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Reverend Gregory A. Young, Pastor

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Mt. Pisgah Ministries Adopt South Carolina State University Dormitories

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. – Tues – Thurs.
@ 10:00 a.m.

Tuesdays-Bible Study @Noon
Wednesdays

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

The Deacons, Deaconess and Ministers' Wives Ministries of Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church recently adopted the students in Williams and Earle Halls of South Carolina State University. On Tuesday, October 17, 2017, the young men of Earle Hall joined the ladies of Williams Hall for a joint meet-and-greet session sponsored by the ministries. A short program provided an opportunity for the ministries to introduce themselves. Warm greetings were extended from a representative of the university and our pastor, Rev. Gregory A. Young graciously responded. Deacon Broadus Jamerson and Deaconess Bernice Williams greeted the young people and briefly introduced what our church could offer them. Deaconess Brenda Jamerson, who presided, encouraged the youth who enjoy singing to come sing and share their numerous talents with us. Early childhood and elementary education majors were invited to participate and assist with our Youth Ministry. However, everyone was invited to worship with us on a regular basis. Students were informed of the availability of our bus that would pick them up to bring them to Sunday school and church services. After an eventful evening of talking to the students, everyone was served light refreshments. The students were left with a listing of our weekly worship services and our youth activities. The deaconess and minister's wives are extremely excited about our outreach project which involves mentoring young people.

Youth Meet at Mt. Pisgah for Hallelujah Night

The Youth of Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church and community youth enjoyed a night of fun and entertainment sponsored by the Mt. Pisgah Youth Ministry. Games were played and refreshments were served. Deaconess Tracy Thomas is the Chairman of the Youth Ministry. The fun filled night was held in the Education Building of Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church on October 31, 2017. Thanks to all the Wards, Ms. Linda Haynes, Mrs. Dorothy Minor-Washington, Mrs. Frances Morant, and Deaconess Bernice Williams.



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The Pastor's Corner

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

I bring you greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It's my prayer to God that each and every one of you will have a happy, healthy, safe, satisfying, peaceful and prosperous New Year! As I reflect on the marvelous miracles and wonderful works the Lord has demonstrated among us in 2017, I am excited with tip-toe anticipation and expectations to the things he has in store for us in 2018. But, as it is written, "Eyes have not seen, nor ears heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for them that love him." **I Corinthians 2:9**. May God richly bless each one of you with a Happy and Prosperous New Year!



Yours in His Service,

Reverend Gregory A. Young, Pastor

Members in the News

✚ Ms. Nykeshia C. Guinyard was among the 35 girls inducted into the prestigious Helen Sheffield Federated Girls' Club at its annual ceremony on September 24, 2017. The candlelight ceremony was held at St. Luke Presbyterian Church. Nykeshia is the daughter of Ms. Andretta Frazier and the granddaughter of Mrs. Virginia Frazier.

✚ Congratulations to Mr. Jackson Glenn who was honored on December 3, 2017 by the Men's and Trustee's Ministries and the Soup Kitchen Committee for his dedicated services rendered 30 years or more to the Soup Kitchen at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church.



✚ Fifty students from the Stewart Magnate School participated in groundbreaking marine science research on Friday, December 1, 2017 hosted by the USF College of Marine Science and the Florida Institute of Oceanography. Students learned about the marine environment, how society depends on marine resources and how these tools support decision making. Mrs. Baretta Wilson, Ed. D, is the lead principal at Stewart Middle Magnate School in Tampa, Florida. Mrs. Wilson is the daughter of Mrs. Barbara Brewer Phillips. The entire article can be read at: <http://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us/us/newsdesk/article/780/stewart-magnate-students-explore-ground-breaking-marine-science-research>.

✚ Mr. Michael McClain, Orangeburg-Wilkinson band director was featured in the Times and Democrat newspaper, "A day in the life," December 2, 2017. The article highlighted his work and various volunteer roles. Mr. McClain not only teaches, but he oversees multiple bands and organizations. He is also a member of the Exotics, a community band that helps to raise scholarships annually. His wife, Wanda McClain also works with him and oversees the band's color guard. Mr. McClain is the son of Mr. Leroy McClain and Reverend Deloris McClain.

✚ Mrs. Barbara Johnson Williams, her family and friends gathered at Governor Henry McMaster's office in Columbia on December 12, 2017 to witness a special presentation. Her husband, Cecil Williams, an Orangeburg photographer, publisher, artist and inventor was awarded the Order of the Palmetto. This recognition is South Carolina's highest civilian honor for a lifetime of achievement and service.

Ministries on the Move

Usher Ministry

The Usher Ministry held its annual Christmas gathering in December at President Barbara Williams' home. The group ate a hearty meal, played games, and had a great time. A special prayer for a speedy recovery was said in honor of Deacon Charles Owens who was unable to attend. The Usher Ministry continues to donate diapers to the Low Country Family Solutions Program (Low Country Healthy Start) as its outreach community project.

Health Ministry

The Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church Health Ministry is still active. We continue to sponsor many activities, including health screenings during our Soup Kitchen, which is the first Wednesday of each month. This is done in collaboration with The Regional Medical Center. We have also collaborated with TRMC to sponsor a community-wide program called "Train the Trainer." This is a program to help churches start their own health ministries. The kickoff for the program was held at Mt. Pisgah last year. We are currently partnering with the NAACP and other local organizations to make people aware of kidney disease and how to prevent it. We have also partnered with DHEC and the Center for Disease Control to bring people's attention to the need for diabetes prevention. This is a program called Prevent T2 in which a series of classes are held during a one year program and the participant's goal is to lose 5 to 7 % of their starting body weight. One fun activity that the health ministry sponsored was deep sea fishing to North Myrtle Beach. Two successful trips were made last spring. Those that participated are looking forward to other trips this spring. Deacon Horace Britton is the Chairman and Ms. Regina Carmen Thompson is the Co-Chair.

Deaconess Ministry

The Deaconess Ministry sponsored their 5th Annual Angel Tree Christmas Party for 61 foster children and children in treatment families. In collaboration with Orangeburg County Department of Social Services, these children (ranging in ages 12 weeks to 15 years old) were presented gifts based on their "wish list" to include more than 20 bicycles, tablets, clothing, shoes, toys and gift cards. The children and their foster parents, caseworkers and guardians enjoyed sing-a-longs, entertainment provided by the church youth, fellowship and refreshments, as they awaited the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus.



The gifts were all provided by church members and their friends. It is an occasion that the church looks forward to each year, said Deaconess Brenda Jamerson, coordinator of the event. The sheer joy of seeing the faces of the children as their names were called

by Mrs. Claus to receive their gifts was truly a delight. Presentation of the bikes is always the highlight as they were presented last; the kids were overjoyed. **Giving is always a delight; sharing God's Blessings.**

MINISTRIES ON THE MOVE Cont'd

Sunday School Ministry

The Sunday School Ministry of Mount Pisgah Baptist Church presented its annual Christmas Program on Sunday, December 17, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the Educational Building. The theme of the program was, "Jesus is the Gift for All Seasons." The youth celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ through scripture, prayer, Christmas readings, songs, recitations, and a delightful skit titled, "A Gift for Jesus." The children did a marvelous job of learning their lines for the skit and the recitations. The Sunday School Ministry would like to thank all of the participants and Youth Advisors for their cooperation and continued support in spreading the meaning of "Jesus is the Gift for all Seasons." Ms. Linda Haynes is the Sunday School Directress.

Ward I Ministry

Ward One held its annual Christmas fellowship and program on December 13, 2017. Ms. Teresa Richardson was the Mistress of Ceremony. Some of the highlights of the entertainment were performances by the D and T (deacons and trustees) Singers, a male youth group who performed as the Drifters' and sang, I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas, the Mt. Pisgah Praise Dancers, and the famous Mt. Pisgah Cloggers. The audience enjoyed a comedy skit by the trio, Trustee Wesley Hanson, Ms. Carolyn Robinson and Rev. Gregory A. Young. After dinner was served, presents were given out to the children by Deaconess Charlene Baker and Ms. Lauritza S. Hill. Deacon Levern Baker gave remarks. Deacon Charles Owens is the president of Ward One.



Trustee Ministry, cont'd from page 8

The new credit card system is working out well, as most ministries have provided positive feedback about its use. It has reduced accounting paperwork substantially. For those instances where use of the card is not feasible, the old voucher system is still in place. The Trustee Ministry is always available to address your concerns so feel free to contact any of our members. Their contact information is printed on our weekly bulletin and can also be obtained from the church office. The Trustee Ministry appreciates your support.

Music Ministry

Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church's Music Ministry presented its Annual Mass Choir Concert on December 17, 2017. The theme was, "Go Tell It on the Mountain." The evening included selections by the youth choir, the Mass Choir and special guest, Mr. Hydrick Gass. Other guest musicians were Mr. Gavin Brown, Mr. Sean Jones, Minister Rosemary Griffin, and Mr. Myron Brooker. Deacon Leonard Anderson was guest director. Mr. Antumelno Evans was the drummer, Mr. Tim Hinton, Sr., was guitarist and Mr. Zebulon Mance played bass. Reverend Deloris McClain presided. Mrs. Sandye Spann is the Minister of Music. It was a night of Jubilancy.

From our Adopted Family

Thank you Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church Family for a joyous Christmas. You are a blessing to our family. We appreciate your kindness! *-The Smithzer-Hardy Family*



Willie Bradley Performs At NFL Game

Mr. Willie Bradley, jazz recording artist and trumpeter, recently performed at a National Football League contest and at a kickoff event for the first game of the 2017 football bowl season. The Orangeburg native and SC State alumnus performed the national anthem prior to the Nov. 5, 2017 Carolina Panther-Atlanta Falcon football contest at Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte, NC, and was the headliner at the Dec. 14 mini concert at The Suite Food Lounge in Atlanta two days before The Celebration Bowl featuring North Carolina A&T and Grambling at the new Mercedes Benz Stadium. The year 2017 was busy for Bradley, who released his second CD – “Going with the Flow.” In addition to the aforementioned activities, during a visit to Orangeburg this fall, he taped a segment for a jazz series, “Rollin with Jazz,” which will air this spring on SCSU’s campus radio station, WSSB (90.3FM). He also met with SCSU president, Mr. James E. Clark. Bradley, who now makes his home in Fayetteville, NC, is the son of Mr. Willie and Mrs. Mary C. Bradley and the nephew of Mrs. Ruth Harrison. Visit Willie at: williebradley.net or: [@Willie Bradley!](https://www.instagram.com/WillieBradley/)



Orangeburg Orthodox Baptist Association Missionaries Christmas Breakfast



The Orangeburg Orthodox Missionaries held their Annual Breakfast at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church on December 16, 2017. The event was full of games and activities for everyone. Our President Crystal Myers even had Santa to come visit that morning! Again, we thank everyone who attended and the various churches for their participation.

In Loving Memory 2017

Sister Annie Kenley
Deacon David Phillips
Sister Lillie Gaffney
Sister Audrey Larkin

**Your lives were a blessing,
Your memories a treasure,
You are loved beyond words,
And missed beyond measure.**



Reminder: Please submit pictures and written information for the church website: www.mtpbchurch.org and Face Book page to the church office or to mtpisgahchurch@sc.twbc.com. Dr. Donyale Mosely maintains the church website and Ms. April Thomas maintains the Face Book page.

Mt. Pisgah Youth Participate in Christmas Parade



The Orangeburg County Christmas parade was held on Sunday, December 3, 2017. The youth from Mt. Pisgah enjoyed a Sunday afternoon drive down Russell Street joined by Santa and Mrs. Claus. The transportation was provided by Mr. Tim Hinton. Deaconess Tracy Thomas and Ms. April Thomas coordinated the group for the event.



Johann Jordan, Freshman King at HSHP

Congratulations to Johann Jordan, an honor student at High School for Health Professionals (HSHP) who was selected Freshman King for the 2017-2018 school year. The Freshman King and Queen represent the school as good-will ambassadors. Johann has participated in several parades and as Marshal for the school at select school-sponsored events. Johann is the grandson of Rosa Worley and Mary Jordan.

Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church Supports the Taste of Orangeburg

Hold Out the Lifeline: A Mission to Families sponsored a dessert table at the Taste of Orangeburg held in October 2017. Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, St. Paul Baptist Church and Trinity United Methodist Church provided the desserts. Mt. Pisgah's Missionary Ministry and members donated cakes, cupcakes, pies, tarts, cookies and brownies. The desserts were delicious and sold out quickly. Funds raised at the Taste of Orangeburg each year ensure our adopted families have a joyous Christmas. A Mission to Families (HOTL) is a coalition of faith groups, private/public organizations and interested citizens who work to enrich the health of families in South Carolina by providing family health advocate training in religious congregations and communities. Mt. Pisgah's (HOTL) members are Mrs. Gloria Dash, Ms. Lynette Lessane, Deaconess Barbara Brewer Phillips and Trustee Linda McCants.

Over 100 Attend Annual Watch Night

Over 100 members and visitors attended Mt. Pisgah's annual Watch Night Service New Year's Eve. Those in attendance enjoyed great fellowship, a powerful message and good wishes for a prosperous and blessed new year. The evening began with spirited fellowship and a hearty and delicious breakfast, which was followed by testimonials and an inspirational message from Pastor Gregory A. Young.

A number of members recounted the ups and downs of 2017 and gave thanks for the many blessings God had granted them. Reverend Young shared words from the Gospel of **St. Luke, 4:19**, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord." His subject: "Better Days Are Coming in 2018." Hugs and well-wishes followed Reverend Young's inspirational message.



Mt. Pisgah Salutes our Veterans

Levern Baker	John Lessane
Kelvin Bonnette	Xenovia Minor-Void
Bennie Britton	Ricardo Mitchell
Brad Britton	Gregory Nell
Horace Britton	Charles Owens
Leroyal Darby	Charles D. Owens
Elizabeth Dixon	Christopher Phillips
Vandy Gaffney	Miller Rhodes
Jackson Glenn	Elijah Richardson, Jr.
Elease Grant	William Shuler
Fred Greene	Richard Singleton
Gary O. Hanson	Henry Smith
Wesley Hanson	Carlton Troy
Tim Hinton, Sr.	Theolus Wells
Tim Hinton, Jr.	Barbara Williams
Stephanie James-Averetta	Walter Williams
Broadus Jamerson	Antwan Young
Thomas Kennerly	James Young
Billy Kiah	



Rachelle's Island 25th Celebration

On Thursday, October 12, 2017, Rachelle Jamerson-Holmes and her husband, Fred held a community wide event in celebration of the 25th Anniversary of Rachelle's Island and Thee Matriarch Bed and Breakfast. The Celebration Ceremonial opening prayer was given by Reverend Gregory A. Young (MPBC) and First Lady Cathy Gathers (Life Cathedral Ministries) prior to the ribbon cutting by Rachelle and Fred. Remarks were given by Mayor Michael Butler; Teresa Hatchell, Director of Tri-County Chamber of Commerce, and her parents, Brenda and Broadus Jamerson. During their remarks, Rachelle and Fred thanked the community for their support of their journey in various business endeavors and asked for prayers as they hope to launch Phase II of Thee Matriarch Bed and Breakfast. During the program, other speakers included Senator John Matthews; John Yow, City Administrator; Candace Roberson, Dora Director; and Jim Johnson and Michelle Abraham representing the Small Business Development Centers. A complimentary gratitude reception was held from noon until 9 p.m. welcoming guests and well-wishers.

On Sunday, October 13, 2017, Rachelle was also honored during Women's Day at St. Paul Baptist Church in Orangeburg.

I would like to wish everyone a **Happy New Year**. I hope everyone has made their resolutions and that one of them is to worship more. "Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks." —**John 4:23**. I hope that all of us will pray to the heavenly Father that we will do our best for each other as we face this New Year. Last year we experienced some of the most devastating storms of a lifetime. We must remember that tomorrow is not promised to any of us. So let us all be reminded that we all are here only by the grace of our Father. We have been granted another year to praise **Him**, thank **Him** and worship **Him**. —*Trustee Bernard Harrison*



New Members

Mrs. Kayla Mitchell

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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.

Editors 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 March 25, 2018, for the April 2018 issue of the newsletter.

Deacons' Corner

Happy New Year Mt. Pisgah Family!!!

Let us begin this New Year, as always, by praising and thanking almighty God for allowing us to see another year (2018). Let us set our minds to work diligently for the up-building of His kingdom here at MPBC. Let us begin by dedicating ourselves to work as a TEAM/UNITED church family. Let us visualize our work in this church as we see and use the limbs of our physical body. God has given all of us different talents, just as our limbs have different functions. Let us identify these gifts and use them in a positive way to accomplish the mission of our Church "to make disciples of the unchurched, evangelize the whole world, and to represent Christ in all we do." As deacons we have come to SERVE not to be served. Our Servant's Prayer.... "God give me work 'til my life shall end and Life 'til my work is done."

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

Trustees' Corner

The Trustee Ministry continues its mission of overseeing the church finances, as well as the maintenance and upkeep of all facilities. Several projects have come to fruition and a number of concerns have been addressed. Members and visitors continue to offer positive feedback about the new church sign which allows the church to announce and display its services and events electronically and digitally.

One of two remaining items in the Fire Marshal's reports has been completed, the illuminated exit sign over the door at the main entrance has been installed. The last item to be addressed is the kitchen stove hood, and a solution is forthcoming. However, there has been no interruption in our popular soup kitchen, which provides hot, nutritional meals for many in our community. Also, needed repairs of damage caused by the August 2017 storm have been successfully completed. A committee to oversee yard maintenance has been appointed, and will provide guidance for the future upkeep of the grounds. Attention has been given to one of the swinging doors at the main entrance, but because of its age, supplies have been difficult to find. An update will be provided soon. (Article continued on page 4, see Trustee Ministry)

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