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The Mission of the Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church is to make disciples of the unchurched, evangelize the whole world, and to represent Christ in all we do.

Sunday School @ 9:00 a.m.
Praise Service @ 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship @ 10:00 a.m.

Senior Adult Ministry
Exercise Class
Mon. - Tue. - Thurs.
@ 10:00 a.m.

Wednesdays
Prayer Service @ 6:00 p.m.
Bible Study @ 6:30 p.m.
Worship Service, 2nd Wed.
@ 6:30 p.m.

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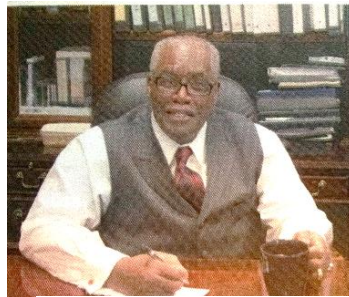
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Church Celebrates 163rd Anniversary



Rev. Dr. Sam Davis

Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church commemorated its 163rd anniversary with a four day celebration. The celebration was extended to four days this year as Pre-Anniversary Revival Services were conducted June 21 & 22, 2017. Culminating activities included the annual Family and Friends picnic on June 24, 2017 and a morning Worship Service on June 25, 2017.

The Pre-Anniversary Revival message was delivered on Wednesday by Rev. Dr. Sam Davis, pastor of Beulah Baptist Church in Augusta, Georgia, and bringing the message on Thursday was Rev. Phillip R. A. Spann, senior pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church of Atlanta, Georgia. Rev. Spann is the son of Mt. Pisgah's own James and Sandye Spann. Rev. Spann grew up in Mt. Pisgah. (cont'd, see Anniversary, page 6).



Rev. Phillip Spann

Mayor Signs Older American Proclamation

Older American Month was celebrated on May 9, 2017 with a community forum on the topic, "Older Americans... Age Out Loud!" More than 160 people attended from 16 or more churches within Orangeburg, Calhoun, Bamberg, and Barnwell counties. Orangeburg Mayor Michael C. Butler proclaimed May 2017 as Older Americans Month and applauded Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church as a trailblazer in sponsoring the forum. Forum workshop speakers included Dr. Dhara Patel and Mr. Franklin Bamberg, who discussed the harmful side effects of various medications, and Orangeburg County Probate Judge Pandora Jones-Glover, who discussed various probate matters. (cont'd, see Proclamation on page 6).



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The Pastor's Corner

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It's my pleasure to acknowledge and announce as your proud pastor, the wonderful work the Lord is doing here through you, The Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church family. I would like to commend the leadership and membership for your prayers and support of the various activities and programs promoting the Lord's kingdom. Special thanks goes out to the Anniversary Committee for another year of celebration of God's goodness and blessings for our membership. Let us continue to pray, work, and fight the good fight of faith together.

Yours in His Service,

Reverend Gregory A. Young, Pastor



Members in the News

- ✚ Congratulations to Ms. Georgia Good, who was recognized in the South Carolina Senate on February 16, 2017. She was introduced by Senator John Matthews. A resolution was read to recognize and honor her as the Executive Director of the Rural Advancement Fund (RAF). The resolution expressed profound appreciation for her significant assistance in rural and farming communities for more than forty years.

- ✚ Congratulations to Mrs. Shirley James (RN) who was honored on June 27, 2017 at the Minority AIDS Council community forum at New Mount Zion Baptist Church. Nurse James was honored for her work and dedication as a pioneer in HIV/AIDS prevention and awareness.

- ✚ Deaconess Jimmie H. Winningham recently celebrated the 50th anniversary with Sisterhood SCO (Surrounding Community Organizations) of South Carolina on March 19, 2017 at Thee Matriarch. Mrs. Winningham was draped with a golden medallion by Debutante Daja Pam. Mrs. Gladys V. Moss, a retired educator, is the organization's founder.



- ✚ Jalyn Lawrence, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jerry (Veronica) Lawrence; Kathleen Evans, daughter of Mr. Alfonso Evans and Ms. Regina Thompson; and Edriana and Erin Glover, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Edward (Elrica) Glover participated in the 40th anniversary celebration of the Mary Jane's School of Dance at the Stevenson Auditorium in May. The dance production included jazz, tap and hip hop.



Miss Senior Citizen 2017

Congratulations to Rev. Elise Grant, who was crowned Miss Senior Citizen 2017 in the 22nd Annual pageant for Senior Citizens Awareness Appreciation Day (SCAAD) on May 17, 2017. Founder David L. Eikerenkoetter was the Master of Ceremonies. Rev. Grant captivated the audience with the song, Summer Time. The other contestants were Minister Margaret Dykes, Ms. Camilla S. Kelly, and Ms. Inez Amaker. The event culminated the next day with a special program at the Council on Aging.

Members in the News, cont'd



Trustee Richard and Mrs. Geraldine Singleton were proud to learn that their granddaughters, Chloe and Halle Bailey, appeared on the BET Awards 17, June 25, 2017. The Beyoncé protégés accepted the Viewer's Choice honor on behalf of Beyoncé who was unable to attend. The stunning, talented and well poised young ladies represented their mentor exceptionally well. The Mt. Pisgah family wishes them continued success!

It has long been a wish of Deaconess Brenda Jamerson to appear on NBC's Today Show as a member of the audience outside the window at the 7:00 a.m. show. She got her wish on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 while vacationing in New York for her and Deacon Broadus Jamerson's 51st wedding anniversary. She and daughter, Pamela J. Dawson, arrived early and were seen during the 8:00 a.m. segment with her sign reading, "51st Wedding Anniversary—Brenda from SC." They were thrilled to see Hoda up close and personal. Unfortunately, Deacon Jamerson did not make the early hotel departure. However, he watched his favorite girl on television.



Chris Carter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas (Dorothy) Carter, was recently featured in an article in the Times and Democrat newspaper. Chris is the former head coach of the Lake Marion Gators and now the Edisto Cougars and has been more than a mentor to a young Mike Williams, traveling long hours in hopes of finding a program that believes in the young man from Vance. His mentoring paid off in many ways, such as seeing Mike win a national championship, graduate from college in four years, and now being the seventh overall pick in the NFL Draft by the Los Angeles Chargers. Congratulations to Chris as a coach and Mike Williams on making it to the NFL.

Brice Johnson, son of Mt. Pisgah's Coach Herman Johnson and the late Renee Johnson, was a standout performer in basketball and track at Edisto High School under the tutelage of his dad. Now, Brice in his second year with the Los Angeles Clippers of the National Basketball Association (NBA), made his second appearance in the NBA Summer League which recently concluded in Las Vegas, Nevada. In five Summer League games, Brice was very impressive, averaging 14.3 points, 5.2 rebounds, one steal and one block per game. He helped the Clippers to a 3-2 record. During the 2016 Summer League at Orlando, Florida, Brice, a University of North Carolina graduate, averaged 15.4 points, 6.8 rebounds and 1.8 assists. He appeared in three games for the Clippers during the 2016-2017 NBA season, after suffering a lower back injury, which sidelined him for much of his rookie year. As a senior at UNC, Johnson set a UNC single-season record with 416 rebounds, and was a consensus First Team All-American. Mt. Pisgah is very proud of Brice.

Mark McClain, son of Rev. Deloris McClain and Mr. Leroy McClain, was among the high school coaches and administrators honored during the South Carolina Athletic Coaches Association Awards at the Charleston Convention Center on July 23, 2017. Coach McClain, the Girls' Basketball Coach at Hunter-Kinard-Tyler High School, received a 25-year Service Award.

Dr. Donyale Mosley is excited to announce that our new and refreshed website is live (www.mtpbchurch.org)! The updated site includes general church and ministry information, events held at the church and resources for members. Please submit pictures and written information for the website to the church office or mtpisgahchurch@sc.twcba.com.

Ministries and Briefs

Floral Ministry

The Floral Ministry's High Tea held on May 4, 2017 was a fun-filled success. This colorful event was highlighted by pastel table settings with assorted vintage tea pots, ladies with hats, vendors, food, fun and fellowship. Members are most appreciative of the leadership and dedication given by president, Madge Hanson.

Media Ministry

Former Mt. Pisgah saxophonist Allen Holmes, Jr. paid an unexpected visit to Mt. Pisgah in May. He blessed the congregation with his rendition of Amazing Grace. Allen has since relocated to Phoenix, Arizona where he will enter Arizona State University to complete requirements for his B. S. degree. He is currently training for freight logistics and to be a Broker.

Allen expressed his "thanks" to the Mt. Pisgah family for their support over the years. He also requested prayers during this time of adjustment. You may send words of encouragement to: Allen Holmes, Jr., 250 E. Ray Rd., Apt. 1005, Chandler, AZ 85225.

Trustee James Spann wants to remind members that many of the programs are recorded and to contact the Media ministry if you would like a CD on any of the programs held at Mt. Pisgah.

Vacation Bible School

Mount Pisgah Baptist Church Vacation Bible School was held June 5 – 9, 2017. There were classes for all ages. Children and adults were engaged in Bible Lessons, Arts and Crafts Activities, Music and Movement, Cake Decorating, Outdoor Activities, and wonderful fellowship meals. Children and adults were also exposed to Memory Verses, Super Possibility People, Super Sayings and Power Action Words. The VBS theme was, Super God! Super Me! Super Possibility! The scriptural reference verse was, "The one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world." (1John 4:4b) God is great and God's creation is awesome. What a powerful God we serve!

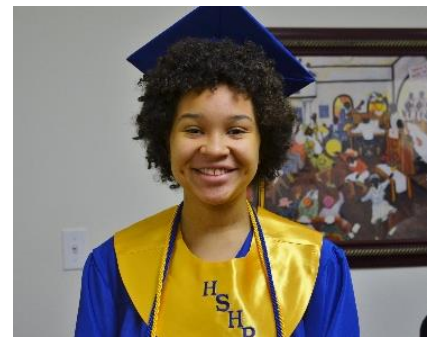
Thanks to Ms. Linda Haynes, director, Mrs. Frances Morant, co-director and to all who made Mount Pisgah Baptist Church Vacation Bible School a success!

Men's Ministry

The Men's Ministry held its annual Father's Day Program on June 18, 2017 with pastor, Rev. Gregory A. Young, delivering an inspiring morning message. Trustee Bernard Harrison presided and two people were honored by the group. Mrs. Mary Williams, one of the oldest members of Mt. Pisgah, was recognized for her generosity and kind spirit, while Pastor

Young was cited for his leadership, according to group president Deacon Fred Greene. The Male Chorus provided some inspirational singing for the annual program. Also, the Men's Ministry has resumed its "First Sunday" dinners. The cost for the full-course meal is \$12.00. Check with any member of the group for tickets or at the church office.

Graduations



▪ Ashley M. Thompson graduated from Orangeburg Consolidated School District 5 High School for Health Professions in the top 30% of her class on May 26, 2017. Ashley was active in Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA), Vice-President of the Student Government Association, Helen Sheffield Girls Club, Junior Service League Volunteers and Claflin University Concert Choir. During her senior year she was second runner up to Miss High School for Health Professions, Talent Winner of the 2017 Miss Queen of Roses Pageant and a delegate of the American Legion Girls State.

Ashley will enroll in Claflin University in the fall as a Music Education Major.

▪Auria Legree recently graduated from Blythewood High School in Columbia, SC. She is the granddaughter of Deacon and Deaconess Walter (Bernice) Williams. Auria plans to attend Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College and major in nursing.

▪Marley Delaney Ford, grand-daughter of Mrs. Dannie Keepler, graduated from



Baltimore School of the Arts in Baltimore, MD. As part of her senior year experiences, the National Honor Society student participated in study tours which took her to Ghana, West Africa, and London, England. Marley has selected to attend Howard University in Washington, DC on a full scholarship as a Founders Scholar. She enjoys worshipping at Mt. Pisgah during visits to her “Nana” in the summer.

▪Donald Chaney, III, the son of former pastor Rev. and Mrs. Donald E. (Avis) Chaney, graduated from Mojave High School in Las Vegas, NE on June 15, 2017. He plans to attend Southern University, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

▪Kevin Thomas, the son of Deacon and Mrs. Joseph (Tracy) Thomas recently received his Bachelor of Science degree in

Criminal Justice from South Carolina State University.

▪Minister Dietra Bonnette, the daughter of Deacon and Mrs. Clarence (Ann) Bonnette, recently graduated from Hood Theological College in Salisbury, NC with a Master’s degree in Theological Studies.

▪Dr. Donyale Mosley, the daughter of Dr. Shirlan Jenkins and the late Roger Jenkins, Jr., recently received her Doctorate of Education and Education Administration degrees from South Carolina State University.

▪Malahah J. Waller, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo (Rondalyn) Waller, and the granddaughter of Mrs. Jimmie H. Winningham, graduated with honors (**Summa Cum Laude**) during the commencement services from Claflin University on May 13, 2017. She was awarded the Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice and will attend North Carolina Central in Durham, NC in August. She solicits your prayers for continued success in her endeavors.

Youth News

Youth visit Washington, DC

□The Youth of Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church experienced a wonderful and exciting educational trip to Alexandria, Virginia and Washington, DC. The group visited the African American Museum, saw the White House, Washington Monument, and the John F. Kennedy family grave site. They had the experience of riding the Metro also. The youth would

like to thank Rev. Young, the church family, their parents, and Deacon and Mrs. Joseph (Tracy) Thomas for making this trip a success.

□Congratulations to Jaleel Freeman, son of Veronica Johnson and grandson of Deacon and Mrs. Walter (Bernice) Williams who was recently inducted into the National Junior Honor Society. Keep up the good work, Jaleel.

□Congratulations to Jaylen Hill, his teammates and coaches of the Orangeburg All-stars ten year-old baseball team. They are the undefeated District 6 Champions. The team attended the State Tournament on July 14th in Hartsville, SC, where they won the Good Sportsmanship award. Jaylen played the positions of pitcher and shortstop. Jaylen is the son of Jarret Hill and grandson of Ms. Lauritza S. Hill.

□Kristopher Harrison is running track for Team Technique in Hampton, VA this summer. This is his first competition in the indoor track, and he is scheduled to compete in the Region 5 Championship Junior Olympics in the 800 meter event to be held in Detroit, Michigan. He placed third in the eight year old and younger event which qualified him for the Junior Olympics. This event was held from July 1-August 5, 2017. Kristopher also received the Kiwanis traffic kid award, made all S’s for the year, perfect attendance, reading certificate of achievement, and citizen of the month award. Kristopher is the grandson of Trustee Bernard Harrison.

Proclamation, cont'd

The Trailblazers' Luncheon recognized community seniors, many in their 90s, who were



Mrs. Gaffney

invited to lunch with one of the eldest members of our church, 92 year-old, Mrs. Lillie Gaffney. Guest speakers for the Luncheon included Mayor Michael C. Butler, Mrs. Adele Palmieri (90-year old TRMC Volunteer); Mr. Carl Kennerly (96 year-old retired educator and fitness advocate). Workshop luncheon speakers included Mrs. Tina McCollum of Morningside Assisted Living and Mr. Doug Calvert of Longwood Plantation who discussed assisted living facilities. Mrs. Lillie Gaffney gave remarks of Appreciation.

The week of celebration was concluded on Sunday, Mother's Day, with the Older Adult Recognition Sunday at which time 80 church members ranging in age from 70 years and older were honored by the Senior Adult Ministry and the Youth Ministry as Trailblazers. Mrs. Lillie Gaffney was noted as the oldest female and Mr. Theolous Wells was noted as the oldest male in Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church on Senior Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Dockery, Mrs. Dorothy Washington, Ms. Carolyn Gass, Deacon and Mrs. Leon (Barbara) Chavous, and

Deaconess Jimmie Winningham received special gifts and recognition as Mt. Pisgah Trailblazers.



Mr. Wells

Anniversary, cont'd

Saturday's picnic, which included an overflow crowd, featured good food, fun and games, as well as door prizes.

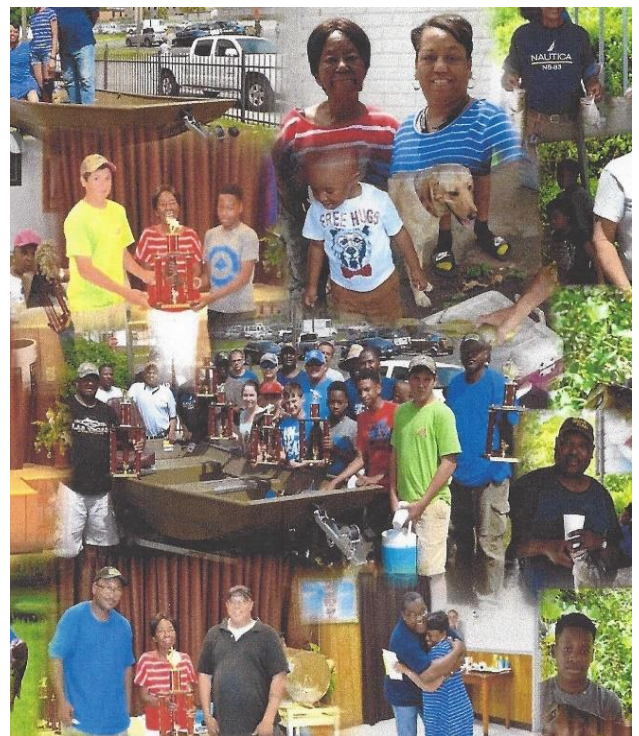
The E and M Women's Baptist Convention

The E and M Women's Baptist Convention was held June 12-16, 2017 at First Nazareth Baptist Church in Columbia, SC. Rev. Blakeley Scott, is the pastor.

Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church was represented by several delegates, including Rev. Gregory Young, pastor of Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church; youth delegates, YWA delegates, and Senior Missionary delegates. The educational sessions were held on Thursday and Friday mornings. The president's hour and evening banquet completed the Thursday session. Minister Deloris McClain stated that the lessons and messages were informative and inspiring.

Gamble Fishing Tournament

The Friends of Willie Gamble Fishing Tournament was held on April 29, 2017 at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church and is an annual event in honor of the late Deacon Willie Gamble. The event was sponsored by the Security Ministry and the Men's Ministry of Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church. The Raffle winner of the \$2500 boat was Mrs. Teri Bartley, who elected to take the \$1000 cash prize instead. Black River Marine supplied the boat. The winners of the fishing tournament were as follows: thirteen year-old Tyreek Boyd won a trophy and \$100 for the largest bass, Mr. Roger Thomas, won \$100 and a trophy for most fish caught, Mr. Wesley Wells won \$100 for total weight of five largest brims, and Edisto Fork Baptist Church won a trophy in the church division. Many door prizes were given away and breakfast was served until 1:00 p.m.





*Scenes from
Mt. Pisgah Baptist
Church
Events and Activities*





New Members

Ms. Monica Stokes Love

Mr. Stephen D. Clark

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"I know the plans that I have for you, declares the Lord. They are plans for peace and not disaster; plans to give you a future filled with hope. – Jeremiah 29:11.

Editor's Note: Please give your articles to any of the members of the newsletter committee. The article should be 350 words or less and may be edited for clarity and content. Articles are due by Sept. 20, 2017, for the October issue of the newsletter.

Deacons' Corner

The heritage of deacon service goes back to New Testament times. Pastors and deacons have served as brothers in ministry through the centuries. Our primary role is to exercise ministry, care for the sick and shut-in and needy among the membership and to act as counselors and assistants to the pastor in advancing the spiritual welfare of the church. To be effective in our role, we ask your assistance in notifying your Ward Deacons, or any deacon or the church office of members who need assistance in any areas. In an effort to enhance our membership growth in Christian Education, we ask our Ward and all ministry Presidents and members to put forth a special effort to encourage members to attend Worship Services to include Wednesday Night Worship, Sunday school, Prayer Service, Bible Study, and Revivals. Each member is a *Missionary*, and as such we ask you to support the Mission of Mt. Pisgah and always invite family, friends and those unchurched to all services and activities. We thank you for your continued efforts to make Mt. Pisgah a "Beacon of Light" on the corner of Henley and Green Streets. *"I appeal to you, dear brothers and sisters, by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, to live in harmony with each other. Let there be no divisions in the church. Rather, be of one mind, united in thought and purpose."* 1 Corinthians 1:10.

Deacon Broadus Jamerson, Chairman
Deacon Clarence Bonnette, Vice-Chairman

Trustees' Corner

This quarter the Trustee Ministry has addressed several major concerns and has been instrumental in paving the way for the erection of a new sign for the church. During the Church Conference June 26, 2017, Trustee Chairman Leroy Morant, with assistance from Deacon Clarence Bonnette, provided an update on the church sign project and also reported on several other issues – the renewal of the church insurance, an inspection by the local fire marshal, acquiring a church credit card, and opening a line of credit at First Citizens Bank.

The annual insurance has been renewed; however, subsequent to the action, both the insurance company and the local fire marshal conducted an inspection of the church facilities. Both pointed out certain issues the church needed to address in order to be in compliance with insurance requirements and fire regulations. Nearly all of the issues noted -- among them, providing more fire extinguishers throughout our facilities, installing illuminated exit signs with backup battery power in the case of a power outage, maintaining a clear path to entrances and exits, installing an automatic fire suppression system and acquiring a proper hood for the stove in the kitchen -- were in the process of being completed in time for the fire marshal's scheduled follow-up visit on June 29, 2017. The new church sign is scheduled to be ready near the end of July and approval was granted for acquiring both the credit card and line of credit. Enjoy the summer and Be Safe!

Mr. Leroy Morant, Chairman
Mr. James Spann, Vice-Chairman