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Beloved Church Family:

Warm greetings to you all in the precious Name of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ as we celebrate another New Year (2014) we have entered not too long ago. The Lord has allowed us to see this New Year as an opportunity to begin afresh with renewed life on a new clean slate. Spring, which signifies the season of renewed life and great expectations, is around the corner too. After experiencing a cold winter, we are expecting the warming of spring and the renewing of life. So in this spring's issue of the Mt Traveler's Care-Share Newsletter, the focus is on "EXPECTATIONS" for a renewed fresh life.

There are great and high expectation as well as simple and low ones. When your expectations are met you are glad; otherwise you are disappointed. You might have ended last year in the black or in the red, yet you expect to begin the New Year on a better start. Expectations help us to set goals for success. This requires careful planning. The question then to answer is what are your plans? Do you have a plan to succeed? If you do not plan to succeed, you have already planned to fail. What do you expect from your plans? Your plans determine your success, provided they are in line with God's plans for you. But your plans without the consultation of the Lord as a Christian may lead to destruction or failure. For there is a way that seems right unto man but the end thereof is destruction.

What do you do then? Seek you first the kingdom of God and its righteousness and all things will be yours as well. Trust in the Lord with

all your heart and lean not to your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths. Keep this Book of the Law (The Bible) always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Be anxious about nothing, but by prayers and supplications, with thanksgiving, let your request be known unto God and the peace of God which passes all understanding will rule in your hearts and minds. For God has a plan for you, plans for good and not for evil, to give a future and hope.

So what should be my expectations then? If you are not to be disappointed, the only expectation you should have is to magnify Christ wherever you are or/and whoever you are with. Paul said, "I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death: For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain" (Phil. 1:20-21). Paul never expected to be in great places or to be well liked. His only expectation was that "Christ will be magnified" in him whether by life or by death. And he was not disappointed! If our expectation is to make Christ visible so that those around us, regardless of where we are or who we are with, we will find those expectations met and even exceeded. Therefore, make it your only expectation to magnify Christ wherever you are and whoever you are with. And let your prayer be: "Lord forgive me for making my life all about what I expect and not about glorifying You regardless of my circumstances, conditions and situations. May Your love, mercy and justice be magnified through me today", amen.

Finally, I urge you to 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. 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. Continue

to thank God for my improved good health and pray that the Holy Spirit would lead me in God's paths to be the kind of shepherd He desires. I love you and I am praying for you too. Remain blessed.

In His service,
Rev. B. C. Datiri, PhD
Pastor



PUPPET MINISTRY

By: Diane Rufus

This is the puppet news from December through February. The puppets perform on the 2nd Sunday in December "The Greatest Gift". The puppeteers were Timothy Lockhart and Rodney Williams. On January 12, 2014, the puppets perform "The Perfect Gift". The puppeteers were Rodneisha Darden, Teanna Harris, Timothy Lockhart, Cytina Milner and Rodney Williams. "The Fruits of the Spirit part 1: "Love" 1 Corinthians 13 and John 3:16 was presented by Teanna Harris and Rodney Williams. "The Fruits of the Spirit Part 2: "Joy" 1 Corinthians 13 and Galatians 5:22-23 was presented by Teanna Harris, Rodney Williams and Rodneisha Darden. On Saturday, March 1, 2014, a benefit Program for Mrs. Mattie Peavey was given by Mt. Pelia Missionary Baptist Church. A song entitled "Everything Going To Be Alright" presented by Teanna Harris, Timothy Lockhart, Cytina Milner and Rodney Williams.

The puppeteers have been doing a great job. Thanks and I love you all. Have a safe and happy spring break.

THE SUNBEAM DEPARTMENT

The Sunbeam's here at Mt. Traveler are doing well at this point. We have all new little Sunbeams but they are very interested in what we are teaching them. They also give us a lot of input on our Bible lessons. We have all our meetings here at the church on the 2nd Sunday's of each month.

Our leaders are preparing our Sunbeams for the Alabama State Women Convention which will be held in Selma, Alabama. Our department will meet all day Wednesday and Thursday, June 11th and 12th at West Trinity Baptist Church starting at 8:00 a.m. The Sunbeams will present their program to the Parent Body at Selma University Gymnasium 1:00 p.m.

DISTRICT NEWS

Saturday, May 10-2nd Sat, Board Meeting 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, May 10 – Annual Crusaders Program 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, May 24 – Annual Pearls and Deacon Wives Banquet 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 7 – 2nd Sat. Board Meeting 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, June 7 – Annual Minister's Program 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 14 – District Matron's Presidents Meeting-Applebee Restaurant 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 29-5th Sunday Meeting 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 12-2nd Sat. Board Meeting 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, July 20-Pre-Congress Musical 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday-Thursday, July 23-24 Congress of Christian Education Host Church & Pastor: Pine Grove

Baptist Church, Rev. G. H. Pulliam

Saturday, July 26 – Rehearsal for YWA/Red Circle Beauty Pageant 10:00 a.m.

SOUTHEAST NEWS

Saturday, May 3 – SEDSC Youth Rally, Troy State University, Troy, Alabama 8:30 a.m.

May 12-16 – SEDSC (Convention)- Greater Peace Baptist Church, Opelika, Al. Rev. Clifford Jones Pastor. Host Church and Pastor: Ebenezer Baptist Church, Rev. W.L. Muse

June 7 – SEDSC Youth Fellowship-St. Paul Baptist Church, Greenville, Al, Rev. McCant, Pastor. Department of Christian Education

STATE/NATIONAL NEWS

June 9-12 – Alabama Baptist State Women Convention, Selma University, Selma, Al

June 16-20 – National Baptist Congress of Christian Education, Dallas TX

July 25-27 Southwest Walter Cade Jr. Workshop, Memphis, TN

July 28-Aug 1-Alabama Congress of Christian Education, Selma University.

CHURCH NEWS

Sunday, May 4 – Youth Day 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 11 – Mothers' Day Observed

Sunday, May 25 – Quarterly Church Meeting (following Morning Service)

Saturday, May 31 – Vacation Bible School

Sunday, June 1 – Annual Scholarship/Awards Day

Sunday, June 8 – Missionary Ministry Meeting (Following Morning Worship)

Sunday, June 15 – Fathers' Day Observed

Sunday, July 13 – Missionary Ministry Meeting

Sunday, July 20 – Annual Men and Women Day Program 2:00 p.m.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



APRIL

Annie Lockhart	8
Dave Heard	10
Rose Datiri	21
Amos Lockhart	29

MAY

Rev. Datiri	1
Gloria Morgan	2
Rodneshia Darden	5
Teianna Harris	9
Michael Foster Sr.	9
Michael Foster Jr.	10
Kimberly Black	12
Yeipyeng Datiri	20
Toretta Hughley	26

JUNE

Teresa Hodge	3
Marcia Jeter	5
Joseph Lockhart	16
Sarah Maddox	19
Christine Heard	24
Jamie Black	27
Mary R. Lockhart	29

JULY

Recola Lockhart	3
Whitney Jackson	3
Gloria Dowdell	5
Timothy Lockhart	11
Benjamin K. Reid	13
Rentavious Williams	15
Barbara Allen	23
Angelo Trimble	25
Gwen Wilson	28
George Lockhart	29

ANNUAL YOUTH DAY

Sunday, May 2, 2014
2:00 p.m.

Theme: "Teaching Our Children"
Deuteronomy 6:4-7
Emphasis: Building a child by laying the
Foundation of Faith (Training)"

Speaker – Rev. Christopher Dickerson
Greater St. Mark Baptist Church,
Tuskegee

Guest Praise Dancers-New Life Christian
Center, Opelika

HOW TO OPERATE WITHOUT MONEY

We have discovered a way for our church
to operate without money. Here's how it
will work:

Each member will come to church during
the week with a broom and a mop to keep
his part of the building clean. Then a paid
janitor won't be necessary.

Each member will take turn playing the
organ and directing the choir. No
organist or choir director will be needed.

Each member will bring materials and
tools to help maintain the building. Just
think of the money we can save by doing
it ourselves!

Each member must agree to spend at
least a year as a missionary at his own
expense on some foreign field. This will
do away with the need for missions
offerings.

Each member will go to college and
seminary for the required years and fulfill
all the qualifications to become a pastor.
Then he will take his turn preaching,
leading the services, conducting the
funerals, performing marriages, calling
on members and prospects, visiting the
sick, and administering the business
affairs of the church. This will save the
expense of the pastor's salary.

If you don't like these ideas for operating
the church, give ten percent of your income.
Then the church can operate in the
scriptural manner

QUESTIONS TO ASK BEFORE YOU DECIDE

Sometimes Christians have a hard time
deciding what to do in a specific situation
that calls for clear decision. Here are
some questions to ask, based on specific
passages from the Bible, that might help

you in finding God's will:

1. Can you ask God to bless your
decision? (Proverbs 10:22)
2. Can you thank God for it?
(Colossians 3:17)
3. Are you doing this to the glory of
God? 1 Corinthians 10:31)
4. Will your decision be a stumbling
block to others? 1 Corinthians 8:9
)
5. Are you doing this to please God
rather than people?
Colossians 3:23)
6. Have you thought ahead about the
consequences of your decision?
(Galatians 6:7)
7. Would you want to be doing
whatever you decide when Jesus
returns? Matthew 22:44)
8. Does it promote love? (Romans
13:8, 10)

Lockhart gradates from ROTC Leader's Training Course

Army Cadet Jalisa M. Lockhart
has graduated from the Army
ROTC (Reserve Officers' Training
Corps) Leader's Training Course at
Fort Knox, Ky.

The four-week course is a
leadership internship for cadets
that can lead to the ultimate goal
of becoming an Army officer.
College students experience and
examine the Army without
incurring an obligation to serve in
the Army or ROTC, and are
eligible to receive two-year college
scholarship offers and attend the
Advanced ROTC Course at their
college.

Cadets are observed and
evaluated during classroom and
field training exercises to
determine their officer potential in
leadership abilities and skills. The
cadets are trained to have a sound
understanding of traditional
leadership values during the
hands-on training. The training
develops well-disciplined, highly
motivated, physically conditioned
students and helps improve the
cadets' self-confidence, initiative,
leadership potential, decision

making and collective team
cohesion. The cadets receive
training in fundamental military
skills., Army values, ethics,
warrior ethos, basic rifle
marksmanship, small arms tactics,
weapons training, drill and
ceremony, communications,
combat water survival training,
rappelling, land navigation and
squad-level operations field
training.

Lockhart is a student at Auburn
University. She is the daughter of
George and Edith Lockhart and
granddaughter of George
Lockhart, all of Opelika. Lockhart
graduated in 2007 from Opelika
High School.

Special to the News

Shambria Canada



Based at Shepard Air Force Base
Witchatall Falls, Texas
Rank A-2 Airmen
MCS: Missile Gunner
Canada is the daughter of Michelle
Canada Harris, granddaughter of
Robert Lockhart and Nettie
Canada and great-granddaughter
of Mae Rose Lockhart and Shirley
Frazier

2014 Allstate Track & Field Classic, New Orleans

The 22nd Annual Allstate Sugar Bowl
Track & Field Classic kicked off at
4:00 PM on Friday, March 21st and
wrapped up on Saturday, March 22nd
at Tad Gormley Stadium in New
Orleans.

Opelika High School girls 4x100 relay team won first place and broke the meet record. Representing for Opelika High School new record holders were (L-R) Jakala Hand, Brittney Johnson, Breonna Lockhart, and Kala Spinks.



One of the largest high school invitationals in the South, this year's version of the Allstate Sugar Bowl Track & Field Classic featured teams from Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee and Texas.

In team competition, OHS Girls placed 3rd and OHS Boys tied for 2nd. Photos by Sidney Reed

Girls 4x100 Meter Relay

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Meet: 47.88 2013

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Finals

1 Opelika (Ala.) 47.69

Women - Team Rankings - 19 of 19 Events Scored

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3) Opelika (Ala.) 42

Men - Team Rankings - 19 of 19 Events Scored

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2) Opelika (Ala.) 45



Easter Highlights



Cherub Choir

Cherub Choir presented the pastor and his wife with their rendition of the song 'I can only imagine' during his 10th Pastoral Appreciation. They did such an awesome job. Performing that day were Kiyasha Reid, Kiyandra Reid, Benjamin Reid, Akeila Driver, Anthony Driver Jr., Tyra Pitts, Tyrese Pitts, Miyah Jeter, Malia Jeter, Michael Foster Jr., and Makenzie Black. Thank you so much Sis Kitzi Reid and Sis Crystal for doing such a wonderful job. Thank you parents and MT. Traveler Baptist for all your support.

Cherub Choir Coordinator,

Felicia Foster

