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# THE UPDATE

NEWS & EVENTS

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Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land  
which the Lord thy God giveth thee. Exodus 20:12

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## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



He Came ... That We Might Have Life

~~FROM THE CHURCH CLERK~~

**TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:** Sister Pamela Kelly (Restored) and Brother Joe D. Graves (Christian Experience). "Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." (2 Corinthians 5:17)

**TO OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS:** Pastor Cooper and the Mount Horeb Baptist Church Family enfold you in prayer. We pray that you are provided with loving health and healing, that you are comforted, soothed and restored with strength and energy. "Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me..." (2 Timothy 4:17)

**TO OUR VISITORS:** Life is made up not of great sacrifices or duties, but of little things in which smiles and kindness and small obligations given habitually, are what win and preserve the heart and secure comfort. Pastor Cooper and the Mount Horeb Baptist Church Parishioners welcome all who are worshiping and fellow shipping with us. Come back and visit as often as you like.

**APPROVALS AT THE MARCH 20, 2004 CHURCH MEETING:**

- Four additional Trustees were added to the Trustee Board, increasing the members from nine to thirteen. The new Trustees are: Ernest Brown, Hayward Corley, Joseph Saunders and Gerald Anderson. Approval was given by the Membership to increase the number to a total of fifteen.
- Sister Rashan Datcher filled the vacant position on the Scholarship Committee.
- Two vans will be acquired for church use.
- The New Members Group and Birthday Groups will come together quarterly for the fellowship hour.

**REMINDERS** to Mount Horeb Members: There are still 2004 church contribution envelopes waiting to be claimed. If you have not picked up your envelopes, they may be obtained from the Church Clerk's office.

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**

Sister Joan Randolph  
Church Clerk

**DEAR CHURCH FAMILY**

The Editorial Board of the UPDATE appreciates your support and input. Each month we strive to present articles that will uplift and assist you in **daily living**. We pray and work hard, but we also need a little help from members who submit articles. If you have access to electronic mail, please send articles to [updatestaff@mthoreb.org](mailto:updatestaff@mthoreb.org). When you use email, not only does it save time, but it also minimizes any chance for error. We thank you! We love you! We appreciate you! **Editorial Board**

**MAY SUNDAY SCHOOL SUBJECTS**

**Sunday, MAY 2<sup>nd</sup> - "Reflecting His Glory"**

**Lesson Scripture - 2 Thessalonians 1:3, 4, 11, 12; 2:13-3:4**

**Sunday, MAY 9<sup>th</sup> - "Worshiping the Lamb"**

**Lesson Scripture - Revelation 5:1-10**

**Sunday, MAY 16<sup>th</sup> - "Receiving God's Salvation"**

**Lesson Scripture - Revelation 7:1-3, 9, 10, 13-17**

**Sunday, MAY 23<sup>rd</sup> - "Enduring With the Saints"**

**Lesson Scripture - Revelation 14:6-13**

**Sunday, MAY 30<sup>th</sup> - "Dwelling With God"**

**Lesson Scripture - Revelation 21:1-7, 22-27**

**All are invited to attend!**

**Deacon Wylie D. Powell, Superintendent**

**MOTHER'S DAY RHYME**

**M** is for memories she gave you  
While you were too young to know  
How significant one day they'd be,  
For how did you know she'd go?

**O** is for the onerous tasks assigned  
While a different place you'd see;  
If only she could've read your mind  
She would picture you up a tree.

**T** is for the things she taught  
Like when and when not to speak.  
She wondered if it was for naught  
For you seemed just too meek.

**H** is for phenomenal humor.  
She often made you laugh.  
Neither gossip nor a rumor  
Could ever cross your path.

**E** is for the everlasting love,  
Kindness and care she gave  
To stranger and to friend while  
She taught Jesus came to save.

**R** means recall and reminisce  
About all that MOTHER means.  
She shaped views and intellect.  
May her sunshine ever beam.

True MOTHERS are a blessing.  
Honor and cherish them always.



Sister Bernice Perry Perkins  
Editor

"No man is poor who has a Godly mother."

Abraham Lincoln

Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour  
that disciple took her unto his own home. John 19:27

## BEYOND COMPARISON



If a child tells his mother, “You are the most beautiful mother in the world; you are the only

mother who ever was,” he has not reached this conclusion by having all the mothers in the world pass by in review so that he can test which of them is the most beautiful and the best. The child, without having arranged that comparison, is bound to this one mother in love and looks to her in confidence. He risks himself, all that he is and has and longs for in the way of security, on this one and only person whom he loves above all else. The above scenario is an inadequate image of how we can also come to say to Jesus, “You are my only comfort in life and death. You are the first and the last, the Alpha and Omega; and you are the one and only person for whom we could wait.”

***Happy Mother's Day  
Pastor Cooper & Mrs. Cooper***



## TIMELESS WISDOM

God has a positive answer:

**YOU SAY**

**GOD SAYS**



You say: It's impossible.

God says: All things are possible.

You say: I'm too tired.

God says: I will give you rest.

You say: Nobody loves me.

God says: I love you.

You say: I can't go on.

God says: My grace is sufficient.

You say: I can't do it.

God says: You can do all things.

You say: It's not worth it.

God says: It will be worth it.

You say: I can't manage.

God says: I will supply all your needs.

***Sister Dorothy Dines Davenport***

## A SPECIAL DAY OF RECOGNITION



*It was March 21, 2004, when four Mount Horeb members were recognized at the 10:30a.m. worship service for outstanding service to our membership.*

*The first recognition was in memory of late Brother George Alvin Clanton for his outstanding, faithful, untiring and Christian work as Editor of our Church newsletter, The UPDATE, until his death on October 3, 2003. Mrs. Clanton graciously accepted the plaque posthumously for Brother Clanton.*

*The remaining three individuals could not be more dedicated, enthusiastic or conscientious in devoting their time and attention to bringing Mount Horeb into the twenty-first century technology. They are Sister Linda Stroud, Brother Robert Stroud and Deacon Eugene Hellams, Sr.*

*Over the past decade they have set up Mount Horeb's Computer Program so that those of us who are less literate about computers, both adults and youths, can take part and become more learned.*

*The Strouds and Deacon Hellams solicited computers from industries around the Metropolitan area, upgraded them and began a Computer Program of which we can be proud.*

*Not only that, these computer specialists continue to assist the office staff in keeping up to date.*

*Brother and Sister Stroud and Deacon Hellams were presented two beautiful acrylic plaques with the following inscriptions:*

**To  
Robert and Linda Stroud  
in  
Recognition of Service and with Sincere Appreciation  
for ten years (1994 - 2003) of  
Outstanding leadership in the Summer  
Computer Camp for children and youth  
and  
To  
Eugene Hellams, Sr.  
with  
Sincere Appreciation for  
Implementing the Use of the Computer  
In the Church Office,  
Serving as a Computer Consultant  
and for  
Outstanding Leadership in the  
Summer Computer Camp for  
Children and Youth**

## YOUTH PRAYER BREAKFAST

The Annual Youth Prayer Breakfast, sponsored by the Young People's Council, will be held on Saturday, May 15, 2004, from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon in the Annex Fellowship Hall. For further information, contact Deacon Johnathan Beckett.

### WHO'S WHO



Deacon and Deaconess Pal and Lillian Barber have been Morning Star Walkers for two years. Prior to becoming Morning Star Walkers, the Barbers walked at Prince George's Plaza and Greenbelt Park. In addition to walking, Lillian attends a Water Aerobic class at the Sports and Learning Complex two days per week.

Pal and Lillian have been married for 55 years. They have five children; three boys and two girls. Their life has also been blessed with 10 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. When asked what advice they would give to young couples seeking advice for a long, successful and happy marriage, Lillian immediately said, "God must be the head. Without him we would not have made it." Pal's advice was open communication. With a smile that radiated love, Pal said, "Marriage to Lillian has been a joy and I could not think of a better way to have spent the last 55 years."

Pal retired from the Navy Yard following 33 years of service as a mechanic. After raising their children, Lillian went to work for 10 years but left because of back pain. She stated that walking has helped alleviate the pain. Their children are all successfully employed at a Law Firm, National Airport, Heating and Air Conditioning company and one is a Colonel in the National Guard.

Longevity runs in Lillian's family. Her mother is 97 years old, in good health and lives at home.

The Mount Horeb Church Family and the Morning Star Walkers salute you! Your lives are truly examples of love and respect. May God continue to richly bless you.

And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.

Genesis 3:20

**A mother is not a person to lean on, but a person to make leaning unnecessary.**

## TRIBUTE TO A CHRISTIAN MOTHER

### Annie Wayne McArthur



Annie Wayne McArthur (Ann) was born and raised in Macon, Mississippi. She is the eleventh of thirteen children. She joined Mount Zion Baptist Church in Cliftonville, Mississippi where her family was very active and involved. She graduated with a degree in sociology from Mississippi Valley State University and later moved to Maryland. She received her master's degree from Bowie

State University in 1996. Annie has been employed with the Federal Bureau of Investigation for twenty-five years. Her other activities include: President of our Home Owners Association, President of United Investors of Maryland Investment Club, member of Mitchellville Kiwanis, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Toastmasters, Blacks in Government and numerous FBI working groups.

Annie joined Mount Horeb Family in 1989 where she attends Sunday School faithfully and is a member of the Senior Usher Board and the Nominations and Elections Committee. She is very active with these organizations, yet my family and I do not feel neglected. She is very capable of balancing a number of activities at the same time. My wife is a loving and caring mother as well as my best friend. She loves to read, talk, laugh and always says positive words to make me feel better when I'm down. I met Annie approximately six months after she moved to Washington, D.C. We were married eleven months later and have shared the last twenty-four years together. We've been blessed with three children: Sanovia, Samantha and Booker III (B.T.). I thank GOD for Annie and my family.

Your loving husband and children  
Booker (Mac) McArthur

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## PRAYER CONCERN FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

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

Deacon James Boseman  
Chairman, Deacon Board

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## MENTAL HEALTH: Personal Action Steps

Have one good belly laugh today.

Take 15 minutes for yourself each day.

If you're feeling overwhelmed, ask for help.

Don't be afraid to seek counseling.

## THE 16<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



On Saturday, March 27 and Sunday, March 28, the Program Committee hosted the 16th Anniversary celebration of Pastor Delmas U. Cooper and First Lady Willie B. Cooper, in recognition and appreciation of 16 years of faithful leadership at Mount Horeb. The Theme of the Anniversary was "Faithful Leadership."

The two-day celebration encompassed a musical program on Saturday afternoon and morning worship services on Sunday.

For the 10:30 a.m. worship services on Sunday Reverend Benjamin Greene, Jr., Guest Speaker, from the American Baptist Extension Association, delivered a very congratulatory and encouraging message to the First Family and parishioners, who with visiting friends filled the sanctuary to its capacity. Reverend Greene's scripture references were Ephesians 3:20 and Isaiah 43:19, with the word "AMEN," as his text. AMEN to denote not only approval of what has been accomplished in the past 16 years, but as a signal and encouragement for the beginning of things yet to be done.

As a finale to two days of festivities, a delicious luncheon was served in the beautifully decorated Annex Fellowship Hall. A dozen or more of the First Family's immediate relatives and friends from Ohio and other states were in attendance to extend their congratulations and best wishes. Sister Tanya Dailey, daughter of the First Family, was a surprise and delightful addition to the agenda on Saturday and Sunday. She played (piano) and sang stirring renditions of "I am Free" on Saturday and "He Didn't Have to Die" on Sunday. An appreciative audience rewarded her with long, standing ovations for each selection.

The Program Committee, chaired by Sister Tania Allen, can be congratulated for having planned and executed an extraordinary fine program for the 16th Anniversary of our beloved First Family. In this regard, it is noteworthy that throughout the two-day celebration, the abundant talents and skills of youths of the church were maximized and new voices and faces were heard and seen as participants on the Program. Their performances were superb and deserving of admiration and congratulations of the Church Family.

Brother Horace Williams  
Assistant Editor

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*It is a mother's faith... In our Father above... That fills the home with happiness... And the heart with truth and love.*