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From The Pastor's Desk

The Process of DORMANCY

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**MT. TRAVELER
MISSIONARY BAPTIST
CHURCH**



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Pastor

The monthly Newsletter of Mt. Traveler Missionary Baptist Church is known as "The CARE-SHARE Traveler"

C = Creatively
A = Always
R = Reaching
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 BIRTH OF CHRIST



PROPHECY FULFILLED

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 God

To be fruitful in serving Him

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The Process of ***DORMANCY***



Beloved Church Family:

We send you this special Seasonal Greetings in the precious Name of Jesus Christ whose birth into this world kicked off this festive season we now enjoy. So as we celebrate Christmas be grateful for God's grace and mercies that guaranteed salvation for us through faith in Jesus and be thankful. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

In this 2015-2016 winter issue of our Careshare Newsletter, it is my desire for Mt. Traveler to focus and reflect on the process of **DORMANCY**. In winter most of the plants go into a state of dormancy. This is the time that the shoot systems of the plants become invisible or inactive. It is resting time to conserve energy for next growing seasons.

The word dormant comes from the French root word "dormir" which means sleep. In sleep we rest so we can wake up again with renewed energy. When plants go to dormancy, they appear as dead, as they let go of their beautiful blooms and retreat to rest during adverse conditions (cold winters or dry seasons, depending on the region of the world you live in). Contrary to their appearance, they are not dead but dormant because when good weather returns (when the snow melts and the ground thaws or the rains return in dry areas) the plants seems to "lift their heads" to heaven to greet their Creator with brilliant and radiant colors, and sweet fragrances. Believers, ought to learn from the plants that there are different seasons in life. In times of "storms" or bad situations (distresses), believers must learn to go into dormancy.

These are seasons that believers need to be dormant as we rest and tarry before God to renew or revive us again so that we can rise and raise our standards for our society to observe the brilliant and radiant colors of our giftedness employed in serving God to please Him as a sweet fragrance. This is what actually attracts sinners to God – when they observe the sweet fellowship of believers in Christ that consist of singleness of heart and pure spirit. In other words, the dormant period is a time of retreat to reassess or reevaluate our values as believers to conserve our energy for the next season's growth. It is very definite that seasons of life require that we sometimes enter a period of dormancy.

Mt. Traveler
Church Calendar:

December:

December 13

Missionary
Ministry
Senior
Luncheon

(Following Morning Worship)

December 20

Annual
Christmas
Program

December 25

Annual
Christmas
Worship
Service

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The Process of DORMANCY.....contd

At such times, we are not really dead, but we may feel invisible. We may even feel we are useless but during such times God is dealing with us and working on us and in us to conserve our energy for the next season's growth. We must not insist to be visible and /or vocal but wait on God because He is protecting us and preparing us for a greater purpose. When the time is right again, God will call upon us again for active duty in service and worship. For they that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength (Isaiah 40:31). However, do not allow yourself to remain dormant for ever, for the fields are ripe and the work is plentiful but the laborers are few!

So, Mt Traveler, always remember that life is a pilgrim's journey and how you maneuver though it determines your eternal destiny in heaven or hell. I hope you will choose to walk in the newness of life that Jesus provides as you continue to yield and submit to His ways and will, rather than yours. As God continue to teach you His ways, please harking to His word and be obedient. Please brothers and sisters do not just focus on the physical but always look beyond the physical by focusing on the spiritual thereby defying the gravity of sin and its attributes which constantly try to pull you out of the grace of God. Amazingly, I have faithfully labored among you for almost twelve years as a shepherd with love and purpose; passionate for God yet compassionate toward the people so we can build relationships by connecting people, changing lives, and creating friendship and favor with both GOD and man by being a caring Church with ministries.

Therefore I urge you to follow me as your leader as I follow the leadership of Christ, the Chief Shepherd. Even though for some I might have had a period of dormancy, it is time to arise and let Mt Traveler awake for night is coming when no man can work. Employ your giftedness to bring glory to God! Endeavor to continue to build your testimony too as you know that His plan for you is always for good and not for evil to give a future and a hope as you live in the newness of life that Christ came to give us at that first Christmas.

Finally, 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 situations in life. Pray thanking God for my improved good health and also that God through the Holy Spirit would continually lead me in His paths to be the kind of shepherd He desires. I love you and I am praying for you too. Remain blessed and MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR (2016) TO ALL OF YOU!!!!

In His service,



Pastor

BIRTHDAYS

December

- Xavier Milner 2
- Crystal Driver 2
- Cytine Milner 5
- Mae Doris Melton 21
- Pamela Milner 28
- Diane Rufus 29

January

- Walter Moore 4
- Torrence Ballard 4
- Charity Hodge 5
- Jessica Moss 10
- Tamarcus Milner 14
- Anthony Driver 15
- LaMorris Heard 16
- Calvin Patterson 24

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

The Missionary Society

Missionary Society Meetings 2016

Dates	Leading Meeting
Sunday, January 10, 2016	Missionary Society Ministry
Sunday, February 14, 2016	Pastor Anniversary - No meeting
Sunday, March 13, 2016	Matron's Ministry
Sunday, April 10, 2016	Deacon Wives Ministry
Sunday, May 08, 2016	Mother's Day - No meeting
Sunday, June 12, 2016	Nurse's Guild Ministry
Sunday, July 10, 2016	Pearl's Ministry
Sunday, August 14, 2016	Usher's Ministry
Sunday, September 11, 2016	Minister Wives Ministry
Sunday, October 09, 2016	Matron's Ministry
Sunday, November 13, 2016	Missionary Society Ministry
Sunday, December 11, 2016	Senior Citizen Banquet - No meeting

The Sunbeam Department

The Sunbeams are doing well; the children have lots of questions during the meetings that we have.

Right now they are preparing for December 12th to attend the Crusaders program at the Ebenezer District Center.

Hope to see all the Youth there to represent the Church!

Sis Gwen Wilson
Sis Mae Doris Melton
Sis Alicia Darden

YOU ARE INVITED TO WORSHIP WITH US!!!!

Times of Worship/Fellowship

Sundays

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

Wednesdays

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

The Southeast District Calendar:

December:

December 12

2nd Saturday
Board Meeting
@9AM

(Ebenezer District Center)

December 12

Annual Crusader
Christmas Program
@10am

(Ebenezer District Center)

December 12

Annual Minister
and Minister Wives
Dinner

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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. 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”*.

CHOIRS

2015 MUSIC WORKSHOP (OCTOBER 15 & 16, 2015)



Soccer

Demetrius Darden played soccer with the Opelika Crush Traveling Team. The team traveled to Alexander City, Chelsea, Birmingham, Mobile and Tuscaloosa. They had a Great Season and Demetrius is looking forward to playing next year!

Little League Football

Carter McFadden played football for the Opelika SportsPlex for the Greenbay Packers. They had a great season overall but fell short in the Championship game 18-12.

The Packers had an end of the year party which was held at Shakey's where they received trophies, gift bags, cups and lots of Pizza.

Congratulations to the Packers on a Great Season!!!

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The Puppet Ministry



This is the puppet news for September to November.

The puppets perform the Saturday night September 12, 2015 at The Church Of God By Faith. They did two songs, “**Glad I got Jesus**” and “**So Amazing**”. The puppeteers were Simi Datiri and Timothy Lockhart. They did a great job.

The 2nd Sunday in September they did two songs, “**Victory**” and “**Glad I got Jesus**”. The puppeteers were Demetrius Darden, Timothy Lockhart, Rentavius William and Rodney William. They did two songs.

October 11, 2015 the puppets perform “**The Stories of Jesus: Pt 1: His Birth**”. The puppeteers were Demetrius Darden, Timothy Lockhart, Tina Milner, Rentavius William and Rodney William.

In November the puppets did a **Thanksgiving Skits**. The puppeteers were Demetrius Darden, Timothy Lockhart, Tina Milner and Rodney William.

**Puppeteers have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.
Love all of you.**

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