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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



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 will focus on:

SPIRITUAL MATURE PERSONS YEARN THE MORE FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

Maturity is an issue of the heart and mind. Spiritual maturity is identified by spiritual fruitfulness. Spiritual maturity is a reflection of the state of your heart and mind. A sensitive and considerate heart as well as calm, level and stable mind is always positively productive and reflecting maturity. An insensitive heart and/or irrational mind are indications of immaturity. A sign of maturity is selflessness while immaturity is full of selfishness.

Christians mature spiritually and become spiritually productive through proper nurturing by yearning for God's presence continually. Someone has to nurture you and you have to receive that nurturing before you can mature. Nurturing is a process that takes time as you spend time continuously in the presence of God. Ignorance, impatience and arrogance would definitely hinder spiritual nurturing thereby causing spiritual growth stunting, immaturity and unfruitfulness.

Many Christians have stunted growth, remain immature and unfruitful spiritually. Why is this so?

The reason is because Christians are just contented with being born again. Yes, being born again is the essential first step towards spiritual maturity and fruitfulness. Being born again is not sufficient in itself for a Christian to become mature. You must continue to yearn for the presence of God in your Christian life so as to reflect the character of Christ.

Fall is here; implying the holiday season is at hand too. What do you plan to do this holiday season? Will the presence of the Lord be with you? Would you consider inviting God to come along with you to every activity, occasion or event you will be part of? The Psalmist yearned for God's presence that he voiced it out: "As the deer pants for the water so my soul longs after you". This also reminds of Moses, the man who spoke face to face with God. I am reminded of Moses' discourse with God in Exodus Chapters 32 and 33. Exodus 32 concluded with God suggesting to Moses that He will not go into the Promised Land with Israel because of the idolatry it had committed that led to three thousand of them (men) losing their lives. God suggested destroying the whole Israelites for that sin of idolatry and making Moses a great nation. But Moses interceded and pleaded with God to relent His anger against His people Israel and remember His promise with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob so that He will not become a laughing stalk for the other nations who would then claim that God brought Israel out of Egypt but could not take them into the Promised Land. God listened to

Moses' plea and did not destroy Israel.

In Chapter 33 of Exodus, God commanded Israel to move into the Promised Land but His presence will not go with them rather He would send an Angel with them. But Moses rejected the offer and insisted that if God's very presence will not go with them he would not move an inch to enter the Promised Land. Moses' choice and desire was that God go alongside with Israel into the Promised Land. What about you? What is your choice: an Angel or God's very presence? So I ask you again, Mt Traveler, would you allow God to go with you everywhere during this holiday season and the days and years to come? Would you allow Him to go with you for shopping, to Saloons/Barber shops, parties you will attend and to your worship places? Would you insist like Moses and say unless You go with me I will not go? Or are you going to do it your own way; a way that seems right to a man but it ends up in destruction? Remember God is always near you at all times and He hears, perceives and sees all you say, think and do. For He said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you". If this is the case, why not invite Him to every occasion you will have every day?

It is harvest time; it is Thanksgiving time. 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. 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 ministering to our community without fear or

favoritism as we walk continuously in His presence. 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 **thanking 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 you all had a HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY IN SEPTEMBER and would have a wonderful THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION IN NOVEMBER. Remain blessed!!!!

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

2014 Lee County Ministers Appreciation Dinner

Honoring: Rev. B. C. Datiri, PhD.,
currently Pastor at Mt Traveler for
47 faithful years of Christian Service.

Congratulations!!!



PUPPET MINISTRY By: Diane Rufus



This is the puppet news for July to October. The puppets perform the 2nd Sunday in July " **The Birth of Jesus and Jesus Baptism** ". The puppeteers were Noro Datiri, Simi Datiri, Teyei Datiri, Timothy Lockhart, Tarmacs Milner and Rodney William. The 2nd Sunday of August "**The Stories of Jesus: The Disciples: John the Revelator**". The puppeteers were Simi Datiri, Teyei Datiri, Teanna Harris, Larry Maddox, Catina Milner, Rodney William Timothy Lockhart and Rodney William. The 2nd Sunday of September "**The Stories of Jesus: The Disciples: Andrew**". The puppeteers were Rodneshia Darden, Simi Datiri, Teyei Datiri, Timothy Lockhart, Catina Milner and Rodney William. The 2nd Sunday of October "**The Stories of Jesus: The Disciples: Matthias**". The puppeteers were Rodneshia Darden Simi Datiri, Teyei Datiri, Larry Maddox Catina Milner and Rodney William. The puppeteers has done great every 2nd Sunday keep up the good work. I love all of you and keep the good work going on.

DISTRICT NEWS

Wednesday, January 7, 2015- Ebenezer District 31st Annual Prayer Night to be held at the District Center. Rev. G. H. Pulliam will be the speaker and the District Mass Choir will render the music. All members are asked to please attend.

Saturday, January 10 – 2nd Sat.
Board Meeting at 9:00 a.m.

STATE/NATIONAL NEWS

Wednesday, January 21 – Alabama Baptist State id-Winter Board Meeting, Selma University at 10:00 a.m.

Sunbeam Department

The Ebenezer District Women Convention was held on October 1st and 2nd, 2014 in Camp Hill, Alabama. On Wednesday evening it was time for all youth to show their talent.

The Mt. Traveler Sunbeam/Cherub Choir represented. They led the other youth in with a song "Victory in Jesus". Our children also rendered another song as the special choir for the program.

There were a total of eleven present. Our five boys that were present were enough for Deacon Tim Lockhart to earn the Bible give away for the most boys present.

All the Children did a GREAT JOB!!

I would like to say thank you to all the parents, grandparents and our Church members for supporting our children.

Yours in Christ
Gwen Wilson
Sunbeam Chairperson

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



JANUARY

Walter Moore	4
Torrence Ballard	4
Charity Hodge	5
Jessica Moss	10
Tamarcus Milner	14
Anthony Driver	15
LaMorris Heard	16

FEBRUARY

Randy Driver	1
Robert Lockhart	2
Jimmy Dowdell	4
ZaKobe Collins	6
Jamal Beaver	12
Simi Datiri	21
Elizabeth Blackwell	22
ZaKwan Collins	23
Charles Ballard	23
Alma Black	26
Athonia Burton	28

MARCH

Teyei Datiri	2
Jimmy Johnson	9
Khadija Jacobs	12
Mary S. Trimble	13
Ocie Jefferson	17
Ruth Lockhart	17
Ruth Trimble	22
Kitzi Reid	22
Sonya Pitts	23
Sandra Slaughter	31

APRIL

Annie Lockhart	8
Dave Heard	10
Rose Datiri	21
Zoyanna Frazier	22
Amos Lockhart	29

THANKS

Thanks to all the members of Mt. Traveler for your articles, support and prayers in helping to publish our first Church Newsletter called "The Traveler" which started out around 1985 under Rev. Bryant, former pastor, which was published monthly. Under Pastor Datiri leadership, the name has been changed to "The Care Share".

Thanks to Sister Barbara Allen and Rev. Donnie Jacobs, Assistant Editors, who stepped in to help when it became the "The Care Share."

Sister Barbara Allen will no longer be an Assistant Editor. Anyone interested in assisting Rev. Donnie Jacobs let Pastor Datiri know.

After much prayer and consideration, it is time for someone else to take over the newsletter. Any information I can give, I will be happy to share with the next editor.

Again, thank you.

Sheree Lockhart
Editor