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THE UPDATE

NEWS & EVENTS

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*Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh
manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.. 2 Corinthians 2:14*

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING



*Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise
unto him with Psalms. Psalm 95:2*



This Issue Highlights Our
In-Teen and Middler's Classes

~FROM THE CHURCH CLERK~

TO OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS: Pastor Cooper and your Church Family pray for health and healing for all of you who are in need and that you are bestowed with new strength and energy. "When God permits trials, He also provides comfort."

TO OUR VISITORS: "Love is the door through which we pass from selfishness to serve." Pastor Cooper and the Mount Horeb Baptist Church Parishioners extend a warm welcome to all who have come to worship and fellowship with us. We are working together for Christ in Christian love and are happy to have you worshipping with us. We have two Sunday Morning Services, 7:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. We have a nursery located on the lower level of the Sanctuary. It is available on the first and second Sundays during the 10:30 a.m. service. Come back and worship with us as often as you like.

TO ALL ORGANIZATIONS: AND AUXILIARIES: Have you submitted your "Requested Reserved Dates for the 2005 Activities Calendar Year?"

REMINDER: If you have had a change of name, address or telephone number, please make the Church Clerk or the Church Secretary aware of the change. Thank you.

Sister Joan Randolph
Church Clerk

We would like to express my appreciation for a successful Fall Festival this year. First, we thank God for His blessing of the day. We thank my committee members who worked so diligently with us, the kitchen team for their unflinching hard work, the recreation staff for the activities and games and all auxiliaries that had displays set up. We also thank those who participated in the morning program, and all the volunteers who cooked and served or did something to help make the annual Fall Festival a joyous occasion. We worked well together, like a God-centered church family.

Trustee Gerald R. Anderson, Chair
Trustee Janice Coles, Co-Chair

**IN-TEEN SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS
LIFESTYLE CHANGES**

"I will change my lifestyle in preparation for the coming of our Lord by praying more and being godlier." Brian Moore

"I will change my lifestyle in preparation for the coming of our Lord by doing charity work and more devotions. I will help other people and confess my sins." Cody Hartsfield

"I will change my lifestyle in preparation for the coming of our Lord by meaning what I say in prayer and participating in church more." Jabari Anderson

"I will change my lifestyle in preparation for the coming of our Lord by reading the Bible more often and praying." Sherrell Barber

NOVEMBER SUNDAY SCHOOL SUBJECTS

Sunday, NOVEMBER 7th - "A New Approach"

Lesson Scripture - Matthew 5:17, 18, 21, 22, 27, 28, 31-35, 38, 39, 43-45, 48

Sunday, NOVEMBER 14th - "A New Body"

Lesson Scripture - 1 Corinthians 15:42-57

Sunday, NOVEMBER 21st - "A New Creature in Christ"

Lesson Scripture - 2 Corinthians 5:11-21

Sunday, NOVEMBER 28th - "A New Relationship"

Lesson Scripture - Ephesians 2:11-21

Join Us for Sunday School..All Are Welcome!

Deacon Wylie D. Powell, Superintendent

EDITORIAL



The Summer of 2004 may well be remembered for Hurricanes Charley, Frances and Ivan. Yet, we know that hurricane seasons come and go leaving behind telltale signs in their wake. What one does prior to, following and all through the season often has a dramatic effect on their lives. Some people boarded up their homes, others left town and still others chose to stay. Through it all, moreover, we know that God was in charge.

Life is frequently compared to the four seasons. We say someone is in the winter season of life, meaning they are living in their last decades. If that individual has not made any preparation prior to the "last hurricane," the fierce winds will, without doubt, sweep him away into eternal damnation. There will be no opportunity for him to board up, pack up or clean up.

Even little children in the Spring season of their lives can be taught to make early preparation before "hurricanes" arrive. The lessons they learn in Sunday School should support the precepts taught at home. What they hear us say zooms at the speed of a category five hurricane and lands with a thud. Without doubt, our words make an impact.

Persons who survived the hurricanes and their destruction have countless blessings for which they can be thankful. Even though hurricanes did not strike our area, nevertheless, we have a lot to be thankful for. We ought to thank God daily, not just at Thanksgiving, for His infinite blessings.

Happy Thanksgiving! Sister Bernice Perry Perkins
Editor

In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

..... 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Be thankful for what you already have, and you'll be blessed with what you want.



WE ARE STEWARDS OF WHAT WE HAVE AND ARE



What we have is a trust from God. There is a difference between ownership and possession. As between man and man, we may claim to own things but as between man and God, we own nothing. God owns all things. We simply use them or possess them temporarily. God permits us to use things for a time, but they are to be returned to him and an account rendered. God never gave a quit-claim deed to any man for any thing. We brought nothing into this world and can take nothing out; hence, we are not owners of anything.

God created man in His own image and said "Have dominion."

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights,..." (James 1:17)

One who uses the property belonging to another must acknowledge it in a substantial way. The renter pays rent and thereby acknowledges that he does not own the property. When one pays interest on a note, he/she acknowledges that he/she owes the principal. As stewards, we must administer God's property in a way pleasing to Him and acknowledge His ownership by setting apart a portion of time and income for the extension of His Kingdom.



Happy Thanksgiving

PASTOR COOPER

With the Lord as a steady diet, you have a perfect menu!

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

Psalm 100:4

The best vitamin for making friends: B1



TIMELESS WISDOM

Excerpts from

"THANKSGIVING DAY MEDITATION"

"Thank God:

For my gift of life.
For my mind that thinks and creates;
For my body that moves and bends;
For my arms that embrace a loved one;
For my feet that walk, stand and dance;
For my eyes that see the beauty of the world;
For my ears that hear the melodies of the universe;
For my nose that smells the freshly baked bread;
For my mouth that can taste and smile;
For my voice that speaks and sings;
For my heart that beats twenty-four hours a day;
For my emotions that allow me to feel;

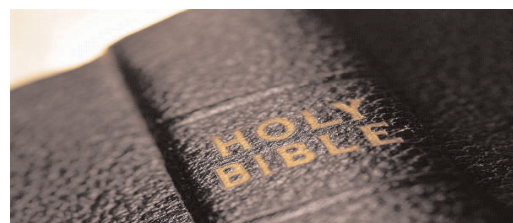


Thank God:

For memories that recall happy times;
For my weaknesses that teach me to be strong;
For my intelligence to reason;
For my capacity to laugh and cry;
For my power to forgive;
For my gift to remember all I need to know when I am tested."

And as I travel through life, "remember to thank God for everything."

Sister Dorothy Dines Davenport



"Study to show thyself approved unto God..."

In a series of articles in the UPDATE, you will see what Sunday School students at Mount Horeb Baptist Church are learning at various grade levels. We feature the Middler's and In-Teen grades in this issue.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MIDDLER'S CLASS

I'm gonna live
so God can
use me...



The Middler's Class is composed of third and fourth grade students. This year our lessons started and ended in the New Testament where we studied putting faith into practice.

Our students are becoming more comfortable with praying before and after class sessions. They enjoy helping each other and are becoming more familiar with using the Bible. During each lesson we:

- 1) Talk about the major sections of the Bible.
- 2) Locate the Bible book from which the lesson is taken.
- 3) Identify which of the Ten Commandments people in our lessons sometime disobey. (Our students know what to do when they disobey God's law, which is to ask for forgiveness.)
- 4) Talk about sin and repentance and the consequences of sin.

Throughout the year, we talked a lot about prayer and putting God first in our lives. Our students know they can always pray no matter where they are, even in school. They know they can always say a silent prayer.

The following students have missed no more than five classes this past year: Maya Campbell, Alliyah Davis and Janel Saunders. Other students who regularly attended classes are: Jesse Dawkins, Jr., Desmond Dixon, Alexis Durham, Quamika Warren and Joshua Williams. Students bring their friends who sometimes join in our class discussions.

Teachers: Sisters Estella Boseman

Dorothy B. Jones

MOUNT HOREB'S GIRL SCOUTS

The Girl Scouts of Mount Horeb have had another successful year:

- Completing many crafts for parents to enjoy;
- Participating in many citywide Girl Scout activities: including Girl Scout Sunday, Thinking Day, Community Service by donating gifts to a needy family at Christmas and Pretzel Day for our Brownie Girl Scouts;
- Selling Girl Scout cookies.

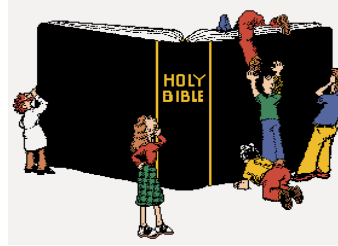
The net profit of over \$500.00 will help sponsor an overnight trip to Williamsburg, VA.

The Girl Scouts thank our Church Family and friends for their continued support.

To join the Girl Scouts of Mount Horeb, please contact Girl Scout leaders: Sisters Shirley Carter or Lori Edley. Their telephone numbers are listed in the church directory.

Sister Shirley M. Carter, Reporter

SUNDAY SCHOOL IN-TEEN CLASS



Our relationship with God has reached a monumental peak of heightened understanding. At this point in our lives, we understand that God has given us great and precious promises so that we can be partakers of His divine nature.

We realize that if we continue to remain diligent in the study of God's Word, we can live spotless lives if we confess our sins and repent. We now recognize that our Lord's patience means salvation. We also comprehend that through God's love and acceptance, our lives can touch so many others.

The knowledge that God is omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent has assured us of our salvation and will sustain us forever. The Holy Spirit is intelligent and He helps through hard times and when we have difficult choices to make. He reminds us that we are God's children and gives us the desire and motivation to learn and understand His gospel. God has helped us comprehend that love is the truth to our existence.

"But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you and pray for them which despitefully use you..." (Matthew 5:44)

Teachers: Deacon James Boseman
Sister Crystal Jackson

AN AFRICAN ADVENTURE



Sister Bernice Perry Perkins, RD, a member of the American Dietetic Association, has been invited by the Association President, to participate in an international professional and cultural program. She will join a delegation of dietitians and nutritionists as part of the People to People Ambassador Programs, founded by President Eisenhower in 1956.

The delegation will convene in New York on November 7 and fly to South Africa. Following the professional and cultural program in Johannesburg, the group will travel to Kruger National Park and Cape Town for a further professional and cultural exchange. Departure from Cape Town takes place on November 18.

The goals of this delegation will focus on the total perspective of the health status of South Africa's people from availability and accessibility of its food supply to the continuum of its healthcare system from child to adult, as well as its educational system of healthcare professionals. The group will experience the challenges the country faces in the care of the HIV/AIDS population, especially in children.

"It is an honor to be selected for such a cultural adventure."

"ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL"

There's a song that the Women's Day Choir sometimes sings --"Oh What A Time We Had." That song title could be applied to this year's Fall Festival, "Oh what a time we had at Mount Horeb the first Saturday of October." This year's festival was a little longer (10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) and officially opened with an indoor program that showcased some of our talented church members. First Lady Sister Willie B. Cooper was the Mistress of Ceremony and began with a warm welcome to our guests, neighboring community and Church Family. Little Miss Maya Campbell read the scripture, Matthew 5:6, and Sister Maureen Gaston followed with a powerful prayer. Trustee Joyce Williams reached way back to her high school years and pulled out a most appropriate poem for the season, "October's Bright Blue Weather." If you weren't present, you really missed a treat when Little Brother Johnathan Beckett, Jr. did his solo praise dance to the music, "I Just Want To Praise You." Speaking of dancing, three young liturgical dancers, Sisters Devanee Beckett, Raichella Chapman and Tiffany Moore performed to songs of praise, "Thank You For Lifting My Head" and "The Alabaster Box." Pianist Jabari Anderson rendered a melodious selection and Little Miss Michaela Ferrell sang "I'm On The Battlefield For My Lord." Talent is not limited to age. Seventy-five year old community resident, Ms. Queenie Brown, delivered a strong, uplifting rendition of The Lord's Prayer in song. Sister Inez Inman took us down memory lane when she paid tribute to her oldest girlfriend, the late Sister Audrey Gross. Her story of "Anybody, Everybody, Somebody and Nobody" was thought-provoking.

There was a special guest on the program whom Trustee Hayward Corley introduced as his college mentor. Teacher and former 1964 Gold Metal Olympian, Richard Stebbins, addressed the congregants on the need for parents, churches and communities to work to save our children. After almost losing a son to street life when he was shot nine times and lived, Mr. Stebbins has made it a point to encourage adults to talk to young people about positive alternatives, such as what Mount Horeb is doing with its young people. He also brought along his seasoned Olympic Gold Medal for viewing.

Pastor Cooper offered the Invitation, as Sister Linda Stroud played the piano; he then blessed the food. Afterwards, the crowd disbursed to enjoy the activities and the meal that was served. For the next several hours it seemed like hundreds of people passed through the food line. Church members, friends, neighbors and community business employees all ate and ate well that day. For those who were unable to stand in line, the kitchen committee graciously brought food inside and served them in the annex dining hall. Exhibit tables for various church auxiliaries were set up in the dining hall and offered samples of various health products, literature, arts and crafts, desserts and other goodies. The pleasant atmosphere was further enhanced by inspirational and gospel music played by our in-house DJ, Brother William "Bill" Johnson.

Several Ward Five dignitaries attended the Fall Festival. District Councilman Vincent Orange spoke during the afternoon indoor activities. The church Recreation Department provided fun and games for children outside, while many of the young people enjoyed go cart rides provided by Brother Ronald Fleming and his sons Frank and Jordan.

Hats off to co-chairs, Trustees Gerald Anderson and Janice Coles and their committee members, Trustees Hayward Corley and Joseph Saunders, Deacon Johnathan Beckett, Brother Melvin Gilchrist and event advisor Sister Willie B. Cooper. This festival event seems to grow each year, and each year the surrounding community sees and enjoys the service that our church provides. Oh what a time we had!

Sister Deborah Anderson, Reporting

CASE MANAGER OF THE YEAR



The Case Manager of the Year award is a prestigious award given annually to bring recognition to an outstanding representative of the case management profession. Sister Melanie Prince was recently selected from hundreds of candidates around the world as the Case Manager of the Year at the 2004 International Case Management Society of America (CMSA) Annual Conference.

At the Department of Defense where she is employed, Major Prince is known as the "voice of case management" as well as the "case management guru" -- a title given to her by senior officials whenever a case management expert was needed.

This influential military thought manager serves as a leader on multiple task forces, successfully lobbying for the inclusion of case management in all areas of the military's TRICARE delivery system. As a result of her exceptional training style, conviction, and motivation, the military adopted her Broad spectrum Case-Management Model as the conceptual guide for implementing the Case Management process along the healthcare continuum from a state of wellness to disability. This model is now used in every Air Force primary care clinic, as well as "train the trainer" sessions.

Congratulations to Major Melanie Prince, a Mount Horeb member and an outstanding CMSA member from the National Capital Area Chapter in Washington, DC.

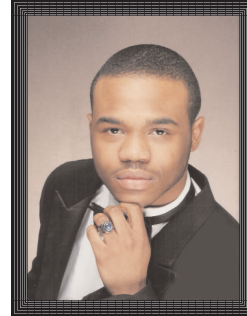
She said, "I was proud to stand before the crowd as a Christian, an African-American, a mother and wife, a sister and a military officer."

A SALUTE TO OUR COLLEGE YOUTH

Mount Horeb is fortunate to have many talented youth as part of the Church Family, who are also students at colleges and universities across the nation, including graduate school. However, as time permits, they continue to “come back home” to worship and provide exemplary services to their church. In this regard, their faithfulness continues to be a source of admiration within our Church Family and enhances Christian strength within our midst.



TIFFANY L. JENKINS



DAVID POWELL

One such student who regularly returns for worship and services to the church is Sister Tiffany L. Jenkins. Tiffany has been a member of Mount Horeb Baptist Church since childhood, having accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age. For a number of years she was a member of the Young People’s Choir and served as president. She is a faithful member of the Gospel Chorus and serves as Vice President. Because of her melodious voice, she regularly sings as a lead vocalist.

Tiffany is an honors graduate of St. John’s College High School. Following high school, she entered Hampton University and earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology. Currently, she is a graduate student at Howard University, Washington, DC, pursuing a degree in Counseling Psychology. Her goal is to earn a Ph.D. and become a Child Psychologist.

During the recent summer, Tiffany, a resident of Silver Spring, MD, entered the Miss Maryland pageant. After intense competition among twenty-four talented and beautiful contestants from across the state, she was crowned Miss Maryland. Following that feat, she competed for Miss America in the annual pageant held in Atlantic City. At the conclusion of five days of stiff competition among fifty two beautiful and gifted young ladies who won the state crown, Miss Alabama was crowned Miss America 2005. Although Tiffany was unsuccessful in being crowned Miss America, she can justifiably feel proud of her accomplishments and cherish the unforgettable memories of the experience.

Tiffany is the daughter of Brother George and Sister Leola Jenkins. She is widely known and greatly admired by members of the Church Family, who share the pride and joy that Brother and Sister Jenkins must justly have in the maturation of their daughter and her outstanding achievements. We salute Tiffany and pray for her continued success.

Brother Horace Williams, Assistant Editor

Our own multi-talented Brother David Powell is the epitome of such faithfulness and outstanding services to our church. David is the son of Brother Victor and Sister Shaketa Powell. He was literally reared in Mount Horeb having accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior at the age of five. From this early age he has been continuously and intensely engaged in church activities by ministering to the Church Family through song and music, which he loves and does passionately from his heart and soul. Routinely, his playing (piano) and melodious singing truly gives us something to clap our hands, pat our feet and feel proud about. His many activities at Mount Horeb include serving as director of the Youth Choir; singing (as lead vocalist) with the Mass Male Choir (on special occasions); and playing and singing with the Inspirational Choir.

David is a young man with many attributes. He is quiet, articulate and extremely modest. David is a graduate of Washington’s Duke Ellington School for the Performing Arts. Currently, he is a second year student at Ohio State University (OSU) majoring in Communications. On October 8, 2004, he was a participant in a gospel musical extravaganza held at OSU.

We salute David, not only for his exemplary services to our church and his outstanding achievements thus far, but for all that, God willing, he will achieve in the future.

Brother Horace Williams, Assistant Editor



Articles for the December/January edition of the UPDATE must be submitted to the Editor on or before Sunday, November 7, 2004. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

UPDATE Staff

THANKS, APPRECIATION AND CONGRATULATIONS



101 & Still Counting!

Congratulations and best wishes to Sister Mamie K. Feeling! She celebrated her 101st birthday on Saturday, October 9, 2004. The event was hosted by her grand niece, Sister Mary Brisker, at their home in Seat Pleasant, MD. Family, friends and neighbors came to shower her with flowers, gifts, cards, kisses and lots of hugs. Sister Feeling share the following message with her Church Family: "In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy path."

With gratitude ~ People like you make the world a brighter place.

Sincerely, The Beagle Family & Sister Frances Massey

To my Church Family ~ A sincere "Thank you" for the many birthday cards sent my way. God bless each of you.

Your Brother in Christ, Walter Davenport

Thanks to everyone for sending birthday cards and calling. I am also thanking everyone who donated for the August Birthday Celebration.

Sister Dorothy Lowman

Thank you for cards, calls and mostly prayers. You are truly a loving Church Family. For all the wonderful things you do, may God bless you! Love and hugs to all of you!

Sister Blanche Trueheart



Congratulations to Sister Inez Jordan! The Maryland District of the United States Tennis Association honored her as one of the 2004 State Champions at its annual awards luncheon on October 16, 2004. She is ranked number one in Women's (age 35 group) singles for the state of Maryland. She is also ranked number six in the same category for the Mid-Atlantic region. Watch out Wimbledon and French Open champions. She has several titles to defend. Sister Mary Jordan (her mother)

The Senior Usher Board is thankful for our Junior Ushers who helped us on the second and third Sundays. They also usher on the first and fifth Sundays. We are praying for all our sick members with a special prayer for Sister Dorthy Wilson. I appreciate the beautiful birthday cards I received. Pray for us to grow stronger in the Lord. We pray for our president as she grows stronger in her service.

Sister Mary Gudger,

Reporter



Congratulations to Sister Dorothy L. Michael, formerly coordinator of archdiocesan school and business partnerships for Catholic Schools in the District of Columbia. She was recently appointed director of the business champions program at Archbishop Carroll High School in the District. The new appointment is an expansion of her successful two-year tenure with the Archdiocese of Washington as Coordinator of School and Business Partnerships for Catholic Schools in the District of Columbia. Sister Michael will continue to coordinate the networking activities of the Catholic Business Network.

~UPDATE STAFF~

Prayer Concern:

We ask God for guidance and understanding of His word..

Deacon James Boseman
Chairman Deacon Board



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