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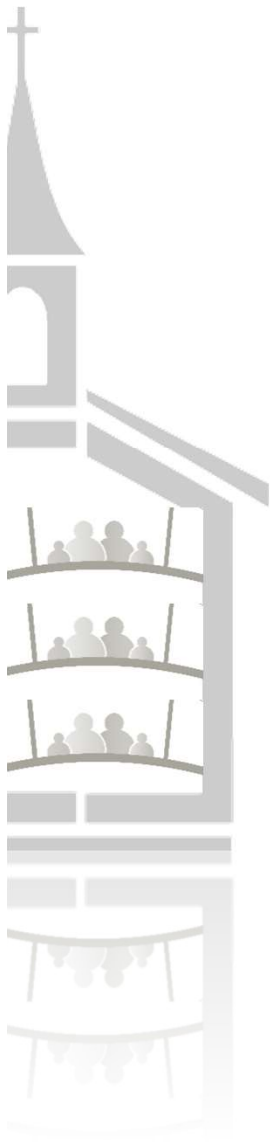
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Happy Anniversary
Celebrating 25 Years
of Pastor & People

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Lead Pastor



“A Legacy rooted in faith, love and power.”
Ephesians 3:16-20



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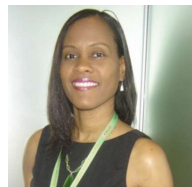
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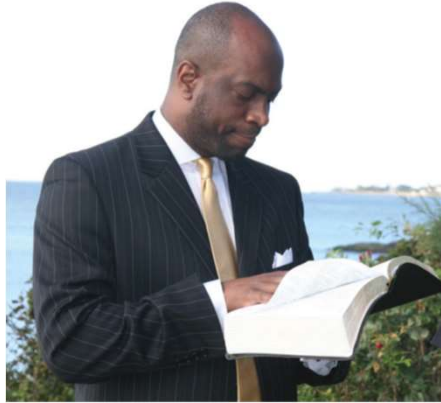
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Pastor's Pen



Namaste my Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy Anniversary! Wow! ***We have been on this journey together for a quarter of a century!*** Wow! To God be the glory!

Let me say “thank you” to each and every one of you for the support of this ministry, whatever length of time you have been connected. This space will not be enough to express the full degree of my gratitude to God and you for the many blessings and testimonies of God’s presence, power and provision in our midst.

Let me also thank you for joining me in the marvelous night of worship with Pastor Troy Johnson. What a time, what a time, what a time we had! And then on Friday, I was so humbled not only by the presence of many of you, but also by the humbling tributes, the great fellowship and the way in which some of you all sought to sneak “your spirits” into the hall. LOL! Seriously, I thank you for a great time of fellowship and feast.

And today, we culminate this celebration of ***Pastor and People*** with my dear friend and Brother, The Rev. Dr. Starsky Wilson. I look forward to a mighty worship that will bring new life, vision, strength and challenge to both Pastor and People.

I would be remiss if I did not thank Deirdre Simmons, Rev. Dionne Boissiere, Deacon Henry Smalls, Deacon Dwayne Seawright, the staff and all who had anything to do with this awesome celebration! **“Thank you!!”**

God bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Anthony Bennett". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pastor Anthony L. Bennett, D. Min.
Lead Pastor

What's Next?

During this season of prayer, call in to the prayer line at 7:00am daily at 319-527-3510. The participant access code is 111933#. The calls are recorded so please mute your phone to eliminate background noise. Please note that long distance charges may apply.

Church Van Transportation If you need a ride to either the 8:30 AM or 11:00 AM Sunday Worship Service, contact Ada Allen at 203-368-4919 by Friday of that week.

Pastor's 25th Anniversary celebration

is April 3rd through April 7th

Worship on Wed. April 3rd at 7pm – Pastor Troy Johnson from Houston, Texas will preach

Dinner on Friday, April 5th at 7p at the Holiday Inn. The donation is \$75

Worship on Sunday, April 7th at 9:30am – Pastor Starsky Wilson from St. Louis, Missouri will preach

Following Sunday worship, we will have a fellowship in the Bass Hall

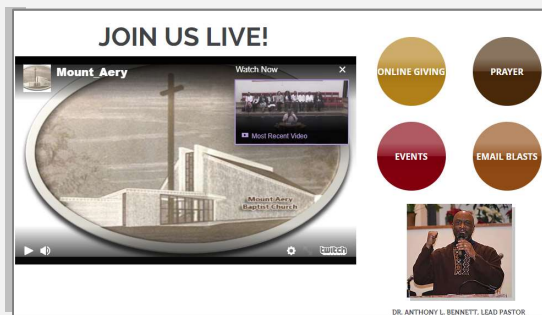
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Message from the Mount is seeking help with the printing of the MFTM and assisting in the print center. We will train. Please contact Deacon Henry Smalls if you have any questions and are willing to assist.

Our Strategic Planning Team is ministering through social service by serving breakfast at the Merton House once per month. They are expanding this effort by serving every 2nd Saturday.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! If you are interested in participating, please see Karen Whittington or leave your information in the church office.

Here's an exciting way to join in worship with us:



Join Us Live by simply visiting our website at mtaerybaptist.org and click on WATCH LIVE in the upper right hand corner. Pass the link on to your friends and family as well so they can be blessed by our ministry.

<http://www.mtaerybaptist.org/watch-us-live>

IMPORTANT DATES ✓

Chosen Generation is inviting everyone from the ages of 13-27 to join this youth and young adult choir. Please see Sister Magnolia Barnes with your interest.

The Music Ministry is seeking youth (3-17) and young adults (18-30) to share their gifts through musical expression. See Magnolia Barnes or LaWanda Black or leave your information in the church office.

Generation Next Youth Ministry is calling all youth ages 3-18. Youth Church for the 2019 year will be held at the 11:00 am services on 2nd and 3rd Sunday of each month! Please see any Youth Leader for more information!

Lost and Found – Several pairs of glasses, sunglasses, bibles and other lost items are in the church office. If you have lost anything, please check the church office. Items may be given away if left any longer. Thank you.

- **Deacons on Call** for the month are Deacons Jean-Baptiste & Smalls.
- **Submissions of announcements and due dates:**
 - **Message From The Mount**
 - Send information to mftm@mtaerybaptist.org by the second Wednesday after the first Sunday.
 - **Monitors in the Sanctuary**
 - Send information to media@mtaerybaptist.org by Wednesday before the Sunday you want the announcement.
 - Please make sure that your announcement is in PowerPoint format.

If announcements are not received by the due dates they may be omitted or placed in the next edition.

- **No Pork on Church Property**
 - **For health, healing and sensitivity for those with health conditions**, no pork is to be brought on church premises (i.e. ministry affairs and/or catering).
- **No Food or Beverage in the Sanctuary**
 - Please, please, please, do not bring food or beverages into the sanctuary. Parents, please feed infants and toddlers in the Wilson Hall or the Bass Hall. It is everyone's responsibility to be good stewards of the building that God has blessed us with. If you see anyone not being responsible, please get an Usher or a Deacon to handle the situation. Thank you.

Parents

- While you are in worship, your children should be in worship next to you, unless Youth Church is in session. The Quiet Room is for parents with infants only. Please keep your children with you at all times.

To equip the disciples of Mount Aery Baptist Church with the biblical and relational wisdom for the spiritual, educational and social work of ministry beginning in the Hollow Section of Bridgeport, then spreading throughout the Greater Bridgeport Area.

Ephesians 4:11-12 and Acts 2:44-47

Edify  Equip  Engage

Please Pray for Our Prayer List

Clifford Bazalias
Elease Breedlove
Isaiah Brown
Carol Carter-Mims
George Cauthen
Lucille Cauthen
Joan H. Colley
Minister Odell Cooper
Tracey Nicole Craig
Richard Dailey
Frances Dicks
Ruth Hasty-Dove
Sandra Dunn
Bernardine Edwards
Rose Evans
James Freeman
Leonard Grace
Deacon Minnie Grant
Leslie Green
Jodi Green
Ruth Harvin
Deacon Jeffrey Hill
Deacon Naomi Holmes
Deacon Primus Jackson
Gerard James
Gwendolyn Johnson
Barbara Jones
Maria Knight
Theresa Lazarus
Cheryl Lewis
Jordan Alexander Lewis

Deacon Melvin Lowe, Sr.
Reanna McCoy
Lemme McIntosh
Mary McRae
Autumn Mitton
Caleb Mitton
Spring Mitton
Edward A. Morris
Deacon Regina Mosely
Hadassah Nightingale
Austin Perkins
Eulalia Pettway
Terrance Quiller
Frances Riley
Esther Ryan
Rose Samuel
Sandra Simpson
William Henry Sims Sr.
Linda Suggs
Herb Sutton
Rev. Velva Jean Tucker
Curtis Jerome Turner
Paula Watkins
Dorothy Watts
Gwen Williams
June Williams
Barbara Wilson
Michelle Lisa Wilson
Jacqueline Tyson-Wright
Willie Mae Wright



Welcome Song

Welcome to Mount Aery
We're so glad you came
You're welcome to
Mount Aery
Where everybody comes to
give God praise

Welcome to Mount Aery
Where the spirit
Of the Lord
Is moving free
Right here, at seven three (73)
Frank Street

Hospitalization & Nursing Home List

Please be aware that there are strict legal and ethical guidelines regarding giving outpatient information. Therefore, if you are hospitalized and desire pastoral support, you or your family member must notify the church office in advance, if possible. When you are admitted, state your denomination and place of worship.

Mary Ryan

Northbridge Health Care Center, 2875 Main Street, Bridgeport, CT 06606

Roger Mullins, Sr.

Willows Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, 225 Amity Road, Woodbridge, CT 06525

Frances Riley

Bridgeport Healthcare, 600 Bond Street, Room 525, Bridgeport, CT 06610

Lemme McIntosh

West River Rehab, 245 Orange Avenue, Milford, CT 06461

Eunice Roundtree

Northbridge Rehab, 2875 Main Street, #322, Bridgeport, CT 06606

Paula Watkins

Durham Pruitt Health Center, 3100 Mount Sinai Rd, Durham, NC 27705

Jena Simmons

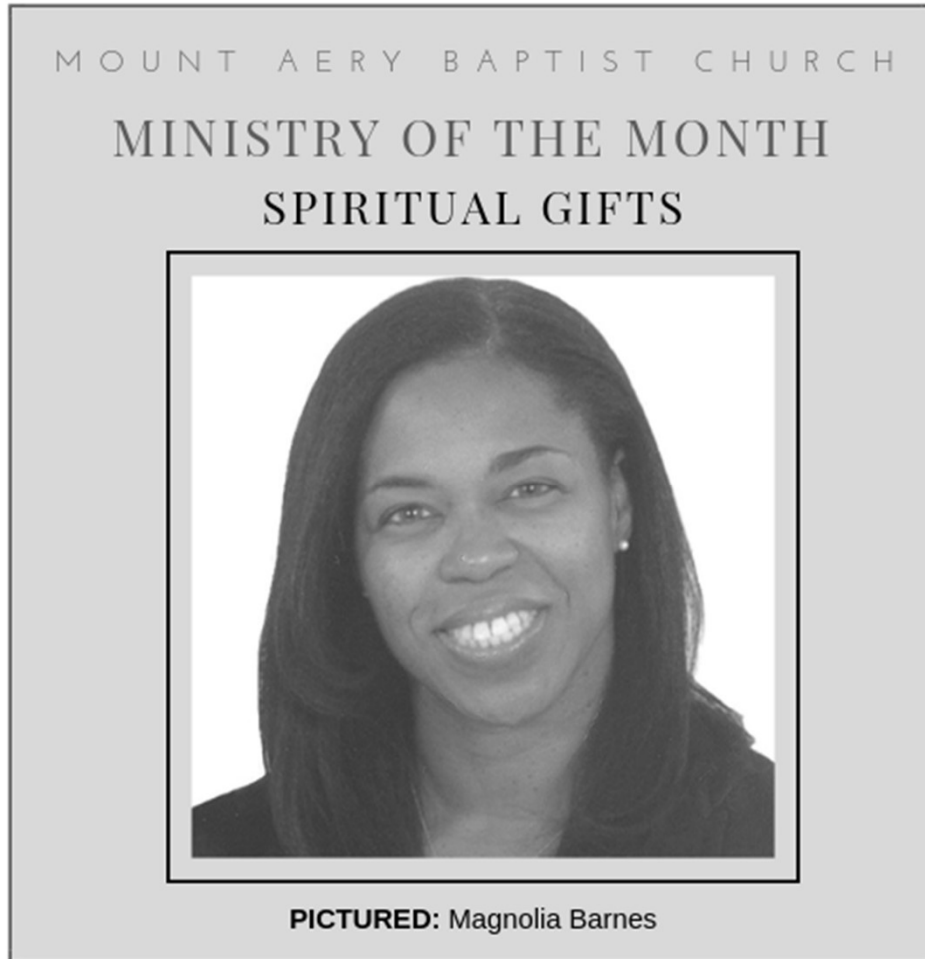
Westchester Medical Center, 100 Woods Road, 2nd Floor Valhalla, NY 10595

Please address all correspondences for the above disciples to the church and the administrative office will forward all mail. Thank you for your cooperation.

Bereavement

- Beryl Kinston and family on the loss of her uncle, Samuel Kinston.
- Sadie Bristow and family on the loss of her brother, Sylvester Lanham.
- Jamie Wright and family on the loss of her uncle.
- Christine White and family on the loss of her sister.
- Deacon Leroy Haggans and family on the loss of his cousin.
- Brenda Williams and family on the loss of her uncle, Vertis Cauthen
- Deacon Cynthia Seabrook and the Lindsay family on the loss of her father, Matthew Lindsay Sr.
- Minister Michael Gary and family on the loss of his mother, Davida Miller.






*To serve believers in the body of Christ by clarifying and affirming their gift
by encouraging them to direct their spiritual gifts toward an appropriate ministry
and enabling them to honor God in their worship through service
in ways that are consistent with God's design for their lives.*



We are in the process of updating our church's database. Whether your information has changed or not, we are requesting that EVERYONE complete a Yellow Update Card. A team will be distributing these yellow cards every Sunday after each Worship Service. All completed cards should be placed in the basket located in the Narthex. See sample card below:

		Mount Aery Baptist Church Disciples Record Review / Update Card <i>(Place completed card in the basket located in the Narthex)</i> <i>Please Print</i>	
		<u>First Name</u>	<u>Middle Initial</u>
Address			
<u>No.</u>	<u>Street, City & State</u>		<u>Zip Code</u>
Contact Information			
<u>Telephone No.</u>	<u>Email / Would you like to receive EBLAST</u> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		
Emergency Contact Information			
<u>Complete Name</u>		<u>Telephone No.</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
Family Member(s)			
<u>Name</u>		<u>Relationship</u>	

EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY
GOSPEL CHOIR



EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY GOSPEL CHOIR

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GENERAL NEWS



World Autism Awareness Day

April 2, 2019

HEALTHY HABITS 

by Cathy Patton



According to the Centers for Disease Control, autism affects an estimated 1 in 59 children in the United States today. Autism, or autism spectrum disorder (ASD), refers to a broad range of conditions characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech and nonverbal communication.

Autism is a spectrum disorder and each person with autism has a distinct set of strengths and challenges. The ways in which people with autism learn, think and problem-solve can range from highly skilled to severely challenged. Some people with ASD may require significant support in their daily lives, while others may need less support and, in some cases, live entirely independently.

Several factors may influence the development of autism, and it can also be accompanied by sensory sensitivities and medical issues such as gastrointestinal (GI) disorders, seizures or sleep disorders, as well as mental health challenges such as anxiety, depression and attention issues.

Indicators of autism usually appear by age 2 or 3. Some associated development delays can appear even earlier, and often, it can be diagnosed as early as 18 months. Research shows that early intervention leads to positive outcomes later in life for people with autism.

What are the signs of autism?

The timing and severity of autism's early signs vary widely. Some infants show hints in their first months. In others, symptoms become obvious as late as age 2 or 3.

Not all children with autism show all the signs. Many children who *don't* have autism show a few. *That's why professional evaluation is crucial.*

The following signs may be indicators that your child may be at risk for an autism spectrum disorder. If your child exhibits any of the following, please don't delay in asking your pediatrician or family doctor for an evaluation:

By 6 months

- Few or no big smiles or other warm, joyful and engaging expressions
- Limited or no eye contact

By 9 months

- Little or no back-and-forth sharing of sounds, smiles or other facial expressions

By 12 months

- Little or no babbling
- Little or no back-and-forth gestures such as pointing, showing, reaching or waving
- Little or no response to name

By 24 months

- Very few or no meaningful, two-word phrases (not including imitating or repeating)

World Autism Awareness Day

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If you have concerns, get your child screened and contact your healthcare provider.



If you have any other concerns about your child's development, don't wait. Speak to your doctor now about screening your child for autism.

Here are five things I recommend you do to prepare:

1. Learn more about autism. This will help you develop a list of questions for the visit and prepare to take action if your child is diagnosed with ASD. For starters, I highly recommend Autism Speaks [100 Day Kit](#), especially [this section](#) on diagnosis, causes and symptoms. Also see the ["What is Autism?"](#) section of the Autism Speaks website.

2. Gather your child's information. I recommend filling a folder with your child's medical records and any previous developmental or behavioral evaluations your child has received. You might also want to bring your own notes on your child's behavior, as you observe it in different places and with different people..

3. Learn what to expect at the evaluation. Some evaluations are done by a team of specialists, others by a single provider. In general, a developmental pediatrician or psychologist is the best qualified to make a diagnosis.

4. Arrange support. Many parents find the diagnosis process emotional and even a little overwhelming. Rather than go it alone, consider inviting someone you trust to accompany you and help take notes on what was said and make sure your questions get answered.

5. Get the ball rolling on intervention services. Whether or not your child is diagnosed with autism, the evaluation may reveal developmental delays that would benefit from intervention services such speech, occupational and physical therapy. Your school district or state early intervention program provides such services free of charge to children who need them. However, your child must be evaluated for them separately.

Don't wait for the autism diagnosis to request such an evaluation. Call now.
(For local contact information, see the [Autism Speaks Resource Guide](#).)

We know that this can be a stressful time for you. If you need additional help from a live person, don't hesitate to call the Autism Speaks Autism Response Team at 888-288-4762 (*Español* 888-772-9050) or email us at familyservices@autismspeaks.org

Cinnamon Breakfast Cake

Ingredients

Cake:

- 1 package (21.6 ounces) Cake Mix Doctor's Old-Fashioned Yellow Cake Mix

Filling:

- 2 tablespoons light brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 cup finely chopped pecans

For the batter:

- 1 cup sour cream
- ½ cup vegetable oil
- ½ cup water
- 4 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

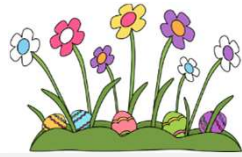
Glaze:

- 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- 2 tablespoons milk



Directions

1. Place a rack in the center of the oven, and preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour a Bundt pan, and set the pan aside.
2. For the filling, measure out 2 tablespoons of the cake mix and place in a small bowl. Stir in the brown sugar, cinnamon, and pecans. Set the filling aside.
3. For the batter, place the remaining cake mix, sour cream, oil, water, eggs, and vanilla in a large mixing bowl, and blend on low speed for 30 seconds. Increase the mixer speed to medium and blend until smooth, 1 to 2 minutes longer.
4. Pour half of the batter into the prepared pan. Scatter the filling over the top of the batter. Pour the remaining batter over the filling. Place the pan in the oven.
5. Bake until the cake springs back when lightly pressed with a finger, and it is golden brown, 50 to 55 minutes. Remove the cake from the oven, and let it cool in the pan 20 minutes. Run a knife around the edges of the pan, and invert it onto a rack to cool completely, 45 minutes.
6. Meanwhile, prepare the glaze by stirring the milk into the confectioners' sugar. Drizzle the glaze over the top of the cake and let rest 15 minutes to let the glaze set. Place the cake on a platter, slice and serve.



Mrs. Brown helped her four children to color eggs for Easter. The two boys and two girls are 2, 4, 7 and 9 years old.

Their names are Yecenia, Brianna, Jose, and Malcolm. They colored two eggs each, one a solid color and one was the same color with a white stripe.

Clues:

1. Mrs. Brown had to help the youngest boy and girl. The oldest child liked a color that starts with the letter B.
2. Malcolm is 7 years old and his brother's favorite color is red.
3. Brianna and Yecenia are very happy to be sisters and they both liked the same color. When they finished they are going to switch their striped eggs, then they will each have a blue and a purple egg.
4. Jose is not the youngest child.
5. The child with the blue striped egg helped the child with the purple striped egg when Mrs. Brown was helping Jose.
6. Yecenia kind of likes purple too.

Egg Colours

Ages

	Red	Blue	Green	Purple		2	4	7	9
Yecenia									
Brianna									
Jose									
Malcolm									
2									
4									
7									
9									

Bridgeport Student wins Connecticut Spelling Bee



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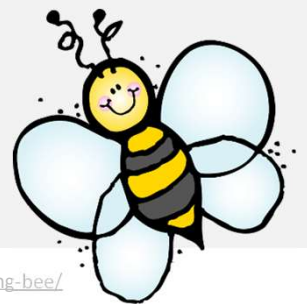
WEST HARTFORD — A student from the Multicultural Magnet School in Bridgeport, was crowned the CT Spelling Bee champion Saturday.

Janelle Newell, 12, will now have a chance to compete in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Harbor Park, Maryland on May 29-31.

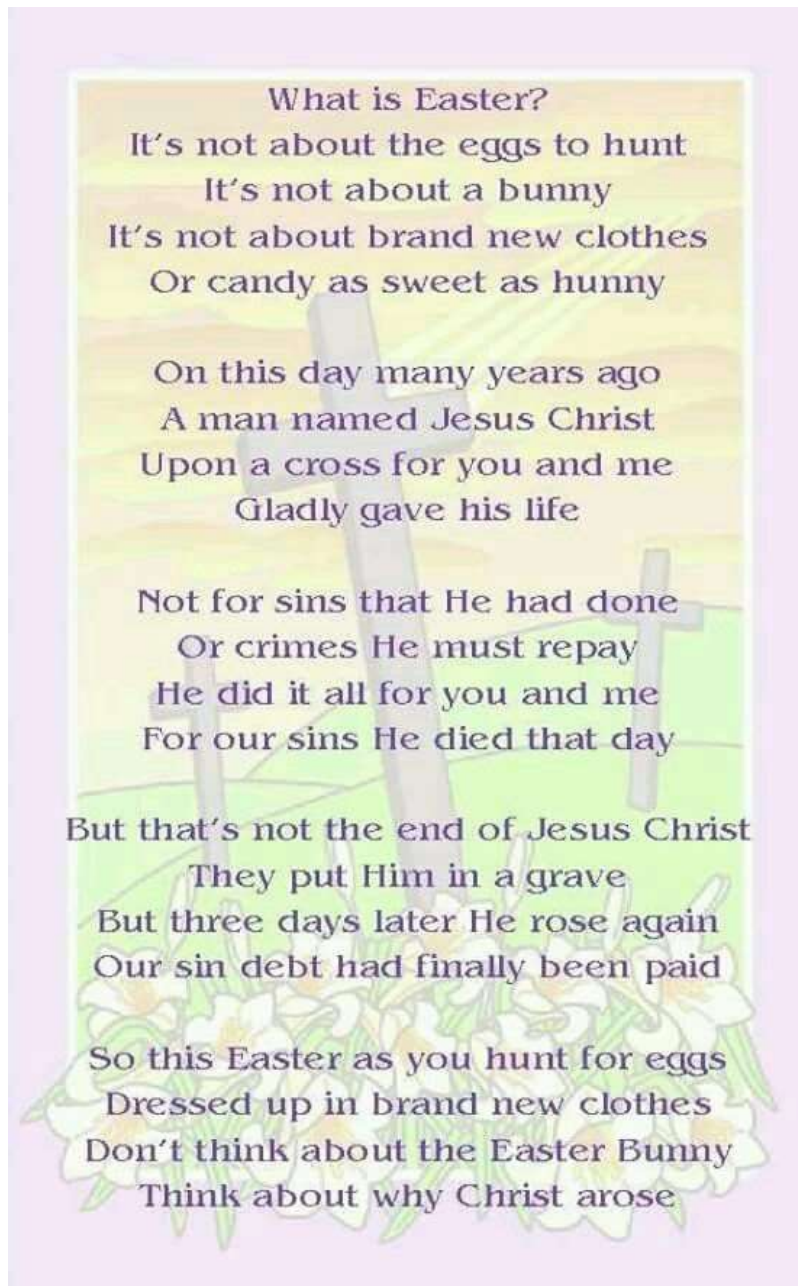
Newell is a seventh grader at the magnet school and beat out 41 other students, varying in grades from fourth to eighth. Newell's final word was "spencerian," which is a certain form of slanting handwriting.

The event was held at University of Saint Joseph and co-sponsored by the Noah Webster House & West Hartford Historical Society as well as the Hartford Courant.

Newell also won a \$1,000 scholarship from the University of Saint Joseph.



<https://fox61.com/2019/03/09/bridgeport-student-wins-connecticut-spelling-bee/>



WORD SEARCH

G.R.A.C.E. 

by Deacon Kathy Tabb-Small

Correction to last month's Word Search: The word, LUXURY was misspelled as LUCURY.

Virtuous Woman

E D D Y Y Q U W E W S C E L I B A T E F
B X O E G C V P H T S W D M R D X S A S
J Q E O T R L O R S S V P O U S S I D N
R Q H M G N L A T I F A Q O G Y T S R E
B A I S P E I M C N G X H B N H M D V E
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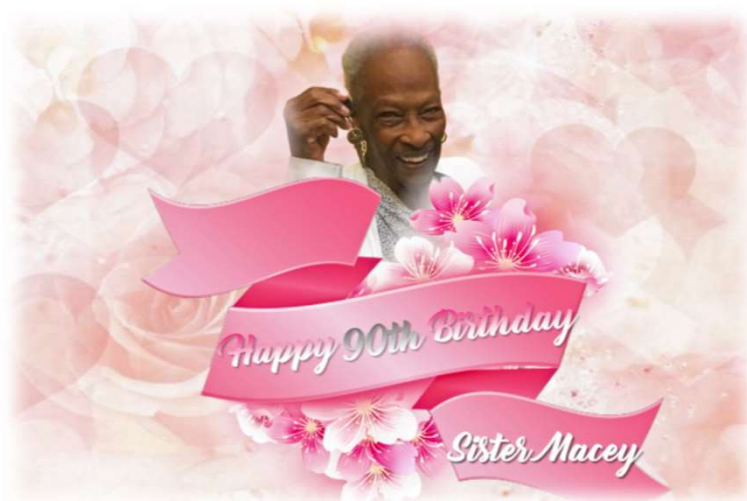
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LEGIT
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NOBLE

PRAISEWORTHY
PURE
RIGHTEOUS
SPOTLESS
UNTAINTED
UPRIGHT
WHOLESOME
WORTHY



Happy 90th Birthday Mother Macey

G.R.A.C.E. 



Lord, Thou knowest that I am growing older.

Keep me from becoming too talkative, and particularly keep me from falling into the tiresome habit of expressing an opinion on every subject.

Release me from the craving to straighten out everybody's affairs. Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details. Give me wings to get to the point.

Give me grace, Dear Lord, to listen to others describe their aches and pains. Help me endure the boredom with patience and keep my lips sealed, for my own aches and pains are increasing in number and intensity, and the pleasure of discussing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by.

Teach me the glorious lesson that, occasionally, I might be mistaken. Keep me reasonably sweet. I do not wish to be a saint, (saints are so hard to live with), but a sour old person is the work of the devil.

Make me thoughtful, but not moody; helpful, but not pushy; independent, yet able to accept with graciousness, favors that others wish to bestow upon me.

Free me of the notion that simply because I have lived a long time, I am wiser than those who have not lived so long.

If I do not approve of some of the changes that have taken place in recent years, give me the wisdom to keep my mouth shut. Lord knows that when the end comes, I would like to have a friend or two left.

~unknown

Namaste Brothers and Sisters! The major goal of the MABC Security Team is to provide a safe environment for you and your family here at The Mount. This starts with keeping you informed, but remember, security is everyone's responsibility. In light of the tragedy in New Zealand and so many other situations going on around the country and the world, I wanted to revisit Emergency Egress for Fire and Active Shooter.

SECURITY CORNER

by Deacon Henry Smalls, Jr.

EMERGENCY EGRESS

You always want to be aware of the location of all exits anytime you enter a room at a restaurant, your workplace, sporting events/concerts, or even at church. You want it to be second nature in the event of an emergency evacuation. When entering the Narthex or Sanctuary at The Mount, always check the placards placed on the walls to familiarize yourself with the information giving guidance on how to exit in case of an emergency egress. Also, always follow the direction of the MABC Security Team and the Ushers, so that everyone can safely exit the building. There may be situations where Security and/or Ushers, will require that you utilize an exit door that's not assigned to the area where you are sitting. In these instances, it is imperative that you follow their directions, as they may have information regarding what's beyond your assigned exit door that you may not be aware of.

ACTIVE SHOOTER

Good practices for coping with an active shooter situation:

- Be aware of your environment and any possible dangers
- Take note of the two nearest exits in any facility you visit
- If you are in an office, stay there and secure the door
- If you are in a hallway, get into a room and secure the door
- As a last resort, attempt to take the active shooter down. When the shooter is at close range and you cannot flee, your chance of survival is much greater if you try to incapacitate him/her.

**CALL 911 WHEN
IT IS SAFE TO DO SO**

HOW TO RESPOND WHEN AN ACTIVE SHOOTER IS IN YOUR VICINITY:

Quickly determine the most reasonable way to protect your own life.

1. RUN

If there is an accessible escape path, attempt to evacuate the premises. Be sure to:

- Have an escape route and plan in mind
- Evacuate regardless of whether others agree to follow
- Leave your belongings behind • Help others escape, if possible
- Prevent individuals from entering an area where the active shooter may be
- Keep your hands visible
- Follow the instructions of any police officers
- Do not attempt to move wounded people
- Call 911 when you are safe



2. HIDE

If evacuation is not possible, find a place to hide where the active shooter is less likely to find you.

Your hiding place should:

- Be out of the active shooter's view
- Provide protection if shots are fired in your direction (i.e., an office with a closed and locked door)
- Not trap you or restrict your options for movement
- To prevent an active shooter from entering your hiding place:
 - Lock the door
 - Blockade the door with heavy furniture
- If the active shooter is nearby:
 - Lock the door
 - Silence your cell phone and/or pager
 - Turn off any source of noise (i.e., radios, televisions)
 - Hide behind large items (i.e., cabinets, desks)
 - Remain quiet
- If evacuation and hiding out are not possible:
 - Remain calm
 - Dial 911, if possible, to alert police to the active shooter's location
 - If you cannot speak, leave the line open and allow the dispatcher to listen

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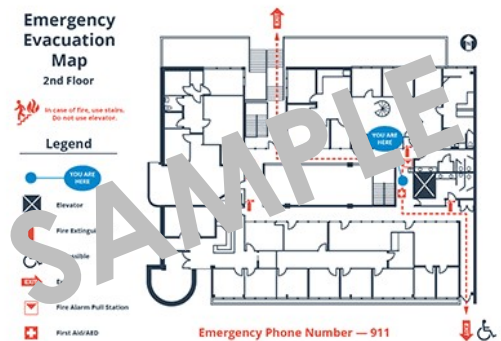
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3. FIGHT

As a last resort, and only when your life is in imminent danger, attempt to disrupt and/or incapacitate the active shooter by:

- Acting as aggressively as possible against him/her
- Throwing items and improvising weapons
- Yelling
- Committing to your actions



HOW TO RESPOND WHEN LAW ENFORCEMENT ARRIVES:

Law enforcement's purpose is to stop the active shooter as soon as possible.

Officers will proceed directly to the area in which the last shots were heard.

- Officers usually arrive in teams of four (4)
- Officers may wear regular patrol uniforms or external bulletproof vests, Kevlar helmets, and other tactical equipment
- Officers may be armed with rifles, shotguns, and handguns
- Officers may use pepper spray or tear gas to control the situation
- Officers may shout commands, and may push individuals to the ground for their safety

HOW TO REACT WHEN LAW ENFORCEMENT ARRIVES:

- Remain calm, and follow officers' instructions
- Put down any items in your hands (i.e., bags, jackets)
- Immediately raise hands and spread fingers
- Keep hands visible at all times
- Avoid making quick movements toward officers such as holding on to them for safety
- Avoid pointing, screaming and/or yelling
- Do not stop to ask officers for help or direction when evacuating, just proceed in the direction from which officers are entering the premises

INFORMATION TO PROVIDE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OR 911 OPERATORS:

- Location of the active shooter
- Number of shooters, if more than one
- Physical description of shooter/s
- Number and type of weapons held by the shooter/s
- Number of potential victims at the location

The first officers to arrive to the scene will not stop to help injured persons. Expect rescue teams comprised of additional officers and emergency medical personnel to follow the initial officers. These rescue teams will treat and remove any injured persons. They may also call upon able-bodied individuals to assist in removing the wounded from the premises.

Once you have reached a safe location or an assembly point, you will likely be held in that area by law enforcement until the situation is under control, and all witnesses have been identified and questioned. Do not leave until law enforcement authorities have instructed you to do so.

Ref: <https://www.dhs.gov>

Be Safe & Be Well!

Deacon Henry C. Smalls, Jr



Trusting God- The Tithing Principle

Namaste, my sisters and brothers!

I have a question for you, are you **satisfied with the current state of your finances**? The question is not are you wealthy, rich, or even well off, but are you **satisfied** with your finances? My definition of satisfied in this instance is **do you have enough income to pay your major bills and meet your needs** like rent/mortgage, grocery, electricity, car note, insurance, etc., **with some left over to apply to your wants** such as saving for a rainy day, vacations, etc.

I suspect that **if the church audience were polled today, many would raise their hands and say no**, I am definitely not satisfied! There are many reasons why that could be: you or your spouse may be out of work now, or have been in recent months or years; there may have been unexpected (aren't they always unexpected?) expenses related to your home, car, children, or other family members, or, in this current economic landscape, your wages are simply not enough to comfortably pay for the necessities in life without robbing Peter to pay Paul. Another possible reason is that you make enough to pay those bills, but you don't know how to **manage your money because you were never taught how to manage your money**. When Paul is paid and Peter is not (and sometimes neither is paid because we have to pay John!), the bills get behind and the collectors start calling. I get it and I've been there.

Timothy 6:10 is often **misquoted as "Money is the root of all evil" but money most certainly is not**. From the beginning of time, some form of currency has been necessary to survive in society and when viewed and managed through the lens that God intended, money is a magnificent tool for our use. The scripture instead reads "For the **love of money** is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs." Consequently, the love of money can be part of our problem, leading us down treacherous paths because of what we do to get money and how we treat it when we get it. And today's culture, with its visibility into the lives of others through television and social media in a manner that we've not seen in history, can lead us to envy and covet material possessions such that even when God has blessed us with enough to meet our needs, we fail to realize it.

So by now your question for me is, **what is the answer, what's the solution, and how do we begin to fix this problem** that can be stressful at best, but life altering (think eviction or foreclosure) at worse?

Many of us are familiar with Malachi 3:10: **"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse**, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it." **Is that the answer?? Ultimately yes**, but let's face it, bringing any of the tithes into the storehouse can be hard to do if you have that Peter/Paul/John problem that I described earlier. God wants us to walk by faith in this area of our life, following the principle of first giving back to Him a portion of what He allowed you to have in the first place. When He knows that He can trust you with a little, I am a witness of how He will "pour out so much blessing".

My aim in this message is to **begin to change the lens by which you view your relationship with God, specifically as it relates to your finances, and to give you practical advice and guidance to follow, along with resources that you can access to help you on this journey of entering into a tithing covenant with God**. I write this message with conviction after many years of tithing, starting when I had more bills than I could count and a collector or two calling but still decided to tithe 3% of my income on a regular basis. I could not see how in the world I could give 10% but I decided that I could give 3% and asked the Lord to understand! He did and I saw that I didn't miss the 3% or if it was tight between pay checks, He always made a way. The 3% grew to 5% then 7%, 8%, 9% and now 11%! I can tell you that every year I have seen increase in my finances and I know that this is because I've been faithful in returning to God what is His.

So the first step is to start with prayer. Look at your situation and open your heart to God. Make Him Lord over your finances and give Him reason to trust you with more of His bounty!

Black History Moment

Ella Josephine Baker

The Ella Baker Center for Human Rights is named after a brilliant, Black hero of the civil rights Freedom Movement who inspired and guided emerging leaders. We build on her legacy by building the power of black, brown, and poor people to create solutions for one of the biggest drivers of injustice today: mass incarceration.

Ms. Baker played a key role in some of the most influential organizations of the time, including the NAACP, Martin Luther King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee.

Like her, we spark change by unlocking the power of every person to strengthen their communities and shape their future.

Ella Baker's Early Life

Ella Jo Baker was born on December 13, 1903, in Norfolk, Virginia. Growing up in North Carolina, she developed a sense for social justice early on, due in part to her grandmother's stories about life under slavery.

As a slave, her grandmother had been whipped for refusing to marry a man chosen for her by the slave owner. Her grandmother's pride and resilience in the face of racism and injustice continued to inspire Ms. Baker throughout her life.

Baker studied at Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina. As a student she challenged school policies that she thought were unfair. After graduating in 1927 as class valedictorian, she moved to New York City and began joining social activist organizations.

In 1930, she joined the Young Negroes Cooperative League, whose purpose was to develop black economic power through collective planning. She also involved herself with several women's organizations. She was committed to economic justice for all people and once said, **"People cannot be free until there is enough work in this land to give everybody a job."**



Joining the Struggle Against Jim Crow

Ella Baker began her involvement with the NAACP in 1940. She worked as a field secretary and then served as director of branches from 1943 until 1946.

Inspired by the historic bus boycott in Montgomery, Alabama, in 1955, Baker co-founded the organization In Friendship to raise money to fight against Jim Crow Laws in the deep South.

In 1957, Baker moved to Atlanta to help organize Martin Luther King's new organization, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). She also ran a voter registration campaign called the Crusade for Citizenship.

Black History Moment

Ella Josephine Baker (continued)

The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC)

On February 1, 1960, a group of black college students from North Carolina A&T University refused to leave a Woolworth's lunch counter in Greensboro, North Carolina where they had been denied service.

Baker left the SCLC after the Greensboro sit-ins. She wanted to assist the new student activists because she viewed young, emerging activists as a resource and an asset to the movement. Miss Baker organized a meeting at Shaw University for the student leaders of the sit-ins in April 1960. From that meeting, the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee -- SNCC -- was born.

Adopting the Gandhian theory of nonviolent direct action, SNCC members joined with activists from the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) to organize the 1961 Freedom Rides.

In 1964 SNCC helped create Freedom Summer, an effort to focus national attention on Mississippi's racism and to register black voters.

Miss Baker, and many of her contemporaries, believed that voting was one key to freedom. Today, that is still the case: if we do not exercise our collective voice, we are unable to influence the policies and laws that impact our lives. To be counted, we must be heard.



The Audacity to Dream Big

With Ella Baker's guidance and encouragement, SNCC became one of the foremost advocates for human rights in the country. Ella Baker once said, "This may only be a dream of mine, but I think it can be made real."

Her influence was reflected in the nickname she acquired: "Fundii," a Swahili word meaning a person who teaches a craft to the next generation. Baker continued to be a respected and influential leader in the fight for human and civil rights until her death on December 13, 1986, her 83rd birthday.

Wanting to celebrate Ella Jo Baker as an unsung hero of racial and economic justice and seeking to honor her legacy of leadership and movement building, our founders chose to name our Center for Ella Baker. Her audacity to dream big is a cornerstone of our philosophy.

We believe the best way to honor Ms. Baker's legacy is to inspire people to imagine new possibilities, lead with solutions, and engage communities to drive positive change. Join us and keep her story going.

BIRTHDAYS

April 1st

Cruz-Junes, Zenaida
Hovanec, Tyisha
Riddick, Lillian

April 2nd

Gary-Jackson, Arnethia
Gaylord, Jacqueline
Glover, Iris
Green, Clinton
Junes, Jerry
Smith, James A.
Stackhouse, Michael

Whren, Chenée
Williams, Tanisha
Woods, Marie

April 3rd

Adams, Virginia
Felder, Alice
Johnson, Raquon
Jones, Maisha
Santiago, Matilda
Smith, Lola
Tyson, Dyllan

April 4th

Francis, Miriam
Jones-Mendenhall, Lisa
King, Dwan
Salmon, Verona
Simmons, Linda
Starling, Janeen
Turkvan, Alessandria
Underwood, Raymond
Wooten, Rhonda

April 5th

Black, Lawanda
Boyd, Thomas
Dixon, Shaun
Edwards, Gina
Graham, Lakisha
Hardison, Freeman
Mosley, Isaac
Nolen, Lisa
Oliver, Wilton
Thomas, Carole

April 6th

Alers, Dawn
Griffin, Annie
Guiles, Evon
Mercer, Lyndon
Offet, Reginald
Taylor, Jack
Turner, Dale

April 7th

Jackson, Robert
Lanham, Robin
Morrow, Kawana
Taylor, Justin

April 8th

Fields, Madiline
Harrell, Gilda
Robinson, Danalyn
Sharpe, Audrey
Thomas, Osborne

April 9th

Domond, Erica
Eady, Marlene
Leach, Renee
Lesperance, Soledad
Riddick, Vonte

April 10th

Hines, Ginia
Maxwell, Chandra
McKenzie, Roger
Rochester, Ann Marie
Sargent-Dunbar, Dontre'
Simpson, Malek
Upchurch, Keryna

April 11th

Failey, Esau
Lazaro, Marguerite
Lynch, Louise
McDowell, Michael
Piper, Shalepia
Sims, Vaughn

April 12th

Brown, Charles
Davis, Jovan
Elliott, Tyronda
Hill, Janasia
Pratt, Edward
Sloan, Pamela
Tucker, Da'ron

April 13th

Gibbs, Minerva
Hill, Andrea
Lopez, Carole
Stewart, Nancy
Walden, Terry

April 14th

Cauthen, Lucille
Davis, Vernica
Freeman, James
Gordon, Shantall
Haggans, Leroy
Kendrick, Opel
Lazarus, Diane
Smith, Donald

April 15th

Digman, Bonnie
Graham, Sedaka
Jones, Loretta
Simmons, Jerry

April 16th

Johnson, Jenetta

April 17th

Blank, Beverly
Bryan, Volney
Cameron, Paul
Johnson, Madonna
Osuna Lofton, Sonia
Timmons, Karyn
Trofort, Naomie
Wilson, Liisha

April 18th

Alcino, Rishon
Barr, Audra
Cathey, Reginald
Cooper, Corbin
Dicks, Alana
Fleming, Glenn
Gee, James
Gist Sr., Rodney
Huesch, Donna
Lowe, Margie
Santos, Demetria
Stewart, Harry

April 19th

Cole, Herman
Farrar, Kenneth
Fogle, Henry
Hanna, Alice
Harper, Deshawn
Salmon, Nicole
Walker, Chelsea
Wiggins, Evelyn

April 20th

Dotson, Felicia
Gibbs, Cecil
Hudson, Laura
Jackson, Melanie
Leger, Rony
Pettway, Cloretta
Williams, Rhoda

April 21st

Adetona, Cornelius
Bradley, Trina
Mason, Latresha
Thompson-Bennett, Donna

April 22nd

Edwards, Janay
Green, Jodi
McCoy, Nichelle
Wesley, Daniels
Wilson, Louella
Yancey, Annette

April 23rd

Caple, Lori
Gause, James
Gipson, Ramon
Johnson, James
Morey, David

April 24th

Edwards, Derrick
Freeman, James C.
Jordan, Ashirah
Lewis, Wanda
Norris, Lester Ann
Thomas, Loretta

April 25th

Adams, Evan
Azeez, Jay
Bradley, Barbara
Day-Johnson, Edna
Jean-Baptiste, Eddyne



April 26th

Barton, Matthew
Boyd, Rhonda
Coles, Keya
Logan, Christine
Tomlin, Lula
Weidele, Renee
Winding, Roosevelt

April 27th

Antoine, Susan
Hall-Gibbons, Tre
McAllister, Jakea
Squire, Victor
Thomas-Washington, Shahidah
Tyson, Cindy
Wood, Marie

April 28th

Alexandre, Huguette
Baldwin, Eugene
Figueroa, Jose
Heath, TaShawn
James, Mecca
Swilling, Steven

April 29th

Craig, Traci
Jennings, Kathy
Maignan, Cynthia

April 30th

Ayers-Paulin, Stacey
Freeman, William
Honorat-Joseph, Marjorie
Hough, Louise
Irby-Langley, Tonya
Wright, Willie Mae
Young, Gary

APRIL 2019 - 25 YEARS OF PASTOR & PEOPLE

Organized Prayer Time

Prayer time is 7:00am to 7:10am beginning 4/1/2019 through 4/30/2019. Conference Dial-in Number: 319-527-3510, Participant Access Code: 111933#. See Rev. Alicia Tyson-Sherwood for more information. To playback prayer: 319-527-3518, access code is 111933#. This is not a toll free call, Long Distance Charges May Apply. Note: Do not announce yourself if you call after 6:58am. Please mute your phone so that prayer will not be disturbed. Ephesians 4:11-13 NIV Reference number for April 1, 2019 is 2615#

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Ephesians 3:16-20 Pastor Bennett	2 Colossians 1:11 Sis. Barnes	3 Zachariah 10:12 Bro. Hill	4 2 Cor. 12:9 M.I.T. Langley	5 2 Cor. 4:16 Sis. Thompson-Bennett	6 1 Cor. 16:13 Rev. Sherwood
7 Psalm 78:4 Deacon Gardner	8 Deut. 6:5-7 Sis. Smith	SEEKING SOLITUDE AT SEASIDE		10 2 Timothy 2:2 Rev. Williamson	12 2 Timothy 4:6-8 Sis. Hasan	13 Psalm 112:1-3 Bro. Cummings
14 Colossians 1:23 Deacon Smith	15 Psalm 1:3 Rev. Tucker	A LEGACY OF LOVE		17 Jude 1:20 Sis. Alston	19 Matthew 7:24-25 Rev. Boissiere	20 Ephesians 5:20 Deacon P. Jackson
21 Colossians 2:7 Bro. Easley	22 1 John 4:19 Deacon Vermont	ROOTED IN FAITH		24 1 John 5:3 Sis. Ellis	26 1 Peter 3:4 Deacon Hurst	27 Jeremiah 31:33 Bro. Newton
28 Psalm 104:30 M.I.T. Langley	29 Luke 1:35 Deacon J. Seawright	GROUNDED IN LOVE		30 Romans 8:11 Deacon Adetona	IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT	

Mount Aery Baptist Church

April 2019

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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		7:00pm-8:00pm Music Ministry Rehearsal P&W – Sanctuary	PASTOR'S ANNIVERSARY 12:00pm-1:00pm Daytime Bible Study – Wilson Hall 8:30pm-8:30pm Jesus Corner – Wilson Hall	8:30pm-8:30pm Deacons Meeting – Pastor's Conference Room 7:00pm-8:00pm Music Ministry Rehearsal P&W – Sanctuary	PASTOR'S ANNIVERSARY Congregational Fast	Prayer Walk Trumbull Hall or Seaside – Offsite 8:30am-10:00am Men's Fellowship – Classroom 10:00am-11:30am Divine Creation Dance Rehearsal – Bass Hall 10:00am-12:00pm Ministers Meeting – Pastor's Conference Room 10:00am-11:30am Music Ministry Rehearsal Mass Choir – Sanctuary
Pastor's 25th Anniversary 8:30am-8:30am Sunday School – Bass Hall 8:45am-8:15am Prayer – Sanctuary 9:30am-11:00am Worship Celebration		8:30pm-9:00pm Divine Creation Dance Rehearsal – Bass Hall 7:00pm-8:00pm Music Ministry Rehearsal P&W – Sanctuary	12:00pm-1:00pm Daytime Bible Study – Wilson Hall 1:00pm-3:00pm Quilters – Classroom 8:30pm-8:30pm Jesus Corner – Wilson Hall 7:30pm-8:00pm Bible Study – Pastor's Conference Room	8:30pm-8:00pm Ushers Meeting – Wilson Hall 7:00pm-8:00pm Music Ministry Rehearsal Mass Choir – Sanctuary	Congregational Fast 8:30pm-8:00pm Healing Through Art – Bass Hall	Prayer Walk Trumbull Hall or Seaside – Offsite 8:30am-10:00am Men's Fellowship – Classroom 10:00am-12:00pm Leadership – Bass Hall 12:00pm-1:30pm Divine Creation Dance Rehearsal – Wilson Hall 12:00pm-2:00pm Sisters at the Well – Bass Hall 12:00pm-3:00pm Safe Place Training – Pastor's Conference Room 12:00pm-1:30pm Music Ministry Rehearsal Children's Choir – Sanctuary
7:45am-8:15am Prayer – Sanctuary 8:30am Palm Sunday Worship Celebration 10:00am-11:00am Sunday School – Bass Hall 11:00am-1:00pm Youth Church – Bass Hall 11:00am-1:00pm Worship Celebration – Sanctuary 11:00am Palm Sunday Worship Celebration	8:00pm Fellowship Ministry Meeting 8:30pm-8:30pm 40 Days Healthy Cooking Class – Bass Hall	8:30pm-8:00pm Divine Creation Dance Rehearsal – Bass Hall 7:00pm-8:00pm Music Ministry Rehearsal P&W – Sanctuary	12:00pm-1:00pm Daytime Bible Study – Wilson Hall 8:30pm-8:30pm Jesus Corner – Wilson Hall 7:30pm-8:00pm Bible Study – Pastor's Conference Room	8:30pm-8:00pm Junior Ushers Meeting – Wilson Hall 8:30pm-8:30pm Deacons Meeting – Pastor's Conference Room 7:00pm-8:00pm Music Ministry Rehearsal Mass Choir – Sanctuary	Congregational Fast	8:30am-10:00am Men's Fellowship – Classroom 9:00am-12:00pm New Disciples Class – Wilson Hall 10:00am-11:30am Missionary Meeting – Wilson Hall 10:00am-2:00pm Grant Writing Class – Bass Hall 10:00am-11:30am Music Ministry Rehearsal Mass Choir – Sanctuary
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Resurrection Sunday 7:45am-8:15am Prayer – Sanctuary 8:30am-10:00am Worship Celebration – Sanctuary 10:00am-11:00am Sunday School – Bass Hall 11:00am-1:00pm Youth Church – Bass Hall 11:00am-1:00pm Worship Celebration – Sanctuary		9:00am-11:00am System of Care Training – Bass Hall 8:30pm-9:00pm Divine Creation Dance Rehearsal – Bass Hall 7:00pm-8:00pm Music Ministry Rehearsal P&W – Sanctuary	12:00pm-1:00pm Daytime Bible Study – Wilson Hall 1:00pm-3:00pm Quilters – Classroom 8:30pm-8:30pm Jesus Corner – Wilson Hall 7:30pm-8:00pm Bible Study – Pastor's Conference Room	7:00pm-8:00pm Music Ministry Rehearsal Men's Choir – Sanctuary		8:30am-10:00am Men's Fellowship – Classroom 9:00am-3:00pm Health Fair – Bass Hall 10:00am-11:30am Divine Creation Dance Rehearsal – Wilson Hall 10:00am-11:30am Music Ministry Rehearsal Mass Choir – Sanctuary
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Health Fair Sunday-Wear Your Shirts 7:45am-8:15am Prayer – Sanctuary 8:30am-10:00am Worship Celebration – Sanctuary 10:00am-11:00am Final Weigh-In – Wilson Hall 10:00am-11:00am Sunday School – Bass Hall 11:00am-1:00pm Worship Celebration – Sanctuary		7:00pm-8:00pm Music Ministry Rehearsal Men's Choir – Sanctuary				

All events are on www.mtaerybaptist.org

Mt. Aery's Missionary Ministry
One Day Bus Trip to Philadelphia, PA
Saturday, August 10, 2019

 AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM IN PHILADELPHIA	1ST STOP <i>10:00am ~ Self-Guided Tour Museum</i> The African American Museum in Philadelphia is the first institution built by a major United States city to house and interpret the life and work of African Americans. Join us to experience the richness and vibrancy of African American heritage and culture as it come alive in four magnificent exhibition galleries filled with exciting history and fascinating art.
	2ND STOP <i>12:45pm ~ 40ft Brunch Buffet</i> The sumptuous buffet includes fresh pastas made to order with a wide assortment of meats, vegetables and spices to enhance your choice, omelets and eggs made to order and fluffy-hot waffles with toppings of your choosing, creamy cheese grits & shrimp, fried & jerk chicken, southern whiting, made to order pasta, roast beef, fried cabbage, to name a few. Indulge yourself on sweet delightful desserts, fresh fruit and unlimited beverages such as homemade lemonades & sun brewed sweet teas.
	3RD STOP <i>3:45pm ~ King of Prussia Mall</i> With more than 400 stores, boutiques and restaurants, King of Prussia Mall is the largest shopping mall on the east coast. The mall welcomes around 25 million visitors a year. Shoppers find everything they need (and probably a few things they don't) at this massive one-stop shopping destination.

**PRICE PER PERSON \$ 150.00
INCLUDES TRANSPORTATION, BRUNCH AND PASS TO THE MUSEUM**

INITIAL DEPOSIT OF \$50.00 (NON-REFUNDABLE) DUE ASAP

**2ND \$50.00 PAYMENT
DUE MAY 15TH**

**FINAL \$50.00 PAYMENT
DUE JUNE 15TH**

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AT 5:30 AM (SHARP)!!!**

**BUS WILL DEPART PENNSYLVANIA
AT 6:30PM**

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English Town Shopping Spree **BUS TRIP**

MAY 4, 2019 | 6:30AM

PICKUP LOCATION
George Street
Parking Lot



\$35

**\$15 Non Refundable
Deposit**

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ANTOINETTE BLACKWELL**