

# THE PROGRESSOR



Rev. Walter Williams, Pastor



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**“See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.” 1 Thess.5:15**

## “FROM OUR PASTOR”

Now that the Revival season is over, where do we go from here? This year's Revival season was truly one of the best we have experienced here at NMZ. All of the components of revival were evident: Prayer Week was highly stimulating; Ministry leaders ensured that their members attended and participated in Revival-Prayer Week. The Workshop was highly qualitative, and the preaching by Dr. Hezekiah Benton was simply awesome. To add to that, members

Before we could return to normalcy, our State Convention was in session at the Innisbrook Resort and Golf Complex in Palm Harbor, Florida. The services were highly inspirational. The choirs were obviously well prepared for the occasion; the preaching was uplifting; the President's (Dr. Bart Banks) choir and message was the fitting cap for the Convention's ending. During the Social Justice Hour, a topic of vital interest was that of education. With the initial focus on **BLACK MALES**, a report by Tony Marshall and Rebecca Cantenello of the “St. Petersburg Times,” ranks Pinellas as the worst large district in the nation for Black males in high school. After four years of study,

just 21 percent of Black males earned diplomas in 2008 compared to 50 percent of White males. According to the Massachusetts based Shott Foundation for Public Education, the National average is 47 percent.

In addressing the House and Senate, members stated that, “The United States use to graduate more people from high school than any other country; it doesn't now and the country has slipped from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> in handing out diplomas.” Could teacher morale somehow be connected to the education decline of Florida's schools? Florida's teachers are on their way to becoming the worst paid in the Nation. For the 2009-2010 school year, the average teacher's salary

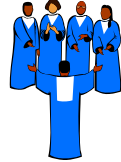
**2011's Theme: “EMBRACING THE GUIDELINES FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH”  
(I Thess.5:12-22).**

in Florida fell to 37 among 50 states. According to a recent National report, other estimates show them falling to No. 47.

We are thankful for the invite to Crystal River and to those of you who accompanied us. Thank God, we have not become spoiled over God's blessings.

Sister Linda Mitchell and the Pastor's Aide Ministry are to be commended for giving leadership to the Appreciation Service for Reverend Foster Garvin, Sister Delores Wheeler, and Brother Nathaniel Green. There are others whose service record is deserving of special recognition, and we say to them, "You are not forgotten—your day will come."

The New Mount Zion  
M. B. Church of  
Tampa, FL Attends  
State Convention  
**Reported By**  
**Bro. Billy Wheeler**  
**(Music Ministry's**  
**Lead Musician)**



It's hard to imagine prettier weather than we had during the week the Florida Baptist State Convention met at Innisbrook in March. Tampa's Rev. Bartholomew Banks presided over the group's 97<sup>th</sup> Annual Session, where many New Mount Zion members served in their particular offices and ministries. Pastor & Sister Williams represented our Church with class and distinction throughout the gathering. Reverend and Sister Garvin's presence, along with participation by the Male Chorus and Voices of Praise, helped make the event enjoyable and spiritually uplifting for all of us who were there.

Our own Sister Barbara F. Wright serves as President of the State Senior Women's Ministry. On Wednesday morning during their

Prayer Breakfast themed, "Honoring Our Anchors," everyone benefitted from the prayers, food, and fellowship. Sister Wright presided with poise and gracious authority while the Ministry recognized Sister Delores Wheeler and others for their years of faithful service. Later that morning, during their Celebration in Song Program, Sister Wheeler wowed the group with her harmonica solo version of "Order My Steps." Brother Billy Wheeler sat as guest pianist for a glorious hour of congregational singing that covered music of the Black church ranging from Spirituals to Contemporary Gospel. Afterward, Sister Geraldine Twine, ARNP, offered practical tips on personal wellness in a forum called, "Some Nutritional Foods and Ways to Stay Healthier and Live Longer."

On Wednesday evening, the Male Chorus sang during the Equal Rights Association Moderator's Night Program. Moderator E. Q. Truss, Pastor of Word of Faith Church in Pensacola, invited them. Reverend Truss is from Tampa, and the elder brother of the late



Brother Sidney Truss who played for New Mount Zion's #1 Choir for several years. Our men, dressed in black suits and crisp white shirts accented by blood-red neckties, were in great form. The Spirit was high and Brother Gary Cassell really shined while sharing his anointed musical gifts on the Hammond organ.

Thursday morning saw the Voices of Praise lining up to sing during the Senior Women President's Hour. Sister Wright, the honoree, was celebrated as "A Virtuous Woman of Notable Works and Vision." She delivered her Fifth Annual Message, "Called to Accountability," with fire and conviction; the address drew a standing ovation from many in the house, which consisted of ministers, deacons, officials, special guests, and family members as well as her daughter, Sister Lucritia Kight. VOP's uniforms – black attire with African Kente accessories, were visually striking and especially appropriate in a venue where the Black church had come together for spiritual edification. Through their singing, they reached new heights in praise... to the point

where one has to wonder how much more they can give.

Sister Kandace Nunn faced an unexpected glitch in staging her liturgical dance tribute when she found that there was no means to play her recorded track. Not to be outdone, she accessed Donald Lawrence's "Encourage Yourself" on her laptop and placed a microphone close to its tiny speaker, giving all of us who would serve on God's program a useful lesson in professionalism as well as a demonstration of the command to "... be ye also ready." As usual, she praise danced to the glory of God.

During Thursday evening's Social Justice Hour, Pastor Williams brought a sobering, yet encouraging State of Affairs address to the entire parent body. A vibrant sense of history and inspiration ignited the air as the amassed convention stood and sang "Lift Ev'ry Voice." Onstage in the huge hall, our Voices of Praise, expertly led by Brother Carlton Brown, brought an exceptional praise. As committee chair, Reverend Dr. Williams showed a spiritual intellect that we

are blessed to have stationed in New Mount Zion's pulpit. He talked on the role of the Convention (i.e., the church) in Education, Economics, Politics, Law Enforcement, and Social issues. While urging us, "Rather than giving up the methods and strategies we use to treat our current afflictions, let's double the dose." In so doing, New Mount Zion will move closer to realizing the Convention's theme of being "The Church: Powerful, Persuasive, Perpetual."

## NEW MEMBERS



**Reported By**

**Dea. Sutton Page**

We are pleased to welcome the following new members to our Church Family:

**February Graduate**

**Bro. Jarvis Haynes**

**February Baptism**

**Sis. Patricia Mikens**

**March Graduate**

**Sis. Patricia Mikens**

**April Graduates**

**Sis. Makah Jones (B&G)**

**Bro. Miles Jones**



**"THE JOY OF THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH." Neh. 8:10**



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Sympathy is extended to the following reported families:

Pastor Williams  
Sis. Essie Griffith  
Sis. ToyNETTA Williams  
Bro. Alfonso Savage  
Dea. Tommy Robinson<sup>2</sup>

THE FAMILY OF BRO.  
JAMES WHITE  
(Wife=Linda;  
Mother=Sis. Mary;  
Brother=Jimmy; Sister-  
in-Law=Ann)

Minister Eddie Rolle  
Bro. John Semper  
Sis. Dora Dixon  
Sis. Mary Hardy  
Bro. Henry Humbert  
Sis. Mary Lovett

Bro. Nelson Griffith  
Dea. Clarence Fort  
Dr. Thelma Benton

THE FAMILY OF BRO.  
KENNETH BARNETT  
Dea. Riley Mitchell

Dea. Booker Washington  
THE FAMILY OF  
DEA. LARRY CHERRY  
(Wife=Jacquelyn)

OTHERS NOT  
REPORTED



### FROM THE OFFICE

Submitted By

**Sis. Fontaine Wells**

Please submit information for the Church Bulletin by 10 AM Tuesday. Forms for submission are located

in the hallway under the Bus Ministry Charter Request forms or you can email to [churchhappenings@aol.com](mailto:churchhappenings@aol.com). Also, you can leave a message on the Church's telephone voice mail (248-8101 #1). Thank you.

**For all Church Clerk items, please contact  
Sis. Marilyn  
Washington at  
813-657-9580.**

***Please schedule all usage of the FAMILY LIFE CENTER with Sis. Linda Porter. You can leave a message on her voice mailbox at 248-8101 (Box #2) or talk with her in person.***

**Please submit all articles for the next edition of "The Progressor" by Monday, July 18. Our Church's Bulletin will give additional information.**

**The real test of our love for God is how we treat others. We cannot truly love God while neglecting to love those who are created in His image.**

### "PRAISING THE LAMB OF GOD" (A THOUGHT FOR TODAY)

**Submitted By  
Church Clerk—  
Sis. Marilyn  
Washington**

John's Revelation 5 is of heaven's throne room as a striking picture of true praise. The place explodes with worship and adoration for Jesus. Those present—the elders and "myriads of myriads" of angels (v. 11)—are motivated to sing their love of Christ because they know who He is. He is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world (v. 6; [John 1:29](#)). And He is the Lion of Judah ([Rev. 5:5](#)), the only one worthy to judge the earth and bring forth its renewal. Jesus is wonderful, and these men and created beings cannot resist saying so.

**What motivates you to worship?** Shouldn't the reason for lifting hands and voices be to praise our Savior for who He is? To do that, we must take the time to know Him. Opening the Scriptures only on Sunday and praying sporadically are not enough. We have to commit ourselves to discovering Him through regular Bible study, selfless prayer, and service to His kingdom.

Once a believer has glimpsed a side of Christ's character that is bigger and more amazing than he realized before, he yearns to know more. He hungers and thirsts for God in His life because only the Lord can satisfy (Matt. 5:6). It is in worship that the Christian's heart is filled. Praise is part of a cycle: learn more of God's character, love Him more deeply, worship and serve Him better, and receive spiritual fulfillment. Amazingly, even as we are satisfied, we crave more of His presence in our life. And so we dig into His Word for more and begin the cycle again. **TFT 03/16**

### A Musical Song of Praise--

**"I CAN'T HOLD BACK"**  
 "He is all I need; love is my God; I can't hold back, this joy I share with Thee; blessed assurance, how I got over; I can't hold back, this joy I share with Thee. When I need Him, the blood He shed for me, blessed assurance, Jesus is mine.... When I'm down and out, and friends forsake me, **I can't hold back this joy I share with Thee.**"  
 (Voices of Praise via Los Angeles Mass Choir)

## LOVE FROM WITHIN MOVES



Let this new year be one in which, **"We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love: to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of the Savior, to secure it without delay."**



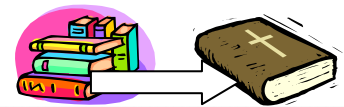
All members of New Mount Zion graduating with degrees from high schools, colleges, or universities from July 2010 to June 2011 **are asked to do the following:**

- immediately obtain a Recognition Form from Sisters Thelma Benton, Carol Lawrence, or Clara Wardlow.
- return the original-completed form by Sunday, June 5.

Your follow through is essential for our preparation to

- ✓ present you to your Church family on Sunday, June 26, 2011 (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 11:00 Worship) wearing your cap and gown. **If you do not have a cap and gown, please let one of us know immediately.**

We are proud of you; therefore, **please follow all of the above guidelines.**



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Sis. Bettye Grant is organizing her team for Vacation Bible School 2011—"Step Up and Go Green for Jesus." This year's school will be 5:00 PM to 8:30 PM on Monday June 13 through Friday, June 17. Classes will be available for all ages. For more information, please contact Sis. Grant immediately.





## SOME GREAT EVENTS



### (1) **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

allowed our youth to share history of our people to the 7:55 AM and the 10:55 AM Worshippers. Under the guidance of Sis. Pat Nickerson Williams, each of our youth presenters provided outstanding presentations.

### (2) **DEACONS' APPRECIATION LUNCHEON**

Sunday, February 20 found our Deaconess Ministry providing a formal luncheon after 10:55 AM Worship to our Deacons, Pastor Williams, and the Ministers. The tables were arrayed in formal dining wear. The men were treated royally as the Deaconess prepared and literally served them a meal fit for royalty. Each Deaconess volunteered to bring in special delectable items. The Deaconess Ministry wanted to do something to let our Deacons know we appreciate them for the kindness they always give when asked for

monetary donations for their special events.

**(3) BROTHERHOOD FORMATION**—was held on Tuesday, February 22 at 7:00 PM.

**(4) WOMEN IN RED** The Senior Women sponsored this event on Sunday, February 27 at 4:00 PM. (Please read the article under Senior Women's Ministry).

**(5) PRE-REVIVAL PRAYER WEEK 2011** was held March 7-11. Each Ministry gave leadership on its scheduled night with songs of praise, prayers of requests and thanksgiving. The following ministers gave mini-sermons: Willie Kimbrough, James Hayes, Ronald Thomas, Matthew Redmon, and Allen Cusseaux.

**(6) REVIVAL WEEK**— March 14-18--This year's workshop was taught by Pastor Fleming Tarver (Pastor of Saint John of Clearwater); Revivalist was Rev. Hezekiah Benton (Pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Covington, Georgia).

**(7) PROGRESSIVE MISSIONARY AND EDUCATIONAL BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF FLORIDA, INC.**— It was a blessing having members give of their

time, talents, and finances to be in the number. We were blessed to have a safe and enjoyable trip.

**(8) Minister Princeton Parker** shared the Word of God with us on Sunday, March 27. This now high school senior continues to amaze us with his zeal and delivery of the Word of God. As I researched previous editions of THE PROGRESSOR, Minister Parker first appeared at our Church in April 2004 when he was ten years old; a platform was built for his standing location on the Pulpit; however, he now stands behind the built-in Pulpit. He delivered God's Word to a multitude of listeners by focusing on First Samuel 17:42 and Psalms 107:2 with the title, "Let Me Introduce Myself." What a blessing--he is a young man fervent in his delivery of God's Word.

**(9) 57 PASSENGER BUS**--As of March, the final payment has been made. **TO GOD BE THE GLORY.**


(10)  **RETIREES' LUNCHEON FOR REV. FOSTER GARVIN, BRO.**

**NATHANIEL GREEN, AND SIS. DELORES WHEELER** was held after 10:55 AM Worship on April 10. (please see article)

**(11)  EASTER PRODUCTION**

“Strike Down the Shepherd” took place on April 17, 2011 at 4:00 PM in the Family Life Center. Under the marvelous directing of Sis. Joan Fraiser, the dramatist gave star performances of what our Savior went through to save our souls. Thank you, Drama Ministry, for the great performances you always give.

**(12) Larenz Johnson** won first place on Saturday, April 16 in Dunedin in the Oratorical Contest sponsored through our Sunday School and BTU Convention. Under the leadership of Dr. Thelma Benton, he joined the other contestants as they spoke on the theme, "SHOW SOME SIGNS" from Joshua 24:14. In Sebring Florida on May 14, he will represent Congress #4 as he competes with the other four congresses.

**(13) GOOD FRIDAY, April 22—** “The Seven

Words From Calvary” were presented by our Ministerial Staff.

  
**Thanks from Our Honored Retired Employees**

**Reported By  
Bro. Billy Wheeler**

Sister Delores Wheeler, Brother Nathaniel Green, and Reverend Foster Garvin wish to express their heartfelt thanks to Pastor Williams, the Pastor’s Aide Ministry, all of the contributing Ministries, and the many members who came together to make the “Salute to Three Retired Employees” celebration an event to remember for a lifetime. Sister Linda Mitchell is the Ministry’s President; Sister Sherryl Cusseaux was program chair. The celebrants were recognized for a combined 125 years of faithful service to God here at New Mount Zion. When asked, “What does New Mount Zion mean to you?” Their responses were deeply personal:

**Sister Wheeler**, (always the teacher) thought back over the years saying, “I moved into the neighborhood, and the lady I was living with pointed out Mount Zion as a nearby Baptist

Church. I found the members to be friendly, likeable people, so I joined. Since then, I’ve been satisfied being with the church as a place of worship, spirituality, and communication with God.”

**Brother Green**, (displaying his usual sense of humor) reflected, “Mount Zion is a big, big factor in my life. I’ve been here for over seventy years including my time in the military. I am a blessed guy for being apart and having connections with some of the most beautiful people in the world, and they show it when they have to. I never in my entire life thought I’d get tired from counting money; I got sleepy, stopped to get water...”

Finally, **Reverend Garvin**, (who never wastes time getting to the point) said, “Mount Zion means all to me when it comes to religious activities and having a place to worship. It’s a place where everybody is somebody.”

“<sup>1</sup>Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.  
<sup>5</sup>Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass.”  
37 Psalms 1 & 5



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## OUR MINISTRIES

(Working to uplift the name of God in Word and Deed)

Thank you to the following Ministries for your articles:



## AUDIO-VISUAL

CDs, DVDs, and Audio Tapes can be purchased of the many services and events held at our Church. For more information, please contact ministry leader, Sis. Bonnie Asberry Lewis.



## SAVING OUR CHILDREN

Reported By  
Sis. Deloris Taylor

On February 5 and 12, we held sessions on FCAT Writing Prep and Creative Writing Practice. The instructors were Sis. Lonnie Carson and Dea. Richard Banks. Students received instructions to help them prepare for FCAT Writing Tests scheduled at their

schools March 1-3 for Grades 4, 8 and 10.

On Saturday, March 5, we benefitted from professionals in the fields of Health Care and Sociology. Dr. Richard Briscoe, from the University of South Florida's Mental Health Institute told the youth they "can fly." He meant that the sky is the limit if they remain faith-based and prepare themselves through education and skills' training.

On Saturday, March 19, we had a session on "Relationships and Teen Dating," which was led by Dea. Clarence Fort. The students answered a list of questions given and then they discussed their answers. Some of the questions discussed were: At what age should teens be allowed to date? Should teens have a curfew? If so, what time? Do parents need to know where you are at all times? Is it important for your parents to know who you are going out with? We had a very interesting discussion and the staff was surprised by some of the responses the students gave. Parents, have you had discussion with your children or your grandchildren?-- maybe you should. On Saturday, April 2, Sis. Brenda Holley gave

leadership to our session on FCAT Reading, Science, and Math Preparation which were administered in schools during the Weeks of April 11-22. We greatly appreciate Dea. Tommy Robinson and Sis. Catherine Waddell for lending their expertise to this effort and for the energy they always bring. They received assistance from KeKe Williams, Tiffany Johnson, and Larenz Johnson. Thanks to each of you for sharing your time and talents.

If parents need additional assistance, please contact Sis. Brenda Holley or any SOC staff member. **REMINDER:** All seniors should have applied and possibly been accepted by the college of their choice.



## THE DEACONESS

Reported By

Sis. Yvonne Douglas

The Deaconess Ministry supports Alpha House, a residence for unwed mothers. We donate \$100.00 annually as well as diapers, etc.

On February 20, the Deaconess Ministry hosted a Fellowship Dinner for the Deacons and Ministers of NMZ. We just wanted to say "thank you to the

Deacons for all they do for our ministry.”

In March we began serving hot cooked meals to the Sick and Shut-In of NMZ.

April Deaconess Project: Stemware. We have purchased stemmed glasses for the Family Life Center Dining Room to compliment the fine China.

On Saturday, April 16, the Deaconess Ministry and guests traveled via our own deluxe motorcoach to Pasco County to see the Easter Play “Jesus Behold the Man”. We had a delicious buffet lunch before going into the theater.

Act One focused on the earthly ministry of Jesus. Act Two took us on a journey like no other during Jesus’ last days on this earth. After challenging, personal insights of how Christ impacted the lives of His followers, we heard the final words of Jesus as He ascended into Heaven. We thank Sister Page for coordinating the trip.

Clothes Closet: The Closet is fully stocked again. If you know of someone who could benefit from our Clothes Closet, please have them see a Deaconess. It is with the generosity of the NMZ family that

enables us to keep the Clothes Closet afloat. Thank you so much.



On Monday, March 28, Pastor Williams met with this ministry to thank them for accepting the leadership of our Church’s 109<sup>th</sup> Anniversary taking place in October. He appointed Dea. David Lewis as the coordinator and the liaison. The Ministry elected Sis. Bonnie Asberry Lewis as the Chairperson and Sis. Caroline Jones as the Co-Chair.



Thank you, Male Ushers, for serving during the Retirees’ Luncheon held on Sunday, April 10. As always, you served with courtesy, consideration, and cooperation. You are appreciated.



A professional who continues to keep on giving her expertise


to her church is Sis. Miriam Sumpter Richard. Sis. Richard and her staff at **FRESH START LAW FIRM** are truly a professional blessing to our Church family. Thank you, Sis. Richard, for all you do.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL



You are cordially invited to join one of the many classes available: Adult Men, Adult Women One, Adult Women Two, Combined Adults, Young Adults, Senior High, Juniors, Shepherd Men’s, Primaries, and Beginners.

These classes allow you to interact as you read, study, discuss, and relate God’s Word.

For more information, please join us at 9:30 AM. **Remember,**  **there is a seat in a class just for you.**



Reported By Bro. Arthur & Sis. Brenda Holley

### Did You Know?

According to MONEY MAGAZINE, 92% of workers say financial

worries keep them up at night and 41% of Americans have no emergency savings.

### **How To Create An Emergency**

**Fund..**Financial experts recommend having an emergency fund of at least three to six months' saving (more is better). How do you go from scratch to feeling flush? Here are some tips: **Separate Your Savings--**

Open a separate savings account or money market fund and designate it as your emergency fund.

#### Hands off!

### **Make Coins Grow--**

Put your single bills and coins in a jar each day. Once a month, deposit it into your fund.

### **Keep Paying Yourself-**

Once you've finished paying off a big debt or credit card, keep your payments coming into your fund.

**This does work, it's a decision.**



## **SENIOR WOMEN**

**Reported By  
President Carolyn  
Watson**

Since the last issue, the Senior Women's Mission Ministry has been very busy planning for several activities. The

Evening In Red Program was held February 27, 2011. I would like to thank Sister Barbara Wright, our program chairperson, and the committee for a "job well done." We thank each of you for making this service spiritually and financially enriching. Dr. Carl Brooks, the guest speaker, blessed us with a fresh understanding of God's word, Challenging The Church To Be The Best It can Be; the Macedonia M. B. Church Male Choir and the Young Adult Choir blessed us with their voices of praise in song.

Sixty-six% of the Senior Women's Mission Ministry participated in the Pre-Revival Prayer meeting and many attended our Church's Revival Week Services.

On March 20 - 25, 2011, the 97<sup>th</sup> Annual Progressive M & E State Convention convened at the Innisbrook Resort with five delegates attending: President-Sis. Carolyn Watson, Vice President - Sis. Geraldine Twine, Assist. Secretary - Sis. Yvonne Douglas, our Bible Study Teacher - Sis. Ernestine Carr and our Anchor Award Member - Sis. Delores Wheeler was honored and presented with the Anchor Award as well a Certificate of CONGRAULATIONS!

The First South FL District Association won First Place for the Banner Rally March for Education; we collected \$1,435.00; we are members of this group. Also, President Carolyn Watson presented Sister Wright with a token of appreciation for all she does "to help others" and to show that we love and support her. Sis. Wright has been elected to serve five more years as the State Senior Women's President. **Sis. Wright, WE CONGRATULATE you on another milestone.**

This Convention was a great success and provided us with a lot of useful Information.

One of the special treats at the Progressive M & E Baptist State Convention in Innisbrook was the session on "Getting Rid of The Trash In Our Lives." Upon entering the session, we were given a trash bag and four cards with the four topics written on them. We had four speakers who spoke on the following topics:

**HYPOCRISY- Psalm101:7 play acting/ covering up one's evil intent.**

**JEALOUSY-I Peter 2:1 selfish ambition**

**GOSSIP - Exodus 20:16 idle talk/empower one person and tear down another.**

**PRIDE - Matthew 5:5**

**Let it not enter into our lives.**

As each speaker finished, we were instructed to take that subject card and throw it in the trash bag. At the end of the session, we knew that now is the acceptable time to get rid of the trash. We know those things are just a few of the human conditions we must all address from time to time. Through prayer, the study of God's Word, walking in Spirit and truth, as well as the guidance of the Holy Spirit, it is possible to rid ourselves of those things that cause us to stumble and fall. In so doing, our hearts will be more open; our minds will be more peaceful; our sleep more restful; our love will be more sincere; and our faith will be greater. We are the visible part of the invisible Christ.

Our Ministry is making an appeal for additional members. In times like these, we as a unified group of Christian Senior Women have been chosen to serve; compelled to go; commissioned to teach; and challenged to make a difference for ourselves, our family, our church, and our communities. If you are 55 years of age or older, please join us as we meet at 6:00 PM on

Mondays after the First Sunday.

Many people who know the Bible do not let it change their lives. They say they follow Jesus but don't live by His standards of love. People who live this way are hypocrites. We must make sure our actions match our beliefs. Source: One Year Bible NIV Devotional—New Testament



After our Bible study on Tuesday, March 29, we celebrated members' birthdays for the months of January, February, and March. The celebration was in the form of lunch consisting of pizza, chips, soda, and cake.

We invite you to join us for Bible study on Tuesdays from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM+.



## **USHER BOARD #2**

**Reported By President  
Sis. Yvonne Douglas**

The following members went to Central Tampa Assisted Living Facility on March 29: Brothers Mitchell and Deramus; Sisters

Yvonne Douglas, Clym Washington, Patricia Franklin, Mary Neal Davis, and Robyn Andrews. We had a spirit-filled devotion with the residents there. They were so happy to see us; they joined in the songfest and prayer service. All members of Usher #2 participated in the sock drive. We passed out 40 pairs of new socks to the residents. Our own sister Ellen Sullivan was there and was a welcome addition to the praise service.

Our latest project was adopting a family for Easter.



## **USHERS' MINISTRY**

**Reported By**

**Coordinator**

**Bro. Dan Mitchell**

These are just a few words to let you know that your serving does not go unnoticed. You supported the Pre-Revival Prayer Week very well; you, also, ushered on the nights that you were scheduled during the Week of Revival.

A special thank you to the Purple Lily Ushers for having the highest number of members present on Tuesday

night during Pre-Revival Prayer Week.

As we serve, let us remember, "For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of the wickedness." Psalms 84:10. Our ministry is made up of "Ushers who are willing to serve."

## PASTOR'S AIDE



**Reported By**

**Sis. Gwendolyn Hayes**

The Pastor's Aide Ministry met in March for the first time in several months. With much prayer and the help of the Lord, the group was ready for the projects at hand.

First, President Linda Mitchell presented two new members to the ministry –Brother and Sister Arthur and Brenda Holley, who jumped right in ready to work. We are thankful for willing workers.

The first project was a recognition program for longtime members Reverend Foster Garvin, Sister Delores Wheeler and Brother Nathaniel Green, a threesome that has

been at New Mt. Zion for more than 200 years.

The recognition program was held after the 11 a. m. service on April 10. All three were present. A family member and a member from the church family spoke on behalf of each one.

Sister Sherryl Cusseaux, a Pastor's Aide Ministry member, put together a very unique program that is still being talked about. She, also, emceed the program. Sister Fontaine Wells did an awesome job on the printing of the colorful program.

Sister Cusseaux and Sister Lo Berry pulled together sponsors for the award presentations- Ministerial Staff, Pastor's Aide Ministry, Intermediate Women's Mission and Senior Women's Mission. Thanks to those ministries for supporting this effort.

On the program were: Brothers Joseph Garvin, Billy Wheeler; Sisters Ollie Maddox, Delores Taylor; Dea. Tommy Robinson, Rev. Allen Cusseaux, and Rev. Dr. George Berry. Remarks were made by President Mitchell and our pastor, Rev. Dr. Walter J. Williams.

The entire congregation was invited to dine with the honorees and their families and friends. Pastor's Aide Ministry member Dorothy Jacobs gave leadership in the preparation and presentation of food with the assistance of Pastor's Aide Ministry supporters Brother and Sister Archie and Patricia Williams, Sister Clym Washington, Sister Barbara Wright, Sister Irene Stewart, Sister Clara Wardlow, and the Male Ushers Board that served everyone.

President Linda Mitchell expressed gratitude to all those who assisted the ministry in any way with this project. She stated she is grateful for all those who willingly worked to make sure this was a special event for the honorees.

The celebration didn't end on that Sunday. On Palm Sunday, April 17, 2011, each of the honorees received a proclamation from the City of Tampa recognizing their retirement of more than 125 years of willingly working for the Lord in the Lord's House.

The Pastor's Aide Ministry is now getting prepared for the Pastor's

Anniversary celebration coming in June. The ministry has already begun putting the program together. If you'd like to participate on either of the programs, please see Sister Linda Mitchell, President.

Some people talk a lot about faith, but that's all it is—talk. They may know all the right words to say, but their lives are not examples of Christian living. Paul says the Kingdom of God is to be lived, not just discussed. There is a big difference between knowing the right words and living them. Don't be content to have the right answers about Christ. Let your life put your living on your words.

Source: One Year Bible NIV  
Devotional—New Testament

## COUPLES' MINISTRY

Reported By

**Sis. Nell Kimbrough**

And now these three remain: Faith, Hope, and Love. But the greatest of these is Love. (First Corinthians 13)

We salute, our Couple's Ministry Wedding Anniversaries Celebrities!  
Deacon John and

Deaconess Mary Lovett.....March 22.  
Deacon Leroy and Deaconess Dorcea Lane.....March 23  
Brother James and Sister Gertrude Murrell...May 11  
Minister Matthew and Deaconess Andrea Redmon.....June 25  
Through Trials and Tribulations, Through Strength and Weakness, Through Richer and Poorer continue to "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand." We hope your anniversaries are filled continuously with love in the name of Jesus.  
"Again, Congratulations"

## COMPUTER EDUCATION

The students are excelling above their own expectations. Many of them are performing work for themselves and their ministries.

The classes run on Tuesdays from 9:30 AM to 6:30 PM; Wednesdays from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Enrollment is now being accepted for the Fall term of 2011. If you have questions concerning the classes, please contact Clara Wardlow.

Wow! I got it! I understand!  
"The computer is my friend."



## CONGRATULATIONS!!!

**Minister Leon Gallon** is now the Pastor of Christian Praise and Worship Center located at 2605 N. 15<sup>th</sup> Street in Tampa; his services begin at 12:00 PM. Before becoming the undershepherd of the Church, he was a vibrant member of our Church family.

**Sis. Angela Watson Johnson** graduated from Argosy University on Saturday, February 12 with a Masters Degree in Instructional Leadership in Education.

**Dea. Riley and Sis. Linda Mitchell's** loving and lovely daughter, **Fontella**, became the Bride of **Dea. Kelvin Decoursey** on Saturday, February 12. The Groom is the faithful vice chairman of our Deacons' Ministry, an active member of the Male Ushers, and a devoted teacher in the Shepherd Men's Youth Sunday School Class. This joyous event was filled with love and devotion to God surrounded with the love of family and friends.

**Sis. Latara Diggs** received certification in medical skills from Sanford Brown College.

**Sis. Bettye Grant** celebrated her 2011

birthday with family and friends on Friday, March 18 at USFs Embassy Suites.

**Sis. Delores Wheeler** was honored on March 23 by the Senior Women's Department of Progressive Missionary and Educational State Convention at a 6:30 AM Anchors' Breakfast.

**Sis. Kim Ingram** is now the corresponding secretary for the Deaconess Ministry in our State Convention.

**Sis. Gwen Miller** retired from Tampa City Council on Thursday, March 31 after serving numerous terms taking care of the needs of her constituents.

**Dr. Thelma Benton** was honored with the Kente Award at the University of South Florida on Tuesday April 5. Dr. Benton retired from the University of South Florida as the Associate Dean of Undergraduates Studies.

**Bro. Michael Wardlow** was selected as Pinellas County District Schools' Outstanding Physical Education Assistant.

**Sis. Estrellita "Lo" Berry** was featured in the University of Evansville (Indiana) African American Alumni Association newsletter as being presented with the "Tampa Bay Nonprofit Businesswoman of the Year Award" for 2010.

**Sis. Margaret Bryant** was treated to a family cruise for her 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

**Dea. Clarence Fort** conducted the HART Civil Rights Freedom Riders Tour on April 13 to historical sites from the Civil Rights Movement in the Tampa Bay Area. You can view a film on May 16 concerning the Movement airing on WEDU and PBS televisions at 9:00 PM. For more information, please contact Dea. Clarence Fort.

**Sis. Angel Douse** received her Masters Degree from Springfield University on Sunday, April 17 in Mental Health Counseling.

**Bro. Nathan Dwayne Sanders** wrote and produced a play entitled, "Get Your Mind Right." The play's performance dates are May 6, 7, and 8 at Tampa Bay Technical High School at 6410 Orient Road; call (813) 416-0360/ 748-8325 for ticket information.

**Tiffany Johnson** made the Honor Roll at Hillsborough High School; she is a senior and the niece of Sis. Denise Newsome.

**Destinee Cooper** made the Honor Roll at Kimbell Elementary. She is in the fourth grade and achieved the Terrific Kid Award, too. Destinee is the daughter of Sis. Trellis Cooper.

**Myles Wardlow** made the Honor Roll at Mendenhall Elementary. He is in second grade. Myles is the son of Bro. Michael Wardlow.

**Kenza Thomas** made the Honor Roll at Tampa Bay Technical High School. She is in eleventh grade. Kenza is the daughter of Minister Ronald and Sis. Patricia Thomas.

**Sierra James** made the High Honor Roll at Young Middle Magnet School. She is the seventh grade daughter of Bro. Theron and Sis. Annette James.

**Theron James** made the High Honor Roll at Young Middle Magnet School. Theron is the sixth grade son of Bro. Theron and Sis. Annette James.

**Naleyzah Kendricks** made the Principal's Honor Roll at James Elementary School. She is the daughter of Sis. Rasheeda Carswell.



**Isaiah Anderson** made Principal's Honor Roll at James Elementary School. He is the son of Bro. Dan and Sis. Areatha Anderson.

**Geraldine "KeKe" Williams** received two outstanding recognitions at her school's sports banquet on Tuesday, March 1. "KeKe" is a junior at Cambridge Christian Academy where she recently made the Principal's List; she, also, went on a missionary trip with her school to the Caribbean on March 17-22. "KeKe" is the grand daughter of Sis. Geraldine Twine.

**Larenz Johnson** made the Honor Roll at Wiregrass High School in Pasco County. He is a senior and is the son of Minister Lawrence and Sis. Angie Johnson.

**Whitney Anderson** went to Costa Rico (February 28) on a missionary trip with her class from Saint Leo University to visit orphanages. Whitney is the freshman daughter of Sis. Justine Anderson.

**Ricardo Williams** reported to the Navy on Monday, April 4. He is the grandson of Sis. Geraldine Twine.

**Congratulations to all others not reported.**



Is it possible to get away with doing wrong so much that the wrong seems to be right?

## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT



### "From Knowing to Growing"

**By Sis. Regina Wright**

It's one thing to have knowledge about God but it's another thing to actually have spiritual growth because of what you know. Philippians 3:8(NAS version) reads: More than that, I count all things to be surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things and count them but rubbish in order that I may gain Christ. Paul states that in order to gain Christ, He has to be our top priority and because we know this, everything else we know becomes less important. The only way we can continue to learn more about Christ is to spend time with Him. There are some relationships that we hold dear but we must be even more intimate with Christ than we are with others.

Being intimate with Christ means we have to spend time reading and studying his Word. We must pray without ceasing and continuously worship and praise Him. These are the ways we can go from knowing to growing. The more we come to know Christ; the more we grow. The word "grow" means to develop or increase. If we want our development to be proper and increase steady, we must continue with our thirst for knowledge. Knowing Jesus leads to growing in Jesus. Get a head start everyday by spending some alone time with Him every morning. He'll be waiting for you.

## BUSINESS NEWS

**Ms. Kandace Dawn Nunn** has opened "Kandace Studio" located at 7402 N. 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 705, Tampa, Florida, 33617- 813-985-5950.

## REVIVAL QUOTES 2011

From Rev. Hezekiah Benton

1. "Seek God when you are sort after."
2. "When ministering to others, tell them where God

brought you from;  
not how far He  
brought you.”

It is my prayer that you  
enjoyed this Edition.

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