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**MT. TRAVELER
MISSIONARY BAPTIST
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Rev. B. C. Datiri, PhD
Pastor



From The Pastor's Desk

RESILIENCE

“.....Resilience is the ability to recover from setbacks, adapt well to change, and keep going in the face of adversity.”

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”.

Mission

A caring Church:
With Ministries
Changing Lives
Connecting People
Creating Friendship and
Favor with God and Man

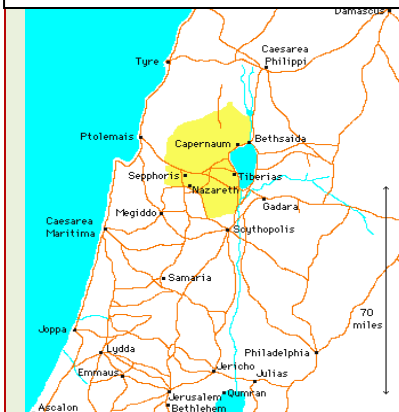
Vision

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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MINISTRY
IN THE
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Beloved Church Family:

We bring you Calvary's greetings knowing we have celebrated the resurrection of our Lord and savior earlier on this spring. Now that summer is around the corner it is good to remind ourselves that summer time is one of the busiest time of the year with gardening, graduations, vacations, weddings, and family re-unions to attend. All these require not only careful planning because they can become stressful due to emptiness from unfulfilled goals. The need for resilience to bounce back is imperative. Disappointments in the Christendom or in our Christian journey leads to fatigue and discouragements, and hence we require resilience to bounce back into healthy growth just like all the plants bounce back into healthy growth in summer after dormancy during the winter and renewed growth of spring.

In this 2016 summer issue of our Caeshare Newsletter, Mt. Traveler, let us focus and reflect on the word **RESILIENCE**. **Resilience is the ability to recover from setbacks, adapt well to change, and keep going in the face of adversity.** Within Christian organizations there are setbacks, adversities and changes in our lives because we are engaged in a spiritual warfare. Resilience is therefore necessary because you have to bounce back to normal spiritual growth. You cannot afford to dwell on your setback or adversity and wallow in your self-pity party. You have to rebound into healthy normal spiritual growth through your resilience.

The building blocks for resilience are positive emotion, engagement, relationships, meaning, and accomplishment. Positive emotion is love because love is of God. Love requires that you rebound to normal spiritual growth by forgiving one another even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven you. The ability to forgive is prove of your love for God and that you have faith in Him that He is able to do what He said He would do.

Positive engagement involves obedience to God's word knowing that you are in a spiritual warfare. Of course, the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but spiritual. This is why every Christian needs to always take the whole armor of God because the war we are engaged in is a spiritual warfare (Ephesians 6:10-18). Each time you overcome the devil, stand at a ready mood for your adversary the Devil is seeking an opportune time like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. Worst still the devil also comes as an angel of light!

Positive relationships are very vital to becoming resilient. Positive relationships are built by trusting Jesus Christ as Lord and savior. When you are a believer in Jesus, you have joined a movement of trust: trusting Christ and trusting other believers. Each time you succumb to the temptation to distrust or doubt Christ or other believers, you fall out this positive relationship. Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not

Mt. Traveler Church Calendar:

June 2016:

June 6-8

Vacation Bible school
(5:30-7:30 p.m.)

June 9-12

Youth Group Trip to the
Holy Land Experience,
Orlando, Florida

June 9-12

Missionary & Laymen
Meet (After worship)

June 17

Leadership Team Meet

June 19

Father's Day

July 2016:

July 4

Independence Day

July 9

Missionary & Laymen
Meet (After worship)

July 15

Leadership Team Meet

July 17

Men & Women's Day
Program, 2:00 p.m.

July 18

Summer Revival,
Pleasant Ridge - Pastor
Datiri & Mt Traveler
Mass Choir sings

August 2016:

August 14

Missionary & Laymen
Meet (After worship)

August 19

Leadership Team Meet

August 20

Annual Church Picnic

August 21

Homecoming Service

August 22-24

Annual Summer
Homecoming Revival

May 28

Mt. Traveler Quartely
Church Meeting following
Morning Worship

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RESILIENCE contd

to your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your path. All who trust in the Lord Jesus Christ are children of God who behave like their Father - loving each other unconditionally in this relationship.

Positive meaning in life is attained through absolute obedience to God's word. In obeying the word of God without questions, favoritism and /or choosing what to obey, you truly know God. Obeying His commandments proves our love for Him and to the world that we are His followers. The more you know God the more you would love as He loves; for God is love. In knowing God too, you will find true meaning in life. Hatred is not of God and if you harbor hatred in your heart check yourself perhaps you are none of His.

Positive accomplishment is achieved through faith. For without faith it is impossible to please God and faith also help us to know that those who believe in God must diligently seek to know Him to receive a reward from Him. Positive accomplish is achieving a healthy spiritual growth that is possible through faith which comes by hearing the word of God. In other words faith grows when you hear the word of God and obey it. To offset your adversity and rebound to normal spiritual growth is a positive accomplishment. Faith helps you to have gratitude because you are able to see things from God's perspective and think wisely as you practice what God says in His word. Each time you can see your adversity from God's perspective and think differently about it you have achieved a positive accomplishment. And you will bounce back from your adversity, pitfall or setback. This is why resilience is essential for every believer.

Plants seem to build their resilience during the summer when their spring revival growth from dormancy is accomplished in normal growth to maturity and fruit production. Christians likewise must be resilient to accomplish normal healthy spiritual growth and positive production of spiritual fruit. **For resilience is the ability to recover from setbacks, adapt well to change, and keep going in the face of adversity.**

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, adversities and/or other 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!!!!

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

BIRTHDAYS

June:

Teresa Hodge 3
Marcia Jeter 5
Rytavius Veasley 7
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
Jacqueline Lockhart 6
Abigiah Heard 8
Timothy Lockhart 11
Benjamin Keon Reid 13
Rentavius Williams 15
Barbara Allen 23
Angelo Trimble 25
Gwendolyn Wilson 28
George Lockhart 29

August:

Felicia Foster 1
Korri Maddox 4
Ninrat Datiri 4
Mary L. Jackson 10
Eva Patterson 10
Sheree Lockhart 12
LaChandra Lockhart 12
Rodney Williams 20
Mary E. Trimble 24
Kiyasha Reid 27

REVEREND RICHARD D. JACOBS ORDAINED

Reverend Richard D. Jacobs, a native of Munford, Alabama became a member of Mt. Traveler Baptist Church on January 15, 2006 while attending Auburn University and has served faithfully since that time. He was then licensed an Evangelist as his calling ministry on November 27, 2011 and has continued to serve faithfully as the Coordinator of the Evangelism and Outreach Ministry. In April 2012, he married former Khady Berthe and they are now proud parents of one daughter, Amila Christinie Jacobs.

Reverend Jacobs has a diploma in Pastoral and Christian leadership (April 2015) and an advance diploma in Mission and Evangelism (November, 2015), both from the Christian Leadership Institute. On Sunday afternoon, April 24, 2016, Mt. Traveler Missionary Baptist Church was the setting for the Ordination Service for Reverend Jacobs. The occasion was exciting, yet sacred as worshipers and well-wishers gathered and demonstrated powerful witnessing of support with testimonies of the body of Christ. The service was not a graduation nor was it for any achievement, but a service for one who God had sanctified for the ministry as attested by the congregation of baptized believers at Mt Traveler. Upon recommendation for ordination by his mentor, Pastor B. C. Datiri, PhD after consultation with the Leadership Team at Mt Traveler, an ordination council was assembled to examine Rev. Jacobs and make their recommendation. The Ordination Council consisted of Rev. Lindsey Torbert (honorary council member), Rev. George H. Pulliam, Rev. Mac Arthur Moss, Rev. Bernard Harris, Rev. Michael Heard, Rev. Clifford Jones, Rev. Jimmy Thomas (served as secretary of the council) and Rev. Bernard Anderson. The council after careful examination recommended Rev. Jacobs be ordained and so it was done. Other who graced the occasion included Rev. Keith Torbert, Rev. Roger Jones, Rev. Robert Cadenhead, Rev. Anthony Pogue, Rev. Christopher Jacobs (uncle), Rev. Homer Hayes (uncle), Rev. Turner and other members of the Lee County Justice Center Prison Ministry, Ebenezer District Association, Auburn District Association and the congregation of New Popular Spring Missionary Baptist Church, Dadeville, Alabama and Rev. Jacobs parents (Brother Ray and Sister Stephanie Jacobs).

We are grateful to the guest speaker for the ordination service, Reverend E. L. Jacobs, Pastor of Union Springs Missionary Baptist Church, Talladega, Alabama, who is also the cousin of Rev. Richard Jacobs. We also wish to thank the Union Springs Baptist Church choir and congregation for their attendance and support. In Reverend E. L. Jacobs' message to Rev. Richard Jacobs, he suggested four (4) primary thoughts to always remember: stay humble, remain teachable, be wise, continue to learn from your mentors and know how to apply God's wisdom to your life.

Finally, special thanks to Pastor Datiri for an excellent job in coordinating and contacting all the participants. Our thoughts and prayers for Reverend Jacobs are: Blessings to you, God bless you and your family, thanks be to God for you. Keep your relationship with Jesus strong and you will be a well rounded minister of the gospel.

**CONGRATULATIONS
REVEREND R. D. JACOBS
ON YOUR ORDINATION
APRIL 24, 2016!!!**

Submitte by Sister Ruth D. Trimble

Ebenezer District Calendar:

June 2016:

June 1

District Board Meeting,
9:00 a.m.

June 25

Matrons Talent Program,
District Center, 11:00 a.m.

July 2016:

July 9

District Board Meeting
9:00 a.m.

July 17

Pre-Congress Musical
6:00 p.m.

July 20-21

Congress of Christian
Education – Pleasant
Valley, Host

July 9

5th Sunday Fellowship
Program 2:00 p.m.

Sermon - Rev.
W.F.Smith, Beulah #1

August 2016:

August 6

Pageant Rehearsal 3:00
p.m.; YWA/Red Circle
Pageant – 5:00 p.m.

August 13

District Board Meeting
9:00 a.m.

August 27

Ebenezer District
Matrons' Banquet
5:00 p.m.

DEACON WIVES/AUXILIARY OF MT. TRAVELER

The Deacon Wives Auxiliary/Ministry of Mt. Traveler currently meets cooperatively with all auxiliaries of the Missionary Society 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 various events this quarter:

March 19, 2016 All Ministries Workshop & Moderators' Conference
Greater Peace Opelika, AL

April 2016 SEDSC Annual Youth Convention Banks, AL

May 7, 2016 SEDSC Annual Youth Rally Troy, AL

May 9 – 12, 2016 Southeast District State Convention Phenix City AL

May 14, 2016 Ebenezer District Annual Crusaders Program

May 15, 2016 Annual Youth Day Mt. Traveler

May 28, 2016 Ebenezer District Annual Pearls and Deacon Wives Banquet

UP-COMING EVENTS

June 4, 2016 SEDSC 1st Saturday Youth Meeting Greenville, AL

June 6 – 8, 2016 Vacation Bible School Mt. Traveler

June 11, 2016 Ebenezer District Board Meeting Ebenezer

June 13 – 16, 2016 Alabama Baptist Women's Convention Selma, AL

June 20 – 24, 2016 National Baptist Congress of Christian Education, Tampa, FL

July 9, 2016 Ebenezer District Board Meeting Ebenezer

July 17, 2016 Annual Men & Women's Day Program Mt. Traveler

July 17, 2016 Ebenezer District Pre-Congress Musical Ebenezer

July 20 – 21, 2016 District Congress of Christian Education Ebenezer

July 22 – 24, 2016 Walter Cade, Jr. Southwest Laymen's Workshop, Dallas, Texas

July 25 – 28, 2016 Alabama Baptist Congress of Christian Education, Selma, AL

July 31, 2016 District Fellowship Program Ebenezer

SEDSC 2016 Theme: "Building Strong Christian Relationships In The Body of Christ"
Scripture References: Acts 20:31, 36-38; Matthew 5:36-38; Hebrews 12:13-15;
Ephesians 2:14-18

EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION

One of the greatest blessings that have been given to us is that of communication. God created us with a mouth so we can express ourselves to Him and to our fellowman.
Rev. Clifford E. Jones

Sister Barbara Allen

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:

June 2016:

June 4

Southeast District 1st
Saturday Youth Meeting
& Fellowship, St. Paul
Baptist Church,
Greenville, AL

UPCOMING STATE AND NATIONAL EVENTS

June 2016:

June 13-16

Alabama Baptist
Women's Convention
Selma, AL

June 20-24

National Baptist
Congress of Christian
Education, Tampa, FL

July 2016:

July 22-24

Walter Cade, Jr.
Southwest Laymen's
Workshop, Dallas, Texas

July 22-24

Alabama Baptist
Congress of Christian
Education, Selma, AL

The Puppet Ministry

This is the puppet news for March 2016 to May 2016.

The puppets performed on the 2nd Sunday in March 2016. The puppeteers did an Easter skit.

On the 2nd Sunday in April 2016 the puppeteers performed a skit on the story of Mary and Martha.

Also, on the 2nd Sunday in May the puppeteers did the story of Jesus

The participants in Puppet Ministry during this reporting period were Deacon Timothy Lockhart, Rodney Williams, Rentavious Williams, LaMichaelFrazier, Tina Milner, and Demetrius Darden.

Although I have not been feeling too well, the puppeteers have been doing a great job. I wish to thank all the puppeteers and pray that those in school continue to do great. Please, study hard and be BLESSED. Also, pray for my good health to be restored. I am doing a lot better now.

Sister Diane Rufus

Music Ministry

Greetings from the Music Ministry,

I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live (Psalm 146:2).

The music ministry continues to strive to praise God through singing and music. I would like to take this time to thank all members of the music ministry for their dedication, service, and continuous cooperation as we praise God through using our gifts in singing and music to set the tone for worship.

As we look forward to making changes in order to glorify God and enhance worship, we ask for prayer/support from the music ministry and all other ministries. Starting on the 2nd Sunday in July 2016, the Youth Choir will be from ages 5-18. Sister Felicia Foster and I ask for the parents and all members to help us with this transition to get the youth involved in worship with singing.

The music ministry continues to be open for new members who would like to use their gifts in singing and/or by playing an instrument. We all have different gifts and should strive to encourage each other to use our gifts to the best of our ability with the goal of pleasing and glorifying God in all we do. Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. (Colossians 3:23-24)

Thanks.

Sister Simi Datiri,
Music Ministry Director

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The Missionary Society

Sister Annie Jean Lockhart - President
Sister Kimberly Black – Vice - President

The Missionary Society meets every second Sunday immediately after service. We invite any women of Mt. Traveler to come join us by giving your time and talents to the Lord through the Missionary Society.

Missionary Society Meeting Schedule 2016	
<u>Dates</u>	<u>Leading Meeting</u>
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

The Missionary Society is collecting items for 2016 Fashion Share Outreach Project by Sunday, June 5, 2016. The items are as follows:

- Paper plates
- Bleach
- Toothbrushes
- Panties
- Feminine Hygiene Products

There will be a box located in the foyer for the donated items!

**Celebrating Our
Annual Men's and Women's Day
Sunday, July 17, 2016
2:00 p.m.**

**Guest Minister:
Rev. Robert Cadenhead
Pastor of
Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church - Goldhill**

**Guest Choir:
Macedonia Baptist Church**

Pearl Colors:

Women - White Dress or White Suit (Pearl Colors: Please wear a gold corsage, gold accessories and/or gold hat representing the Pearl's Ministry)

Men - Black Suit, White Shirt, Gold Tie or Gold Bow Tie

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YOUTH MINISTRY

The youth have been very busy this year and especially the last couple of months. Majority of them maintained a B average and above academically during the School Year, and participated in extracurricular activities after school. They still devoted their time, talent and many gifts to the church as well as in our youth ministry and activities. They traveled to Troy on May 7, 2016 for the 51st Annual Youth Rally for the Alabama Southeast State District Convention and competed in four categories which included banner, praise dance, singing and drill/step. The Youth known as GPA (God's Precious Angels) Won 1st place in Banner and 2nd place in Drill/Step categories which was awesome for their first year to compete. They were very excited and we are very proud of them.

May 15, 2016 was the Annual Youth Day where Brother Tamarus Milner from Montgomery, AL gave our Youth words of encouragement to know it's ok to be DAB (Determined, Ambitious, and Bold). Also, it was awesome to have Rev. Richard Donnie Jacobs, our Guest Minister, to remind our youth that they are never too young for the job, and New Popular Spring Church family of Dadeville, AL as our Guest Choir and M.C. We are very proud of the Youth and very thankful to all who have supported them, went to their extracurricular activities, school programs, or shown love, gave rides, helped with late practice or whatever it may have been. We are thankful and grateful to you all. Continue to Pray for our Youth as they progress through the remainder of this year and many years to come.



Submitted by Sister Crystal Driver, Youth Coordinator

The Southeast District Calendar:

May 2016:

May 7

Southeast District Youth Rally - Troy State University, Troy, AL 8:30 a.m.

May 9-12

Southeast District State Convention Pine Hill Baptist Church, Phenix City, AL

MEN & WOMEN'S DAY

Mt Traveler Missionary Baptist will be celebrating its Men & Women's Day on Sunday July 17, 2016 at 2:00 PM. You are invited!

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