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- PASTOR'S DESK* 1 Beloved Church Family:
Greetings in the precious Name of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ as we celebrate another New Year (2013) He has allowed us to see. Each New Year comes with the opportunity to begin afresh with renewed life on a new clean slate. Spring is around the corner. Spring signifies the season of renewed life after the senescence of winter when organisms emerge with vigor and freshness of life. So in this spring's issue of the Mt Traveler's Care-Share Newsletter, the focus is on "Knowing the Heart and Mind of God" for a renewed and freshness of life.
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- It is very imperative for believers to know the heart and mind of God to have a better perspective of life and emerge with vigor and freshness in the "spring of life". How do we know the heart and mind of God? We know the heart and mind of God through prayers. Prayer is communing with God (both talking to God and Him speaking to you through His word). This permits believers to know how God feels and thinks towards them. Fervent prayer is a perfect love relationship with God since He is compassionate and always faithful in fulfilling the promises of His word. And for every believer, God has plans for your life. His plans are for good and never for evil, to give you a future and hope (Jeremiah 29:11). Fervent

prayers will always eventually lead to praise because God is good all the time. Subsequently, praise will lead to worship and adoration of God because He is worthy of it.

Therefore knowing God's heart and mind is to know His plans for your life. Since God is compassionate and faithful, knowing His heart and mind entails becoming compassionate and faithful. Life then takes a better stance with a perspective full of vigor and freshness as one reflects God's image as his child with the attribute of faithfulness and compassion. Faithfulness causes us to be passionate in obeying the word of God and compassion causes us to become faithful in bearing fruit for the Master. This makes believers altogether a productive, healthy growing and caring church with humble spirits to minister within various ministries of the church to change lives for the better, connect people in agape loving relationships and create friendship and favor with God and man. Ultimately, life becomes better for us, full of vigor and freshness as the world becomes a better place to live in with trust and love prevailing and where greed, jealousy and envy no longer influence our actions. Subsequently every believer will minister (serve) according to their giftedness using their SHAPes (Spiritual Gifts, Hearts, Abilities, Personalities and Experiences) discovered in the process of knowing God's heart and



mind. It is my prayer that you would tarry in prayers until you yield to the Holy Spirit's control that brings about a refreshing of life to believers so that you can minister according to the SHAPes He grants us liberally. May this New Year and the forthcoming spring bring true renewing vigor and refreshing into your life, Amen!

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 a continued good health for me 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.

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

ANNIVERSARY 2013!!!



The 9th Anniversary and Appreciation Day for Pastor and Sister Datiri was held on Sunday, February 10, 2013 at 2:00 P. M. with Rev. Justin Freeman and New Canaan Baptist Church as our guest. Our colors for that day were Royal Blue/Silver/White.

Bro Brandon Morgan gave a musical tribute medley as guest soloist. If you missed this event you really missed a treat!

Scenes From Caroling



Nursery Staff and Cherub Choir Coordinators



The cherub choir and nursery staff had a fun day at Shakey's in Auburn on 12/29/12. The day was celebrated to thank everyone for their hard work throughout the year and a chance for the kids to get together in a fun atmosphere.

Pictured are Benjamin Keon Reid, Tyrese Pitts, Michael Foster, Jr., Anthony Driver, Jr., Kiyasha Reid, Kiyandra Reid, Tyra Pitts, Malia Jeter and Akeila Driver.

We are looking forward to what the New Year will bring.



The cherub choir attended a charity-bowling event for the fight against Heart Disease and Diabetes on 2/23/13. Exquisite Queens of Opelika, Al, sponsored them. We had a wonderful time. It was some kids and adults first time bowling but nevertheless we had a ball. We started out a little sluggish until our number one fan was called upon to cheer us on Sis. Barbara Allen. Needless to say, the strikes were upon us. GO TEAM Exquisite Queens!!!!

The guest speaker for the event was an ex NFL player Kendall Simmons from the Pittsburgh Steelers. Pictured are Crystal Driver, Kiyandra Reid, Akeila Driver, Tyra Pitts, Michael Foster, Jr., Anthony Driver, Jr., Kiyasha Reid, Mr. Kendall Simmons, Tyrese Pitts and Sonya Pitts.

EBENEZER DISTRICT 2013 Calendar

March

- 2 -SEDSC-Christian Education Meeting** TBA 10:00 a.m.
9 - 2nd Sat. Board Meeting 9:00 A.M
9 Ebenezer District 5th Sunday Meeting 10:00 a.m.
9 - District Matrons President Meeting 3:00 p.m.
 Place: Applebee, Auburn
11-13 – District Seminar 7:00 P.M. Speaker: TBA
14 –SEDSC Board Meeting 10:00 a.m. Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Ft. Mitchell, Al
 Rev. Patrick Brown, Pastor (Registration at 9:30 a.m.)
16 – SEDSC –All Ministries Workshop 9:00 a.m. Shiloh Baptist Church, Troy, Al
 Rev. J. N. Flowers, Pastor
23 – SEDSC 5th Moderators Conference, Host: Greater St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church, Tuskegee, Al, Rev. C. P. Noble, Pastor
23 – Annual Laymen Program 6:30 PM
23 –Youth Rally 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

April

- 6 SEDSC- Christian Education Meeting - St. Paul Baptist Church, Greenville, Al 10:00 a.m.**
13 2nd Saturday Board Meeting 9:00 a.m
13 – SEDSC Annual Women’s Conference, Shiloh Baptist Church, Montgomery, AL,
Rev. Juan McFarland, Pastor
23 Pre-Founder’s Day Banquet 7:00 p.m. Selma, Alabama
23 Selma University Founders Day Celebration, Selma University Campus 11:00 a.m.
20 - Minister Wives Prayer Brunch 10:00 AM

May

- 4 SEDSC Youth Rally, Troy State University, Troy, Alabama 8:30 a.m.**
11- 2nd Sat. Board Meeting 9:00 A.M.
11 - Annual Crusaders Program 10:00 A.M.
13-17 - SEDSC(Convention), Enterprise Alabama Civic Center, Host Church: ?? Baptist Church, Rev. Darryl Caldwell, Host Pastor
25 - Annual Pearls and Deacon Wives Banquet 6:00 p.m.

Audio/Video Ministry

This ministry has really been blessed over the last five/six months, with a new name (Audio/Video Ministry) and additional equipment. Our goal of having the best quality sound and visual is getting better and better. We are now able to print and copy CDs and DVDs in-house so that you can get them shortly after service. We will soon have a monitor in the finance room and down in kitchen.

Special thanks to Noro, Donnie, and Angelo for their assistance; and my best friend (Cecil Torbert) for his untiring work in helping ordering and assisting in setting up the system. If you want to order a CD or DVD, please let me know before service is over so that it will available for you after morning service.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU

RANDY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

MARCH

Teyei Datiri	2
Jimmy Johnson II	9
Khadija Berthe	12
Mary S. Trimble	13
Ocie Jefferson	17
Ruth Lockhart	17
Ruth Trimble	22
Kitzi J. Reid	22
LaSonya Shaver	23
Lula Gullate	28
Sandra Slaughter	31

APRIL

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

MAY

Pastor Datiri	1
Gloria Morgan	2
Rodneshia Darden	5
Teianna Harris	9
Michael Foster Sr.	9
Michael Foster Jr.	10
Kimberly Johns	12
Yeipyeng Datiri	20
Toretta Hughley	26
Calvin Pennvamon	26

Who are your neighbors?

I spoke with Vivian Langley for an hour and a half and barely scratched the patina. At roughly half her 91 years, I departed feeling I have to do a lot of catching up to accomplish half of what she had done by my age. We talked mostly of her missionary work, but I will return to hear more about her life.

Vivian was a missionary for more than 50 years, mostly overseas. Today she ministers to her friends in the Dadeville Medical Center. Vivian's body is tired, but her hazel eyes have a spark, and she speaks with the clear voice of a much younger woman.

She grew up around the family furniture business on Main Street in Camp Hill. It seemed natural enough that her father did embalming in the back of the store. Someone had to take care of such necessary things. She went on to minister to the living while her father tended to the dead.

Vivian is an elegant and articulate lady. She attended Howard College in Birmingham then went to Southwest Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.



She was about 25 when she went to Nigeria, where she learned to drive a stick shift with her left hand in a right-hand drive automobile.

She and her companions calmly took their chicken from their cookie tin and enjoyed lunch while awaiting help when they flipped the car after the road shoulder gave way beneath them.

She learned to deal with the locals. She lived with a nurse who ran a birthing clinic with the assistance of midwives. The nurse had to calmly convince the locals that tossing babies into the river to appease the gods was a bad idea, and she took on the responsibility of starting an orphanage to care for the babies she saved.

Water was an issue in all the places they walked and biked. The malaria tablets didn't help with other diseases, and despite heat and thirst you didn't drink any water you hadn't boiled and carried yourself.

You just washed your face with water present-

ed to you and got some moisture from fruits until you could return home.

Vivian spent three years in Nigeria, and another 40 in the Caribbean islands. To reach her Caribbean post, she had the honor of being the only girl on a troop ship.

She had a secure cabin, but it took a thick skin and the refuge of faith to steel herself against the soldiers' harassment. It was dangerous.



Submitted / *The Outlook*

Vivian Langley of Camp Hill was a missionary for more than 50 years in places like St. Thomas, St. Croix and Nigeria.

In 1942 the Germans torpedoed ships within sight of our beaches.

In the Virgin Islands, she hopped ships and seaplanes between St. Vincent and neighboring St. Thomas and St. Croix. She helped teach school in St. Thomas. When other teachers left after three or four years,

Vivian stayed, taking up the slack by teaching grades from preschool to college.

Do you really know what your neighbor has survived or accom-

plished, especially your elderly neighbor? Listen and learn, and they will inspire you to do more.

Bonner is a community columnist for *The Record* covering Camp Hill.