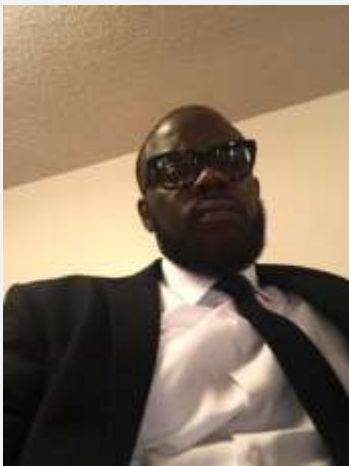


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Introduction of our Pastor, Reverend F. Bernard Fuller



On the 18th of November, our Church elected Rev. Fuller to serve as the pastor of Mount Pisgah. Phenomenally, more than two-thirds of the active congregation traveled to the Church on Saturday morning to personally cast their ballots. He was elected with an overwhelming majority of the votes. The Pulpit Committee members were pleasantly surprised to see

a large number of members take time out of their busy Saturday schedules to travel to vote. Many of them stayed to see the final results.

Now the election is over and the honeymoon begins. Later, the marriage of Pastor and the Congregation will be joined in an installation service. As Deacon Hadley prayed after the election and before closing the official process, each member is to pray one for another, and for our pastor. As the election was by secret ballot, no one knows how another individual voted and it needs to stay that way. With a new pastor, it is a new beginning for Mount Pisgah. He prayed that each member will do his or her work in kingdom building. Each is encouraged to wake up, get up and get out the House of Worship on time and with a heart ready for worship. Each is to look among the fellowship and help to meet the needs of those who are less fortunate and/or are sick or hurting. We are to be the Church that is led by God, our Father, Jesus, our Savior, and the Holy Spirit under the shepherding of Rev. F. Bernard Fuller.

Jeremiah 3: 15 I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.

54 Years of Preaching Recognized



The Reverend Dr. John D. Fuller, Sr., was among numerous pastors honored by the General Baptist State Convention in its annual session. Pastors who had been preaching 50 years or more were honored with well-wishes, accolades, and certificates.

MOREHOUSE MEN



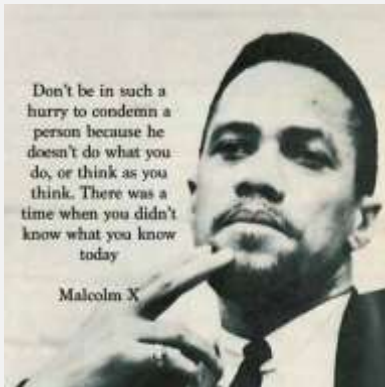
Rev. Perry Irby, Rev. Luther Westbrook, Jr., Rev. F. Bernard Fuller, Rev. Rueben Cooper and Pastor John D Fuller, Sr.

Truly, it was a historical occasion with it being the first time that Rev. Westbrook came back to Mount Pisgah. Reverends Irby, Westbrook, Cooper and John D Fuller, Sr. are graduates of Morehouse. Rev. F. Bernard Fuller is a senior, scheduled to graduate in the spring.

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICES



Reverend Perry Irby became "*The Ram in the Bush*" for our Thanksgiving Worship Service. He just came to fellowship with us and to support the speaker, a Morehouse classmate, but because of unforeseen circumstances, he became the speaker. His message from Psalm 100 gave us reasons to be thankful: God is good; His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations. Rev Irby's moving and reflective message captured meaningfully reasons to be thankful. Thanks Reverend Irby.



PASTORS BREAKFAST ANOTHER SUCCESS

What has become a favorite December event occurred again on December 2nd. Members of churches of the Hoke County Union, their families, friends and business associates gathered for a little over an hour of fun, food and fellowship



Seated: Ora Burns , Martina O'Neal, Betsy Bailey **Next row:** Vee Monroe, Viola Malloy, Beverly Spivey, Voncillia Coleman, **Back Row:** Gary O'Neal, Lathern Marshall John D. Fuller, Sr. Toney Coleman, and Alvin Copeland

Regarding Mission

During a workshop attended at the General Baptist State Convention the following points were presented by Dr. Linda W. Bryan. The workshop topic was "Thinking and Teaching Mission".

As we all prepare to launch into being more mission minded, please take a few moments to reflect on these two very relevant points.

1. Rather than think of mission as a part of the church, think of it as defining the essence of the church.

2. The church's self-understanding and sense of identity are inherently bound to missions. It is who we are.

Life's most persistent and urgent question is: What are you doing for others?" Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. **Sister R. Marie Daniel**

Election schedules for 2018 will be very important. Each person needs to be informed, registered and votes. It is essential that we get our church members, family and friends out to vote. Individuals elected will bring forward an agenda; therefore, to be sure we are included we must elect those will truly represent us. We do not need fake news, those who are so religious that they are no earthy good or those who pretend to be something that they are not. Pray, watch, listen and learn, then vote.

Many were hurt and even killed so we may have this right. Voting is a privilege, and a responsibility! Do not take it lightly!



Praise the Lord!

Things the Negro Must Do For Himself
(Copied from a back issue of The Voice)

The information below was written by Nannie Helen Burroughs in the early 1900s with minor additions. It reads as if it were written yesterday. Most sentences begin with—“***The Negro Must ...*** “

Put first things first: educations, development of good character traits, a trade, and home ownership.

Stop expecting God and White folk to do for him what he can and should do for himself.

Keep himself, his children and his home clean, and make the surroundings in which he lives clean and attractive.

Learn to dress more appropriately for work and for leisure. Knowing what to wear, how to wear it, and where to wear it are earmarks of common sense, culture and character.

Make his religion an everyday practice and not just a Sunday-go-to-meeting emotional affair.

Resolve to wipe out mass ignorance. Leaders must teach and inspire other.

Stop charging his failures to his “color or race” and to white people’s attitude. Good service and conduct will make senseless race prejudice fade.

Overcome his bad job habits.

Improve his conduct in public places.

Operate business for people—not only Negro people.

The average so-called educated Negro will have to come down out of the air. He is too inflated over nothing.

Stop forgetting friends. These friends not only pray, speak, write, influence others, but make unbelievable, unpublished sacrifices and contribution for the advancement of the race. The Negro must make his heart warm with gratitude, his lips sweet with thanks and his heart and mind resolute with purpose to justify the sacrifices and to stand on his feet and go forward. “God is no respecter of persons. In every nation, he that feareth him and worketh righteousness is sure to win. Get to work, too much time is spent talking. In spite of race prejudice, America is brim full of opportunities. Go after them!

For wisdom will come into your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul; discretion will watch over you, understanding will guard you.
Proverbs 2:10-11

**VICKY MCPHAUL WITH
HER MANAGER**
(Copied from Facebook)

Support services Academy for Food and Nutrition held at Cape Fear Valley Medical center in the Rehab Auditorium.

Congratulations Vicky, we are very proud of you!



Zamiah Robinson, a 4th grader at Lloyd Auman Elementary school has received an award for perfect attendance, and also she received a certificate for exceeding her accelerated reading goal. I am proud of you!
(Love Mom)



Congratulations Zamiah! You have a good thing going, keep it up.

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

The annual meeting has been rescheduled to Sunday, January 7, at 4:00 p.m. Please come prepared to participate and be informed. It’s the correct time to learn about our church business.

**CONGRESS OF CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION, REGIONAL SESSION
OF THE GBSC**

Contact Sister Marie Daniel, President of our Missionary Circle, and make plans to attend the Regional session at E. E. Smith High School, 1800 Seabrook Road, Fayetteville, NC from 8:45 a.m. – 2 p.m. Multi-Discipline Concurrent Sessions will be held.



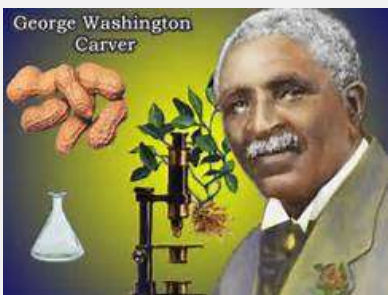
**Pamela
McNeill-Shaw
Receives
Master of Arts
in
Communication**

*Pam is congratulated
by husband Darryl
immediately
following receiving
her degree*

On the 14th of November, Pam received her degree from Liberty University. Her parents, Willie and Ellen McNeill and sister Melissa McAllister along with numerous friends and business associates were in attendance in the Iron Mike Conference Center on Fort Bragg.

Pam stated, "I work as an instructor and facilitator in the Student Learning Center. I enjoy helping adult learners and encourage anyone interested in competing for a degree to come and speak with me"

Congratulations Pam and best wishes for success in future endeavors.



**GEORGE
WASHINGTON
CARVER**

*How far you go in life depends on you being
tender with the young,
compassionate with the aged,
sympathetic with the striving
and tolerant of the weak and the strong.
Because someday in life you will have been all
of these.
- George Washington Carver*

Ecclesiastes 7:12 For the protection of wisdom is like the protection of money, and the advantage of knowledge is that wisdom preserves the life of him who has it.

FEBRUARY, BLACK HISTORY MONTH

How well do you know your history? Classes in history briefly mention a few Blacks in February, and then move on to other subjects. A few days each year are not enough. It is up to us to share what we know. This quote is sometimes paraphrased as:- "If we do not **learn** from the mistakes of **history**, we are **doomed to repeat** them." Many more tools are now available to learning about our history--calendars, books, pictures, stories on the Internet, DVDs, the history channel, and much more.

ELLA BAKER
*(Civil Rights Activist,
1903-1986)*



Ella Baker worked with the NAACP, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. She grew up in North Carolina, She was a graduate of Shaw University and later lived in New York. She helped to start the Young Negroes Cooperative League which allowed members to pool their funds to get better deals on goods. The editor recommends you google her biography and read the entire story of a woman who was the granddaughter of a slave, who struggled and helped her people.

Recommended by Sister Willie M. Artis

APPLY FREE ONLINE

Parents and students, now is the time to apply online and make the FAFSA work for you. To file, research scholarships and find awards can all be done online. All colleges and universities require the FAFSA, and deadlines apply for each school session. Google and get correct information for your school of choice.

Locally many scholarships are available to our students in Hoke County. Naming only a few include: Upchurch Alumni & Friends, White Oak School, Hoke County Civic League, and LREMC.

The LREMC information will be available as of January 2, 2018 and the closing date is March 2 by 5:00 p.m. Please ask someone to read your application before submitting.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS ADOPTED

On the 29th of November, MPMBC met in a scheduled meeting for the purpose of officially adopting its Constitution and Bylaws. A committee of five met many times and hammered out the material to meet the needs of the congregation and anyone who serves as pastor.

Committee members were Ellen McNeill, Johnny Allen, Marie Daniel, Marvin Keller and John Monroe. Pastor Fuller provided the book, **Church Responsible Party Procedure for Church Trustees - A Church Compliance Quick Reference Handbook by Janet V. Kennedy-Jacobs**, which had sample material as well as a disk that could be used for a modern day church to adopt parts for its situation. Committee members diligently worked to ensure that the document provided to the congregation fully represented Mount Pisgah Church for today and for at least three years in the future. The Constitution will remain; however, as changes are made, the Bylaws may be revised and/or changes made to serve the present age.

At the scheduled Church meeting on the 5th of July individuals received a copy of the proposed Construction and Bylaws and were charged with reading the material and providing any information that they felt should be considered. Pastor Fuller read some information he felt should be included, and informed the members he would ensure that material be included in the final document to be adopted by the church.

During the meeting on the 29th, Pastor Fuller read those changes which had been included in the document. After having read the changes, the congregation voted to adopt the document in its entirety. With the Holy Bible as its primary source for Christian living, the adoption of our constitution and bylaws afford the members of due process and a means to protect our Church in legal matters. Each member is encouraged to pick up a signed copy of the document and keep it in a safe place.

Hoke County Union Annual Youth Day

Sunday, January 14th is the annual day. Each one is encouraged to be present and to support our youth. Wear your Church or team colors.

KRISTA PRUITT

Krista was inducted into the National Honor Society at Westover High School on the 24th of November.

This is a great achievement! Congratulations and best wishes.



PRETTY IN PINK BIRTHDAY BALL

Most girls dream of going to their first formal, usually the Prom, but Abyssinia Owens and about 10 other little girls, dressed in full-length dresses, participated in a miniature ball called ***Pretty in Pink and Handsome in Blue***. This is actually an etiquette program where the founder, Evangelist Victoria Jackson, teaches boys and girls social etiquette and “church” etiquette, as well. The girls practice how to eat properly with silverware and other social graces and skills. The Miniature Ball is also a college fund raiser. Instead of receiving gifts, the birthday recipient receives monetary gifts which parents are encouraged to either start or add to the child’s college fund. The girls were all quite charming and lovely and still had fun just being giggly, happy little girls!

Reverend Mary C. Owens

Shirley Ann Jackson invented call waiting, caller ID, AND the touch-tone phone.

#BlackHistoryMonth 🍌



2018

New Year's Resolutions

There is just something about the start of a new year that gives us the feeling of a fresh start and a new beginning. With 2018 just around the corner, a lot of us have started making "New Year's Resolutions". We make resolutions because we want to bring change to bear on our circumstances. We want to improve ourselves and our quality of life. The top resolutions, for most people, tend to revolve around the same three poles: money, health and family. Most resolutions are those non-spiritual promises we make to ourselves such as: start exercising, lose weight, spend more time with family, drink less, stop smoking, save money and get out of debt. Over the years, we have made a lot of these promises and more often than not we have failed to keep them. Why do most well-intended resolutions not succeed? Most resolution failure can be attributed to a loss of enthusiasm due to an insufficient commitment and a lack of motivation.

For the year 2018, let us not make promises to ourselves but instead make promises to God. Let us not focus purely on self-improvement but improving our relationship with God. Our commitment is to honor God and grow spiritually. What is our motivation? Our motivation is Eternal Life. As it says in John 3:16 **"God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life"**.

What New Year's resolutions will help to deepen our relationship with God? After doing research, here are some suggestions: (1) pray to the Lord for wisdom in regards to what resolutions, if any, He would have you make; (2) trust God's plan for you; (3) pray for wisdom as to how to fulfill the goals God gives you; (4) be obedient and keep your obligations to God; (5) rely on God's strength to help you; (6) use your talents faithfully; (7) seek forgiveness and the help to forgive others; (8) find an accountability partner who will help you and encourage you; (9) don't become discouraged with occasional failures; instead, allow them to motivate you further; (10) don't become proud or vain, but give God the glory.

The New Year is coming and here is your chance to live purposefully. We cannot resolve to do anything with a presumptuous attitude before God. There are days when you will succeed and others when you will fail. On the days you fail, treat that as an opportunity to learn about what to do in the future rather than as a reason to give up. The whole matter of making resolutions is not just goal setting so that we might have happier lives. We are called by God to live according to His will, not our own. The key to resolution is not to triumph or to always succeed. Resolutions of the spirit come down to one thing: in this New Year, grow **Sister Stephanie Sutton**

FCCMC PRESENTS 25TH ANNUAL MLK PRAYER BREAKFAST



Fayetteville Cumberland

County Ministerial Council, Inc. presents its 25th Annual MLK Prayer Breakfast at the Crown Complex, 8:00 a.m. Fayetteville, North Carolina. We are proud to keep alive the tradition of honoring the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. whereas many have discontinued the recognitions over the years. It is not so much the man, himself, as it is the beliefs for which he fought and died, equality and justice for all. If we look back over the past two years, we have seen the re-emergence of discriminatory practices that we thought had long been buried within the archives of history. However, we see blatant racist practices, such as voter suppression, gerrymandering of districts to guarantee strong representation of certain party affiliations. Moreover, 2017 saw return of the "Invisible Empire," the KKK, but now, no longer hiding behind hoods, proudly showing their faces to the world. We now live in a climate in America where those in power seek to dismantle every progressive thing that has been done over past eight years and even since Civil Rights Movement. No, it's not about King, but about not allowing those who died to have done so in vain. We cannot sit down on the seats of *do nothing-ism* or become angry *couch protestors* watching T.V., lamenting the state of our nation. We can no longer say, **Keep the Dream Alive; instead, we must say Work to Make the Dream a Reality.**

***McLauchlin Elementary School Students
visit with Hoke County Seniors in the
McLauchlin Building***



The students arrived bearing gifts, conversation, hot chocolate, and cookies. Before leaving the building, they sang, “We Wish You A Merry Christmas.” It was a heartwarming event with the seniors and the students feeling in the spirit of Christmas.

Reverend Vermatine Williams

***SILENT NIGHT IN 4 LANGUAGES
(8:1-9 the Wonderful Name of the Lord)***

On the 10th of December, it was a beautiful blessing, as our children, youth and even adults came forward with Scriptures, recitals, praise dancing and singing. The song, *Silent Night*, was sung in four languages. The renditions were in English, Rev. Adrienne Monroe, Spanish, Rev. Mary Owens, and French, Sis. Bendetta Kelly. Imagine the congregation’s surprise when youth Khali Wright stepped forward and offered to sing *Silent Night* in German. It was wonderful to see a young man step forward, face a large crowd and to beautifully sing in German. Khali attends the 71st Classical School and is a member of the Christmas Chorus.

A special thank you was issued to all who stepped forward (after the ministry chairman became ill), and helped to ensure the Christmas ministry was produced. Some of those who diligently worked include Sisters Machalle Love, Lois Allen and of course the music ministry. Parents and guardians

were faithful too, as it was primarily their children who were the actors and actresses in the presentation.

We wish for each of you a Happy New Year filled with the love of Christ.

Sister Vernice Riddick

***MOUNT PISGAH MISSIONARY
DEPARTMENT GIVES LOVE AT
CHRISTMAS***

The combined Missionary Department, Seniors, Young Adults, and Youth did a lot to spread love at Christmas, from adopting several families, wrapping the gifts, and sponsoring Christmas food give outs. On Thursday evening, December 22nd, the Youth, along with several adults went caroling to the homes of our sick and shut-in members and to a nursing home facility. Then on the following day, Friday, The Senior Mission, along with three male youths, visited Autumn Care as part of their monthly visitation every 4th Friday of the month. They scrolled the halls for an hour, singing songs of Christmas cheer. The following persons helped to make it a joyous occasion: Deacon Calvin Hadley, Sisters Flora Hadley, Marie Daniel, Kimberly Wilson, Lucille Epps, Brothers Caving Wilson, Elliott Shellhammer, and Jayden Nobles.

ONE REQUEST

Dear Master for this coming year
Just one request I bring:
I do not pray for happiness,
Or any earthly thing—
I do not ask to understand
The way Thou ledest me,
But this I ask: Teach me to do
The thing that pleaseth Thee.

I want to know Thy guiding voice,
To walk with Thee each day.
Dear Master make me swift to hear
And ready to obey.
And thus the year I now begin
A happy year will be—
If I am seeking just to do
The thing that pleaseth Thee.

*Unknown Author
Submitted by Sister Stephanie Sutton*

Janae's 30th Birthday

Family members and friends celebrated with Janae, who is one of God's special children. In spite of gloom and doom from doctors and medical experts, Janae thrives. She loves music and enjoys special times with others. We offer a collective "Thanks to God and best wishes for Janae."



Papa with such faith and trust that I can only wonder what final words of encouragement his grandfather is sharing with him just minutes prior to going into the water. This is definitely a family moment because in the background, his grandmother, Deaconess Flora Hadley is preparing the towels and sheets for draping around Maurice once he emerges from the water. I'm sure Kim, the mother, is somewhere with a camera, crying through the process. God bless you Maurice!

NEW NEIGHBORHOOD NEW EATING PLACES

Beans Gone Wild

2070 Club Pond Rd, Raeford, NC 28376
WalMart Plaza
(910) 565-3722

Parson's Table (Take Out)

7704 Hazelwood Avenue
Fayetteville, NC 28314
Angel Kirkman
Tinisi Young



Next to Rim Road Fire Department.

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"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."
2 Cor. 5:17

RICKY HADLEY BOWLS A PERFECT GAME



Everyone knows that Kendrick (Ricky) is a bowling enthusiast who has been bowling since he was 10 years old. If Ricky wasn't on the softball field, you could find him at the bowling alley, usually celebrating after having defeated his opponents. Well on December 10, 2017, during his league bowling, Ricky celebrated a great accomplishment. He bowled a perfect game of 300. He got all strikes!! Way to go Ricky!

Sister Kimberly Wilson

A MEMORABLE BAPTISM



What a touching moment! The first-generation Hadley prepares to baptize the third generation. Deacon Hadley usually assists the ministers during baptism, but this one must truly touch his heart as he prepares to help baptize his only grandson, Maurice Calvin Wilson. Maurice is looking at his