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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

May/June 2010

Happy Father's Day

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Happy Mother's Day!

~~FROM THE CHURCH CLERK~~

To Our New Member: Blessed are they who come into the house of the Lord. We are happy to welcome Brother Askia McGill (Baptism) to the Mount Horeb Baptist Church Family.

To Our Sick and Shut-In: "There's always one door that is open to you and that is the door to the House of Prayer. You'll feel God waiting to meet you there. The House of Prayer is no further away than the quiet spot where you kneel and pray." (Excerpts from Inspirational verses by Helen Steiner Rice) Your Church Family is praying that you have renewed strength and energy. The God who holds the universe, is the God who is holding you.

To Our Visitors: "For all His children, God desires a life of calm, not flurry. His will for everybody is that we should trust, not worry. To make it in the tough world, keep in touch with God." The Ministers and the Mount Horeb Baptist Church Parishioners extend a warm and cordial welcome to all who have come to worship with us. You are invited to return and fellowship with us as often as you like.

FYI: At the Annual Church Meeting held March 20, 2010, the following Official Board's recommendations were voted on and approved:

1. That Sister Gloria Robbins become a member of the Deaconess Board;
2. That Brother Edmond Robbins be affirmed as a Deacon because of his long years of service as a Deacon in other churches and due to his having completed Deacon-in-Training classes under the Interim Ministers;
3. That Brother Craig Hawkins be ordained as a Deacon after having completed Deacon-in-Training classes under the Interim Ministers; and
4. That Sister Myrtle B. Wilburn become the Assistant Church Clerk.

Dedications: Our children are gifts from God on loan from Heaven above to train and nourish in the Lord and show them His love. Baby Iyonna Owens, daughter of Sister Tasha Owens; Baby Kaden Jerel Colbert, son of Sister Crystal Enika George and Patrick Keary Colbert; and Baby Dominic N. Hawkins, son of Deacon-in-Training Craig Hawkins and Sister Dionne Hawkins were presented to the Lord in Dedication.

Sister Florence Myers, Church Clerk

MAY SUNDAY SCHOOL SUBJECTS

May 2nd - "A Faithful Community"

Lesson Scripture - Colossians 1:1-14

May 9th - "An Established Community"

Lesson Scripture - Colossians 2:1-12

May 16th - "A Chosen Community"

Lesson Scripture - Colossians 3:1, 2, 8-17

May 23rd - "At Home in the Community"

Lesson Scripture - Philemon 4, 5, 8-21

May 30th - "At Risk in the Community"

Lesson Scripture - Jude 3-8, 19-25, 4, 5, 8-21

JUNE SUNDAY SCHOOL SUBJECTS

June 4th - "The Community Faces Pain and Joy!"

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

June 11th - "Love Within the Community"

Lesson Scripture - 1 John 2:7-17

June 18th - "Connecting in Community"

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

June 25th - "Inclusion in Community"

Lesson Scripture - Luke 14:15-24

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

..... Deacon James Paschall, Superintendent

EDITORIAL

Love and Obey



The Word instructs us to love and obey our parents. Ephesians 6:1-3 tells us to obey and honor our parents in the Lord which is the first commandment with promise. It says that we are to do this so "That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth" Ephesians 6:3. The Fifth Commandment (Exodus 20:12) tells us to "Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." God repeats this message several times in His Word; we must pay attention and obey. Happy Mother's and Father's Day.

..... Sister Yvonne John, Editor

ALONG THE WAY

WE CANNOT ALL BE MINISTERS
AND PREACH WITH LEARNED PHRASE;
NOR CAN WE ALL BE SOLOISTS
WITH GOLDEN SONG OF PRAISE;
BUT WE CAN LIVE A SERMON HERE
AND WE CAN LIVE A SONG,
AND NEITHER SONG NOR SERMON
NEED BE EITHER LOUD OR LONG;
BUT QUIETLY, IN LITTLE THINGS
WE DO FROM DAY TO DAY---
SOME SIMPLE, KINDLY DEED,
SOME WORD OF COMFORT WE MAY SAY---
AND, EVEN THOUGH WE'RE UNAWARE
THAT SUCH HAS BEEN OUR GOAL,
SOMEWHERE ALONG THE WAY AN ANGEL
WRITES, "HE SAVED A SOUL!"



MINISTER'S CORNER

Excellent Christian Fellowship



In verse 41, about 3,000 souls were added to the Church after Peter's sermon in Acts 2:14-36. In Acts 2:38 they had been told to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. In verses 42-47 we read about the fellowship of those believers and it reads as follows:

"And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. And all that believed were together, and had all things common; And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."

These verses remind us of the life and character of the early Christian community--they had excellent Christian fellowship. According to Webster's New World Dictionary, the word fellowship is a mutual sharing, as of experience, activity, interest, etc. It is friendly association.

Those early believers were moved by purpose. They gathered for study, worship, and prayer. Not only did they study, but they also had great fellowship. Day after day, together, they:

- 1) attended the temple;
- 2) broke bread in their homes;
- 3) partook of food with gladness and generous hearts; and
- 4) praised God for all He had done.

For the believer in the year 2010, Christian fellowship is a wonderful gift. Church is a place where you can be loved just because you are a fellow believer in Jesus Christ. In addition, Christian fellowship is a wonderful gift to offer the world. The world needs to see and feel the love flowing throughout the Body of Christ--the love of God which is displayed during the fellowship of the saints. The love of God produces genuine fellowship. Therefore, we pray together; rejoice and give thanks together; laugh and cry together; sing praises unto His holy name together; and worship our Eternal King together.

Our Church, the Mount Horeb Baptist Church, is a place where we go to study, worship, experience true fellowship and share the beauty of His holiness. We, too, are moved by purpose.

May God bless you.
Rev. Dr. Melvin Wallace

REMEMBERING WITH LOVE

"We remember our Love to you on Special Days as we cherish Christ's Love."



MOTHERS:

On Mother's Day, we whisper this special prayer for you:

Lord on this day of sacred and precious memories from the heart,
Our Heavenly Father, we dearly and truly thank you for
Our mothers who gave us life, who surrounds us early and late
with everlasting and endearing love and care,
whose prayers on our behalf
still cling around the throne of grace and mercy,
a wonderful and powerful perfume of love's petition.

Our God help us,
as children in Christ, to be more worthy of her love.
We know that no sentimentality on this special day,
no material gifts--no flowers or boxes of candy--can
atone for the rest of the year.
So in the days ahead,
Lord, may our love speak to the heart who knows love
best by kindness, by compassion, by simple courtesy
and daily thoughtfulness.

Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, continue to bless our mothers whose names we whisper before you, and keep them in your perfect peace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

FATHERS:

On Father's Day, we whisper a special prayer for you:



Lord, we thank you for my father and all fathers on this special day. Their role in the life of the family is important.

Grant that all fathers of our Church Family and our nation shall learn and accept the unique and wonderful role you have given them in the lives of children and mothers.

Dear Heavenly Father, we pray that fathers will have wisdom and knowledge to express your truth in ways that all homes will be a heaven on earth because you are with us.

Through Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
We thank thee for fathers
On this special day and everyday.

Our Prayer: Lord, in everything we give thanks.

Sister Elizabeth Dortch
Overlooked in the last UPDATE, a belated happy birthday
wish to Sister Geraldine Houston who celebrated her birthday
on April 7th. May God continue to bless and keep you in His
care.
The UPDATE Editorial Staff
The Deaconess Board welcomes Sister Gloria Robbins.
We are so happy to have her join us.

SISTER MELZETTA WILLIAMS



God blesses us in many beautiful and unusual ways. On a somewhat gray and rainy afternoon in March, Sisters Yvonne John and Barbara Cook were privileged to visit Sister Melzetta Williams to interview her for this article.

Let me start by saying that Sister Melzetta Williams is an incredible woman of 102 years, who resides at the

Delta Towers Apartments in Northeast Washington. She's been a resident there for 40 years and practically owns the building. She has a great buddy, Sister Elizabeth Duncan, a spry 80 year old, who attends to her on a regular basis. The two together are unquestionably special.

Upon our arrival, Sister Williams met us with a healthy dose of heartwarming graciousness, spirited conversation and an amazing memory of her life. She was ready for us with prepared questions, written in a particular format that flowed like a well-written play wherein she was the premier actress; and she is.

Melzetta Fowler was one of two children born to Lafayette and Callie Fowler on December 11, 1907 (her brother's name was Linton) in High Point, North Carolina. Sister Williams started school at 5 years old, graduating from High School in 1924 and matriculating to Winston Salem Teacher's College where she received her B.S. in Elementary Education, August 27, 1948. Her nearly 50 years of teaching elementary school, from kindergarten to 6th grade in North Carolina, Culpepper, VA and Washington, D.C. ended an extremely satisfying career with retirement in 1971. Her career in teaching was a far cry from her original desire to become a secretary. However, following her mother's desire for her daughter, realizing that such a position would be impossible in North Carolina at that time, she entered college. Although her father was not in agreement with her collegiate aspirations, he eventually, upon her graduation, allowed himself bragging rights about "his daughter, the college graduate."

She attended Howard University briefly in an attempt to work on a Master's Degree in Education; however, believing she was getting too old for this endeavor, she decided to travel instead. She has traveled to Europe and Hawaii and enjoyed everything in between. She's been a member of many clubs and organizations: Pointer's Club (members from High Point, NC), Birthday Club, Senior Missionary Guild, Cheerful Givers Club and the Flower Club.

She has extended family members--one godson, Bernard Pfeiffer of Hillcrest Heights, MD, whom she taught in 4th grade; her granddaughter, Joyce Jackson and her husband Garland Jackson who live in Falls Church, VA who visit her often, take her shopping, bring groceries and help with her business needs; and a host of friends who love and take very good care of her: Sisters Delores Ward, Elizabeth Duncan, Rosa Owens, Ann Hunter, Julia Nix, J. Stephanie Dunmore; Deaoness Mary Jones; and Brothers Jerry Carter and Ronald Fleming, among others. There is, however, one special person in her life who at the sound of his name brings out a smile on her face like you've never seen before; she loves him like a son; we call him Deacon George Thomas, who at the sound of her voice will drop any and everything to get to her.

Sister Williams joined Mount Horeb by Experience of Grace on July 14, 1996, after years of membership at Saint Philips Baptist Church.

A life well lived is one of hope, joy, anticipation, love, faith, good will and good deeds. Sister Williams lives well. She ended our visit with this acknowledgement, "I have a wonderful life, I love everyone and I love to eat."

TO SHARE OUR TROUBLES AND LESSEN OUR CARE...

Sister Melzetta Williams' Favorite Poem

*No one is a stranger in God's sight,
for God is love and in His light
May we, too, try in our small way
To make new friends from day to day...*

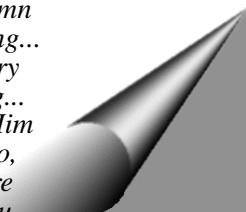
*So pass no stranger with an unseeing eye,
For God may be sending a new friend by.*

*I've never seen God
But I know how I feel,
It's people like you
who make Him so real...*

*It seems that I pass Him
so often each day
In the faces of people
I meet on my way...*

*He's the stars in the heaven,
a smile on some face,
A leaf on a tree
or a rose in a vase...*

*He's winter and autumn
and summer and spring...
In short, God is every
real, wonderful thing...
I wish I might meet Him
much more than I do,
I would if there were
More people like you.*



UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

On Mother's Day most people focus on giving chocolates and cards; buying flowers; and going out to fancy restaurants for dinners to show mothers their love. This is nice, but on this day that is focused on love, I want to talk about the greatest love of all. That love is the unconditional love of Jesus Christ, who died a horrible death on the cross for us, so that we may live eternally in harmony with God.

This is a true story about Unconditional Love:

Tiffany loved putting on her mom's jewelry. Her mother had several rings, necklaces, and bracelets from all over the world that she collected during her travels for her job. Each item of jewelry was very special to Tiffany's mother because it symbolized the culture of the nation she visited. One day, Tiffany was looking through her mother's jewelry box and noticed a gold shiny box that she didn't remember seeing before.

"Mom, what's in this box?" Tiffany asked. Her mother responded, "Oh, Tiffany, dear, that is a very special necklace that I purchased from a market in a small village in Guinea Bissau--a country in West Africa. It is very rare. There is probably not another like it in the world. Be careful with it, Tiffany. It is very fragile."

"Oh, wow!" Tiffany responded as she slowly opened the box and saw the shiny, beaded necklace. "This is absolutely beautiful." Tiffany's mom helped her put it around her neck. "This looks amazing," Tiffany proclaimed. "Okay, Tiff, let me help you take it off," her mom said. Tiffany's mom slowly took the necklace off and placed it back into the gold box.

One afternoon, Tiffany's best friend, Stephanie, came over to Tiffany's house to hang out. While they were working crossword puzzles, Tiffany began to daydream about her mother's beautiful beaded necklace. Wow, Tiffany thought. Stephanie had not seen it yet! Suddenly, Tiffany shouted, "Steph, I have to show you the most amazing thing. Wait right here!" Tiffany ran upstairs to her mom's jewelry box and grabbed the gold box with the shiny, beaded necklace. She ran back downstairs.

"Look, Steph," she proclaimed as she opened the box. "Wow, Tiffany, that's amazing," Stephanie said in awe. In her excitement, Tiffany grabbed the necklace out of the box. As she went to put it around her neck--oh, no--she heard a pop. The necklace had broken. All the tiny beads began to spill all over the floor.

Tiffany gasped and quickly began to cry. "My mom is going to be so mad!!!" Hearing all of the commotion, Tiffany's mom ran into the room and saw all the beads on the floor, the gold jewelry box on the table, and Tiffany crying profusely as Stephanie comforted her.

"Mommy, I am so sorry! I was not careful with your necklace, and I ruined it. I am so, so, sorry! You will never be able to get it back. I will understand if you never, ever, want to talk to me or see me again," Tiffany sobbed.

"Tiffany, dear, I am disappointed," her mom said. "But it is just a necklace, it can probably be repaired. But, honey, I forgive you. Of course, I will still want to talk to you and see you. You're my child. I love you."

"Really," Tiffany questioned. "Really," her mom said. "I want you to be obedient to my instructions, but I will always love you, unconditionally, no matter what you do."

"Remember, from church last week," she said. "Pastor talked about the love of God. How it is patient and kind, and it never fails. As Christians, that is how we should love."

"Now, stop that crying and help me pick up these beads," Tiffany's mom exclaimed.

Tiffany gave her mom a great, big hug. She still felt really bad that she didn't listen to her mother's warnings, but she was encouraged knowing that her mother would always love her, even when she is disobedient and makes mistakes.

On this Mothers Day...let's try to focus on the unconditional, powerful and amazing love of God.

Submitted by Sister Elicia John



WHAT'S UP WITH OUR YOUTH



I have returned from my 10-day educational tour of Europe and it was truly a wonderful and exciting experience. My group consisted of 22 students and 6 chaperons. We were in France and Spain and had the opportunity to visit some of the special attractions such as Louvre, Notre Dame Cathedral, Parque Guell, Royal Palace and Prado. We came face to face with some of the world's most recognizable landmarks, such as La Sagrada in Barcelona and the Eiffel Tower in Paris. The Eiffel Tower is really nice, but I think it would have been a lot better if we had the opportunity to see it at night when it is all lit up with the lights. Paris was okay--the food was a desired taste; the people are not very friendly, but there is a lot to do. Shopping in Paris was nice because we were able to visit a lot of shops and vendors. Our group toured Paris, Barcelona and Madrid by walking, train and boat.

We had an excursion to Chartres and the Loire Valley. We journeyed through the French countryside of the magnificent Loire Valley and the Chartres, home to Europe's grandest cathedral and the world's finest stained-glass windows. We also took a boat tour to visit the spectacular Chateau de Chenonceau on the banks of the River Cher, a beautiful estate with a romantic history. The Notre Dame Cathedral is absolutely beautiful with the stained-glass rose windows and vaulted ceilings. We also took the night train to Barcelona, Spain's second-largest city and the capital of Cataluna. We toured past the controversial and still unfinished La Sagrada Familia (the Church of the Holy Family). We also went to the Parque Guell, which is a beautiful landscaped park. The food was much better in Spain and the people are friendlier.

This trip was a blessing and a wonderful opportunity for me to travel abroad and live with another culture. I am so glad to have had this opportunity to take this trip but it did make me appreciate home. When you go someplace else and see how other people live, it really makes you appreciate what you have at home. If I ever have the opportunity to travel to Europe again, I definitely will because it was really a great experience. Again to my Church Family, I say thank you.

I took a lot of pictures, and I will be putting together a photo album and CD's for viewing.

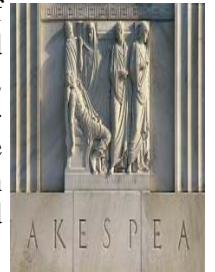
Submitted by Sister Joy Saunders

Brother Carlton J. Edley is an 8th grade student at Friendship Edison Public Charter School, Woodridge Campus. He has been accepted to attend the Washington Math and Science Public Charter Senior School for the upcoming school year 2010-2011, where he will be in the 9th grade.



FREE to EXCEL

The fourth and fifth grade classes of Maury Elementary School at 13th and Constitution Ave., N.E, Washington, D.C. will present Shakespeare's MACBETH from May 10th to the 14th at the Folger Shakespeare Library. Our own Master Sean T. Marshall will be featured as "Duncan, King of Scotland."



The Youth and Young Peoples Council sent Easter card greetings to Church Members serving in the military.

Brother Jabari Jefferson's art work will be displayed in the Arizona Cousins Fellowship Hall in June, 2010.

Brother Marcus Thurston is a member of Northwestern High School Chorus, a group of approximately 100 students. Under the direction of Ms. Leona Lowery, they study solo, ensemble repertoire and music theory. The group has an eclectic repertoire of classical standard, ethnic, show choir, jazz and gospel music. They have been featured on the University of Maryland TV network and have performed with the Towson University and the University of Maryland Chorus. They will be performing in Orlando in late April, 2010 and will participate in a Choral Festival in Prague, the Czech Republic in July, 2011--their third world premier. The group will perform at Mount Horeb in March, 2011. Brother Thurston sings baritone.



God is sitting in Heaven when a scientist says to Him, "Lord, we don't need you anymore. Science has finally figured out a way to create life out of nothing. In other words, we can now do what you did in the beginning!!"

"Oh, is that so? Tell me..." replies God.

"Well," says the scientist, "we can take dirt and form it into the likeness of You and breathe life into it, thus creating man."

"Well, that's interesting. Show me."



So the scientist bends down to the earth and starts to mold the soil.

"Oh no, no..." interrupts God. "Get your own dirt."