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THE UPDATE

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The just man walketh in his integrity:
his children are blessed after him. Proverbs 20:7

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God Bless You

ON FATHER'S DAY



A fool despiseth his father's instruction: but he that regardeth reproof is prudent.

Proverbs 15:5

~~FROM THE CHURCH CLERK~~

TO OUR NEW MEMBERS: Sisters Jasmine Thompson, Quamika Warren (Youth), Baptism and Pamela Mack (Youth), Christian Experience. Brothers Remington Anderson, Hakeem A. Warren (Youth), Baptism, Jeffrey Harrison and Tremaine Mack (Youth), 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: Pastor Cooper and your Church Family's thoughts and prayers are always with you. We hope and pray that the telephone calls, visits and cards enlighten your day and will lead to a speedy recovery.

TO OUR VISITORS: Pastor Cooper and 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.

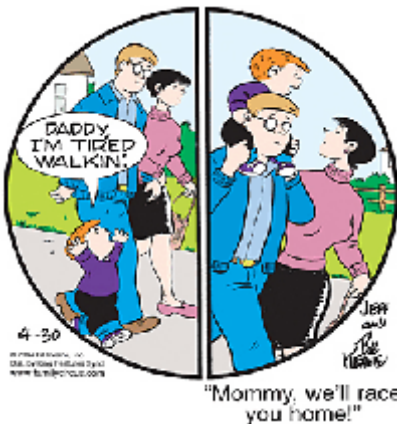
SOME IMPORTANT THINGS IN LIFE: The most destructive habit...WORRY, the greatest Joy...GIVING, the most satisfying work...HELPING OTHERS, our greatest natural resources...OUR YOUTH, the most powerful force in life... LOVE, the most powerful channel of communication...PRAYER and the most important being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

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!!

Sister Joan Randolph
Church Clerk

SPECIAL NOTICE
from our Board of Trustees

All church pews have been cleaned. In order to keep them neat and clean, please refrain from bringing food or drinks into the Main Sanctuary and the Audrey Gross Chapel.



Thanks for your cooperation.
Trustee Joyce Williams
Chairman, Trustee Board

Fathers — take heart, your day is coming, and you can be sure of getting at least one thing — the bills from Mother's Day.

JUNE SUNDAY SCHOOL SUBJECTS

- Sunday, JUNE 6th - "Faithful to the Son"
Lesson Scripture - Hebrews 1:1-9; 2:1-4
 - Sunday, JUNE 13th - "Following the Author of Our Salvation"
Lesson Scripture - Hebrews 2:5-18
 - Sunday, JUNE 20th - "Faithful Through Obedience"
Lesson Scripture - Hebrews 3:12-4:2, 9-13
 - Sunday, JUNE 27th - "Jesus: The Great High Priest"
Lesson Scripture - Hebrews 4:14-5:10
- All are invited to attend!
Deacon Wylie D. Powell, Superintendent

EDITORIAL



We all like to feel that we are continually growing, progressing and improving. A young boy, from time to time may say, "When I grow up, I want to be just like dad." At another time he expresses a desire to be a pilot, a teacher, a scientist and the like. Little does he know he must grow in stature and in wisdom if he is to attain his goal. In today's world, our daughters may possibly want to also emulate dad.

Once we reach maturity, do we stop growing? I suppose not. Our bodies are continuously growing new cells as old ones decay. Some of us manufacture more cells than are needed for replacement. Consequently, last year's clothes no longer fit.

We learn new stuff and process it for use in daily life. We outgrow some relationships, form new alliances and repair broken friendships. Nonetheless, no matter what we encounter in life, we must never outgrow relationships with our earthly fathers. After all, shouldn't fathers be influential in both the physical and spiritual growth of their children?

Do we ever stop growing? I think not! Perhaps we cease to grow physically, but we should be ever mindful of the need for spiritual growth. When we study, pray and accept direction from the Holy Spirit, we will surely grow. And when things that were once murky are seen with greater clarity...we have grown!

May God bless all fathers as they endeavor to raise up children in the nurture of God.

Sister Bernice Perry Perkins, Editor

Moreover he said, I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God.

“GOD’S WORD”



The one great advantage that those of us who are Christians have is that we are able to

go to our Bibles and listen to God’s Word by which we measure the conflicting words of men.

Only in God’s Word do we find the Word that clarifies, judges, reconciles, transforms and gives perspective to life. Often it is God’s Word that convinces us that it is needful for us to ascertain that we are seeing and hearing things from God’s viewpoint and not simply finding that which reinforces our own prejudices.

Perhaps this is why of all the disturbing things we read, God’s Word is still the most disturbing of all because it calls us, “not to satisfy the standards of men, but those of God.”

May God’s Word continue to disturb all of our complacencies and compromises.

*Happy Father’s Day
Pastor Cooper*

TIMELESS WISDOM

Be understanding to your enemies.

Be loyal to your friends.

Be strong enough to face the world each day.

Be weak enough to know that you cannot do everything alone.

Be generous to those who need help.

Be frugal with what you need yourself.

Be wise enough to know that you do not know everything.

Be foolish enough to believe in miracles.

Be willing to share your joys.

Be willing to share the sorrows of others.

Be a leader when you see a path others have missed.

Be a follower when you are shrouded by the mists of uncertainty.

Be the first to congratulate an opponent who succeeds.

Be the last to criticize a colleague who fails.

Be sure of your final destination in case you are going the wrong way.

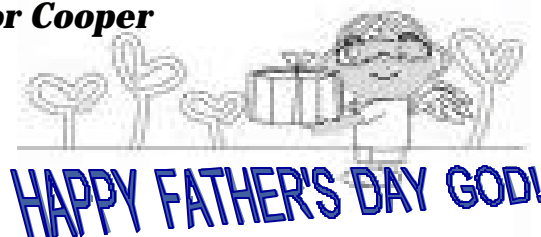
Be loving to those who love you.

Be loving to those who do not love you. They may change.

And above all, BE YOURSELF.



Dorothy Dines Davenport



Congratulations Pastor Cooper! ~ The Prince George's County Educators' Association (PGCEA) selected Pastor Delmas U. Cooper as the 2004 Outstanding Leader in Religion. A plaque was presented to him in recognition of his exceptional leadership in the church community and active involvement in local and national religious organizations. Several Mount Horeb parishioners were present to witness the event and show their love and admiration for him. Pastor Cooper's foresight and direction has caused the Mount Horeb Church Family membership to grow. Under his leadership, a larger number of children, youth and senior members are now



taking part in more church-sponsored activities. We thank God for our Pastor's leadership and his pursuit of excellence in education.

Congratulations to Trustee Ruby Macon who received a special leadership award from the PGCEA. The

honoree was surprised to be recognized for 25 years of service as a dedicated teacher in Prince George's County Public Schools and as a leader in PGCEA. Sister Macon has served as Chairman of the Nominations, Elections and Credentials Commission for most of her professional career. In this role, she is responsible for overseeing all elections for the Negotiated Contract, the General Election of Board Directors and MSTA and NEA Delegates to the Maryland State and National Educators Conventions.

Congratulations to Deaconess Shari Campbell, who graduated from George Washington University with a Masters Degree in Health Sciences; she followed the Clinical Research Administration tract. The ceremony was held May 16, 2004 on the Ellipse.



Congratulations to Reverend Rufus Nix, who graduated from the Family Bible College & Seminary with a Master of Divinity Degree. The ceremony was held May 2, 2004 in Baltimore, Maryland.

THE HEART TRUTH

Here's *The Heart Truth*: Heart disease is the #1 killer of women in the United States. One in three women dies of heart disease and for African-American women, the risk is especially great.

To better educate women about their risk of heart disease, the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI) has initiated The Heart Truth Campaign. It uses a red dress as its symbol and has presented community events, produced fact sheets and encouraged women to take charge of their health. According to a survey commissioned by the American Heart Association, only 13 percent of women believe heart disease is their greatest health risk—35 percent of women put breast cancer as their top concern. Yet, heart disease, which includes coronary artery disease, congestive heart failure, angina and other conditions, is the leading cause of death in American women, accounting for 366,000 deaths in 2000.

For more information on The Heart Truth Campaign and heart disease, you can contact the NHLBI information center at (301) 592-8573 or www.hearttruth.gov

Dr. Shari W. Campbell, Reporter

CHURCH ETIQUETTE

Last Fall members of the Mount Horeb Church Family assembled in the Annex Fellowship Hall in a spirit of UNITY. A motivational speaker, Sister Bette McCleod, led a group discussion on church etiquette as it relates to UNITY. She said, "We know what we're supposed to be doing if we are Christians, believers and disciples, but we don't always do it." The speaker then assigned topics pertaining to church activities which would help achieve greater UNITY.

Of great concern to the workshop attendees was the degree of "movement in the church during worship services." Such movement is a distraction, not only for the minister, but also for the parishioners as well.

Church etiquette discourages walking, except in emergency situations, during worship service. During prayer, meditation, scripture reading and the "sermon hymn" are times when walking or excessive movement should not take place. Worshipers who come to church after the service has begun should sit in the back of the sanctuary.

Ushers face the back of the sanctuary to denote when movement is permitted and direct parishioners to seating. As a safety precaution, only one wheelchair should be placed in each aisle. The Mount Horeb Church Family hopes that a spirit of UNITY prevails and our services are more worshipful. The Usher Boards would greatly appreciate your cooperation.

Submitted by Sister Dorothy Thomas
President, Senior Usher Board

PRAYER CONCERN for the MONTH of JUNE 2004

To the Mount Horeb Church Family from the Deacon Board:
Join us as we pray for peace and unity throughout the world.
Enable us to live this truth.

Deacon James Boseman,
Chairman, Deacon Board

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him.

Psalm 103:13



My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother:
Proverbs 6:20

GOLDEN AGE CELEBRATION



The Missionaries of Mount Horeb Baptist Church hosted a "Golden Age Celebration" on Sunday, April 25, 2004. This affair is held every five years to recognize and honor the church's wise and seasoned members, that is, those who are seventy+ years of age. The theme was from I Corinthians 15:58 – "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

Our Golden Age celebrants' membership ranged from six months to seventy-five years, that's right – 75 years! Astonishingly, Sister Ruth Simmons has been a member of Mount Horeb for 75 years and Sister Carolyn Hawkins has been a member for 65 years. These many years the honorees have spent at Mount Horeb or at another branch of Zion, show that they know the Lord and want to be a part of His Kingdom. As indicated by Program Chairperson, Sister Rosa Owens and Senior Missionary President, Sister Eliza Stevens, our elders ought to be revered. After all, many of them are the ones who did the footwork in getting Mount Horeb Baptist Church to where we are today.

The affair was not just uplifting for our seniors, but also for our young people. Studies show that when children interact with older people, it can promote enlightened benefits for both the children and the elderly. Everyone seemed to have enjoyed the celebration. The program began with an introduction of the Mistress of Ceremony, Sister Edna Sue Lawson, by her daughter, little Maria Lawson. Before Reverend Rufus Nix prayed and blessed the food, little Brother Jesse Dawkins, Jr. recited Psalm 23, which happened to be the favorite scripture of twenty-four of the fifty-four honorees. Young people, along with adult volunteers, served the scrumptious turkey dinner prepared by Mount Horeb's kitchen staff and attended the needs of their elders throughout the afternoon. Young Brother Jabari Anderson and Sister Jacquelyn Dawkins rendered piano selections, and Sisters Shantee Owens, Sherrell Barber and Joy Saunders each read eighteen short bios of the honorees.

I Timothy 5:1-2 says, "Rebuke not an elder, but entreat him as a father; . . . The elder women as mothers; . . ." The honorees were treated as such on that day. Each was pinned with a corsage or boutonniere, each received a commemorative plaque and all were serenaded with a special song selected by Brother Ronald Hawkins. The joyous event ended with comments and benediction by Pastor Cooper.

Sister Deborah Anderson, Reporter

"UNsung HERO" DEACON CHARLIE SCOTT



Deacon Charlie Scott walks an exemplary Christian life that not only is filled with the teaching of the Scriptures but also reflects the faith and pride of our ancestors.

Deacon Scott joined Mount Horeb in 1974. He has served as a Deacon and Sunday School and Bible Study teacher at the church since the 1980s. With close to sixty years of Biblical teaching experience, he encourages his students to "rely on God because He is faithful and He is true." He also inspires them to study ancient Black history, which clearly shows that they are descendants of great Biblical figures. As Deacon Scott often points out, by obtaining Biblical knowledge and wholeheartedly applying it by your faith and Christian works, you will no longer "believe" in God, but you will truly "know" God. He also assists with the SHARE Food Program, picking up food items every month and helping to prepare the SHARE packages for distribution.

Deacon Scott served his country with military service for twenty-seven years. He was a distinguished Army pilot, serving in various tours of duty, nationally and aboard. He retired as a Sergeant Major in 1978.

Deacon Scott is a member of the Tuskegee Airmen, Incorporated. The mission of this organization, which primarily consists of pilots, is to preserve the Tuskegee Airmen legacy and to motivate teenagers to outstanding achievement and leadership through social and educational activities in the fields of aviation and aerospace. Deacon Scott honorably fulfills the organization's mission, for he often speaks at a youth detention center in Cheltenham, Maryland about the Tuskegee Airmen, sharing history and serving as a role model of Black pride and a ray of hope. Furthermore, he also speaks about Black history at other programs when requested, such as at Trinity College in Washington, D.C.

During the 1980's, Deacon Scott graduated from the University of Maryland with a Bachelor of Science degree in physics, with a minor in history.

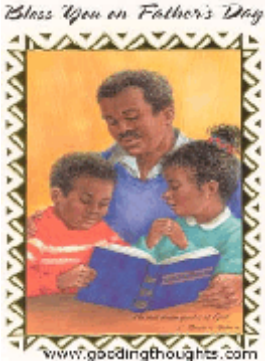
He retired as a contract specialist from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development after 15 years of civilian service. He now works full-time for Prim America Financial Services.

He has been married to his wife Dorothy for over 46 years and is the father of two children, Mark and Marvelyn and the grandfather of five.

Deacon Scott inspires others to be mindful and proud of their place in God's kingdom and of their great Black heritage. And for this, he truly is an unsung hero!

Sister Lisa J. Hawkins, Reporter

FATHER'S DAY



"Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment of promise..." (Ephesians 6:2.) Sunday, 20 June, will be celebrated as Father's Day throughout the nation. The process by which the third Sunday in June became the official day for honoring "dads," was nearly a century in the making. Allegedly, in 1909 a resident of Spokane, WA, Sonora Dodd, while listening to a sermon during a Mother's Day celebration, conceived the idea of honoring her father on his June birthday.

For 21 years, Sonora and four other siblings had been reared by their father following the death of the mother. The idea of honoring "dads" during June gradually gained statewide support and eventually the practice was adopted throughout the United States and Canada. Finally, Congress enacted legislation in 1972 and President Richard Nixon signed it making the third Sunday in June the official "Father's Day" in the United States.

As a result of these actions, on Sunday 20 June, fathers (including stepfathers, fathers-in-law, uncles, brothers, friends, etc.) will be recipients of gifts, cards and other symbols of appreciation for having given their love, guidance, support and so forth. Media advertisement via radio, TV and newspapers will be at its maximum displaying gifts for "dads." Counters and shelves in department stores will be filled with countless gift items such as neckties, shirts, toiletries, cards and numerous gadgets. Whatever your choice of a tangible gift for your father may be, he is likely to be appreciative of it. More importantly, a hug, a handshake, a kiss and a warm "thank you dad" (less the gift) may give him an even greater sense of appreciation.

Exodus 21:12 states: 'Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.' **Children!** Honor your father, not only on Father's Day, June 20, but throughout the 364 days that follow. Dads! Enjoy your day to its fullest.

Horace L. Williams, Assistant Editor

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Happy Father's Day!

The UPDATE will not be published in September 2004. Publication will resume with the October edition. You will receive an August/September edition on the 4th Sunday in

If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

Hebrews 12:7

God gave dads one mouth and 2 ears so they can listen twice as much as they talk.

He who can be a good son will be a good father.



HOW COME THE WAITRESS GETS 15% AND GOD ONLY GETS 10%?

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 Bible Study