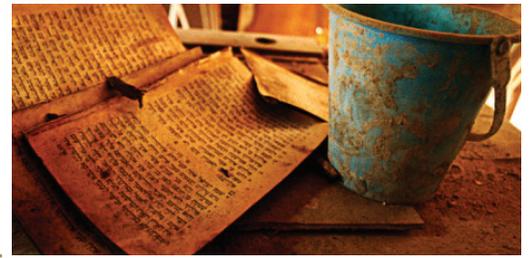


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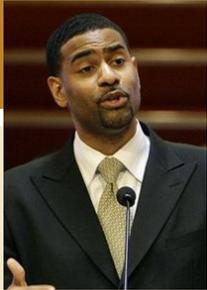
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## March Madness: A Transition from Traditional to New Age Revivals

By J. Artel Smith



Tradition is generally defined as long standing beliefs, practices, or customs that have been handed down from one generation to the next. For example, the story of Noah's Ark, Cain and Abel, yearly revivals and the practicing of Holy Communion on third Sunday. The reality is that every culture, every race and body of believers have their own rich customs and traditions and Alfred Street Baptist Church (ASBC) is no exception.

Revivals have been a part of the African American Church for a very long time. ASBC has held annual revivals almost continuously since the mid-1920s. In the beginning, ASBC had one preacher come for four to five consecutive nights, normally during the spring season, for a series of services. Later the church switched to two revivals annually (a spring and a fall revival), again generally of that same format. These were referred to as "horizontal revivals" because the days on the calendar on which they were held, were "horizontal."

Understanding and recognizing that

change can be a good thing, Reverend Dr. Howard-John Wesley decided that the traditional revival format needed to be revamped. In 2009, Pastor Wesley introduced a concept called "vertical" revivals and as a result ASBC's "March Madness" was born. The concept consists of hosting revivals on the "vertical" dates on the calendar (e.g., every Tuesday) of a month. This format permits disciples and visitors to get four and sometimes five different preachers who come for one night each, instead of the traditional format where one preacher would preach each night of the week. Ironically, this concept is becoming the new paradigm for many churches.

ASBC's March Madness 2010 season kicked off on Tuesday, March 2nd with **Rev. Otis Moss, III** as guest evangelist and music sung by the Senior Choir of ASBC. Reverend Moss hails from Cleveland, Ohio, and is a graduate of Morehouse College where he received an undergraduate degree in Religion and Philosophy. In addition, he received a Master's Degree from Yale University.

Reverend Moss is the current pastor of the renowned Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago, which was formerly ran by the famous Reverend Jeremiah Wright and where President Barack Obama was once a member.

This is Reverend Moss' second year as one of the guest preachers for ASBC's March Madness revival. He spoke from Mark 10:46-52 covering the story of Jesus healing blind Bartimaeus. The title of the message was "Divine Deliverance at Jericho General", and he discussed how it was that a blind beggar from a privileged family in Jericho was healed.

Round two of March Madness 2010 took place on March 9th and was lead by the distinguished **Rev. Michael Walrond**, current pastor of First Corinthian Baptist Church in Harlem New York. He holds degrees from Morehouse College and Duke School of Divinity. "Most people relate to the simple things Pastor Michael shares about his life. He said that Morehouse College changed his life, but before that he never thought

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## ROSLYN BROCK INSTALLED AS NAACP BOARD CHAIR

On Sunday 21 March, Ms. Roslyn McCallister Brock was installed as the Chair of the NAACP National Board of Directors during a special worship service held at ASBC. Ms. Brock becomes the fourth woman and the youngest person to serve in the position. Julian Bond, who had served as NAACP Chairman from 1998, remained in the position through 2009 as the organization celebrated its 100th anniversary. Ms. Brock was chosen as Bond's successor on February 20, 2010, at the age of 44.

The ceremony at ASBC began with a welcome and short tribute by Pastor Howard-John Wesley. Additional opening remarks were given by Benjamin Todd Jealous, NAACP president and CEO. The Master of Ceremony for the evening was Mr. Leon Russell, Vice Chairman of the NAACP National Board of Directors.

Roslyn is a civil rights leader, healthcare executive, and health activist. Though elected in February 2010, the ceremony at ASBC was designed to celebrate her achievement and included a series of tributes in addition to a swearing-in ceremony. Tributes came from members of the NAACP and other organizations, such as the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and Links, Inc. in which Roslyn holds membership. Included among the tributes were two from ASBC members the Honorable Blanche "Cookie" Maness, who served as Director of the ASBC Youth Department when Roslyn was a teenager, and from Rev. John O. Peterson who was pastor during much of Roslyn's membership at ASBC as well as a mentor to her. Mrs. Maness spoke of how dynamic a teenager Roslyn was, and how she showed leadership even at an early age. Rev. Peterson spoke of her thirst for education as she obtained multiple advanced degrees and of his involvement in some of her early educational successes. Rev. Kevin Norton, who was a member of the ASBC Youth Department along with Roslyn, sang a rendition of a song that he sang earlier at her wedding. She was married at ASBC to Randall Eugene Brock, who is deceased.

Though reared in the Ft. Washington area of Maryland, Roslyn was born in 1965 in Fort Pierce, Florida. She received her Bachelor of Science degree from Virginia Union University, graduating magna cum laude in 1987. She then earned three masters, in healthcare administration, business administration, and in divinity from the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University in 2009. Roslyn worked for ten years in healthcare management at the W. K. Kellogg Foundation in Battle Creek, Michigan. Since 2001, she has been employed by Bon Secours Health System in Marriottsville, Maryland where she is a Vice President. She currently resides in Elkridge, Maryland.

Roslyn joined the NAACP in 1984 as a freshman at Virginia Union University, and she was named a Youth Board Member the following year. Her 1989 master's thesis, under the supervision of NAACP executive director Benjamin Hooks, was entitled "Developing a NAACP Health Outreach Program for Minorities." Beginning in 1991, she initiated Health Symposiums at the annual NAACP National Conventions and served as Vice Chairman of the NAACP Health Committee. She was appointed Chair of the Convention Planning Committee in 1999. In February 2001, Brock was unanimously elected Vice Chairman of the NAACP National Board of Directors at the age of 35, the youngest and the first woman to be named to the position.

The entire ASBC family congratulates Roslyn on the singular achievement and pledge to support her and the efforts of the NAACP during her tenure at Chair of the Board of Directors.

## Witness from the Tombs

# PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL

By Jacqueline Harvey

*“Go home to your friends, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and what mercy he has shown you.” And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed.*

**MARK 5:19-20**

Early in Jesus’ ministry, he crosses the Sea of Galilee healing Jews and non-Jews. During one of his trips, he encounters a demon-possessed man from Gadara. The demons torment and harass this Gentile with all their power. They believe they have conquered him. They even think that they have control over the region in which he lives, a place where people worship different gods, hold pagan religious festivals, and herd and eat pigs.

Mark 5:3-5 paints a dramatic picture of the man’s struggles. We find him living in the tombs and on the mountains, always howling and bruising himself with stones. Tormented and under attack, living among the lifeless, this outcast from society is spiritually dead.

He lives in bondage because a battle rages for his soul. It is spiritual warfare. The Apostle Paul explains the man’s struggle as a wrestling match not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

The kind of assault he suffers from requires a bold and assertive breakthrough, if he is to be delivered and set free. Only one person can triumph over the legion of demons causing people to restrain him with chains and shackles that isolate him from society.

Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, is the answer to his problem. After calming a stormy sea, Jesus travels to the eastern side of the Sea of Galilee to set this captive free. He has a plan and a purpose for the man’s life.

As soon as Jesus steps out of the boat, one of the demons occupying and intimidating the man immediately trembles and panic with fear, yelling out:

*“What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me.” For he had said to him, “come out of the man, you unclean spirit!” Then Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” He replied, “My name is Legion; for we are many.” He begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country.*

**MARK 5:7-10**

At this moment, the demons realize that they are defeated and come out of the man. Jesus allows them to enter into a herd of pigs that run into the sea and drown. Instantly, the demon-possessed man is delivered and found sitting and clothed in his right mind.

After his healing, he asks Jesus if he can go with him. But Jesus refuses. Instead, Jesus tells the man to go into the highways and the byways and tell his people what He has done for him.

This previously deranged man was not trained, was not a member of a religious organization, did not hold a powerful position with a fancy title and did not come from a prominent family. Yet, he was called to be a witness for Christ.

Before the Great Commission, before Apostle Paul began his ministry, this missionary was on the battlefield, testifying about how Jesus set him free from the influence and oppression of Satan, his agents and his cohorts.

Just like the man from the tombs, you can spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. You have a testimony. Go and tell someone about how the Lord made a difference in your life! People need to hear your story.

Remember, “The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few.” Plant a seed and believe God for a mighty harvest!

**Scripture References: Mark 5:19-20; Ephesians 6:12; Hebrews 12:2; Mark 4:35-41 Matthew 9:37 Note: All Scriptures taken from The New Oxford Annotated Bible, New Revised Standard Version, Third Edition, Oxford University Press, 2001**

## 2010 HBCU COLLEGE FESTIVAL REPORT



### “105 Reasons to Embrace Our HBCUs!”

by Vance F. Davis

On Saturday, February 20, 2010, representatives from 39 of the finest 105 HBCUs participated in the 2010 HBCU College Festival. These colleges represented 39 of the 105 “Reasons to Embrace Our HBCUs”.

College and college alumni representatives spent the entire day meeting and greeting a little under 1400 anxious and excited students, parents, counselor, principals, superintendents, and others. This was truly the largest and one of the most rewarding college festivals to date.

Of the 39 colleges that participated in the college festival, ten of the colleges gave 234 applications waivers and 13 colleges offered on-site admissions. There were 332 interviews held which resulted in 170 (51%) on-site admissions being extended to high school seniors. Colleges that interviewed students for on-site admissions were much more selective again this year. The college festival committee is supportive of the more stringent selection criteria.

New features of the 2010 HBCU College Festival included on-line college confirmations. This added feature definitely took a load off of committee organizers who previously had the burden of compiling a list from confirmation emails, phone calls, and word of mouth.

Other new features were two new seminars. The STEM seminar was a panel discussion with representatives from the various STEM disciplines of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. Evaluation comments from that seminar included, “It’s impressive to see all the opportunities the HBCUs have to offer” and “Very informational.”

The seminar on the ARTS was also an added feature. This seminar was entitled: “Yes You Can!”, and it featured panelists from the various arts. The moderator for this seminar was Mr. Courtney Baker-Oliver, Director of the Washington Youth Choir. This seminar started out with each panelist taking a couple of minutes to demonstrate their particular art/talent.

As in previous years, the festival floor stayed busy all day long. Anxious seniors waited in line, sometimes for hours, to be interviewed for on-site admissions, and seminars were filled with students and parents thirsting for information.

# Convicted but Not Condemned

By Katherine Washington



I recently served on a jury where the defendant was charged with petty larceny for stealing a few hundred dollars worth of scrap auto parts. Upon returning to work, a co-worker asked me about the case. When I told him the jury convicted the defendant and sentenced him to a fine with no jail time, he looked at me and said “when a person steals, he should go to jail”. Another co-worker passed me in the hall and upon hearing that I was out on jury duty, she asked “did you convict him?” Without any regard to the details of the case, her immediate response was to inquire about a conviction. I thought ‘I’m so glad I don’t have to depend on the judgment of man for my eternal salvation’.

You see, I have a long rap sheet. I have prior convictions where I have committed offenses (sinned) against God. I have thrown myself on the mercy of God and plea bargained for a reduced sentence. You know how it goes, “Lord, if you get me out of this, I’ll never do it again”. In other words, don’t let me suffer the consequences of my sin. And, I didn’t hold up my end of the bargain. Yes, I’m a repeat offender. Society, through our criminal justice system, says I’m presumed innocent until proven guilty. God’s grace says I am guilty but forgiven. Society says if I’m convicted, or found guilty, I can be confined to prison. God’s grace says I am convicted but I have freedom from the bondage of sin. Society says if my offenses are grave enough, I can be condemned to life in prison or death. God’s grace says regardless of my sin, I have eternal life. “Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” (Romans 8:1). I’m convicted but not condemned.

God’s grace is so amazing because I’m powerless to change myself. I’m sinful by nature. In fact, I was born sinful. “Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.” (Psalm 51:5) There is no rehabilitation or 12-step program that can wash away my sins. I can’t use my willpower to change

my sinful nature. I can’t think it, believe it, and conceive it. I want to do right all the time, but like the Apostle Paul, my sinful nature sometimes rises up and “what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing.” (Romans 7:19). But even so, I have been given freedom from the bondage of sin. What set me free? It was the atoning blood of Jesus Christ.

Because of Jesus’ substitutionary death on the cross, my sins have been forgiven. With his crucifixion, death, and resurrection, Jesus said, in effect, case dismissed! I should have been given the death sentence for my sin but I was pardoned instead. Jesus took my punishment and died on the cross so that I could have eternal life. I’m not on probation or parole and I don’t have to pay restitution for my sin. Jesus paid the penalty of death for my sin. I don’t have to perform community service. In fact, none of my good deeds will save me...only my faith in Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 2:8-9) Because Jesus was the atoning sacrifice for my sin, I have been set free. And on top of that, my record has been expunged. The Lord said, “I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more.” (Isaiah 43:25) I’m an imperfect human being and I know I will re-offend but “if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness”. (1 John 1:9) In addition to the privilege of being able to personally approach God’s throne of grace, I have an advocate and mediator who continuously intercedes to the Father on my behalf. “Christ Jesus, who died – more than that, who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us”. (Romans 8:34) What amazing grace! Only through the grace of God can I be forgiven of my sins, freed from the bondage of sin, and given eternal life. Thanks be to God for his amazing grace and mercy. I am convicted but not condemned.



## KIDS/TEENS CORNER

by Brandon J. Edwards

Alfred Street children's church is a place for children like me and others to grow. It is a place to learn about the bible and to learn to live by God's word.

I had the opportunity to have a telephonic interview with

Micaelah Thomas who also attends children's church to get her view on Sunday Worship in children church.

Micaelah had this to say: I love children's church because it allows me the opportunity to conduct prayer and participate in

the call to worship. Micaelah expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to participate in Sunday worship and indicated that it was lots of fun. She expressed her love for the individuals who are in charge of children's church, and stated that they show lots of love for all the children.

Children's church is a fun place to be, where you will learn about God's word, participate in the service, enjoying a loving and caring staff and good food. If you would like to contact me regarding placing a article under the Kids Corner, please email me at [bran1999@cox.net](mailto:bran1999@cox.net)

God Bless you!! I love Jesus, How about you?

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## MEN'S MINISTRY

by Dexter Bordes

The ASBC Men's Ministry welcomes all men to become active in our Ministry. If you are a new member and you are not receiving information electronically, we ask that you sign up in the multi-purpose room after each service. If you have been a member for a while and are not participating in activities sponsored by the Men's Ministry, we encourage you to rededicate yourself to the Lord's work.

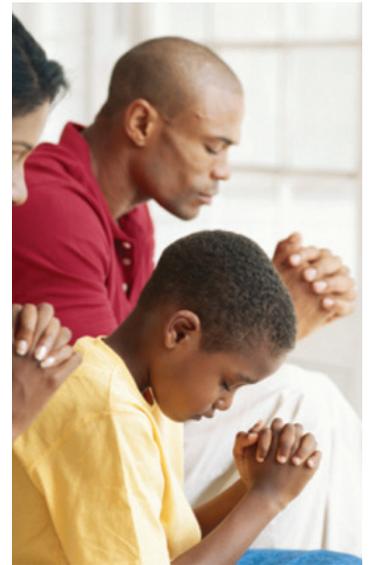
The Men's Ministry has entered a new season of change and spiritual prosperity as Pastor Wesley has set an agenda that will enhance every aspect of your life. Over the next several months, the men have two major spiritual enrichment activities that will enhance your Christian walk. They are the Saturday morning bible study and the Men's retreat.

In our first Saturday bible study, we opened a dialog about the book "Wild at Heart" by John Eldredge. We ventured to understand more about the essence of a man's nature and his Christian walk through life. Discussions were lively as we shared life experiences in an open and reassuring environment. This first lesson was attended by over 70 men. For future classes, please join us on the first Saturday of every month at 7:30 a.m. in the multipurpose room.

As we progress toward the 2010 retreat, excitement is building as the men come together to rehearse songs of praise for our Men's Day Service. We look to show off our colorful ties and jockey for a position beside someone that can sing. We want everyone to know that strong vocal skills are not a prerequisite to be a part of the Men Ministry choir. During the retreat, we will fellowship in Christian unity through a nice round of golf, excellent work shops, great food, excellent hotel accommodations, and it all culminates into a day of fellowship in the Men's choir on Sunday morning. If for some reason you cannot afford this event, a sponsor may be available. Our motto for all events is that "we leave no man behind".

We look forward to you joining us on our Christian journey.

God Bless,  
Dexter Bordes  
President Men's Ministry



## A Little Comfort in QUILTS for CHILDREN

by Karen Croom

Not only are Alfred Street members engaged in missions at Alfred Street, but also at places of work and in the community.

The quilting project has been one at Longfellow Middle School in Falls Church, VA for several years—when Olwin Burke came to the school she continued the project as teacher for her consumer education class.

The schools' geometry class makes designs for quilts. Then students in Mrs. Burke's family and consumer class select a design then throughout the year volunteer their time after school to complete the quilting and final assembly.

Because it is a volunteer project, the middle school students can obtain credit toward mandatory community service hours. Initially, every year the quilts went to different groups- including a battered women's shelter and a children's cancer ward. The year that one student of hers talked about how difficult his life had been in foster care until he was adopted at nine years of age--Mrs. Burke decided to donate the finished quilts to young children in Fairfax County's foster care program.



Mrs. Burke, says she thought the quilts would bring some level of comfort to the children. Zohreh Khayam, the social worker who selects the children to receive the quilts, says "it creates a sense of safety for the children who end up using them. It's something they can take with them wherever they are placed."

Olwin Burke is a family and consumer sciences teacher at Longfellow Middle School in Fairfax County, VA. She is also a member of Group 19 and as group missions coordinator, spearheads the Thanksgiving baskets project for the needy. She is also a member of the Hand Bell Choir.



### WOMEN OF FAITH

## The Shoes Of Yesterday

by Dr. F. Jane Cotton

The shoes of yesterday are much too thin to cross the hills and floods another year. So let's put on our boots and let's begin to walk into the future without fear.

And as each new day dawns, we cannot know what new uncharted pathways it will bring. But if we let our inner courage glow each day can be a wonderful bright thing.

## Take Charge of Your Health

# COLORECTAL CANCER

As children, our educational path was pretty much laid out for us. We were required to go to school and told how many years we must attend. We were told when to go to class and which classes to take.

However upon graduation from high school, this all changed. We had to decide whether or not to go to college, and where. We had to decide what to major in and select our own courses. And daily, we had to decide whether or not to get up and go to class or whether to just sleep in. We had to 'take charge' of our lives. It is the same concept with our health.

Early in our lives when we are generally in good health, our health care seems to proceed on auto-pilot. An occasional physical exam, followed by an occasional visit to the doctor whenever the flu seems unusually bad is about all that is required. But as we reach middle age, we must 'take charge' of our own health. We must begin visiting our doctors with some regularity, take our medications and demand certain tests even if our doctor didn't suggest them.

One test in particular that we should demand from our physicians is a colonoscopy for colon cancer. Cancer of the colon or rectum is also called colorectal cancer.

### Did you know?

- Colorectal cancer is the second leading cancer killer in the US, for both men and women
- 53,005 people died of colorectal cancer in 2005, in the US (26,781 men and 26,224 women).
- Also in 2005, 141,405 people in the US were diagnosed with colorectal cancer, making it one of the most commonly diagnosed cancers in the US.

- Colorectal cancer can usually be prevented! Screenings help discover precancerous polyps so they can be removed before they grow into cancer.
- Screenings help find colorectal cancer early, when treatment can be most successful.

### What is Colorectal Cancer?

- Colorectal cancer is cancer that forms in the colon or rectum. The colon is the large intestine or large bowel. The rectum is the passageway connecting the colon to the anus.

### Who Gets Colorectal Cancer?

- Colorectal cancer occurs most often in people aged 50 or older. The risk increases with age. Both men and women can get colorectal cancer. If you are African-American and 45 years old or older, or non African-American and 50 years old or older, talk to your doctor about getting screened.

Symptoms can include blood in the stool, narrower stools, a change in bowel habits and general stomach discomfort. However, you may not have symptoms at first, so screening is important. Everyone who is 50 or older should be screened for colorectal cancer.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta, colorectal cancer is a leading cancer killer in the US, but it doesn't have to be. Screening can not only identify cancer early, but may also spot precancerous polyps that can be removed before cancer develops. However, just half of Americans who should be screened for colorectal cancer are actually getting tested. To investigate reasons why people might not be getting screened, researchers analyzed data on 13,269 people aged 50 and older who participated in a National Health Interview Survey.

Exactly half of the survey respondents said they had been screened for colorectal cancer with a fecal occult blood test (FOBT) in the past year, endoscopy within the past 10 years, or both. There were sharp differences in colorectal cancer screening rates based on education and income. Thirty-seven percent of people who hadn't finished high school had been screened, while 60.7 percent of college graduates had. Among people with household incomes of \$20,000 or less, 37.4 percent had been screened, compared to 58.5 percent of those with incomes of \$75,000 or more. Roughly 50 percent of survey respondents who failed to get screened said they had "never thought about it," while about 20 percent said their doctor "did not order it."

The findings make it clear that more people need to be informed about colorectal cancer screening, and that doctors must do a better job of telling their patients about the test. People should talk to their doctor about what is the best way for them to be screened.

We at ASBC all need to "take charge" of our health as we have earlier taken charge of our education. An interesting statistic on our congregation is that even though we are more educated and enjoy a higher standard of living than our ancestors, current members of the congregation are passing at an earlier age than we did 50 year ago. There are several causes for this phenomenon including diet and lack of exercise, but another cause is lack of early screenings. Come on, ASBC!! TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR HEALTH!!

**By Renee Spivey and Deacon Al Wallace**

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Digestive Healthcare Specialist

# The Power of Praying Together on the Phone

by Stan Taylor



We may wonder or ask, “Why is there power in praying together corporately, as a church congregation, or by partnering in prayer in small or large groups?” The answer lies in the simplicity of God’s word, which declares that “power belongs to God” (Psalms 62:11) and He “gives strength and power to His People” (Psalms 68:35). The willingness and desire to pray together is inspired by the Holy

Spirit that is tied to our close connection to our Heavenly Father to fulfill His will! The early church understood the awesome power of God through their obedience, to wait on God, to receive the Holy Spirit, who made them effective witnesses for our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of their close relationship with the Lord and genuine community experiences with other believers, they regularly prayed together, and walked in love, fellowship and unity, and discovered they had all things in common (Acts 1:14, Acts 2:42). Consequently, the world around the disciples changed because souls were saved and the Lord added to the church daily.

Pastor Wesley recently stated that “one key for successful relationship and community building is to remember that the larger we get – the smaller we have to think.” In our modern times, the development of technology (home telephone lines, cell phones, internet), is a blessing from the Lord which can be used as a communications tool in ministry to reach out in small group settings to build relationships and pray for one another. The Telephone Prayer Ministry Phone conference was established for this purpose on November 13, 2009, under the auspices of the Intercessory Prayer Ministry, out of demand for the purpose of encouraging the Body of Christ to dial in and touch and agree in prayer concerning God’s will for all men and women. The phone conference was birthed out of 40 days of prayer for the revival telephone prayer conference initiative, which was held in August-September 2009 for 40 consecutive days prior to the revival. When the 40 days of prayer revival concluded, many of the phone prayer participants expressed heartfelt disappointment that the phone conference had ended, and asked about the possibilities of having a weekly phone prayer intercession by phone.



With Pastor Wesley’s approval, the weekly telephone prayer conference was initiated. We currently meet on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Sister Michele Chapman, Director of Intercessory Prayer Ministry, has stated that the phone prayer conference “provides another opportunity for our church and the community to pray together.” During the recent snow storms, the phone prayer conference was very active, and the Lord has done a great work in the lives of people. Many prayers have been uplifted before the Lord and He has been faithful to hear and answer our prayers.



Need to partner in prayer as you seek God’s will for your life? Need to pray for the soul salvation for a family member, neighbor, co-worker, or business partner? Perhaps you have a heart for prayer and want to call in for prayer, as we pray for healing for our children, cities, communities, country, and the nations of the world? Come join us as we pray and build disciples to win the world for Christ through the power of praying together! We thank God for the ministries and members of Alfred Street, Shiloh Baptist and other community churches who have joined us in prayer during the phone conference!

## Procedures for Dialing into the Telephone Prayer Phone Conference

1. Dial 1-218-486-1600, the access code is 412632 on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, anytime between 8:30 and 9:30 p.m.
2. Share your prayer request that you would like to lead in prayer or ask the prayer facilitator to lead in prayer for you
3. You do not have to state your name or the names of individuals being prayed for
4. Feel free to share a praise report of what the Lord has done!
5. If you are calling from a cell phone, please place your phone on mute (\* 6) if you are not speaking or praying out loud.

# Haiti **ASBC Assesses Options for Relief and Development in Haiti!**

by Rev. Samuel Nixon, Jr.



It didn't seem like it had been that long, but five years ago, I started going annually to this country! The poorest country (by worldly economic standards) in the Western hemisphere --- Haiti! Yes, one January morning in 2005, I made my way to Haiti, on behalf of African/African-American churches of the United States to: 1) follow-up on developments following the work of Alfred Street Baptist Church's ministries in building a roof on and installing electrical lighting in a Baptist church in Leogane, Haiti (Rev. Salil Hendrick, Pasteur), 2) meet Rev. Xavier and gain introduction to the White Rock Baptist Church in St. Marc, Haiti, in preparation for support in HIV/AIDS planning with the Baptist churches in Haiti, 3) meet Dr. Guy Theodore and the staff of the Hospital Bienfaisance de Pignon in Pignon, Haiti (the midlands area), and 4) introduce our Haitian church leadership partners to the U.S. Haiti - USAID Office for potential future assistance. This was all in preparation for responding to the request of our Haitian church leaders to assist in the development and implementation of an annual one-week HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment training session, designed for use by Haitian church leadership.

Over subsequent years, I returned to the country, on behalf of Alfred Street and other African-American churches, to assist in responding to the aftermath of damages by hurricanes in Haiti, particularly in Gonaives, and to support the HIV/AIDS training sessions . In July 2009, I led a delegation of missions representatives to Haiti to help direct the funding of 1500 Haitian elementary/high school students by African-American churches to support their education in 2009-2010.

Then the earthquake struck on January 12, 2010! Everything changed . . . and I was on my way back to Haiti again! But this time, it was for a different purpose. It was to represent the Alfred Street Baptist Church, in our prayerful commitment to help the people of Haiti in more direct short-/mid-/long-term recovery efforts. We planned to meet and consult with our in-country partners, with whom we had developed ongoing relationships, to assess the country's current situation of recovery and determine potential opportunities for ASBC to directly minister to and assist in support of the recovery of Haiti, via projects/programs that directly impacted lives on the ground! Our pastor, Rev. Dr. Howard-John Wesley, expressed the vision to move in the way that the Lord would have us be most effective in demonstrating the love of God in how, where, and when we assist our Haitian brothers and sisters, according to their most pressing needs, particularly in areas not reached by others. His guidance in this visit was to assess and recommend options for ASBC, as a congregation, to directly assist the people of Haiti in their recovery through the giving of our time and talents in addition to our engagement through our conventions' partnership efforts.

My visit during the period of March 5 - 12, 2010, consisted of coordinated meetings, visits, and services, arranged through our in-country partner, the Convention Baptiste d'Haiti (Haiti Baptist Convention -CBH), in seven (7) towns/cities of the country (Cap-Haitien, Limbe, Gonaives, St. Marc, Port-au-Prince, Petite-Guave, and Grand-Guave) in six (6) days. Even the airline arrival and departure experiences in the country were unexpectedly changed, as the weather systems forced the flights to and from the country to land in places other than the scheduled destinations - - - the first time that's happened



in my travels to and from Haiti! However, once in country, I visited the hospital in Milot (near Cap-Haitien), where I talked with those who had managed to get from Port-au-Prince, the capital city in the South, to the northern area of the country. This hospital was overflowing with patients and staffed by temporary and emergency volunteers from other countries who had come to donate their time and talent to serving those who had lost their limbs, their stability, and their family members as a direct result of the earthquake. My conversation with "Joseph", a young Haitian, was most revealing, when he described how he had lost both his legs when he learned that they each had to be amputated . . . each leg unexpectedly amputated in a different location, by different doctors! He was physically stable, but his faith was wavering. Our Haitian church leadership team heard his story, encouraged his strength in the Lord, and engaged him and his sister, who was by his bedside, in prayer. He expressed deep thanks for our visit and prayerful encouragement! We moved on to visit other areas of the hospital, talk with the volunteer staff, see the challenges that were before them, and learn more about their operation and planning. It was amazing to witness those giving of themselves!

The next several days took me to the places of visiting with the patients, staff, and leadership of the Hospital of Quartier Morin (five miles south of Cap-Haitien) on March 6th; preaching for the Baptist Church of Limbe on Sunday, March 7th, co-pastored by Rev. Dr. Jules Casseus and Rev. Joel Dorsinville, two of my hosts during the entire week; visiting with the children and teaching staff of the Cobaha High School and a church school in Gonaives on March 8th; visiting with the wife of one of the pastors of the Haiti Baptist Convention (CBH) who had lost his life in the earthquake to check on how she was doing on March 8th; meeting with pastors in the Port-au-Prince area on March 8th; meeting with the United Nations AIDS Program (UNAIDS) representative to introduce our Haitian partners to them in Port-au-Prince on March 9th; dinner with students who had been relocated from Port-au-Prince to the Northern Haiti Christian University (UNCH) in Limbe on March 9th; delivering the convocation address for the UNCH on March 10th; visiting on March 11th, with Dr. Harold Durand, Mrs. Durand, their family, and the staff of La Clinique Medicale de Vertieres (The Medical Clinic of Vertieres) in Cap-Haitien, founded and operating over 20 years, by the Durand Family, and serving a community of over 65,000 people; meeting with the CBH Board and staff on March 11th to help summarize the areas of needs by the people served by the CBH churches and leadership; and visiting with the Durand Family to meet others of the local Cap-Haitien area on March 11th. My return to the States commenced early on the morning of March 12th, with Rev. Emmanuel Pierre, another host. It was an experience that will remain with me for a lifetime! I had not seen such destruction in one country as I



witnessed during this intensive week!

Yet, the presence of God was in the midst of all of this destructive setting! In the worship experiences, I knew the Spirit was moving in many ways in the lives of the people. It manifested in their songs, their prayers, and their service! The work of the church was the beam of light that shined through the land!

YES, GOD IS REAL! From the smiles of the babies that moved with energy amongst us, to the children who greeted me with outstretched hands of love and inquiry, to the conversation of caring that surrounded those forced from their peaceful dwelling places to places that they had not expected to be, the hand of God was still moving through the land in miraculous ways! And even with years of recovery still before them, the people of Christian faith in Haiti told me, "we must still press on . . . and we know that God will make a way!" What a testimony from a country that's supposed to be "the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere"! Thanks be to God that He does make something out of nothing . . . even when we can't see the whole picture! (Gen. 1:1-2)



## United States Naval Academy Names First African American Department Chairperson

by Barbara Driggins

Oscar Barton, Jr., is named Chairman of the Mechanical Engineering Department, United States Naval Academy. Oscar Barton, Jr., Mechanical Engineering Department, Ph.D., graduate - Howard University: He has taught 8 different courses and for the last 4 years, he has been the course director of the very large EM211 (Statics) course taken by almost every engineering student. Oscar has been the advisor to 8 independent research projects and 1 Trident Scholar. In 1998, he was the recipient of the Pi Tau Sigma Teaching Excellence Award. In

2006, he received the Navy Meritorious Commendation for his dedicated service to the Naval Academy. Also, in 2006, he received a Letter of Commendation from the Superintendent for his superior work in preparing the ABET report for the Mechanical Engineering Department. He is widely published in the area of advanced composite materials and has recently initiated research in the study of the effects of vibrations on directed energy weapons. Oscar Barton, Jr., Chairman, Mechanical Engineering Department United States Naval Academy

Oscar is the husband of Edythe Cooper Barton, children are Owen, Tyler and Jordan, membership group 16 ASBC, and brother-in-law of James and Barbara Driggins. He is the first African American to chair a department in Naval Academy History. God be praised!

### March Madness:

Continued from cover story

of himself as college bound. But a mentor saw something else in him. In a strange twist of events, after he had been rejected by several colleges, he was choosing to join the navy. It so happened that a traffic jam delayed him just long enough to set him up for his appointment with destiny. The disappointment of missing his naval enlistment appointment for that day was quickly vanquished by the college acceptance letter awaiting him at home. Now all the overcoming power he has built up along the way enlightens the way of many and sets them on their own upward journey”.

On March 16th, **Rev. Dr. Lance Watson** served as guest preacher. He is a three time Summa Cum Laude graduate of Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan from which he holds a Bachelor of Science in Psychology, a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, and a Master of Arts Guidance/Counseling. Additionally he holds a Master of Divinity from Virginia Union University and a Doctoral degree in Ministry.

Dr. Watson’s achievements and recognitions are noteworthy. He has been honored as an Outstanding Contributor to Education, an Outstanding Communicator and Minister of the Year, as well as an African American Role Model by several organizations. He is listed in Who’s Who in Religion and a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. Currently, he serves as Senior Pastor of the Saint Paul’s Baptist Church of Richmond, Virginia.

**Rev. Dr. John Adolph** finished off the 2010 March Madness season on Tuesday March 23rd. Letting the Holy Spirit lead him, he accepted the call and began his pastorate on Sunday, May 5, 1996 with installation services in September, 1996. Through Pastor Adolph’s dynamic sermons, and God’s guidance, Antioch Missionary Baptist Church is one of the fastest growing churches in the City of Beaumont, Texas, as reflected in the membership increase from 200 members to 2000. Dr. Adolph entered Texas Southern University and received his BBA in December

1989. Continuing his education, he entered Morehouse School of Religion in Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Adolph worked for Delta Airlines while attending Morehouse College and in 1998 earned his Master of Divinity Degree. In perpetual pursuit of a deeper knowledge of ministry and serving humanity, he entered the Houston Graduate School of Theology and received his doctorate in May of 1999.

Rev. Adolph’s message to ASBC focused on three points: 1) Broken (you have to be broken), 2) Believe that he (God) can, and 3) Break some rules regarding worship. He closed with the final thought of “Bless God and get on somebody else’s nerves”.

This years March Madness was truly an incredible spiritual journey for all those who had a chance to witness it. This is only the beginning as God continues to blessed Pastor Wesley and the Alfred Street Baptist Church Family. Until March Madness 2011, be blessed!



## INTRODUCING... “AGAPE”

*AGAPE* which stands for

**A**chieving  
**G**rowth and  
**A**wareness through  
**P**sychological  
**E**mpowerment

### Mission Statement

*AGAPE* will offer the provision of services to individuals and families in an effort to achieve and maintain optimal mental health and life management skills through the use of education, advocacy, support, and the Word of Christ.

### Leadership

Erroll Moore, Lay Leader

Andrea J. Boudreaux, Director

Dr. Anita Reed, Counseling/Therapy Branch

Nicole Carter-Mizzell and Michelle Chapman, Divorce Care/Grief Share Branch

Dr. Vanessa Weaver, Executive Coaching Branch

Gil Thompson, Education Branch

### Summary

*AGAPE* is an umbrella ministry. The four branches are:

- 1) **Counseling/Therapy** (which is the foundation of the ministry). This part of the ministry will be responsible for assessing and referring clients. We are looking to provide help to our members and the residents of our community, BUT we are not a Counseling Center. God only knows what He has in store for this ministry in the future, but at this time, we will only assess and refer.
- 2) **Divorce Care/Grief Share** which are two ministries that we are excited about bringing to Alfred Street. These are support groups that we will bring to the church to provide assistance to those suffering through bereavement and or divorce/separation.
- 3) **Executive Coaching** is another aspect that we are adding to the ministry. The purpose of this component is to offer assistance to individuals that are having difficulty on the job and/or those in need of professional development.
- 4) **Education** is very important to the ministry as well. We want to provide education to the membership (and local community) regarding mental health and the importance of seeking help. All too often individuals are afraid to seek help because of the stigma associated with “therapy” and “mental health”! We will provide educational sessions to begin breaking down the negative thoughts associated with mental health.

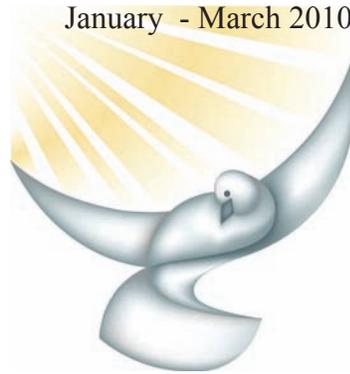
### Upcoming activities include:

- Counseling sessions.
- Education seminars the first of which will be offered during the Christian Life Institute in July-over the topic of Depression. The theme of this session will be Living Abundantly! The session will be led by Gilbert Thompson, MSW, Deidre Maccannon, MD, and Andrea J. Boudreaux, MPH.

We are so excited about how God is going to bless Alfred Street through this ministry. Please continue to pray for us as we work to bring you a ministry that will offer the provision of services to individuals and families in an effort to achieve and maintain optimal mental health and life management skills through the use of education, advocacy, support, and the Word of Christ. We would like to thank the Health and Wellness Ministry, Missions, Recovery Ministry, and the Prayer Ministry for welcoming us and offering to assist with our efforts.

# Welcome New ASBC Members

January - March 2010



## Discipleship Group #1

Kayla Maccannon	1
James A. Smith	1
Celena Noel	1
Darnell Griffin	1
Nikkia Griffin	1

## Discipleship Group #2

Samuel Massey	2
Tenopra Sheppard	2
Tony Covington	2
Dionna Dorsey	2
David Morrow	2
Vickie Morrow	2

## Discipleship Group #3

Sukeena Blair	3
Claudia Duncan	3
Shavon Arline	3
Deborah Bell	3
Owen Obagohan	3
Linetta Earley	3
Erin Mitchell	3

## Discipleship Group #4

Daniel Perez	4
Vicki Perez	4
Archie Alston	4
Sherdon Dames	4
Michael Berger	4
Geraldine Bryant-Gumbs	4
Vicky Smith	4

## Discipleship Group #5

Danton DeMille	5
Cheryl Robertson	5
Hector Sheppard	5
Shrona Sheppard	5
Jada Sheppard	5
Shamaal Sheppard	5
Tirzah Sheppard	5
Nakita Harris	5

## Discipleship Group #6

Mack Foster	6
Delores Foster	6
Charmaine Butler	6
Dwight Watkins	6
Marilyn Watkins	6

## Discipleship Group #7

Francine Towbridge	7
Shereeta Cropper	7
Courtney Griffith	7
Sydney Payne	7
Joy McLeod	7

## Discipleship Group #8

Rickeita Rose	8
Christopher Jackson	8
Kristen Barnette	8
Mia Deshields	8
Shenearah Lassiter	8
Constanza Smith	8
Traci Wabington	8

## Discipleship Group #9

Joseph Fallen	9
Cara-Lynn Fowlkes	9

## Discipleship Group #9

Cailynn Birts	9
Nicholas Jordan	9
Otis Lee	9
Ukessia Lee	9
Osric Lee	9
Katherine Robinson	9

## Discipleship Group #5

Beverly Thorpe	10
Tracey McNeil	10
Darrylin Brown	10

## Discipleship Group #11

Helen Alsop	11
Chiara McDowell	11
Larry Spencer	11
Ora Spencer	11
Richard Jones	11
Sheryl Jones	11
Warren Sutton	11
Christopher Lomax	11
Simone Rivers	11
Julian Rivers	11

## Discipleship Group #12

Elliott Russell	12
Ashleigh Russell	12
Denise Thomas	12
Micaelah Thomas	12
Jacie Smith	12

## Discipleship Group #13

William H. Brown	13
Anisha Woodley	13
Rochelle Allen	13
Gloria Payne	13
Craig Welburn	13
Diane Welburn	13
Andrew Welburn	13

## Discipleship Group #14

Darnell Jones	14
Tammy Jones	14
Delano Allen (DJ)	14
Joseph Coleman	14
Vanessa Weaver Coleman	14
Sheila Harris	14
Kenneth Smith	14
Wanda Smith	14
Andre Johns	14
Katrina Harrison Johns	14
Willie Mae Rome	14

## Discipleship Group #15

Toney Mooney	15
Larriette Thompson	15
Keith Yancey	15
Myesha Braden	15
Leonard Coleman	15
Jeannette Pickett	15
Jacqueline Stallworth	15

## Discipleship Group #16

Chico Knight	16
Jamila Vernon	16
Jessica Coleman	16
Sharonda Llewellyn	16
Candace Llewellyn	16

## Discipleship Group #17

Erica Campbell	17
Brandon Edwards	17
Jennifer Reese Russell	17
Azziah Russell	17
Lauren Reese	17
Rebecca Bruno	17
Darryl Jackson	17
Tiffany Palmer	17
Angela Benson	17
Kimberly Bose	17
Monife Marshall	17
Enjoli Ramsey	17

## Discipleship Group #18

Jennifer Alexander	18
Wanda Wilkins	18
Kodie Wilkins	18

## Discipleship Group #19

Angela Hinson	19
Aneka Carter	19
Cliffon Smith	19

## Discipleship Group #20

Marielle Barrow	20
Samuel Younger	20
Shanita Brackett	20
Kandice Minor	20
Marcia Cato	20
Cindy McLaughlin	20

## Discipleship Group #21

Dawn Evans	21
Dale Jones	21
Yolanda Jones	21
Jordan Jones (Taylor)	21
Kennedy Jones	21

## Discipleship Group #21

Yvonne Moore	21
Monique Lyons	21

## Discipleship Group #22

Chandra Cherry	22
Brittany Smith	22
Shawn Mott	22
Ashley Moore	22
Eurydice Stanley	22

## Discipleship Group #23

Tierra Mobley	23
Lamar Stroud	23
April Przygocki	23
Keely Buchanan	23
Candace Dyson	23
Timothy McKeithen	23

## Discipleship Group #24

Laurie Ligon	24
Shirley Carter	24
Michelle McCall	24

## Discipleship Group #25

James Clemonts	25
Olivia Clemonts	25
Kim Clemonts	25
Jamine Clemonts	25
Jessa Luckey	25
Joseph McQueen	25
Ta Tanisha McQueen	25

## Discipleship Group #26

A. Michelle Fitts	26
Michaelle Avant	26
Aisha Bigbee	26

## Discipleship Group #27

Fred Clark	27
Raquel Fox	27
Benjamin Pruitt	27
Ramona Pruitt	27

## Discipleship Group #28

David Burton	28
Darren Davis	28
Georgia McCain	28

## Discipleship Group #29

Roslynn Garvin	29
Marcus Garvin	29
Auberde Merilan	29
Debra Collins	29
Linda Patterson	29
Christopher Patterson	29
Natalia Patterson	29
Phyllis McKinney	29
Tara McKinney	29

## Discipleship Group #30

Duane Davis	30
Rania Nazhat	30
Dawn Scott	30
Bryo'n Willis	30
Jennifer Burrell	30
Jamila Rivers	30
Brandon Vasquez	30
Harriette Newsom	30



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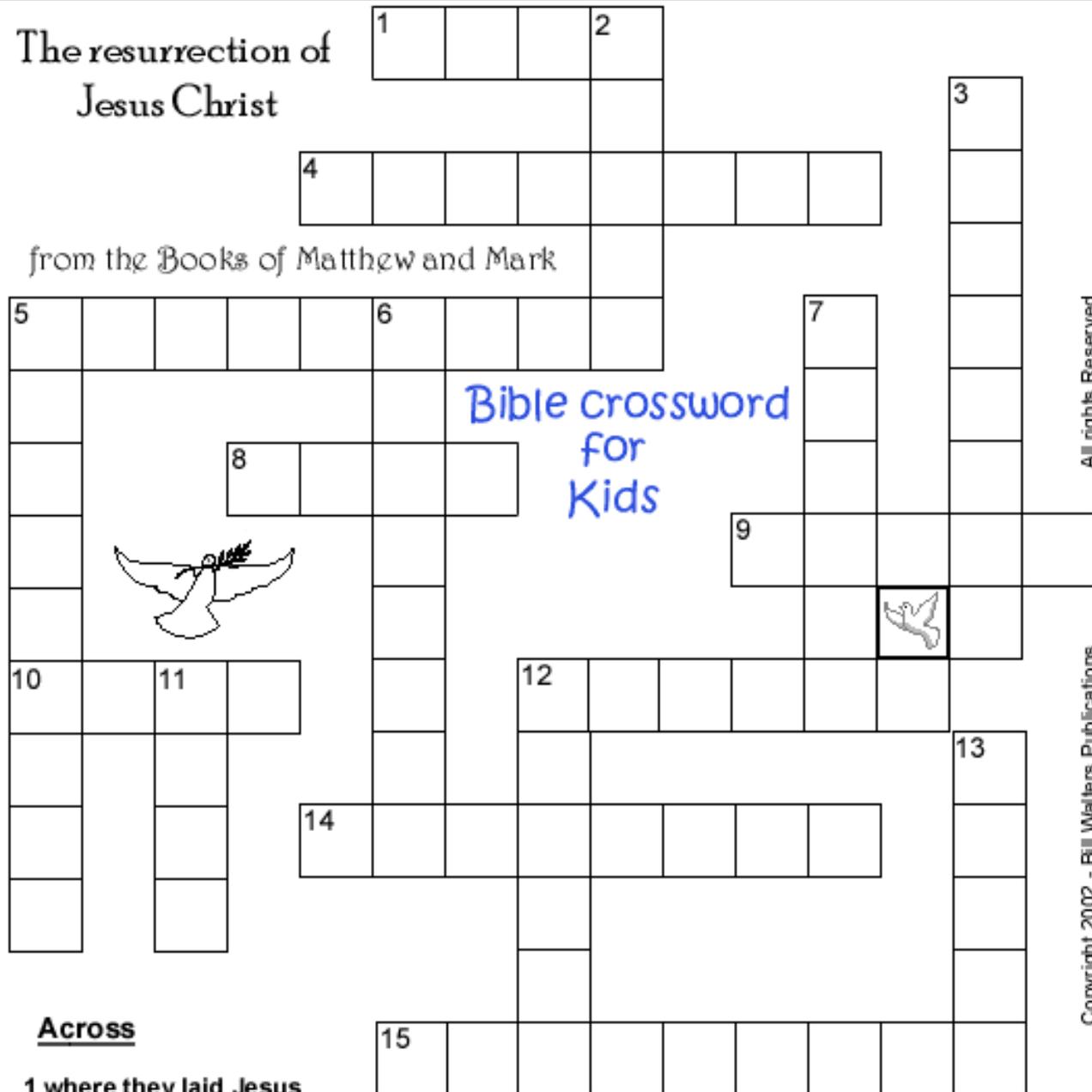
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# The resurrection of Jesus Christ

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## Across

- 1 where they laid Jesus after He died (Matt.27:60)
- 4 the place where Jesus died (Matt.27:33)
- 5 Jesus and two thieves were \_\_\_\_\_ together (Matt.27:38)
- 8 mother of Jesus
- 9 The angel said "He is \_\_\_\_\_ He is not here" (Mark 16:6)
- 10 They made Jesus wear a scarlet \_\_\_\_\_ (Matt.27:28)
- 12 Jesus was betrayed for \_\_\_\_\_ pieces of silver (Matt.27:3)
- 14 Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ of any crime (Matt.27:4)
- 15 The 12 companions of Jesus

## DOWN

- 2 Jesus shed His \_\_\_\_\_ for our sins
- 3 Judas Iscariot \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus (Matt.27:4)
- 5 Roman commander of a hundred men (Matt.27:54)
- 6 Jesus said " My God, My God why hast thou \_\_\_\_\_ me" (Matt.27:46)
- 7 a title of Jesus (it means anointed one) (Matt.27:17)
- 11 They laid the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus in a tomb (Matt.27:59)
- 12 Jesus wore a "crown of \_\_\_\_\_"
- 13 our Lord and Saviour



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# Reverend Fun

## Quiz



### EVIDENCE

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. — ACTS 1:3 NIV



BibleCrossword Answers:

1. D (Matthew 28:2-5)
2. False (1 Samuel 17:8-11)
3. B (Proverbs 11:4 niv)
4. Floods (Revelation 12:15-16; Luke 6:47-49; Genesis 7:6)
5. A (Genesis 3:15)

1. The stone on the door of Jesus' tomb was rolled back by
  - a. Judas
  - b. Mary Magdalene
  - c. Pharaoh
  - d. An angel
2. True or False: When Goliath challenged the Israelites to send a man to fight him, many men eagerly volunteered.
3. According to the Proverbs, what is worthless "in the day of wrath"?
  - a. Power
  - b. Wealth
  - c. Fame
  - d. Idols
4. Connect the Thots:
  - The serpent of Revelation
  - The wise and foolish builders
  - Noah
5. Match: Jesus' resurrection and defeat of Satan...
  - a. Promised first in Genesis
  - b. Promised first in Exodus
  - c. Promised first in Psalms

### Joke 1

Jesus and Satan were having an on-going argument about who was better on the computer. They had been going at it for days, and frankly God was tired of hearing all the bickering. Finally fed up, God said, 'THAT'S IT! I have had enough. I am going to set up a test that will run for two hours, and from those results, I will judge who does the better job. So Satan and Jesus sat down at the keyboards and typed away. They moused. They faxed. They e-mailed. They e-mailed with attachments. They downloaded. They did spreadsheets! They wrote reports. They created labels and cards. They created charts and graphs. They did some genealogy reports. They did every job known to man. Jesus worked with heavenly efficiency and Satan was faster than hell. Then, ten minutes before their time was up, lightning suddenly flashed across the sky, thunder rolled, rain poured, and, of course, the power went off. Satan stared at his blank screen and screamed every curse word known in the underworld. Jesus just sighed. Finally the electricity came back on, and each of them restarted their computers. Satan started searching frantically, screaming: 'It's gone! It's all GONE! I lost everything when the power went out!' Meanwhile, Jesus quietly started printing out all of his files from the past two hours of work. Satan observed this and became irate. 'Wait!' he screamed. 'That's not fair! He cheated! How come he has all his work and I don't have any? God just shrugged and said, JESUS SAVES....'

### Joke 2

A man and his ever-nagging wife went on vacation in Jerusalem. While they were there, the wife passed away. The undertaker told the husband, "You can have her buried here in the Holy Land for \$150 or we can have her shipped back home for \$5000. The husband thought about it and told the undertaker he would have her shipped back home. The undertaker asked him, "why would you spend \$5000 to have her shipped home when you could have a beautiful burial here, and it would only cost \$150?????" The husband replied, "Long ago, a man died here, was buried here, and three days later, rose from the dead. I just can't take that chance!"