



The Voice



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Rev F. Bernard Fuller

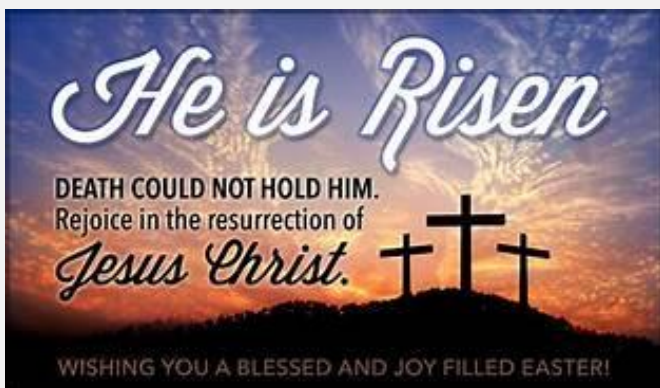


19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Matthew 28 (above verses) clearly states what we are to do. To be equipped for the work of the church means each and every member from the youngest to the oldest must be in Bible Study and Sunday school in order to learn the responsibilities of their assignments. Leaders especially need to be fully informed in order to assist and guide others. The work of the church reaches far beyond the walls of the building.

Jesus' being in the wilderness for 40 days and 40 nights is discussed in Mark 1:12-15. This is a good place to begin reading about Jesus and sacrifices. If you are fasting, you may teach your family members the reasons you fast, and invite them to do the same, if they agree. This is ALSO a time to teach the importance and value of praying. The Season of Lent is a time to draw closer to God and to build a relationship with Him.



CUMBERLAND COUNTY SCHOOLS COUNSELOR OF THE YEAR

We are pleased to announce that **Sister Beverly Keller** won the **Cumberland County Schools Counselor of the Year** award for Elementary level for the 2018-2019



school years. Sister Keller has been a professional School Counselor for 8 years. Additionally, Brother Marvin Keller was nominated for Cumberland County Schools Counselor of the Year for Middle Schools. Although he did not win this year, he did win the Cumberland County Schools Counselor of the Year for the 2013-2014 school years. We extend congratulations and best wishes to our counselors.

Dr. John D. Fuller, Sr. Donates \$100,000 to Morehouse



At its annual Gala on the 12th of February, Pastor Emeritus John Fuller, Sr. presented his alma mater a check in the amount of \$100,000. Pastor Fuller is known for his support of scholarships and furthering education.

Photo L-R, Dr. Edward Wheeler, President, Interdenominational Theological Center; Dr. John D Fuller, Sr. and Dr. Joseph Evans, Dean of the Morehouse School of Religion

*The Union of Pastor F. Bernard Fuller
& Mt. Pisgah MBC*



Dr. John D Fuller, Sr. passes the torch to Rev. F. Bernard Fuller, newly installed Pastor of our Church

What a blessed occasion was the Installation Ceremony of Pastor F. Bernard Fuller! It was Spirit-filled, serious, joyous and at times, even humorous as various greeters gave remarks in welcoming our new pastor. Much sage advice was given, but one of the wisest was when Rev. Mark Powell advised him to take to heart everything that was said, but in the final analysis, be true to himself and to his God. (then he put on some dark sunglasses and turned his hat backwards in a younger trendy style.

Deacon Calvin Hadley and Deaconess Machalle Love



present robes to Pastor Bernard

Pastor Emeritus Fuller preached the Installation Message and was accompanied by his church, Providence MBC, Rockingham, NC. It was a poignant moment when he passed the Pastoral Torch to his son, the new pastor, Pastor Bernard, as many are now calling him. We look forward to what God is now doing in the Mount Pisgah Fellowship. We pray God's continued grace and covering as Pastor Fuller

leads us into the next journey in the life and history of Mount Pisgah.



Church Clerk Sister Callie Graham reads a Resolution of Pastor Emeritus which is presented by Pastor Bernard Rev. Mary C. Owens

**JENNIFER KELLY, CERTIFIED
FRAUD EXAMINER**

Fayetteville Police Department recently announced Detective Jennifer Kelly has successfully completed the certification process to become a Certified Fraud Examiner. The process takes about 12 months and requires a rigorous academic course load, focusing in the areas of Fraud Prevention and Deterrence, Financial Transactions and Fraud Schemes, Investigations and Law.



With each course of study, the candidate is mandated to take an individual exam on each course section. This exam requires countless hours of studying and preparation in order to successfully pass the individual exam. Once the candidate successfully proves they are competent to attempt the certification test, the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners grants the candidate the ability to take the exam. This test consists of four (4) individual sections, which are timed and require the candidate to use their knowledge without the use of notes or books. Each candidate is only allowed two (2) attempts in order to pass the certification exam. If they fail the examination after the second attempt, the candidate must complete the entire validation process from the beginning.

Detective Kelly is the first Fayetteville Police Officer to achieve this outstanding achievement and become a Certified Fraud Examiner. Congratulations Sis. Kelly, a church member and our Children's Church Leader.

Gala Supporting Individuals with Myositis or Breast Cancer



United - A Divine Purpose, Inc. is a nationwide nonprofit organization. Our agency's mission is dedicated to providing compassion and advocacy for patients with Myositis or Breast Cancer diseases. UADP provides need-based financial assistance to Myositis and Breast Cancer patients. Through education,

UADP works to increase the awareness to patients, caregivers and the general public about Myositis and Breast Cancer diseases. We assist research funding through collaboration with other charitable organizations with common goals and purposes.

Having my own testimonial experience living with a Myositis Disease for 22 years and as 11 years Breast Cancer Survivor; I am a **TRUE ADVOCATE** for the persons living with these diseases and those that have lost their battle. Born and raised in Raeford, N. C.; it is an honor to come home to the Carolinas to give back and to provide service to others. Currently; UADP has two certificates of authority in two states: Florida and North Carolina.

On Saturday, April 28, 2018, 6:00 pm, UADP will host our "1st Annual Gala of Hope, Friendship and Service" to support our mission. The purpose of this event is to assist patients and families diagnosed with Myositis or Breast Cancer disease. The event will be at Holiday Inn I-95 at 1944 Cedar Creek Road Fayetteville, N. C. Dinner will be catered and dress attire is Formal, Tickets are \$55 per person.

Gala Ticket purchases may be made by check, money order or cashier's check payable to United – A Divine Purpose, Inc. Please visit our website www.united-adivinepurposeinc.com to make payment by PayPal and indicate in notes "For Ticket(s) Purchase" also your email address and/or phone number. Please print your receipt and bring the receipt with you to the Gala for registration purposes. For more information; please call (910) 322-2214.

Miyoshi Gordon-Matthew, Founder and President (Mrs. Gordon-Matthews, Hoke County native, is the sister of Rev. Betty L. Kelly)

Zamiah Robinson

A 4th grader at Lloyd Auman Elementary has again earned a space on the Honor Roll for the second quarter of school. I am so proud of her hard work and diligence.

Zamiah participates in activities in our Church and we are thankful that she is willing to share her love of Christ in the Church.

Love Mom



Volunteers with Trucks Needed



(Some of the individuals who have assisted with bicycle deliveries in the past)

Periodically we need individuals with trucks and/or vehicles that may pull trailers to help deliver bicycles to The Bicycle Man Project in Hope Mills, NC. Call the Church office, 875-5744 and leave your name and number for days—about three trips per year—to deliver bikes. It takes about three hours to go to the area to pick up the bikes, load them on trucks or trailers and deliver them. It helps The Bicycle Man make children happy who live in the region. The local departments of Social Services select the children who are awarded bikes at Christmas time. Those children probably would not ever be able to afford a bike without the generosity of individuals and businesses.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creation: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new.

FCCMC CELEBRATES 25TH MLK PRAYER BREAKFAST



Fayetteville Cumberland County Ministerial Council celebrated the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. during its 25th Annual Prayer Breakfast with a record crowd of about 1400 people in attendance. One growing feature of the annual event is to include more children and youth to raise their level of awareness as it relates to Dr. King and the whole Civil Rights Movement.



As a result, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by a local Brownie Troop and three Teens from Fayette-Cumberland Youth Council recited excerpts from three of King's famous speeches.



A highlight of the event was the parade of Faces of the Community where about 50 people representing all aspects of life marched into the auditorium: the young, the old, the handicapped, wheel chair bound, rich, poor, Democrat, Republican, HIV activists, veterans,

Native Americans, Africans, Muslims, Christians and others depicting the rich diversity of our community.



The music was provided by our own Mount Pisgah Mass Choir who made us all so proud, as well as the Scholarship Appeal by our former church member, Rev. DeMarious McNeill who lit up the audience with his unique style. We also had a first time ever visit by a governor to this event. Governor Roy Cooper showed up and surprised the delighted crowd (although we had known before Christmas but could not share the information). He gave some words of encouragement followed by the



Keynote Speaker, Bishop Charles Ellis, III, a nationally and internationally known pastor from Detroit, Michigan, and the Word Television Network. FCCMC is proud to continue the tradition of honoring Dr. King and his work, for many began honoring him but have since discontinued over the years.

Reverend Mary C. Owens

Hoke County Union Young Adult Session

The Hoke County Union will meet in its regular Young Adult Session on the 4th Sunday in March at 3 p.m. in the Buffalo Springs Missionary Baptist Church. All young adults are encouraged to become active and to take a part in the county-wide union.

MPMBC attends Congress of Christian Education at E E SMITH



MOUNT PISGAH CHURCH, A DIFFERENT POINT OF VIEW

History allows us the ability to remember significant people and past events that have shaped the world in which we live. This is why every year the month of February is designated as Black History Month. On Feb. 1, 1926, Carter G. Woodson initiated "**Negro History Week**", which evolved into Black History Month when President Gerald Ford officially expanded it in 1976. Today, it is celebrated annually in most countries around the world.



Black History Month was originally started to address the way Black historical figures were represented in American schools. In American schools African Americans were usually represented as slaves or colonial subjects. Today, Black History Month is celebrated to raise awareness and acknowledge the accomplishments and influential experiences of black men and women. Black history is not merely the history of African Americans it is also our history as American people and the central role of blacks in U.S. history.

Black History Month and the continued usefulness of the celebration is an annual source for debate. Some question the fairness of a designated month dedicated to the history of one race. Others question why should the celebration of Black History be confined to one month, as opposed to the integration of Black history into the mainstream education for the rest of the year. Lastly, many believe the celebration is racist.

Here at Mount Pisgah, Black History Month is celebrated. As part of the celebration, each Sunday in the month of February we were enlightened with a Black History moment. For our Black History moment, the youth at Mount Pisgah educated the congregation on influential and notable figures in

Hoke County. On the third Sunday, February 18, the congregation learned of our church's founder and its humble beginnings.

Mount Pisgah was founded in 1900 by Reverend Anderson McNeill. This was following the Civil War and the Ku Klux Klan was flourishing in the south. The KKK would terrorize Blacks. African American educators and preachers especially were targets of hatred and violence. Forming a church for Blacks during this time was dangerous. Some White churches allowed Blacks to worship in their balconies or sit outside windows to hear the Gospel. Our congregation worshipped in Galatia Presbyterian Church, which is still in existence in Cumberland County.

By the Grace of God, Mount Pisgah has persevered for 118 years. We have survived two fires and an explosion. Most recently we survived a mismanagement of church funds, which divided the congregation and left the church finances in ruins. Mount Pisgah has gone from its original brush arbor structure to the brick and mortar building you see today. We have over 300 active members and we will continue to grow under our new leadership.

Mount Pisgah like so many African American Churches had to struggle to overcome adversity. The history of the African American people is a history of struggle.

The annual observation of Black History Month is a time to remember that African Americans have made significant contributions to every segment of American society — religion, business, arts and entertainment, science, literature, politics, and law. Celebrating Black History Month honors African American accomplishments throughout history while also educating the younger generations about the role of African Americans in society and the struggles and challenges they have faced.

Sister Stephanie Sutton

***Palm Sunday –
The Sunday
before Easter or
Resurrection
Sunday***



Palm Sunday leads into Passion Week. We need to study and learn more of all of the events of that week. Do you know why it's called Passion Week?

A Month of Love & Black History

A panoramic glimpse of the month packed with activities, love, learning and fun!



Youth Valentine Affair 2/10/2018

First Annual Black History Quiz Bowl

Initiated and implemented by Sister Regina Smalls.
Winners were:

Elementary: Gregory Owens, Jr.

Middle: Katrice Epps

High School: Aki Morehead



Elem: A Digital Notebook

Middle School: Google Mini (Like Alexa Voice)

High School: \$200

Black History Live Museum

Youth and Adults portrayed Black historical figures in a walk-through, Live Museum.

Ruby Bridges



Misty Copeland

Emmett Till



Michael Jackson

Donyale Luna

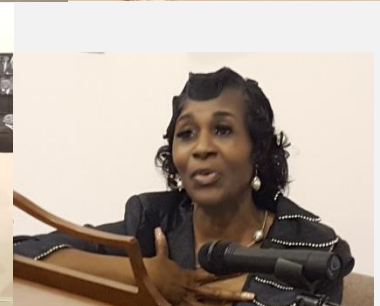


Sojourner Truth

Serena Williams



The Obamas



Marian Anderson

YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR FINANCIAL AID FOR COLLEGE

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The only way to find out if you qualify for financial aid is to first be informed about **your potential funding options**. If you've been putting off going back to school because it seems unaffordable, it may be time to find out if you qualify for any type of financial aid. First, here are the popular types of financial aid that may be available for qualified students use to help pay for college:

Grants: Schools may award grants to qualified students in addition to those available through the government to those who qualify. Your grades, heritage, religious affiliation, and other factors may qualify you for **student loans:** The advisor you speak to may know if the school you are matched with offers private loans and which federal loans you may be eligible to pursue. **Military options:** If you are or were in the military, be sure to ask a representative at the school you plan to attend what your funding options may be.

Local scholarships are available for students in the region and/or attending Hoke County High School.

- *Woman's Baptist Home & Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina*
- *Fayetteville/Cumberland County Ministerial Council, Inc.*
- *White Oak School Community Project, Inc.*
- *Hoke County Civic League*
- *Hoke County Missionary Union*
- *Congress of Christian Education, Union Association*

It is important students and parents or guardians to work with the guidance counselors at your school to ensure that you learn about the availability of scholarships and the criteria for applying.

48TH ANNUAL STATEWIDE LEADERS' WORKSHOP

Woman's Baptist Home & Foreign Missionary Convention, Tabernacle Baptist Church, Gastonia, NC, Saturday, April 7th. Workshops will be held for all ages, including information on stopping human trafficking. If your schedule allows, this will be a good session for you to attend.

Easter Means Eternal Life

A perfect God demands a perfect justice;
He cannot let us get away with sin.
We used God's gift of our free will to trespass,
So heaven's gates were closed; we couldn't get in.

Our sin required our blood, a sacrifice,
To atone for all the wrongs that we had done.
"But I love them!" cried our Father, filled with
sorrow;
"I'll send my only Son to be the one."

Good Friday marks the slaying of our Jesus,
The unblemished lamb, the perfect sacrifice.
He took our guilt and blame upon Himself,
So we could be with Him in paradise.

On Easter morning, he came back from death;
He vanished from the tomb, the empty grave.
His resurrection means eternal life
For us, the ones he came to earth to save.

This summarizes all the Easter story
And because of it, we'll be with Him in glory.
By Joanna Fuchs (copied from Internet)

Youth and Young Adult Sundays Grow



Pictures only tell a part of the story, youth and young adults are now working. To God be the Glory



Valentine Dance for All Ages



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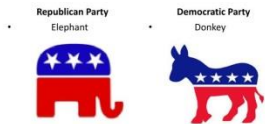


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Voting Information

If you are not registered to vote, now is the time. It is a privilege and a responsibility to be able to vote. If you need assistance, we have individuals who will help you. You may register for any party; as that is your right.

Two Major Political Parties and their Symbols



**Early Voting April 19 through May 5
Primary, Tuesday May 8, 2018**

Romans 13:7-8: Render therefore to all their dues, tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom is due, fear to whom fear: honour to whom honour. Owe no man anything, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.

Sister Faye Williams representing Rosa Parks in the Black History Museum



Many of our youth now understand better some of the hardships of our people.

AN INVITATION FOR THE MEMBERSHIP TO CONTRIBUTE TO OUR CHURCH NEWSLETTER

All members are encouraged to submit material for our church newsletter. It is an opportunity to share your stories, poems, art work, and pictures. Your help is wanted and needed.



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Romans 15:1: We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.