



# Mt. Pisgah Gazette

*The Friendly Church with an Open Door*

**Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church**

**Reverend Gregory A. Young, Pastor**

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## Mt. Pisgah Honors Four on Women's Day

The Mission of the Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church is to make disciples of the unchurched, evangelize the whole world, and to represent Christ in all we do.

**Sunday School @ 9:00 a.m.**  
**Praise Service @ 9:45 a.m.**  
**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**@ 10:00 a.m.**

**Senior Adult Ministry**  
**Exercise Class**  
**Monday – Tuesday - Thursday**  
**@ 9:00 a.m.**  
**Tuesday Bible Study @ Noon**  
**Wednesdays**  
**Prayer Service @ 6:00 p.m.**  
**Bible Study @ 6:30 p.m.**  
**Worship Service, 2<sup>ND</sup> Wed.**  
**@ 6:30 p.m.**

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The Historic Mount Pisgah Baptist Church family honored four women of the church on Sunday, March 15, 2020 at the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Day service.

Congratulations to the honorees who are Ms. Rose Williams (top left), Ms. April Thomas (top right), Ms. Eartha Glover (bottom left), and Ms. Veronica Williams-Johnson (bottom right). These ladies were honored for their dedication to Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church and their communities. The theme for the program was "Joy comes when you put Jesus first, others second and yourself last."



The speaker for the occasion was Mrs. Tonya E Jackson, Minister, Vocalist, Praiser and Worshiper of God. Minister Tonya E. Jackson is one who is anointed and is inspired by God's word and music. She received her calling to minister God's spoken word in 2010. Her mission is to minister the message of hope, love, redemption and revival in the lives of believers and the nonbelievers alike. Minister Jackson is a native of St. Stephen, SC. She graduated from South Carolina State University Cum Laude and received her Master of Divinity degree from Hood Theological Seminary in Salisbury, NC. She is married to Mr. James Jackson and they have four children Tyrell, Irana, Eryka and Joel.

**Reminder:** Please submit pictures and written information for the church website ([www.mtpbchurch.org](http://www.mtpbchurch.org)) and Facebook page to the church office or to [mtpisgahchurch@sc.twbc.com](mailto:mtpisgahchurch@sc.twbc.com). Dr. Donyale Mosely maintains the church website and Ms. April Thomas maintains the Facebook page.

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## The Pastor's Corner

### Greetings in the Name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ:

I hope and pray all is well within the Mt. Pisgah Family. Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic, we have suspended all church activities until further notice, but thanks be to God, the mission, ministry and his marvelous message is spreading to the masses from the Mt. Pisgah Family. The bible teaches us that the church is more than a building, the church is building the lives of God's people. I would like to personally thank the entire leadership and membership of this church for allowing your faith to overcome fear, having the mind and heart to pray and not panic, sticking and staying together during a time of sickness, suffering, sadness, sorrow and most of all, walking through this wilderness by faith and not just by sight.



A Message of Love,

*Pastor Gregory and Mrs. Mechell Young*

## Members in the News



Congratulations to **Mrs. Sandye Spann** (pictured 2<sup>nd</sup> from left) on being honored for 25 years as a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority on Founder's Day on February 29, 2020. Mrs. Spann is Mt. Pisgah's Minister of Music. Mrs. Spann is married to Mr. James Spann, Chairman of the Media Ministry and Vice-Chairman of the Trustee Ministry.

Congratulations to **Mr. William "Bill" Hamilton**, South Carolina State University's retired sports information director on being recognized as a 2020 Distinguished alumnus of the university by the Mid-Eastern Atlantic Conference (MEAC) recently. Mr. Hamilton was the first full-time sports information director in the university's history and, he also received the South Carolina State University Outstanding Achievement and Accomplishment Award during the February 23, 2020 Founder's Day Convocation. Mr. Hamilton is a member of the Trustee Ministry, the Usher Ministry, and reporter for the Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church Newsletter Ministry.



Tidbit: CCMO continues service despite virus and storm damage. Mrs. Barbara Troy, Executive Director of CCMO, Ms. Margaret McDonald and other volunteers were featured in the T and D newspaper recently. Dr. Mark Jamison of Jamison's Pharmacy donated a truck to Cooperative Church Ministries of Orangeburg to help with its outreach.

## Trustee Ministry

The current health pandemic has necessitated substantial changes in our lives, including our worship services and other programs at Mount Pisgah Baptist Church. All services and programs have been suspended until further notice. However, the Trustee Ministry has collaborated with the church leadership and other ministries to ensure that the church continues to engage and minister to all our members as best we can under the circumstances. Specifically, the pastor is providing inspirational messages through our Phone Tree, the Deacons Ministry is calling members with encouragement and offering assistance, and the Trustees are working to ensure that the church financial obligations are met.

### Tidbits:

- On January 20<sup>th</sup>, Mt. Pisgah was the host of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day with the theme, "The Fight is Real." The speaker for the occasion was Reverend Charcey Priester, pastor of St. Paul Baptist Church.
- On February 14<sup>th</sup>, Ward Three held their annual Valentine's dinner at Mt. Pisgah. The theme was, "Sharing Christian Love." Deacon Walter Williams is the president of Ward Three.

A letter from the pastor to all members outlined the efforts undertaken by the church leadership to enhance our weekly radio ministry that is broadcast on WSPX (94.5 FM) radio Sundays at 2 p.m., as well as some live appearances on Ole Skool (102.9). With assistance from the Media Ministry, the pastor has been able to provide more-timely presentations of sermons on our website, as well as on the website of the Times and Democrat, our local newspaper, which is broadcasting area churches' weekly sermons.

The Trustee Ministry has provided several options that will allow members to continue to pay their tithes and offerings, which are much needed for the church to continue to function financially during this pandemic. Those options, which were outlined in the letter from Pastor Gregory Young, are: 1. By mail to church, PO Box 712, Orangeburg, SC 29116; 2. Church drop box that has been installed on door of the Educational Building; and 3. An online giving program – Givelify -- where members can give through our website or through their mobile devices (call the church if more details are needed).

The Trustee Ministry would like to thank all the members for your past financial support and ask that you continue to support Mt. Pisgah with your tithes and offerings during the current health crisis.

-Mr. Leroy Morant, Chairman and Mr. James Spann, Vice-Chairman

## Deacons' Ministry

**HE LIVES! HE LIVES! HE LIVES!** We pray this correspondence will find all safe and well. During this unprecedented time of physical separation (social distancing) due to the Coronavirus, let us always be reminded as we recently celebrated Easter Sunday, that Jesus rose on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day with all power in his hands. He Lives! He Lives! He Lives! We have the promise that he will never leave us nor forsake us; we simply must keep our hands in his nail-scarred hands. Pray, Trust, and Obey!

We, the Deacons will continue to be in contact with you by individual phone calls and other technological methods such as teleconferences, etc. As always, we are available and eager to serve. Do not hesitate to contact us for any needs that you have or just want to talk. Remember, Prayer changes things and as stated in **2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicle 7:14** "if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." -Deacon Broadus Jamerson, III, Chairman





## YOUTH NEWS

Congratulations to **Ms. Erin Glover** on being Ms. February 2020 Calendar doll, in the 36th annual "Miss Calendar Doll" Pageant sponsored by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's Beta Zeta Omega Chapter of Orangeburg.

Erin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward (Dr. Elrica) Glover and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas (Dorothy) Carter. Erin and her family would like to thank the Mt. Pisgah Church family for their continued love and support.

Congratulations to **Ms. Dominique Bartley** who was selected to serve this year as a page for the South Carolina House of Representatives. Dominique served on the house floor and enjoyed the experience. She believes this is an excellent way to learn and participate in the legislative process of our State.

Dominique attends the University of South Carolina and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael (Teranesa) Bartley.



## Check it out! Watch out for scams related to Economic Impact Payments

The IRS urges taxpayers to be on the lookout for scams related to the Economic Impact Payments. To use the new app or get information, taxpayers should visit IRS.gov. People should watch out for scams using email, phone calls or texts related to the payments. Be careful and cautious: The IRS will not send unsolicited electronic communications asking people to open attachments, visit a website or share personal or financial information. **Remember, go directly and solely to IRS.gov for official information.** The IRS will post frequently asked questions on [IRS.gov/coronavirus](https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus) and will provide updates as soon as they are available.

**If you are a registered voter in South Carolina, you may be eligible to vote by absentee ballot. If you qualify, an application for absentee ballot may be requested any time after January 1st during the election year. This is done by contacting your County Voter Registration Office in person, by mail, or by telephone. Orangeburg County Voter Registration Attn: Absentee Application Request, 1475 Amelia Street, Post Office Box 9000, Orangeburg, SC 29116-9000, 803 533-6210.**

**Reminder: Pastor's Radio Broadcasts (Sundays): Pastor's Live Radio Message on 102.9 FM at 10:30 a.m. Pastor's Taped Radio Message on WSPX 94.5 FM at 2:00 p.m.**

**Complete the 2020 Census Form – You Matter! YOU Count! Ways to complete the form: 1. Online: go to [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov). 2. Mail: Return the form you received in the mail. 3. Telephone: 844.330.2020.**

**Announcement: Dr. Michael Addison is giving free testing for the Covid-19 coronavirus Saturday, May 9, 2020 at St. Paul Baptist Church, on the Rowesville Rd, in Orangeburg, from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**In Memory of:**  
**Sis. Linda Haynes**  
**Sis. Ernestine Wilson**



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"I know the plans that I have for you, declares the Lord. They are plans for peace and not disaster; plans to give you a future filled with hope. – **Jeremiah 29:11.**

**Editors Note:** Please give your articles to any of the members of the newsletter committee or leave with the church secretary. The article should be 350 words or less and may be edited for clarity and content. Articles are due by June 25, 2020 for the July 2020 issue of the newsletter.

Be **SAFE** from #coronavirus

if you are 60+ or if you have an underlying condition like:



**Cardiovascular disease**



**Respiratory condition**



**Diabetes**

by avoiding crowded areas or places where you might interact with people who are sick.

Learn more to Be **READY** for #COVID19:  
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**Be safe! Beat Covid-19! Stay Home! Practice Social Distancing! Wash Your Hands! Do not Touch Your Face!**



*The Bible tells us, "We often suffer, but we are never crushed. Even when we do not know what to do, we never give up. In times of trouble, God is with us, and when we are knocked down, we get up again . . . because we know that God raised the Lord Jesus back to life. And just as God raised Jesus, he will also raise us to life. Then he will bring us into his presence together." (2 Corinthians 4:8-9, 14 CEV).*