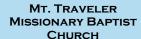
The CARE-SHARE Traveler

NEWSLETTER

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Rev. B. C. Datiri, PhD Pastor

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

(glue) for unity"

From The Pastor's Desk

TRUST

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- $\mathbf{A} = Absolutely$
- $\mathbf{R} = \text{Reconciling}$
- $\mathbf{E} = \text{Everyone}$ (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 in each quarterly Newsletter entitled "From the Pastor's Desk".

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

FINAL DAYS OF PREPARATION OF DISCIPLES

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

From The Pastor's Desk

TRUST



Beloved Church Family:

Another spring is fast approaching. Spring signifies the season of renewed life, growth and transformation. We send you this special Spring Greetings in the precious Name of Jesus and we hope our transformation as a Church would be towards greater teamwork. Teamwork is the coming together of individuals to work together to achieve a common or united purpose. For Mt Traveler this means coming together to fulfill our purpose of becoming faithful in obeying the word of God and fruitful in serving Him. From this year (2017), Mt Traveler shall focus on teamwork and our Careshare newsletters for this year will cover the first four letters of teamwork (T.E.A.M).

In this 2017 spring issue of our Careshare Newsletter, we will be discussing the first letter of the acronym "T.E.A.M.". The letter T represents TRUST for the team to succeed. Trust is an attribute and matter of the heart. It is really a heart issue that every believer must deal with and/or develop through agape love. Wherever there is agape love, trust exists; for love always leads to trust and this trust becomes the bond (glue) for unity. Therefore, trust has to come from a heart full of agape love to create the bond of unity for achieving a common purpose. Such begins with trusting God always rather than constantly being afraid. Thus Solomon, the wisest person that ever lived on the surface of this earth, wrote in the Book of Proverbs: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight [Or will direct your paths]" (Proverbs 3:5-6). We often take the wrong path of distrust because our hearts are not engaged in agape love but in our self-indulgences and selfishness that often allow sentiments to cause us not to trust others.

Further, let me reiterate that there has never been a team that succeeds without its team members having trust in each other. Trust enables you to submit and be vulnerable to the other team members without fear or doubt, shame or remorse, hesitation or discouragement but full of faith and confidence as well as courage and audacity knowing that no one will take advantage of you. When each member of the team can yield himself/herself to the growth and development of rest of the other team members, the whole team becomes more strong, courageous, bold and successful because the weakness of a member would be covered by the strengths of the other team members. Usually, the strength of any team is always determined by the "weakest link in the chain" of the members composing the team. So any church member that weakens the weakest member by "talking them down" actually discourages such a member making them the weakest link in team thereby causing the whole church not to have a bond unity and thus becoming weak and unsuccessful in its purpose.

Mt. Traveler Church Calendar:

March 2017:

March 4

19th Annual Prayer Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.

March 12

Music Ministry
Quarterly, Missionary,
Laymen & Crusaders
Meetings
(Following Morning
Worship)

March 17

Leadership Team Meeting

March 18

1st Leadership Workshop 10a.m.-12 Noon

March 25

Invited to Men & Women Day at Pleasant Ridge

April 2017: April 9

Missionary, Laymen & Crusaders Meetings (Following Morning Worship)

April 16

Easter Sunrise Service at 5:30 a.m.

April 22

Nutrition & Health Workshop 10a.m.-12 Noon

May 2017:

May 14

Mother's Day

May 19

Leadership Team Meeting

May 20

Annual Youth Workshop & Explosion

May 21

TRUST...contd.

And when someone submits themselves to be vulnerable to you, please do not take advantage of them because this is what leads to distrust. I urge you to be a good team member of our church who trusts other team members and who other team members can trust. Therefore, I challenge each members of Mt Traveler in particular that we develop agape love one for another to trust each other and develop into a strong and successful team. All divisions, dissensions, disgruntle attitudes, as well as disunity are due to distrust which does not help any team succeed but rather disintegrates it and cause its failure. Whereas a great church is a good team recognized by its agape love and consequently the trust that each member has one for the other without fear, doubt, discrimination or favoritism. Such a church is bound to be blessed and have great success. And yes we can be that church!

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 have A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR (2017)!!!!

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

MT TRAVELER MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH 2016 LEADERSHIP REPORT

The Mt Traveler Baptist Church Leadership Team has been quite busy this past year working with the Pastor and members to advance the mission and purpose of the Lord's body. The following is a summary of the activities of the Leadership Team for 2016:

- Approved church sponsorship of a bus annually to the National Baptist Congress. Leadership Team members agreed that having a vehicle for our people to go is more an investment than an expense, but we need to work on having a fail-safe method to ensure that the bus expense is available. We considered that we might be able to offer it as a project of the Ebenezer District so the district churches and the District Association will have more ownership of the trip and therefore be more committed to encouraging their members to attend the Congress. We should also build a cushion into the bus cost to ensure that we are not left holding an empty bag if someone signs up and then backs out or for some reason can't go.
- Initiated a project to identify the Church's physical property for inventory and use in emergencies or other circumstances.
- Adopted a resolution establishing the Robbie L. and Horace E. Trimble, Sr., Memorial Fund utilizing funds contributed subsequent to the deaths of Deacon and Sister Trimble. The resolution was adopted at the request of the family of Deacon and Sister Trimble, who proposed to combine two separate funds and establish the Robbie L and Horace E Trimble, Sr. Memorial Fund and to invest these funds at Edward Jones with the returns remitted to the Mt. Traveler Baptist Church Scholarship fund. The total invested in the new fund was \$3.105.00.

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2016 LEADERSHIP REPORT Contd.

- Approved language which may be used on garments purchased by/for choirs and other groups in the name of the Church. We agreed that shirts should minimally have Mt Traveler's name, but Pastor Datiri stated that the name of the Pastor need not be included, since these items are purchased individually and may transcend pastors' tenures.
- Assisted Pastor Datiri in refining his list of duties for each of the recentlyestablished church committees, and presenting the list to the Advisory Committee
- Began implementing the recommendations of the Building Steering Committee
 as approved by the Church. The first goal was improvement of the water and
 commode problems related to the women's bathroom. Deacon John Lockhart is
 commended for his lead on this work. Work continues on this project.
- Employed several strategies to build the Church's Building Fund Account.

 Deacon Amos Lockhart continues to lead this effort with innovative methods.
- Completed repayment of the loan, with interest, from the Building Fund for the purchase of the additional land behind the Church. The strategy employed further enhanced the strength of the Building Fund.
- Worked with the Missionary Society to purchase and install a new storage building, and to place a post at the corner of the newly-installed storage building to prevent accidental collision by motorists.
- Worked with the Audio-Visual ministry to update the A/V equipment to be able to provide copies of sermons and other activities to members. Deacon Randy Driver and Sister Ruth Trimble were instrumental in the selection and procurement of equipment.
- Assisted the Transportation Committee to ensure that the Church's van is road ready and safe. Deacon Walter Moore and Brother Larry Maddox are to be commended for their care of the van.
- Repaired the window at the bottom of the ramp in the sanctuary, an on-going problem. It appears to be completely repaired. Deacon Randy Driver led in this effort.
- Approved cleaning and painting of the kitchen and dining room, removing
 mildew from some walls. Deacon Timothy Lockhart and Brother Larry
 Maddox are commended for their work on that project, which occurred prior to
 the Church's Anniversary.
- Continued advancing the Building Fund Investment Program by enhancing the investments at Edward Jones.
- Undertook projects to maintain and improve the Church's grounds, including
 purchasing gravel for the roadway and engaging workers to maintain the yard.
 Worked with the Cemetery Committee to maintain and improve the cemetery.
 Deacon Amos Lockhart continues to provide leadership in this area.

Members are encouraged to provide input and suggestions to Pastor Datiri and the Leadership Team. We appreciate the cooperation and encouragement of members in all of our efforts.

Submitted by Deacon Angelo Trimble, Secretary

Ebenezer District Calendar:

March 2017:

March 11

Ebenezer District Board Meeting 9:00 a.m.

March 13-15

Ebenezer District Congress of Christian Education Seminar -Rev. Bernard Harris, Speaker – 6:30 PM

March 25

Youth Rally Ebenezer District, Camp Hill, Alabama 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

March 25

Ebenezer District Laymen Program 6:30 p.m.

April 2017: April 8

Ebenezer District Board Meeting 9:00 a.m.

April 15

Ebenezer District Ministers' Wives' Brunch 10:00 a.m.

April 30

Ebenezer District 5th Sunday Fellowship meeting. 2:00 PM

May 2017:

<u>May 5</u>

District Matrons
Planning Meeting 9:00
a.m. (Friday)

May 13

Ebenezer District Board Meeting 9:00 a.m

May 13

Ebenezer District Crusaders Progam 10:00 a.m.

May 27

Ebenezer District

Greetings from Pastor and First Lady – February 12, 2017

Beloved Church Family & Friends:

We greet you all in the Mighty Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ on this great occasion of this 13th Pastoral Anniversary and Appreciation Day for us. We are truly grateful from the depths of our hearts for honoring us this Day, February 12, 2017. Amazingly, these thirteen years have passed so quickly since the Lord first called us to minister among you; and these have by no means been easy thirteen years! Albeit, the Lord has continued to make everything work together for the good of them that love Him and have been called according to His purpose. His purpose at His calling was for us to be faithful in obeying His word and fruitful in serving Him.

We were called to lead and shepherd this congregation with passion for the word of God and compassion for the people according to knowledge and wisdom (understanding). We are delighted that we have continued to do so by doing things the "Jesus Way" according to ancient wisdom. We believe that our valley and mountaintop experiences during this process have all together continued to create a stairway stepwise spiritual growth to higher grounds in the Lord while building our trust in each other as shepherd and flock.

As we work together, we are actualizing the mission of being a caring church with ministries that are changing lives, connecting people, and creating friendship and favor with God and man. We are elated for the continuous support we have received all these past 13 years as testified by the theme the Pastoral Anniversary and Appreciation Committee has chosen for this year's celebration: "Honoring Our Pastor's Spiritual Knowledge and Earthly Understanding". We hope that those who are yet to fully accept and appreciate our leadership will soon do so that we may become united in purpose to continue to build God's kingdom together.

Finally, we are indebted to you for all your support throughout these years. May the Lord grant us more years to continue growing and working together in building His kingdom for the rest of the world to admire as we lift Jesus up! We appreciate all family members, the Mt Traveler church family and the outstanding leadership team as well as church staff, coordinators of and those active in various church ministries, the pastoral anniversary and appreciation committee, the ministers and staff of the Ebenezer district with their strong leadership, brothers and sisters in Christ, and friends for your support throughout these years. Special gratitude to our guest ministers for this occasion. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Remain blessed, Pastor B. C. Datiri and Sister Rose C. Datiri

SUNRISE WORSHIP EASTER SUNDAY, 2017

Mt Traveler Missionary Baptist will have SUNRISE worship service on Easter Sunday April 16, 2017 at 5:30 AM followed with a fellowship Breakfast. You are invited!

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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/or fully supported various events this quarter as follow:

December 11, 2016	Caroling and Senior Dinner	Golden Corral
January 4 2017	Annual Prayer Night	Ebenezer
January 14, 2017	Ladies Of Righteous Development Women's Workshop New Adka	
January 15, 2017	"Pack The Pew"	Pine Grove
January 15, 2017	Annual Missionary Day	Friendship
January 16, 2017	Martin Luther King Program	Opelika High
January 18, 2017	State Mid-Winter Board Meeting	Tuscaloosa, AL
January 28, 2017	First Financial Workshop	Mt. Traveler
January 29, 2017	5th Sunday Meeting/Fellowship	Ebenezer
February 4, 2017	SEDSC 1st Saturday Youth Meeting	Montgomery, AL
February 11, 2017	2nd Saturday Board Meeting	Ebenezer
February 11, 2017	Women and Association Meeting	Ebenezer
February 11, 2017	Pearls Black History Program	Ebenezer
February 12, 2017	13th Pastor and Sister Datiri Anniversary	Mt. Traveler
February 12, 2017	SEDSC Christian Leadership School	Montgomery, AL
March 4, 2017	Annual Prayer Breakfast	Mt. Traveler

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:

March 2017:

March 4

Southeast District Christian Education Meeting 10:00 a.m. Mt. Olive Baptist Church Ft. Mitchell, AL. Rev. Dr. P. Brown, Pastor

March 16

Southeast District
Board Meeting
10:00 a.m. - First
Baptist Church,
Ozark, AL. Rev.
Leonard T. Evans,
Pastor

The Puppet Ministry

This is the puppet news for December 2016 to February 2017; performances were on the 2nd Sunday of each month. On the 2nd Sunday in December 2016, the puppeteers did a Christmas skit; and during the Christmas program on 3rd Sunday in December they did 2 songs: Lovely Holiday and Silent Night. On the 2nd Sunday in January 2017 the puppeteers performed a New Year's skit. Then on the 2nd Sunday in February the puppeteers did a song: "Glad I got Jesus".

The participants of Puppet Ministry during this period included Deacon Timothy Lockhart, Diane Rufus, Zoyanna Frazier, Simi Datiri, LaMichael Frazier, Teyei Datiri, Teanna Harris, Larry Maddox, Rodney Williams, Rentavious Williams and Demetrius Darden. I am doing very proud of the puppeteers as they have been doing a great job.

Sister Diane Rufus

Music Ministry

Greetings from the music ministry,

Psalm 105:2- Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.

The songwriter, Kirk Franklin, expressed in his song:

"Someone asked the question

Why do we sing?

When we lift our hands to Jesus

What do we really mean?"

As we are in the start of the New Year of 2017, it is usually the time when most people take the time to evaluate the past year and look forward to making the New Year better.

As members of the music ministry, we should evaluate at all times the reason why we sing. We should strive to know the reason why we sing in order to lift the name of Jesus in our music ministry.

According to unlockthebible.org, they list 7 biblical reasons why singing matters:

- 1.) When you sing, you obey
- 2.) When you sing, you dig deep roots in the Word
- 3.) When you sing, you build up others
- 4.) When you sing, you make war (with evil)
- 5.) When you sing, you are spiritually strengthened for trial
- 6.) When you sing, you walk a God -designed pathway to joy
- 7.) When you sing, you glorify God

Psalm 104:33 I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

Please mark your calendars for the Mass Choir Quarterly Meeting/Dinner on 2nd Sunday, March 12, 2017 right after morning worship. Additional details: TBA

Praying for a successful 2017 for the music ministry! Thanks for your continuous cooperation..

Sister Simi Datiri, 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 2017

Dates

Leading Meeting

Sunday, March 12, 2017	Matron's Ministry	
Sunday, April 09, 2017	Deacon Wives Ministry	
Sunday, May 14, 2017	Mother's Day – No meeting	
Sunday, June 11, 2017	Nurse's Guild Ministry	
Sunday, July 09, 2017	Pearl's Ministry	
Sunday, August 13, 2017	Usher's Ministry	
Sunday, September 10, 2017	Minister Wives Ministry	
Sunday, October 8, 2017	Matron's Ministry	
Sunday, November 13, 2017	Missionary Society Ministry	
Sunday, December 11, 2017	Senior Citizen Luncheon – No meeting	

MT TRAVELER TECHNOLOGY GROUP MINISTRY



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Submitted by Sisiter Yeipyeng J. Datiri

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Vacation Bible School 2017)

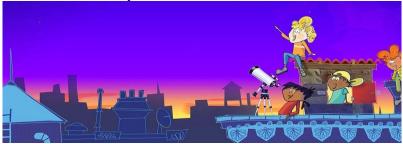


Mt. Traveler Missionary Baptist Church 1560 Lee Road 188, P.O. Box 69, Waverly, AL 36879 Vacation Bible School 2017 June 5th - 8th 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Registration Form (ONE FORM PER STUDENT)

Student Name:	Age:
Parent/Guardian:	
Contact Number:	
Thank You for your Pre-Registration	
T-shirt size: Money Deadline May 14, 2017 Youth:Sm Med Lg Adult:Sm Med Lg XL Total # of shirts Adult:2XL3-XL4-XL Total # of shirts @\$13.00 = *Shirts are Optional*	@\$10.00 =

Please Return Forms & Money to: Sis. Kitzi Dawson



<u>PS</u>: If anyone is available to help out in the kitchen during V.B.S. please contact me. Sister Kitzi Dawson, Coordinator

The Audio and Video Ministry

A few words about Audio/Video Ministries: We now have the video working in kitchen. At this time the recorder for making video is out of order and there is the need to get a new one. The recorder we were using for video is a DVD Recorder. Trying to find one is not easy, but we will keep looking. I have replaced two CD drives. I am able to make CD's and if you need one please let me know. GOD BLESS YOU!

RANDY.

The Southeast District Calendar:

April 2017:

April 1

Southeast District Youth Conference -8:00 a.m. Registration Antoich Baptist Church, Banks, AL. Rev. Darryl Caldwell, Pastor

April 9

Southeast District Annual Women's Conference - Elba Zion Baptist Church, Elba, AL 8:30 a,m.

STATE CONVENTION

April 17-18

Selma University Founders Day/Founders Day Banquet, Selma, AL. 10:00 a,m.

Sister Mary Rose Lockhart Awarded the 2016 Robbie I. Trimble Service Award

Sister Mary Rose Lockhart, a trailblazer, prayer warrior, a true and longtime servant of God, the senior member of Mt. Traveler Missionary Baptist who remains active, and a true friend of Sister Robbie Trimble for many years. Sister Mary Rose's life has exemplified what a tremendous picture of how one must do all he/she can do to serve and encourage others and then trust even the smallest details of our lives to the care of God, who is a loving heavenly Father.

Following President Mary J. Warren's address during the Women's Convention in October 2016, the Women's Auxiliary of the Ebenezer District Missionary Baptist Association presented Sister Mary Rose Lockhart the 2016 Robbie L. Trimble Service Award.





The Lockhart Family members in attendance were: Daughter, Sister Mary Jackson, Son, Brother Joseph Lockhart, Daughter-in-law, Sister Annie J. Lockhart, grandson and granddaughter, Reverend Phelix and Shay Lockhart, other Lockhart family members and members of the Mt. Traveler church family.

Congratulations to a very special jewel Mother, Mary Rose Lockhart (sitting)

Submitted by Ruth Trimble

YOUTH MINISTRY

All youth department units are doing well; this includes the Sunbeams, Crusaders, Red Circle and the praise dancers.

Every month the youth department looks forward to attending the Christian Education Classes throughout the southeast District Churches. The last two months, Mt. Traveler Baptist church, where Rev. Benjamin Datiri serves as the pastor, has been recognized for the most members present in attendance (Amen).

The Christmas program was very successful and we hope everyone enjoyed it. Thanks to all who attended. Right now all the youth are reading a report every Sunday for black history month (February). There was a short Black History program by the Youth Department on Sunday February 26, 2017 during morning service. We are also planning a great Easter program, hope to see you there.

Thanks to all the church family for supporting our youth department.

Larry Maddox, Coordinator Gwen Wilson, Assistant Coordinator.

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PICTURES FROM MT TRAVELER'S SENIOR CITIZENS' LUNCHEON AND CAROLING – submitted by Yeipyeng J. Datiri



The Southeast District Calendar:

May 2017:

May 6

52nd Southeast District Annual Youth Rally - Troy State University, Troy, AL 8:00 a.m.

May 15-18

Southeast District State Convention-Mt Olive Baptist Church, Tuskegee, AL. Rev. John Curry Jr., Pastor

Mt. Traveler Annual Senior Christmas Luncheon and Christmas Caroling

On December 11, 2016, Mt. Traveler Annual Senior Christmas Luncheon and Christmas Caroling were held following Morning Service. Our Christmas Senior Luncheon was held at Golden Corral, Opelika with approximately 14 senior members were in attendance including 2 of our senior members over 80 years of age, Sister Mary Ellen Trimble (oldest member) and Sis. Mary Rose Lockhart. We were happy to be graced with their presence.

The Annual Christmas Caroling was held before and after the luncheon. A large number of members visited and sung beautiful Christmas carols to Sisters Cindy Scott, Waverly; Ruth Lockhart, Auburn and Mildred Byrd, Oak Park Independent Living, Auburn. Gifts and food were presented from the church by the youth and matrons ministries. Thanks to all the members who supported both events with your attendance.

Sheree T. Lockhart, Matron Ministry Chairperson