



# Mt. Pisgah Gazette

*The Friendly Church with an Open Door*

**Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church**

**Reverend Gregory A. Young, Pastor**

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*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**  
**Mon. - Tue. - Thurs.**  
**@ 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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## Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church Celebrates 165<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The Historic Mount Pisgah Baptist Church celebrated its One Hundred Sixty-fifth (165<sup>th</sup>) Anniversary on Saturday and Sunday, June 22-23, 2019.

The celebration began at 11 a.m. Saturday with a Family and Friends picnic, which included fellowship, food, fun and games, and door prizes. The two-day celebration continued Sunday with a 10 a.m. worship service featuring **Rev. Sam Livingston**, Senior Pastor of Antioch Baptist Church in the Jordan Community of Manning, SC, as guest speaker. His dynamic message was titled "Reaching Beyond." The Anniversary Celebration concluded with a delicious fellowship dinner immediately following the service in the F.G.S. Everett Educational Building.



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## Delegates Attend State Convention

Trustee Vandy Gaffney and Mrs. Dannie Keeper attended the South Carolina Democratic Convention in Columbia, Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Gaffney and Keeper are two of the delegates representing Orangeburg County. The convention was an informative and exciting hands-on experience. The delegates heard twenty-plus Democratic candidates vying for president speak.



Among other dignitaries in attendance were Representative James Clyburn, the Reverend Jesse Jackson, the Reverend Al Sharpton, and philosopher, Cornel West. The delegates look forward to future party activities.

## The Pastor's Corner

**Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.** It is my hope and prayer that all is well with the members of the Mt. Pisgah Family. As we continue to walk together by faith and not just sight, looking to Jesus as the author and finisher of our Faith, I am encouraged to fulfill the mission of making disciples of the unchurched, evangelizing the glorious gospel to the whole world and representing the Lord Jesus Christ in all we do. Special thanks go out to Trustee Rosemary Hickman and the Church Anniversary Committee for leading us in a wonderful celebration on the fourth Sunday in June. Last, but not least, thanks to Sis. Linda Haynes and the Vacation Bible School for a wonderful week of Christian Education. Keep up the good work. May God's richest blessing, peace and prosperity continue to fall fresh on every one of you.

Yours in His Service,

*Reverend Gregory A. Young, Pastor*



**Rev. Gregory Young**

## Members in the News and Youth News

- ✚ Congratulations to Deacon Broadus Jamerson, III on receiving the **Lifetime Achievement Award** for his 42 years of outstanding, dedicated service to VFW Post 8166 on Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at the VFW's 2019 Commander's President's Ball.
- ✚ Congratulations to the Mt. Pisgah family honorees listed below who made the A/B Honor Roll and Principal's List. We are so proud of all of you.

- ✓ High School - Dominique Bartley, Jaleel Freeman, Nykeshia Guinyard, Kaitlyn Hart, and Johann Jordan.
- ✓ Middle School - Kathleen Evans, Edriana Glover, Ja'Zaire Hardy, Johnathan Sprinkle, Jr. and Micah Williams.
- ✓ Elementary School - Ethan Crosby, Erin Glover, Jordan Hill, Jarion Johnson, Phoebe Morant, Ethan Thomas, Daniel Williams and Rashad Williams.

- ✚ Congratulations to Dr. Iris D. Bomar on the establishment of the Iris D. Bomar Meritorious Service Award by Claflin University. The inaugural award was awarded posthumously to Barbara C. Moore, at the UNCF Luncheon hosted at Claflin University on May 3, 2019 in the Jonas T. Kennedy Health and Wellness Complex. **The award is named in honor of past UNCF Campus Campaign Coordinator and former Associate Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Dr. Iris D. Bomar.** (Continued on page 4, see Bomar Award.)

## First Place Winner



**Cayden K. Jamison**

Congratulations to Cayden Karson Jamison, son of Cherrell Kennerly, on being the first-place winner of the Mt. Pisgah Union Baby Contest. The funds raised are used to support scholarships for graduating high school students at the churches in the Union. The Union and the family of Cayden were very appreciative to the Mt. Pisgah family for the love and financial support given in the amount of \$1260.

We give **God** the praise and glory for a job well done. Again, your delegate Barbara Brewer-Phillips and the Jamison and Kennerly families extend their heartfelt thanks to each of you.

## College and High School Graduation News

- ✚ Congratulations to Angel Bodrick on graduating from Hampton University on May 12th with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. Angel is the daughter of the late Robin Chavous Bodrick and Col. Morris Bodrick of Dumfries, VA and the granddaughter of Deacon Leon and Deaconess Barbara Chavous.
- ✚ Congratulations to Michael Frazier, Jr. on graduating from the University of North Carolina at Pembroke on May 4<sup>th</sup> with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mass Communications. Michael is the son of Michael and Deangela Frazier of Fayetteville, NC and the grandson of Mrs. Virginia Frazier.
- ✚ Congratulations to Zatone J. Gibbs on graduating from John Jay College of Criminal Justice on May 27<sup>th</sup> with a degree in Criminal Justice. He is the grandson of Deacon James and Deaconess Catherine Griffin.
- ✚ Congratulations to Taylor E. Hill on graduating from Kent State University School of Fashion Design & Merchandising, Kent, OH on May 7<sup>th</sup> with a degree in Fashion Merchandising and Marketing. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jwanza (Dana Dash) Hill, and the granddaughter of Ms. Lauritza Hill.



**Dominique Bartley**

✚ Congratulations to Dominique M. Bartley on graduating from the High School for Health Professionals on June 7<sup>th</sup> with honors. She also made the President's List at Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College finishing with 21 college credits. She plans to attend the University of South Carolina in the fall. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael (Terri) Bartley.

✚ Congratulations to Kaitlyn S. Hart on graduating from Edisto High School on June 7<sup>th</sup>. She is the daughter of Mrs. Melody Nell Williams and Mr. Roger Williams and Mr. Marvin Hart and the granddaughter of the late Sister Lottie Nell.

- ✚ Congratulations to Lauren V. Scott on graduating from Los Alamitos High School, Long Beach, California. She is the daughter of Lt. Col. (Ret.) Karen Harrison Scott and Col. Gregory Scott, the granddaughter of Sister Ruth Harrison, and niece of Mr. Willie Bradley. Lauren will be attending Texas Southern University, Houston, TX.

### Orangeburg Dixie Minors AAA All-Stars District 6 Division 1 Winner



**Ethan Crosby**

Congratulations to Ethan Crosby who was awarded most valuable player award for the Orangeburg City Baseball team and making the All-Star team. His team won the Dixie AAA Minors District 6 Division I Championship on June 26<sup>th</sup> with a 14-2 title game win over Barnwell. His team will advance to play in the 2019 Dixie Youth Baseball AAA Minors Division I State Tournament in Anderson, SC, July 12 – 18.

Ethan is the son of Dr. Donyale Mosely and grandson of Dr. Shirlan Jenkins. Congratulations to the team.

## Ministries and Briefs

### Trustee Ministry

The Trustee Ministry had a busy quarter addressing the financial and maintenance needs of the church. Several actions and initiatives were taken on behalf of the church and with the approval of the leadership and members.



**Pastor Young examines antiques prior to yard sale**

The demolition of the former Coulter Arms Apartments the church inherited some time ago will be completed soon per an update from the City of Orangeburg, which has included the project in an initiative that includes the tearing down of several other structures. The church has been waiting for a firm date from the city when the actual demolition will take place. The Trustee Ministry, in concert with other ministries, also spearheaded the effort to sell as many of the items from the house/apartments as possible. The items were offered for sale to Mt. Pisgah members first, followed by a yard sale for interested persons from the community. Thus far, items totaling over \$1,200 have been sold. Those items not sold will be given to a charitable organization or taken to Sunshine Salvage and sold. Also, some issues concerning the AC and heating units are being addressed. Thus far, the units have been

cleaned and serviced; however, all the units are old and need replacement soon. The installation of ceiling fans will also be considered to assist with cooling and heating the sanctuary. Updates will be shared when available. The Trustee Ministry formed a subcommittee to analyze problems related to the maintenance of the church, make recommendations for repairs and replacement of church property when needed.

The Ministry, in collaboration with Strategic Planning Committee, the Deacons' Ministry and the Stewardship Ministry, invited an architect to address some of the items obtained in an earlier membership wish list survey about possible expansion and improvement of the FGS Everett Educational Building, improvements in the sanctuary and the construction of a parking lot, among others. The architect's assessment will be shared with the membership upon its completion. Please remember that the Trustee Ministry is available to address your concerns so feel free to contact any of our trustees. Finally, we appreciate your support. Trustee Leroy Morant is Chairman and Mr. James Spann is Vice-Chairman of the Trustee Ministry.

### **Bomar Award (Continued from page 2)**

The award recognizes individuals whose efforts have been defined by persistence, effectiveness and enthusiasm for the cause of ensuring that all students have equal access to excellent education; and, will be awarded on an annual basis during the UNCF Community, Business, Industry and Friends Kick-Off Luncheon. Mrs. Moore's daughter, Dr. Walletha T. Moore-Johnson accepted the award on her behalf. (pictured left to right, Ms. Zelda Lee, Dr. Iris Bomar, Dr. Walletha Moore-Johnson and Dr. Henry Tisdale.)



### **Annual Father's Day Program held by Men's Ministry**

The Men's Ministry held its annual Father's Day Program on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Brother Michael Bartley presided during the program, and the theme was, "Men of Tomorrow, Pulling Together." A powerful Father's Day message was delivered by the pastor, Rev. Gregory A. Young. The ministry recognized and saluted all the Mt. Pisgah fathers, as well as others who serve as father figures. Special awards were presented to Brother Rogerick Williams, Trustee William "Bill" Hamilton, Sister Helen Darby and Rev. Young.

**God closes doors no man can open, and God opens doors no man can close!**

## **Vacation Bible School**

This year's VBS was held June 17-21, 2019 and was a fun-filled experience. The theme was, "On Safari: Managing What belongs to God." Psalm 24:1 tells us that, "the earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world and all who live in it."

Adults and youth discovered the real joy of stewardship by taking care of all the things that God entrusted to us. The adults and youth experienced the joy of stewardship through the devotional period, bible lessons, planting, music, engaging in outdoor activities, fellowship and through arts and crafts. We ended VBS with a wonderful closing program where each class presented what they learned during the week. The program was awesome!



**Meljavone, Cameron & Benjamin**

Frances Morant and Linda Haynes would like to thank you for joining us on this Safari as we learned and discovered more about being stewards for God! We would also like to thank Trustee Bill Hamilton for donating tee shirts for the youth.



Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church has Unity Sunday, June 30th with members sporting their Unity Shirts.

## **Floral Ministry Hosts High Tea**



The Floral Ministry held its annual High Tea Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. This special event is a showcase of Spring colors, vintage tea pots and fashionable hats. Members of this ministry invite friends to sip tea, partake of delectable refreshments, be entertained, participate in a silent auction and simply fellowship.

Members interested in joining this ministry should contact Madge Hanson, president.

**Pictured, left to right are Mrs. Jeanette Bailey, Mrs. Tracy Thomas, Mrs. Theresa Sumpter, Mrs. Surlena Frazier and Ms. Shirley Jones**

## Message from “Chairman of the Deacons’ Ministry”

The Sixth Chapter of the Book of Acts depicts the origin of deacons. The office of deacon is not an office of authority but one of *SERVICE...*” **Matthew 20:25-28**” – *Greatness is Serving*. A person who agrees to serve as a deacon in a New Testament Church agrees to be an example, to the limit of God’s endowment, in all the life of the church. They are to be an example in *Spirit, Love, Devotion and Loyalty*.

Our goal is to carry out the Mission of the Mount Pisgah Baptist Church...”to make disciples of the unchurched, evangelize the whole world, and to represent Christ in all we do”. Through enhanced membership and outreach services, let us *JOINTLY*, work together to increase contact with all Ward members; provide notifications to the church of known illness, death, and incapacities; encourage members to attend worship services and bible study; take an active part in prayer service, church conferences, committees, ministries and opportunities for Christian growth; and practice the principles of Christian Stewardship – Share Your Time, Share your Talents, Share your Treasures. Our outreach activities will include spreading the word of Jesus Christ in all walks of life and seeking opportunities to minister to others in the community.

We ask for your Prayers as we “press toward the mark”. Our Servant’s Prayer is “God give me work ‘til my Life shall end, and Life ‘til my work is done”. Deacon Broadus J. Jamerson, III is Chairperson of the Deacons Ministry.

### **2019 Gamble Fishing Tournament**

The Annual Fishing Tournament held in memory of the late Deacon Willie Gamble on May 14<sup>th</sup> was a great success. The event was sponsored by the Security and Men’s ministries of Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church. Tim Hinton was the grand prize winner of the boat or \$1,000, and he accepted the \$1,000. Madge and Wesley Hanson won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the brim category, Roger Thomas and Charles Brown won 2nd place in the bass category. Security and Men’s ministries thank all who were involved in making the event a success.

### **Mt. Pisgah Holds Community Forum**

Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church celebrated May as Older Americans Month on May 14<sup>th</sup>, by providing seniors with a wealth of information and activities that support their well-being and honor them as trailblazers. The theme was, “Connect, Create, Contribute” and was sponsored by the senior adult ministry. Ann Bonnette presided. Orangeburg Mayor Michael Butler was present to read a proclamation designating May as Older Americans Month in the city of Orangeburg. The speakers for the occasion were Probate Judge Jones-Glover, representatives from the Heirs’ Property office, and Collaborative Tax Services, LLC (Pamela Dawson & Katrina Bryant).

On Sunday May 19, the church honored the Seniors age 70 and older as trailblazers. Among the age of 90 plus seniors were Mrs. Gertrude Price, Mrs. Elretha Smith, and Mrs. Mary E. Williams. Deacon Clarence Bonnette is president of the senior adult ministry.



**Jaylen Hill**

### **Lake Marion District 9 Wins**

Congratulations to Jaylen Hill who made the 2019 Lake Marion Majors All-Star team. His team won the South Carolina Dixie Youth Baseball District 9 Tournament Championship. To win the tournament, Lake Marion defeated St. George 12-0 on June 27<sup>th</sup>. The team will travel to Dillon, SC on July 5<sup>th</sup> to compete in the SC Division 1 State Tournament. Jaylen was one of the team members who racked up multiple hits. Jaylen is the son of Mr. Jarret Hill and grandson of Ms. Lauritza Hill.

## District 9 Minors Undeclared

Congratulations to Jordan Hill who made the All-Star baseball team of the 2019 Lake Marion District 9 minors. The All-Star team went undefeated in the district tournament that was held June 24th – 28th in Sumter, SC. They are headed to the State Tournament in Anderson on July 12th – 18th. Jordan is the son of Mr. Jarret Hill and grandson of Ms. Lauritza Hill.



Jordan Hill



The Senior Missionary ministry poses after their trip to Columbia, SC on June 4<sup>th</sup>. On their outing, they were treated to lunch at Brookland Baptist Church's restaurant and they visited the University of South Carolina's library where they heard a dynamic presentation on Black History in South Carolina.

## Jokes on You

Morris, an 82-year-old man, went to the doctor to get a physical. A few days later, the doctor saw Morris walking down the street with a gorgeous young woman on his arm. A couple of days later, the doctor spoke to Morris and said, 'You 're really doing great, aren't you?' Morris replied, 'Just doing what you said, Doc: 'Get a hot mamma and be cheerful.'" The doctor said, 'I didn't say that... I said, 'You've got a heart murmur, be careful.'

## The Secret

One day, one friend asked another, 'How is it that you are always so happy? You have so much energy, and you never seem to get down.' With her eyes smiling, she said, 'I know the Secret!' 'What secret is that?' To which she replied, 'I'll tell you all about it, but you have to promise to share the Secret with others.'

The secret is this:

I have learned there is little I can do in my life that will make me truly happy. I must depend on God to make me happy and to meet my needs. When a need arises in my life, I must trust God to supply according to **His** riches. I have learned most of the time I don't need half of what I think I do. He has never let me down. Since I learned that 'Secret', I am happy.'

The questioner's first thought was, "That's too simple!" But upon reflecting over her own life, she recalled how she thought a bigger house would make her happy, but it didn't! She thought a better paying job would make her happy, but it hadn't. When did she realize her greatest happiness? Sitting on the floor with her grandchildren, playing games, eating pizza or reading a story, a simple gift from God.

**YOU** must tell someone the Secret, too! That **GOD** in **His** wisdom will take care of **YOU**! But it is not really a secret, we just must believe it and do it, **really** trust **GOD**!

**Tidbit:** Congratulations to Halle Bailey on being cast in Disney's live action movie "Little Mermaid" as Ariel, an iconic role. The multi-talented singer/actress is the granddaughter of Col. (Ret.) Richard and Mrs. Jerri Singleton and the great-niece of Trustee James and Mrs. Sandye Spann.



## **New Member**

**Ms. Rhonda Stevenson**

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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.**

**Editor’s Note:** Please give your articles to any of the members of the newsletter committee. The article should be 350 words or less and may be edited for clarity and content. Articles are due by Sept. 25, 2019, for the October issue of the newsletter.

## **In Honor of Fathers**

**GOD** took the strength of a mountain,  
The Majesty of a tree  
The warmth of a summer sun,  
The calm of a quiet sea,  
The generous soul of nature,  
The comforting arm of night,  
The wisdom of the ages,  
The power of the Eagles fight,  
The joy of a morning in spring,  
The faith of a mustard seed,  
The patience of eternity,  
The depth of a family need.  
Then **GOD** combined these qualities,  
And then there was nothing more to add.  
He knew his masterpiece was complete,  
And so, He called it---**DAD.**

~ *Happy Father’s Day!* ~

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### **Easter Program Held at Mt. Pisgah Baptist**

Mt. Pisgah held its annual Easter program on April 21, 2019. The theme was “A Word on the Resurrection!” Ms. Nykeshia Guinyard presided, Ms. Auria Legree read the scripture, Deacon Joseph Thomas said the prayer and Jarion Johnson and Peyton Franklin said the welcome address. The program was enjoyed by all.



**Pictured are the Praise Dancers Frocked in Hats and Gloves**