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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. - Tues. - Thurs.
@ 10:00 a.m.

Tuesdays-Bible Study @ Noon
Wednesdays- Prayer Service
@ 6:00 p.m.

Bible Study @ 6:30 p.m.
2nd Wednesdays- Worship
Service @ 6:30 p.m.

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Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church 2018 Women Honorees



Deaconess Anya Douglas Bonnette, Dr. Elrica Carter Glover, Mrs. Veronica Hart Lawrence and Dr. Donyale Mosley were recently honored for their services to Mt. Pisgah Baptist church. A luncheon was given in their honor on Saturday, March 17, 2018 with Deaconess Ann Bonnette presiding over the program with karaoke songs and some fun activities. Children of the honorees and other family members made tributes. The celebration continued and the women were honored at the Women's Day Service held on Sunday, March 18, 2018. The theme was, "There is gold, and a multitude of rubies: but the lips of knowledge are a precious jewel." (**Proverbs 20:15**) The speaker for the occasion was Minister Sheridan Coleman of Orangeburg, SC with Ms. April Thomas presiding. The Women's Day program was chaired by Deaconess Tracy Thomas.

Reminder: Please submit pictures and written information for the church website: www.mtpbchurch.org and Face Book page to the church office or to mtpisgahchurch@sc.twcbc.com. Dr. Donyale Mosley maintains the church website and Ms. April Thomas maintains the Face Book page.

The Pastor's Corner

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

On behalf of myself and First Lady Mechell, we give glory to God for all the wonderful things he's doing through you, the Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church Family. On Saturday, March 24th, we were blessed with an informative and inspiring Leadership Retreat filled with excitement and expectation. Special thanks to the Reverend Dr. Isaac Holt, Pastor of the Royal Baptist Church in North Charleston, SC for his timely lecture on, *Launching a Vision for the Church*. Dr. Gwen Wilson summed everything up at the end with a challenge to the church, "Let's Get It Done." "We built the wall, for the people had a mind to work." **Nehemiah 4:6**



Yours in His Service,

Reverend Gregory A. Young, Pastor

Members in the News

- ✚ Mrs. Ruth Harrison was honored by the House of Sharon, Eastern Stars Bowman Chapter, Bowman, SC on December 10, 2017 for her many years of service.
- ✚ The late Mrs. Lillie Gaffney and the Gaffney family were honored by the Sunlight Club on January 18, 2018.
- ✚ Deacon Broadus Jamerson was honored by the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity with the "Distinguished Service Award" at the Senior Adult Ministry's banquet on January 19, 2018.
- ✚ Deaconess Clarissa Muldrow was recently recognized as a Life Member of the NAACP.
- ✚ Chloe and Halle Bailey, granddaughters of Trustee Richard and Mrs. Geraldine Singleton act and sing on the television's hit show, "Grown-ish." The double trouble duo, mentored by Beyoncé, became popular on YouTube for their re-workings of songs, and they also write and produce their own original music. They wrote and produced the show's theme song. Continued Success!
- ✚ Ms. Regina Carmen Thompson was presented the 20-year Service Award for the state of South Carolina. Ms. Thompson received this honor at the South Carolina State University Founder's Day ceremony March 4, 2018.
- ✚ Edriana Glover, a fifth grader at Marshall Elementary School attended the Orangeburg County Community of Character initiative's 17th annual Fifth Grade Outstanding Character Recognition Program held at Claflin University in January. Edriana was among 16 students honored for their winning essay on character traits. She received a personalized backpack and an inspiring message from the program's speaker. Congratulations!
- ✚ Minister Jerry Govan was recently honored with a 60th birthday celebration and campaign fundraiser. The celebration began with a reception followed by dinner and a program held at The Premier Saturday, March 17, 2018. Minister Govan is campaigning for re-election as Representative for House District 95.

Ministries on the Move

YWA Ministry

Mt. Pisgah Baptist YWA (Young Women Auxiliary) is on the move with visions of great new things coming. Membership has gone up with the Mt. Pisgah YWA young ladies being involved in their church and communities. They have also lost a diligent worker in the organization recently, Ms. Lynette Lessane, who will be greatly missed. The YWA president, Gloria Dash states, "We're going down new avenues, understanding we're not only our future, we're also our family, our church and community's future." Some of their future plans are as follows: hosting a children's care Saturday once every three months, expanding the greetings card mission by not just sending cards, but actually visiting, hosting the first YWA banquet on September 15, 2018, and a fundraiser which will show the progress of Mt. Pisgah on a souvenir plate. "Our doors are always open." They have also started two hands on Mission ministries every two months. This is what they call the two-for-two, doing two missions every two months. They plan to be a working force at the church, inviting young ladies to participate in the YWA, whether they are members or not. Look out for them because they will be visible.

Senior Missionary Ministry

The Senior Missionary Ministry has successfully completed another year of the soup kitchen. We sincerely thank the staff and volunteers. A special thanks to Ward Four for the food donations. It provided an extra meal for our citizens. We are continuing to support CCMO. We have received donations from the Clark Middle School Honor Society. Again we say thank you for all donations. We are approaching summer vacation. There are several things that will keep us busy. We will continue to visit the sick and help the needy. We will support our association with the E&M Tea which was held on April 14th, the Winter White Banquet on April 28th, and the E&M Convention on June 11-15. Our community luncheon will be held at TRMC on May 1st.

"Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong." I Corinthians 16:13

Security Ministry



The Security Ministry of Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church has been in existence for a number of years, utilizing trustees and media members to protect the church members and church property. The Security Ministry currently consists of twelve members. The Mission Statement of the Security Ministry is to provide protective services to the members and visiting friends while at the church facilities. Some of the members are seen here utilizing the shooting range, Michael Richardson, Cynthia Phillips, Charles E. Phillips, Frankie Summers and Levern Baker. We would like to thank Mr. Shawn Hale of DTH Security for allowing us to utilize the shooting range. If you desire to become a part of this dynamic team or for more information, please contact Deacon Levern Baker, president.

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Fortunately, the repairs would not lead to any additional debt for the church as existing funds from the Capital Campaign and Rental accounts were available and approval was granted to proceed immediately. Graham Construction Company, which has done prior work at the church, was chosen to make the repairs. Also, the congregation voted to approve the recommendation from the Trustee Ministry to add two additional trustees. Approved as new trustees were Michael Richardson and Timothy Hinton, Sr. Congratulations to both.

Tidbit: Brice Johnson was recently traded to the Detroit Pistons. Brice, a former Edisto standout, North Carolina forward, and LA Clipper's member for the last two seasons, was selected no. 25 overall in the 2016 NBA Draft. He is the son of Coach Herman Johnson and the late Renee Johnson. We wish him much success!

Black History Month Events

The late Deacon Robert S. Evans and Deaconess Beatrice Evans were recently honored for years of service by Ward Four during Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church's Black History Month Celebration. Deacon Evans joined Mt. Pisgah in 1941 and served faithfully and diligently for more than 60 years. He was active in numerous church organizations and he also played a major role in the implementation of Mt. Pisgah's dining services. Deacon Evans was a graduate of then South Carolina State College and starred on the football team and later served as food service director, a position he was appointed to in 1964. He is in the SCSU Athletic Hall of Fame and the Robert S. Evans Walnut Room was named in his honor.

Deaconess Beatrice Evans has been a dedicated and faithful member of Mt. Pisgah for more than 60 years. She continues to support the church and its many endeavors. Mrs. Evans was the first president of the Orthodox Baptist Women Missionary Association and the Harvest Tea Rally, held offices in the Deaconess Ministry, a member of the Women's Guild Executive Board and an active member of Ward Four. She also previously served as president of the Baptist Training Union, and is still active in the Floral Ministry. Mrs. Evans has also been active in her community and is a member of many organizations, including Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Orangeburg Chapter Links, Inc., and the NAACP. **Please see the April 6, 2018 issue of the Times and Democrat newspaper, p. A6, for further reading.**

SCSU Forum Honors Legacy of Dr. Payton

The legendary Dr. Benjamin Franklin Payton was posthumously honored by fellow alumni of South Carolina State University and dignitaries from across the state on the Orangeburg campus February 9th and 10th. The forum highlighted Payton's rise to leadership, focusing on his educational achievements. Following his highly successful tenure as President of Benedict College, he went on to become the illustrious fifth President of Tuskegee University. Resolutions honoring Payton included presentations by state Senator John Matthews and Representative Jerry Govan on behalf of the South Carolina Senate and House. Several members of

Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church attended the forum in support. Dr. Payton was the son of the late Mrs. Sarah Payton.

Jamerson-Holmes, Williams Honored at Gala

Orangeburg has a rich history of producing Black entrepreneurs. On Saturday, February 17, 2018, the Carolina Panorama newspaper hosted the 2018 Legacy of Black Business Gala at the Premiere. The event was designed to honor African-American businesses in Orangeburg that have served the community for at least 25 years. Thirteen businesses were honored. Among these was Rachele's Island which was the youngest business honored and Cecil Williams Photography. Williams is the husband of Barbara Williams.

Church Hosts Health Initiative

Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church served as host for the Orangeburg NAACP Dialysis Initiative for Access, Choice and Equality. The learning session dealt with the prevention and treatment of kidney disease. It provided access to local services and dialysis therapies. Speakers for the event were Dr. Hakmei, a nephrologist; Mr. Nathaniel McMillan, a representative of PACE and Mr. Mark Walker, a two time kidney transplant patient. Mrs. Barbara Williams, president of the Orangeburg NAACP served as mistress of ceremony. The workshop held on January 23rd was very informative.

Mt. Pisgah Featured in Online Guide

Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church is among the approximately 20 sites in the Orangeburg region featured in the online travel guide to African American historical and cultural sites in South Carolina. "The Green Book of South Carolina" provides travelers glimpses into the trials and triumphs of the legacy of African Americans in the state. The guide describes the sophisticated architectural design of the church by A. W. Thorne, an African-American builder. The Green Book can be accessed online at www.greenbookofsc.com.

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28

WHY GO TO CHURCH?

A church goer wrote a letter to the editor of the newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me I can't remember a single one of them. So I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher: "I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me those meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

When you are DOWN to nothing ... God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical and spiritual nourishment! - *Author Unknown*



Men Joining In Karaoke



Karaoke with Women Honorees



More of Mt. Pisgah Security Ministry



Karaoke Time with Tina Turner





New Members

Mr. Jae'Shaun Corbett
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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. The article should be 350 words or less and may be edited for clarity and content. Articles are due by June 18, 2018, for the July issue of the newsletter.

Deacons' Corner

Christianity is a Love Relationship

You cannot love someone that you do not know, and you cannot know someone that you don't spend quality time with.

To know Jesus is to love Him. To love Him is to trust Him. To trust Him is to obey Him. To obey Him is to be blessed. It begins with a daily, quality communication with the Lord.

Why is it best to spend time with the Lord in the morning? Because you are getting ready to go on a road trip through life. You don't take the trip and then read the map, do you?

How are you starting your mornings? With a cup of coffee and the paper? Or with the pure milk of the Word and the light of His presence?

Give ear to my words, O LORD, consider my sighing. Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray. In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation. -- Psalm 5:1-3

Deacon Broadus Jamerson, Chairman

Trustees' Corner

The Trustee Ministry continues to address the upkeep of church property and facilities, to address safety issues and oversee the church funds. During the March 26 quarterly church meeting, Trustee Ministry Chairman Leroy Morant shared with church members the need to address needed repairs and other safety issues. Those present voted to approve the repairs and funding for them.

The repairs – which included among other things – improving the sidewalks and insuring they are handicap assessable, re-designing the entrance to the Educational Building including replacing the overhead awning, upgrading of steps to entrances at choir stand and from the Educational Building to church, and replacing designated gate entrances and rails.

These improvements, which got underway shortly after the conference meeting, will bring all of our entrances and egresses into compliance with handicap regulations and other fire marshal concerns. **(Continued on p. 3, see Trustee Ministry.)**

Mr. Leroy Morant, Chairman