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From The Pastor's Desk

ENCOURAGEMENT

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MT. TRAVELER
MISSIONARY BAPTIST
CHURCH



Rev. B. C. Datiri, PhD
Pastor

The Quarterly (formerly 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 in 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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ENCOURAGEMENT



Beloved Church Family:

We send you this special Summer Greetings in the precious Name of Jesus and we hope our transformation as a Church would be towards greater teamwork. Teamwork is the concept of 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. Mt Traveler is continuing to focus on teamwork as our Careshare newsletters for this year will cover the first four letters of teamwork (T.E.A.M).

Summer is always one of those busiest times of the year with gardening, graduations, vacations, weddings, and family re-unions to attend. All these events and activity require teamwork to plan and execute for their success. This 2017 summer's issue of Mt. Traveler Careshare Newsletter will focus therefore on the second letter of the acronym TEAM. The letter E is for the word **ENCOURAGEMENT**.

Encouragement is the act of making something more appealing or more likely to happen. It is a great attribute of the heart, as it requires self-sacrificial efforts to edify and build the self-esteem of other team members for the team's success. Christianity is not about ego and its success but rather a team effort for the sake of successful ministry on behalf of Lord and savior, Jesus Christ. If Mt Traveler is to work together as a team, members must learn to sacrifice for the encouragement of each other as it will help every member to make more efforts to increase their efficiency in ministry and bring about the success of the team in ministering for Christ.

There has never been a successful team without encouragements. Encouragement is effective where trust among the team members exists such that whenever any team member is tempted to give up and quit other team members rally around them to encourage them to keep going. Consequently, the whole team works together in synergy for a greater success of its purpose than individual efforts would have achieved. Encouragement does not imply ignoring the faults of team members; neither does it become too critical about such faults to ruin the chemistry of the team. The balance comes when genuine loves is practiced and where trust flourishes. And when any team member feels encouraged, they give more efforts towards increasing the efficiency of the whole team for success. **In fact, encouragement is a gift and an ability to cheer others up to rise up beyond their present condition, circumstances or situation.** Therefore, any time a team observes that a member is its "weakest link", it rallies around such a member for support such that other teams will not be able to exploit that weakness. And as a team, Mt Traveler Church members must learn to support those that are weak among us otherwise they will be discouraged and give up making any efforts thus jeopardizing the success of our whole team in ministry.

Mt. Traveler Church Calendar:

June 2017:

June 3

Southeast District 1st
Saturday Youth Meeting?

June 4

*Dedication of Robbie L.
Trimble Memorial Library
– Morning Worship
* Annual Scholarship and
Awards Day 1:00 p.m.

June 5-8

Vacation Bible School –
Mt. Traveler (5:30 p.m. to
8:00 p.m.)

June 9-11

Youth Group trip Departs
to Bessemer, Alabama, etc.

June 11

Missionary, Laymen &
Crusaders Meetings
(Following Morning
Worship)

June 16

Leadership Team Meeting

June 18

Father's Day

July 2017:

July 9

Missionary, Laymen &
Crusaders Meetings
(Following Morning Worship)

July 14

Leadership Team Meeting

July 16

Annual Men and Women's
Day 2:00 p.m.

August 2017:

August 13

Missionary, Laymen &
Crusaders Meetings

August 18

Leadership Team Meeting

August 19

Annual Church Picnic

August 20

Homecoming Worship

August 21-23

Annual Summer Revival

August 27

Church Quarterly Meeting

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ENCOURAGEMENT...contd.

Encouragement is necessary in the church to build the weak members and restore their strengths so that they can make more efforts to make the whole team more efficient in executing the game plan of ministering. Every team needs encouragers (great cheerleaders and coaches). Certainly, Mt Traveler can use some encouragers (Coordinators of various ministries as cheerleaders alongside with the pastor as coach) so that we can all succeed in ministry and reach glory to inherit the kingdom of our Father. I urge you to be a good team member of our church who encourages other team members and who receives encouragement from other team members. I remind us of the admonition of Paul in Galatians 6:1-3, "Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves" (NIV). If our church members would stop talking about each other's faults and start taking to each other about their faults to encourage them, our church will succeed in its warfare as everyone will become more efficient in executing our game plan against sin and Satan. A great church is a good team recognized by its agape love and consequently the trust that each member has to encourage 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 crises in life. Pray thanking God for my improved good health and 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**

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**

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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:

March 4, 2017	Benefit Program Sister Shirley Cadrnhead	Mt. Lovely
March 5, 2017	36TH Pastoral Anniversary for G. H. Pulliam	Pine Grove
March 5, 2017	Annual Missionary Day Program	Beulah No. 1
March 11, 2017	2nd Saturday Board Meeting	Ebenezer
March 12, 2017	Annual Missionary/Women's Day	St. John
March 13-15, 2017	Ebenezer District Annual Seminar	District Center
March 13-15, 2017	Annual Revival	Pleasant Grove
March 16, 2017	SEDSC Board Meeting	Ozark
March 18, 2017	First Annual Leadership Workshop	Mt. Traveler
March 19, 2017	Annual Men & Women's Day Program	New Adka
March 19, 2017	3rd Anniversary for Rev & Sis Phelix Lockhart	Pleasant View
March 19, 2017	Missionary Program	Bethesda
March 25, 2017	Ebenezer District Youth Rally	District Center
March 25, 2017	Ebenezer District Annual Laymen Program	District Center
March 26, 2017	Annual Deacon and Deacon Wives Program	New Canaan
April 1, 2017	SEDSC Annual Youth Convention	Banks, AL
April 2, 2017	Ordination Service Of Brothers	Pleasant Valley
April 6, 2017	Home Going Celebration Quantavious Reese	Alexander City
April 8, 2017	2nd Saturday Board Meeting	District Center
April 8, 2017	SEDSC Women's Auxiliary Annual Conference	Elba AL
April 15, 2017	Minister Wives Brunch	District Center
April 17 -18, 2017	Founders Day Celebration and Banquet	Selma AL
April 29, 2017	Mothers Daughter Banquet	Mt. Traveler
April 30, 2017	5Th Sunday Meeting	District Center
May 5, 2017	District Matrons Planning Meeting	District Center
May 6, 2017	SEDSC Annual Youth Rally	Troy, AL
May 13, 2017	2nd Saturday Board Meeting	District Center
May 13, 2017	District Annual Crusaders Program	District Center
May 15 - 18, 2017	Southeast District State Convention	Tuskegee, AL
May 20, 2017	Youth Explosion	Mt. Traveler
May 21, 2017	Annual Youth Day	Mt. Traveler
May 27, 2017	Annual Pearls and Deacon Wives Banquet	District Center

UP-COMING EVENTS

June 3, 2017	SEDSC 1st Saturday Youth Meeting	Greenville, AL
June 5- 8, 2017	Vacation Bible School / Trip	Mt. Traveler
June 10, 2017	Ebenezer District Board Meeting	District Center
June 10, 2017	Matrons Talent Program	District Center
June 12 - 15, 2017	Alabama Baptist Women's Convention	Bessemer, AL
June 17, 2017	Fathers Day Breakfast	Mt. Traveler
June 19 - 23, 2017	National Congress of Christian Education	St. Louis, MO
July 8, 2017	Ebenezer District Board Meeting	District Center
July 16, 2017	Annual Men & Women's Day Program	Mt. Traveler
July 16, 2017	Ebenezer District Pre-Congress Musical	District Center
July 19 - 20, 2017	Ebenezer District Congress of Christian Education	District Center
July 24 - 27, 2017	Alabama Baptist Congress of Christian Education	Birmingham, AL
July 28 - 30, 2017	Walter Cade, Jr. Southwest Laymen's Workshop	Little Rock, AR
July 30, 2017	District Fellowship Program	District Center

Sister Barbara Allen

Ebenezer District

Calendar:

March 2017:

June 10

Ebenezer District Board Meeting 9:00 a.m.

June 24

Ebenezer District Matrons Fellowship Meeting.

July 2017:

July 8

Ebenezer District Board Meeting 9:00 a.m.

July 16

Ebenezer District Pre-Congress Musical 6:00 p.m

July 18-19

Ebenezer District Congress of Christian Education

July 30

Ebenezer District 5th Sunday Fellowship

August 2017:

August 5

*Rehearsal for Ebenezer District Beauty Pageant 3:00 p.m.
* Ebenezer District Beauty Pageant 5:00 p.m.

August 12

Ebenezer District Board Meeting 9:00 a.m

August 26

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

A FEW SERIOUS MESSIANIC COMMUNITY BEHAVIORS TO OBSERVE DURING VISITATION

When visiting the sick, go with a humble spirit and a pleasant attitude. Do not go on a day when you do not feel well. Your purpose is to encourage the sick person, so be at your best before you visit. Do not bring up unpleasant subjects during discussions and keep your visit short. Share a scripture and prayer but do not disturb other patients in the hospital room. In the home of a sick person, determine opportunities to be of service but do not invade privacy when and where help is not wanted.

In Nursing Homes, it is possible to meet many needs but you must first obtain permission and have a clear understanding with the staff of the institution before doing anything or bringing in items, even if you are a family member. The wishes of the patient are to be considered first if there is no life threatening condition. Christian principle demands that we treat others as we wish to be treated.

When visiting the bereaved, it is not necessary to force a conversation. The hurt of losing a loved one often causes loss of words. Take the opportunity just to "be there". You may want to take along some light reading matter. Do not "probe" into "how it happened" but just listen attentively when the bereaved offers information.

In homes there may be chores that need to be done. Give help when and wherever you can but do not insist when the patient ask you not to. Refrain from discussing untidy conditions that you might have observed in a home. If it is possible to get the situation remedied please do so without embarrassing anyone. Show love and concern at all costs.

Submitted by Sheree Lockhart

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MEN & WOMEN DAY CELEBRATION

Mt Traveler Missionary Baptist will have Men & Women's Day
worship service on July 16, 2017 at 2:00 PM. You are invited!

FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY AND HOMECOMING SUMMER REVIVAL

Mt Traveler Missionary Baptist will have:

- * FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY on August 19, 2017 at 2:00 PM.
- * SUMMER REVIVAL August 21-23, 2017 at 6:30 PM,
Each Night

You are invited!

The Puppet Ministry

This is the puppet news for March 2017 to May 2017; performances were on the 2nd Sunday of each month. On the 2nd Sunday in March 2017, the puppeteers did a song: I got the victory. On the 2nd Sunday in April 2017 the puppeteers did a song: On my way home, fix it Jesus. Then on the 2nd Sunday in May the puppeteers did a song: "My Heart says, "Yes"".

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

Music/singing is an important part of worship. it sets the atmosphere ready to receive a word from God. Our purpose is to make sure the word of God is heard by enhancing the worship experience with songs of praise and/or worship. Music has a way of soothing the soul, exciting our hearts, and exercising our minds/thoughts. If you have a gift of singing/music, we encourage you to use your gift and join the Music Ministry.

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. (1 Peter 4:10)

The Gift to Sing

James Weldon Johnson, 1871 - 1938

Sometimes the mist overhangs my path,
And blackening clouds about me cling;
But, oh, I have a magic way
To turn the gloom to cheerful day—
I softly sing.

And if the way grows darker still,
Shadowed by Sorrow's somber wing,
With glad defiance in my throat,
I pierce the darkness with a note,
And sing, and sing.

I brood not over the broken past,
Nor dread whatever time may bring;
No nights are dark, no days are long,
While in my heart there swells a song,
And I can sing..

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

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Leading Meeting</u>
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

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Submitted by Sisiter Yeipyeng J. Datiri

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Vacation Bible School 2017)



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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 ____ @\$10.00 = ____

Adult: ____ 2XL ____ 3-XL ____ 4-XL

Total # of shirts ____ @\$13.00 = ____

Shirts are Optional

Please Return Forms & Money to: Sis. Kitzi Dawson



PS: 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.

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Shiloh Baptist Church,
Birmingham, Alabama

NATIONAL CONVENTION

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YOUTH MINISTRY

Get Lit! Be Lit! Stay Lit!

The youth have been really busy these past few months. The crusaders would like to thank Mr. LaMorris for allowing them to help him and Mr. Larry tend to the needs of the church's garden. The Crusaders have started to help the deacons lead in morning devotion on 4th Sundays.

The youth attended and competed in Troy at the 52nd Annual Youth Rally on May 7th. The youth participated in the following categories: Praise Dance, Step Team, Banner and The Bible Bowl. The youth brought home 3 trophies. They were 3rd place in praise dance, 3rd place in the banner and 2nd place in step. Unfortunately the youth did not win a trophy in the bible bowl category. They came in 8th place out of 13 churches contesting and our relatively younger contestants were competing against teenagers from other churches. We want to thank the youth for their hard work and dedication for these past months. Also, we want to thank the parents for their help as well.

Larry Maddox, Coordinator.

First five pictures: LaMorris, Larry & a Youth at work on the Church's garden; and then the Praise Dancers, Step Team and Banner at the Youth Rally in Troy, Alabama



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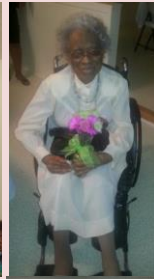
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**SOME PICTURES FROM MT TRAVELER'S MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS
Pre-Mothers' Day Banquet**



**MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS
Pre-Mothers' Day Banquet**

Saturday afternoon, April 29, 2017, a Mothers' and Daughters Banquet was held in the Fellowship Hall at Mt. Traveler. Our guest speakers for this occasion were Sister Mary Rose Lockhart and Sister Roseline Datiri. Both speakers' presentations were outstanding as they shared valuable godly information to the matured and young women in attendance.

Each table was adorned with beautiful live/cut arrangements of assorted flowers, which complimented the colorful dinnerware and eating utensils. Each flower arrangements was given away to the guests as door prizes. Following a wonderful buffet meal, the mothers and daughters were entertained with various games and prizes. There were 42 mothers, grandmothers, daughters, granddaughters, great granddaughters, and guests were in attendance.

Submitted by Sister Ruth Trimble

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