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The Resurrection: The Fulfillment of God

Psalm 16:9-10 (KJV)

⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.

¹⁰ For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

Tomb, you shall not hold Him longer. Death is strong, but life is stronger - Stronger than the dark, the light; Stronger than the wrong, the right; Faith and hope triumphant say; Christ will rise on Easter Day.

While the patient earth lies waiting Till the morning shall be breaking
Shuddering beneath the burden dread Of her Master, cold and dead,
Hark! she hears the angels say; Christ will rise on Easter Day.

And when sunrise smites the mountains Pouring light from heavenly fountains
Then the earth blooms out to greet Once again the blessed feet;
And her countless voices say; Christ has risen on Easter Day.
(Author: Phillips Brooks)

Brothers and sisters, God has never made a promise that He is unable to keep, but this world is full of empty promises and empty predictions. Take a minute and observe TV ads. There are all kinds of commercials and advertisements promising us that if you only purchase this certain product you can be happy, sexy, rich, or famous. Many of us have fallen for that pitch, only to find out that we look nothing like the person in that commercial. But everything God promises He is able to deliver.

Peter in Acts 2:14-40 addresses his audience about the fact of the resurrection. Peter tells them that Jesus of Nazareth was raised from the dead, which proves that He is the promised Messiah. Peter quotes from Psalm 16:8-11 which no doubt they were familiar with. Listen to what it says: Psalm 16:9-10 (GW) ⁹ That is why my heart is glad and my soul rejoices. My body rests securely ¹⁰ because you do not abandon my soul to the grave or allow your holy one to decay.

Notice Peter's reasoning with this group. He says to them that these verses obviously could not apply to David who was already dead and buried. Peter very well could have been standing right in front of David's sepulchre. David is still here as he points; his bones are right up there on the top of this hill, on the top of Mount Zion where he is buried.

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Listen, David obviously wasn't speaking about himself. David is a prophet of God, God is using him, and God is speaking through him. David is writing about the Messiah, that His soul would not remain in the grave and His body will not see decay.

David is speaking of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The grave could not hold Him.

There was a Sunday school teacher that gave his class a special project the week before Easter. He gave every member of the class a plastic egg. Each child was to open the egg, go outside and find a symbol of Easter. Enthusiastically, the class responded.

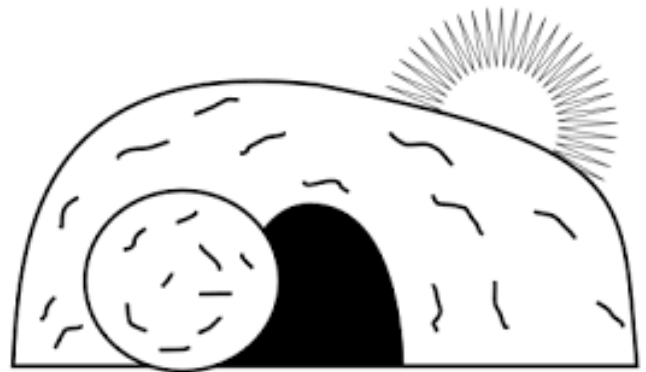
That next week, Easter morning, each member of the class opened their plastic egg and revealed it to the class. The first egg was opened and there was a pretty flower. The second egg was opened and there was a beautiful butterfly. Green grass was in a third as each child "oohed" and "aahed." In another was a rock, which prompted loud laughter. Finally the last egg was opened and there was nothing inside. One child said, "That's stupid," another grumbled and said, "Someone didn't do it right!"

Then about that time, the teacher felt a tug on his shirt. It was a young boy, who said, "That's my egg, and I did do right! It's empty, 'cause the tomb was empty."

Brothers and sisters, that boy had it right. The tomb is empty. The fact of the empty tomb is the truth of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the fulfilled promise of God. And to everyone who believes we too will be raised to eternal life. That too is a promise of God.

Happy Resurrection day!

*Pastor Robert and Lady Bessie Herring,
Sr.*



Prayer and Supplication for our Pastor

Oh, most gracious and merciful Father,

We come again to lift our Pastor in prayer. We start by thanking You for keeping him thus far and ask that You continue, in the name of Jesus, to bless, strengthen and keep him in Your care. Only You know what he needs, when and how he needs it.

Then Father, as Pastor continues the work in this assigned station, we ask that You continue to plant in him seeds of wisdom, so that in the future years in this place he will be able to live in full confidence of Your abiding faithfulness.

Oh God, give him Your blessed assurance so that he is yet secure in the knowledge that he is Your vessel no matter what obstacles he will face.

We also pray for his helpmeet and his family that they will be kept in Your loving arms and that they continue in Your will.

And so we end this prayer in the mighty name of Jesus, counting it as already done. In Jesus' name, Amen.

P. Cross

Home Remedies

1) For Stomach ailments - Get GINGER:

This pungent root is the jack-of all-trades for stomach ailments, but its especially good for relieving pain, since the gingerol it contains helps stop intestinal contractions. Best of all you can take ginger in capsule form, drink as a tea, or gnaw on a fresh slice, so there is no excuse not to try it. Check your health-food store for ginger in all its forms and follow the label directions when given.

2) Have dry skin and do not like to use creams or gels all over? Try this Herbal Steamer as an option:-

Fennel Oil, Geranium Oil, Peppermint Oil, Rosehip Oil, Rosemary Oil, and 3 cups of Water:- This herbal steamer can deep-six dryness - especially because the geranium oil encourages oil production in your skin. It will also give your cheeks a healthy, rosy glow. In a saucepan, bring the water to a boil, then remove the pot from the stove. Add 1 - 2 drops of each oil to the water and drape a towel over your head to capture the steam and create a kind of mini sauna. Bend over the pot and remain there for about five minutes. Just be careful not to get close enough for the steam to burn your face. Indulge in this skin-moisturizing treatment once a week and you will soon see a noticeable improvement in your complexion and feel a softer, smoother skin, which you may have lost for a longer time than you realized.

3) Do you often suffer from Migraines? Well, here is an Anti-Migraine Tea that will soothe those bad boys:-

Dried Feverfew Leaves and Flowers; Dried Lemon-Balm Flowers and one Cup of Boiling Water:-Combine the herbs and scoop 1 heaping teaspoon of the mixture into the water. Let it steep 5-10 minutes. Strain out the herbs, and sip away until your headache is gone. Keep drinking the tea, if one cup is not enough to get rid of the pain completely.

CAUTION: FEVERFEW MAY CAUSE MOUTH IRRITATION IN SENSITIVE PEOPLE; IF YOU ARE ONE OF THEM, LEAVE OUT THE FEVERFEW AND USE A COUPLE OF DROPS OF PEPPERMINT OIL INSTEAD. You can also try rubbing your forehead gently with the Peppermint Oil for about 5 - 10 minutes and this should alleviate the pain and reduce the tension.

D Gosine

Congratulations Are In Order!!!

These two ladies have just completed New Members class and received the Right Hand of Fellowship, Sunday, March 27, 2016. Let's continue to show our Love and support to our newest family members, The Campbell Sisters!!!





Mission Sunday

As part of **Missions Month** the Missionary Society of Mt. Bethel shared with the congregation the missions that they were involved in during the past year. The Annual Wanda Wilson Back to School Give A Way is our top mission program. Each year we give book bags filled with school supplies to families in the community and to all of the Mount Bethel children. Another mission is our association with the Hubbard House, a shelter for battered women and their children. Sister Donna Seymore heads this project and we were able to provide old cell phones and food to fill a Thanksgiving Basket. The entire congregation participated in the Soles for Souls mission project headed by Sister Mattie Taylor. Mount Bethel donated over one thousand pairs of shoes to the needy. We are associated with our Pantry Share Ministry, directed by Sister Janice Jones. Last year we donated turkeys to help fill Thanksgiving Baskets. Our members help in the Clothes Closet Ministry directed by Sister Rushie Phillips.

In keeping with the celebration of our church's 150th anniversary, we honored missionaries that have gone to their heavenly home by streaming their pictures on the overhead screen.

Starting in the month of April, envelopes will be passed out to the congregation to give donations for the purchase of school supplies.

P Lewis

150th Anniversary Reminder

The church's 150th Anniversary Celebration is quickly approaching and we all are getting excited! Venues have been secured, deposits have been paid and planning has begun for the various events; so now, Mt. Bethel, it's time to complete your part.

The Anniversary Committee is asking that all Anniversary packages or individual selections be completely paid by April 30, 2016.

If you need to know what your balance is or what is due, please see Sis. Mattie Taylor or Bro. Terence Wright.

Thanks in advance,

Blessing and Peace



NEIGHBORHOOD HEROS

Mrs. Rubye L. Allen Hankerson

Mrs. Rubye Hankerson was a vital component of the Moncrief Bottom Creek neighborhood for more than 60 years, an asset beyond measure. She was the one that provided legal secretarial services; in fact, she could be classified as our para-legal, advising about legal matters, preparing wills, notarizing documents, preparing taxes, etc., for the entire community. Whenever the children needed notarized statements or permission slips for school activities, church trips or summer camp, Mrs. Rubye Hankerson was available with her pen and Notary stamp. She also found time to serve as a poll worker at the local voting precinct. A faithful member of Gregg's Temple A.M.E. Church located on 45th Street, she served as the church's Clerk, Treasurer and whatever else that was needed in this small fellowship. I have a Resolution composed by her in 1955 on behalf of the death of my grandmother, Lizzie Webb Dickerson, who was also a member of Gregg's Temple.



Ruby Hankerson was not a native of Jacksonville, but was born in 1899, the third of 13 children of Fletcher and Elizabeth Allen, in Apalachicola, FL, which is located on Florida's Gulf Coast. She came to Jacksonville to attend Walker's Business College, a prestigious business school for Blacks. During this period of time, Jacksonville was a mecca of opportunity for Black people, and upon Ruby's graduation she was able to find employment in the early 1920's as a legal secretary with McGill and McGill, prominent Jacksonville Black attorneys. She also taught school for several years in both Duval and Baker counties. When World War II broke out, she worked for the Pentagon where she was employed as a secretary, retiring after many years of service.

She was married to Timothy Hankerson, son of Rev. G. W. Hankerson (Bertha) who was at one time Pastor of Mt. Bethel. Living directly behind Mt. Bethel, Timothy and Ruby were the proud parents of Esther, Evelyn, Ruth and George. Their daughter, Evelyn, and her husband, Harry Simmons, built their home across from them, where they raised their lovely family. Mrs. Hankerson's granddaughter, Eleanor, who was a home economics teacher, continued the work of assisting neighbors with composing their wills, and providing advice about other matters. Her desire of giving back to the community has been continued through her descendents. Mrs. Ruby Allen Hankerson passed away in 1987, but we pay homage to her for all of the years that she unselfishly shared her professional services with us.

RESURRECTION DAY

"It's Not About The Bunny, It's About The Lamb"

This Year's Resurrection Day Services were Spirit filled and just an awesome showing that God is still in the healing business.

You know, Easter Sunday is the most holy day of the year for Christians. It commemorates the resurrection of Jesus. Early Christians celebrated Jesus' resurrection on or near the date of the Jewish Passover, and there is no mention of a separate Easter celebration in the Bible.

God's Resurrection was not celebrated once or twice, but thrice (three times) today!

First, the celebration began during Sunrise Service. Where the Deacons of Mt. Bethel ushered in the Holy Spirit through song and a spirit filled devotional service. It was time for the word by none other than our very own Pastor, Dr. Robert E. Herring, Sr., who reminded us all of the real reason for this day.

The second celebration was during during the 11:00 morning worship service. "Now Behold The Lamb" was the theme of praise and worship . We were ushered into the presence of our Lord by the Mt. Bethel Praise Team under the leadership of Dea. Randall Rodgers, Worship Leader. Again Dr. Herring took the pulpit and rightly divided the word of God. He reminded all that the men saw Jesus as a Lion, but it was John who saw Him as a Resurrected Lamb, the Perfect Sacrifice, the Lamb of God! The One that gave the ultimate sacrifice for you and me.

The third celebration was given by the youth. They displayed the true meaning of love through the ultimate sacrifice of our Lord and Savior by showcasing their talents in song, dance and speeches. Special thanks to our youth leaders and the parents who found it not robbery to sow into our youth.

Remember, no matter what you're going through, when friends may have forsaken you, Jesus has already paid the price. So continue to give God your Praise and remember its not about the Bunny, It's about the Lamb.

Amen!

J&P



Rev. Dr. Robert E. Herring, Sr., Pastor





Spring Word Search



Find the words
below in the
grid to the right:



April
April Fool's Day
bloom
bud

cherry blossom
crops
daffodil
Earth Day

Easter
farmer
flower
grow
June
May
melt
Mother's Day
new leaves

plant
plow
seed
shower
sprout
thaw
tulip
wake up
warm

POSITIVE MESSAGE

Today I want you to try something that I believe will bless your life. I want you to try avoiding the opportunities to complain. Whatever the matter may be, I want you to try your best to praise God instead of complaining. Many times in our lives complaining is so easy to do. There are times when people will get on our last nerve. There are times when you feel as if someone is attempting to take advantage of you. There are times when you feel an injustice is taking place. The devil makes complaining about things such an easy tool to use. With no second thought, we open our mouth and lash out. Do you realize the complaining we do is really our way of telling God, "I do not believe You can change things?" Think about the things you complain about - I guarantee God can change it.

Replace Complaining With Praise! You must understand God will do one of two things during the times when you feel everything and everyone is demanding. He will either change you in the situation or change the situation for you. While many people would love Him to do the latter, truthfully God normally does the former. (Philippians 2:14 - Do all things without murmurings and disputings) God knows what He has placed within each one of us. He also knows what it will take to get His investment out of us. Many of us respond better to conflicts and overwhelming situations. God receives no glory when His children are engaged in conversations full of complaining. When you are complaining about your job, do you ever stop to think how many people would love to be employed? When you are complaining about your children, do you ever stop to think how many people would love to be able to have children? Yes, people bother you, BUT you also bother people. (Jude 1:16 - These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage).

Stop filling God's ears with complaining and start filling them with praise, because praise causes God to respond faster than any complaints. So try it and see for yourself.



D Bell

Thoughts Of The Month

Without GOD, our week would be Sinday, Mournday, Tearsday, Wasteday, Thirstday, Fightday and Shatterday.

Remember, seven days WITHOUT GOD makes one WEAK!!



Shared by Ma Bell

A Universal Love

God's love is universal, it has no boundaries;
It encircles the globe, girds all countries.
God's love is unmerited, no man is deserving,
But, His mercy for all He's always reserving.
God's love is unchanging, He has always loved us;
He wants all of mankind to give Him their trust.
God's love is eternal, everlasting it is . .
His heart's true desire is to make everyone His.
God's love is waiting for man to embrace
The love of His Son and the gift of His grace!

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[John 3:16](#)

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son,  
that whosoever believeth in him should not perish,  
but have everlasting life.”

*Shared by M Taylor*

## Poetry Cafe

### *Right On Time*



When all you can see is darkness,  
And clouded gloomy days,  
Take time to do what you already know-  
Drop down on your knees and pray.

Tell Him about your situation,  
Then let it go and let your heart rest;  
Your storm will make you stronger-  
This is only a test.

Give Him praise for the good and the bad;  
He knows our struggles and will always be there.  
He gives His battles to His strongest soldiers;  
He'll never put more on us than we can bear.

Praise Him with thanksgiving in your heart;  
Joyously give to the offering and pay your tithes.  
Believe and have faith in knowing  
We are conquerors in Jesus Christ.

Lift your head high and keep the faith;  
You're God's child - everything will be fine.  
Remember, He may not come when you want Him,  
But He'll be there right on time.



*Ja'Cole D.*





### April 2016

|                          |      |
|--------------------------|------|
| Sis. Auhndi Thomas       | 4/1  |
| Sis. Shakira Coleman     | 4/4  |
| Sis. Oreail Thomas       | 4/4  |
| Sis. Marva Monroe        | 4/7  |
| Bro. Robert L. Gibbs     | 4/9  |
| Sis. Alexandra Holliday  | 4/9  |
| Bro. Terence Wright      | 4/11 |
| Sis. Donna Seymore       | 4/11 |
| Bro. Darius Masline      | 4/11 |
| Sis. Barbara Boston      | 4/12 |
| Mo. Mary Agnes Johnson   | 4/13 |
| Sis. Deborah Holt Davis  | 4/14 |
| Rev. Leon Washington     | 4/14 |
| Sis. Aunye Thomas        | 4/15 |
| Sis. Denise Anderson     | 4/15 |
| Bro. Joseph Bell, Jr.    | 4/15 |
| Sis. Dorothy Rogers      | 4/15 |
| Sis. Sharon Masline      | 4/16 |
| Sis. Ernestine Shannon   | 4/16 |
| Bro. Theodore Jones      | 4/17 |
| Sis. Jackie Burton       | 4/17 |
| Sis. Jackie Parker       | 4/17 |
| Sis. Selena Norris       | 4/17 |
| Sis. Juanita Anderson    | 4/17 |
| Bro. Richard Lockwood    | 4/18 |
| Sis. Laura Smith         | 4/20 |
| Sis. Jamie Monroe        | 4/22 |
| Sis. Mia Jenkins         | 4/22 |
| Sis. Jacquelyn Burton    | 4/22 |
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| Bro. Raheen C. Duncan    | 4/28 |
| Sis. Cherlynette Greene  | 4/29 |
| Sis. Latoya Brown        | 4/29 |
| Sis. Tijuana Davis       | 4/30 |
| Bro. Nicholas P. Stevens | 4/30 |
| Sis. Faye Williams       | 4/30 |
| Sis. June Thomas         | 4/30 |
| Rev. Robert Herring, II  | 4/30 |



### April 2016

Wayne & Latrice Davis 4/8  
 Robert & Beverly Gibbs 4/9  
**\*\*Richard & Rosa Lockwood 4/10\*\***  
**58 years of Marriage**  
 Patrick & Sephora Crane 4/11  
 Francois & Chakita Dormevil, Jr. 4/25



## SUNDAY SCHOOL FOCUS

### April 2016

#### THE GIFT OF FAITH

#### UNIT II: Restoration Faith

**April 3<sup>rd</sup> Healing Faith**  
**Luke 7:1-10**

**April 10<sup>th</sup> Saving Faith**  
**Luke 7:36-50**

**April 17<sup>th</sup> Spiritual Deliverance**  
**Luke 8:26-36**

**April 24<sup>th</sup> Reconciling Faith**  
**Luke 15:11-24**



# MT. BETHEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

## APRIL 2016

Emphasis: The Force of Faith-Past, Present and Future

Mark 11:22, Romans 4:13-16, Corinthians 4:13

| Sun                                                                                                                                      | Mon                                                                                                         | Tue                                                                                                    | Wed                                                                                                                                    | Thu                            | Fri       | Sat                                 |
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| <b>150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration 1866-2016</b><br><br><i>Coming in 72 Days</i>                                                |                                                                                                             |                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                        |                                | <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b>                            |
| <b>3</b><br><b>HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY</b><br>9:30A Sunday School<br>New Members Class<br>11A Morning Worship                              | <b>4</b><br>7:00P Empowered Brethren<br><br>Fla General Baptist Convention- Orlando, FL (Monday - Thursday) | <b>5</b><br>6:30P Sun School Teachers<br>7:00P Youth Explosion<br>7:00P Mid-Week Prayer & Bible Study  | <b>6</b><br>9:00A Prayer Line<br>11:30A Clothes Closet<br>11:30A Noon Day Prayer<br>6:30P Dance Ministry<br>7:00P SAT Sanctuary Choir  | <b>7</b><br>7:00P Male Chorus  | <b>8</b>  | <b>9</b>                            |
| <b>10</b><br>8A Early Worship<br>9:30A Sunday School<br>New Members Class<br>11A Morning Worship<br>Missionary Sunday<br>5P BTU Training | <b>11</b>                                                                                                   | <b>12</b><br>6:30P Sun School Teachers<br>7:00P Youth Explosion<br>7:00P Mid-Week Prayer & Bible Study | <b>13</b><br>9:00A Prayer Line<br>11:30A Clothes Closet<br>11:30A Noon Day Prayer<br>6:30P Dance Ministry<br>7:00P SAT Sanctuary Choir | <b>14</b><br>7:00P Male Chorus | <b>15</b> | <b>16</b>                           |
| <b>17</b><br>8A Early Worship<br>9:30A Sunday School<br>New Members Class<br>11A Morning Worship                                         | <b>18</b><br><b>Tax Day</b><br>6:30P BTU                                                                    | <b>19</b><br>6:30P Sun School Teachers<br>7:00P Youth Explosion<br>7:00P Mid-Week Prayer & Bible Study | <b>20</b><br>9:00A Prayer Line<br>11:30A Clothes Closet<br>11:30A Noon Day Prayer<br>6:30P Dance Ministry<br>7:00P SAT Sanctuary Choir | <b>21</b>                      | <b>22</b> | <b>23</b><br>9:A Deaconess Ministry |
| <b>24</b><br>8A Early Worship<br>9:30A Sunday School<br>New Members Class<br>11A Morning Worship<br>AIM Candle Light Service             | <b>25</b><br>6:30P Trustee Ministry<br>6:30P Missionary Society<br>7:30P Deacons                            | <b>26</b><br>6:30P Sun School Teachers<br>7:00P Youth Explosion<br>7:00P Mid-Week Prayer & Bible Study | <b>27</b><br>9:00A Prayer Line<br>11:30A Clothes Closet<br>11:30A Noon Day Prayer<br>6:30P Dance Ministry<br>7:00P SAT Sanctuary Choir | <b>28</b>                      | <b>29</b> | <b>30</b>                           |