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From The Pastor's Desk

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Mt. Traveler Missionary Baptist Church



Rev. Benjamin C. Datiri, PhD Pastor

Mission
A caring Church:

With Ministries Changing Lives Connecting People

Creating Friendship and Favor with God and Man

Vision
A caring Church that is:

Passionate in Ministry

Compassionate in Ministering

Purpose A caring Church:

To be faithful in obeying the Word of Goa

To be fruitful in serving Him

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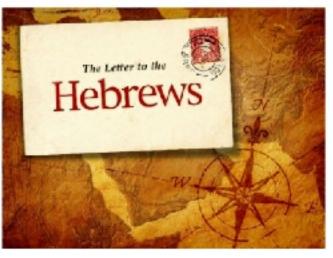
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- E = Everywhere
- S = Serving
- H = Him (God)
- A = Absolutely
- R = Reconciling
- E = Everyone (To God)

The primary goal of the Newsletter is that as a sojourner, the traveler is Creatively Always Reaching Everywhere and Serving Him (God) Absolutely to Reconcile Everyone to God. Articles will be from different ministries and sharing the message of a caring church with ministries, changing lives, connecting people, and creating friendships and favor with God and man. There will always be a letter from the pastor each quarterly Newsletter entitled "From the Pastor's Desk".

Current Sermon Series:

The Superiority of Christ & His Covenant





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REVIVAL



Beloved Church Family:

Greetings to all of you in the precious Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Another fall season is here. In this fall issue of our CareShare Newsletter we shall focus on: *REVIVAL*. From spring through summer and into fall or throughout the year, most churches in our area in Alabama, and perhaps the state, nation and the world have revival meetings. There are churches that might even have such revival meetings twice or three times a year. Sometimes one stops and wonders: what is the meaning or effects of these revivals? In essence what are the reasons for these revival meetings? Honestly, only God knows although after each wave of revival meetings, some people are revived and others are not as the effects of revival meetings all depend on each person's commitment and devotion. Some people actually become wearier after these revival meetings. So what is the need for revival meetings?

Spiritual revival is a matter of heart, faith and the spirit. Spiritually we wear out as we work and interact with others in this sinful world. The believer must therefore desire in his heart to reignite his faith and rekindle or reawaken his spirit. Without these purposes, revival meetings become a matter of merely going through the motions of "having another revival" rather than truly being revived. It does not matter how many revival meetings you attended, how many messages you heard or who were the ministers during such revival meetings if the two purposes of reigniting your faith and reawakening your spirit are not fulfilled all is in vain.

Personal God-ordained spiritual revival is dynamic and life-transforming as one's faith is reignited and one's spirit is rekindled or reawakened. This is necessary for every believer as revival is part of spiritual growth process. This is because God designed it to do something new and exciting in your life every day. Otherwise, life becomes dull, monotonous and full of boredom. Day by day, men and women, boys and girls, young and old, Old Testament patriarchs and New Testament disciples—all experienced or desired revival. We too can do the same such that we can meaningfully go through this life rather than merely going through the motions of revival meetings and never get revived.

Mt. Traveler Church Calendar:

September:

September 7 Labor Day

September 13 Missionary & Laymen Meeting (Following Morning Worship)

October:

October 11
Missionary &
Laymen Meeting
(Following Morning Worship)

October 15 - 16 Choir's Workshop

October 18 Annual Choirs' Anniversary

November:

November 8
Missionary and
Laymen Meeting
(Following Morning Worship)

November 15 135TH Church Anniversary

November 22
Annual
Church Meeting

REVIVALcontd

The next time you are going for a revival meeting focus on the two main purposes of revival – to reignite your faith in God and reawaken your spirit. Forget about the physical and material things and gains involved in revival meetings! The crux of the matter is the matter of the heart. The matter of the heart is faith as guided by the Holy Spirit. For God promised in Ezekiel, "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh" (Ezekiel 36:26, NIV). No wonder the Psalmist cried out, "Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me" (Psalms 51:10-12, NIV).

Fall is harvest time; it is Thanksgiving time too to express gratitude for the harvest that revives us both physically and spiritually. Be grateful to God whose presence you have enjoyed throughout the year. May you experience His ever presence the more in the days and years to come is my prayer for you as He revives you. Finally, I request that you continue to pray for our Church members to walk in the victory that Christ has obtained for us and be courageous in ministering to our community without fear or favoritism as we walk continuously in His presence being revived daily.

Be in prayers regularly one for another that our Church will continue to have a strong, healthy and well balanced growth with genuine love; passion for the kingdom of God; and compassion towards mankind as we, at Mt Traveler, ride this wave of ministering the Jesus way and striving to know the heart and mind of God. Pray for the bereaved, the sick and shut-in and all the various needs of our membership, especially those going through various temptations and crisis in life. Pray with thanksgiving to God for my improved good health and also that God through the Holy Spirit would lead me in His paths to be the kind of shepherd He desires. I love you and I am praying for you too. Wishing and hoping we all have a **HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY** IN SEPTEMBER and a wonderful **THANKSGIVING** CELEBRATION IN NOVEMBER. Remain blessed!!!!

In His service,

Pastor

BIRTHDAYS

September:

John Allen	/
Gabrielle Lockhart	7
MaKenzie Black	7
Alicia Darden	10
Detrick Black	10
Robbie Trimble	11
Ricky Trammell	17
Mildred Byrd	20
Demet	rius
Darden	24
Donnie Jacobs	25
Tyra Pitts	27
Tyrese Pitts	27

October:

Kyandra Reid	1
Chris Milner	3
John Lockhart	4
Phoebe Datiri	6
Malia Jeter	8
Akelia Driver	13
Charles Heard	16
Anthony Driver Jr.	23
Christine Milner	24
Noro Datiri	25
Mary Burton Trammell	26
T. J. Jackson	28

November:

Bernedett Askew	9
Terry Melton	10
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Mary Webb	13
Jaiden Johnson	23
Larry Maddox	25
Nathaniel Maddox	29

DEACON WIVES/AUXILIARY OF MT. TRAVELER

The Deacon Wives Auxiliary/Ministry of Mt. Traveler currently meets cooperatively with all auxiliaries of the Missionary Society Ministry on the 2nd Sunday of each month, except when scheduling conflicts occur. There are currently six active members of the Deacons' Wives Auxiliary at Mt. Traveler.

We attended and fully supported the following events this quarter:

June 15 – 18, 2015 July 11, 2015 July 12, 2015	Alabama State Convention Selma, AL Ebenezer Board Meeting All Choir Day Nazareth
July 12, 2015	All Choir Day Bell Baptist
July 19, 2015	Pre-Congress Musical Ebenezer District
July 22 – 23, 2015	Ebenezer Congress of Christian Education
July 24 - 26, 2015	Walter Cade, Jr. Southwest Laymen Workshop Mobile, AL
July 30, 2015	Revival St. John
August 1, 2015	Youth Day Galilee
August 2, 2015	Pastoral Appreciation Rev. Mark Lee, Bell Baptist
August 4, 2015	Revival Pine Grove
August 5, 2015	Revival Beulah
August 6, 2015	Revival Macedonia
August 8, 2015	Ebenezer Board Meeting
August 9, 2015	Annual Youth Day New Popular Spring
August 12, 2015	Revival Mt. Sinai Waverly
August 12, 2015	Revival New Hope
August 15, 2015	Homecoming Picnic Mt. Traveler
August 16, 2015	Homecoming Mt. Traveler
August 17 - 19, 2015	Revival Mt. Traveler
August 25, 2015	Revival New Canaan
August 29, 2015	Ebenezer District Matrons Banquet

YOU ARE INVITED TO WORSHIP WITH US!!!!!

Times of Worship/Fellowship

Sundays

Church School 8:30 AM Morning Worship 9:50 AM

<u>Wednesdays</u>

Prayer Meeting 6:00 PM Bible Study 6:30 PM

The Southeast District Calendar:

September:

September 7-11

National Baptist Convention USA INC. (Memphis, Tennessee)

September 12

2nd Saturday Board Meeting 9AM (Ebenezer District Center)

September 30 -October 1

Ebenezer District Women Convention Host: Beulah #2

October:

October 10

2nd Saturday Board Meeting 9AM (Ebenezer District Center)

October 21 - 22

Ebenezer District Baptist Association Host: Mt Traveler

November:

November 7

2nd Saturday Board Meeting 9AM (Ebenezer District Center)

November 9-13

Alabama State Baptist Convention Bethel Baptist Church (Birmingham, AL)

November 29

Ebenezer District 5th Sunday Meeting Sermon: Rev M.A. Moss

Articles From the News

Coach Jimmy Johnson Interns with Steelers

BY BBLACKMON ON AUGUST 5, 2015

Opelika Defensive Line coach Jimmy Johnson recently completed an internship with the Pittsburgh Steelers. Johnson spent 8 days at the Steelers training camp at Saint Vincent College working along side Defensive Line Coach John Mitchell. Johnson said, "this was an opportunity of a lifetime for a football coach, especially for one who is a lifelong Steelers fan."

CHOIRS

I would like to take this time to thank all members of the music ministry/choir for all your dedication and involvement with the ministry! A big thank you to the Mass Choir and all choirs for their great songs of praise and representation at the various occasions (Choir Anniversaries, Youth Day programs, Pastor Anniversaries, and Revivals) this summer! All the glory belongs to God!

Be sure to MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the **2015 MUSIC WORKSHOP** (OCTOBER 15 & 16, 2015) and **ANNUAL CHOIR DAY**: (OCTOBER 18, 2015).

We are excited and blessed to have renowned **Dr. Reginald Jackson with IRI Music**

We are excited and blessed to have renowned **Dr. Reginald Jackson with JRJ Music Productions** to return as our Facilitator/Conductor for our Workshop!

Please be sure to invite all musicians, directors, and singers to this spirit-filled Workshop experience!

Evangelism & Outreach Ministry

Using the Keys to "Inviting & Welcoming" and showing that "There is a place here for you"

As we continue to Share our Faith in Jesus Christ, we will encounter the Sinner, the fallen away Christian as well as the Christian in need of Growth.

We should always be spiritually aware of where we can share Christ with others and once we share Christ the next step is connecting them with the Community of Faith.

As we continue Personal Friendship Evangelism we desire to help in the Connecting step by:

- Being a caring Church that is welcoming to all visitors
- Providing Sermon flyers that can be given as invitations
- Providing a link on our website <u>www.mttraveler.org</u> where prayer can be requested
- Providing cd's and dvd's of Sunday service

Use these and other provided tools to assist you in the work of ministry as you seek to lead others to Christ!

BATON CAMP

Akelia Driver & Kyandra Z Reid recently participated with the Opelika Baton Camp.

As part of the camp, they marched and performed with the Opelika High School Band on Field.

<u>Little League</u> Football

Benjamin Keon Reid Team: Raiders BULL PUPS LEAGUE; 8:15am First Game: September 19, 2015

Tyrese Pitts
Team: Vikings
BULL DOGS
LEAGUE; 9:15am
First Game:
September 19, 2015



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The Puppet Ministry

This is the puppet news for June to August.

The puppets performed the 2nd Sunday in June " So Amazing". The puppeteers were Demetrius Darden, Rodneshia Darden, Teanna Harris, Timothy Lockhart, Rentavius Williams and Rodney Williams.

The puppets performed the 2nd Sunday in July the song "Love like I do" and a skit Stories of Jesus: Jesus Pt. 1 His Birth ". The puppeteers were Demetrius Darden, LaMichael Fraizer, Teanna Harris, Timothy Lockhart, and Rodney William.

The puppets performed the 2nd Sunday in August the skit **Christian Living: Peer Pressure!** The puppeteers were Demetrius Darden and Teanna Harris.

The 3rd Saturday, at the church picnic, the puppets did two songs "Shackle" and "Victory". The puppeteers were Simi Datiri, Tina Milner, Rentavius William and Rodney William.

The puppeteers has been doing a great job. Thank all of you all and do great in school, study hard and be BLESS. The puppets are invited to Church Of God By Faith September 12, 2015.

Diane Rufus

The Missionary Society

2015 Missionary Society Church Improvement Project

The Missionary Society Ministry is asking the members of Mt. Traveler to please contribute to our 2015 Church Improvement Project. We would like to purchase an 8 x 12 storage shed by our Church Anniversary in November 2015. We are asking each member to donate \$60.00 or give a liberal donation. Please note your contribution on your tithes and offering envelope as "storage".

Missionary Society Meeting 2015

Dates	Leading
Sunday, September 13, 2015	Minister Wives Ministry
Sunday, October 11, 2015	Matron's Ministry
Sunday, November 08, 2015	Missionary Society Ministry
Sunday, December 13, 2015	Senior Citizen Banquet -No meeting

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