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MISSIONS Is Not Impossible!

by Rosette Graham, Director of Missions

According to author Robert Schnase, there are five practices of a fruitful congregation: radical hospitality, passionate worship, intentional faith development, extravagant generosity, and risk-taking missions and service. By his definition, Alfred Street is definitely a fruitful congregation.

When asked what's the best book to purchase to learn about missions, my answer is always the Bible. When you study it with missions in mind, you will see that everything God does is because of the love for his people. In the book "All the World in All the Word," William Owen Carver states that "missions is the method by which through human agents God extends His Kingdom among men until it shall come to be universal. All who are saved are constituted agents of salvation. They are sent by their Savior to other men and so are missionaries." God sent Jesus Christ into the world to accomplish His work. Jesus sent his disciples to continue the same work that he did (see John 20:21). This "Great Commission" then (see Matthew 28:19-20), becomes the task, goal or purpose of every Christian.

Many of us have been taught that if we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick and those in prison and take in the stranger, that we have fulfilled our task. Missions is so much more

than that. Jesus' last command to the disciples was to "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." To preach – in word and deed. Being a part of missions gives you the opportunity to be obedient to Christ's commission to us as Christians. It provides opportunity to pray for a world that is lost, an opportunity to use what ya got – as everyone has been given gifts and talents to be used for kingdom building and it gives you an opportunity to show God's love. The God in you may be the only God a man will ever see.

Our outreach this year reached the community of Alexandria, the state of Virginia, the state of North Carolina (Oxford), the state of Louisiana (New Orleans) and to Liberia, West Africa. The age of our missionaries were from 6 to 93. The Missions Ministry did much work, includ-



ing feeding the hungry through our food closet and 400 bag lunches to the homeless monthly through the homeless outreach program, provided school supplies to children in the Metropolitan area and Liberia, West Africa; in New Orleans we fed over 300 homeless and provided pastors counseling and encouragement; secured a safe place for mothers and their children involved in domestic violence, secured budget training for young adults, provided rides to the doctor; secured medication for seniors; and gave hugs and showered the love of Jesus to all who would receive it.

There is much work to be done -- many are in need and many are lost and not saved. The church is filled with missionaries, but we need more missionaries to work. Missions is not impossible – Jesus will show you how!



Holiday Schedule - 2011

Tuesday, November 22 – **Pre-Thanksgiving Service**, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 4 – **Children's Church/Sunday School Christmas Pageant**, 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, December 17 – **Christmas Festival** at TC Williams, 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 18 – **Christmas Festival** at TC Williams, 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 24 – **Community Caroling**, 5:00 p.m., Worship Service, 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 25 – **Worship Service**, 10:00 a.m. (one service)

Saturday, December 31 – **Watch Night Services**, 12:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 1 – **Worship Service**, 10:00 a.m. (one service)

“Building Disciples To



Win the World for Christ!”

Saturday December 3, 10 and 24,
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m

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LIVE NATIVITY SCENE**



on the front lawn of
ALFRED STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

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REVEREND DR. FAYE S. GUNN

HAVE YOU SEEN HER PORTRAIT?



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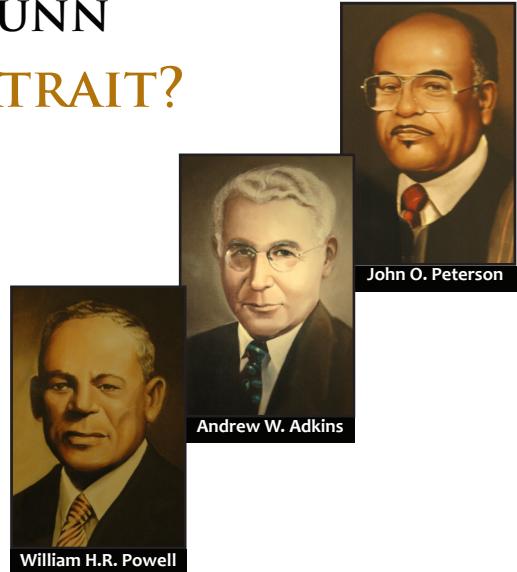
Earlier this year, ASBC honored Rev Dr. Faye Gunn with the un-veiling and hanging of her portrait in the Hall of Pastors. The Hall of Pastors is in the connector building joining the 'old' church built in 1855 and the 'new' church completed in 1994. Her portrait joins that of other pastors of ASBC, dating back to the church's beginnings.

Rev. Gunn's portrait had been commissioned as part of the retirement ceremony in her honor held in August 2010. There was some additional work required to size it and frame it in a manner that was comparable to the other pastoral portraits.

The request to hang the portrait in the Hall of Pastors was a request from the Retirement Committee that was accepted by the Pastor and unanimously approved by the Board of Deacons. Rev. Gunn had served as Interim Pastor of ASBC for sixteen (16) months during the search and calling of the 8th pastor of Alfred Street from January 2007 through April, 2008. She currently serves as the Director of the Christian Education Life Institute and assists the pas-

tor as needed with other ministerial duties of the church. Rev. Gunn had served as the Assistant Pastor of the historic Alfred Street Baptist Church from 1984 until her retirement on July 31, 2010.

Dr. Gunn received her Doctor of Ministry Degree from the Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC. She has earned two masters degrees with honors; a Master of Divinity degree from the School of Theology at Virginia Union University, Richmond, VA (magna cum laude) and a Master of Education in secondary educational administration from Bowie State University, Bowie, MD (summa cum laude). She received her Bachelor of Science from Norfolk State University, Norfolk, VA, and has studied at the University of Virginia, at Virginia State University, and at Virginia Polytechnic Institute.



William H.R. Powell



Andrew W. Adkins



John O. Peterson

Dr. Gunn is a former teacher and administrator who was nominated as an outstanding secondary educator and served as workshop consultant for the Department of Education in Richmond, VA. She was a former officer and member of the Jack and Jill, Inc., of America; former Cub Scout mother; former president of the Alpha Wives of Prince George's County, MD and a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®.

A native of Virginia, the Reverend Dr. Faye S. Gunn and her husband, Fred J. Gunn currently reside in Fort Washington, MD. They have two adult sons, Kelvin E. and Rodney D. Gunn and six grandchildren.

The entire ASBC congratulates her for her work and the achievement of this singular honor. Her motto is: "Without God she cannot do anything, but with God she can do all things."

Pastors of Alfred Street Baptist Church

- Rev. William Evans - 1820s-1859
- Rev. Sampson White 1859 - 1863
- Rev. Samuel L. Madden 1863 - 1896
- Rev. Alexander Truatt 1896 - 1913
- Rev. William H.R. Powell 1914 - 1920
- Rev. Andrew W. Adkins 1920 - 1963
- Rev. Dr. John O. Peterson 1964 - 2006
- Rev. Dr. Faye S. Gunn (Interim) 2007 - 2008
- Rev. Dr. Howard-John Wesley 2008 - Present

ASBC ORDAINS TWO NEW MINISTERS

Minister Roslyn M. Brock



Minister Joyce Teresa Willoughby



ON 17 JULY 2011, at a special Sunday afternoon worship service, ASBC ordained two new ministers-- Rev. Roslyn M. Brock and Rev. Joyce T. Willoughby. What was unusual and special about this service, was it represented the first time in our history that two females have been ordained at once. This event also represents the first ordinations by Pastor Wesley during his tenure as pastor of ASBC. Roslyn and Joyce join five other women who have been ordained as ministers by ASBC, dating back to the first female ministerial ordination in 1980.

Ordination is the culmination of a series of events within the Baptist faith leading up to obtaining the title 'Reverend'. Beginning with experiencing a 'call' to the Christian ministry and expressing that call to their pastors, both Roslyn and Joyce were permitted to give a 'trial' sermon before their respective congregations. Upon the recommendation of the Deacons and a vote by the entire congregation at a church meeting, they were later granted a license to preach. With that license they earned the title 'Minister'.

After a period of study covering multiple years, the ministers were then brought before an Ecclesiastical Council of several local ministers and two representatives of the ASBC Board of Deacons. The Council catechized the candidates and explored their understanding of religious doctrine and Baptist polity. Upon passing the catechism, the ordination ceremony was the final step in their quest to the title 'Reverend'.

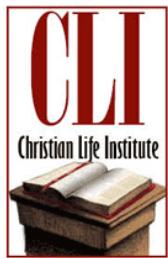
At the ordination, the sermon was rendered by Rev. Dr. Faye Savage Gunn who had been the second woman ordained at ASBC, almost 30 years ago. She spoke from the book of Jeremiah (Chapter 1), comparing the call upon Roslyn and Joyce to the call that God placed upon the prophet Jeremiah. The beautiful ordination ceremony included a covenant pledge from each minister comparable to a swearing-in, and the presentation of a special bible, a new ministerial robe and

a certificate of ordination. Following the formal swearing-in, members of the congregation and other organizations represented (e.g., sororities, employers) were permitted to publicly offer congratulations and gifts to the new ministers. A reception followed in the lower level.

For each of the candidates, the ordination represented the conclusion of a long journey. Roslyn was brought up in ASBC, having joined as a youth in the mid-1980s, where she participated in the youth programs of the church. After attending Virginia Union as an undergraduate and obtaining multiple subsequent degrees related to her work in health services administration, she was elected Chairman of the National Board of Directors of the NAACP. Her involvement with the NAACP covers over 26 years, having joined as an undergraduate. Her swearing-in ceremony in 2010 as Chair of the NAACP was held at ASBC. She was first licensed to preach in August 2006 under Rev John O. Peterson who had served as a life-long mentor. She holds a Master of Divinity degree from Virginia Union University in Richmond.

Joyce in contrast is a native of Arlington, VA and was brought up in Mount Zion Baptist Church. There she held multiple positions during her 35-year stay there, including serving on their Board of Trustees. She was initially licensed at Mt. Zion and came to Alfred Street later in the ordination process. She did her undergraduate studies at Michigan State University and continued her studies in legal and biblical doctrine at multiple schools. She holds a Master of Divinity degree from Richmond Virginia Seminary and is currently a senior government attorney with the Equal Opportunity Commission.

Alfred Street welcomes these two new 'Reverends' to the community of preachers it has ordained—male and female. Congratulations to Reverend Roslyn M. Brock and Reverend Joyce T. Willoughby!



CHRISTIAN LIFE INSTITUTE IN NOVEMBER THIS YEAR

Faith Foundation Studies • Evangelism/ Mission Studies • Spiritual Growth of Disciples Studies • Biblical Studies • Old and New Testament • Christian Living Studies

The Christian Life Institute, held in July since it began in 1999, will be held in November this year. This move is designed to eliminate the logjam of activities held during the summer months. Vacation Bible School, held immediately after the close of public and most private schools, is an activity filled event that involves disciples of all ages, and is an intense week of study, performance and fun. The Fourth of July and family vacations commence and make participation by many difficult if not impossible. Holding the institute in the fall and designing it for adults only may assist families and enable facilitators to focus on adult participants. Dates for the Christian Life Institute are November, 7-10, 2011.

This year's Institute will focus on five areas: Faith Foundation Studies, Evangelism/ Mission Studies, Spiritual Growth of Disciples Studies, Biblical Studies, Old and New Testament, and Christian Living Studies. An impressive array of guest facilitators have been invited to teach courses as well as several ASBC Deacons and Ministers. Additionally, the Christian Education Ministry, each quarter offers courses that address subjects to insure disciples have an opportunity to grow in understanding and commitment to "win the world for Christ". These courses that are taught by Alfred Street ministers and disciples are

announced well in advance, and all listings are on the church website.

The Christian Life Institute has been a staple of Christian education offerings at Alfred Street Baptist Church for over ten years. It has had widespread appeal since the beginning, and is a tradition and expectation of members in our on-going program of constant exploration and study of the life of a Christian. Outstanding theologians, Christian educators, and practicing pastors and ministers have taught courses on the prophets, selected books of the Bible, and Christian principles, as well as on money management, wellness, and preparation for marriage. The Christian Life Institute helps the Christian Education Ministry meet one of its primary goals—to provide opportunities for disciples to grow in their understanding of Christ through experiences that help individuals discover what it truly means to become the sons and daughters of the living Christ, and to live out ones faith, willing to witness and work for the kingdom of God by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Course descriptions for this year's institute will be available through media, and registration will be online as we approach the fall.

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ASBC Christmas Festival 2011
With the Music, Drama and Liturgical Ministries

Guest Artist
Joseph Joubert
Pianist and Composer



Spread the Word
December 17 and 18, 2011 - 6:00 p.m. both evenings
at TC Williams High School, Alexandria, VA

Great Joy
A GOSPEL CHRISTMAS



Annual Day: A Celebration of Ushers

By: Lani P. Shaw

After much prayer and preparation, the ASBC Ushers' Ministries celebrated their Annual Day on Sunday, February 20, 2011. The Men, Women and Children's Usher ministries all took part in the Annual Day celebration. The theme for the occasion was "Ushering in the Lord with a Spirit of Thanksgiving" and the scriptural reference was 1 Peter 4:11, which states, "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever."

The Annual Day program is an opportunity to celebrate and recognize the service provided by the ushers of the church. On a weekly basis, ushers play a critical role by serving as doorkeepers, maintaining decency and order throughout each service, and enhancing the worship experience by providing direction and assistance to worshippers and visitors. Therefore, celebrating Usher's Day is an opportunity to praise God for the service provided by the Ministry. During this year's Annual Day program, music was provided by the Psalms of Praise and the sermon was delivered by our very own Pastor Wesley. For our celebration, we were joined by other members

of Interdenominational Church Usher's Association ("ICUA") and ushers from Ebenezer Baptist Church in Alexandria, VA served as our serving ushers for the day.

A special part of the day that many of the worshippers come to see is the Usher's Strut, which is a dance that the ushers line up and take part in during the Offering. As the ushers strutted across the sanctuary, the Psalms of Praise provided uplifting praise music.

Also, during the Annual Day celebration, special recognition was given to some of the hard working members of the Ministry by John Rosenthal, President of the Men's Usher Ministry and Lani Shaw, President of the Women's Usher Ministry. The Men Ushers honored Brother Leroy Miles by providing him with their special award for service. The Women Ushers honored Sister Erica Kea by awarding her the Juanita Stanton Award. Juanita Stanton was a long-standing and dedicated member of the Women's Usher Ministry who served for over 6 decades as an usher at Alfred Street Baptist Church.

The Usher Ministries are very thankful to all who took part in celebrating their service to the Lord.

ASBC Military Ministry Remembers Comrades



On Memorial Day weekend, the ASBC Military Ministry remembered their fallen comrades during the regular 11AM Sunday worship service and also at a special POW-MIA worship service in the Adkins Chapel. Paying homage to fallen comrades is a tradition within the military, and the ASBC Military Ministry followed that tradition with over 80 current and former soldiers, sailors and airmen worshipping together—many in military uniforms.

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. There are many stories as to its actual beginnings, with over two dozen cities and towns laying claim to being the birthplace of Memorial Day. Memorial Day was first observed on 30 May 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. By 1890 it was recognized by all of the northern states, and is now celebrated in almost every State on the last Monday in May.

Prior to the memorial worship service at ASBC, the members of the ministry assembled in the Adkins chapel for fellowship prior to moving to the sanctuary. They then processed into the sanctuary as a unit, at the beginning of service. During

the service the members were recognized but did not lead the worship service (e.g., songs, prayers, etc) as they do at the Veteran's Service in November. Instead, following the service a separate memorial service was held in the Adkins Chapel to recognize the comrades who are POW-MIA. The exact numbers of POW-MIAs from prior wars is still in debate, but it is estimated that more than 78,000 Americans are still unaccounted for from World War II; 8,100 from Korea; 120 from the Cold War; 1,810 from Viet Nam; and 3 from the Gulf War.

To honor these men and women, ASBC Military Ministry performed the POW/MIA Empty Chair Ceremony. In this ceremony a small table which occupies a place of dignity is set with multiple items (candles, lemon, rose, etc) to symbolize the emptiness and bitterness of imprisonment, and the fact that members of our armed forces are missing from our ranks. The ceremony was lead by Deacon Alton Wallace, Lay Leader for the Ministry, assisted by Ms. Sandra Barrett, Director.

At this ceremony, a special farewell was given to Mr. Elgin Funches, who is currently on active duty and is deploying to Afghanistan this month. He, and these courageous Americans now missing, who dedicated their lives to preserving and protecting our freedom, will never be forgotten.





2011 GRADUATE LUNCHEON

By Necholus Ogden, Jr.



On Saturday June 11, 2011, Alfred Street Baptist Church held their 2011 Graduate Luncheon at Hayfield Secondary School in Alexandria Virginia. Over 300 attended the luncheon and the graduates included 4 Pre-School, 6 Kindergarten, 11 Elementary, 9 Middle School, 19 High School, 2 Associates, 10 College, 11 Graduate, 4 Post-Doctoral, 2 Juris Doctor, 6 Doctoral, 1 Medical, and 5 others, for a total of 90 graduates.



The Graduate Luncheon is an annual Church-supported activity that Discipleship Group #27 initiated over 30 years ago. The event was so well received that the Church designated the discipleship group to sponsor and plan each annual graduate luncheon thereafter. Alfred Street Baptist Church has a long-standing tradition of nurturing both the spiritual and educational development of its congregation, from Pre-School through adulthood. This event, which the church has held for decades, represents the ASBC commitment to encourage, support, and recognize the academic and scholastic achievements of its membership through the awarding of scholarships and public acknowledgement. This effort contributes to the church's commitment to build good stewards and Christian role models and disciples, as well as provides motivational inspiration for the graduates to come.



This year over \$100,000.00 in scholarships were awarded by the Alfred Street Baptist Church Scholarships, Alfred Street Baptist Church Foundation Scholarships, and the Eric M. Willis Memorial Scholarship Fund.



The 2011 Graduate Luncheon Keynote Speaker was Dr. Tshaka Cunningham. Dr. Cunningham delivered an inspirational address to the graduates by encouraging them have a competitive spirit for learning and always thank God as well as their parents for sacrificing so much.



The ASBC Graduate Luncheon continues to be an opportunity to celebrate the many accomplishments of our graduates as well as an opportunity to thank those who have committed themselves to helping others achieve their educational dreams. We can all be proud of belonging to a church that places great emphasis on educational achievements as well as spiritual development.



Train up a child in the way he should go,
And when he is old he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6

The Faces of Liberia:

The Alfred Street Baptist Church Missions Ministry Abroad
by Donna L. Scott

The purpose of the Alfred Street Baptist Church Missions Ministry is to perform the duties of missions and to teach mission through commitment, prayer and dedication. The Missions Ministry strives to be about God's business in church, community, district, area, state, national and foreign missions. This charter was once again put into full operation as 5 members of the ASBC family journeyed abroad to Monrovia, Liberia in collaboration with the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention from March 7-17, 2011.

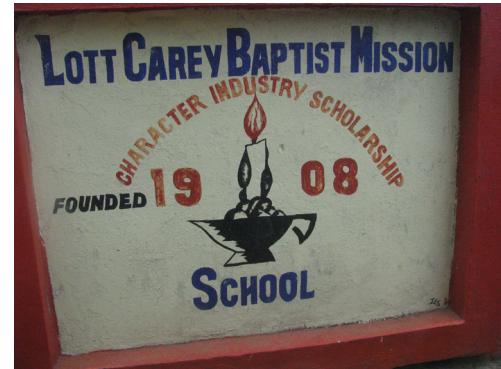
Led by Missions Director, Rosette T. Graham, the ASBC team members (Rev Laura O. White, Lydia Rainer, Crystal-Marie Grant and Donna L. Scott) worked in conjunction with the Lott Carey team (Rev Dawn Sanders, Rev Trevor Beauford, Evelyn Holmes and Team Leader, Barbara Crump) to provide training to teachers at the Lott Carey Mission (LCM) School and to conduct an assessment of the facilities and educational support requirements at the LCM schools in both Monrovia and Bopolu, Liberia.

The Lott Carey Foreign Mission believes that education is a key component of the security and well being of a community and a country. Therefore, their goal is to help prepare the hearts and minds of new generations of Liberians for leadership and contribution to their communities. This goal was realized as the missions team worked with the teachers and students, providing relevant and realistic training on foundational and advanced education concepts. As we began our work, the students were eager to show off their many talents. We were impressed as the students welcomed us with songs and their weekly briefing on local and

national news that they presented to the faculty and entire student body. The LCM Press club also prepared and conducted media interviews of mission team members.

The mission of the Lott Carey Mission School is to provide high quality education in a nurturing, caring, and learning environment. Touted as the "flagship" institution of the Lott Carey Mission Convention by the school Superintendent/Principal, Rev Emile D. E. Sam-Peal, he challenged the team to work to improve support to the school in an effort to build a premier institution. His goal is to improve facilities, teacher education, and standards of education, thereby enhancing the quality of education for students. In support of this objective, the team conducted teacher workshops and hands-on assessments of facilities, working with teachers and students to identify needs. Identification of these requirements will not only help the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention and ASBC develop specific long and short term objectives in support of the school, but also assist the ASBC Missions ministry in developing objectives for other projects as well.

Even though the team came to serve, let there be no mistake, we experienced personal and spiritual growth as well. It was hard not to be moved by the optimistic young faces that were always full of hope for the future. According to Rosette Graham, the visit allowed us to connect to a beautiful country and beautiful people that have been devastated by war. Lydia Rainer felt as if she had come home...and felt a "kindred spirit" with old and young alike. We found the LCM students to be extremely bright and articulate as they expressed with pride the importance of



the LCM School and what it meant to not only their personal growth, but the future of the nation as well. Many of the students expressed a desire to continue their education abroad with the intent of returning to Liberia in service to their country.

Additionally, the ASBC members of the team were afforded a wonderful opportunity to worship with our sister church in Monrovia, Providence Baptist Church, where we were welcomed by Rev Dr Samuel B. Reeves, Jr., Senior Pastor, and the entire Providence family. The congregation was moved as Rev Laura O. White took the pulpit as the guest speaker and preached a memo-

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ASBC Host Annual Session Of Northern Virginia Baptist Association

During the week of 22-26 August, ASBC hosted the 134th Annual Session of the Northern Virginia Baptist Association in Gainesville, VA. Each annual session of the Association is hosted by a volunteer church. Hosting duties included providing meals, parking assistance, registration assistance, selling meal tickets, assisting with light clean up of grounds and facilities, and a host of other administrative and support functions. Over 75 ASBC volunteers assisted with these tasks over the 5 days of meetings. This was ASBC's first venture into hosting large associations and conventions in many years, though our involvement in such efforts goes back over 150 years.

The format for the meeting of the Baptist Association parallels that of larger conventions such as Lott Carey, or the National Baptist Convention in which ASBC also holds membership. The week was filled with daily sessions of classes, workshops, and plenary business sessions and of course plenty of 'good preaching'. Pastor Wesley was the featured preacher at the opening session on Monday morning. He spoke on the story from the Gospels where Jesus' disciples questioned if he were truly the Christ. The disciples were people who had been with him at his baptism, in the wilderness, and throughout his ministry and yet they still did not understand his divinity, in spite of having seen his miracles. He pointed out that many of us are

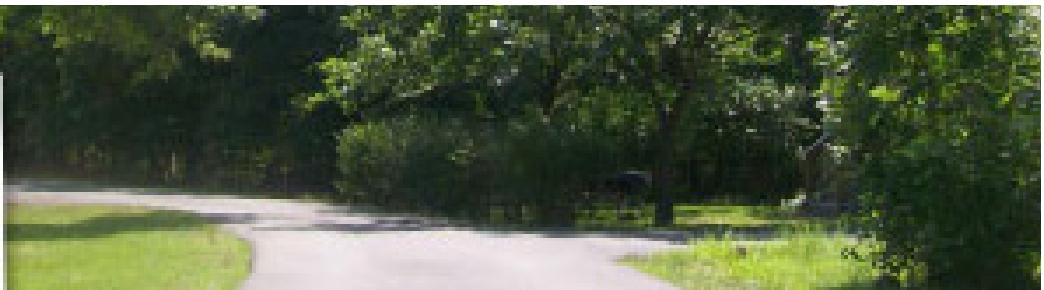
no different. In support of Pastor Wesley, about 35 other ASBC members attended this opening session, including ASBC ushers and Trustee who served in various capacities. For the opening session, the Baptist Center Chapel was essentially packed to capacity (e.g., about 250 person) as there was great interest in hearing Pastor Wesley speak.

Each day of the Annual Session featured a different focus, and ASBC volunteers supported them each day. Tuesday was Youth Day, while the Women's Auxiliary was in charge on Wednesday. On Thursday, representatives from other affiliates such as American Baptist Churches, Lott Carey, and Baptist General Convention of VA were recognized. On Friday, there were mostly business sessions, as the 134th annual session officially adjourned after Holy Communion. Throughout the sessions, Mrs. Barbara McDowell and her kitchen crew served breakfast and a scrumptious sit-down lunch each day. A parking team under John Rosenthal directed traffic and parking duties. Additionally Ted Smith and Danny Green drove the two ASBC buses back and forth to Gainesville to drop-off and return with volunteers throughout the day.

The Northern Virginia Baptist Association was formed in 1877 during Reconstruction following the Civil War as various churches saw the need for in-

creased interaction for mutual benefit. The purpose of the Association is to promote unity, growth, and outreach to member churches to advance the cause of Christ through missions, evangelism, Christian education and social concerns. Contributions from the Association support the Baptist Center in Gainesville, VA where the annual session was held, in addition to youth initiatives, and fellowship collaborations.

ASBC began supporting this Association financially in the early 1880s, but did not formally join until 1898, sending Pastor Alexander Truatt as the first delegate. Over the years ASBC has maintained a close relationship with this Association, with Rev. J.O. Peterson rising to become 3rd Vice President and his uncle Rev. Spicer Peterson, becoming its Moderator for many years. However, during 1980 when ASBC first began to ordain women Deacons, we were expelled from this body, along with many other Baptist fellowships. We would remain unaffiliated with this Association for about 30 years. Upon the arrival of Pastor Wesley, we re-established membership in 2009. Thus, hosting the Association and providing the opening sermon was something of a return of the 'prodigal' son who had been in exile over for 30 years. "Welcome home, ASBC", to the Northern Virginia Baptist Association!



Christian Walk 2011

ON April 16, over 170 ASBC members participated in the 2nd Annual Christian Walk.

We experienced true Christian community and fellowship when the walkers met the fitness challenge to take a 5.5 mile round trip walk from Old Towne Alexandria to the National Harbor. The group experienced fellowship with one another, and everyone walked away with uplifting joy! And this year, the first 100 registered walkers received Christian Walk t-shirts! The t-shirts were provided by Intra-Mail Network.

Despite the rain the prior night, the walkers arrived early and were ready to go. A body of believers acting in one accord – ranging from seniors, adults, young adults, teenagers, and children, including infants sitting snug in their stroller – all prepared for the walk physically with a group stretch led by ASBC's own fitness guru, Willie Stalling, and spiritually with a motivational prayer led by the Intercessory Prayer Ministry. The excitement continued to build as the advanced walkers led the way, followed by the intermediate and stroller walkers.

Like last year, the fellowship experience walking over the Woodrow Wilson Bridge was as memorable as the breathtaking views! Connections were forged and strengthened through conversation, laughter, holding hands, and challenging and supporting one another while navigating the pedestrian bridge over the highway and entering the rocky path to the National Harbor. The highlight of the day was the enthusiastic reception walkers received as they arrived at the 2.75 mile midpoint mark. Greeters cheered heartily and gave up ‘high fives’ that changed tired expressions into huge smiles and even caused a few of walkers to sprint to the finish line! Water and fresh bananas, apples, grapes and oranges were just what the doctor ordered, as walkers refueled and rested at the deck of McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant overlooking the Potomac River.



Following refreshments, which were generously donated from Wegmans Woodmore (Lanham, MD) and our church family, the group met on the sandy bank of the Potomac at “The Awakening” sculpture for a group photo. The giant sculpture has delighted Washingtonians for generations, as it was originally installed at Hains Point, Washington, D.C., in May 1980. As last year, the return walk was a bit slower, but the pace allowed more time to fellowship with one another. When the walkers reached the launch site, they were humbled by having shared such a rewarding experience with brothers and sisters in Christ. Many walkers expressed that they look forward to participating in next year’s Christian Walk to once again experience true Christian community and fellowship as they tackle the challenge again across the bridge! Prayerfully, you will join us.

This fellowship event was co-sponsored, planned and executed by the Sports Ministry (Deacon Charles Monterio and Michael Sanders), the Women’s Ministry (Tanya Johnson, Lynda Prioleau, and Renee DeSandies Reynolds), and the Men’s Ministry (Dennis Dunstan and John Rosenthal). The event was supported by doctors and nurses from the Health and Wellness Ministry, members of the Greeter and Hospitality Ministry, and the Intercessory Prayer Ministry.



On Saturday, April 9th, The Nubian Divas Red Hatters honored and celebrated Alfred Street Baptist Church Seniors Eighty and Over with a luncheon. The occasion's theme was "Flowers for our Seniors Eighty and Over".

Our honorees were greeted by a member of The Nubian Divas, presented a corsage or a boutonniere and escorted to his or her seat.

Reverend Marla Hawkins was the Mistress of Ceremonies; Jean Morris read the scripture; followed with prayer by Deacon Mary Wair; welcome by Jan Jones; the occasion by Harriet Smith and the blessing rendered by Juanita Moss.

The seniors were served a delectable meal prepared by G & F Catering (Mr. Gary Thompson and Staff) consisting of Salmon; Baked Chicken w/Gravy; Rice Pilaf; Vegetable Medley; Rolls/Butter; Tea and assorted desserts prepared by members of The Nubian Divas.

Flowers for our Seniors Eighty and Over



Mr. Darrell Whitfield charmed the guest with his melodious voice as he sang to the glory of God. His lovely wife, Deborah accompanied him on the keyboard. His singing brought tears to some; clapping hands, and patting feet attested to a glorious time by all.

Each special guest received a gift and the winner of the Bingo game received the potted pansies centerpiece adored in The Nubian Divas colors of purple and red.

All attendees indicated they had a wonderful time. Colonel (Retired) Ethel Underwood commented that the luncheon was first class and others said it was very thoughtful and fabulous. Mrs. Frances Knight was over joyed when she realized that the soloist was a young man that grew up in her Portsmouth, VA neighborhood.

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able sermon. The experience was a special highlight for us all as Rev White marked the anniversary of her 30th year in ministry.

The trip to the Lott Carey Mission School is guaranteed to reap rewards as the mission team develops short and long term strategies for the future. Our collaborative efforts not only allowed us to assess vital resources needed to support the educational needs of the school, but to develop relationships with the faculty

and staff that will last a lifetime. The trip further served to cultivate a missionary conviction into the hearts of the entire team as each member was touched by our brothers and sisters in Liberia at the LCM School.

If you feel a calling to help those in need, your support of the ASBC Missions Ministry is always welcome. Look for upcoming opportunities to support this ministry as we continue to grow emotionally and spiritually through God's

work. For more information on how you can get involved, contact Rosette T. Graham, or any member of the ASBC missions team.

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Matthew 28:19-20.

BABES IN WONDERLAND

Another Success Story

by Youner McLeod

The 2011 Border Babies and Family Services event was a Fashion Show/Baby Shower held earlier this year.

Leading up to the main event, the ministry members canvassed the community to identify needs and determine the potential level of participation different organizations could provide in planned events. When the research phase was over, the ministry decided to assist four organizations that represented Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax, and Prince George's county. Pastor Wesley helped the ministry in its decision to concentrate gifts from the ministry on car seats and Pack and Play (play pen).

Then the real work began. The ministry members contacted groups and ministries inside and outside ASBC seeking volunteers and donations. In typical ASBC form, 16 Pack and Play and 16 car seats were secured for the designated recipients.

The 2011 fashion show was the culmination of a lot of hard work by Border Babies Family Services ministry members. Our own ASBC First Lady, Sister Debbie Wesley, served as the MC. The show's participants were children from ages 1 through 8 that included 2 sets of twins and a few brother and sister teams. They were all excited to be in the show. Under the direction of Queen Gladden, they walked the runway like they were on the Red Carpet of an Oscar's gala modeling their "Sunday-go-to-meeting", sports ware, play clothes, evening duds and beach ware including sand pails. A few of the youngsters suffered through stage fright, but were coaxed into finishing their "Strut of Fame". With an audience of over 100 proud parents, family members and friends and camera's flashing throughout, the show took on the feel of a Hollywood extravaganza.

The Border Babies Family Services ministry and Core Committee headed by Billie Archer, offer many thanks to all that participated and other friends that came and jumped right in to help. Including, all who pitched in by filling baby jars.

Special thanks to Rosette Graham and Barbara Brown for their help and to G&F Catering for the wonderful food.



"Hats Off to Her"

by Dorothy Clark, Co-Chair

Over 300 women and girls of all ages enjoyed their first Tea/Hat Show on Saturday, May 7, 2011, at Hayfield High School located at 7630 Telegraph Road from 11:30am-2:30pm. This "sold out" event celebrated the women in our lives with emphasis given to our mothers, daughters, sisters, granddaughters, relatives and sister friends. The ladies and girls were dressed in their "Sunday Best", complete with hats, pearls and gloves. Jennifer Donelan, ABC-7-WJLA Reporter, was the guest speaker and gave us an enlightening health discussion. Roslyn Brock, Chairwoman National Board of Directors, NAACP, served as Mistress of Ceremonies. and did a wonderful job getting us into the spirit of sisterhood throughout the day.

The event began with tea and conversation, followed by a wonderful lunch and a variety of delicious, home-made desserts. It stressed the importance of fellowship to the younger generations, especially the little girls and teenagers who were in attendance. Ladies decorated their tables with a teapot describing its' important to the owner, along with a decorative tea-cup and saucer, gloves, pearls, and flowers and other personal items.

Roslyn Brock read the history of hat wearing describing how this practice dates back to biblical days when Paul asked "Is it proper for a woman to pray to God with her head uncovered?" African women have always dressed their heads when they went to worship and when they came to America as slaves they wore rags on their heads on the rare occasions they got to worship. Freed slave women began the practice of decorating their bandanas with colorful flowers when they worshipped. With segregation and more open church services women were able to take off their domestic clothing on Sunday and "dress up" in their finest, even if they were hand-me-downs. With better incomes, women could buy better clothing and as a result they would scour boutiques and shops looking for the prettiest, more chic and stylish hat to complete their outfit which included gloves,

shoes and purses which often matched. When they entered church on Sunday morning all heads would turn.

Over the past 20 years hat wearing has almost become a lost art with only a small number of women wearing them to church now. Some of this may be attributed to the different hairstyles women now wear; including braids, twists and dreads which have replaced the perm. A lot of these styles may also make it difficult to wear some hats. Now most hats are worn by older women who grew up wearing them at an early age when this was the norm instead of the contrast. Our hope is that this event, along with future ones, will help the younger generations understand the importance and history of hat wearing and also instill in them a desire to return to this practice which so many of their grandmothers loved and continue to enjoy.

Following the tea/luncheon we witnessed a spectacular hat show which consisted of models of all ages; including our seniors, seasoned and young adult women, teenagers and little girls who wore an array of beautiful hats. We thoroughly enjoyed the generation scene, led by our Chairwoman of the Deacon Board and grandmother, Patricia Johnson, her daughter, Tanya Johnson, Director of the Women's Ministry and granddaughter Janelle Boone, along with a number of other grandmothers, daughters and granddaughters who walked the runway together in their hats. It was a special treat to have the 4 sisters of Margaret Wiggins, along with our First Lady, Debbie Wesley, model their beautiful hats. We had a variety of wonderful vendors and the ladies had a good time not only browsing, but shopping. A number of door prizes were given out and at the close of the event, each mother, daughter and girl left with a gift from the Women's Ministry. What a wonderful event for all who attended. Now ladies are already looking forward to next year.

ASBC CHRONICLES



ASBC Junior Missionaries Serve in Memphis at Lott Carey

By Kisha D. DeSandies



114 Annual Session of Lott Carey Mass Choir

A mass youth choir of all Lott Carey junior missionaries, which included ASBC youth, sang at their closing program at the annual convention in Memphis.



Jr. Missionaries & Rosette

Pictured from Left to Right: Back row - Kisha DeSandies (chaperone), Monet Cox, jasmine Watson, Alexis Lilly, Destine Hooker, Raven Bolding, Janelle Boone. Front row – Shabrea Woods, Rosette Graham (ASBC Director of Missions) and Leann Dunn

Summer fun, service and sharing the love of Christ was the goal for nine teenage girls who represented ASBC by helping the local Memphis, Tenn. community during the Lott Carey 114th Annual Session, August 13-19, 2011.

Using the conference theme of “Global Mission Churches – Sharing the Love of Christ,” the junior missionaries spent two days serving with over one hundred other Baptist youth, as part of the Youth Department week long program. Their assignments included picking weeds from pots of donated trees at Shelby Farms Park Conservancy, a 4,500 acre recreational site -- and organizing clothes and household items donated to the Trinity Community Coalition Outreach, Inc.

The teens who participated were: Raven Bolding, Janelle Boone, Monet Cox, Leann Dunn, Destine Hooker, Alexis Lilly, Alexus Orr, Jasmine Watson and Shabrea Woods.

In addition to working on the mission field, the teens sang in the choir at the youth worship service

and gave \$140 toward the \$1K Lott Carey Youth contribution, which will assist in Lott Carey’s foreign efforts to its more than 25 mission partners throughout the world.

During the week, the youth also visited HBCU Lemoyne Owen College, the Lorraine Motel and Civil Rights Museum (where Martin Luther King was assassinated) and Stax Records Museum (where music great Otis Redding recorded his hits).

The Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention helps churches extend their Christian witness to the ends of the earth. Building capacity for and strengthening the work of evangelism, education, and health programs and services around the world. Lott Carey has Global Partners in the following countries: Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Mozambique, Nigeria, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe, India, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Italy, Turkey, Australia, Canada and the United States. For more information, visit www.lottcarey.org.



Children's Church and the Sunday School

Christmas Pageant
December 4, 2011, 9:30 a.m.
in the sanctuary

ASBC 2011 Mid-Year Church Meeting

On 7 June 2011 as required by the church's Constitution, ASBC convened its mid-year church meeting. Though the constitution only stipulates 100 persons as a quorum for conducting business, in recent years attendance at the meeting (i.e., 250-300 persons) has required that the meeting be moved to the main sanctuary to accommodate the crowd.

At the mid-year meeting, select ministries make reports as does the leadership including the Pastor, Chair of Deacons and Chair of Trustees. Additionally the Growth Committee gave a report.

Highlights of this year's meeting include:

- The church continues to grow, with membership currently at approximately 4200 persons. This represents an almost doubling the size of the congregation since 2008. Approximately 60% of the membership attends at least one of the three week-end worship services.
- About 15-18 new members join each weekend, mostly in the 30-35 age group. Additionally, over 5000 persons watch our services via live streaming on the web.
- Giving in tithes and offerings closely tracks the increase in membership. On-line giving now accounts for a substantial amount of tithes and offering.
- The state of the economy has increased the needs of members (rent, lights, car payments, etc.) which are supported through the Poor Saint's offering that is managed by the Deacons. There is a proposal to change the name of the offering, as the old name no

longer reflects the needs currently expressed by our members.

- The increase in giving coupled with additional expenses such as a new janitorial contract resulted in a proposal from the Trustees to increase the approved annual budget. The congregation approved the budget request.
- The AWANA program now in its second year continues to grow. Over 125 children now participate. During the recent graduation ceremony over 55 were promoted to the next level. Additional volunteers are being solicited.
- The Brother's Keeper program now in its 9th year, proposes to serve 1000 students with back-to-school bags this year. The event will be held on 13 August 2011. Spanish speaking volunteers are being solicited.
- The Tutorial Ministry now in its 26th year reported on 60 students and 64 tutors participating in this year's sessions. Approximately 20 students are from the Brother's Keeper families sponsored by the church.
- The HBCU College Fair committee reported that over 3000 students from 251 high schools in 19 states, as far away as Nebraska and California, attended this year's college fair. Fifty five (55) HBCUs gave over \$75,000 in scholarships to the numerous students admitted on-site.
- The ASBC Foundation reported that approximately \$40,000 was pledged through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) that will support the awarding of approximately 20 scholarships totaling \$85,000 to be awarded this year.
- New ministries created in the past year include the Greeters Ministry (now numbering over 90 members), the Entrepreneurial Ministry as an outgrowth of the Men's Ministry and the Military Ministry which now reaches approximately 150 of our members who have served in the nation's uniform services.
- The Growth Committee is tracking growth and exploring options for expanded worship options such as local off-sites venues that are used by some other local churches.
- The Deacons Ministry reported that the growth in church membership is creating a need for additional deacons beyond the current 46 active deacons. Additional opportunities to serve on this ministry will be identified in the near future.
- The Trustees reported that all financial affairs are in order with an abundance of funds to accommodate near term needs. One of the larger items in the budget is the mortgage on Old Town West (Phase III). During the coming year, additional funds may be applied to that mortgage in an attempt to retire it early.
- A final action was electing delegates to this year's Baptist Conventions generally held in July and August. Approximately 15 persons will be attending at least one of the four conventions that the church supports.

The meeting was completed within the 2 hours allotted, and all appears to be in order at the historic Alfred Street Baptist Church. To God be the glory!!

**ASBC Members, Please Remember to Attend the
End of Year Church Meeting
Tuesday, December 6, 2011
in the Sanctuary
6:30 p.m. Prayer Services
7:00 p.m. Meeting Begins**

Called into Service on a Mountain in a Village!

by Samuel Nixon, Jr.

It's not often that we have an opportunity to serve others in settings that are foreign to our daily lives and far from our own familiarity. But when the Lord calls us to a different culture -- even for a little while -- it impacts us in lasting ways!

My first major engagement was in 1992-93, when I was found living on the side of a mountain, in a distant land, in a village high above sea level -- in the Republic of Cameroon. What a nine-month experience it was -- and my first "unofficial" global mission experience!

If the name Rev. Leon H. Sullivan is unfamiliar to you, let me briefly reference the life of a major Baptist pastor/international civil rights leader (Oct 1922 - April 2001), born in West Virginia, and loomed large in helping people to acquire job skills and equip themselves for service. This was someone who knew what it meant to stand strong for the Lord and practiced, for much of his life, the principle of "self-help", as well as advocated for others. He operated from the streets and through the churches of Philadelphia, PA to the halls of the board rooms across the United States, to the shores of South Africa and beyond! You'll find his detailed story by searching his name on the Internet. It was through one of the organizations that he founded, the Opportunities Industrialization Centers International (OICI), under the umbrella of the International Foundation for Self-Help, Inc. (IFESH), that my journey to Cameroon and the experience therein, unfolded. I served for nine months as a Resource Mobilization Volunteer in the village of Buea, Cameroon, at

the OICI-Cameroon Training Center, from September 1992 - June 1993, providing advisement and support to the management team in developing alternative resource streams of support. In short, my responsibilities included assisting the Center in diversifying its funding sources and developing its capacity for operational self-sustainability for future years. We developed and wrote proposals, nurtured business partnerships in Cameroon, and structured organizational planning strategies to help guide the training center in strengthening its community support for the 80 - 100 students that it served, trained and helped in job placement each year.

But the impact of this experience provided a multifaceted call on my life! I learned what it meant to live each day with new languages (over 236 in Cameroon) spoken around you, different ways of greeting one another, new foods foreign to my temple, but which I soon learned to love, and most of all new people who demonstrated what it means to love and live in the blessings of the Lord!

We started each weekday at the training center with all the students, staff, and management gathered in the courtyard for a brief devotional period of singing, reading scripture, and praying to the Lord. And I learned well what it meant to give thanks first each morning for that which the Lord had already blessed you! My days' beginnings had become well defined!

As the day's agenda evolved and the students were taught skills in auto

mechanics, furniture making, hotel/restaurant management, and entrepreneurial development, it was clearly evident that love and caring were operationally integrated by their Cameroonian instructors and management teams. Some of the students (and sometimes staff) experienced critical events in their lives, like the death of one of their family members, injuries from accidents suffered going to or coming from the center, starvation from lack of funds, unexpected diseases, and sometimes just depression from the trials and struggles of daily life. The staff, managers, and certain Board members, would sit down, counsel, and pray with them, and then help in securing any available resources that could be provided from the center, as well as the local community. The love of Christ was all in the midst of this working model of human collaboration in this part of God's vineyard!

And all this took place on the side of Mount Cameroon, an active volcano and among the tallest mountains in Africa, in an area of one of the雨iest places on the face of the earth! God's movement was vigorous in the lives of the Cameroonian people in ways that ignited my life as never experienced before! The blessing of being a part of this caring village, and the people of this country, was the gift that I had lived in it from September 1992 until June 1993. My life was impacted to depths that I came to realize later more fully what it meant to be on mission for the Lord!

As I reflect on those nine months that brother Peter Awasung, the develop-



In western Cameroon is an irregular chain of mountains, hills, and plateaus that extend from Mt. Cameroon almost to Lake Chad at the northern tip of the country.

ment officer for the OICI - Cameroon Training Center, and I spent learning about one another's ways and worlds, I grew to understand that God has his way of exposing us to one other in such a manner that we each are more fruitful in our work. The depths of our lives are brought forth for His purpose in ways that are realized more fully later on in our journey. My service in missions was marked by this experience in ways that I recognize now constitute the background and some of the context of how I've come to engage in missions here at Alfred Street Baptist Church . . . because of some time on the mountain, in the village, with a people who loved the Lord and shared it with others --- even foreigners from America like me!

I visited the OIC - Cameroon again in November 2003 and found the same ingredients of love, care, compassion, and encouragement being taught to and practiced by the students, staff, management, and the village in the spirit of Christ as I had experienced it! Although some of the faces and surroundings had changed over the ten years since I had lived here, the foundation of God's work stood strong and sure. What a joy to have learned of and grown in service in the Lord --- on a mountain, in a village, in a foreign land!

"And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it." (Psalm 90:17)

A Mountain, A Village, and the Mission!

Stand tall, dear mountain
For you doth declare
The stance of the Lord
Is at work over there

I learned very early
That the village your bore
Was full of the people
That lived above your core

The mission was clear
That self-help was taught
By the OIC Training Center
On your side it was wrought

My service on this volcano
Was revealing, it's true
Because there was no pre-idea
What the Lord would do!

Service on Mount Cameroon
Proved a new experience for sure
In the midst of the people
Who had learned to endure

I came in 1992 to live amongst God's crowd
And learn from them that life can be loud
With declaration of prayers and songs and praise
Giving thanks to the Lord for the passing of days!

Loom large, dear mountain
For you have much to reveal
For the people whom you host
Are in the Lord very real!

It must be surprising
To learn with hind vision
That the Lord sends one out
To a life-shaping mission

I'm often blind-sided
With the stark, Holy truth
That God does His best work in missions
On top of life's roof!

by Samuel Nixon, Jr.

“Emergency Preparedness”

from a Christian Perspective!

by Samuel Nixon, Jr.

We are all reminded of the urgency of being prepared for disaster! Our government officials and local leaders keep telling us that we must be ready for emergency developments in our land, whether caused by terrorism, storms, floods, earthquakes, hurricanes, fires, and/or other catastrophic circumstances! It's a hazardous time that we live in! And everyone is required to be ready!

But what about the Christian? Is there a difference in how we prepare? How does what we do and how we live our lives differ from everyone else? What does “emergency preparedness” mean for us who are called to be Christ-like?

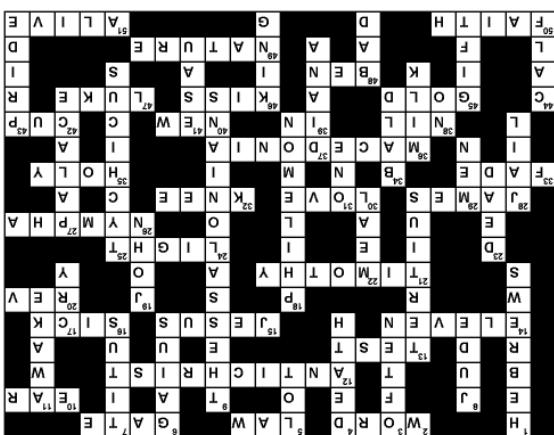
It's a sobering question, and one that we look to the Word of God to give us guidance. First, we are reminded that every day the Lord gives us, we are called to be living, not only with the fruit of our labor in this world, but more significantly, according to the word of God. “ . . . Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.” Matt 4:4b (KJV) Unlike the rest of the world, our guide to living is to be grounded in God's Word. That's the “measuring stick” of our daily lives. Before any emergency evolves, our lives are to be anchored in what we've learned and how we live in the teachings of the Word of God.

Then, we are called to live our lives by looking for and preparing for the return of Christ. That's our goal. To be found doing what He wants us to do when He returns for His church. Remember that we are to “ . . . seek ye

first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.” Matt 6:33 (KJV) In short, any emergency that comes in our lives should find us seeking to do those things and living like we are moving towards the Kingdom of God. In other words, loving, giving, sharing, forgiving, treating others in Christ-like ways, etc., just like we see in the Word how Jesus treated those who were committed to follow Him. People could tell who were those preparing for the Kingdom because of their love and “Christ-likeness”. They will know those of us seeking the Kingdom by our love. “By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” John 13:35 (NIV) It's a way of life that sets the Christian apart from the rest of the world, and helps prepare us for the catastrophic times in our lives.

And what about all this talk about Homeland Security and threat levels? How does this translate in the life of the Christian? Are there “levels” of threat that we find ourselves under any different from the rest of the world? Again, the Word gives us clear guidance on the threat that we all must guard against --- sin --- that which is not of God! We, as Christians, are to walk in the righteousness and (“imago dei” - Latin) image of God. It's urgent that we talk to God in prayer EVERY DAY, seek His will in our families, our livelihoods, our recreation time, our rest time, and especially in those areas of life in which He has called us to use the gifts and talents He has given us to use for His glory and honor. Our daily “threat level”, or challenge, is to guard against anything, or anyone, that seeks to bind us in sin, in doing, thinking, or saying that

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which is not God-like in our lives. Our “Homeland Security” is the “home security” of our individual lives, and the “threat level” for us, as Christians, is how strong our protection is against that which interferes with, or threatens, how well we live our lives as ambassadors for Christ. “We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us . . . ” II Cor 5:20a (NIV). When our lives are grounded in Christ, and we are demonstrating that “security” in Him, our threat level is minimized and we remain under the protection of the Lord. “I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God: in Him will I trust. Surely He shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust: His truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day . . . ” Psalm 91:2-5 (KJV)

Finally, there is only one way for the Christian to really deal with all this scare and talk of “emergency preparedness”. We, as Christians, do listen to and heed the advisement of our government and leadership. This is the wisdom in which we are charged to live in and follow with our best efforts. But our ultimate manual for responding to emergencies is founded upon and fixed in the Word of God. “Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.” Prov 3:5,6 (KJV) The Lord will see us through all “threats” and “threat levels”, if we walk in His way, His will, and His Word!

“These things have I spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.” John 16:33 (KJV)



Order of the Golden Fleece

2010-2011 Inductee

Bill Keyes has been selected for membership in the Order of the Golden Fleece. Founded in 1904, to unite student leaders at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, it is considered the highest honorary society at the University. This is an impressive honor, which should make us all proud of Bill Keyes. The induction ceremony was Friday, April 4, 2011 in Chapel Hill. Bill is active in the ASBC Foundation Auxiliary.

#1922 William Augustus Keyes IV

For his above and beyond commitment to creating leadership opportunities for UNC students and the betterment of the UNC community. Through nearly twenty years of work in Washington, DC, he noticed a general lack of structural mentorship opportunities for talented African American males. In response, Bill created the Institute for Responsible Citizenship – a two-year program providing African American males summer internship and mentorship opportunities in Washington, DC – and actively recruited black males from UNC as participants. As

a founding Board Member for UNC’s Leadership Institute, he provided clarity and direction to a program that has now taught over 400 minority students etiquette, leadership, communication, and networking skills. Prior to his enrollment at UNC, Mr. Keyes also served on the Board of Visitors and the Board of Advisors at the Journalism School and made large time and financial commitments to the university. For these and other accomplishments, the Order of the Golden Fleece proudly taps Bill Keyes.



Welcome New ASBC Members

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DISCIPLESHIP GROUP 4

Kenyatta Fletcher
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Kobby Osei-Kusi
Kendra Arrington
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Sherean Sledge
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Karis Belfon
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Kimberly Greene
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Donald Boone
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Treshawn Shields
Charlyn Anderson
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Kenneth Crawford
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Christe Tyler
Shavonne Collins
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Candace Greene
Natasha Jackson

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Rachel Cowper
Sonja Foster
Courtney Lea
Louise Robinson
Neal Walker
Eric Patrick
Herbert Jackson (Herb)
Michelle Ridgley
Shenay Mathews
Trayonna Floyd
Myya Passmore
Paige Washington
Tonya Washington
Veronica Dillard
Nicol Lee
Keith Lee
Dessertine Harvey
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Brett Payne
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Jocelyn Smith
Vickie Webb
Antonette Jefferson

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Yolonda Walton
Sedric Roberts
Joseph Martin
Terria Lee
Ernest Anderson (Clay)
Linda Anderson
Brandin Bowden
Kimberly Finch
Ja'Maya Moore
Belinda Glenn

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Dionne Mayes
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Jasmine White
Sylvia Reid
Briannica Tonkins (Bri)
Tyrone Ware
Kimberly Ware
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Kimberly Walker
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Josef Hapli
Lark Grier-Hapli
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Gayle Smith
Nia Catchings
Christine Cavaliere
Leslie Copeland-Tune
Jordan Tune
Aman Tune
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Candice Freeman
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Cherie Middleton
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Alexander Biniam
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Mave Houston
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Angela Locke
Alexa Locke

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Mary Graves
Cameron Graves
Morgan Graves
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Renee Griffith
Avant Griffith
Kayla Griffith
Shelby Griffith
Aja Vaughn
Donald Varner
Emma Varner
Taelor Conley
Lita Berry
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Jocelyn Mishoe
Kayla Anthony
William Russ
Shirley Russ

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Richard Gordon
Kia Jackson
LaQuetta Green
Cybill Murray
Leilani Nance
Brent Thompson
Qwetuanda Thompson
Brea Thompson
Kaylah Williams
James G. Johnson
Negleatha Johnson
Zenita Johnson
John Settles
Trinity Wilson
Edith Lewis

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 Claire Taylor
 Krystal Reid
 Rahiel Tesfamarian
 Diane Osborne
 Mia Thomas
 Penny Thompson
 Darrell Kent
 Megan Kent
 Deidra Mensah
 Darrell Mensah
 Michael Brown
 Brian Brown
 Stephen Brown
 Charlene Hamner

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 Danielle Woodhouse
 Yareem Barnes
 Dinetta Dunston
 Amber Gray
 Clarence Franklin (Tony)
 Darah Franklin
 Tia Norman
 Chantelle Sheppard
 Brent Frey
 Walayna Hilliard
 James Pinkney
 Terri Pinkney
 James Pinkney
 Elvert Gardner
 Eugenia Gardner
 Brea LeBlanc
 Jason Robinson
 Rickey Wyrick

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Loretta Alston
 Ashley Stevens (Nichole)
 David Stevens
 Cinnamon Stevens
 Danielle Alexander
 Janna Dandridge
 Altregia Jordan
 Asia Hines
 Therron Jones
 Helen Jenkins
 Nina Archie
 Anthony Howard
 Caroline Howard
 Jazmin McCullough
 Rekha Ayalur
 Philippa Bryant (Starla)
 Linda Guerrine
 Arnol Simmons
 Grecia Edwards
 Nahid Jarrett
 Christopher Pierce
 Gail Pierce

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Aldrich Baker
 Rodney Whitmore
 Dawn Whitmore
 Myles Whitmore
 Briana Whitmore
 Abel Mengisteab
 Joyce Larkin

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Karen Powers
 Elliott Collins
 Barbara Bostic
 LaTawnya Brown (Tawnya)
 Kaylah Brown
 Kylah Brown
 Ryan Mitchell
 Adrienne Barr
 Zinethia Clemons
 Robert Polite (Bob)
 Ida Polite

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Ashley Parham
 Chakila Tillie
 Brooke Watts
 Susan Norwood
 Michelle Walker
 Gary Davis
 Essie Martin
 Olivia Tchouandom
 Rosalyn Baker
 Julius Hall
 Lelita Cannon
 Beverly Thomas
 Colle Latin
 Jason McMiller
 Takesha McMiller
 Monique Rolle

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Kadura Bellamy
 Jared Smith
 Angela Thompson
 Anderson Smith
 Vernon Hawkins
 LaVonda Smith
 Eboni Thornhill
 Felicia Long
 "Kenneth Thornhill-Spurlock
 Jennifer Long
 Hope Haynes
 Jeraldine Peterson (Jeri)
 Sabarah Wilson
 Rinaldi Boykin
 Joyce Boykin
 Arielle Boykin
 Brianna Boykin
 Christal Edwards

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Athena Hemphill
 Tavon Brooks
 Jeneane Lockett
 Deric Cantly
 Kyosha Johnson
 Zachary Gunn
 Marvin Stewart
 Gloria Stewart
 Kennedy Taylor (Christel)
 Eboni Williams
 Pamela Birch
 Robert Marshall

DISCIPLESHIP GROUP 22

Anthony Griffith
 Denise Rosemond
 Lucille Floyd
 Jhon McKnight

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Denee McKnight
 Julian McKnight
 Jordynn McKnight
 Sylvia Barrett
 Christian Stanley
 Charles King
 Joan Turner
 Courtney Brown
 Tiffany Graham

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 Joseph Cephas
 Lindsay Cephas
 Michelle Robinson
 Greta Foster
 Albert Harris
 Ine Proctor

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Tameka Miller
 Decius Brown
 Delores Cooper
 Lauren Belcher
 Carolyn Walker
 Kristilyn Whigham
 Christopher Findlater (Chris)
 E. Stanley Gay (Stanley)
 Arnita Fowler
 Toni McGill
 Melissa Harris
 Carolyn White

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Jasmine Shackleford
 Channon Bishop
 Tammi Simpson
 Venus Summers
 Omari Young
 Melanie Porter
 Khara Minter
 H. Demond Frazier
 Marva Frazier
 Ruth Ortiz
 Tsaike Brundige (Tykee)
 Satina Isaac

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Rashad Roberts
 Brittney Boone
 Wadee'ah Ellis (Deea)
 Kimberly Humphrey
 Edward James
 Adrian Pearson
 Tamara L. Williams
 Kristen Wigglesworth
 Camille McGann
 Ramona Stanley

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Darryl Clay
 Shari Dixon
 Yolonda Faulkner
 Anthony Hales
 Isaac Surgick
 Donovan Surgick
 LaJohnne White
 Sharaledon Brave

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Waikinya Clanton
 JaiMeta Posey
 Margaret Evans
 Dennis McCloud
 Rahwa Teclemariam
 Anthony Blackwell (Tony)
 Chanelle Blackwell
 Sydney Ogden
 Necholus Ogden

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 Sara Marcus
 Cortez Willis
 Linda Milton
 Joseph Smith
 David Mason
 D'Hania Hunt
 Kristin Jarrett
 Andre Lipford
 Shelley Cannon
 Sophiea Lipford
 Aaron Peterson
 Tiffiny Peterson
 Courtney Jones
 Jeremy Speikes
 Gracie Mitchell

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Curtis Dawkins
 DeMoya Watson
 Dia Martin
 Sheena Pierce
 Tracey Sizemore
 Earl Jones
 Cheryl Jones
 Andrea Williams
 Lucille Williams
 Terrance Bradford
 Catherine Fuqua
 Bryce Fuqua

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 Gabrielle Brown
 E. Renee Lawton-Hairston
 Kristen McNeal
 Agmar Raymundo
 Francis Green
 M. Rita Phillips
 Josette Friedl
 Gerri Daniels
 George Hardy (Ronnie)
 Beverly Hardy
 Beersheba Philippe
 Willie Bodrick



~ REVEREND FUN ~

YOU SAY

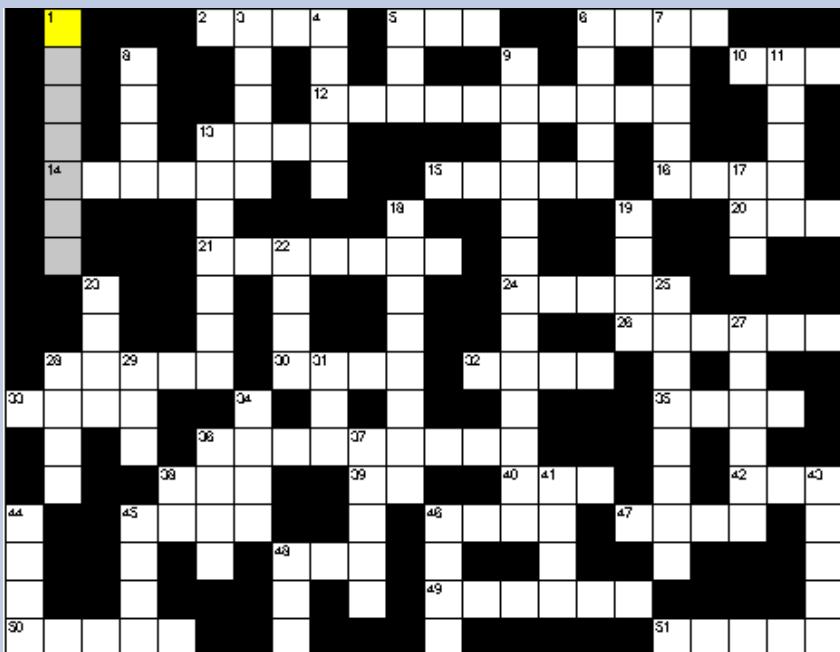
You say: It's impossible'
 You say: I'm too tired'
 You say: Nobody really loves me'
 You say: I can't go on'
 You say: I can't figure things out'
 You say: I can't do it'
 You say: I'm not able'
 You say: It's not worth it'
 You say: I can't forgive myself
 You say: I can't manage'
 You say: I'm afraid'
 You say: I'm always worried and frustrated'
 You say: I'm not smart enough'
 You say: I feel all alone'

GOD SAYS

God says: All things are possible
 God says: I will give you rest
 God says: I love you
 God says: My grace is sufficient
 God says: I will direct your steps
 God says: You can do all things
 God says: I am able
 God says: It will be worth it
 God says: I Forgive you
 God says: I will supply all your needs
 God says: I have not given you a spirit of fear
 God says: Cast all your cares on ME
 God says: I give you wisdom
 God says: I will never leave you or forsake you

BIBLE VERSES

(Luke 18:27)
 (Matthew 11:28-30)
 (John 3:1 & John 3:34)
 (II Corinthians 12:9 & Psalm 91:15)
 (Proverbs 3:5- 6)
 (Philippians 4:13)
 (II Corinthians 9:8)
 (Roman 8:28)
 (I John 1:9 & Romans 8:1)
 (Philippians 4:19)
 (II Timothy 1:7)
 (I Peter 5:7)
 (I Corinthians 1:30)
 (Hebrews 13:5)



Across

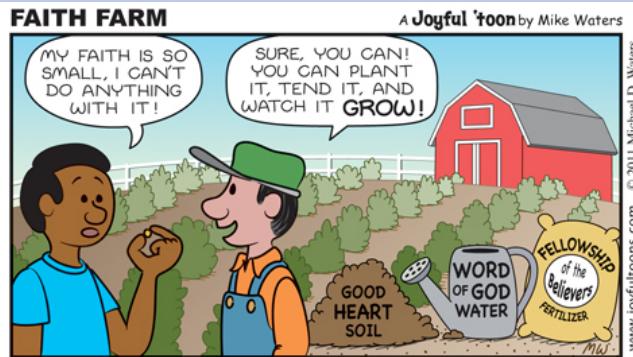
2. This is the Christian's sword
5. The strength of sin is this
6. Jesus suffered outside of this
10. Eye has not seen, nor has this heard
12. Those who deny Jesus Christ has come in the flesh
13. This produces patience
14. This chapter in Hebrews is the "Hall of Faith"
15. The head of the church
16. Epaphroditus was this
20. The only book after the epistles (Abbr.)
21. Three generations of believers in this man's family
24. God is _____
26. Had a church in her house
28. He warns us about the tongue
30. I am nothing without this
32. Bow the _____
33. The crown of glory does not do this
35. God is this...so should his people be
36. Paul visited Timothy on his way to here
38. How many are righteous without Christ?
39. Faithful are called "brothers ___ Christ"
40. The Last Supper wine made a covenant that was
42. This wine is drunk from the _____ of blessing
45. Faith is more valuable than this
46. Paul's recommended greeting
47. The beloved physician
48. The apostle Paul's Israelatish tribe (Abbr.)
49. The believer's hope is to share this with God
50. Titus was Paul's son in this
51. God is pleased with sacrifices that are _____

Down

1. Epistle written to the dispersed Jews
3. The frequency with which Paul warned believers of their enemies
4. Swallowed up in victory
5. This man's deliverance from Sodom a type
6. 3 John written to _____
7. In charge of the church at Crete
8. This epistle cites Enoch
9. Each chapter of these epistles speaks of Christ's return to earth
11. The resurrection is described as Christ calling the sleeping dead to do this
13. Paul's secretary to the Romans
17. Paul can hear Isaiah do this
18. Onesimus' owner
19. The author of the shortest book in the Bible
22. Served in places of idol worship
23. Faith without works
25. Paul sent this man to Colosse
27. Paul's imprisonment witnessed to people here
28. One of Philippi's first converts made here
29. Work should be done to the Lord and not these

Solution to puzzle on page 19

FAITH FARM



And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

— MATTHEW 17:20 KJV

The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play. "Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently. "But, you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances." During the service, the minister paused and said, "Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up." At that moment, the substitute organist played "The Star Spangled Banner." And that is how the substitute became the regular organist!