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- **Connecting People**
- **Creating Friendship and Favor With God and Man**

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NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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Beloved Church Family:

Christmas is a time to reflect on the grace and mercies of God and be grateful for Jesus who humbled Himself to be born of a woman and be the Savior of the world and God with us. His name is Jesus for He is the savior of the world, saving His people from their sins (Mat 1:21). His name is also Immanuel, meaning God with us (Mat 1:23). So as you rejoice this Christmas and holiday season know that Jesus is the reason for the season.

The year 2010 is fast ending and the New Year, 2011 is fast approaching. So this is the time for reflection and evaluation of our lives. This is necessary because life is fleeting and it will soon pass; only what is done with and for Jesus Christ will last eternity. This life is a pilgrim's journey in which your walk here on earth determines your eternal destiny in heaven or hell. I hope you will choose to walk with Jesus in the newness of life He provides when you submit to His ways rather than yours. Therefore for the remaining of your pilgrim's journey I pray and hope that you will always look beyond the physical and defy the gravity pulling you out of God's grace to wallow in sin and its attributes. The wages of sin is death (eternal separation from God in hell); but the free gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We are excited and look forward to 2011. Since this is the end of the Year 2010, I am obliged to inform you that we shall again start the New Year (2011) with our customary weeklong prayer and fasting from January 3-9, 2011. This will be the time to dedicate the Year to the Lord and seek His will for Mt Traveler. I ask for more participation from members of Mt Traveler. Each evening during this week of fasting and prayers, we shall convene at the Church at 6:00 PM to pray and share testimonies and prayer items. However, throughout the day individuals will pray by themselves or if possible with someone that is close by all day. In fact, as the Lord has enlightened me it will require continuous prayers and sometimes fasting to take Mt Traveler to the next level of spirituality. To be spiritual is to know the mind of God and do His perfect will. So I hope that the year 2011 will be the year that Mt Traveler will have a breakthrough and

reach the next level of spirituality. This can be done only through knowing how to pray and praying without ceasing. In February 2011, I would have



completed seven years as pastor at Mt Traveler and so I am praying with great anticipation for the Lord to lift us up to the next level in our spirituality. We must move from being religious to being spiritual. Spirituality involves building godly relationships with other believers and redemptive relationships with the un-churched after we have first developed a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

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Evangelism & Outreach Ministry

Richard D. Jacobs
Evangelism & Outreach Coordinator

The Mt Traveler Evangelism and Outreach Ministry has been very active in the Past Year at the Lee County Detention Center in reaching out to our local inmates assisting Rev. Hugh Turner Jr. and the Greater Peace Missionary Baptist Church. Our visits are on the 2nd (Gender separate Service) and 4th (Joint Gender Service) Sunday's of every Month from 7:30am-8:30am. Our Outreach there has grown from attendance to Ministering.

Sis. Barbara Allen has taught the Women services on various subject topics from various Books including from the book **A Guide to Prison Survival** the topic "Hanging on to Life" taken from Psalm 27:13-14. She has also taught from the book **You Are Somebody** on the subject topic of "God Don't Make No Junk" taken from Matthew 22:35-40. She has taught from another book

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

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Henceforth, we have resorted to quarterly newsletters as a church. The "from the pastor's desk" will focus mainly on exhortation and doctrine. Announcements will be elsewhere as deemed fitting by the editorial staff of the Care-Share newsletter. Coordinators of the various Church ministries are advised to make quarterly article contributions to the newsletter to enlighten others on what God is doing in their ministries. For Mt Traveler to grow healthily, each member is encouraged to use his/her giftedness to serve God. Altogether we must employ our giftedness to advance the course of Christ. The outreach evangelism outings into our community provide great opportunities to employ your giftedness to create the awareness and presence of God in the community. All Mt Traveler members are encouraged to participate either in the evangelism outings or the follow-ups. This will allow all Mt Traveler members to get involved in this process of Church growth so that the Church will grow healthily. We need people to pray, make phone calls, write and/or send letters, make visits, disciple individuals, etc to keep a continuous contact and build redemptive relationships with prospects. Please let us not slack our efforts in this vital ministry of reproduction for the church. Therefore I suggest that each member (no exception) should immediately submit his/her name to the Outreach and Evangelism Ministry Coordinator (Brother Donnie Jacob) with the area(s) they want to be involved in. Thank you for your cooperation.

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 in life. Pray for my 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. Remain blessed. MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR (2011) TO ALL OF YOU!!!!

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

ANNIVERSARY AND APPRECIATION



The 7th Anniversary and Appreciation Day for Pastor and Sis. Datiri was schedule for Sunday, February 13, 2011 at 2:00 PM. Rev. Bernard Anderson and the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church will be our guest. Colors for Appreciation Day: Red and/or Cream.

CHERUB CHOIR

FELICIA FOSTER



I asked each child what was there favorite color and what they would like to be when they get older. Below are there responses. Smile!!

Rentavious Williams - His favorite color is blue. He would like to be a football player for Auburn University.



Tyra Pitts - Her favorite color is Pink. She would like to be a singer.

Tyrese Pitts - His favorite color is Yellow. He would like to be an Auto Man.



Gabrielle Lockhart - Her favorite color is purple. She would like to be a policewoman and a cheerleader.

Michael Foster, Jr. - His favorite colors are red and blue. He would like to be a Bob the Builder Man.



ZaKwane Collins - His favorite colors are red and yellow. He would like to be a football player for the University of AI and University of CA.



ZaKobe Collins - His favorite colors are read and blue. He would like to be a football player for the University of AI.



MJ Alabama/Auburn Tailgate Party

FELICIA FOSTER



- To realize
the value of a sister/brother
Ask someone
who doesn't have one.
- To realize
The value of ten years:
Ask a newly
Divorced couple.
- To realize
The value of four years:
Ask a graduate.
- To realize
The value of one year:
Ask a student who
Has failed a final exam.
- To realize
The value of nine months:
Ask a mother who gave birth to a stillborn.
- To realize
The value of one month:
Ask a mother
Who has given birth to a premature baby..
- To realize
The value of one week:
Ask an editor of a weekly newspaper.
- To realize
The value of one minute:
Ask a person
Who has missed the train, bus or plane.
- To realize
The value of one-second:
Ask a person
Who has survived an accident.
- Time waits for no one.
Treasure every moment you have.
You will treasure it even more when
You can share it with someone special.
To realize the value of a friend or family
member: LOSE ONE.
Hold on tight to the ones you love!

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VALUES

entitled **Prison Survival Guide** on the topic "Overcoming Fear" from Psalm 91:14-15 in each meeting the Women inmates were truly blessed.

Deacon John Allen, Deacon Amos Lockhart, and Bro. Donnie Jacobs have been able to Minister during the men's services on a rotating scheduling. Deacon John Allen has ministered on the Topics "Daniel in the Lion's Den", "Jesus the Light of the World", and "You Can Run but You Can't Hide". Deacon Amos Lockhart has Ministered on the Topics "He will never Leave you Nor Forsake You", "Rules to Live By", and "Trust in the Lord with All your Heart and Lean not unto thy own understanding". Bro. Donnie Jacobs has Ministered on the Topics "The Chastening of the Lord", "Re-Dedication- From Dedication to Denial", and "The Biblical Effect of Satan on the Heart and Minds of Men".

The Prison Ministry has grown and is growing in reaching out to those who are physical and spiritual prisoners. In the upcoming year a Re-entry program into society will begin for the inmates. For those who are interested in joining this Outreach please see Deacon John and Barbara Allen. New members need to go through a Tutorial with Rev. Turner, which will be scheduled based on the number of interested persons for Saturday, February 26, 2011.

The Outreach and Evangelism Ministry along with the Deacon Wives and Matron Ministry are asking you to participate in the **Spring Pre-Easter Can Food Drive**. All donations will go to benefit and help the Food Bank of East Alabama. The Last day to give will be Sunday March 27, 2011.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

FEBRUARY 13, 2011
2:00 PM, MT. TRAVELER
PASTOR & SIS, DATIRI
APPRECIATION PROGRAM

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FEBRUARY 5, 2011
10:00 AM, EDWARD BELL
HIGH SCHOOL
SOUTHEAST DISTRICT STATE
Congress of Christian
Education Meeting

Edward Bell High School, Camp Hill, Alabama. Hosted by Pine Grove Baptist Church, Rev. G. H. Pulliam, Pastor. All youth advisors, youth, pastors and members of the Ebenezer District are asked to attend.

JANUARY 30, 2011
2:00 PM, EBENEZER DISTRICT
5TH SUNDAY

5TH Sunday Meeting with sermon by Rev. G.H. Pulliam and music by Pine Grove Baptist Church Choir.

FEBRUARY 7-11, 2011
TBA, EBENEZER DISTRICT
DISTRICT REVIVAL

FEBRUARY 12, 2011
9:00 AM, EBENEZER DISTRICT
ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 12, 2011
10:00 AM, EBENEZER
DISTRICT CONGRESS,
WOMEN ASSOCIATION

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MARCH 12, 2011
9:00 AM, EBENEZER DISTRICT
2ND SATURDAY BOARD
MEETING

MARCH 14-16, 2011
7:00 PM , EBENEZER DISTRICT
SEMINAR

MARCH 26, 2011
6:30 PM, EBENEZER DISTRICT
LAYMEN PROGRAM

MARCH 26, 2011
8:30 AM, EBENEZER DISTRICT
YOUTH RALLY

Southeast District State
News

State Congress of Christian
Education Meeting Place TBA

March 5, 2011 - Southeast
District State Congress of
Christian Education Meeting,
Place TBA

March 17, 2011 Southeast
District State Board Meeting
10:00 a.m. Place TBA

JANUARY 17-20, 2011
TBA, NASHVILLE, TN
NATIONAL MID-WINTER BOARD
MEETING

Lee County Clergy Appreciation Dinner
 Greater Peace Baptist Church, Opelika
 October 5, 2010 6:00 PM Speaker: Rev.
 Carter Conlan. There were approximately 8-
 10 members from Mt. Traveler in attendance
 to enjoy the program and a delicious meal.



Pastor Datiri



**Pastor &
 Sister Datiri**

Charles Ballard	23
Alma Black	26
Torrance Maddox	27
Athonia Burton	28

MARCH

Teyei Datiri	2
Jimmy Johnson II	9
Khadija Berthe	12
Mary S. Trimble	13
Ruth Trimble	22
Kitzi J. Reid	22
LaSonya Shaver	23
Lula Gullate	28
Mary L. Lockhart	28
Sandra Slaughter	31

APRIL

Annie Lockhart	8
Dave Heard	10
Patricia Lockhart	18
Rose Datiri	21
Zoyanna Frazier	22
Amos Lockhart	29

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



SHERRIE LOCKHART

JANUARY

Walter Moore	4
Torrance Ballard	4
Charity Hodge	5
Jessica Moss	10
Tamarcus Milner	14
Anthony Driver	15
LaMorris Heard	16
Regina Trimble	21
Calvin Patterson	24
Rev. Chris Johns	25

FEBRUARY

Randy Driver	1
Jimmy Dowdell	4
John Trimble Jr.(JJ)	4
ZaKobe Collins	6
Johnathan Trimble	9
Jamal Beaver	12
Timmesia Maddox	14
Clara Ruth Vaughn	20
Simi Datiri	21
Elizabeth Pennyamon	22
ZaKwan Collins	23

(Please give your name and birthday to Sheree Lockhart so we can wish you a "Happy Birthday") The secret of happiness is to count your blessings----- not your birthdays.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.



Martin Luther King Day is one of the United States' most celebrated holidays. It honors the life

of a man who promoted equal rights. This illustration is based on artwork from ©iStockphoto.com/Soren Pilman
 Martin Luther King Day is a federal holiday held on the third Monday of January. It celebrates the life and achievements of Martin Luther King Jr., an influential American civil rights leader. He is most well-known for his campaigns to end racial segregation on public transport and for racial equality in the United States.

Good thoughts to start out the new year... Subject: Burnt Biscuits



RUTH TRIMBLE

When I was a kid, my mom liked to make breakfast food for dinner every now and then. And I remember one night in particular when she made breakfast instead of dinner after a long, hard day at work. On that evening so long ago, my mom placed a plate of eggs, sausage and extremely burned biscuits in front of my dad. I remember waiting to see if anyone noticed! Yet all my dad did was reach for his biscuit, smile at my mom, and ask me how my day was at school. I don't remember what I told him that night, but I do remember watching him smear butter and jelly on that biscuit and eat every bite!

When I got up from the table that evening, I remember hearing my mom apologize to my dad for burning the biscuits. And I'll never forget what he said: "Honey, I love burned biscuits."

Later that night, I went to kiss Daddy good night and I asked him if he really liked his biscuits burned. He wrapped me in his arms and said, "Your Momma put in a hard day at work today and she's real tired. And besides - a little burnt biscuit never hurt anyone!"

You know, life is full of imperfect things...and imperfect people. I'm not the best at hardly anything, and I forget birthdays and anniversaries just like everyone else. What I've learned over the years is that learning to accept each other's faults is one of the most important keys to creating a healthy, growing, and lasting relationship.

That's my prayer for you today...that you will learn to take the good, the bad, and the difficult parts of your life and lay them at the feet of God. Because in the end, He's the only One who will be able to give you a relationship where a burned biscuit isn't a deal-breaker! We could extend this to any relationship. In fact, understanding is the base of any relationship, be it a husband-wife or parent-child or friendship!

"Don't put the key to your happiness in someone else's pocket. So please pass me a biscuit, and yes, the burned one will do just fine! And please pass this along to someone who has enriched your life.

I just did. Life is too short to wake up with regrets. Love the people who treat you right and forgive the ones who don't.

"The Will of God will never take you where the Grace of God cannot protect you."

NEW ADDRESS

KITZI REID



Can't remember if I told, You, but I have moved out from Beggars Alley located at # 2 Poverty Lane at the corner of Down and Out Circle. As of today, I have a brand new home... My new address is: Living Well on 231 Abundance Terrace, Located at the corner of Blessings Drive and Prosperity Peak.

It's in the God Can neighborhood. No longer will I allow myself to travel to the other side of town on Begging Peter to pay Paul Route, Located at a dead end Intersection called I Don't Have , Which connects with Borrowers Junction! I no longer hang out at Failure's Place, Near Excuses Avenue, Next to Procrastination Point.

I've moved to an upscale community called Higher Heights with unlimited potential and opportunities for me to succeed. Life is good because God is good! Care to change your address? There are many vacancies!

May God Richly Bless Each and Everyone

ANNUAL CHOIR WORKSHOP

Mt. Traveler's Annual Workshop was held: Thursday thru Saturday, October 14-16, 2010. Dr. Reginald Jackson, JRJ Enterprise from Decatur, AL served as the music facilitator and instructor on those days. The difference for this year was that

Dr. Jackson was not able to be with us on Sunday, October 17, for our Anniversary.



On Anniversary Day, we had Sister Gwendolyn Glover as our MC and



Sister Simi Datiri as our Director. Here



are some of the participants from visiting churches, also performing the Mt. Sinia Dance Team.



