

# THE VOICE

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## **Proverbs 3:5-6(KJV)**

*<sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. <sup>6</sup> In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.*

*Decisions, decisions, decisions; we all must make them. Right or wrong, we must make decisions that will have lifetime effects and*

*may also impact our families and friends.*

Young graduates are now at the crossroads of deciding which way to go. It may be an 8<sup>th</sup> grader who will go on to high school, a senior going off to college, trade school or into the workforce, or an individual who has graduated from college. Each person has to make decisions as to how to move forward.

The best advice I can give you is frequent and solid Bible study and teachings. The Bible is full of wisdom for times such as these. Some of you may receive Bibles as gifts. The person who is kind and thoughtful enough to give you a Bible loves you and desires you have a good life. Take it and begin to seriously read it each day. Start with the **Book of John**, as it teaches you so much about Christ and His desire that we have life and live it abundantly.

Make a commitment to Jesus Christ, and pray before making decisions. Seek God's will for your life! Commit the Ten Commandments to memory and let that be a source of guidance. John 13:34 KJV ***A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.*** Test yourself by asking, "Is what I am doing the right thing? Is it loving and kind or does it serve a selfish purpose? You will know the answer that is correct for you. **Trust Jesus!** He loves you and desires the best for you. Place Jesus first and all good things will be added to you. This information probably is not new to you; however, now is your time to make practical application of wisdom from the Bible. Go forth and do well!

*Toney Coleman, Deputy Airport Director, new 2017-2018 President of the Southeast Chapter (SEC) of the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE)*



**Toney was installed at the SEC-AAAE annual conference in Knoxville, Tennessee, on the 24<sup>th</sup> of April.**

The SEC-AAAE is an association with over 550 members from 88 airports, who strive to promote stability, growth, efficiency and safety for the benefit of the public, airport management and general aviation. The Southeast Chapter is the largest chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives representing the 12 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The board of directors of the SEC-AAAE currently has nine members and an executive secretary. The Fayetteville Regional Airport is pleased to have its Deputy Airport Director in a position where he will work with other aviation professionals, businesses, governmental agencies and persons to lead, network and shape the future of the SEC-AAAE.

Coleman said: ***"Heart work makes hard work easier, and since aviation is my passion, serving as President of the largest regional chapter of AAAE is sure to be just as fulfilling as my time as the former President of the North Carolina Airports Association. To God be the glory for the things He continues to do in my life and much love to my wife Vonnellia for being there with me every step of the way!"***

Toney recently earned his Doctoral Degree in Business from Northcentral University. He holds a commercial pilot's license with instrument rating for helicopters and a private pilot's license for fixed-wing aircraft.

*Adolph Thomas, Fayetteville Employee, provided information for this article.*

## Pisgah's Softball Team 2017 Season



(Picture copied from Facebook)

### The Moore Children at the Memorial Services at the Courthouse

As usual, seating at the service was gone by the time I arrived. Mrs. Moore and her children were on the courthouse steps. The young children invited me to sit with them. I stood because I could see better standing. The children were dressed appropriately in their patriotic colors. The children displayed good manners and were very well behaved. Of course, they were active (I was too)! I am pleased to have met a young woman who had her children under her control. It was great ceremony. The next scheduled veteran's service is on **Veterans Day, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m.** See you there!

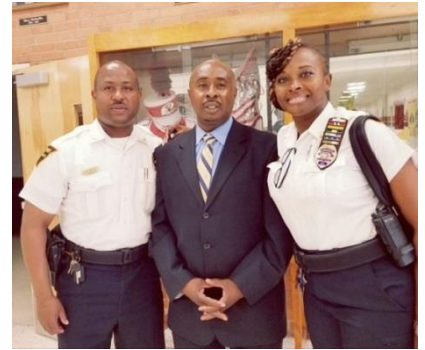


## HOKE COUNTY MISSIONARY YOUTH IMPACT REVIVAL

The revival will be Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m. in Leach Springs MBC. Reverend Rayvonda Rowe, Associate Minister of Leach Springs, will be this year's speaker for the annual youth revival. **See the bulletin board for dates and times for rehearsal for youth who will sing for the worship service.**

Everyone is asked to attend the service in support of our Missionary Union youth. Other churches in the region have been invited to bring their youth and to share. Additional information has been forwarded to the youth leaders. We look to see our young people in attendance and participating.

## FAYETTEVILLE POLICE SPONSOR HOUSE PARTY PRODUCTIONS



Retired Chief Troy McDuffie stated it was an honor to serve as a guest panelist for the Fayetteville Police Department's program production, **"A (910) to 911 House Party Production"**. The event was held at Interim Kelly's alma-mater, 71st High School. Congratulations to Chief [Anthony Kelly](#), Captain [Tracey Bass-Caine](#), and 71st High School for a very powerful and great program for our youth!!!

## A New Fourth Grader in Pisgah

Zamiah Robinson has ended the 3rd grade with honor roll for 4th quarter, and she earned her medal for staying on the honor roll all 4 semesters (the entire school year). [She received a ribbon for participating in the exploratory Latin exam.](#)

Zamiah has been promoted to the 4th grade. Her mother Ligeia says, "I am more than proud of her."



**Congratulations Zamiah!** Your Church Family is proud of you too. Enjoy your summer!

## HOKE COUNTY UNION ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET

The banquet will be in the CRC on Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 each. Advertisements for the banquet book are due on or before the 9<sup>th</sup> of July. **See Sisters Callie Graham or Marie Daniel** for additional information. Your support is needed.





## John Baker on Vacation – Gone Fishing

(Picture copied from Facebook)



John Baker, Jr. loves to hunt and to fish. You can tell he enjoyed his vacation this year; look at that smile. John is really an outdoors person.

Congratulations on catching at least two big ones!

John can often be seen near the front door of the Sanctuary as he

ushers. He has a great big smile and is so helpful.

## Tae Hardy All Boys USA Basketball Team

Tae is the grandson of Adale Clark and his wife Sarah. He was named to the ALL-USA Georgia Boys Basketball Team.



Congratulations Tae! We are very proud of you and of your achievements.



## Sister Betty Fuller Dixon

Browsing through Mount Pisgah's Church Facebook page, I saw this picture. Yes,

folks, most of the pictures in our

newsletter actually do come from Facebook. Thanks for sharing. It is a blessing,

## YOUNG ADULTS TAKE OVER



On the fourth Sunday of each month, young adults often preach, sing, pray, read announcements and fully participate in all of the worship services.

*Come and worship with us! See our young adults in action.*

## KADEJAH MURRAY (Information from Facebook)

Kadejah lives in Chapel Hill. Recently, she accepted a position at UNC, as the University Program Associate for the Office of Faculty Governance.



It is a blessing and a privilege for a young individual who was reared in our community and church be a successful graduate of the UNC Chapel Hill educational system, and then to be employed by that organization.

*Congratulations Kadejah.* We are thankful to God and proud of you for your achievements. We pray God's continued favor as you go forward.

**Proverbs 1:7** *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.*

## Fayetteville Cumberland County Ministerial Council Scholarship Recipients 2017



Each student should maximize his/her opportunities to win money through scholarships. The FCCMC awarded \$10,000 this year to students in the region.

## SAVING MONEY IDEAS



### Uses of Vinegar (Copied off a vinegar bottle) and the Internet)

- Soothe bug bites or stings by dabbing the irritated area with a cotton ball soaked in vinegar.
- Spray undiluted on weeds and grass on walkways and driveways.
- Remove soap scum, hard water stains and mildew from bathtubs, tile and glass by wiping the area with a rag soaked in vinegar. Rinse well.
- Remove rust from stainless steel by soaking overnight in undiluted vinegar. Rinse well.
- Remove odors from the washing machine by running one cup of vinegar through a normal cycle without clothing.
- **Freshen up the fridge.** Clean the shelves and walls with a solution of half water and half vinegar.
- **Brighten coffee cups and teacups.** Gently scrub stains with equal parts vinegar and salt (or baking soda).
- **Eliminate odors.** Swab plastic containers with a cloth dampened with vinegar.
- **Kill bathroom germs.** Spray full-strength vinegar around the sink and tub. Wipe clean with a damp cloth.



- **Save a garment.** To remove light scorch marks on fabrics, rub gently with vinegar. Wipe with a clean cloth. This technique also works on antiperspirant stains. Check the Web for other ideas.

## Our Neighbor is having a 5K Run

Homecoming committee and officers please note that on the 7<sup>th</sup> of October, Pittman Grove Church Road will be closed for some of the time for the annual 5 K Run by the Fire Department. It would be nice if some of our members (especially youth and young adults) participated. See FB page.



## WOMAN'S BAPTIST HOME & FOREIGN MISSIONARY CONVENTION

The annual session of the *Woman's Baptist Convention* will be July 23<sup>rd</sup> – July 27<sup>th</sup>. Our Church is planning to attend Wednesday and Thursday (day trips only), and registration is now available. To receive packages, we must pre-register. Please sign your name on the form(s) available in the front and back tables to ensure your seat. Sister Daniel will need the information to ensure we have enough transportation for all who wish to attend and will have seats on the van(s). She will need to know the number of drivers and/or individuals who are driving their personal vehicles and would like to have others ride with them. **The church will pay for registration and transportation; meals are on your own.**

This is an excellent opportunity for members of our Church to go the Convention, meet other Missionary Baptists, learn in workshops, hear the President's annual address, and just enjoy the day(s). Yes, you may attend both days, if we have enough individuals sign up for two days. If you sign up and find you cannot go, please be sure someone goes in your place. We must be smart about how we use our resources!

### **MOTTO: Christ in Every Home**

<sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."





## GLOWING FOR JESUS

### *Vacation Bible School*

Once again, the halls, classrooms, and grounds were filled with laughter, shouts of excitement, and even a few tears when little ones had to depart from mom or dad to go to their Pre-K class. Overall, it was a typical VBS experience: learning, laughter, love, food, fun and fellowship. This year, students explored how various biblical heroes, Old and New Testament, allowed their lights to shine even in times of adversity and fear. I overheard my two grandchildren heatedly discussing about Ruth, with one saying, "You don't know what you're talking about," but she did, in fact, have the story right. This was again a great turn-out with a total of 713 for the week.

For the first time in several years, we had to find other room accommodations because classrooms were too small. All classes had at least 12 students on average, but the Primary and Teen classes ranged from 17-20 students for the week, with the adults averaging about 45. Then on Saturday, VBS went Retro by going to Jones Lake State Park for the VBS outing, with the idea of making it an old-fashioned, family picnic at the lake, where all members, young and old could travel the distance and enjoy the day. Because Bible School is evangelism in action, we're reaching out to every visitor who came with a special Thank You card and a reminder to come back to see us.



We will be waiting with a smile. We also give a big, hearty shout-out to all teachers, workers, and volunteers, and of course, a resounding thanks to the VBS Director, Sister Machalle Love for a job well executed.

Reverend Mary C. Owens, Christian Education Director

## MISSIONARIES IN ACTION

Recently our Mission Ministry joined with Church Women United to provide migrant worker kits. NC Dept. of Labor estimates 100,000 to 200,000 migrant workers work in our state each year, many enduring substandard conditions. Through the generous donations of our Mount Pisgah church family we were able to provide 180 kits. Several members spent an afternoon assembling three types of kits which consisted of food, hygiene and school items. The kits



were taken to the collection site at Haymount Presbyterian Church. From there the kits were picked up and transported to Migrant Farmworker Camps where they were to be dispersed.

## TIPS FOR HEALTHY EATING



1. Choose good carbs, whole grains.
2. Add proteins: fish, poultry, nuts and beans.
3. Choose foods with healthy fats: Plant oils, nuts and fish. Avoid foods high in saturated fat and trans fat.
4. Eat more vegetables and fruit. Go for color and variety—dark green, yellow, orange and red.
5. WATER, drink lots of water, it is the best way to quench your thirst.
6. Eat less salt. Watch salt contents in prepared foods and restaurants.
7. A multivitamin may be helpful for you. Check with your doctor before the mixing meds and vitamins.

## HOKE COUNTY'S SHERIFF ACADEMY



Two of our members, Rev. Vermatine Williams and Sister Marie Daniel, were selected to attend Hoke County Sheriff's Citizen Academy. The class of about 20 - 25 citizens met for 8 weeks on Thursday nights from 6 to 8 p.m. Classes started April 6 and ended on June 1. Each session was very informative. The whole experience resulted in renewed respect and admiration for this branch of law enforcement. Should you have an opportunity, these are two members who would encourage you to take advantage of this program.

### SPLASH PAD NAMED FOR JEAN POWELL AND ELLEN MCNEILL, FORMER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



On Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, the Board of Commissioners adopted a Resolution naming the county's new splash pad for the two women who rotated off the Board in 2014. Family members enticed them to the meeting where they were both pleasantly surprised by the Board's action and also the reception which followed the regular meeting.

***Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, the Board dedicated the new basketball goals in the memory of Elgin Blue, former director of the Parks and Recreation Department. Immediately, thereafter, a ribbon cutting was held at the Splash Pad.***



Elected officials, family members and others were in attendance as the facility was officially opened. A sad note was Ms. Powell was unable to attend as her mother's funeral was held about the same time. Commissioner Hunt was also absent because of the death of one of his relatives. They were missed.

Hoke County's youth have really been enjoying the Splash Pad. It is a great asset for the County as it keeps children cool in a clean and safe environment. Parents/guardians either sit nearby or step into the water to keep their eyes on the toddlers and younger children. No admission is charged to enter the area; however, if it becomes crowded, a time limit will be set to allow more individuals to enjoy playing in the water. Take your children and enjoy!

### IT'S TOO HEAVY

Last summer I walked out to the mailbox one day and caught a whiff of the odor that is present after an animal has been killed on the highway. I looked both ways but did not see a dead animal. The next day the odor was stronger. This time I even inspected the shoulders of the road but did not find anything. What is going on? Something is definitely dead. The third day the odor was super strong. I just happened to look up, and there it was! A dead snake was draped over the electrical lines. It was not a small snake. How did the snake get up there?

My conclusion is that a bird of prey killed that snake for a meal and was taking it to a more secure location or back to a nest to feed some young. But the snake was easier to kill than to carry. The bird of prey had to stop and rest. The bird made the decision to leave the snake because it was just too heavy.

Sin is too heavy for anyone that has not been saved. My prayer for you is you will stop carrying that heavy weight, and read Romans 10:9. ***If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Deacon Joseph Johnson***



## BACCULAREATE SUNDAY

Sunday, June 11, 2017, students from middle school through college, proudly walked into the sanctuary to the rendition of *Pomp and Circumstance*. Joining the processional of graduates were Pastor Fuller, Pulpit Ministers, and Youth Leaders, all arrayed in their Academic regalia. Seeing the number of people dressed in their academic dress, Pastor announced that next year, he wanted all church members who had post high school academic attire to please wear them because it should be inspirational to young children and others to accomplishments to which they could aspire.

The following students graduated: La'Tayveonna Maynor from elementary school, Aki Morehead and Javaris Monroe from middle school, Jaiden McLean, Tai Pruitt, Shanice Thompson, and Kristina Sims from high school. Students graduating from college were: Raven Fuller, Kadejah Murray, Kimberly Hadley Wilson, and Marquise Smith-Hendricks. Michaela Smith Hendricks completed post-graduate work with a Master of Science in Public Health Education. Congratulations to the students and to the parents, as well, for jobs well done and for sacrifices on behalf of their children.

### Upcoming events for the UMBA

- **July 12** at First Baptist Church, Fayetteville, 302 Moore Street. There will be a FILM shown Union Fighting for Workers Rights. This film concerns meatpacking workers in Tar Heel, NC and their fight to form a union. Film will be shown at 6:00pm. The film is 90 minutes and will be followed by a Q&A period. Please contact Dr. Cureton Johnson, Pastor, at (910) 964-7703 for further information.
- **July 28-29**, --- Union of Union Missionary Baptist Association will be held at Mt. Olive MBC.
- **September 23**, – Union of Union Fellowship at the John D. Fuller Recreation Center.
- **November 16-17**,– Preaching Conference sponsored by Pastors and Minister's Conference of the UMBA

**Rev. Beverly Spivey-Rivers, Executive Secretary,  
UMBA (Copied from an email)**

## Life is Just a Rehearsal

On fourth Sunday in June, Pastor Fuller spoke on *Sunday Best*, how traditionally, our parents and grandparents reserved Sunday for giving, presenting and living their best. There were so many levels to the whole sermon, but one thing I personally received was when he admonished us that life is just a rehearsal. It reminded me of a quote, *You must live in the present, as far as possible like you will live in the future*. Since the hope of our future is living eternally in heaven with our Father, then we must try to live and practice those things that we will be doing forever and ever. If we are going to be kind and loving in heaven, then we should be kind and loving now. If we're going to be holy there, then now is where we begin to live holy, and if worship is going to be the center of our eternal life, then now is the time to put it into practice. If we can't give God two hours on Sunday and one hour for Bible Study, how are we going to do as the worshipers in heaven: *And they do not rest day or night saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty*. No, we can't wait to get to heaven to put on our *Sunday Best*; we must live our Sunday Best daily, for truly, this is just a rehearsal. Lord, help me to be ready.

*Reverend Mary C. Owens*

## AMANDA JACKSON DAILY FIGHTS THE GOOD FIGHT

### BE ENCOURAGED



### Psalm 107:19-31

*19 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress.*

*20 He sent out his word and healed them; he rescued them from the grave.*

*21 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind.*



**WELCOME  
SISTER BELINDA  
MCLEOD  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
ASSISTANT**

Some of you may not have yet personally met our new employee, Sister Belinda McLeod, Administrative Assistant to Pastor Fuller. She is pictured above with

her husband Robert. She is a Christian woman, and states, ***"God is first in the lives of my husband and me."*** She is also the mother of three, stepmother of three, and grandmother to several. She has a twin sister and two brothers.

Mrs. McLeod is a member of Spring Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Hope Mills (where she still holds the title of secretary, deaconess, choir member, usher youth director and youth choir director). She has served as a mentor for youth of The Tarheel Challenge Academy and Jesus Troupe Drama Ministry,.

Her educational background include a secretarial science degree and a paralegal technology degree. Additionally she has numerous certifications in the business arena. She loves to travel, cook, sing, read and spend time with her family. She loves sports and is a Dallas Cowboys fan. She plays softball for two teams (has been playing for 30 years with the Fayetteville Parks and Recreation teams.) Her Church League Team "New Beginnings" won first place this season and second place in the tournament.

Sister McLeod has shown herself to be friendly, helpful and professional. Let's welcome her, and make her tenure in Mount Pisgah a blessing.

**Welcome Sister McLeod.**

**INDEPENDENCE  
DAY  
July 4th**

Give thanks for the freedoms we share in our country.

***God Bless America!***



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**July 8<sup>th</sup>** – Men's Fellowship Breakfast in the CRC beginning at 9 a.m. The **BOYS RETREAT** will be in the CRC July 7-8<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers (Men) are needed. Come support and help.

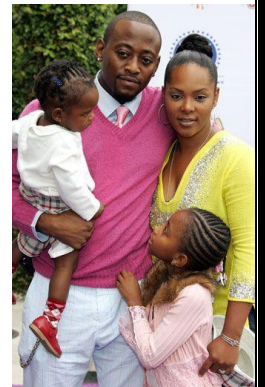
**July 9<sup>th</sup>** Men's Day, Honorable Judge Pone 8 and 10 a.m. services. Invite others to attend and see our young Judge. Men you set the standard!

**July 21<sup>st</sup>:** HCMU Youth Impact Revival, Leach Springs MBC – everyone needs to support our youth. Youth Praise Team rehearsals July 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> in Leach Springs. See youth leaders for details.

**August 4<sup>th</sup>:** HCMU Scholarship Banquet in the CRC. Ads due July 9<sup>th</sup>. Ticket sales to end Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>. The CRC volunteers and the Caterer need the numbers for preparation. Please purchase your tickets now.

**August 13<sup>th</sup>:** 7:55 Dr. Yulla Hines, and 10L00 Rev. Genoble King. Women, we must step up!

***For the month of July, we will take a break from meeting for regular Bible Study. This will be a good time to evangelize to our family, friends, co-workers and business associates. Visit others and share the good news. Do your personal outreach ministry. Turn off all of your social media for one hour on Wednesday evenings and visit our elderly, sick and shut-ins, and make new friends. Walk through your neighborhood and learn who your neighbors are. – Too hot outside! Read your Bible and other good books. Eat sherbet or have an ice cream party. Invite your editor for the ice cream!***



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**Welcome Sister Stephanie Sutton as a new member of the newsletter staff.**