, gay-marriage ban takes early lead".
- The Tuscaloosa News:** Headline "OBAMA OVERCOMES". Sub-headlines: "Record number of voters crowd polls in Tuscaloosa", "Democrats fall short of winning 60-seat control", "Incumbents on County Commission keep their seats", "Local blacks inspired by historic presidential election". Main headline: "Barriers fall as U.S. elects black president".
- The Washington Post:** Headline "Obama Makes History". Sub-headline: "U.S. DEBATE ELECTS FIRST BLACK PRESIDENT".
- THE SUN:** Headline "HISTORY". Sub-headline: "Obama shatters racial barriers with epic victory".
- TIME:** "COMMEMORATIVE ISSUE" featuring a portrait of Barack Obama.
- DAILY NEWS:** Headline "PRESIDENT OBAMA". Sub-headline: "Nation changes forever with historic victory".
- AFRO:** Headline "FIRST BLACK PRESIDENT".
- San Francisco Chronicle:** Headline "OBAMA". Sub-headline: "CHANGE HAS COME TO AMERICA".

A central graphic features the Obama family (Barack, Michelle, Malia, and Sasha) in the presidential seal, with the text "Barack OBAMA And the 1st Family".

Arrangement Provided by Sister Debra Anglin

~~FROM THE CHURCH CLERK~~

TO OUR NEW MEMBER: We welcome into the Mount Horeb Baptist Church Family Sister Lorraine Douglas (Christian Experience). "May grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord." (2 Peter 1:2)

TO OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN: Your Mount Horeb Church Family's thoughts and prayers are always with you. We pray that you will be renewed with strength, good health and healing. "Faith is truly God's great gift, trust in Him, the clouds will lift, turn to Him in daily prayer, tell Him every doubt and care."

TO OUR VISITORS: Mount Horeb Parishioners welcome all who have come to worship with us. Come back to fellowship and worship with us as often as you like.

DEDICATION: "Our children are gifts from God on loan from Heaven above to train and nourish in the Lord and show them His love." On November 9, 2008, Pastor Cooper and the Mount Horeb Parishioners presented to the Lord in Dedication Baby Xavier DeShawn Owens.

OFFICIAL BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS/APPROVAL:

At the Semi-Annual Church meeting held November 15, 2008, the Board presented to the congregation the following recommendations which were approved:

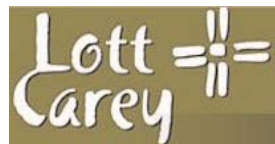
- 1) That Deacon James Boseman, Sr. become the Interim Chairman of the Official Board.
- 2) That Emeritus Status be granted to Pastor D. U. Cooper.
- 3) That Trustee Joyce Williams continue to serve as the Administrative Assistant in the Church Office until a new Pastor comes on board.

The Church Clerk and Assistant Clerk pray that our Church Family is blessed with peace, joy and good health throughout the New Year.

----- Sister Joan Randolph, Church Clerk

LOTT CAREY

BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSION



The Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention will be held in Raleigh, North Carolina, from August 9-14, 2009. Please mark your calendars, and notify Sisters Eliza Stevens or Rosa Owens if you are interested in transportation to/from the conference. More information will be forthcoming early in the new year.

And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men.

Colossians 3:23

JANUARY SUNDAY SCHOOL SUBJECTS

January 4th - "Midwives Serve God"

Lesson Scripture - Exodus 1:8-21

January 11th - "Rahab Helps God's People"

Lesson Scripture - Joshua 2:1-4a, 11b-14; 6:22-25

January 18th - "Joshua Leads Israel"

Lesson Scripture - Joshua 3:1-13

January 25th - "Sampson's Mother Prepares"

Lesson Scripture - Judges 13:1-13, 24

FEBRUARY SUNDAY SCHOOL SUBJECTS

February 1st - "A Shunammite Woman Hosts Elisha"

Lesson Scripture - 2 Kings 4:8-17

February 8th - "Nathan Confronts David"

Lesson Scripture - 2 Samuel 11:26-12:7a, 13-15

February 21st - "Esther Risks Her Life"

Lesson Scripture - Esther 4:1-3, 9-17

February 28th - "Isaiah Answers God's Call"

Lesson Scripture - Isaiah 6:1-8

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

Deacon James Paschall, Superintendent

WISDOM

Expanded into the Community

We have studied that God needs His family to work together in His vineyard to be merciful and compassionate toward each other. As we carry out the Great Commission, demonstrating God's love, we are commanded to bring lost souls to Christ. The world should know the church, not only because of the church's love for these lost souls, but also because of their love for each other. Remember what Christ has taught us and let His words enrich our lives and make us wise. Go, expand His love into the community.

Dear Christian soldiers...

RISE AND SHINE!

Rise and shine, O Christian!

The world is dark with pain,

Shine the light of God's love,

Bless in this storm or rain.

Rise and shine, O Christian!

Let others see Jesus in you!

People are crying all around,

They need a life brand new.

Rise and shine, O Christian!

Come now into the fray,

God wants to use you,

To show someone the way!

Evangeline Carey/Sunday School Lesson

Finally brethren put on the new life and stay steadfast: *And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. Colossians 3:14-16*

The salutation by the hand of me Paul. Remember my bonds. Grace be with you. Amen (Colossians 4:18)

Submitted by Sister Elizabeth Dortch

MINISTER'S CORNER



As a Church Family, we begin the New Year without the leadership of our beloved Pastor Cooper. Just as God has been with Mount Horeb Baptist Church from its beginning, so will He continue.

The Book of Genesis presents the account of man from creation to the beginning of the life of Abraham and recounts God's dealing with His chosen people. Throughout the Book, the chief concern is to set forth Jehovah's purpose in creating and providentially guiding them.

The Book of Exodus takes up the story of the Israelites where Genesis leaves off. As Pharaoh seeks to control God's chosen people, God acts to deliver them by His power through Moses. The redemption from the power of Egypt is far more than just a release from slavery.

As born-again believers in Christ, Ephesians shows us that we are also chosen. We have been redeemed through the blood of Jesus. God's purpose is that all believers should be adult sons in His family in which Jesus Christ is the "first-born." Along with that wonderful news, throughout this great Book, Paul gives us important instructions. He talks to us about prayer, salvation by grace, oneness in Christ, and the believer's conduct and walk.

Mount Horeb, we are going to be successful in 2009. How do we know that? We can speak it confidently because the Lord is on our side. In addition, we know what to do as well as how to do it. What am I saying? As sons and daughters in the Body of Christ, Christians must always be prepared and equipped; and, God has made provision for us.

It is very clear in Ephesians Chapter 6, verses 10-17. We are to: (1) Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might; (2) Put on the whole armour of God so that we may stand; (3) Recognize the reason for the protective wear - Unlike the Israelites, our fight is not with flesh and blood; it is a spiritual warfare rather than a physical one; (4) Understand what your own responsibility is; (5) Use the Word of God; and (6) Believe the Word and trust Him to do whatever He says in it.

Like the children of Israel we have been rescued and set free. We are trusting in God with every step we take - We begin with God and we end with Him.

May God bless you

.....**Reverend Dr. Melvin Wallace**
Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Matthew 5:3

EDITORIAL

USE A STRATEGY FOR HAPPINESS



We assume that happy and unhappy people are born that way. But both kinds of people do things that create and reinforce their moods. Happy people let themselves be happy. Unhappy people continue doing things that upset them.

A successful business must first define its purpose and then create a strategy to accomplish that purpose. This same approach can be used by people. Define what you want, then devise a strategy to get it. Ironically, children are better at this than adults. Small children know when being cranky will get them an ice cream cone. They also know when being too noisy will get them a cross reaction. Children understand that there are rules and predictable patterns to life, and they use a strategy to help them get what they want.

Living a happy life as an adult is like trying to get that ice cream cone as a child. You need to know what you want and use a strategy to get it. Think about what makes you happy and what makes you sad, and use this to help you get what you desire.

Happy people do not always experience success in every thing they do. Unhappy people do not always experience failure. Surveys show that happy and unhappy people tend to have very similar life experiences. The difference is that the average unhappy person spends more than twice as much time thinking about unpleasant events in their lives, while happy people tend to seek and rely upon information that brightens their personal outlook.

As Christians, we are God's ambassadors. We therefore should clearly show the joy we have in Jesus Christ. People's reaction to us should be, "I want what you have - joy, peace of mind and happiness." No one really wants unhappiness!!

As 2009 approaches, let us all make a New Year's Eve resolution to let our little light shine so bright that we lead others to experience the happiness of being a follower of Christ. Happy New Year.

.....Sister Yvonne John, Editor
We mean business now, and we are determined to gain our rightful place in God's world. And that's all this whole thing is about. We aren't engaged in any negative protest and in any negative arguments with anybody. . . . We are determined to be people.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

HOW AFRICAN AMERICAN INVENTIONS CHANGED AMERICA

1. Joseph Smith invented the **LAWN SPRINKLER**. He received a patent for his invention on May 4, 1897. Smith's lawn sprinkler was a swivel-shaped device containing a core which distributed water over a wide area. Previously, most lawns were watered with hand-held hoses. Because of their labor-saving advantages, today lawn sprinklers are used by home-owners and others the world over.

2. George F. Grant developed the **GOLD TEE**. The gold tee is a small wooden peg used to hold a golf ball in place. Grant invented the gold tee because he and other golfers had trouble keeping the ball still on the initial drive.

3. J. Standard made the first truly workable **REFRIGERATOR** in 1891. Other refrigerators did not cool properly and food often spoiled. Standard's brilliant use of compressed air and the correct amount of ether as a coolant is what made his refrigerator such a success.

4. Sarah Boone created the first **IRONING BOARD** in 1892. It was a long narrow wooden board with padded-cloth and folding legs. Before Sarah's invention, people ironed on tables.

5. G. T. Sampson invented the **CLOTHES DRYER** in 1892. It was the first machine to use a motor to dry clothing. Sampson's clothes dryer led to the creation of the electric and gas clothes dryers that are in use today. Before the clothes dryer, clothes were hung outside on a clothes line or throughout the house.

6. Thomas W. Stewart created the **MOP** in 1893. The mop was made up of a long wooden handle with a cloth attached at the end, used to wash and dry floors. Before the mop, people cleaned floors on their hands and knees with a scrub brush or a rag.

7. L. P. Ray designed the **DUST PAN** in 1898, to pick up trash off the floor. The dust pan made it easier to dispose of trash. Before the dust pan, trash was swept out of the door or picked up with thin cardboard.

8. Charles B. Brooks constructed the world's first **STREET SWEEPER** in 1896. This invention was made up of large brushes attached to the bottom of a vehicle to clean trash from the streets. Street sweepers are still used today in every major U.S. city to clean streets.

9. W. B. Purvis invented the **FOUNTAIN PEN** in 1890. The fountain pen was hand-held with a supply of ink inside the pen. Purvis' invention led to the invention of the ballpoint pen which is used by millions of people across the world.

10. J. B. Rhodes invented an improved **WATER CLOSET** in 1899. The water closet was the first indoor bathroom for homes. The water closet was an area the size of a closet that contained a toilet. Before the water closet was invented people had to go outside to a place called "the outhouse" to use the bathroom.



11. Alexander Miles built an improved **ELEVATOR** in 1887, using automatic doors for the first time. Before Miles' invention, doors and openings to the elevator shaft were carelessly left open causing damage to packages and injury to passengers.

12. John L. Love created the **PENCIL SHARPENER** in 1897. Using a crank and rotor the pencil sharpener cut thin slices of the pencil away as the crank was turned to create a sharp point. Until creation of the pencil sharpener, pencils had to be shaved with knives to produce a sharp point.

13. B. F. Jackson developed the **GAS BURNER** in 1899. The gas burner is used in gas stoves and gas furnaces in homes and businesses around the world. The gas burner is a device that when lit, produces a flame for cooking or heating. Jackson's invention has made it possible to cook food and heat a house at the touch of a button. Before the gas burner people had to gather wood from outside to create a fire, to cook food, and to heat the house.

14. J.A Burr created the **LAWN MOWER** in 1899. His lawn mower consisted of rotary blades used to cut grass. Before this invention, the grass was cut by hand with a sickle, a curved single-edged blade on a short handle.

15. Garrett A. Morgan invented the **TRAFFIC LIGHT** in 1923. This invention not only shaped the way Americans drive but the entire world. Can you imagine the confusion between all the cars without the traffic light?

16. J. H. Hunter built the **PORTABLE WEIGHING SCALES** in 1896. The scales were made up of levers and balance springs to weigh letters and packages. Now there are portable weighing scales, in post offices, hospitals, and businesses across the entire world.

17. Lewis H. Latimer designed the first **ELECTRIC LIGHT BULB** with a carbon filament in 1881. Most history books credit Thomas Edison with this discovery, but his light bulb used a cotton filament. The cotton filament did not work very well; the light it produced lasted for a very short period of time. Latimer created the carbon filament light bulb that lasted much longer. This invention brought America and the world out of the Dark Age of candles and into the age of the electric light bulb. Latimer also wrote the first book on lighting systems and supervised installation of the street lighting system in New York, Philadelphia, Montreal, and London.

18. Garrett A. Morgan created the **GAS MASK** in 1914. This invention made it possible for firemen and other rescue officers to enter smoke and gas filled areas without inhaling smoke or gas. The gas mask has saved millions of lives.

PRESIDENT-ELECT BARACK OBAMA



To say that American history books documented the accomplishments of African-Americans would be like stating racial inequality no longer exists. Yet, in spite of his heritage, the first African-American will become President of the United States of America. Decision 2008 unfolded a historical event, one that perhaps excels all other breakthroughs for African-Americans and people of color; and, for the first time, young Americans from all ethnic groups got excited about an election. Not only were youth exuberant, but also septuagenarians expressed excitement when they went to the polls. Some voted for the very first time.

Senator Barack Obama, (D) Illinois, was an unknown state senator until he delivered the keynote speech at the Democratic National Convention in the Summer of 2004. Then in February, 2007, he officially declared his candidacy for the presidential race. After winning in the primary race in Iowa in January, 2008, he became the candidate to beat. Americans everywhere talked about the candidates and their running mates. There was phenomenal interest in the outcome of this election even on an international level. Why? Could it have been because of his impeccable credentials or was it his message of change and hope? Or both?

On January 20, 2009, President-elect Barack Obama becomes the 44th President of the United States of America. Respectful citizens will address him as Mr. President. We, who hope for change, join the throng of voters who chanted, "Yes We Can!" However, change can only come if all Americans, not just the politicians, accept the challenges ahead for this administration and work for success.

We celebrate our new President's victory but know that tough decisions have got to be made.

Submitted by Sister Bernice Perry Perkins

Remember that our works do not save us; only faith in Christ will save us. We are saved by grace and not by the law.



"..... I think we make a mistake when we fail to acknowledge the power of faith in the lives of the American people, and so avoid joining a serious debate about how to reconcile faith with our modern, pluralistic democracy."

The Audacity of Hope pps 213-214

WORLD-WIDE ACCEPTANCE

It's the answer spoken by young and old, rich and poor, Democrat and Republican, black, white, Hispanic, Asian, Native American, gay, straight, disabled and not disabled. Americans who sent a message to the world that we have never been just a collection of individuals or a collection of red states and blue states.



OBAMA'S GRANDMOTHER SARAH OBAMA

We are, and always will be, the United States of America.

CHRISTINE KING FERIS



It's been a long time coming, but tonight, because of what we did on this date in this election at this defining moment, change has come to America.

The road ahead will be long. Our climb will be steep. We may not get there in one year or even in one term. But America, I have never been more hopeful than I am tonight that we will get there.

FIRST FAMILY-ELECT

And to those Americans whose support I have yet to earn, I may not have won your vote tonight, but I hear your voices. I need your help. And I will be your president, too.



Remarks delivered by President-elect Barack Obama at midnight Tuesday Nov. 4, 2008 Grant Park, Chicago FOR HISTORY BUFFS: What official action has to occur before the swearing in ceremony on January 20, 2009?

WOMEN'S DAY
Sunday, November 2, 2008



Women's Day was celebrated all day Sunday, November 2, 2008, beginning with the 7:30 a.m. worship service, culminating at a special Women's worship service at 2:00 p.m. Judge Thomasine B. Carter, Administrative Appeals Judge in the Office of Disability Adjudication and Review within

the Social Security Administration, was our guest speaker. Judge Carter, taking her text from 1 Corinthians 15:31, John 16:33, and Philippians 4:13, spoke on "God's Women of Decision, Making a Choice To Persevere Through Crisis." Judge Carter shared her life experience as a teen and revealed how she turned to God in order to persevere through a crisis that she faced. She said that we as Christians should not let troubles get us down and that being a Christian was never promised to be an easy way to live.

The United Women of Mount Horeb is grateful for all who participated in the Women's Day program. Our hearts have been truly blessed from beginning to end.

Sister Clemmie Wilson, Resource Person
Sister Anna Hartsfield, President

United Women Mount Horeb Baptist Church

THINGS YOUR MOTHER ALWAYS TOLD YOU BUT YOU DIDN'T WANT TO HEAR



Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. We have committed the Golden Rule to memory, now let us commit it to life.

All things work for good for those who love God. Romans 8:28. Not some things or most things but ALL things; so praise Him even in your troubles.

Being a Christian is a journey not a destination.

Always remember that what happens around us is largely outside our control, but the way we choose to react to it is inside our control.

The problem is not the problem. The problem is my attitude about the problem.

Carolyn Coats

2008 Woman of the Year
Sister Dorothy F. King



Sister Dorothy F. King was born in High Point, North Carolina, the daughter of Viola Feimster, and Daniel Ellis Wilson, and the wife of former Trustee Robert A. King. She is the proud mother of three sons, Billy, Brian and Terry, and the grandmother of four granddaughters and one grandson.

She completed her early childhood and high school education at William Penn High School in High Point, North Carolina then moved to Washington, D.C., in 1967. Sister King worked for the National Bank of Washington from 1972 to 1990, before the bank was sold to Riggs Bank. In 1991, Sister King began working at the IITI Research Institute, where she retired on disability after finding out that she had Pulmonary Fibrosis and needed a Lung Transplant. She received a transplant July 5, 2007 and is still recovering from this operation.

In 1995, Sister King was elected as the Worthy Matron of Naomi Chapter #9, Order of the Eastern Star, the highest position a female can hold in a subordinate Chapter. She later became a Chapter lecturer and instructor before her illness became too great for her to travel downtown.

At Mount Horeb, Sister King was a long-time member of the Finance Committee and worked every Sunday in the Finance Room. Sister King was also a member of the Chancel Choir for many years. She thoroughly enjoyed attending Sunday School and Church prior to her illness. We are very happy that she is now able to attend Church again, even on a limited basis.

Submitted by Sister Clemmie Wilson

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP GUILD



Membership Day, Saturday, January 10, 2009 at 11:00 a.m., is a very special day set aside for those wishing to join the Senior Fellowship Guild. You must be fifty (50) years of age and above to be eligible to become a member of the Senior Fellowship Guild. We accept associate members if you are younger than fifty (50) years of age. If you are unable to join us for Membership Day, our meetings are held the second Saturday of each month at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall Annex. The Sexton on duty will gladly direct you to our meeting place.

Sister Cornelia Vaughn, Reporter

2008 YOUTH LOCK-IN

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The Young Peoples Council's (YPC) 2008 Youth Lock-In was a tremendous success. The Lock-In was an all-night event for Mount Horeb's youth and guests held October 31st to the morning of November 1st. It was designed to address issues that matter to youth

on a day-to-day basis from a Christian perspective and to help youth strengthen their walk with Christ and renew their fire for the Lord. The 2008 theme was, "Youth United in Christ: Your walk, talk, faith and purity." The activities held during the night included group sessions for all ages, preaching, games and a music ministry. All the activities were geared toward the Lock-In theme.

The purpose of the Lock-In is to encourage young people to come to Christ. God's spirit was among us as two young men gave their lives to Christ. Master Joshua D'Angelo Williams and Master Marcus Lorenzo Deloatch accepted Christ during Saturday morning's circle prayer. Congratulations to the two candidates for Baptism.

Many members of the Mount Horeb Church Family attended the event to show their support-including several deacons, ministers, church officers and parents. The YPC was blessed to have several guest ministers and youth leaders attend the event to facilitate and assist with sessions.

A highlight during the night was the dynamic performance from David's Alliance-a powerful music ministry comprised of young adult singers and musicians. According to David's Alliance, their group is "devoted to holiness, love, integrity, prayer, sincerity, humility and dedication to service [to God] as well as excellence."

With inspiring vocals, David's Alliance uplifted the audience with powerful words of praise. They performed well beyond midnight to a captivated audience of young people, parents, church members and guests. Audience members were encouraged to participate throughout the performance.

Beginning with Friday night's opening session sermon admonishing youth not to be a "wannabe" through David's Alliance music ministry, late-night snacking, musical chairs, 4 a.m. basketball, and culminating in breakfast and a prayer ring on Saturday morning - the Lock-In was an absolute blessing!

Submitted by Sister Elicia John

Brother Askari Rushing had these comments on the Lock-In: "The Lock-In was a great way to fellowship with others in Christ. I especially enjoyed the group - David's Alliance."

Sister Michaela Ferrell wrote: I really enjoyed this year's lock-in. It was fun, interesting and informative. I learned a lot because we had good teachers with information that I could understand. I am looking forward to next year's lock-in because I hope to learn a lot more.

Pastor and Sister Cooper extend heartfelt thanks to all who helped in any way in our Retirement Celebration. Most of all we thank you, the Membership, for making it all complete. May God bless each of you.



My hope for my children must be that they respond to the still, small voice of God in their own hearts.
Andrew Young.

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The more we study God's Word, the more we learn what pleases God.

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

Friday

7:30 p.m.Bible Study

Saturday

12 NOONYouth & Adult
Bible Study

Prayer Concern: We pray for our leaders and entire Church Family.

Deacon James Boseman, Chairman

For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

Luke 19:10