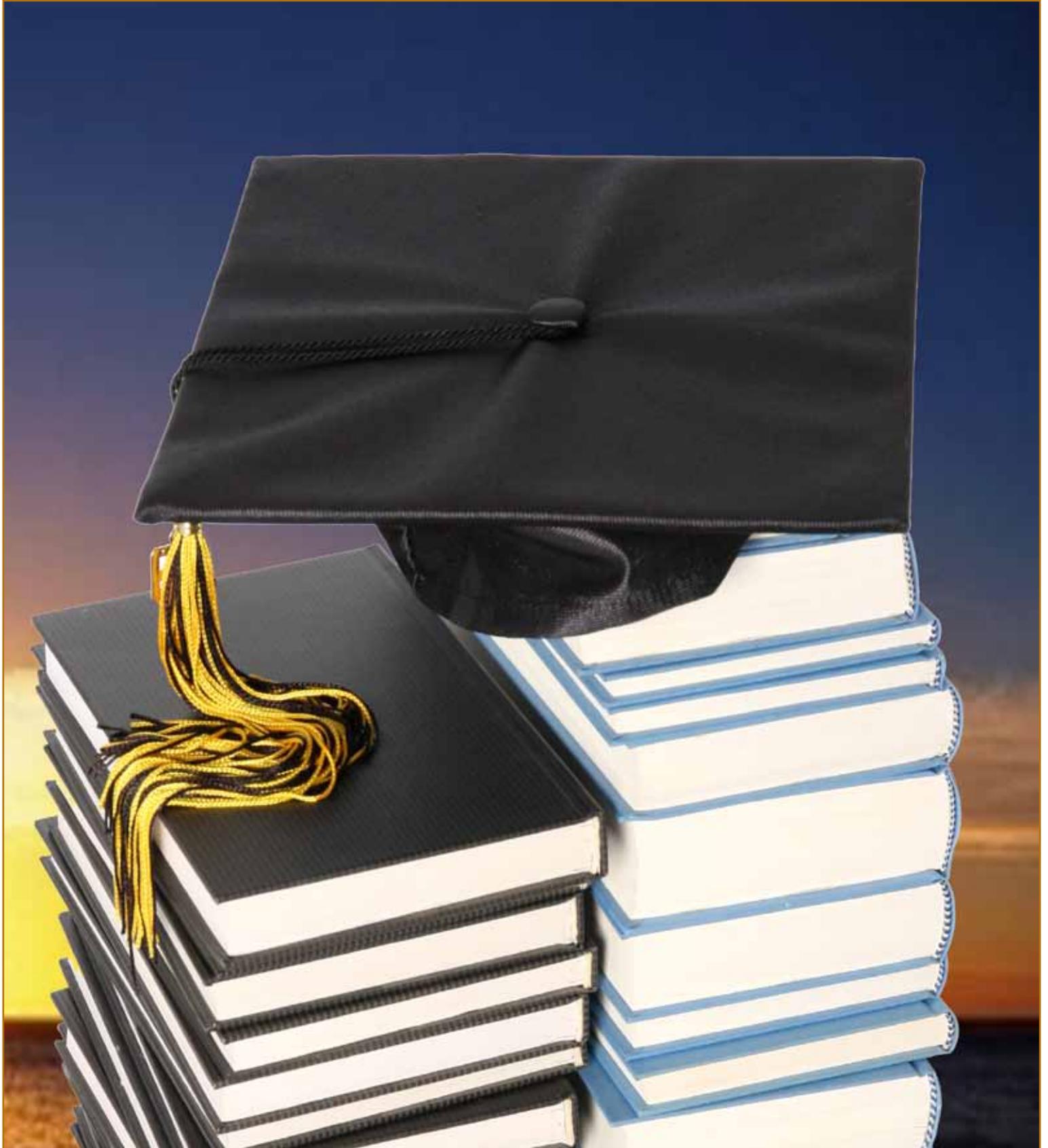


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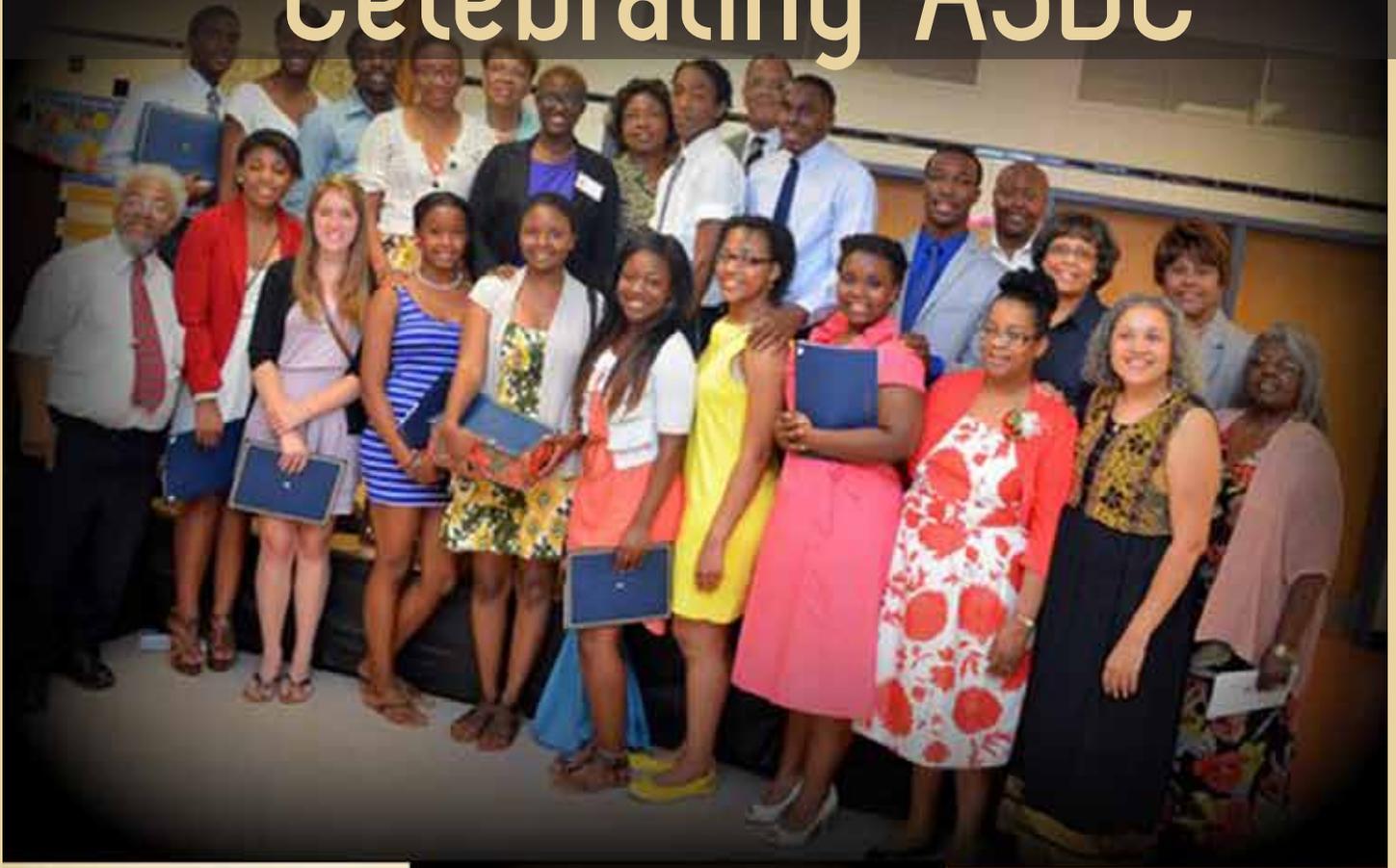
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Celebrating ASBC



by Sheilah Miller Satterwhite

Juanita Turner, photographer

When most people talk about their church's initiatives, not many can attest to celebrating the academic milestones of its members and community like Alfred Street Baptist Church (ASBC). Throughout the school year, ASBC encourages and supports the scholastic endeavors of our members and the community through our tutorial program and other empowering ministries. Since 1969, the Church continues to celebrate these educational accomplishments in the form of our annual Graduate Luncheon. This year ASBC was proud to continue this stellar tradition at Hayfield Secondary School for the 2012 class of pre-kindergarten

one's palate seem insatiable – was ultimately satisfied in a relatively short period of time. The perfect mixture of herbs and spices exhibited with the mouth-watering menu professionally presented and served by the ASBC Culinary Ministry was a showcase of culinary expertise.

After lunch, the *pièce de résistance* came when it was time for the guest speaker to give inspirational remarks to the graduates. Introduced by her devoted and talented husband, Deacon Tom Howell, the illuminating Deacon Vernell Howell's contagious energy filled the arena as she jogged to the podium decked out in a stylish pink, burgundy and white track suit, baseball cap and Olympic style medal, in her signature stance of arms raised upwardly toward heaven, praising God. The

2012 Graduates...

through post-doctoral graduates. A glimpse into the fun follows ...

Music softly played from the CD player as scents of aromatic food seasonings filtered through the air of the festive arena. Parents, family, and friends beamed with pride as they entered the cafeteria of Hayfield, which had been transformed the day before into a celebratory venue with colorful balloons by the dedicated members of DG#27, under the leadership of Lay Leader, Deacon James Garrett, and President Necholas Ogden Jr. (Deacon-in-Training). Excitement filled the air when the 104 graduates smiled brightly in humility as they greeted and congratulated each other for their accomplishments.

The Graduation Program proved to be another thoughtful, engaging, and top-notch event starting with its theme and scripture reference, "Courage to Live Your Faith", – *"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."* (1 Timothy 4:12.)

The dynamic and dashing Deacon Emeritus Richard Wair, who just happened to be the springboard for this exciting graduate luncheon tradition over 40 years ago, opened the program with prayer. The lovely Minister-in-Training, Michelle Millben, served as Mistress of Ceremony and kept the program moving in a timely fashion with mastery and instinctive grace. As in years past, there was a good mixture of ASBC youth and senior graduates making various presentations, as demonstrated by Ms. Amelia Bender, who rendered The Occasion and young Master Peyton Randall, who rendered the Grace. That breathtaking aroma in the air – which unconsciously made

graduates and guests screamed out in unabated delight eagerly anticipating her every word, especially as she enthusiastically repeated the chant, "ON YOUR MARK – GET SET – GO!"

"She is a true champion for our youth," recites (Mrs.) Helen Hunter Cox, Graduate Luncheon Registration Committee Chair. Deacon Howell's comments on having maintained the "Courage to Live Your Faith" were indeed thought-provoking and motivational as she challenged the graduates – and all within the sound of her voice – to keep running the race with God leading the way. She went on to inform us that it is indeed through God's Grace and Mercy that she will be joining her daughter at an upcoming 5K race. Her words of love of God, family, life, and being of service to others resonated throughout the room. The attendees at the 2012 Graduate Luncheon were blessed by Deacon Howell's presence, energy, and invaluable words of wisdom.

Presentation of Certificates, Gifts, and Scholarships

Following the keynote, Deacon Darryl Howell and Minister Dustin Sullivan worked as a team to make heartfelt comments denoting the accomplishments of those graduates they helped nurture and mature in their spiritual walk as they presented certificates and gifts to all the graduates.

Additional excitement of the day came as the ASBC Scholarship Fund, under the dedicated leadership of Deacon Bessie Johnson, provided gifts and gift certificates to all the graduates. Mr. James Berry, President of the ASBC Foundation, announced the names of 19 graduating high school seniors and two divinity school students as



2012 scholarship recipients. New Foundation scholarships were awarded this year, two each from the ASBC Men's Ministry and ASBC Mississippi Dinner Group, respectively. The scholarships were announced by Mr. John Rosenthal at the luncheon – much to the surprise of the four recipients. Other scholarship recipients had been notified a day or two prior to the event.

And once again, Deacons Will Willis and Charles Monterio blessed two high achieving college students with scholarships through the Eric M. Willis Memorial Golf Tournament Scholarship initiative.

After receiving their certificates, gifts and scholarship awards, each group of graduates was escorted by Ms. Shari Dixon and husband and wife team Dale and Lee Gray to photographer Ms. Juanita Turner, who had expertly transformed a section of the Hayfield cafeteria into a photography studio, with backdrop and ladder to shoot from to boot. The final result being Ms. Turner turned the opportunity to just 'take pictures' into a work of treasured art.

As the Graduate Luncheon wind down, Deacon James Garrett offered closing remarks and prayer. By now it was close to 1:30 pm and time to go home to get ready for ASBC Saturday worship service -- for not only was our beloved Pastor Wesley back from his week-long trip to Africa -- *the Voices of Triumph were singing!*

My, my – look how far we've come!

In June of 1969, eleven year old Richard Wair Jr. was about to be promoted from elementary to middle school. The private school he was attending did not have graduation exercises for students who were being promoted from one school to another.

His father, Deacon Richard Wair Sr., a classroom teacher and member of ASBC, approached the late Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. John O. Peterson with an idea of recognizing the achievements of children at ASBC who were promoted from one school to another. Rev. Peterson, a science teacher, applauded the idea and gave the initiative his wholehearted support.

"There were 10-12 graduating students in 1969," recalls Deacon Emeritus Wair, "and the luncheon started with

a brief celebration followed by a modest (yet enjoyable) menu of hot dogs, potato chips, punch, and cookies."

Under Rev. Peterson's leadership, the church membership grew over the years and so did the number of graduates. It wasn't long before all levels of education, including post-graduates, were a part of this annual celebration.

Deacon Emeritus Wair humbly states, "In my 43 years of working with the graduate luncheon, I have never grown weary showing young people, through spiritual and academic guidance, the important of education. It is my hope that we as a church will continue to make education a part of our Christian journey. And to our young people and all others who continue their quest for knowledge, may you never forget Philippians 4:13, "For I can do everything with the help of Christ, who gives me the strength I need."

On behalf of Pastor Howard-John Wesley and the leadership of ASBC, we thank God for all who participated in this year's Graduate Luncheon -- from the DG#27 Graduate Luncheon Committee and church office staff to the Graduate Luncheon slideshow creator to the Hayfield school staff, as well as the one DG#24 volunteer who came that day to 'help out'. We thank you for all you have done to make this year's Luncheon a lovely and memorable event for all of our dynamic 2012 graduates and guests.

Save the Date...

If you have a loved one graduating next year, be ready to register them early next May and mark your calendar to be a part of the 2013 Graduate Luncheon, scheduled for the second Saturday, June 8, 2013 at Hayfield from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Congratulations to all the 2012 graduates.

(Persons interested in receiving additional scholarship information can check out the ASBC Foundation on the ASBC website at: <http://www.alfredstreet.org/foundation.htm>.)

Celebrating ASBC 2012 Graduates...

Graduates Pressing Toward The Goal!!!

by Min. Dustin B. Sullivan

Every four years I look forward to watching the Summer Olympics. Since 1896, the Olympics have been the best demonstration of sportsmanship, athleticism, competition, determination, perseverance, honor, and grit. From the lighting of the torch to the extinguishing of its flame, nothing can compare to watching greats like Alice Coachman, Jesse Owens, Cassius Clay, and Jackie Joyner-Kersey lay hold of the gold medal. There is not a sight grander than watching the baton passed; the stride and stretch of long legs - leaping at whipping speeds over hurdles, the execution of a perfect dismount, the rhythmic repetition of a relay, and the silhouette of athletes stretch across the finish line with their country's flags upon their backs. At times, however, we can lose focus over how true victory is defined in spite of the games' excitement and the crowds' celebration and cheer.

Nowhere else was that lesson so well taught than Beijing 2008. Certainly we all remember Lori "LoLo" Jones - female, track and field athlete specializing in the 60 and 100 meter hurdles. In 2008, Jones was favored to win the 100 meter hurdles, when as she pulled from the pack, running faster than ever towards the finish, unforgettably, yet regrettably clipped the 9th hurdle, and stumbled into a seventh place finish. By any measure, Jones' mark in history was challenged by the halting silence of what seemed like defeat. Four years later the "Favored," now termed the "Longshot" in many skeptics' minds wondered if LoLo could still grab the gold. Much like Jones, there are times in our lives when our past performance causes skeptics to silently ask - can we still grab the gold? The emphatic answer is "YES," as demonstrated by Alfred Street's Class of 2012!

There are no words to describe how honored I was to celebrate with our recent graduates as they walked across grade school, college, and post-graduate stages to advance closer to the academic achievement that naysayers silently questioned! As I watched students - girls and boys, women and men, those with and without learning and developmental differences, reach for their very own academic, Olympic rings and triumph against

the odds, all I could reflect upon was that these were God's children formed and fashioned in His image and purpose!

Paul reminds the church in Phillipians 3, "Bretheren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, *I press...*"

Eugene Peterson in the Message Bible says it this way, "Friends, don't get me wrong: By no means do I count myself an expert in all of this, but I've got my eye on the goal, where God is beckoning us onward-to Jesus. **I'm off and running and I'm not turning back.**"

Just like LoLo Jones and our 2012 graduates, Paul describes a focus on running a race that supersedes the limitations of the race so that we might comprehend what winning in the sight of God really looks like. Winning and achievement go beyond the boundaries of kindergarten, secondary, a B.A., M.A., M. Div., or PhD. Winning in God's sight transcends terminable lines to condition us to live as God has called, so that we may one day lay hold of a promised, eternal prize. This metaphorical race for Paul was a means of reminding the church to be vigilant in growing in Christ, to not settle for easy street living, but to stretch forth in a lifelong pursuit to be defined beyond the moment.

The genius and glory of this text, just as the glory with those that compete on the world's stage is that regardless of a metal, we still **race** for an eternal crown! A crown not determined by the weight of gold medal placed upon one's neck, but determined by the weight of mettle placed within one's heart.

With pride we celebrate the Class of 2012, for not only do they wear the weight of victory upon their neck, their lives as "Christians in Service" demonstrate the weight of mettle within their hearts. Following this class example, we are inspired to continue in our pressing toward that mark that Christ has set.

Whether learning how to read, hurdling over high school obstacles, or defending dissertations, our graduates have shown what it takes to "*press toward the goal!*" The testimony as taught by this class of graduates is not in the *prize*, but in the *promise* that God will never leave us, never forsake us—and that He always has and always will provide!

Christian Life Institute Offers Fall-Winter Classes

by Dr. Rita Womack

The Christian Life Institute's five night sessions will be held November 5 – 9, 2012 with offerings in each of the "Five Foundational Studies" addressed through the ministry. The course in Faith Foundation Studies focuses on helping individual disciples strengthen their own belief, trust, and hope in Jesus Christ. Evangelism/Mission Studies provides disciples with strategies that enable them to help someone else through outreach, witness, and commitment to spread the word while assisting others. A second session, Spiritual Growth of Disciples Studies, teaches participants how to grow in their knowledge of God and become more secure and reliant on Jesus Christ and Spirit in their lives. In addition, Biblical Studies from the New or the Old Testament presents an in-depth examination and analysis of Biblical characters and whole books of the Bible. Finally, Christian Living Studies deals with day-to-day circumstances and situations we find ourselves in and how we can deal with them. One or more classes will be offered in each of these categories, but enrollment is limited. Course descriptions and facilitator biographies will be presented early in the fall, along with registration materials and other pertinent information.

The Christian Life Institute will offer the money management course, Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University, beginning in January 2013. The course runs between nine and thirteen weeks and helps participants focus on how they spend their money through activities that require discipline, willingness to change, and commitment of time. Many students who took the course offered for the first time at ASBC last winter reported changed attitudes and behavior about money and continued practicing the strategies they learned. The video lessons are taught by Dave Ramsey, the creator of the program. An onsite facilitator leads discussions and guides students through the exercises. The content is biblically based and may not only contribute to disciples improving their financial lives, by living within their means, but also to beginning to create wealth for themselves and their families, but also to understanding and becoming better stewards of God's gifts.

Couples are encouraged to take the class at the same time so the family can benefit from the teachings, however, individuals may also participant.

The Christian Life Institute manages the course through advertisements, registration, facilitator support, and course supervision and evaluation.

The Christian Life Institute is the educational arm of the church. It provides opportunities for disciples to learn the word, learn how to grow in the word, and how to be of service to the church, the community, and the world. Please register and attend the courses offered and take advantage of other classes given during the year.

The Awana Finale'

by Tracie Jackson

What a fantastic year the children and the over 100 adult volunteers had this year in the Awana program. The children studied the Bible and memorized scriptures from week to week, increasing their knowledge of God's word. Also, they played and competed together in Awana games and displayed their creative endeavors on theme nights. The year began in the fall, and the culmination was on May

22nd at the Awana closing ceremony. It was there that we recognized all of the many accomplishments of the club members-- everyone from our smallest clubbers in Puggles to our high schoolers in Journey. Club members received awards and recognition for participation, theme night creativity, handbook completion, and most importantly, baptism. Yes, we had several clubbers, who through Awana, accepted Jesus as their Lord and savior. What an awesome testimony for them and the Awana ministry. After a restful summer break, we look forward to seeing the return of the children and both new and seasoned volunteers in the fall!

The Pulse of Prayer

by Rev. Joseph A.C. Smith, M.Div

It's a quiet Monday evening. Orange cones, paint cans, drop cloths, ladders, and yellow caution tape have transformed the pulpit and choir loft into what appears to be a construction zone. As parishioners begin to gather in the dimly lighted sanctuary, each pauses to read the jumbo signs stretched across the faux scaffolding that has been erected in the choir loft. The signs, one of them in bright orange the other in electric blue, read "Lord Work on my Heart" / "Lord Work on My Mind. A young woman approaches the mic situated in the space normally occupied by the communion table and begins to read from the book of Psalms. Praying with the Pastor has begun.

Praying with the Pastor is unique and unlike any other gathering here at Alfred Street. Held each month, these innovative and intimate gatherings are intended to create a space for unstructured, unrestrictive, free flowing time in the presence of God. Elijah Heyward, one of several volunteers who help plan the gatherings reflects, "Praying With The Pastor provides an invaluable space for worship, contemplation, and support. It's an important supplement to the Sunday worship experience that models what faith in action looks like: bearing each others burdens, connecting with the divine, and pausing to give thanks."

Each gathering is centered around a particular theme which is generally based on a passage of scripture. In addition to prayers offered on an array of topics, hymns and worship songs are sang throughout the evening. Music for the gatherings is led by Minister Michelle Millben and ranges from traditional Baptist hymns like "Fill My Cup Lord" to contemporary Christian anthems like "How Great is Our God". "I really enjoy the music especially the old, down home hymns. It reminds of the way we used to have prayer meetings in Texas," commented Dr. Sedric Roberts, an Associate Minister here at ASBC.

While all of the component of the prayer gathering are thought about in great detail, the evening is ultimately led and guided by the Holy Spirit. On most nights, long after most people have gone, people can still be found praying and worshipping well into the night.

"We are on a "Catch the P2 Fever" campaign to inform the saint about the power of prayer," said Dr.

Sylvia Dayton-Jones, ASBC Minister and member of PULSE.

PULSE is the multigenerational team of volunteers responsible for planning and leading each gathering. Each month, PULSE meets to prayerfully discern everything from backdrops & staging to interactive prayer activities. In addition to leading healthy person prayer lives, each member of PULSE is responsible for outreach to a specific demographic within ASBC. "Pulse team members are committed to the call of Pastor Wesley for all members of ASBC to prioritize prayer in their life," asserted Dr. Lisa Ashe, a Minister-in Training and member of PULSE. "This commitment along with our own passion for prayer will help us to inspire our assigned group to have healthier prayer lives and to participate in corporate prayer events like Praying with the Pastor."

While "PULSE" is an acronym for Pray, Unite, Lead, Serve, & Empower, the name also points the notion that prayer is central to life and health of the church.

Members of PULSE include:

Minister in Training Donna Arrendell

Minister in Training Lisha Ashe

Minister in Trainig Michelle Chapman

Minster in Training Elijah Heyward

Rev. Marla Hawkins

Minister in Training Gregory A. Johnson

Minister Slyvia Dayton Jones

Minister Michelle Millben

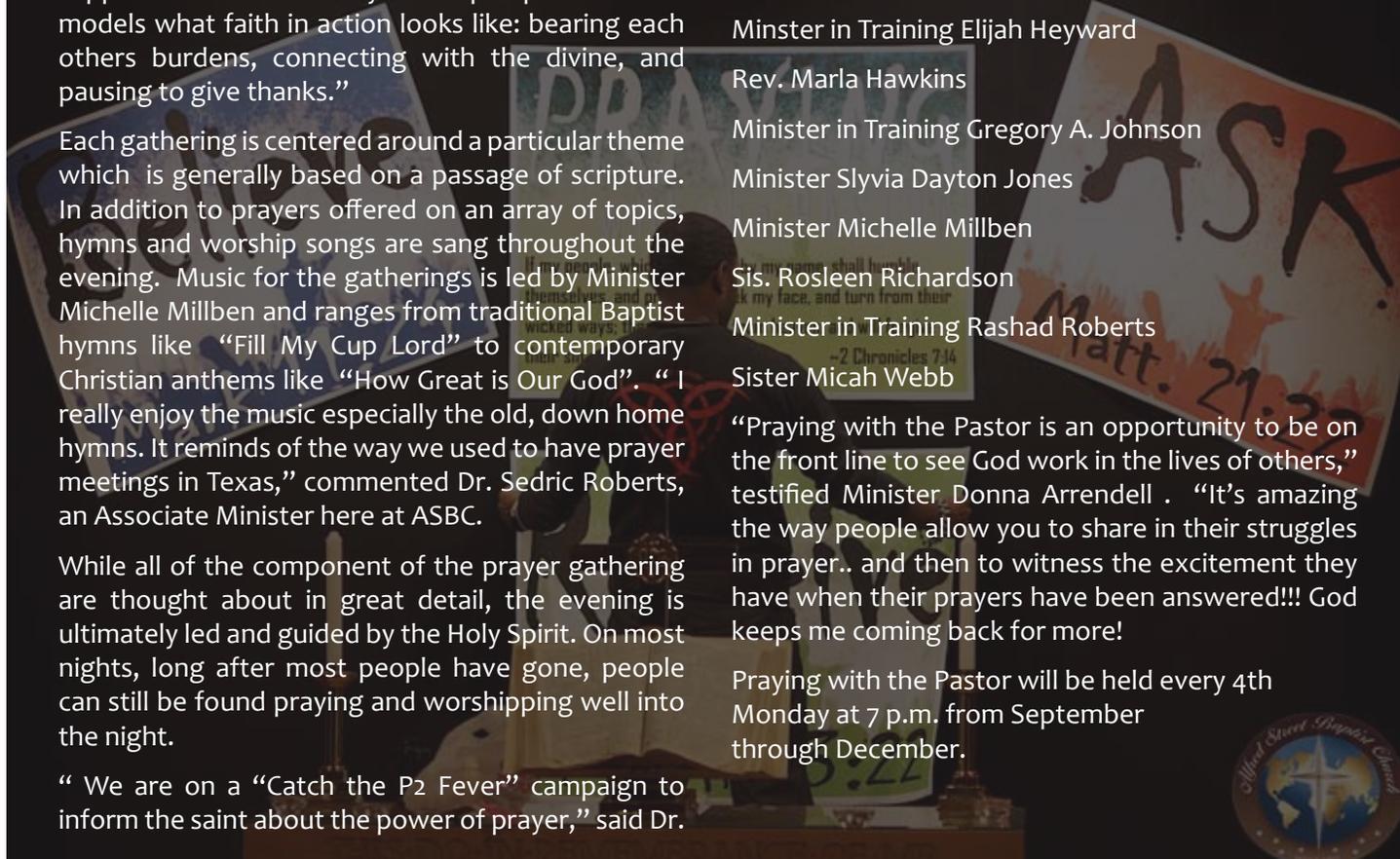
Sis. Rosleen Richardson

Minister in Training Rashad Roberts

Sister Micah Webb

"Praying with the Pastor is an opportunity to be on the front line to see God work in the lives of others," testified Minister Donna Arrendell . "It's amazing the way people allow you to share in their struggles in prayer.. and then to witness the excitement they have when their prayers have been answered!!! God keeps me coming back for more!

Praying with the Pastor will be held every 4th Monday at 7 p.m. from September through December.



Sharing the Love of Christ “THE EVANGELISM EXPERIENCE”

by Min. Dustin B. Sullivan

“THIS IS THE MESSAGE THAT YE HEARD FROM THE BEGINNING, THAT WE SHOULD LOVE ONE ANOTHER” -1 JOHN 3:11

DEFINITION OF LOVE: \luv\ 1) the benevolent affection of God for His creatures, or the reverent affection due from them to God.

On June 23 – 28, 2012, over 400 students from across the east coast gathered to participate in the 58th Annual Lott Carey Youth Seminar held at Norfolk State University in Norfolk, VA. The focus for this year’s conference was simple in title yet challenging in practice – “Sharing the Love of Christ.” Among the 400 students, nine of Alfred Street’s finest senior youth – Jasmine Bolding, Raven Bolding, Krissy Lowe, Julian McKnight, Leon Patterson, Jeval Walters, Shabreah Woods, Destine Hooker, and Brandon Hutchinson participated in a



week-long intensive where they rolled up their sleeves, lent the strength of their arms, and wiped sweat from their brows, as they gleaned fields of corn which was donated to the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore. This outreach project was more than just picking corn and providing community service. Our teens reflected on what “missions” at its core is all about and served humanity through the outpouring of thankful hearts. This was noted by the coordinator of the gleaning experience who took note not only of the total bushels that Alfred Street youth were able to pick – as ASBC was a part of the highest gleaning team, but the spirit of love that defined their service.

Our teens witness and learning did not stop there, as we practiced being servant evangelists through our

love of service to others by landscaping, constructing, and rebuilding Old Dominion University’s Wesley House-UMC. What an indescribable feeling it was to work alongside our youth! Through projects and through nightly praise and worship ministry encounters, our teens broke through spiritual barriers and strengthened their connection with God. Through the smiles and the tears, the burdens laid down and the hands lifted up in surrender to God’s will, the Senior Youth drew to the pulse of God’s heart to see themselves as that perfect reflection of how a witnesses can draw others to Christ.

Our teens entered the trip virtually unknown to one another, but left as friends and better still a family. The teens grew closer, prayed with each other, opened up to one another and found a non-judgmental space to share. Something happened while we were in Norfolk, I think it was teenagers being transformed by the love of Christ! This transformative love illuminated our teens and they felt compelled to do more than just attend mandatory sessions, but to model what it means to be God’s instrument.

It was special to sit back and see the transformation as our teens encountered Christ, yet could not stay the same. They were empowered to do something and become something greater – leaders of change. The responsibility of sharing God’s love and torch were carried well! All of our teens sung in the youth choir, Jasmine Bolding even had a solo. Raven Bolding, went beyond the call and joined the Advocacy Project which granted her a wonderful experience at City Hall to champion change through social justice, and many more of our teens broke out of their shells, and allowed their personalities as individuals to shine. Fascinatingly, the teens became our teachers and challenged the chaperones to grow as Brandon Hutchinson dropped wisdom about the difference between community service and missions. I cannot say enough about how much we all learned, but I can say that this trip taught the value of leadership, advocacy, and the necessity of God’s love to be shared so that others are invited to heal and grow. Greatest of all, is the realization that **GROWTH IN CHRIST CAN HAPPEN AT ANY AGE** regardless of circumstance!

The strength of our “Evangelism Experience” was simply this reminder (1 John 3:11)—“*a message we had heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.*”





On May 12, 2012, the Women's Ministry held its second annual "Hats Off to Her" tea/luncheon/hat show at Hayfield Secondary School. This event, which stresses fellowship among mothers, grandmothers, granddaughters, aunts, and girlfriends, was attended by over 400 this year, making it a success. It was such a joy to see the vast number of young girls, ages 5-18, which came with their mothers and grandmothers. We were blessed to have five



girls from Alfred Street's own Girl Scout Troop who not only attended but who seemed to have fun as they walked the runway.

Our own Rev. Roslyn Brock served as Mistress of Ceremonies. The fashion show was choreographed by mother-daughter team; Louise Harrell and Charnika Hayes. Over 20 women and girls from the church modeled their hats and

fashions. Models included our own First Lady Debbie Wesley, Deacon Karen DeSandies, Trustee Karen Croom, Hat Show Chairperson Dorothy Clark, and Reverends Joyce Willoughby and Roslyn Brocks. Again this year, our senior fashionista, Ms. Mattie Butler, led the senior section of the fashion show. There were also several mother/daughter teams looking amazing in their hats as they walked the runway, including our Women's Ministry Director, Tanya Johnson, her mother, sister, and niece.

Another highlight of the event was the beautifully decorated tables. This year we added a prize for the best table decorated in our theme which was: Women, Hats, Teacups, and Teapots.

The highlight of this year's event was the vintage hat show presented by Donna Limerick, a documentary producer. Donna's mother, Mae Reeves, now 99, was one of the first female-owned businesses in downtown Philadelphia. She owned and operated Mae's Millinery until it closed in 1997. In the 40's and 50's, Ms. Reeves was known for her beautiful, one of a kind hat creations, which graced the heads of stars such as: Ella Fitzgerald, Lena Horne, Eartha Kitt and Marion Anderson. In addition to making hats for Philadelphia's most prominent socialites, Ms. Reeves faithfully made hats for her church ladies, they would stop in to purchase their "Sunday Showstoppers". Ms. Reeves' designs were worn by professional models, each wearing lovely black dresses, elbow length gloves, and pearls. It was glorifying to see one of the young models wearing one of her grandmother's dresses, which was absolutely gorgeous.

In 2015, The National Museum of African History and Culture, currently under construction on the National Mall, will immortalize the hat wearing tradition by re-creating Mae Reeves's Philadelphia hat shop. Along with the hat review, several people from the Smithsonian working on a future documentary on "Hat Wearing among African-American Women" were in attendance. We look forward to seeing both of these history - making documentaries once they are completed.



Article written by: Dorothy Clark, Chairperson

I Won't Complain

by Minister Marcia Norfleet

The sun has set and reality still has not set in that I have landed on the west coast of Africa in Sierra Leone. Countless bodies of every shade of Black surround us as we enter as cargo onto the ferry ship to take us to Freetown. Wait a minute. I am entering a ship as cargo on the coast of Africa. But I am free?! Tsunami waves of emotions hit and engulf me as I try to wrap my mind around being on a ship as freed cargo on the coast of Africa where so many of our ancestors left as cargo in bondage. Others returned free to establish the city Freetown in Sierra Leone, the capital. I too returned free physically but also felt my ancestors' cry along the shore on June 8, 2012.



did not know what to expect once I arrived. After all, I had never been to Africa and thought I would never get there. Many passed on their misperceptions to me before I left as if I should expect to see "... lions, and tigers, and bears, Oh my!" I saw none of these. I saw no snakes or apes; chimps or elephants. Instead, I saw and felt many a mosquito who tried their best to get beyond the net under which I slept. It was the rainy season and they were running ramped. I saw lizards and chameleons that



blended in so well you had to really look for them to see them; chickens, domestic cats and dogs, that roamed the streets freely; and lambs and goats in people's property.

Most of the time we stayed in the city of Freetown which had paved and unpaved streets. Freetown was crowded with unbelievable traffic not unlike New York but void of traffic signs and lights. Lots of hustle and bustle. Vendors lined the streets displaying their wares for sale. Some carried their wares on their heads with great poise from some as young as five to the elderly. I even saw mothers with babies strapped to their backs carrying huge bowls or supplies on their heads with ease. Most Leoneans walk for miles because they are without a car and traffic is terrible.

Extreme poverty surrounded us; I had never seen anything like it. Everyone was trying to make a living as best they could. Shanty dwellings that may or may not have had more than two rooms without running water and electricity lined the streets and the hills. However, in the midst of the shanties were huge gorgeous houses that were gated with paved driveways. I was shocked by such a vast disparity of wealth. The haves and the have



not's were blaringly displayed and the middle class, few and far between.

Outside of the city Bo or "up country" as they call it, the paved roads were bordered with mud houses with straw roofs, huts like I had seen in several movies. We past villages full of people and countless amounts of children some half clothed because of the heat and the fact that they did not have much clothing to wear. Some played in the yards barefoot kicking a soccer ball around. Chickens and other animals ran freely. Some of the men worked in the diamond mines which took them away from their families for an extended amount of time and they earned not even a fraction of what pay for the jewels. The soil is so rich with minerals, gold, marble, granite, crystal, and

yes diamonds but the land and the people are constantly and consistently being exploited.

So what can we say about this?! I know I was heartbroken as I witnessed the atrocities and effects of the exploitation. My heart went out to the families who barely have enough to survive.

Helplessness set in because I just wanted to give away everything I had because I have been so blessed. Education is a luxury and a privilege there but yet we take it for granted in the US and are mandated to go to school up



until a certain age. There were many that wanted to go to school but could not. When we see the desire for betterment, do we shut our eyes to the despair? Certainly not! We feed those that are hungry and clothe those who are bare. We contribute to the schools to aid in educating children and adults. We help those who desire to learn a trade to feed their families. Although we cannot help them all, we can help a few and sound the alarm for others to help.

After all I have seen, I cannot complain about what I do not have. I have been blessed beyond measure and have been afforded opportunities that some Leoneans will never see or experience. I have enough food and clothing to provide for an entire village. I have electricity,

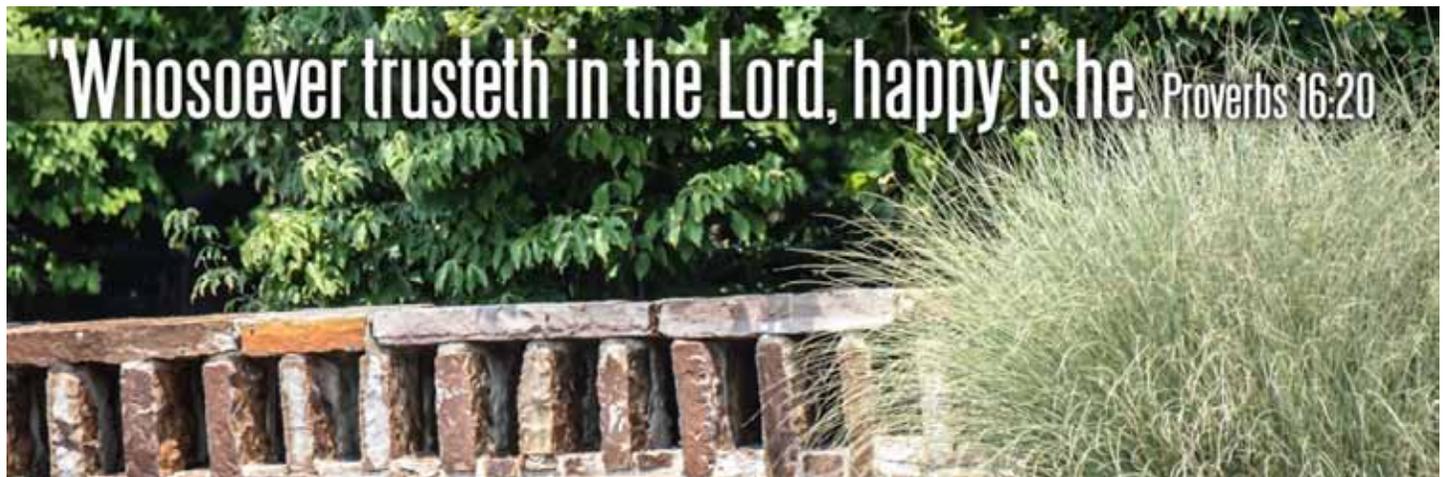


running water, central heating and air, and a car to get to the grocery store to buy more food and get to work. I have been to several educational institutions with the support of family and government student loans. I have healthcare and can afford to receive preventive treatment.

I have the things that a lot of the Leoneans will never have but there is one thing we share and that is the love and thirst for Jesus Christ. Although 60% of Sierra Leone is Islamic, the Christians have a fiery passion for evangelism that outshines anything we do in the United States. They are not afraid to share the love of Christ with anyone they meet because they know how many new mercies they have seen; that it was only by

the grace of God that they were not consumed in their sin. They experience the peace of God everyday even though they have so little. They have Jesus joy without complaint. So how can I ever complain about what I do not have?! I have the same grace of my Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy

Spirit that they have and I will continue to display and convey grace, love, and fellowship to all with whom I come in contact with Jesus joy and without complaint.





Our Guests from Africa

by Joyce Putman

Alfre Alfred Street's Saturday 6:00 p.m. service is always a blessing. For those who attend, you know what I mean. But on Saturday, June 30th, we were truly blessed by the participation of two guest choirs in our service.

The Voices of Namibia and The Imilonji KaNtu Choral Society provided music for the service, and we were taken back to the days of pure a cappella singing from our roots of Africa.

The Voices of Namibia, founded in December 2009, is comprised of 40 voices that auditioned from across the country. They provided music for praise and worship and the offering, and sang songs in their native language as well as arrangements from Moses Hogan, a well known African-American composer of spirituals. While there are 40 members of the group, approximately 30 were here, but they filled the sanctuary with a wonderful, rich sound and were proud to represent their country.

The Imilonki KaNtu Choral Society was founded in 1982. They come from South Africa, and were an inspiration to the country while their political leader was in exile. This choir provided selections at the

end of the service (mini concert). They incorporated choreography into their music, and sang moving songs in their native language. The director, George Gobingca Mxadana, accompanied the group on an African drum on one of the songs. While this choir sang, members of the Voices of Namibia encouraged and cheered them on, moving their hands in solidarity and shouting along. It was obvious that the younger choir had the greatest respect for this landmark choir from South Africa.

For the last song of the evening, both choirs came together and sang a song from their native Africa. The interaction between the two choirs was very inspirational, and the respect that each choir had for the other was quite evident.

Both choirs were in the country to participate in the 2012 Serenade! Washington, DC Choral Festival, from June 28-July 2, 2012. This festival showcases some of the best choral talent from around the world. These choirs sang in other venues in the Washington, DC area while here.

What they added to our Saturday 6:00 p.m. service cannot be expressed in words. This was truly a moving, blessed service!



Seniors Ministry Annual Cruise Luncheon

by Dr. Rita Womack

The Seniors Ministry Annual Cruise Luncheon was held on June 21, leaving port at 12:00 noon. Approximate 140 ASBC seniors and guests enjoyed a three course meal on the Dandy as it cruised on the Potomac River from its pier between Prince and Duke Street. Guests included the Charles Houston Cruch Bunch, Anna B. Rose residents, and members of several local churches. Described in the taped guided tour were notable sights in Old Town Alexandria and historic Washington, DC landmarks, including the Washington and Jefferson Memorials, the Kennedy Center, and Georgetown. Thirty three lucky attendees won door prizes; all participated in fellowship, and many participated in line dancing on the return trip.

Dr. Jane Cotton, President of the Seniors Ministry, was the Mistress of Ceremonies. ASBC bus drivers John Davis and Maurice Terrell; Sister Stacy King, gift distributor; Sister Sandra Barrett, line dance manager; and Raven Bolding, Anastacia King, April King, and Desire Barrett assisted Director of the Seniors Ministry, Sister Raechelle Bolding, in making this activity a wonderful success.

The Seniors Fellowship Ministry strives to identify and address the spiritual, educational, personal, health, safety, and social needs of senior members of the church and reach out to seniors in the community and invite them to experience Christian fellowship at the Alfred Street Baptist Church.

Seniors Bible study is held on second and fourth Wednesdays at 12:00 and is open to all who identify themselves as seniors and wish to attend.

This Will Definitely Make You Think!



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Ever wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone?

What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?

What if we flipped through it several times a day?

What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?

What if we used it to receive messages from the text?

What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?

What if we gave it to Kids as gifts?

What if we used it when we traveled?

What if we used it in case of emergency?

This is something to make you go....hmm...where is my Bible?

Oh, and one more thing.

Unlike our cell phone, we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill.

And no dropped calls!

When Jesus died on the cross, he was thinking of you!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year ASBC Sunday School created their own memory maker by sponsoring a week long Bible School. The 2012 ASBC VBS theme was “The Promises of God.” Classes were based on educating the students on God’s love, a recreational portion complimented student studies. Attendees were divided into teams according to their age. Young and old, tweens and teens were represented.

I was fortunate to sit in on Friday’s closing ceremonies. I saw firsthand the enthusiasm and electricity that this program generated, the teachers and students were energized, the presence and love of God was evident. In all there were over 400 people who came to class.

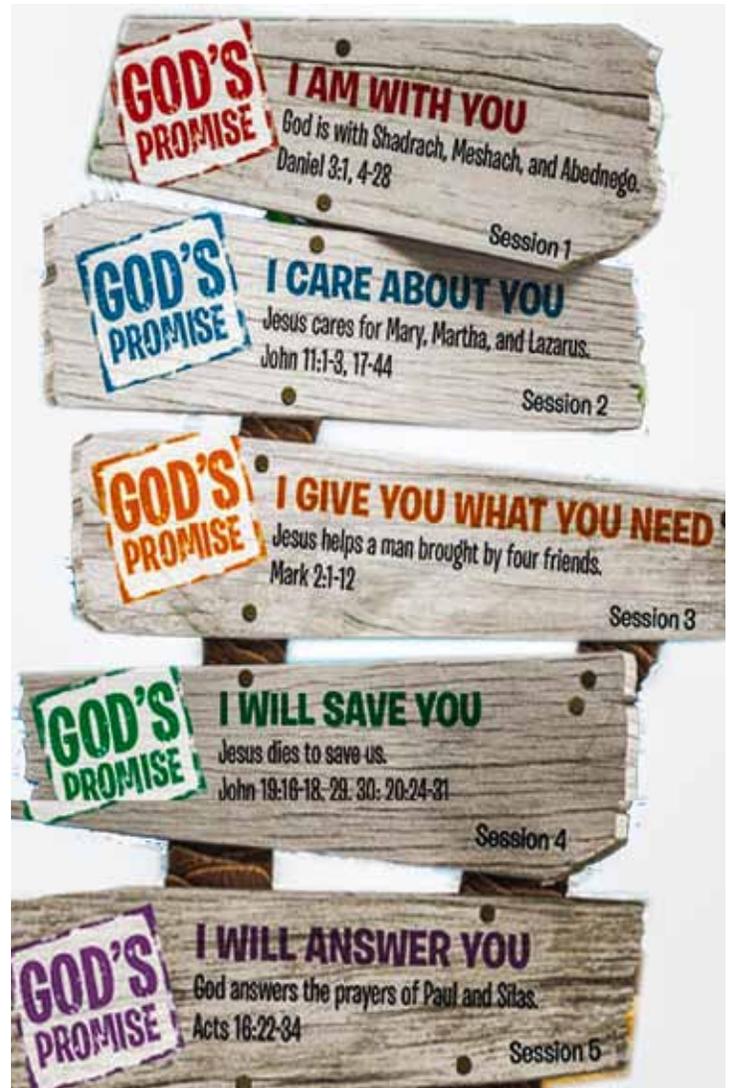
The highlight of this year’s VBS was that eleven souls were saved as they each accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. On Friday 5 children answered Rev. Faye Gunn’s altar call.



Acknowledgement was made to Chairperson Mary Brown and Co-Chair Mary Waire. Both were recognized for their decades of service and unending contributions. They were each presented a bouquet of flowers. This year the baton of

the program was passed to incoming chair, Michelle Milburn who will be at the helm in 2013.

Before going home everyone was treated to a hearty dinner in the multipurpose room. The VBS committee extends a special thank you to all who donated items, made financial contributions, prayed for and served as VBS staff – the overwhelming support received is greatly appreciated.



Fitness and Faith Sports Ministry 3rd Annual Fitness Walk

by Donna Scott

A perfect morning dawned on May 19, 2012 with clear blue skies to greet over 300 walkers (and countless volunteers!) as they embarked on the 3rd Annual Sports Ministry Fitness Walk. The morning



air was filled with enthusiasm and high spirits as they embarked on their journey to improve fitness while fellowshiping with other walkers.

The route was lined with medical volunteers, safety monitors, and local law enforcement representatives (on foot and on bikes!) to ensure each walker safety navigated the route to the National Harbor, just over the Woodrow Wilson Bridge. Once at the Harbor, walkers were greeted and cheered by supporters and family members and treated to a light snack and drinks in order to replenish their bodies after the 3 1/2 mile trek. Many



walkers ended their walk at the Harbor and boarded transportation back to ASBC, but the more ambitious walkers kept going and made the return walk back to ASBC.

The mission of the Sports Ministry is to promote fitness, health, and Christian fellowship among members, friends, and our community. In hosting this event, the Sports Ministry worked collaboratively with the Women's Ministry, the Men's Ministry and the Health and Wellness



Ministry, promoting health and safety as well as fitness. Led by Deacon Charles Monterio, Sr. and President Michael Sanders, the ministry's vision is to develop a very active congregation that focuses on spiritual health and physical well being by providing avenues to support both. According to Sanders, the ministry would like to provide more outreach to the community and invite them to participate in events as well. "We are about more than just fitness, it's telling our community we are here and they are a part of our family." Some of the other events sponsored by the Sports Ministry include an annual golf tournament, yoga classes, bowling league, bike riding, chess, and a newly established basketball team!

The Sports Ministry is always looking for new members to support new and on-going programs. And guess what, you don't have to be a fitness buff or even play a sport! All you need is a strong desire to support the goals of the ministry. For more information, or to share your ideas on events you'd like to see happen, send an email to sports@alfredstreet.org,

The Married Couples Class/Ministry

by Tracie Jackson

What an awesome time the Married Couples class had this year, exploring God's word and the relevance on each couple's marriage. We looked at and studied various couples in the bible and compared applicability of those couples issues to issues encountered today in our modern day marriages. The classes were led as an open forum, facilitated by three couples, the Robinson's (Larncce and Regenia), the Grant's (Bernard and Lisa) and the

Jackson's (William and Tracie). The class studied everyone from Adam and Eve, Jacob and Rachel to Ruth and Boaz and many others. Just as we struggle today with issues regarding finances, communication and in-laws, so did many of the couples in the bible. Not only did we have a great time finding out about how God wants our marriages to be, we had a good time with one another at many social events; there was the Christmas social, game night and other pot-luck gatherings, and even during our summer hiatus there will be an upcoming summer BBQ, and an opportunity for us to come together and volunteer helping to feed the hungry in August. Friendships were made and bonds forged during this class. We will resume in September and will meet twice monthly upon our return. Look out for more information about our fall kick off!

Praying the Lord's Way

by Brookita R Braxton

Good Day Alfred Street, as you are aware our pastor has been preaching on the Lord's Prayer over these past few Sundays. The latest series has made me above all things examine myself. It is so easy to get caught up in the demands of everyday living, career ambitions, social obligations and the list could go on. I am sure those are facts of our lives, yet the Lord's Prayer helps us to realign our priorities to what is important. The effects of a busy life can often spill over into our time for personal reflection and communion with God.

As state previously this series has seriously made me examine my life specifically my motivations for the things that I engage in. In verse six prior to the beginning of this prayer we are instructed not to be like the people seeking attention in the synagogues. I find it funny that they had the same problems we have today. Instead

of the people praying in public to be seen, we have Twitter, Facebook, Pinetrest, Google Plus and every other social media site under the sun.

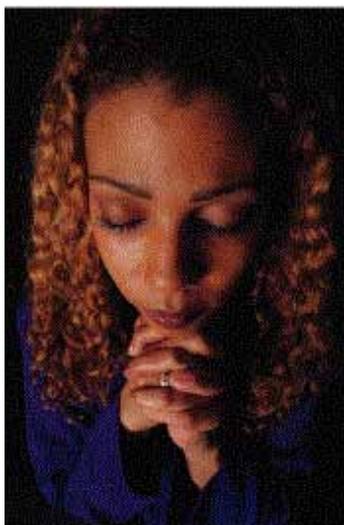
The social media is fun and interactive but after reading verse 6 I see that Jesus wants me to do the opposite, when I pray I need make my requests known in secret. Being that I am

a Generation Xer I have to intentionally keep my prayer time in the morning especially when many others check Facebook and Twitter. Growing up I remember seeing my grandmother take time in the morning and the evening to have her talk with Jesus. Do you all remember that song?

I believe the Lord's Prayer is a way to stay plugged into the source. The source is the conduit for His divine will to be done in our lives. This is so important when we live in a time where we are constantly bombarded with the next best thing. If the truth be told daily we see opportunities in our careers, business ventures and relationships that have nothing to do with his divine will. I believe asking for his will to be done on earth is way to keep us in alignment.

Now the sermon that stood out to me the most was about the daily bread. It came at a time when it seemed like everything was going wrong. I mean things were happening that didn't even make sense. Then I heard this sermon and I decided that I all I wanted was my daily bread. I decided I was going to make it through the day and leave yesterday in the past and tomorrow in the future. Things eventually panned out because all I desired was my daily bread.

I am sure that you all have several aspects of the sermons that have hit home for you. I will tell you like my father tells me, "keep plugging." In other words stay plugged into the source. Sometimes the road is going to get rough. There will be days when you feel like your mountains are too high to climb don't worry about it. Just ask for your daily bread. My bread is the strength to get through, the stillness not to react and the ability to praise instead of crying. So Alfred Street, let us all commit to plugging into the source and make the Lord's Prayer our way of life.



ASBC 2012 Mid-Year Church Meeting

On 5 June 2012 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 over 5000 persons. This increase in membership has necessitated a commiserate increase in the number of ministers to meet various ministerial needs. At the meeting the Pastor requested and the congregation concurred with acceptance of 16 new ministerial positions or roles. They are:
 - Persons to be designated as Associate Ministers: Gregory Barrett, Joy Hill, Vicki Perez, Sedric Roberts, and Leslie Copeland-Tune.
 - Persons to be ordained by ASBC: Dr. Judy Fentress-Williams and Laura White.
 - Persons to be accepted as Licentiates: Theresa Blue, Jacqueline Dash, Anthony Bromston, Jamie Crumley,

Sylvia Jones, Elijah McDavid, Michelle Milburn, Keith Perkins.

- The Nominating Committee reported that electronic applications for Church Officers for 2013 will be posted beginning September 1, 2012. Such applications should be submitted by September 28, 2012. Group Officers and Ministry Officer should be submitted to the Nominating Committee by October 19, 2012.
 - The Deacon's Ministry reported that 24 candidate deacons are currently undergoing training for subsequent ordination. This will increase the number of active deacons from 46 up to 60, consistent with the growth of the congregation.
 - The Growth Committee that has been exploring options for handling the massive growth in membership has completed its work and has been transformed into a Building Committee, with Deacon James Garrett as Chair. The chairs of six- construction related subcommittees (Planning, Legal, Capital campaign, Interior Design, etc) were appointed by the Pastor. Members of the congregation with specific talents who desire to work on these committee may submit their qualifications later this summer.
 - The Trustees reported that all financial affairs are in order with sufficient funds to accommodate near term needs.
 - Reports from other miscellaneous ministries (Green Committee, Social Media Ministry) were also provided.
- The meeting was completed within the 2 hours time slot as planned, and all appears to be in order at ASBC. To God be the glory!!



CHRONICLES



OUR FATHER

Which Art In Heaven

Hallowed be thy Name



REVEREND DR. HOWARD-JOHN WESLEY, PASTOR
ALFRED STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

JOIN PASTOR WESLEY
AS HE DECIPHERS
AND TEACHES US

THE MEANING OF

The Lord's Prayer



Making Health a Priority

by Lottie L. Joiner

The Health and Wellness Ministry of Alfred Street Baptist Church is helping ASBC members make their health a priority with programming targeted to the well-being of the whole family.

In May, the Health and Wellness Ministry in partnership with the Potomac (VA) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated presented a Women’s Healthcare Panel and Expo at Alfred Street Baptist Church. The theme of the event was “Know Thyself, Love Thyself” and featured ABC-7 news reporter and heart attack survivor Jennifer Donelan, along with a group of expert panelists, who discussed heart disease and other vital women’s health issues. More than 60 participants attended the event and received literature and saw free demonstrations.

Not to be left out, the men of Alfred Street receiving some important health information during their

Men’s Day Retreat, also in May. There was a lecture on prostate cancer and more than 50 men participated in health screenings, which included blood pressure tests and prostate exams. In addition, three lab technicians from Inova outpatient community lab performed blood tests that checked glucose, cholesterol and PSA levels. About eight of the men who were tested received abnormal results and were instructed to seek further care.

Looking ahead, mark your calendars for ASBC’s upcoming annual health fair to be held Sept. 29. The Health and Wellness team is encouraging members to participate in the health fair, which will include screenings, demonstrations and resources on local and national health services. The health fair will also feature Dr. Marilyn Gaston and Dr. Gayle Porter, creators of the Prime Time Sister Circles program. The two doctors were panelists at the Women’s

Health expo in May and talked about their program, which is a free facilitated 12-week support group for middle-aged women focusing on physical, mental, nutritional and spiritual well-being. Pre-registration for the health fair will begin in August.





Soo, You Wanna Get Married, Huh?

“.. This is now bone of my bone, and flesh of my flesh..”
Genesis 2:23

The shift in the membership of ASBC from a ‘middle-aged’ congregation to a membership of ‘young-adults, has had several impacts on our practices. One of the changes has been in how one prepares for a wedding at ASBC. Many years ago, there were perhaps 4 or 5 weddings per years, and the procedures were fairly straightforward. All of that has changed today with the growth in ASBC membership, particularly among the large population of 30-35 year old members. Today, there are about 30 weddings per year at ASBC, with 3 or 4 during some busy summer months, and fewer during the winter.

To get married at ASBC, there are procedures and protocol to accommodate the large number of weddings. After deciding to get married, the planning phase of your wedding begins with an initial session with the church’s wedding director, Mrs. Harriett Smith. You will discuss premarital counseling requirements and the counseling schedule. The wedding director will help to schedule your assigned counselors. The counselors then arrange for a mutually agreed upon time for the sessions. Premarital classes will total five sessions, averaging about 1-1 ½ hour per session. They must be completed 60 days before the planned wedding date. For many years, these sessions were done by Rev. Peterson or Pastor Wesley. But with

the increase in numbers, the pastor delegated some of the responsibilities to 8-10 counselors drawn from the ministers, deacons and others within the congregation. The pastor drew up a curriculum and first presented it to the counselors, along with an initial group 10-12 potential brides and grooms, during a series of group counseling sessions in the fall of 2011. Subsequently, the counselors individually conduct the classes, using the curriculum developed by Pastor Wesley. These sessions include classes on:

- Getting acquainted
- Biblical basis of marriage
- Love languages
- Seven deadly sins
- Communications and conflict

Upon completion of these classes, a follow-up consultation with the wedding director is scheduled. Wedding protocol, rehearsals, musical selections, and musical referrals are discussed at that time.

At the direction of Pastor Wesley, the curriculum is currently being revised by Deacons Pat and Al Wallace to reflect best practices. Some local churches require more classes and some require fewer; some require classes covering six months; some require counseling even before getting engaged; some prohibit cohabitation while engaged, while others impose other restrictions. The ASBC counselors are currently reviewing area practices and will soon release a set of practices that best meets the needs of the ASBC congregation.



New ASBC Members APRIL-JUNE 2012

DISCIPLESHIP GROUP 1

Jennifer Carter
Durene Leflouria
Ja'Quan Love
Kwanesha Love
Shaundra Love
Wesley Peterson

DISCIPLESHIP GROUP 2

Ruby Hogue
Camille Sealy
James Thompson

DISCIPLESHIP GROUP 3

Stacy Session
Nicholas Wiggins

DISCIPLESHIP GROUP 4

Kimonia Alfred
Rhoda Sanders

DISCIPLESHIP GROUP 5

Auretha Baldwin
Lyvonna Fontaine
Judy Rodgers
Myles Suggs

DISCIPLESHIP GROUP 6

Michael Brown
Michelle Brown
Cynthia Clauson
Cheaka Correa
Candice Dean
Muriel Garr
William James
Vicki Madden
Emma Mann

DISCIPLESHIP GROUP 7

Sandra Dennis
Tracy Edwards
Carmin Hall
Tina Hall
Charlette McInnis
Maurice McInnis
Ezioyi Sesay
Markus Wilburn
Stephanie Young

DISCIPLESHIP GROUP 8

Lorenzo Buford
Sharon Buford
Mark Pryor
Nicole Smith
Jodi Young

DISCIPLESHIP GROUP 9

Letrice Hawthorne
Shamelle Ingram
Stephatina Rice

DISCIPLESHIP GROUP 10

John Bangura
Wendy Cuesto
Louise Herron
Antoinette Jackson
Caris Jackson
Leah Phillips
Marguitta Riddick-Bangura
Cynthia Ward
Sterling Ward
LaShawn Warren

DISCIPLESHIP GROUP 11

Brenda Cook
Stesnie Johnson
Ceres Larkrith
Safia Mahamoud
Marlon Ridley
Ronald Standifer
Guanita Toston
Odell Wilson

DISCIPLESHIP GROUP 12

Tonya Barrett
Deborah Givens
TraVonda Givens
Michele Harrison
Naarah Jackson
Jenai Roberson
Nekia Strong
Nicole Turner

DISCIPLESHIP GROUP 13

Leslie Boissiere
Jordan Clark
Cyncere Dodson
Dallas Evans
Kannessia Jordan

DISCIPLESHIP GROUP 14

Ashley Dior-Thomas
Malaysia Gresham
Linda Opara
Elonn Rahdri
JoAnn Smith
Myshel Suggs
Markisha Tindall

DISCIPLESHIP GROUP 15

Terra Abrams
 Kimberly Goldberg
 Kretelia Graham
 Endia Hamner
 Henry Jones
 Pat Jones
 Philip Sain
 Carrie Thompson
 Javon Trice

DISCIPLESHIP GROUP 16

Hollis Robinson
 Lucretia Young

DISCIPLESHIP GROUP 17

Vedia Brunt
 Kyree Campbell
 Djawa Hall
 Johann Richter

DISCIPLESHIP GROUP 18

Chonda Long
 Rosa Morales
 Sherrymae Morales

DISCIPLESHIP GROUP 19

David Anderson
 Deirdre Gallop-Anderson
 Quinne Harris-Lindsey
 Josephus Ollison
 Tia Quander

DISCIPLESHIP GROUP 20

Sydni Barra
 Wendi Cherry
 Sonte DuCote
 Renee Kelly
 Calvin Minor
 Darryl Sharp
 Victoria Tate
 Chad Vann
 Rae Vann
 Troy Vann
 Malaika Washington-Gaskins

DISCIPLESHIP GROUP 21

Devin Brown
 Angela Butcher
 Alfonzia Davenport
 Shanequa Dennie
 Travis Denny
 Christopher McCray
 LaTonyia Vaughn

DISCIPLESHIP GROUP 22

Denis Chambers
 Sherri Henry
 Pamela Long

DISCIPLESHIP GROUP 23

Latricha Ephfrom
 Nikita Kendrick
 Gail Lawrence
 Kayla Lawrence
 Erika Morant
 Alexandra Oputa
 Khave Rustin

DISCIPLESHIP GROUP 24

Karee Payton
 Karmel Smith
 Pewele Toure

DISCIPLESHIP GROUP 25

Linda Banton
 Phyllis Broadnax
 Vernon Hammett
 Ivory Robinson
 Sherry Wilkins

DISCIPLESHIP GROUP 26

Deon Jamison
 Daniel Watkins
 Kimberly Watkins

DISCIPLESHIP GROUP 27

Christina Hines
 Desiree Smith
 Sabrina Winbush

DISCIPLESHIP GROUP 28

Daphne Brooks
 Frank Brooks
 Barbarella Brown
 Earl R.
 Brian Jackson
 Carl Logan
 LaVeta Logan
 Sonia Osinloye
 Marqiuta Rustin
 Brittany Whitley
 Courtney Whitley
 Veronica Whitley
 Willie Whitley

DISCIPLESHIP GROUP 29

Kaderick Davis
 Audrey Johnson
 Stanley Johnson
 Allan Nicome
 Shannon Robinson

DISCIPLESHIP GROUP 30

Amber Bowling
 Stephanie Doby
 Freddie Richards
 Kevin Smoot
 Kevin Stokes
 NeKeshia Woods



ASBC Nursery

We consider it a blessing and a privilege that you have entrusted the care for your children in our hands.

Our motto is once your child turns 4 1/2 even though we may be sad to see them leave it will be time to say goodbye so other members of the church can utilize the nursery.

Parents, to make this transition a simple one

We recommend the following:

-Please start having the conversation at home once your child turns 3 ½

(they will have to leave the nursery by the time they turn 4 years and 6months at the latest).

-Please start allowing them to participate in Children’s Church for a few minutes at a time.

Nursery Reminders:

- The nursery is for children that are between the ages of 18 months and 4 years old.

-Parents please take your child to the potty and/or change their diaper before entering the nursery.

- One parent per child when dropping off and picking up.

- For the safety of the children, siblings are not allowed to pick up their younger siblings.

- Please make sure you sign your child in and out.

-If there will be someone else picking up your child/ children please inform the staff with the name of that person.

ASBC Nursery Staff

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| Ms. Mary Wair | Ms. Mary Brown |
| Ms. Phyllis | Ms. Omega |
| Ms. Michipgo | Ms. Clarissa |

Parent Volunteer:

Ms. Michelle

Hours of the Nursery:

Saturdays

4PM through the end of 6PM service.

Sundays

7AM through the end 11AM service.

**** We are now open for the 8am service. ****

Save the date and DANCE, DANCE, DANCE!

The Dance Ministry is hosting its annual workshop on September 15, 2012, from 8:30 to 12:00 at ASBC. Under the leadership of Director and Choreographer, Virginia Raye and Dance Ministry President, Melissa Montgomery, dancers of all ages (men , women and children ages 6 and up) are invited to attend. Dancers will not only be able to brush up on their technique, but

also learn what it takes to become a member of one of the liturgical dance groups at ASBC.

This free workshop will include several sessions that will teach new and experienced dancers about liturgical dance and the ASBC Dance Ministry from beginning to end. Not only will the workshop feature guest lecturers and choreographers, but it will provide tons of information on what to expect, including appropriate attire, make-up and why the Dance Ministry is such an important part of the worship experience.

Join the Dance Ministry for this dynamic, fun-filled workshop – you won’t be disappointed! For more information, contact: dance@asbc.org.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

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HOW TO PLACE AN AD IN CHRONICLES

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ALL SUBMISSIONS MUST BE APPROVED BY YOUR MINISTRY LEADERSHIP IN ADVANCE.

- **40 Days of Prayer for Revival: August 9 – September 17**
- **Marriage Ministry Conference: September 7-8**
- **A Chillin & Grillin Function at the Junction Cookout: Sept. 9**
- **Let's Ride! - 3rd Annual Bike Ride: Sept. 15**
- **16th Annual Eric M. Willis Golf Tournament: Sept. 21**
- **Praying With The Pastor: Sept 24**
- **Pastor's 4th Pastoral Anniversary: Sept 23**
- **Father Son Banquet: Sept. 28**
- **Community Health Fair: Sept. 29**
- **Tutorial Begins: October 1**
- **Women's Retreat: Oct. 12-13**
- **YAM Retreat Oct. 13**

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