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## "True Worship"

*Romans 12:1 (NKJV)*

*1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.*

Brothers and sisters, true worship goes beyond what we do on Sunday morning. True worship is the offering to God of one's body, and all that one does every day with it. Real worship is not the offering to God in public

worship, however noble, sacred and magnificent it might be. Real worship is the offering of everyday life to Him, not something transacted in a church, but something transferred to which the whole world sees as the temple of the living God.

We are to present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

*Romans 12:1 (MSG)*

*1 So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him.*

God wants us alive, living. The bodies of animals were offered to God as a dead sacrifice. In the case of an animal, it was slain, and the blood offered. In opposition to this, we are to present ourselves with all our living, vital energies. Christianity does not require a service of death or inactivity. It demands vigorous and active powers in the service in life.

We worship Him wholly and holy. "Holy" means properly, without blemish or defect. No other sacrifice could be made to God. "Acceptable unto God." We are exhorted to offer such a sacrifice as will be acceptable to God; that is, such a one as He had just specified, one that was living and holy. No sacrifice should be made which is not acceptable to God. "Which is your reasonable service." It is your spiritual service of worship. This means that every day is a worship experience when your body is yielded to the Lord.

Unfortunately, most people seem to view worship and music as synonymous. Listen, if I said to the congregation, "Let us worship the Lord," in most cases, we would find a "worship song," music would begin to play and we would enter into worship. True, music plays a very important part in the life of the church, in the life of the believer. But if music is the basis of worship, then what kind of music is used for worship, what kind of music brings us into worship?

Now this may sound strange to you because I love music. But music is not synonymous to worship. Music is not the origin of worship. I enjoy music; I enjoy the sound of it. I enjoy the lyrics of it. I enjoy the beauty of it, and it surely enriches my worship. But I don't need music to worship.

Listen, true worship begins when I present my body. You've no doubt heard the story of the pig and the chicken walking down the road together when they come upon a sign advertising a breakfast to benefit the poor. The chicken said to the pig: "We should donate to that worthy cause. How about if I give an egg and you provide the ham?" To which the pig replied, "Not so fast. For you that would be a contribution, but for me it would be a total commitment."

*2 Corinthians 1:3 (KJV)*

*3 Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;*

God desires our worship. He is good to every one of us. His very nature and behavior toward us is that of a Father, not of a God. He is our Father, a Father who is merciful and compassionate and who showers His mercy and compassion upon us.

Here are some blessings of which Paul has written that can be included in the category of mercies of God, from chapters 1-11:

His eternal love, eternal grace, the Holy Spirit, everlasting peace, eternal joy, saving faith, comfort, strength, wisdom, hope, patience, kindness, honor, glory, righteousness, security, eternal life, forgiveness, reconciliation, justification, sanctification, freedom, resurrection sonship and ongoing intercession, foreknowledge, predestination, His called, glorification ...and more.

Worship is important to God. He is to be worshipped. Worship for us is a priority and not an option. Worship is not something we can pick and choose. You and I have been called to worship Him.

*Pastor and Lady R.E. Herring, Sr.*

### ***Prayer and Supplication for our Pastor***

Almighty God, we come before Your throne of Grace to again ask Your blessings upon our Pastor. Father, we pray that You keep him encouraged, so that he will never become intimidated by these uncertain times and lose sight of You, who is yet sitting high and looking low.



Oh God, we pray that You give him strength in his body, mind and spirit as he takes the gospel to "ALL," without bias or prejudice. Lord, lead, guide and direct him so that his walk will always manifest Your glory.

Now Father, as we close this prayer, we pray for Pastor's family; it is our prayer that You keep them attuned to Your word so that when You call, they will respond both positively and immediately.

We pray this prayer in the matchless name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, and count it already done.

Amen

**P. Cross**





## "Does the Resurrection Matter?" (April's Message)

**1 Corinthians 15:13 (KJV)** *But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen:*

For the Christian the resurrection of Jesus is without question the most pivotal truth to the Christian faith. In fact, all of our faith and hope rest in the fact of an empty tomb. Listen, Paul notes that if Christ has not been raised from the dead, and if there is no resurrection of the dead, then this means that Christ is not to be believed. If Jesus didn't rise from the dead, then He is dead like everyone else.

Christ becomes no different from any other person; there is no distinction between Him and any other prophet. If Christ did not rise from the dead, then He is nothing more than a great historical example of a righteous life. And for Christians, our faith is of empty content and we are still in our sins.

If that resurrection did not take place, then every preacher, teacher, prophet, evangelists, missionary and old saint in the world has willfully or ignorantly perpetrated this deception. We all are involved in the hoax, misleading people to trust in a delusion, not simply with respect to the resurrection as a fact of history, but with regard to the gospel that depends on it.

Listen, brothers and sisters, without the resurrection of Christ as an historical fact, the Christian gospel is merely "fairytale," some sort of "pie in the sky when you die" that keeps you contented and satisfied, but has no substance.

If there is not resurrection, then life ends at death and the grave offers no hope. You might as well eat, drink and be merry. Live the present without any perspective of eternity.

No resurrection - no hope!

Listen, man has derived devices and theories in his attempt to discredit this historical event. But my brothers and sisters, no matter what theory or device he fabricates, they all fall short, because of the overwhelming evidence. The evidence of the resurrection crushes every lie constructed by man to explain it away, and the evidence points to the one unchangeable fact which we are celebrating this month. He has risen! Jesus Christ, the Son of God is alive!

Listen to me very carefully, **the resurrection does matter!**

Our salvation stands on or falls down without it. An integral part of the Gospel message is the fact of Christ's resurrection. After all, a dead Savior cannot save anybody. The Gospel message is the most important message that we as the church will ever proclaim. Even though the gospel message demands an action from us, the foundation of it is the resurrection. If Jesus didn't rise from the dead, not only is our salvation worthless, but our faith is worthless as well.

It is a natural progression that if the very thing you trust is worthless, then the very faith you have placed in it is worthless as well. Every act of faith demonstrated by you and so many others would all be vain. And what kind of influence would an empty faith have on a lost and dying world? But the fact that they were standing firm in our faith is proof that the resurrection is genuine and not empty.

Brothers and sisters, **the resurrection does matter!**

When Jesus came into this world, He came for the purpose of laying His life down for sinful people just like you and me. Listen, He had the old rugged cross of Calvary in his view. He knew that the cross was the only way for man to be saved. That cross would be the means by which Jesus would die.

The very work of redemption of all mankind hinges upon the fact of His death, burial and yes, His resurrection. So it was necessary, it matters for Jesus to rise again from the dead. The resurrection placed the seal of approval on God's salvation plan.

*Pastor and Lady R.E. Herring, Sr.*

## "My Mother"

As I go through the many changes

Day to day in my life

I'm forever turning to you

For stability and guidance

Thank you for giving me

A firm foundation

And the space to learn and grow

May I forever sing your praises

Not only today but always

I Love You Mum

## "AEM Candlelight Ceremony"

**AEM CANDLELIGHT CEREMONY** was held on the fourth Sunday morning, April 23, 2017. Introduced to the Mount Bethel family were eleven senior high school students. Shared with our congregation were their interests, goals, and accomplishments. The members of AEM would like the congregation to join with us in congratulating them for their accomplishments and keeping them in prayer that their goals will be blessed by the Lord.



## "How I Became A Christian"

*When God calls you out and you follow Him, He will take you to where He wants you and puts you to work for Him; He guides you in the way He wants you to go.*

I was born into a family of seven. My parents were Hindus as long as I can remember, and they never changed. We lived in a district of many different cultures. But God knows where He will place you until He is ready to call you out to do His Will. This is my belief as I ponder over where I came from, and where I am now. We all lived together as families, each one looking out for each other.

As children, we respected our elders. As I said above, my family was Hindu, but we lived next door to a Christian family and every Sunday they held Sunday School for the children whose parents would allow them to come. One Saturday evening, the mother of that household asked my mother if she would allow her three smaller children to come to Sunday School. I was the eldest of the three smaller children, and my mother said "YES." This was the beginning of my conversion, for now, I began to answer the Lord's call to me which I did not even realize was my calling. I did not know it then, but I understand it now.

I used to get excited when Sunday came, because I would be going to Sunday School. After a few months of Sunday School, my mother was then asked if she would allow us to go to church with them, and she did. So they took us to church with them. Now we went to Sunday School and to church. Their denomination was known as C.M. - which, as I discovered later, meant Canadian Missionaries. They had a school, a church and a home for disadvantaged children.

That was over 50 years ago. Now one of my sisters is in Canada and the other is in England, and the three of us are devout Christians to this day. Have Your Way, Oh Lord; Let Your Will be done; as in Heaven, so on earth, in Jesus' Precious Name - Amen and Amen.

Thank you, My Lord.

**Mother Gosine**



## "Mother's Day..."

**M**...Maternal Essence and Presence...

**O**... Open hearted she is when she shares with her loved ones...

**T**...The Trust you have in her when you explain your problems, situations and shortcomings...

**H**...Harmony and love she brings into her family...

**E**... Exuberant feeling she has after giving birth to a child...

**R**...Reverance she has for God, Husband and Family...

**S**...Sympathetic and Compassionate heart she has for someone who's going thru life's troubles, challenges, and most of all, suffering a heartbreak...

I just wanted to share this with you. Appreciate your mothers while they're still living because you'll never know when it's the last chance you can say I love you while they're physically present. Take time to call them and check on them. Give them hugs and kisses just because they're your mother. Spend as much time with them when you can. Make time for them. Speaking as a living witness, you don't want to live with regrets. Once they're gone, you won't have another chance for sure. Pray for them, Aid them, Cherish them, and Most of all, Honor Them...

In Jesus' name, God Bless...

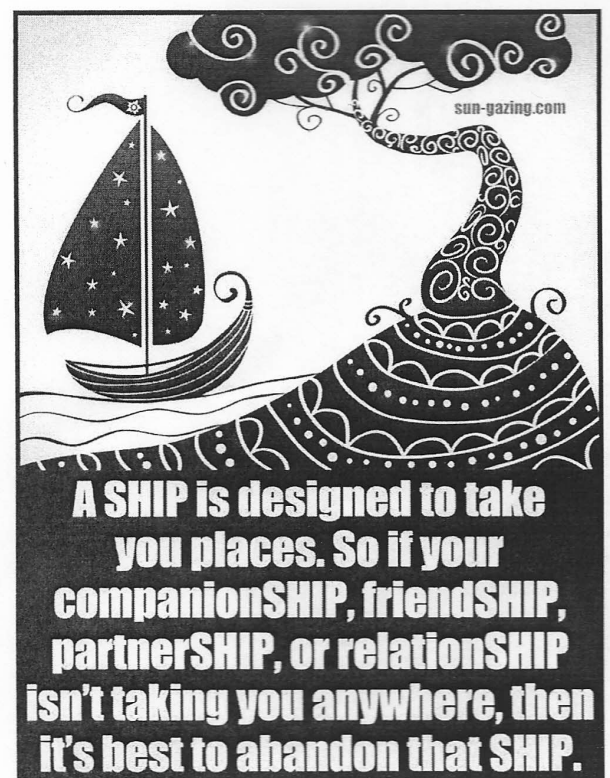
**A Blackshear**



## MAY 2017 NATIONAL HEALTH OBSERVANCES AT A GLANCE

Arthritis Awareness Month  
 Better Hearing and Speech Month  
 Food Allergy Action Month  
 Global Employee Health and Fitness Month  
 Global Youth Traffic Safety Month  
 Healthy Vision Month  
 Hepatitis Awareness Month  
 International Mediterranean Diet Month  
 Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month ®  
 Mental Health Month  
 National Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month  
 National Osteoporosis Month  
 National Physical Fitness and Sports Month  
 National Stroke Awareness Month  
 National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month  
 Preeclampsia Awareness Month  
 Ultraviolet Awareness Month  
 1 - 7 National Physical Education & Sport Week  
 1 - 5 Air Quality Awareness Week  
 5 Hand Hygiene Day  
 7 - 13 Children's Mental Health Awareness Week  
 7 - 13 North American Occupational Safety and Health Week  
 8 - 14 National Stuttering Awareness Week  
 12 - 16 National Neuropathy Awareness Week  
 13 Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Awareness Day  
 14 - 20 National Alcohol- and Other Drug-Related Birth Defects Awareness Week  
 14 - 20 National Women's Health Week  
 15 - 21 National Hurricane Preparedness Week  
 18 HIV Vaccine Awareness Day  
 19 National Asian and Pacific Islander HIV/AIDS Awareness Day  
 20 World Autoimmune/Autoinflammatory Arthritis Day  
 22 - 28 Healthy and Safe Swimming Week  
 26 Don't Fry Day  
 26 Heat Safety Awareness Day  
 31 National Senior Health & Fitness Day ®  
 31 World No Tobacco Day

2017 MAY						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			



## Home Remedies

Think on this: **STRENGTH**

Do you lack Strength as you go from day to day? To whom do you turn when all else fail? Think on these things:

I asked the Lord to strengthen me - I prayed all through the night...  
For, I have heavy burdens to bear that do not turn out right.  
And then the Lord did answer me - "The burdens will not stay.  
Trust My Word.... You will have strength, and the burdens will fade away".

Just believe, and be not dismayed, there are blessings from above,  
And a church for worship, and songs to sing.... there is endless Peace and Love."  
And, then I quickly realized if burdens come my way,  
Faith shall shield me - GOD is there, and Strength comes as I pray.

### **Here are a couple remedies for those who may have suffered a stroke:**

1) This one is called a "Lovely Liniment". Thanks to medical advances, people who suffer strokes these days are frequently able to recover, but its typically a long road back. A warming herbal liniment may help increase circulation to paralyzed muscles:

- \*2 ounces of powdered rosemary leaves;
- \*1 ounce of powdered lavender flowers;
- \*1/2 ounce of cayenne pepper; 1 quart of rubbing alcohol

Mix all the ingredients and pour them into a capped bottle. Let the mixture stand for seven days, but shake it well each day. Strain through a coffee filter into another clean bottle with a cap. Then use once or twice daily.

2) This one is a - "Fresh and Fruity Smoothie". Whether you are recovering from a Stroke or simply aiming to prevent one, this fresh-fruit fixer is just what the doctor ordered. Its chock-full of anti-stroke superstars, including Vitamins B & C and Potassium. It's also a delicious drink:

- \*1 apple peeled, cored and chopped;
- \*1 frozen banana, peeled and chopped;
- \*1/2 cup of freshly squeezed orange juice; and 1/4 cup of milk.

Combine the apple, banana, juice and milk in a blender and blend until smooth. Pour into a chilled glass, and drink up. It's a winner!

***P.S. If you think you are allergic to any of these ingredients, please check first with your physician.***

**D Gosine**





# *SPOTLIGHTING OUR OWN*

## **"The Glory Train"**

On Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup>, the Mt. Bethel Missionary Society presented the play, "The Glory Train," with this adaptation written and directed by Dea. Randall Rodgers. The cast was made up of seven church sisters, a Reverend and the Conductor, with all characters having unique traits that told the story of their life. There was:

Sis. Muck de Muck – Very High Class - Janice Campbell  
Sis. Chance –Loud and Talkative – Anchantra Davis  
Sis. Cash – Sophisticated – Iris Rosier  
Sis. Newsy – Nosy and Gossipy – La Tanya Rodgers  
Sis. Goody Good – Self Righteous – ShaQuana Kinchen  
Sis. Parson – Sanctimonious – Patricia Lewis  
Sis. Living Right – Meek and Humble- Andrea Davis  
Rev. Slip Around – Sneaky and Shifty eyed – Tony Hartsfield  
Conductor- Impersonal – Randall Rodgers

The play opens with the church services scene where members show their unkindness toward each other. As the story unfolds church funds come up missing, the Pastor's unholy nature is revealed and the glorious rapture is about to occur, so who will enter into heaven?

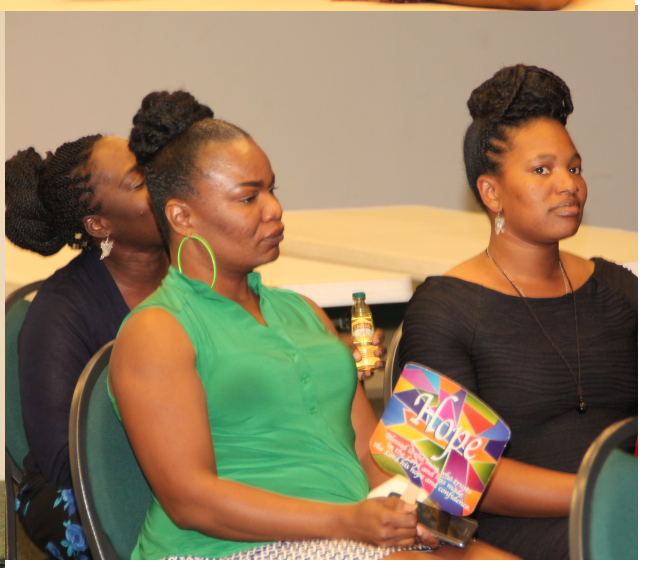
As the Conductor calls, "All aboard!" each member enters the train thinking that they are surely bound to Glory. But as each stop is approached (for Hell), one by one, each is judged based on the life they have led. By the time the train gets to Glory, only the meek and humble are left, and this is Sis. Living Right.

Only the righteous shall see God.

**M Taylor**









## ***Belated Congratulations to the Raines Track and Field Team***

On December 31, 2016, a National Championship Ring Ceremony was held at Raines High to celebrate the accomplishments of the Vikings Track and Field in Greensboro, NC. The New Balance National Outdoor Track Meet is the most prestigious post season event for high school athletes and has been the annual showcase for over 2900 of America's elite and emerging high school talent since 1991. Currently held in June at North Carolina A&T University in Greensboro, last year's meet finished with 5 national records, 3 class marks, and set 33 meet records.

Coach Bellamy quoted, "What an amazing weekend! Raines walked away with 4 National titles, 11 All-American honors and 1 meet record, with 17 colleges inquiring about our students. These young people put Raines High School on the National high school track and field platform. With all of the negative events happening with the youth in Duval County, Raines High School's Track Team is proving something good can come from our city's most talked about area."

Team Accomplishments – 4x100 Relay: Rick Wells, Joshua Battle, Eddie Ausgood and Larry Grier; 4/200 Relay: Netanyahu Adams, Eddie Ausgood, Joshua Battle and Larry Grier; Triple Jump: Trevon Laidler; High Jump: Nazah Reddick (set a new meet record).

Raines' Athletic Director, Anthony Scarlett, congratulated each of the team members for their amazing accomplishment, stating that they exemplify what it means to be a Viking. "Your continued hard work in the classroom and on the athletic field is a testament of your character and internal drive."

The special National Championship rings were presented by school Principal Vincent Hall. We congratulate the coaching staff, which includes neighborhood and church members, namely boys' head coach, Steven Bellamy; girls' head coach, Louis James; boys' associate head coach, Donovan Masline; assistant girls' coach-jumps, Tralonda Masline; team administrator, Michael Price.



Best wishes to the Vikings during this year's State and National meets.

***Ma Bell***



## ***Saving Stamps:***

I looked in my dresser drawer and found books and books of Top Value stamp books filled with saving stamps. Saving stamps were a big deal to our family in the 1950's, 60's and 70's. They governed which grocery store, gas station or other store where we would shop. To us, the popular stamps were S&H and Top Value. There were catalogs that were filled with tempting items available for a specified number of stamps. We would faithfully fill our stamp books with stamps and when we had enough for the item that we wanted, we took our stamp books to the redemption store to get our prize. If we had other stamps that we were not collecting, we would give them to a friend who was working on that brand of stamps.



In the 1960's, my husband became the second Black milk salesman hired by Velda Farms in Jacksonville. He was rewarded for good sales with Top Value stamps. That's when I began my trading stamp journey. I diligently saved my stamps, waiting patiently to have enough for a prized item listed in the redemption catalog. In the beginning the closest redemption center was in Gainesville. I was blessed to have a co-worker who visited Gainesville quite often, so she would get my stamps redeemed. My first item was a travelling folding steam iron, which I still have today in good condition 50 years later. Other items included a heat pad, clocks, radios, cook ware, an electric coffee pot. Many transactions followed until the 1970's when the stores stopped issuing stamps.

I'm sure there are many in my generation who remember those days, and who may still have items that they got with their saving stamps. I don't know if they will ever come back, but I'm ready.

***Ma Bell***

## **THE RESURRECTION**

The Son of God was sacrificed on our behalf for the purpose of atoning for our sins. When Jesus taught this to the people of that time, many considered it heresy and as a result, they demanded His death by crucifixion, a common means of punishment for lawbreakers. Instead of offering a defense before the councils, Jesus was silent. Why? It was the divine plan of the Heavenly Father (God), from the beginning of time, that this be done so that we might have forgiveness and life. It was His purpose.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is a gift from God and fulfillment of His promise. It is the very foundation of Christianity. Since the disobedience of Adam in the Garden of Eden, all mankind is born with a sin nature. The Lord tells us that there is a price to be paid for sin and that cost is death. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord ([Romans 6:23](#)).



A life without Christ can only offer eternal death, but the acceptance of Jesus as our risen Savior gives us eternal life. Because eternal death is not what God wants for us, He provided a way of atonement through the crucifixion of His Son, Jesus, and His resurrection.

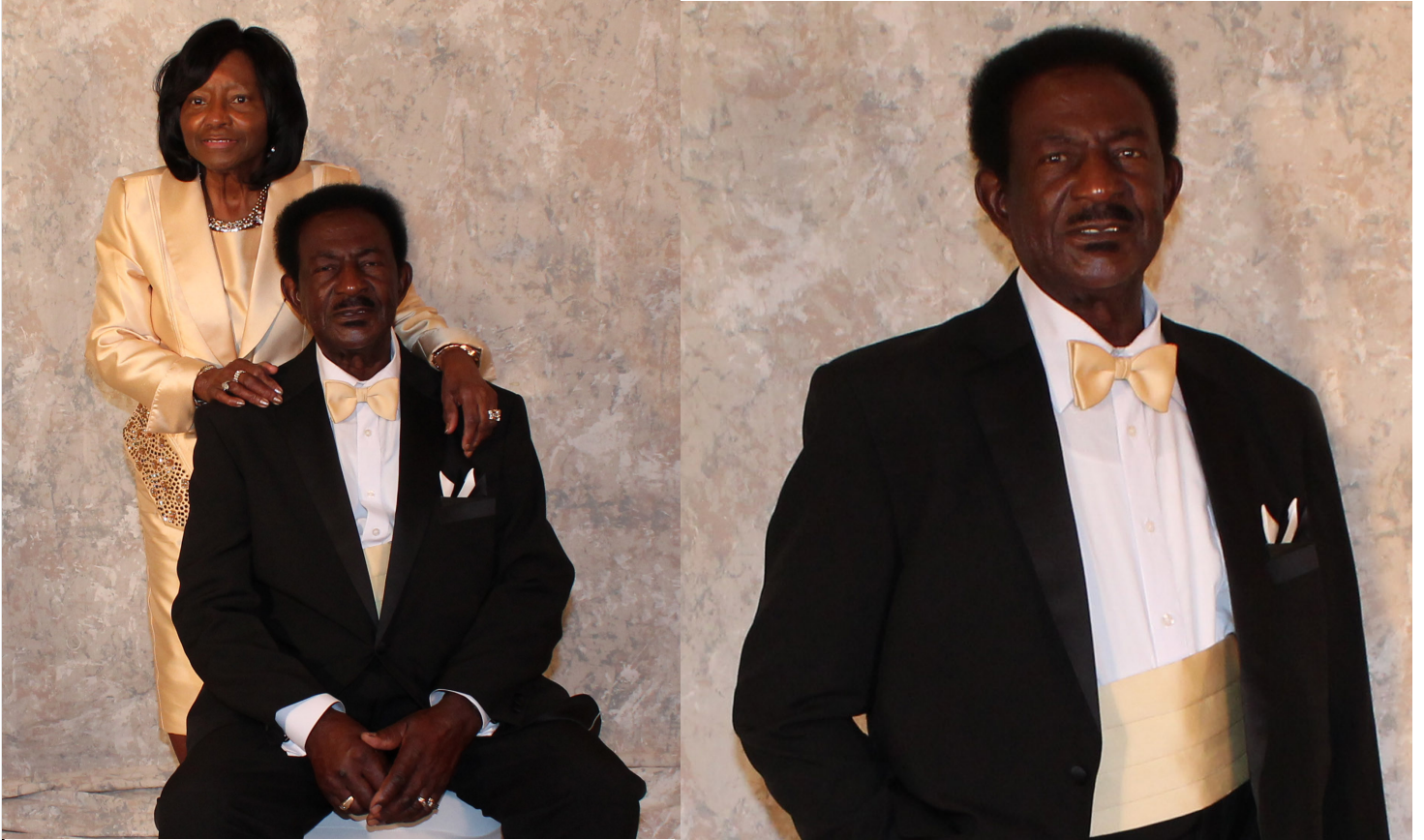
The Lord Jesus suffered for the believer as his substitute, and virtually each saved one died in Christ, who represented him. The believer rose in Christ by virtue of the eternal union which exists between the saint and his Savior. In Christ, believers possess all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, grace, power, and love. He died unto sin once, and we are henceforth dead to it. He is risen by the glory of the Father, and we are risen with him into righteousness, acceptance, and joy. If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection ([Romans 6:5](#)). We each must make an individual choice to seek God and find God; to be filled with His peace, joy, and awareness of who He is, who we are and what it means to be His child.

***M Taylor***



## "Birthday Bash For Brother Richard Lockwood"

On Saturday afternoon, April 22, 2017, around 200 family and friends joined Bro. and Sis. Lockwood at the Kingdom Plaza in celebration of his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. We were entertained by comedians Mr. Charlie and Lady AJ, and served a delicious dinner. Sis. Lequita Brooks gave a tribute to her grandfather, and her daughter presented a creative dance in his honor. The event was planned and executed by his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, and the evening gala was enjoyed by all who attended. Congratulations, Bro. Lockwood.





## "Happy Birthday Mother Bennie Ruth King"

The family of Mother Bennie Ruth King surprised her with an 85th Birthday Celebration on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, at the Riverview Senior Community Center, surrounded by family and friends. A program was held in her honor with Minister Yolanda Clark Neely presiding. Sister Elouis Randall sang her favorite song, "I Won't Complain," and her great granddaughter Raven Lipford performed a praise dance to the song, "This is Why I Love You." Each of her 5 generations along with neighbors and friends gave reflections about how they grew up around her and how her teachings and wisdom impacted their lives. It was a heart felt celebration. We thank God for our mother and pray for His continued blessings for her life.

**Patricia Mull (Daughter)**







### **April 2017**

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
Bro. Stafford Dudley	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. Brittany Griffin	4/20
Bro. Jimmy Anderson	4/20
Sis. Jamie Monroe	4/22
Sis. Mia Jenkins	4/22
Sis. Jacquelyn Burton	4/22r
Bro. Rick Grant, Jr.	4/24
Sis. Paulette Cherry	4/25
Bro. Carlost Griffin	4/25
Bro. Dionne Sylvester	4/26
Sis. Gloria Roberts	4/26
Sis. Regina Boston	4/26
Bro. Frederick Jamison	4/26
Bro. Bennie Davis, Jr.	4/26
Sis. Bervinda Mincey	4/28
Bro. Raheen C. Duncan	4/28
Sis. Cherlynette Greene	4/29
Sis. Latoys 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

### **May 2017**

Sis. Andrea J. Davis	5/1
Bro. Leopold Green	5/1
Sis. Apryl McFadden	5/2
Sis. Mattie L. Taylor	5/3
Dea. Randolph Grant	5/4
Sis. Juanita Bradham	5/5
Bro. Alby (Joe) Grissom	5/6
Sis. Enricka James	5/6
Sis. Monet Mason	5/6
Sis. Catherine Rowls	5/6
Sis. Tammy Buchanan	5/9
Dea. William Thomas	5/11
Bro. Shanear Abbott	5/11
Sis. LaTonya Melton	5/12
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Sis. Chalya Grace	5/13
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Bro. Ali Green	5/20
Bro. Jamel Burkes	5/20
Sis. Tequia Davis	5/21
Sis. LaSheica Wilson	5/22
Sis. Johnnie P. Mathews	5/23
Sis. Stevonika Brooks	5/23
Sis. LaTosha Miledge	5/24
Dea. Ralph Wilson	5/26
Min. Robretta Campbell	5/27
Sis. Jacquelyn Woods	5/27
Sis. Sanaia Jackson	5/29
Sis. Delesia Scott	5/29
Sis. Teraney Wright	5/30
Sis. Nephiteria Monroe	5/30





### April 2017

Wayne and Latrice Davis 04/08  
 Robert and Beverly Gibbs 04/09  
 Patrick and Sephora Crane 04/11  
 Francois and Chakita Dormevil, Jr. 04/25



\*\*\*\*\*Richard and Rosa Lockwood\*\*\*\*\*  
 04/10; 59 years

**\*\*If there's any Birthday or Anniversary  
 missing please contact the office at  
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### May 2017

Phillip & Virgia Mills 5/5  
 Steven & Waynette Brooks 5/8  
 James & Daisy Gloster 5/10  
 Romero & Robin Lee 5/19  
 Stanford & Barbara Harrity 5/23  
 Bobby & Elaine Smiley 5/26  
 Eddie & Ruthie Prime 5/29



## WHAT A JOY IT IS TO WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

### JOINED OUR FAMILY

Tahvion Beckworth	District #7	Edwina Washington	District #12
Jakiah Cully	District #3	Sherrica Frazier	District #13
Clanesa Evans	District #3	Johdeem Jones	District #13
Catherine Rawls	District #14		



# Easter Story

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JUDAS  
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PRAYER  
REDEMPTION  
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RISEN  
SAVIOR  
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# Mother's Day

Second Sunday of May



APPRECIATION  
 BEAUTIFUL  
 BREAKFAST  
 CANDY  
 CHARMING  
 COMFORT  
 DEVOTED  
 FLOWERS  
 FORGIVING  
 GIFTS

GUIDANCE  
 HUGS  
 JEWELRY  
 JOY  
 KISSES  
 LAUGHTER  
 LOVE  
 MATERNAL  
 MOM  
 MOTHER

NURTURE  
 PERFUME  
 PROTECTIVE  
 SHARE  
 TELEPHONE  
 TENDER  
 THE BEST  
 WARM  
 WISE







*Don't Forget*

Please don't forget to purchase your ticket for the Mt. Bethel Anniversary Banquet.

Date: Saturday, June 10, 2017, at the Hyatt Hotel, 5:00 PM.

Tickets are \$50.00, Formal Attire. Please see your district leader ASAP; all funds are due by Sunday, May 14, 2017.

## Calling All Missionaries - YES, THAT'S YOU!

The Mt. Bethel Missionary Society is enlisting all of you, Mt. Bethel Missionaries. Each year we take on various projects to aid the community and this year we have two events that are close to our hearts. First is the Boxes for the Needy and secondly, the Wanda Wilson Back to School Giveaway. But we can't make these happen without you. Beginning in May a donation box will be placed in the church hallway, because **May is Toiletry Month**. Please bring in toothpaste, soap, lotion, feminine products, mouthwash, toothbrush, etc. Every other month we want to collect items to complete our yearly project. All in Christ are Missionaries, so let's work together to make it better for someone in need.

Thank you, The Missionary Society

## Wedding Bells

Sis. Quiyana S. Pollard was wed to Marvin Whitley on April 13, 2017, in Norfolk, Va. Quiyana is the daughter of Sis. Chiquita Harris and the granddaughter of Sis. Renetta McIntosh.



# SUNDAY SCHOOL FOCUS

May 2017

## THE LOVE OF GOD

### The Extent of God's Love

May 7<sup>th</sup> God's Disciplinary Love  
*Jonah 1:7-17*

May 14<sup>th</sup> God's Protective Love  
*Jonah 2:1-10*

May 21<sup>st</sup> God's Love for the Lost  
*Jonah 3:1-10*

May 28<sup>th</sup> God's All-Embracing Love  
*Jonah 4:1-11*

Sunday School

## POSITIVE MESSAGE

### God's Got Your Back

God says that He will speak Peace Into Your Mind! God knows what we are dealing with in our homes, within our marriages, within our ministry, our finances, on our jobs and with our family. He knows how stressed and weary you are at this time. He knows you need an answer to an immediate question. He knows you are on the verge of quitting and breaking down. He knows all of this about me and about you. He knows, my friend, He knows! Since He knows, I come to encourage you to be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord (**1 Corinthians 15:58**)

Today, no matter what you are going through, no matter how awful it feels, no matter how impossible it appears, no matter how stressed you feel, no matter what the doctors have told you, no matter what your eyes currently see or your ears currently hear, no matter what your bank statement reads, no matter what traps are set against you, or no matter what drama you face or dilemma you experience, rest today in the assurance that God has not forgotten about you (**Hebrews 13:5 - Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee**). He has heard your cry. He has sent the solution before you recognized there was a problem. Go forth in the peace that only God can supply.

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# MT. BETHEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

## May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 6:30P Sun School Teachers 7:00P Youth Explosion 7:00P Mid-Week Prayer & Bible Study	<b>3</b> 9:00A Prayer Line 11:30A Clothes Closet 11:30A Noon Day Prayer 6:30P Dance Ministry 7:00P SAT Sanctuary Choir	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY 9:30A Sunday School New Members Class 11A Morning Worship	<b>8</b> 7:00P Empowered Brethren	<b>9</b> 6:30P Sun School Teachers 7:00P Youth Explosion 7:00P Mid-Week Prayer & Bible Study	<b>10</b> 9:00A Prayer Line 11:30A Clothes Closet 11:30A Noon Day Prayer 6:30P Dance Ministry 7:00P SAT Sanctuary Choir	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> Mother's Day 8A Early Worship Mother's Day Breakfast 9:30A Sunday School New Members Class 11A Morning Worship	<b>15</b> 6:30P Baptist Training Union	<b>16</b> 6:30P Sun School Teachers 7:00P Youth Explosion 7:00P Mid-Week Prayer & Bible Study	<b>17</b> 9:00A Prayer Line 11:30A Clothes Closet 11:30A Noon Day Prayer 6:30P Dance Ministry 7:00P SAT Sanctuary Choir	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 8A Early Worship 9:30A Sunday School New Members Class 11A Morning Worship Emma B. Delaney Day	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 6:30P Sun School Teachers 7:00P Youth Explosion 7:00P Mid-Week Prayer & Bible Study	<b>24</b> 9:00A Prayer Line 11:30A Clothes Closet 11:30A Noon Day Prayer 6:30P Dance Ministry 7:00P SAT Sanctuary Choir	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 9:A Deaconess Ministry
<b>28</b> 8A Early Worship 9:30A Sunday School New Members Class 11A Morning Worship	<b>29</b> Memorial Day 6:P Missionary Society 6:30P Trustee Ministry 7:30P Deacons	<b>30</b> 6:30P Sun School Teachers 7:00P Youth Explosion 7:00P Mid-Week Prayer & Bible Study	<b>31</b> 9:00A Prayer Line 11:30A Clothes Closet 11:30A Noon Day Prayer 6:30P Dance Ministry 7:00P SAT Sanctuary Choir	<b>Notes:</b>		