



GOODWIN'S *Good News*



A Newsletter of Goodwin Memorial Baptist Church

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THE TRUSTEE MINISTRY ON THE JOB FOR GOD'S HOUSE

As always, the trustees have their hands in a variety of things throughout the church and the Family Life Center (FLC). During this past spring and summer, various members have participated in maintaining the operational aspect of the buildings doing the following work:

During the course of the year we power washed the church outdoor carpet, the exterior face of the FLC on the 3rd Street side of the building. We washed the FLC interior and exterior windows and the sanctuary windows. Air conditioners were installed in the nursery, Associate Ministers office, and the Deacons office.

Earlier in the year, the men of the ministry removed the evergreen in the front of the FLC for easier lawn maintenance.

The boiler in the old boiler room of the FLC has been removed and the room has been cleaned. In the near future it will be converted into a storage room for miscellaneous items yet to be determined.

As you have noticed, new lighting has been installed in the FLC. A new emergency generator has replaced the existing non-working generator which was lost in the flood. The emergency doors in the church's social hall are more secure with a new alarm system. New mini blinds have recently been installed in the FLC kitchen.

The library in the FLC has been cleaned out and thanks to Pastor Jackson and First Lady Lisa for their contribution of the lounge furnishings.

We are currently inventorying the church and FLC property. Our sexton is in the process of installing hand sanitizers throughout the church and FLC.

There are other items of interest that the ministry is currently investigating.



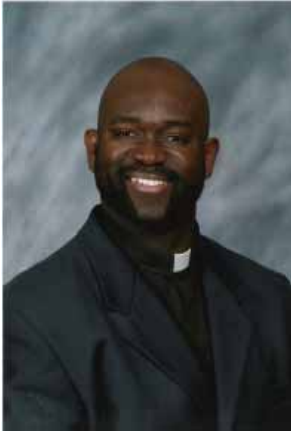
Pictured above our new generator and windows.

Trustees / Ministry Assignments:

Deacon Family Ministry	Jacqueline Marshall & Tom Chambers
Deaconess	Sheila Chambers
Drama	Daniel Moses
Health & Wellness	Jacquetta McCoy
Hospitality	Jacqueline Marshall
Laymen	Russell Roebuck
Music	Sheila Chambers
Nursery	Claudine Nichols
Sunday School	Claudine Nichols
Tree of Life	Daniel Moses
Ushers	Robert Hume
Women's Fellowship	Claudine Nichols



Shown above the Family Life Center power washed.



DEAR CHRISTIAN FRIENDS:

It has been a year since I first came to Goodwin. It has truly been a blessed year for me and my family. You have welcomed us with open arms and we say thank you.

Goodwin, we had a wonderful summer vacation and now it's time to get down to business and come out from behind the walls of the church and into the streets of the community.

You've heard me say many times that we should be doing more for our youth, our seniors and our community. During the upcoming year, there are going to be some changes. Changes for the good of the church and the community as a whole. I need everyone to get involved. So once again, I am asking that you get off the pews and into the ministry of your choice. Let's make a difference. We want Goodwin to be remembered as the church that made a difference in the lives of the people in the community.

I want to commend the Deacons, Trustees and all the Ministry Leaders for an outstanding job over the past year. I want to also thank all the faithful members in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for remaining faithful in your duties and showing how to be Christian models.

For the past several months I have had on the front of the bulletin, "No Jesus, No Peace - Know Jesus, Know Peace". We must remain faithful and continue to pray, love and encourage each other. It is time to set our sites on God so that we may fulfill His Will, His Plan and His Purpose for Goodwin.

Sincerely,

Rev. Dr. James D. Jackson

A NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

Who Moved My Cheese?...CHANGE!!!

Let's look inside ourselves and "be true to thine own self". Church members like employees in other organizations have difficulty embracing change. Some of our attitudes are "we've always done it that way", "the former administration did it this way". Sometimes we act like the characters in the book Who Moved My Cheese; like Sniff who sniffs out change early or Scurry who scurries into action. We may act like Hem who denies and resists change as he fears it will lead to something worse or Haw who learns to adapt in time when he sees change leads to something better.

In the book the two mice do better when they are faced with change because they keep things simple, while the two little people's complex brains and **human emotions** complicate things. It is not that mice are smarter than people, we are intelligent beings. It is to our advantage to do simple things that work when things change.

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FOCUS WORDS FOR 2009:

- January:** *Assurance*
- February:** *Born Again*
- March:** *Conviction*
- April:** *Doctrine*
- May:** *Eternal Life*
- June:** *Fasting*
- July:** *Humility*
- August:** *Immortality*
- September:** *Mercy*
- October:** *Omnipresence*
- November:** *Theology*
- December:** *Testament*



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It is important that we open our hearts and open our minds to the possibilities that lie ahead. Do not block our blessings because we are stuck in the muck and mire of old times and fear change. Be Prayerful, Have Faith, Relax and Enjoy the Ride!

Editors: Sisters Beulah Chambers, Sheila Baylor and Pat Guest

**PENNSYLVANIA BAPTIST STATE
CONVENTION WOMEN'S MINISTRY
CENTRAL AND EASTERN REGIONS
Annual Women of Distinction Awards
Recognition Luncheon - Drexel Hill, PA
Saturday, September 19, 2009**



Deaconess Beulah Chambers

The Pennsylvania Baptist State Convention Women's Ministry held its Annual "Women of Distinction Awards Recognition Luncheon" Saturday, September 19, 2009 in Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania. This was coordinated by Central and Eastern Regions. Deaconess Beulah Chambers was among the Honorees from Central Region who was acknowledged. Rev. Mary Ellen Hope of the Eastern Region, serves as President of the State Convention Women's Ministry, and Sister Ethel Grundy serves as Vice President at-Large. Sister Chambers has served in various offices of the Pennsylvania Baptist State Convention Women's Ministry and the State Congress of Christian Education as well as in the Central Region and her home Church of Goodwin. Sister Chambers wishes to thank her Family, Pastor, Church Family and Everyone who supported her with Ads, Patrons, and especially their Prayers and Presence on that occasion. She says: TO GOD BE THE GLORY for allowing her to be in HIS Service!

Other Honorees included: Central – Mrs. Jessie Brown, State Convention Logistician; Sister Esther Lee, Past-President of the State Convention Women's Ministry; and Rev. Doris Thomas, First Lady of Union Baptist Church, Reading. East – Sister Mary Bond, Sister Thomasina Jones, Dr. Elizabeth Prior, and Sister Patricia White, (Sister of Sister Joan Tracy and a former member of Goodwin).



Deaconess Robbie Porter Honored

*During The Blackwell - Hall Family Reunion
July 10-12, 2009 in Charlotte, NC*

Mrs. Robbie Lee (Blackwell) Porter was born in Toccoa, Georgia on May 18, 1923. She was reared in Statesville, North Carolina. Mrs. Porter moved to Harrisburg when she was in the 10th grade. She graduated from Rowland Reed Beauty School where she taught and met Armstead T. Porter. They married in 1953 which lasted for 33 years until his death in 1986. Robbie returned to night school and graduated from William Penn High School. She and her husband established a Beauty Shop in their home and worked side by side for many years.

Deaconess Robbie has been a pillar in the Goodwin Memorial Baptist Church for over 62 years. She served as a pianist and organist for most of those years. She is Advisor for the Music Ministry, a Deaconess, President of the Senior Citizens Ministry and was recently named "Mother of The Church". Mother Robbie has served in many other ministries over the years and continues to serve in numerous other areas of the church.

Her love for her family is only surpassed by her love for the Lord. When her family thinks of this small statured, HUMBLE woman of God there are no words to describe her. Whether she is called, Robbie, Sis, Mom, Grandmom, Aunt Robbie, Sister Porter, etc., they always find someone who is imbedded in her Godly principles. She says that her greatest source of strength is the Lord who has given her the ability to love others in spite of the circumstances. Her advice always comes from "The Word", and counseling is in the strictest of confidence.

Her family says "it is an honor to reflect on one who has set such an example of high standards for our family to follow."

2009 UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

October 3, 2009 : Sunday School Teacher Training - 9 AM
October 5, 2009: Deacons Meeting - 7 PM
October 5, 2009: Deaconess Meeting - 7 PM
October 8, 2009: PAID STAFF MEETING - 6 PM
October 9, 2009: PBSC Convention in Philadelphia (Youth)
October 10, 2009: Audio/Visual Quarterly Meeting - 9 AM
October 12, 2009: COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY - OFFICE CLOSED
October 13, 2009: Sunday School Teacher's Staff Mtg. - 7 PM
October 17, 2009: Pastor Jackson - "Positive Fatherhood Study" with Breakfast, 9 AM - FLC
October 18, 2009: Children's Sabbath with Dinner
October 19, 2009: CATALYST Meeting - 6 PM
October 24, 2009: CBA Congress - One Day Session
October 27, 2009: Women's Fellowship "The Me You Do Not Know" Meeting - 7 PM
October 30 - November 1, 2009: DEACON FAMILY MINISTRY WEEKEND

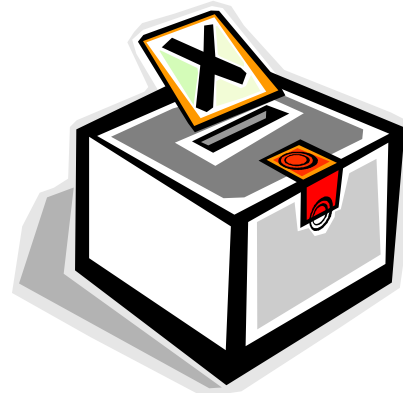
NOVEMBER

November 8, 2009: Traveling to First Corinthian, Philadelphia, 4:00 PM
November 9, 2009: CATALYST - 6 PM
November 10, 2009: Sunday School Teachers Staff Meeting - 7 PM
November 11, 2009: VETERAN'S DAY HOLIDAY - OFFICE CLOSED
November 15, 2009: PASTOR'S ANNIVERSARY
November 21, 2009: Usher's Bake Sale
November 24, 2009: Women's Fellowship, "How Do I Feel Today" Meeting - 7 PM
November 26, 2009: THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY Serving the Community - Free Meal
November 27, 2009: OFFICE CLOSED

DECEMBER

December 3, 2009: EXECUTIVE BOARD MTG - 7 PM
December 4, 2009: Evangelism - It's a Wonderful Life Christmas Party
December 5, 2009: Sunday School - Christmas Trim A Tree - 10 AM
December 7, 2009: Deacon Meeting - 7 PM

December 7, 2009: Deaconess Meeting - 7 PM
December 8, 2009: ELDER COUNCIL MTG. - 6 PM
December 8, 2009: JOINT BOARD MTG. - 7 PM
December 8, 2009: Sunday School/Children's Church Fellowship - 6 PM
December 11, 2009: Christmas Fellowship-Coliseum - 3 PM
December 12, 2009: Dutch Apple Theatre - 11 AM
December 12, 2009: Usher's Christmas Party - 6 PM
December 14, 2009: CATALYST, Location TBA, 6PM
December 14, 2009: JOINT BOARD AND PRESIDENT'S MEETING - 7 PM
December 18, 2009: CHURCH BUSINESS MTG, 7 PM
December 19, 2009: Women's Fellowship - Holiday House Tour - 1 PM
December 20, 2009: Sunday School Christmas Program 8:30 AM
December 25, 2009: MERRY CHRISTMAS! - OFFICE CLOSED
December 26, 2009: Women's Fellowship, College Cluster Breakfast, 10 AM
December 31, 2009: WATCH NIGHT SERVICE, 10 PM

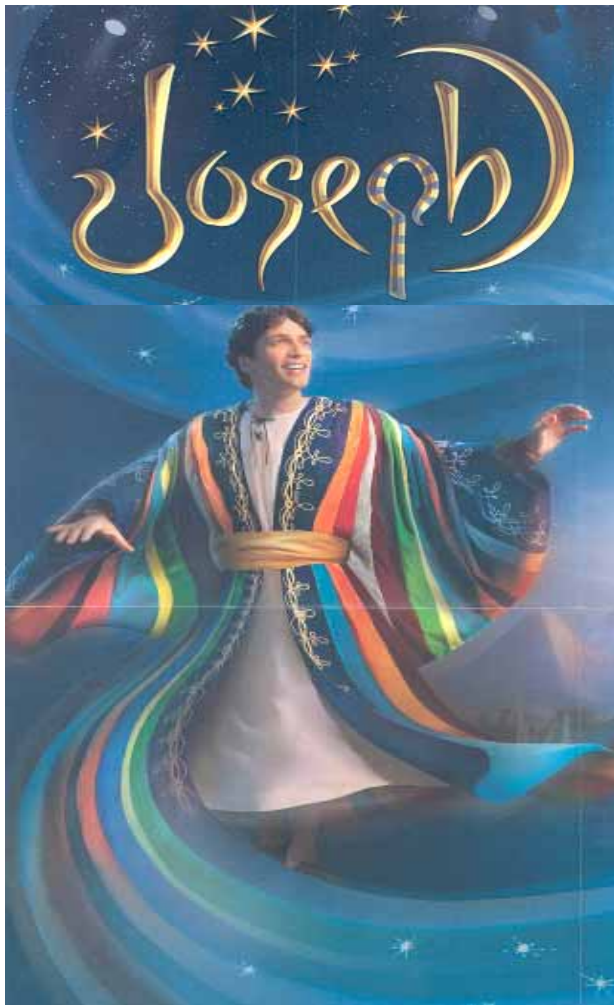


**DON'T
FORGET
TO VOTE!**

**ELECTION DAY
NOVEMBER 3, 2009**

**GOODWIN MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH
DEACON MINISTRY**

presents



March 27, 2010

***Sight and Sound Theatre
Show and Meal Package***

Cost: \$83.00 Per Adult

\$55.00 Per Teen (Ages 13 - 18)

\$32.00 Per Child (Ages 3-12)

Each adult church member attendee will be responsible for \$45, each teen \$26 and each child \$15. The church will pay the balance.

You may make partial payments, however, all monies are due by February 9, 2010.

Transportation will be provided. The buses will pull out from the church parking lot promptly at 10:30 a.m.

Dinner will be served at Good and Plenty Restaurant following the show.

The Community Relations Council and
Women's Philanthropy
of the Jewish Federation of Greater Harrisburg

Present

**An Evening of Breast & Ovarian Cancer Awareness:
A Community Discussion with
Special Guest,**



**The Honorable Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D),
Broward County, Florida**

and
**Angela Soto Hamlin, M.D., F.A.C.S.,
Breast Cancer Surgeon Specialist**

Representative Wasserman Schultz is a Breast Cancer Survivor and Sponsor in the House of Representatives for the Education and Awareness Requires Learning Young Act or EARLY Act

Jewish Community Center
3301 N Front Street
Harrisburg, PA

October 14, 2009

**7:30 pm - 9:00 pm - Main Event
Dessert Reception to follow**

Free to community—all welcome

6:30 pm - 7:15 pm - Special Opportunity for teenage girls, ages 13-18 to meet with Congresswomen Wasserman Schultz and participate in Hadassah's "Check It Out" program

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

**NEW WEB SITE TO HELP
PENNSYLVANIANS LEARN ABOUT,
PROTECT AGAINST NOVEL H1N1 FLU**

Pennsylvanians now have a new on-line resource to help them learn about and help control the spread of the novel H1N1 flu virus, also known as swine flu. The new Web site, www.H1N1inPA.com, was created by the Department of Health to answer questions and provide the latest news on the virus.

The Web site features an explanation of the novel H1N1 virus, frequently asked questions, symptoms, of the disease, how to care for sick family members, down-loadable educational flyers and posters and links to other resources.

The site also outlines simple steps that all Pennsylvanians should take to reduce the risk of becoming ill or spreading the virus to others:

➤ Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, and put the used tissue in the waste basket. If you don't have a tissue, sneeze or cough into your sleeve, but never into your hands or onto bare skin.

➤ Keep your hands away from your face and don't touch your mouth, nose and eyes.

➤ Wash your hands frequently with soap and water, or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

➤ Keep clean frequently used surfaces such as knobs, countertops and desks.

Stay home from work or school whenever you are sick, and remain home until you are fully recovered.

Information regarding a vaccine is expected to be released in October and will be added to the site.

MINISTRY UPDATES

Get Ready, Get Ready, Get Ready for Super Second Sundays

Submitted by: Rev. Tom Keys

On October 18th, 2009, members of our Youth Fellowship (YF) and the Young Adult Ministry in Service (Y.A.M.S.) will take a leadership role in our worship services. A few months ago, Pastor Jackson met with adult leaders who work with these two groups to share his vision and to discuss how to help our young people become more involved in our church worship services. Following this meeting, adult leaders surveyed the YF and Y.A.M.S. to obtain feedback and ideas from them about what would make Second Sunday Services more meaningful to them. The YF and Y.A.M.S. enthusiastically shared their thoughts with their adult leaders. Pastor Jackson would like to implement some of their ideas.

Pastor Jackson charged Reverend Keys with coordinating and overseeing these services. Under the guidance and direction of their adult leaders, Pastor Jackson has given his blessing to the YF and Y.A.M.S. to assume a leadership role at Goodwin on Second Sundays.

What should the congregation expect on Super Second Sundays?

- Youth and Young Adults serving as Worship Leaders, Scripture Readers, Prayer Warriors, Ushers, Choir Members, and in other key capacities during morning worship;
- Youth and Young Adult focused announcements;
- Dynamic preaching and teaching from *ordained* ministers within and outside of Goodwin on topics relevant to Youth and Young adults;
- Contemporary, uplifting Gospel music;
- Special guest appearances/presentations by Youth and Young Adult members of Goodwin and their special guests outside of Goodwin;
- Praising the Lord through liturgical dance, mime, poetry and Hip Hop gospel.

The Y F and Y.A.M.S. solicit the prayers and support of the **adults** of Goodwin to help them praise and uplift the Lord in a way that is pleasing to Him on the Second Sunday of each month.

Get Ready, Get Ready, Get Ready for Super Second Sunday worship services. Our young people represent not just the church of the *future* but they are the NOW Generation and need to learn from God-fearing adults how to lead in the church NOW.



SENIORS MINISTRY ANNUAL PICNIC

Mother Robbie Porter, President

Submitted by: Deaconess Beulah Chambers

The Seasoned Saints gathered on the 3rd Wednesday in August at the home of Sister Connie Buxton and enjoyed a wonderful Fellowship with plenty of Food and Fun. Sister Buxton, her Daughter and Niece, greeted us warmly and had the atmosphere set for a relaxing Celebration! We were happy that our Pastor was able to share in the festivities. Our Chefs at the Grill were: **Brother Al Nelson, Deacon Willard Smith and Deacon Matthew Moses.** We also celebrated **Sister Jackie Lawson's Birthday**, who had been so generous in supplying cake for everyone else's Birthday. **Thanks Sister Buxton for your very fine Hospitality and may God continue to Bless you and All Seasoned Saints, as well as Everyone Else!**



MINISTRY UPDATES

Goodwin Memorial Baptist Church invites you to our Ministries Appreciation Day

October 11, 2009

4:30 P.M.

Answering God's Call



Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
"Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"
And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

Isaiah 6:8

Messenger

Rev. Raymond C. Bland, Pastor
Zion Baptist Church
Reading, Pennsylvania

Goodwin Memorial Baptist Church
2447 Green Street
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110
Rev. Dr. James D. Jackson, Pastor

RASPA Ministry Report

Submitted by: Deacon John Wilson

Since the last ministry report back in June, the Recovery and Support Prison Aftercare (RASPA) ministry conducted worship services at the Dauphin County and Cumberland County prison facilities. During these services, 20 individuals accepted the call to salvation:

- First time salvation - 8 inmates
- Rededications - 12 inmates

The ministry continued to provide Bible study lessons to inmates that requested them, and we follow-up with individuals that come forward for salvation or rededication, providing spiritual guidance for their new or renewed Christian walk, along with Bible study materials.

We had several opportunities to minister to or provide spiritual counseling to individuals at other county and state institutions, and in some cases, provided referrals for services such as transitional housing assistance that are not offered through RASPA.

We continue to solicit your prayers and support as we seek to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ through the ministry of RASPA. .

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

Submitted by: Sister Sheila Baylor

The Hospitality Ministry will be selling Wolfgang Candy for the Christmas Holiday starting in October.

We will also be sponsoring two vacation trips in 2010. The first will be in May for "A Taste of New England" to Providence, RI. This trip is for 3 days and two nights, with meals, tours, hotel, etc. included in the price of \$290. The second trip will be to Myrtle Beach, August 23-27, 2010. The cost is \$425.00 which includes meals, tours and lodging. All those interested in either trip or both should contact Sister Sheila Baylor, President of Hospitality in the Church Office.

We want to thank all of you who participated in our Flea Market earlier this month. Although it was a cloudy, rainy day, the Lord showed up at our Flea Market and we had a sunny, fun filled day of fellowship. We ate, laughed and shopped till we dropped. We also want to thank the ladies from Woodside for making our day even sunnier. You ladies were truly a blessing to us and the church.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2008 - 09 GMBC ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE WINNERS

Elementary
Frankee Murphy*
Daria Warner*
Zaiyanna Anderson*
Shaliya Brown
Rickia Carey
Yasmin Carey
Jalyn Carter
Cedric Humphrey

Junior High
Kristen Shipley*
Nia Howard*
Quentin Ellis*

High School
Jasmine Chambers*
Bryce Moses*
Joseph Cooke*
Jennifer Ellis
Keyuana Moore
Nile Howard

* Denotes Top Academic Performers

Deacon Family Ministry

Submitted by: Deacon Matthew Moses

The first Deacon Family Ministry gathering took place on March 21, 2009. The session proved to be a great success. There were member representation from all of the Deacon Family Ministry Teams and we estimated a total attendance of 125 to 150 people. Attendees of the gathering seemed to enjoy the event, and feedback was very favorable.

The presentation topics included:

- Why we have Deacon Family Teams, facilitated by Deacon Willard Smith.
- The importance of regular visits to church and family members residing in long-term care facilities, facilitated by Deaconess Gwendolyn Moses.
- How can we (Deacon Ministry) serve you better, facilitated by Deacon Matthew Moses.

These were informative presentations that focused on the purpose of the Deacon Family Ministry model and how we become better at serving the Lord and each other.

The second gathering took place on June 13, 2009. This gathering was also well attended. The presentations were given from the theme "Let's Talk About How We Can Help Each Other by Sharing Useful Information". Topics included:

- Directory of Services, facilitator Sister Elizabeth Summers
- Estate Planning, facilitator, Deacon Kenneth Mickens
- Community Health Services, Facilitator Sister Kirsten N. Harris
- Economic Stimulus, facilitator, Brother Melvin Johnson

These presentations proved to be very informative and some went well beyond the time allocated because of questions and discussion points covered. It was very clear that the material presented provided valuable information to the attendees

The third gathering took place on September 19, 2009. This gathering was also well received. The presentation session topics included:

- Individual Tax Information, facilitator, Deacon Matthew Moses
- Baptist Articles of Faith 1-10, facilitator, Deacon John Wilson
- Baptist Articles of Faith 11-20, facilitator, Deacon Kenneth Rice

Time was allowed for Deacon Family Team breakouts. This gave each deacon and deaconess the opportunity to meet with their respective family members to discuss items of importance to them.

The final Deacon Family Ministry gathering will take place during the Deacon Family Ministry Weekend October 30-November 1, 2009.



"Energy Forum"

"What's Your EQ?"

How to Survive Rising Energy Cost"

presented by

The Epsilon Sigma Omega Chapter
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

The Goodwin Memorial Civic and Social Concerns Ministry

Saturday, October 10, 2009

10:00 am—1:00 pm

Goodwin Memorial Baptist Church, Family Life Center
2430 North Third Street, Harrisburg, PA

Presentations from and Information about

- Public Utility Commission
- PPL Corporation
- UGI Utilities, Inc.
- Weatherization & LIHEAP Programs
- Conservation measures
- Others

Why are Utility Rates Rising? What You Can Do!

Learn Energy Saving Tips!

Learn about Customer Assistance Programs!

Problem understanding your utility bill, bring it with you!

Refreshments Door Prizes Handouts

Free Gift for the First 50 People

For more information contact: skharrisburgpa@aol.com
www.skapepsilonomega.com

Celebration of Poetic Legacy



October 10, 2009 - 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Harrisburg High School Main Lobby - John Harris Campus

Join us for an evening of poetry and music honoring the life of Carolyn Henry



Please RSVP to Stephanie Kalina-Metzger - skalina@hbgsd.k12.pa.us or 703.4509

MINISTRY UPDATES

“CARE AND COMFORT GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY”

Submitted by: Sister Arlene Gadsden

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. John 14:27

Webster has several definitions for peace but the one I like best is tranquility and quietness. In this pressured, stressful, fast paced, noisy world we live in there is no permanent quietness, tranquility and peace, aside from God. Romans 5:1 say our peace comes from the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit took up residency in our lives the day we invited Jesus into our hearts. The result is a deep and lasting peace.

When lack of peace is a result of a tremendous loss in our lives that we can do nothing about, we must trust God and know that He cares, that He loves us and He is going through our pain with us. We need to keep our minds focused on God, not on our pain.

Isaiah 26:3 says “*I will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee because he trusts in thee.*” Perfect, complete ... God is waiting to give us complete peace. Be confident that God is going to do what he says. His word says that he left us with a GIFT...peace of mind and heart.

For those of us who have lost loved ones, holidays are especially difficult. Memories flood our minds as we yearn for the yesterdays when all was intact and well, times when all loved ones were present and we had not tasted of that terrible enemy, death.

But God knew we would one day have to struggle through the holidays with that one all important family member missing, and that is why He saw fit to send the comforter, with the GIFT of peace that passes all understanding.

As you are facing the upcoming holiday and reliving the pain of your loss, would you open your heart to the gift from God right now, that beautiful, sacrificial, heaven sent gift of peace, and allow it to permeate your life like a sweet perfume.

Philippians 4:6-7 says “*Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything; tell God your needs and don’t forget to thank him for his answers. If you do this you will experience God’s peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will keep your thoughts and your hearts quiet and at rest as you trust in Jesus.*”

Can you think of any time of the year when you needed that promise from God more than now? This is a difficult time ... so; no better time to open the GIFT from God, the GIFT OF PEACE of mind and heart. It is what our loved ones would want us to do.

Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. I Corinthians 1:3-4

Women’s Fellowship Ministry

Submitted by: Deaconess Gwendolyn V. Moses



Women’s Fellowship Outreach Committee:
Sisters Elaine Barker, Gwendolyn Moses (chairperson), Barbara McWhite, Janet Banks, and Elizabeth Majors.

Each year Goodwin’s women selects a project for community outreach. In the past we’ve provided book scholarships to schools, supported women shelters by providing cash, toiletries, bus tokens for those transitioning back into the workforce, lingerie, etc. This year we supported the Sylvan Heights Science Charter School with over \$1,000.00 in donations toward books for their summer reading project. Through our support, the school was able to send a new specially selected book to each student every week during the summer months.

Sylvan Heights Science Charter School’s summer reading project has several goals. They want students to: (1) develop the habit of reading as a leisure time activity, (2) avoid “reading skill loss” over the summer months due to inactivity. Putting good books in children’s hands can help them build reading vocabularies, practice comprehension skills, and become familiar with varying sentence structures, and (3) excite students’ parents about reading with their children.

We received a letter from the school expressing their appreciation and understanding that it takes the help of the entire community working together to meet the high expectations they hold for their students.

DEACONESS MINISTRY

PRAYER SEMINAR

Submitted by: Deaconess Beulah Chambers

November 14, 2009: Prayer Seminar sponsored by the Deaconess Ministry of Goodwin. **Rev. Ronnie B. Tucker, Pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Steelton, will be the Facilitator. The Theme: “Lord Teach Us to Pray” referencing Luke 11:1. All Ages are encouraged to attend, as this will familiarize us with the appropriate Prayer for different situations and occasions. A Continental Breakfast and Light Lunch will be served. Please Pre-Register with one of the Deaconess in the Foyer after Worship Service beginning Sunday– No Registration Fee, just a Free Will Offering.**

BAPTIST ACTIVITIES

CBA One-Day Session

Submitted by: Sister Arlene Gadsden

The Central Baptist Association 1-Day Session convened on Saturday, August 22, 2009 at the Macedonia Baptist Church, Rev. Dr. Danny Conyers, host Pastor. Our newly elect Moderator, Reverend Melvin Baber opened the session and Reverend Palmore (Baptist Fellowship) broke bread. Of special interest, Moderator Baber stated:

- We are not here (on this earth) to glorify ourselves, we are here to glorify God in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
- The Central Baptist Association (CBA) needs not to be a taking association, but one that gives to its community.
- Young people need to know Jesus. They can do their “thing”; however, while doing their thing, they also need to know the 66 books of the Bible, the Major and Minor Prophets and why they are called such; Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of their sins, etc. They are intelligent and we need to find ways to work with them and to “tap” into their knowledge especially in the areas of electronics/computers.
- The CBA wants and needs to play an integral role in the “ordination” of those in the Ministry so all are speaking the same language.
- CBA must reach out to all its churches, communities and to assist mission churches to become established.
- Must address community social, civic concerns.

Preaching Hour: Reverend Palmore (Baptist Fellowship) brought the message from Hebrews 11:1-6. He spoke on “**Faith: The Substance in the Unknown**”. Rev. Palmore stressed, “If faith is ever needed, it is now”. He said, “It takes faith to get on the road and hope someone does not kill you. Faith is the confidence in knowing God. God has called us (Christians) to make a difference. In order to make a difference, we must walk by faith and not by sight. Most importantly, we must believe in Jesus, the Christ.

The session was well attended. I enjoyed myself mightily in the Lord, and prayerfully hope to attend many more.

NATION BAPTIST CONVENTION DELEGATE REPORT

Submitted by: Sister Joyce Prater and Rev. Vera Watson

The National Baptist Convention convened in Memphis, TN. The Pre-opening of the convention began with a grand concert of more than 100 participants. The old traditional gospel music was the height of the evening. It was great to hear.

The President officially opened the convention on Tuesday morning with the tap of the gavel. He told all delegates that we had a dark cloud over the convention due to the National Baptist being sued over the elections. There were others who wanted to have their names added to the ballot and did not submit their information in time to be included and asked that we go into prayer regarding this matter and to let God handle the situation. To God Be the Glory! He took care of it. It was thrown out of court.

We attended the Ushers and Nurses Presidential Address. She stated that she would like to see the ushers and nurses study the Word of God and let Him direct our paths in the way that we should go, and seek to build our ministry.

We heard the President Rev. Dr. William J. Shaw's address. He said the time is now for us to continue to take the National Baptist convention forward and to always stay in prayer.

The voting took place on Thursday, and Rev. Dr. Julius Scruggs was elected with four-thousand votes to be the new President of the National Baptist Convention.

On Friday, there was a great celebration for the new President and some new officers were selected, but not all. There was celebration preaching all day with Rev. Campbell from Philadelphia topping off the evening with a message for the Convention to come together to support and work with out new President.

Help the Pennsylvania Commission for Women spread the word about breast cancer awareness

Harrisburg
Wednesday, Sept. 30th
Noon
State Capitol Fountain

Pittsburgh
Thursday, Oct. 1
10 a.m.
Point State Park
Fountain - event to be
held above North
Shore Riverwalk by
Heinz Field

Join us as we turn fountains hot pink to kick-off Breast Cancer Awareness Month

BAPTIST ACTIVITIES

Submitted by: Deaconess Beulah Chambers

July 27-31, 2009:

The Pennsylvania Baptist State Congress of Christian Education met at Millersville University. Bus Transportation was available Thursday for additional individuals who wished to go for the Youth Night Activities. **One of the Highlights of the Evening was the Oratorical Contest. Our own Jennifer Ellis, who is President of the Youth for The Central Baptist Association, was the representative for Central Region! She won 2nd Place in the competition. Congratulations Jennifer! We Pray God's continued Blessings for you. We encourage you to participate again next year!**

August 20, 2009:

A Transitional Meeting for Outgoing and Incoming Officers of The Central Baptist Association was held at Goodwin Memorial Baptist Church.

August 22, 2009:

The Central Baptist Association held its One-Day Session at Macedonia Baptist Church where Rev. Dr. Danny Conyers is Pastor.

Welcome to our Newly-Elected Moderator, Rev. Melvin Baber and our Vice Moderator at-Large, our own Pastor, Rev. Dr. James D. Jackson!

Highlights of the Session were: Rev. Baber presenting his vision for the Central Baptist Association, Preaching and a Lecture by Rev. Louis Butcher.

An announcement was also given that the balance on the mortgage for *Camp Central had been paid off and there would be a "Mortgage Burning" Celebration, September 26th at Camp Central with Dinners available for \$8.00! Each Church as well as individuals were also encouraged to donate \$500.00 or as much as you could, to maintain the Camp. The \$500.00 donors would be listed on a Plaque. The next One-Day Session will convene December 5th at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Steelton.*

September 7-11, 2009:

The National Baptist Convention met in Memphis, Tennessee. Rev. Dr. William B. Shaw of Philadelphia, completed his second term, after having given superb leadership! The newly-elected President is Rev. Dr. Scruggs.

October 9-12, 2009:

The Youth of The Pennsylvania Baptist State Convention will be in Session in Philadelphia, Pa.

October 12-16, 2009:

The Parent Body of The Pennsylvania Baptist State Convention will be in Session. Goodwin plans to send Delegates to both Sessions.

129th ANNUAL SESSION OF THE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION

Submitted by: Sister Arlene Gadsden

The 129th Annual Session of the National Baptist Convention-USA, Incorporated (NBC-USA, INC) convened in Memphis, Tennessee, September 7-11, 2009, Rev. Dr. William J. Shaw, President and Rev. Dr. Harry Blake, General Secretary. The theme for this year's convention was, "The Heavenly Vision: The Mission of the Church".

My report is a compilation of various devotional messages, expositions of the theme, annual messages by Dr. Hugh Dell Gatewood (President, Women's' Ministry) and Rev. Dr. William J. Shaw (out- going NBC-USA, INC President); and Rev. Dr. Julius Scruggs (President elect- NBC-USA, INC).

Rev. Milton Hendricks (NJ) whose message taken from I Samuel 17:33 said "The Church must always be ready for war. The Church must walk by faith knowing the Lord is on our side. The Church must always wait on the Lord and when we go, we must go in the name of the Lord, who will fight our battle(s) if we just keep still".

Rev. Elliott Cuff (OK) took his text from Acts 13:45-48 and he asked the question, "Where is the Mind of the Church Today When it comes to the Mission of the Church"?). Rev. Cuff said, "When God has put something in you, He will perform it and see it through. Christians are called to be a light to the world; but how can the Christian's light shine without power? The sole purpose of the Church is to lift and edify Jesus, the Christ. The Church is not to entertain the world and/or self".

Rev. H. L. Harvey (OH) in his thematic sermon taken from Matthew 28:19-20 stressed the importance of the young generation in that it is important young people are taught the Salvation message, that Jesus the Christ is Lord, and that there is no other name under heaven or in earth whereby man may be saved.

Dr. Gatewood said the road one takes is where one wants to go. She also said a "servant" woman is one whose mind is stayed on the Lord, one who meditates day and night and one who **does what God wants her to do**. Most of the time we do what our minds tell us to do, not what God tells us to do.

Rev. Dr. William J. Shaw's final address came from Acts 20:22-24, "And Now". President Shaw indicated there are a lot of things coming out of the churches (teachings and preaching) that are not Biblical. As he leaves the office of the Presidency, NBC-USA, INC, he does not know what awaits him, but he will under the compulsion of the Spirit of God.

President elect Scruggs' message came from Exodus 14:15b. He said the Convention will continue to go forward in the direction stirred by Dr. Shaw. His mission is to continue with the mission of Dr. Shaw in building a stronger more unified convention. That is, a convention being one in Christ Jesus. NBC-USA, INC ought to move and work in unity with and in Christ Jesus.

Black History

Submitted by: *Sister Pat Guest*



Michael Stephen Steele (1958 -)

On January 30, 2009, Michael Steele became the first African American to lead the Republican Party as Chairman of the Republican National Committee. Chairman Steele is also only the second African American to lead either the Democratic or Republican Parties. The late Ron Brown was the first, chairing the Democratic National Committee from 1989-1993.

Two out of the six men campaigning for the RNC Chair in 2009 were African Americans. The other African American candidate was former Ohio Secretary of State, Ken Blackwell.

Elected in 2000, to be the chairman of the Maryland Republican Party, Steele was also the first African American to chair any state party for the GOP. Chairman Steele is the former Lt. Governor of Maryland, the first African American to hold a statewide office there. He was also the first Republican to hold that particular office in the state. He was chosen by would-be Governor, Robert Ehrlich, to be his running mate. They were both elected in November, 2002.

Just before the recent RNC election, Steele served as chairman of GOPAC (the GOP Action Committee), the premier training organization for Republican candidates for elected office. While chairing GOPAC, having earned nationwide prominence and acclaim as an eloquent speaker, Steele was invited to give the keynote address at the 2008 Republican National Convention. It was there that he coined the phrase, "Drill Baby Drill," a rallying cry for the promotion of offshore drilling as an alternative to our reliance upon Middle Eastern oil. The phrase was adopted by the McCain campaign, and most notably, vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin.

Like other Black pioneers before him, Steele encountered acts of racism enroute to his monumental and historical accomplishments. Michael Steele succeeded despite the bigotry he encountered, much of it at the hands of other African Americans. He went on to reach and establish phenomenal landmarks in Black History.



Condoleezza Rice (1954 -)

Academic, Republican politician. Born November 14, 1954 in Birmingham, Alabama. The only child of a Presbyterian minister and a teacher, Rice grew up surrounded by racism in the segregated South. She earned her bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Denver in 1974; her master's from the University of Notre Dame in 1975; and her Ph.D. from the Graduate School of International Studies at the University of Denver in 1981. She joined Stanford University as a political science professor in 1981. In 1993, she was the first woman and first African American to become a Stanford provost, a post she held for six years.

In the mid-1980s, Rice spent a period in Washington as an international affairs fellow attached to the Joint Chiefs of Staff. In 1989, she became director of Soviet and East European affairs with the National Security Council and special assistant to George Bush during the dissolution of the Soviet Union and German reunification. In 1997, she served on the Federal Advisory Committee on Gender-Integrated Training in the Military. She was appointed National Security Adviser by George W. Bush in 2001, and became Secretary of State in 2004 after Colin Powell's resignation.

As Secretary of State, Rice dedicated her department to "Transformational Diplomacy" with a mission of building and sustaining democratic, well-governed states around the world and the Middle East in particular. To that end, she relocated American diplomats to such hardship locations as Iraq, Afghanistan and Angola and required them to become fluent in two foreign languages. She also created a high-level position to de-fragment U.S. foreign aid.

Condoleezza Rice performed in a piano quintet for Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace Monday night (December 1st, 2008). On her final trip to Britain as U.S. secretary of state, Rice played Brahms' Op. 34 with British Foreign Secretary David Miliband's wife on violin, and three members of the London Symphony Orchestra. She had expressed a wish to play the piano there before the end of her term. After the performance, the Queen presented her with an audio recording of the recital. Rice, a concert level pianist, received formal music training from her mother, a music teacher. She is often referred to as "the world's most prominent amateur musician."

Rice's books include *Germany Unified and Europe Transformed* (1995) with Philip Zelikow, *The Gorbachev Era* (1986) with Alexander Dallin, and *Uncertain Allegiance: The Soviet Union and the Czechoslovak Army* (1984).