



# MOUNT HOREB-BAPTIST CHURCH

"The Church that is Worshipping and Praising God on Purpose"

# THE UPDATE

News and Events

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*And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven Matthew 18:3*

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~FROM THE CHURCH CLERK~

**TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:** The Mount Horeb Baptist Church Family is always happy to welcome new family members into the Body of Christ. Blessed are they who come into the House of the Lord. We are happy to welcome by Baptism: Sisters Laci Joseph, Terri Sampson and Tiffany Sampson; and Brother Harry B. Sampson, IV; by Christian Experience: Sisters Mikaela Gray, Gail Bethel and Johnnie Mae Carter; and Brothers Derick Barnes, Ricky Lynch and Bjenvenu Kulungu. May the power of God preserve you, may His wisdom instruct you, and may He direct your way.

**TO OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN:** Your Church Family's thoughts and prayers are always with you. Even in your darkest hour the Lord will bless you with His power. We hope and pray that with every passing day the telephone calls, visits, prayers and cards enlighten your day and lead to a speedy recovery and bring you closer to good health.

**TO OUR VISITORS:** The Pastor, along with the ministerial staff, officers and the Mount Horeb Baptist Church Family, welcomes all who come to worship with us. Feel free to return as often as you like. You are always welcome in the House of the Lord.

Sister Florence Myers, Church Clerk

**SERVICE TO THE GLORY OF GOD**



On Sunday, August 7 four delegates from Mount Horeb's Music Ministry participated in the 50th Celebration Pre-Musical of the Progressive National Baptist Convention. The musical event was held at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, D.C. The delegation consisted of Brother Robert and Sister Linda Stroud, and Brother Gary and Sister Debra Datcher.

Many of the composers and artists were local musicians. The arrangements performed were by the following artists: Phillip Carter, Michael White, Carlos Younger, Nolan Williams, Dr. Roland Carter, J.J. Hairston, Beverly Crawford and Sylstea Sledge. During rehearsals we were privileged to learn different choral and directing techniques. But most importantly, we learned what inspired the composers to create their pieces. The Mount Horeb congregation will hear several of the compositions that we learned.

What a privilege and an opportunity to fellowship and network with such accomplished and trained musicians and worship leaders. Our participation in this event brought a new revitalization and inspiration to us as individuals, and we pray that we become the vessels that will transfer this excitement through our Music Ministry.

Submitted by Sister Debra Datcher  
Director of the Music Ministry

**SEPTEMBER SUNDAY SCHOOL SUBJECTS**

**September 4 - "Pursuing Righteousness"**

Lesson Scripture - Proverbs 3:1-12

**September 11 - "Making Right Choices"**

Lesson Scripture - Proverbs 4:10-15, 20-27

**September 18 - "Teaching Values"**

Lesson Scripture - Proverbs 15:21-33

**September 25 - "Acting with Discernment"**

Lesson Scripture - Proverbs 25:1-10

**OCTOBER SUNDAY SCHOOL SUBJECTS**

**October 2 - "Living an Ordered Life"**

Lesson Scripture - Proverbs 29:16-27

**October 9 - "Valuing True Wisdom"**

Lesson Scripture - Ecclesiastes 9:13-10:4

**October 16 - "Growing Old with Wisdom"**

Lesson Scripture - Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:7, 13

**October 23 - "Finding True Love"**

Lesson Scripture - Song of Solomon 4:8-5:1a

**October 30th - "Seeking True Happiness"**

Lesson Scripture - Matthew 5:1-12

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

Deacon James Paschall, Superintendent

**UNFORGIVENESS**



It is not hard to see the escalating damage caused by unforgiveness. For example, a wife kills an abusive husband, a fender bender results in a fist fight, or on a larger scale, the war in the Middle East escalates. Clinicians have claimed that unforgiving people have higher rates of stress-related disorders, cardiovascular disease and clinical depression, as well as lower immune system functions. Unforgiveness is deadly in more ways than one.

Forgiveness doesn't mean forgetting to remember, but remembering to forget. Forgiveness is an act of the will. For Christians it is a choice to obey God and let it go. We recite the Lord's Prayer each Sunday. Remember the phrase, "AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS, AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS." (Matthew 6:12)

Matthew 6:14-15 says, "FOR IF YE FORGIVE MEN THEIR TRESPASSES YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER WILL ALSO FORGIVE YOU: BUT IF YOU FORGIVE NOT MEN THEIR TRESPASSES, NEITHER WILL YOUR FATHER FORGIVE YOUR TRESPASSES." Letting go is a choice made of your free will. When I say, "I forgive you," I declare that the issue between us is dead and buried. I'm saying that I will not rehearse it, review it or renew it. When the transgression comes to my mind, I will take it to the Lord and to the foot of the cross, not to the one who transgressed.

There is an old wise tale that talks about a man who complained that every time he and his wife argued, "she doesn't get hysterical, she gets historical. She brings up everything I've ever done wrong. She never really forgives me." UNFORGIVENESS IS DEADLY--ETERNAL DEATH.

Submitted by Sister Yvonne John, Editor  
*God created us and He cares; He knows our hearts, thoughts and actions.*

## PASTOR'S HEART TO HEART "UNSHAKABLE FAITH"

I Corinthians 15:58



The earth shook today. While I was sitting in the car along with my wife outside of my children's school, waiting for their dismissal, the car began to slightly bounce up and down, which was followed by a more vigorous rolling of the earth underneath us. It was then that we determined that it was an earthquake. Just as soon as I felt

the quake beginning to subside, I went to get my children out of the school.

With the ground still shaking, I ran to go and retrieve my children out of the building. Everyone else was standing around in shock, trying to figure out what had just happened, but I knew that it was an earthquake and that I only had a limited amount of time to get my children out of the building before the aftershock struck. I have learned from my experience in these kinds of situations that if the earthquake doesn't get you, sometimes the aftershock will. It was as a result of this event today that I couldn't help, but wonder how many of us have survived spiritual earthquakes that the enemy has caused to occur in our lives, but have now become lulled into a false sense of security by mistakenly assuming that all is resolved without realizing that there are some spiritual aftershocks that are still on the way.

What we must remember is that earthquakes and aftershocks have a symbiotic relationship. They are both a part of the same phenomenon. So, let us not be misled by the belief that our surviving the earthquakes of demonic activity, which sought to destabilize, demoralize and pulverize our lives, is a justifiable reason for our discontinuing the act of spiritual vigilance at the time when it is needed the most.

For this reason, I would adjure you to remain in a posture of spiritual readiness. In the words of the Apostle Paul, "Therefore, my beloved... be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord..." If you will heed these words, I'm certain that regardless of the quakes and the aftershocks that may arise in your life, the power and preeminence of your victories will be both unmistakable and unshakable!

Going Forward on Purpose

Pastor H.B. Sampson III, D.Min.

*Whoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.*

*Matthew 18:4*

## INSIDE OUT & UPSIDE DOWN ON MAIN STREET

*Where Jesus Makes a Difference Everyday!*

Vacation Bible School opened with a wonderful program about Jesus' Parables. While traveling on Main Street, the children explored and experienced stories Jesus told about everyday people in everyday situations. These stories that Jesus told were called Parables and they



were anything but ordinary. As a matter of fact, they often took radical twists that challenged people to look at themselves and others in new and unexpected ways.

The five Parables studied were about: Gratitude, parable about the whiny workers, Matthew 20:1-16; Compassion, parable of the roadside rescue, Luke 10:25-37; Forgiveness, parable of the shocking servant, Matthew 18:21-35; Grace, parable of the warmest welcome, Luke 15:11-32 and Faithfulness, parable of the master's money, Luke 10:12-26. The Bible Memory Verses were Psalm 25:4, 5.

Learning about these parables allowed the children to learn those attributes that will greatly bless their lives.

We continue to be thankful for our Vacation Bible School teaching staff who are also tenured Sunday School Teachers who have over the years had the opportunity to share the good news of Jesus and participate with young people as they reach salvation decisions. Sisters Dorothy B. Jones (pre-school/kindergarten); Virginia Daniels (elementary); and Katrina Thomas (teens), were joined by Sister Delores Tillman who instructed the pre-teen class. Sister Tillman introduced her kids to the wonderful art of baking. The delicious delicacies: brownies, cookies, pineapple upside-down cake and sheet cakes were prepared for and eaten after our closing program.

Brother Ronnie and Sister Delores Hawkins, from the Library Ministry, provided music, tennis lessons, biblical stories and skits that the children participated in, as well as a beautiful display of books that are available in our Library. In addition to the Library's efforts, we are truly grateful to Sister Jeanay Robinson for her generous literary contribution that allowed the children to select books to carry home. A sincere thank you to Sister Geneva Harrod who handles all of our administrative needs and to Sister Theddie Wright who worked with Sister Harrod over the years but was not with us this year. We are truly blessed by their years of dedicated service.

As you may or may not know, Vacation Bible School selects an Outreach Project each year. For the last few years, we've supported Bright Beginnings, an early childhood education center that provides assistance for homeless children from infants to preschoolers and their families. Donations collected this year and last year will be combined to purchase gift cards for food and Metro Smart Cards to assist the children and their parents as they transition from unemployment and homelessness to success.

Sister Barbara Cook, Dir. VBS

## CHURCH'S ANNUAL PICNIC

**PICNIC** Once again, the Church's Annual Picnic was a great success. The weather on July 9 was picture perfect. God and His Angels were in attendance.

The day's activities were started with a welcoming by Reverend Nix who, also did the prayer of the morning and blessing of the food.

The guys had the grills fired up with hot dogs and burgers. The Deacons had the fish frying and Brother Bill Johnson had the music grooving with some really nice gospel pieces. Needless to say, the fried fish was the apex of the day. All the basics for a wonderful day were in place.

At about 12:15 p.m., the tables were set with food, desserts, watermelons, snow cones, popcorn and ice cream. The only thing our members, families and guests had to do was find a seat, get in line and enjoy themselves with first, second and third helpings. Their admission to the picnic was to have a voracious appetite.

Then there were a couple of highly competitive volley ball games. Lots of excitement! That's where you could find the Pastor and the First Lady, right in the mix of things. Then later, we had our annual bingo game, called by Brother David Powell and his team, with lots of prizes. There was lots and lots of fun at the net and at the tables.

The little ones had fun on the sliding board and swings and could run around until they dropped. Some people took walks, went paddle boating or rode the train through the park. There was something to do for everyone.

We were also joined by the family of Sister Mary Brisker, who came out to celebrate her birthday. It was a joy to have them join us.

The key to our successful day was cooperation. It was the cooperation of all of the Church's auxiliaries, with their assigned donations and their participation. All hands working together is truly a blessing from God.

We, the Picnic Committee, thank Pastor and Sister Sampson, Reverend and Sister Nix, Reverend Wallace and Reverend Allen and all their families for coming out and being a part of the picnic. They are a part of what made the day a success.

Trustee Janice H. Coles-Caldwell, Chair  
Trustee Gerald Anderson, Co-Chair

## CHRISTIAN SUMMER DAY CAMP 2011

Our Christian Summer Day Camp, this year as in the past, consisted of various activities for the children. Each day started out with the children participating in devotion, reading scripture, praying and singing. The field trips this year were twice to the Glen Dale Splash Pool and to the Publick Playhouse to see 'Soul In Motion,' an African dance troupe, who fully engaged the children with audience participation. They took a trip to the Langdon Park Recreation Center for some 'good old' playground fun.



In addition to our field trips, we had the Active Aces Senior Tennis Group (AASTG), coordinated by our own Sister Elaine Brown, a member of this group, provided the camp with a 6-day tennis clinic. The clinic, through various drills, provided the children with the basic fundamentals of the game. Their skill levels varied and they all showed real promise for the game. The AASTG hopes that this exposure will peak their interest enough that they will want to continue learning and playing the game.

This year we also had a "Creative Movement" workshop given by our own Sister Kelly-Marie Berry. The theme of this production was, 'Joshua and the Battle of Jericho'. All of the children were involved and they all did a wonderful job. Added to that, the children still found time to learn and create extraordinary arts and craft projects instructed by the very creative and our own Sister Crystal Jackson.

The camp would not have been successful without the help of our counselors and junior counselors: Brothers Hayward Corley and Aaron Scott, Sisters Crystal Jackson, Vivette Marr, Leola Jenkins, Jessica Toliver, Shirley Avans, Barbara Cook and Deaconess Mary Jones. Thanks to Deacon George Thomas for providing some of our transportation. Thank you for all of your help to make this year's camp a success. We thank the parents for their support. Finally, we cannot thank our sponsors enough for their generous contributions; they are always needed and greatly appreciated. It is our aim to make these camps creative, educational, fun and most of all memorable for our children.

Submitted by Sister S. Tijuana Williams, Coordinator  
*And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children.*  
Isaiah 54:13

# MY SUMMER EXPERIENCE

by Sister Michaela Ferrell



This Summer I was able to travel to England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales with the People to People (P2P) Program. This was definitely a trip I will never forget. P2P was started by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956 to bring people together and share their cultures, history and friendship. I had no idea of what I was going to learn as I started my adventure.

It all started on the evening of July 14 as mom, my aunt and I arrived at Dulles Airport. After six months of meetings and preparation, it was really happening. I was about to board an airplane with 25 students from Maryland and D.C. for a trip of a lifetime.

We flew from Dulles to London's Heathrow Airport where we met 15 other students from California to make up our P2P Delegation. After clearing customs and getting settled, our first stop was to board the "London Eye." The Eye is the largest ferris wheel in the world. The view was awesome. We could see all of London. The next day we went to Buckingham Palace. It was a rainy day so we couldn't really see the "changing of the guards," but we did do some sightseeing including walking up to the palace where we learned how to tell if the Queen was home. We had an opportunity to walk across the bridge over the River Thames. We saw The Globe Theater, a recreation of the original theater formed by William Shakespeare.

We met with a Member of Parliament who spoke on England's political system. He was a little boring but did tell a joke that made us all laugh. He said, "if we asked him a question and he didn't know the answer, he would just lie like all politicians do." I thought he just may be right. We did some drama lessons including jousting and performed a play on what we would do if the Queen was coming for tea. What fun we had! We had the opportunity to learn more about Shakespeare and later visited his grave. We also saw a play that reminded us of home, "Thriller Live." This play was about Michael Jackson and his music.

One day we had an opportunity to eat at McDonald's. We really were happy, however the food didn't taste like McDonald's food here.

We visited Oxford University. Many famous people have attended this college including Bill Clinton, Kurt Schmoke (former Mayor of Baltimore), Prince William and his wife Kate Middleton, the Duchess of Cambridge. The University's infirmary was used in the Harry Potter movies for the Hogwarts.

We rode on a ferry from Wales to Ireland and from Ireland to Scotland. In Ireland we had the opportunity to carry out the tradition of kissing the Blarney Stone. To get to the top of the stone, you have to climb 127 steps. We made soda bread which must be eaten immediately from the oven or it has a really nasty taste. We stopped at the Gaelic Athletic Association where we had the chance to see how high we could jump, bounce and test our reflexes.

In Scotland, we went to school for a day. This gave us an opportunity to see what school is like in another country. It seemed like it could be fun. We walked under a waterfall. The water was really cold but it was an opportunity that we wouldn't usually get. We visited a landmark adventure park. It was like nothing I've ever seen. The water slides were really cool.

I will never forget this Summer and look forward to sharing pictures and more stories with you soon. To my Mount Horeb Family and friends, thank you again for your encouragement, contributions and prayers in making this opportunity a reality.

## THE GOSPEL IN PRAGUE A CHORAL MUSIC FESTIVAL



What an experience! Dr. Raymond Wise, professor, minister, musician, preacher, teacher, motivator and overall man of excellence and distinction, accompanied by a team of ten, traveled and participated in the first gospel choral music festival held in Prague, Czech Republic.

Highlights of the trip included performing at the Convent in St. Agnes Church, where we rendered an evening of acappella sacred music and spirituals; we also heard the Voices of Joy Gospel Choir of Penn State University, a Czech gospel choir and a professional Russian performing ensemble.

Sunday morning we hosted an authentic worship service to highlight some of the American traditions in morning worship. This included: praise and worship, scripture reading, a welcome and a dynamic word from Maryland native Dr. Stanley Spottswood. To conclude the worship service, the invitation to receive Christ was rendered. Many came forward to declare Christ as Savior and to receive prayer.

The climactic point of the trip was rehearsing and playing with the Czech National Symphony Orchestra and performing in the Smetana Hall. The natural ambiance and beauty of the space was amazing. Additionally, it held a 70-piece orchestra and a 300-voice choir. The orchestra was flexible and able to follow each conductor masterfully. Based on the audience response, they were inspired, impressed and positive from start to finish. The sobering moment was observing the sound technician ultimately work his magic that made a balanced sound emerge from the stage.

The trip, with its workshops, sight-seeing tours of the castle, early church and concentration camps, concluded Monday evening with a cruise on the riverboat. Seeing Prague from the water allowed us an opportunity to see familiar sights with fresh eyes. The food, the culture, warm wishes and positive response to our presence as clinicians, minstrels and ministers was very well received by us and indeed, our lives were blessed for being there.

.....Yours in Christ, Brother David Powell  
*Reach out to others as Jesus did.*

## WHAT'S UP WITH OUR YOUTH



*Brother Jabari Anderson, in his comments to those who attended the August 12 concert, acknowledged the support and encouragement given to him over the years by Mount Horeb Baptist Church. He stated that this concert*

*was a way of "giving back to my Church Family for all its' support and love." Proceeds from the concert in the amount of \$2,169 was donated to the Scholarship Committee. If you were unable to attend this event, a CD is available for a \$5 donation. If a musical critic were to critique Brother Anderson's performance, I'm positive it would receive a glowing review.*

*Another two of our musicians, Sister Maya and Brother Christian Campbell, had the opportunity to participate in the University Of Maryland School Of Music, Summer Youth Music Camp in July. Maya was a junior camp counselor and provided instruction for the trumpet section of the 5th - 7th grade band. Christian was a member of the 8th - 10th grade band and had the opportunity to try out several different instruments including the oboe and the clarinet. The camp culminated in a final concert held at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.*

*Brother Christian Campbell also competed in the AAU Jr. Olympics Championships in New Orleans, LA from July 31-August 7, 2011. He was among over 10,000 competitors in track and field. Christian qualified for the 400M, 800M and 4X800M relay. He finished in the top 20 and top 40 respectively in his individual events with the relay finishing at 18 in the nation.*

*Also in August, Sister Maya Campbell participated in the prestigious Model UN Program, sponsored by the Osgood Center of International Affairs at Georgetown University. She attended with other students from around the country. Her team represented the United Kingdom in this simulation of how the United Nations works.*

*Congratulations to all new and returning college students. Your Mount Horeb Church Family will pray for your continued success. These freshmen students are: Sisters Devanee Beckett, Maria Lawson, Tiffany Moore and Sarah Turner; Brothers Dominic Green, Javan Levier, Askari Rushing and Marcus Thurston. Upper class students are: Sisters Raichella Chapman, Jacquelyn Dawkins, Joy Saunders and Ahsia Wallace; Brothers Jabari Anderson, Frank Fleming and Renaire Rivers, Jr.*

*Let's continue to encourage our young people as they strive to broaden their horizons.*