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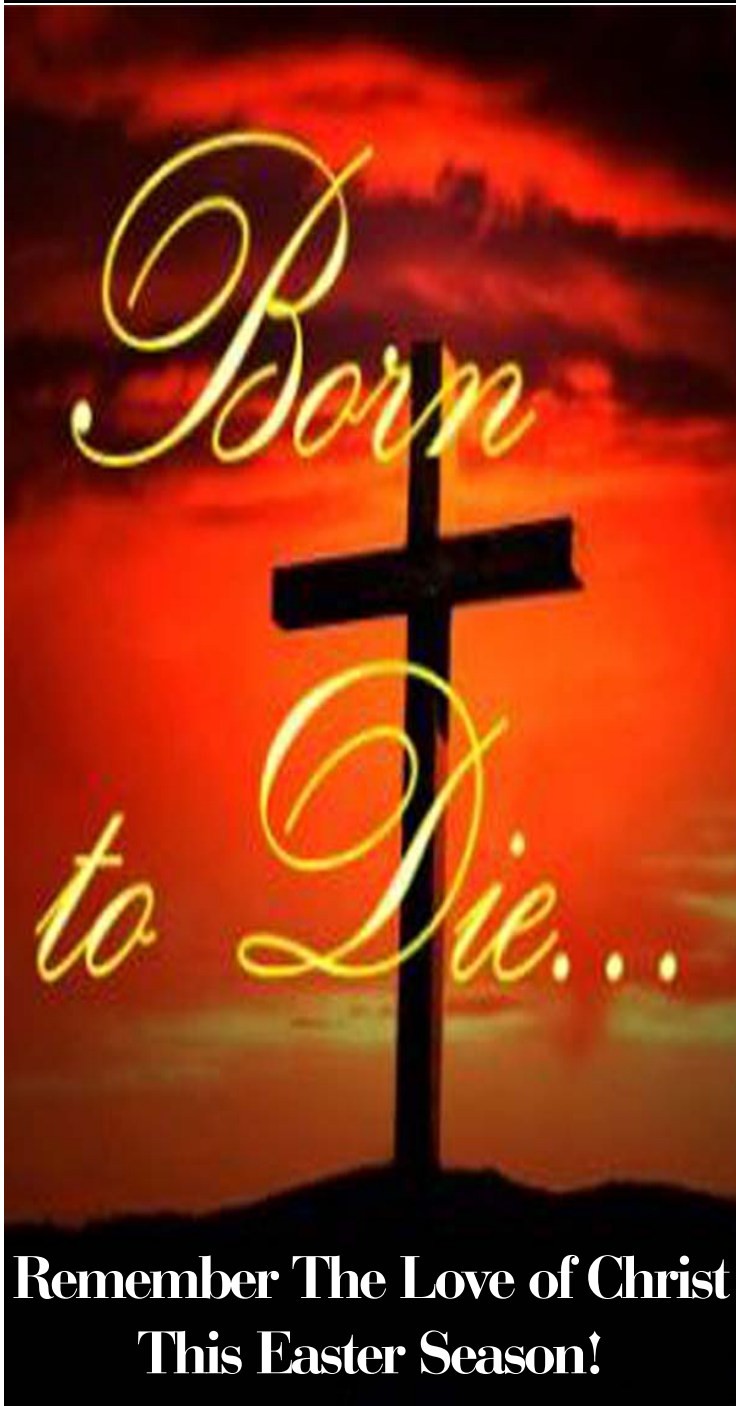
THE UPDATE

NEWS & EVENTS

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*He is not here, but is risen:
remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee. Luke 24:6*

Mar/Apr 2010



**Remember The Love of Christ
This Easter Season!**

PRAYER REQUEST:

Our prayer that each of us will continue in prayer each Friday morning at 8:30 a.m. (or throughout each day) for the unity of our church and for the election of a Pastor.

Deacon Jesse Dawkins, Chairman, Deacon Board

~~FROM THE CHURCH CLERK~~

To Our New Members: Blessed are they who come into the house of the Lord. We are happy to welcome the following new members into the Mount Horeb Church Family: Brother Askia McGill and Sister Sharon Williams (Baptism); Brother Willie Eason and Sister Joyce Mack (Christian Experience); and Reverend Moses Lifsey, Sister Shirley Lifsey and Brother Robert T. Smith (Restored).

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 January 3, 2010, Baby Kelly Maria Carter, daughter of Derek and Karly Carter, granddaughter of Ronald and Camille Fleming, was presented to the Lord in dedication.

To Our Sick and Shut-In: Your Church Family hopes your days are brightened by knowing that we are praying for your renewed health and strength and that each passing day brings you closer to good health.

To Our Visitors: The Mount Horeb Baptist Church Family extends to all of you a warm and cordial welcome. We are blessed to have you share in our worship services and invite you to return to fellowship with us as often as you like.

Reminder: Our annual Church meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 20, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. Reports from the following auxiliaries and boards should be given with a copy to the Church Clerk: Treasurer, Audit Committee, Trustee Board, Deacon Board, Department of Christian Education and Church Clerk.

Sister Florence Myers, Church Clerk

BIBLE QUIZ CHALLENGE

Quiz time! Take a minute to test yourself with these Bible memory teasers. If you score eight or above - congratulations!! Share the quiz with a friend, too.

1. What was the first of Egypt's plagues?
2. What were the names of Job's three friends?
3. For whom did the sundial go back 10 degrees?"
4. Who was the father of James and John?
5. What position will the disciples fill in Heaven?
6. What happened in the temple when Jesus died?
7. What was Zacchaeus' profession?
8. Whose ear did Peter cut off?
9. What was Ananias and Sapphira's sin?
10. What was the Ethiopian reading when Philip joined him?
11. Which women are mentioned by name in Hebrews' "faith chapter?"
12. What can no one tame?

ANSWERS ON LAST PAGE

MARCH SUNDAY SCHOOL SUBJECTS

March 7th - "Mission to the Community"

Lesson Scripture - Jonah 1:1-3; 3:1-9

March 14th - "A Community to Redeem"

Lesson Scripture - Jonah 3:10-4:11

March 21st - "Family as Community"

Lesson Scripture - Ruth 1:1-9, 14b-16

March 28th - "Acceptance in Community"

Lesson Scripture - Ruth 2:5-12; 3:9-11

APRIL SUNDAY SCHOOL SUBJECTS

April 4th - "The Community Faces Pain and Joy"

Lesson Scripture - John 16:16-24; 20:11-16

April 11th - "Love Within the Community"

Lesson Scripture - 1 John 2:7-17

April 18th - "Connecting in Community"

Lesson Scripture - Matthew 5:17-20; 22:34-40

April 25th - "Inclusion in Community"

Lesson Scripture - Luke 14:15-24

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

Deacon James Paschall, Superintendent

PEACE BE STILL



Today I place myself and all of my affairs in God's hands--knowing that His law of adjustment governs and harmonizes every detail of my life. I know that I can trust Him. I rest in the assurance that His love and wisdom are with me.

There is no condition or situation to which His love cannot bring harmony and understanding.

There is no situation in which His law of adjustment cannot be relied upon to bring about good.

I need only to be still and know that God is in control.

When I am faced with a problem I remember that God perfects all things and that orderly progress is the law of life.

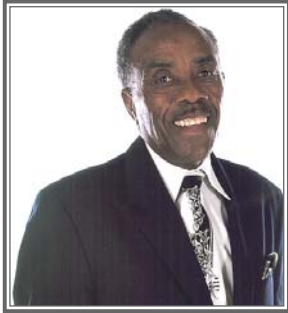
Even while I sleep God is working in me and I am relieved of any sense of burden, anxiety or fear. I am at peace within myself and with all persons. I bless all those in my world and know that God's law is working for them as it is for me and that the good of one cannot interfere with the good of another.

This is my assurance of justice, harmony, order and love. All things work together for good. *And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.*

John 16:22

MINISTER'S CORNER

Where is Jesus?



(Mark 16:19) So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.

The hope of the Church is Jesus Christ Himself.

The basic question is Where is Jesus? The answer to this question enables us to praise Jesus Christ for His position now in God's eternal plan.

Luke 24:50-51 says, "And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands and blessed them. And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven."

Acts 1:9-11 describes this same scene: And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

Three questions need to be answered about Jesus Christ in your life:

1. Is Jesus Christ your Lord and Savior?
2. Is Jesus Christ leading your life?
3. Will you be ready when Jesus returns?

(Revelations 22:12) And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

May God bless you! Happy Easter

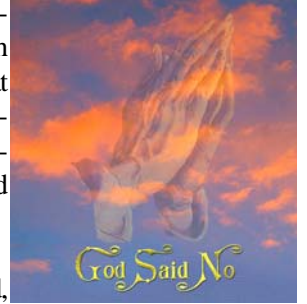
Reverend Rufus Nix



EDITORIAL

Revealed in Rejection

My Sunday School Class is educational and fun. I look forward to each Sunday with anticipation knowing that the discussions will be lively. I especially enjoy the thought provoking section, "Let's Talk It Over" (LTIO) found at the end of each lesson.



The January 31, 2010 lesson entitled, "Revealed in Rejection," LTIO segment left an impression on me, particularly question No. 5 which is reprinted below in its entirety.

"No. 5. - If you are struggling with an unanswered prayer in your life, do you think the problem is a lack of faith on your part? Why, or why not?"

We must remember that the answer to a prayer is sometimes yes, sometimes no, and sometimes wait. When God says "no," that is not an unanswered prayer. We may not have received the answer we want, but we have received an answer. What we perceive as silence may actually be a no answer that we are choosing to ignore.

An answer may be delayed because spiritual conflict is occurring that we do not understand and that is not always directly related to ourselves (example: Daniel 10:10-21). Some requests, such as a prayer for repentance of a loved one, depend on the cooperation of the loved one who may be unwilling to submit. A delayed answer to a prayer can be to God's greater glory if it helps us grow in the area of patience, a fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22)."

Take time to reflect on and discuss this question with your family and friends.

Sister Yvonne John, Editor

EACH DAY

*I'm so happy with this day,
For this springtime of the year,
Spring invigorates the soul
And brings such beauty near.*

*The days I live one at a time
With beauty all around,
To partake of so much joy
In scents and Nature's sounds.*

*Each Spring is better than the last;
I feel this deep within.
Each day is fresh and new and sweet...
So let each day begin.*

James Joseph Huesgen

AT THE CROSSROADS OF CHANGE: OWNING OUR ROLE IN FULFILLING THE DREAM

An Award Winning Essay by Sister Joy Saunders



From the 2008 Presidential election, it is evident that a change has come to America and its people. With the first African American President in office, our nation is literally "At the Crossroads of Change." The United States has demonstrated that it can be forward thinking and adaptive. The election of President Barack Obama does more than just excite the world about having an African American President of the United States, but it shows how exemplary Dr. King's dream was and how it is still alive and dynamic today. Simply having an African American President is not enough. Each one of us is still responsible for our role in continuing to fulfill the dream that Dr. King had for this great nation. It is important that we take ownership in fulfilling Dr. King's dream by living in peace and brotherhood, treating all men equally, and rising above racial injustice for all. These three focal points are outlined in Dr. King's "I Have a Dream Speech," but surprisingly 46 years later, our nation still has many improvements to make within regards to creating a better society.

Ownership is important, especially when describing how it relates to our role in fulfilling the dream Dr. King had. In his speech, Dr. King describes in depth what he feels this nation should do to continue to grow as one and not as separate races with separate agendas. A schism among a group of people will cause the group to collapse and the same thing could happen to our nation if we do not all live as one. We are all responsible for the direction this nation takes. In his speech, Dr. King describes how we should all live in peace and brotherhood. This means that we should stop killing and hurting one another, same race or different race, as we are all God's children. If more people would own up to this role, society would be much better. People would not have to fear for their lives and would be able to work, play, and live together in peace. This would cause not only society to grow, but our nation to develop and become more "United" as we claim to be.

While many may think that inequality is a less prominent issue than it was 46 years ago, inequality of all types is still apparent in society today. While it may not be boldly stated on restaurant doors, water fountains, and job opportunities as it once was, inequality is still significant in our nation today. Gender inequality can be seen in the media continuously. We have all heard stories of males making more money than females while they hold the same position, and males getting jobs over females simply because they are males. Racial inequality can also still be seen as some jobs use race, covertly, as a basis for new hires or promotion. We should all own up to this and attempt to put an end to inequality of all types. It is our job to report on and inform others of this behavior when it occurs. If more people reported when they felt as if they have been treated unjustly, society would know that it is not ok to treat others underhandedly and that they will face consequences for their behavior. The more people own up to their role in fulfilling Dr. King's dream, the closer we become to ensuring that his Dream is a reality.

In his speech, Dr. King spoke about how we should rise above racial injustices and create justice for all. From trials such as the Jena 6, we can see that our nation has not yet completely risen above racial injustice and still has much more work to do. We should each take ownership in ensuring that Dr. King's dream still lives on. After the Jena 6 trial, many people of all races, genders, and ages participated in marches and protests, showing how unjust the trial was. Similar activities should continue to happen. The people of this nation should continue to come together and voice their opinions when others perform unjust acts and crimes against other races. As stated above, Dr. King wanted us to rise above racial injustices, and we should all do exactly that to better society today. Rising above racial injustice, as we have been doing for many years now, would allow society to continue to flourish as Dr. King wanted it to. Everyone would be each other's equal, regardless of race.

Dr. King outlined various ideas that he felt would better our nation. Yet, 46 years later, many people believe that Dr. King's dream has been completely fulfilled, which is not the case. We all still need to take ownership in continuing to fulfill Dr. King's dream and ensuring that every aspect of his dream becomes this nation's reality.



A selection of **Jabari Jefferson's art work** was exhibited during The Washington Studio School's Juried Art Show in January along with students from The Duke Ellington School of Arts and The Field School. Jabari has been blessed to receive two scholarships to attend weekly classes at the Washington Studio School located in Dupont Circle, and is taking art classes at Archbishop Carroll Senior High School where he attends. He was well supported at the show by family, friends and Archbishop Carroll faculty.



Sister Amanda Long, Jabari's Mother

BROTHER EDDIE SYKES



Brother Sykes has been a member of Mount Horeb for 30 years. A key factor for transferring his membership to our Church was its proximity to his residence. He resides in Fort Lincoln with his wife, Elaine and daughter, Erinn. Brother Sykes says that being a member of a neighborhood Church facilitates his active participation in numerous Church activities. He especially loves working with young people and was a member of Mount Horeb's previous tutoring program. He also works with the Church's Christian Summer Day Camp and formerly worked with the New Members Committee. An early riser, he attends 7:30 a.m. Sunday Services and frequently participates in the worship service by leading the responsive reading.

Born in Tidewater, VA, Brother Sykes has been a D.C. resident for more than 35 years. Before retiring in 1998, he worked as a counselor for troubled youth at Cedar Knolls and Oak Hill, both located in Laurel, MD, and the D.C. Receiving Home located on Mt. Olivet Road.

Brother Sykes smiled while walking to Church on snow filled Bladensburg Rd., thankful for finding a faith-based church within five minutes walking distance from his home.

Sister Yvonne John, Reporting

ANSWERS TO BIBLE CHALLENGE

1. Exodus 7:20
2. Job 2:11
3. 2 Kings 20:8-11
4. Matthew 4:21
5. Matthew 19:28
6. Matthew 27:51
7. Luke 19:2
8. John 18:10
9. Acts 53:8-9
10. Acts 8:28
11. Hebrews 11:11, 31
12. James 3:8



REMEMBER STRENGTH IN PRAYER IS BETTER THAN LENGTH IN PRAYER

For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. 1 Corinthians

MOUNT HOREB'S MUSIC DEPARTMENT



On Christmas Eve, Sister Linda and Brother Robert Stroud, and Sister Debra and Brother Gary Datcher joined voices with the East Washington Heights Baptist Church Music Ministry, where Sister Avis Balkcom Williams is the Minister of Music. It was an evening full of festive and seasonal music. The choir sang a cantata, "Rejoice Believers," by John E. Coates.

After the cantata, the choir and congregation circled the sanctuary with a candle lighting ceremony, while the pastor gave a fervent prayer. We hope to continue this fellowship in 2010.

On Saturday, March 6 at 4 p.m. the Music Department and the Martha Chapter No. 11 of the Eastern Star is sponsoring the Duke Ellington School of the Arts "Show Choir." We are accepting donations from sponsors. The monies will be used to support the scholarship committees of Mount Horeb Baptist Church and the Duke Ellington School of the Arts. A free-will offering will be taken. The event will be held at Mount Horeb. Please come, enjoy and support these gifted singers.

Submitted by Sister Debra Datcher

MORE COMING ENGAGEMENTS

INSPIRATIONAL CHOIR: The Inspirational Choir will sing at Tenth Street Baptist Church on Sunday, February 28, 2010 at 3 p.m.

YOUNG PEOPLES/YOUNG ADULT CHOIRS: These Choirs will sing at Highland Park Baptist Church on March 12, 2010 at 7 p.m. At the request of Brother Frank Fleming, these choirs will participate in a Gospelfest at James Madison University on Saturday, March 27, 2010. Brother Fleming attends James Madison and is a member of the planning committee for this occasion.

CHANCEL CHOIR: During the past 62 years of the choir's existence, it has been a part of its music ministry to frequently visit the sick and shut-in members of our Church Family. Each fourth Sunday, after the 10:30 a.m. worship service, the choir accompanies a Deacon to render music, prayers and fellowship at a private home, hospital, rehabilitation center or wherever the choir may journey to lift the name of Jesus. If you would like to join us, we would love to have you. You may leave your name and phone number with the following Chancel Choir members: Trustee Janice Caldwell, who coordinates these visits or Sister Barbara Cook, President, Chancel Choir. Thank you and God Bless.

Sister Barbara Cook, Reporting