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Greetings to all of you in the precious Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Another fall season is here. In this fall issue of our CareShare Newsletter we will focus on: **SPIRITUAL MATURITY AND FRUITFULNESS**

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Maturity is an issue of the heart and mind. Spiritual maturity is identified by spiritual fruitfulness. Spiritual maturity is a reflection of the state of your heart and mind. A sensitive and considerate heart as well as calm, level and stable mind is always positively productive and reflecting maturity. An insensitive heart and/or irrational mind are indications of immaturity. A sign of maturity is selflessness while immaturity is full of selfishness.

PUPPETS 2

A Christian matures spiritually and become spiritually productive through proper nurturing. Someone has to nurture you and you have to receive that nurturing before you can mature. Nurturing is a process that takes time. Ignorance, impatience and arrogance would definitely hinder spiritual nurturing causing spiritual growth stunting, immaturity and unfruitfulness. Many Christians have stunted growth, remain immature and unfruitful spiritually. Why is this so?

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The reason is because Christians are just contented with being born again. Yes, being born again is the essential first step in spiritual fruitfulness. But being born again is not sufficient in itself for a Christian to become fruitful. A born again person needs to be nourished and disciple through sound doctrine of the Word for his or her fruit to reflect the attributes and character of Christ. Some fruit mature faster than others. Likewise it will take longer in some Christians to produce the character of Christ than others. Patience must be exercised by the mentor and endurance must be exhibited by the disciple. First maturity has to take place before the fruit is formed. It also takes time for the fruit to ripen before the harvest. But once the fruit is ripened it has to be harvested quickly before it gets ruined or spoiled.

Fall is time to harvest the fruits that have mature and ripened. It is time for thanksgiving for the blessings of the

bountiful harvest God has blessed us during the year. Spiritual fruitfulness and harvest is truly a call to outreach and evangelism. Bringing in the sheaves of harvest always results in rejoicing and praising God. Jesus challenges all Christians that "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field" (Luke 10:2). There is a great need in the Christendom for outreach and evangelism. There are many who are receptive and responsive to the gospel but there few people who are willing to reach them with the gospel through outreach ministry and evangelism. To meet this need, it begins with prayers and then followed with action. You cannot pray sincerely for the Lord to send out workers into His harvest field and then sit aloof!

The process of harvest is an urgent one because once the harvest is ready it cannot wait; and if the harvest is not done timely the crops may spoil or go to ruin. This is why the writer of proverbs describes those engaged in harvest at the appropriate as the wise: "He who gathers crop in summer is a prudent son, but he who sleeps during harvest is a disgraceful son" (Proverbs 10:5). Sluggards do not plow in season; so at harvest time they look but find nothing (Proverbs 20:4). It is imperative therefore for the Christian to engage in outreach ministry to prepare souls that would be harvested during evangelism. Let the fall season remind us that a time would come that no one can "plow" but only "harvest". Jesus during ministry on earth said, "Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together" (John 4:35-36).

Mt Traveler, Evangelist Jacob and I are making an appeal to all believers that now is the time to engage in outreach ministry and evangelism. Many prospects are ripe for the harvest as they are receptive and responsive. Do not wait any longer because the harvest may get ruined! And please bear in mind Paul's admonition in Galatians: "Do not be



deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up" (Galatians 6:7-9). And remember to be thankful in everything as we look forward to celebrating thanksgiving as a nation this fall season.

Finally, I request that you continue to pray for our Church members to walk in the victory that Christ has obtained for us and be courageous ministering to the community without fear or favoritism. 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 and striving to know the heart and mind of God. 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 thanking God for my improved 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. I am wishing you all a HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY IN SEPTEMBER AND THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION IN NOVEMBER. Remain blessed!!!!

Have A WONDERFUL SUMMER!!!!

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

Apples of Gold

A man is rich according to what he is, not according to what he has.

Sympathy is never wasted except when you give it to yourself.

Success is getting what you want; Happiness is wanting what you get.

Defeat isn't bitter if you don't swallow it.

Always forgive your enemies; nothing annoys them so much..

God without man is still God
Man without God is nothing.

It is better to understand a little than to misunderstand a lot.

PUPPET MINISTRY By: Diane Rufus



The puppet ministry news for the months of June to August: The puppets performed at a benefit program for Mr. Antonio Woodyard. The puppets did two songs: Miracle worker and Lord you're my landlord. The three puppeteers were Timothy Lockhart, Marquise Xavier Milner and Rodney William. On the Second Sunday we did a Father's Day Skit. The puppeteers were Noro Datiri and Teanna Harris.

In July the puppet did a skit on God is love 1John 4:8. The puppeteers were Teanna Harris and Marquise Xavier Milner.

In August the puppet skits were "Jesus is the only way" and "The Holy Ghost". The puppeteers were Noro Datiri and Teanna Harris. During the Church Picnic the puppet did a skit The Golden Rule and the Greatest Commandment Mathew 22:37. The puppeteers were Teanna

Harris and Toretta Hughley.

The puppets are invited to Church Of God By Faith to do two songs Sept. 14, 2013 at 6:00 p.m... Puppeteers – it's time for school now; please learn all you can and do your best in school.

Mt. Traveler and State News

Friendship Baptist Church Fall Revival Tuesday-Thursday, October 29-31, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. nightly. Guest Pastor: Rev. Anthony Shealey, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Loachapoka, Al., Mt. Traveler is invited.

Mt. Traveler Choir Anniversary will be held on Sunday, October 20, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. Please give your support with attendance and financially. More information will follow.

The Ebenezer District Association will be held on Wednesday-Thursday, October 23-24, 2013. Host Church: Friendship Baptist Church, Rev. Roger Jones, Pastor. Theme: Take time out to know God. Matthew 11:28-30 .

New Harmony Baptist Church 84th Church Anniversary, Sunday, November 3, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. Guest : Rev. H. S. White and the St. John Baptist Church, Notasulga, Alabama. Mt. Traveler is invited.

Ebenezer C.M.E. Church Anniversary Sunday, November 3, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. Guest Minister for this event is Rev. Johnnie Nelms of St. Paul CME Church, Crawford, Al. Special guest from Mt. Traveler is Sis. Sheree Lockhart.

Pre-Association Musical at the Ebenezer District Center Tuesday, October 22, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. Mt. Traveler Mass Choir is invited to sing two(2) selections and bring greetings. Alabama State Missionary Baptist Convention, Inc. will be held Tuesday, November 12-Friday, November 15, 2013 held at Sheraton Birmingham Hotel, Birmingham, Al and hosted by Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Birmingham, Al Dr. Walter Simbs, Pastor.

Mt. Traveler Church Anniversary will be held on Sunday, November 17, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Drakeford and the Nazareth Baptist Church as guest.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



September

John Allen	7
Gabrielle Lockhart	7
Alicia Darden	10
Derrick Black	10
Robbie Trimble	11
Ricky Trammell	17
Mildred Byrd	20
Demetrius Darden	24
Rev. D. Jacobs	25
Tyra Pitts	27
Tyrese Pitts	27

October

Kyandra Reid	1
John Lockhart	4
Phoebe Datiri	6
Malia Jeter	8
Akelia Driver	13
Charles Heard	16
Anthony (AJ) Driver Jr	23
Christine Miner	24
Noro Datiri	25
Mary B. Trammell	26
Tommy (TJ) Jackson	28

November

Bernadett Askew	9
Mary Webb	13
Jaiden Johnson	23
Larry Maddox	25

Over the last several months, the cherub choir participated in revivals, church outings and visiting the sick. Thank you parents for purchasing the t-shirts and all that you do to support the ministry.



OTHER NEWS

Akelia Driver was student of the week at Southview Elementary in Opelika for the week September 2nd – 6th, 2013.

Anthony “AJ” Driver Jr. plays football with the Opelika Recreation League. A.J. is #5 on the Green Bay Packers.

Tyra Pitts was crowned on Saturday, September 14, 2013 as Ebenezer District Red Circle Elementary Queen. Participates in the pageant from Mt. Traveler were: Kyandra Reid-Kindergarten, Akelia Driver-Elementary, Teianna Harris-High School. First time showing from the Sunbeam was Tyrese Pitts.

17TH Annual Lee County Clergy Appreciation Dinner was held at the Greater Peace Baptist Church, Opelika on September 24, 2013. Pastor Datiri and Rev. Donnie Jacobs received recognition and gifts.

On Thursday, October 3, 2013, Sis. Mary Rose Lockhart was crowned during the 107th Ebenezer District Women’s Convention as Deacon Wives Queen.

Opelika High School announced the election of Rodneshia Darden for membership in the Opelika High School Chapter of the National Honor Society. The induction will be held Tuesday, October 22, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Opelika Center For Performing Art