

THE VOICE

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1 Timothy 5:8

But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.

With all of the celebrations coming up—Mothers' Day, Fathers' Day, Memorial Day, Graduations, Weddings and even Children's Day, it about

time we talk about some of our responsibilities to our families. It is more than providing food, clothing and shelter. It is also about teaching our family members about their responsibilities to live in a way that provides an inheritance for future generations. The greatest gift that we can bestow on our family is the love of God. *"For God so loved the world He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have eternal life."*
John 3:16.

Mount Pisgah, it's time for some more teaching and training. Our youth must be taught how to act in this world, and to know the difference between what is acceptable and what is not, when and where to act on various occasions and events, and to respect their elders. We cannot and will not blame the children for what others have failed to teach. If no one teaches them how to behave in church, they will not know. If we do not teach respect by being respectful, how will they learn? They see and learn by watching individuals who are older than they are. Each Christian has an obligation to show love. **Romans 13:8** *Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.*

With the Scriptures printed above as a guide and for future reference, I am asking before providing monetary gifts, give the gift of **KNOWLEDGE**. Teach our young people to love the Lord and to obey His commandments, and teach them to respect themselves, and others. Good home and church training will open doors that money cannot buy. Learning to get along with others is a valuable inheritance.

National Family Physician of the Year Dr. Karen Smith Honored by Hoke County Commission



Dr. Karen Smith was recognized with an official proclamation and reception by the Hoke County Board of Commissioners on the 17th of April at its regular meeting. The proclamation recognized Dr. Smith's ongoing work and contributions to improving the health of citizens in Hoke County and surrounding counties and for serving as a professional role model within the community. *Congratulations Dr. Smith.*

THE ANGEL CHOIR (Palm Sunday)



On the second Sunday of each month we are favored with selections from our Angel Choir. Our young people are learning. They show enthusiasm as they sing to God's glory! The Youth Choir and Praise Dancers add to our worship experience.



GLOW FOR JESUS: LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!

Get ready! Summer is coming! That means school is out, fun-time in the sun-time and of course, it means Vacation Bible School! Join us **June 12-16, 2017** for a week of exploring the Bible as we learn to *Glow for Jesus* and how to *Let Your Light Shine*. VBS is always a great time here at Mount Pisgah, not only where we engage in studying God's Word, but we also have fun, food, and fellowship. Moreover, it is a week wherein the whole family can participate. So spread the word; tell all of your friends and neighbors to meet us for a week of adventure as we share the Gospel message of salvation.



Reverend Mary Owens, Christian Education Director

EASTER MINISTRY



We are really moving forward, truly doing many things in a new way. This year, we presented the Easter Ministry as the 10:00 Worship Service. The morning began early with sunrise service, then breakfast, Sunday School, then the Worship Service. The service followed the usual morning format until time for the Gospel Message. For the first time in our tradition, the Easter Ministry was the Gospel Message. Because Easter is such a holy, reverent event in celebrating the resurrection of Jesus, our Lord and Savior, we wanted to make sure that the worshippers shared in a spirit-filled occasion. Brother Darryl and Sister Pam Shaw presided over the program, and children, Pre-K, Primary and Junior classes presented speeches and talent. Then Youth, Young Adults, and Seniors presented: *From Suffering to Victory*. This was

the collaborative effort of Christian Education, the Music Ministry, and the Praise Dance Ministry working together to bring the theme to life. The drama was based upon the song, *Down the Via Dolorosa*, which follows Christ's painful walk to Calvary, the Way of Suffering. Sister Sophia Hadley narrated the journey while Brother Jarvis Morrissey intermittently sang the in English and Spanish. Brother Ron Story portrayed Christ's walk, while Brothers Aki Morehead and Cherone Jackson, played Roman soldiers, whipping Him along the way. After the crucifixion, the Angel Choir sang, *That's Love*, also letting us know that the story was not over. Then praise dance group brought the moving finale with *Why do You Weep; He's Not Dead!* As they completed their tribute, we saw evidence of the resurrection. As prophesied, He was the suffering Christ, but early Sunday morning, He rose in power and victory! Glory to the Lamb of God who now sits at the right hand of God, His Father!



Rev. Mary Owens, CED

HOKE COUNTY MISSIONARY UNION SENIOR SESSION

The senior session of the Hoke County Missionary Union will be held on the 25th of June in Silver Grove MBC. The County Union serves as catalysis to bring all Missionary Baptist Churches in the County together

Minister Pope, President, says changes are being made to ensure that all members of the church—youth, young adults, and seniors are represented and have sessions of interest for all. There is a place for all to come, join in and worship together. Plans are ongoing for the annual scholarship banquet. Early bird tickets may be secured from individuals in the member churches. Advertisements are being taken for the program book. See your Missionary Department for other information.



HOKE HIGH SYMPHONIC BAND PERFORMS AT CARNEGIE HALL NEW YORK



(Picture and information courtesy of The News Journal)

Kudos to individuals and businesses who helped to make it possible for the band to perform in New York. They participated in the ***National Invitational Band and Orchestra Festival***. Deacon Roosevelt Daniel, Sr. is the proud great-grandparent of Sarah Burden, who was a part of this group. Sarah is also the granddaughter of Brother Roosevelt Jr., and Sister Marie Daniel.

I am taking this opportunity to express my opinion of the importance of The Arts in Schools. Our students, living in America, should be able to take advantage of experiences such as this one. The band is only one example of Hoke students doing well. The overall averages in academic achievement now rank high among schools in North Carolina and the nation. Hoke High students are excelling in many arenas; and this is only one example of something good in Hoke County. In a letter to the editor, Walter Blue stated, **“You made us proud!”** I agree.

MISSION ON MY MIND

Recently our Missionary Department was reorganized under the leadership of Pastor Fuller. Sister Marie Daniel is the president. She and her staff are busy incorporating those ministries that are supported by the Women’s Baptist Home and Foreign Mission. Anyone who desires to work in

the mission department may participate in any of the projects and/or events listed below. Mission work is for all Christians—Men that mean you too. ***Autumn Care Nursing Home, Raeford, 4th Fridays from 10-11 a.m., Bible Study/Service; Green Manor Nursing Home, Parkton, 2nd Wednesdays from 2-3; Prison Ministry (with approved application, 1st Sundays – time to be announced); Open Arms Nursing Home, Raeford, and every 5th Sundays 7 pm Worship Service.***

Church members, friends, and relatives now have the opportunity to donate personal hygiene items (smaller sizes)

anytime to be given to homeless shelters, food pantries and other non-profits who work to help God’s children who are not as fortunate as we are.



Tom Joyner to speak Shaw University Graduation on the 13th of May



Radio host, entrepreneur, and philanthropist Tom Joyner will serve as the **keynote speaker** for Shaw **Commencement** exercises to be held Saturday, May 13 at the Raleigh Convention Center beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Officials say they are overjoyed to welcome the noted HBCU philanthropist and advocate, who reaches more than 8 million listeners weekly as host of the syndicated ‘Tom Joyner Morning Show.

“Mr. Joyner’s tremendous **professional** career coupled with many years of distinguished and dedicated community and public service will serve as an inspiration for our graduates, their families, students, faculty, staff, alumni, and the community,” said Shaw University President, Tashni-Ann Dubroy. (copied from Shaw Website).

MUSIC MINISTRY UPDATE



(L-R Jackie Robinson, Percussionist, Kendrick Hadley, Organist, and Jarvis Morrissey, Keyboarding and Minister of Music)

The Mount Pisgah Musician Department is one body unified in spirit and with a heart of purity purposed to glorify God, and to humbly serve Him in a spirit of excellence as ministers of music, hope, and agape love. Our goal is to lead others into His divine presence by using the gift of music. The great composer Johann Sebastian Bach said, "The aim and final reason of all music is none else but the glory of God and the refreshment of the spirit." Our church is blessed to have gifted musicians who play under the anointing of God. The musicians participate in our ministry week after week. It is our goal to present music that glorifies, edifies, and ministries to the saints who worship with us.



II Chronicles 5:13-14

It came to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one should to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the LORD, saying FOR HE is good; for His mercy endureth forever; that then the house was filled with a clouds, even the house of the LORD; So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the Lord had filled the house of God."

Deacon Jarvis Morrissey



DARRYL S. SHAW, JR.



Personal Records: Long Jump – 23-3 (7.08 meters) • Triple Jump – 50-3 ¼ (15.32 meters)

2015-16: Scored a point for the men's team in the triple jump at the ACC Outdoor Track and Field Championships for placing eighth • Placed 15th in the long jump at the outdoor conference meet • Won three events throughout the entire year • Made the finals of the triple jump at the ACC Indoor Track & Field Championships and finished ninth • Took 16th in the long jump at the ACC Indoor Track & Field Championships • Jumped 50-3 ¼ (15.32 meters) in the triple jump at the Doc Hale VT Elite taking third in the event • Placed first in the triple jump at the Dick Taylor Carolina Cup.

- **April 2017 Named to the ACC Academic Honor Roll**
- **Prep:** 2015 North Carolina 4A Indoor and Outdoor State Champion in the triple jump • Played football for three years as a defensive back • Earned 2014 defensive back of the year in his conference • Earned all-conference in football • 4.6 GPA in high school • Attended governor's school • Member of the National Honor Society
- **Personal:** Darryl Sean Shaw Jr. is the son of Darryl and Pamela Shaw. His sister is Candace Johnson. His mother was all-state in high school track and field. He can solve a Rubik's Cube in less than 25 seconds). *(Copied from a UNC Chapel Hill post)*

MEN'S HEALTH

On the 11th of June, not only will it be Graduation Sunday, it is also the kick off to the observation of Men's Health Week, the Summer Reading Program and our Vacation Bible School week. Our men are invited to wear blue that Sunday. This year's theme **"HEALTHY BODY – HEALTHY MIND: KEEPING THE BALANCE"** explores the different ways men and boys are managing to keep healthy, physically and emotionally, in a busy and sometimes challenging world. They left off, "Spiritually" however, we know that must be included.



Needs for Foster Parents

May is National Foster Care Awareness Month. Foster Care is a temporary living arrangement for children who have been abused, neglected or dependent. To become a foster parent a person must be at least 21 years of age, and be financially stable with sufficient living space. Additional information is available through *Precious Haven, Inc.*

The N. C. General Assembly passed the Foster Care 18 to 21 initiatives in 2015, which allows foster children to stay in the system until they are 21 years old.

If you have the time, love and desire to be a foster parent, call 910-868-6092 for information. You may be the solution to problems in a child's life. You never know, you may help to raise the individual who finds a cure for cancer, becomes governor or even president.



STRAWBERRIES: FACTS COPIED

- Strawberry is low in calories (32 cal/100 g) and fats but rich source of promoting phytonutrients, minerals, and vitamins essential for optimum health.
- Fresh berries are an excellent source of **vitamin-C** (100 g provide 58.8 mg or about 98% of RDI), which is also a powerful natural antioxidant. Consumption of fruits rich in vitamin-C helps the body develop resistance against infectious agents, counter inflammation and scavenge harmful free radicals.
- The fruit is rich in the B-complex group of vitamins. It contains good amounts of vitamin B-6, niacin, riboflavin, pantothenic acid and folic acid. These vitamins are



acting as co-factors help the body metabolize carbohydrate, proteins, and fats.

- Strawberries contain vitamin-A, vitamin-E and health promoting antioxidants such as lutein, zeaxanthin, and beta-carotene in small amounts. Furthermore, they contain a good amount of minerals like potassium, manganese, fluorine, copper, iron and iodine. Potassium is an important component of cell and body fluids that helps controlling heart rate and blood pressure.



Ask youth and young adults to research the benefits of a healthy diet that contains natural foods. They will be amazed at how good God's (nature's) foods are for them. ***Challenge them to read the Book of Daniel, Chapter 1, to learn how to eat the correct foods for proper health, growth and strength.***



Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA)



Knowing how to pay for college is one of the major barriers young people face in obtaining a post-secondary education they need for today's skilled jobs. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA) is the form that students and families complete to access grants, and loans, work-study jobs, and many scholarships. An educator, parent and recent graduate tell about their experience completing the FAFSA and how it makes college dreams come true.

Visit the homepage: <https://fafsa.ed.gov>

Students and their parents need to research every possible source of funding to help with costs for college.

James 4:3 International Standard Version
You ask for something but do not get it because you ask for it for the wrong reason—for your own pleasure..



White Oak School Scholarship Family Fun Day in Rockfish Park A Community Affair

In the old school spirit, nonprofits, individuals, and former students showed up to support the event. Even the winning Hoke High Track Team came out and showed their trophies.



The N. C. Poultry Festival (formerly Turkey Festival) provided outdated shirts for raffles and other prizes. Some of the younger folks changed their shirts on location. We were pleasantly surprised to learn Hoke County has a soup kitchen to feed the homeless. A non-partisan voter registration drive was held and supporters enjoyed greeting old friends and meeting new ones.

New officers were elected and will be in place for four years. Donations, raffles and gifts provided for a successful fundraiser of over \$1,000. Donations are still trickling in. Everyone who participated in any way is appreciated. Volunteers made the day. They epitomize ***“To whom much is given, much is required.”*** Thank you seems so small to say to those who made the day fun and a success!

May God bless each and every one of you.

First Kathy McMillan Invitational Track Meet



(l-R Kathy McMillan, Veronique Wodsen, Regina McLaughlin and Jalen Jones)

The first annual Kathy McMillan Invitational was held at Hoke High in April. Hoke High girls and boys track teams won! **The girls' team is coached by church member, Regina McLaughlin.** She works hard at any project she takes on. Surely, Coach McLaughlin had to feel a little nervous with Kathy McMillan present. She also had to feel a tremendous sense of pride as her team came in first.

***Silver Medalist in the
Woman's Long Jump at 1976
Summer Olympics in Canada.
Kathy is the first (and only)
individual in Hoke County to
bring home a silver medal.***



Congratulations are extended to the students, coaches, staff and administration of the Hoke County School System. We are very proud of you and of our school's achievements. Blessings!



Editor's Note

Summer is a great time for youth and teenagers to learn more about track and field competition. They need to learn there is more than football and basketball. They can excel in other areas. A good way to learn is by volunteering. One of Mount Pisgah's youth may bring home the next silver medal in Hoke County or the gold one!

HISTORY MADE IN MOUNT PISGAH LAST YEAR, DEACON BROTHERS *Calvin and Marshall Hadley*



Recently while walking across the Church campus, I saw deacons talking, and I thought, *“This is the first time (at least in recent memory) that two brothers are serving in our church as*

deacons.” Wow!

In June of 2016, when Marshall was ordained as a deacon, history was made. Two brothers were actively serving as deacons in our church.

Since I’m several years older than both of them, I clearly remember their mother, Sister Annie Blue, bringing them to church. Before almost everyone had cars, they walked from the house back in the fields on the sometimes dusty road out to the highway, and onto Mount Pisgah. Faithfully, they came to Sunday School and preaching. Of course, preaching was on only the 1st and 3rd Sundays at that time. Young folks, can you imagine that?

Later, as more and more individuals were able to purchase cars, and as young men, they became members of *the Gospel Travelers*—a male singing group that was on almost all choir anniversaries in the region. The young men who made up that choir were primarily from Mount Pisgah, New Bethel, and Beauty Spot—there may have been others from the region.



The brothers, Calvin and Marshall, were members of the Young Adult Department along with their wives. As young adults, we promoted activities and events for the young people and we were all involved. Calvin was often teased about being JC, Jr., (Jesus Christ, Jr.) as the church doors seldom opened without him being in the midst of the service. They, along with their families, have remained faithful to our Church. I am privileged to have known them all of their lives.

Sister Ellen C. McNeill

The LORD makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him.

Psalm 37:23 NIV;

LIVINGSTONE CHOIR SINGS IN MOUNT PISGAH

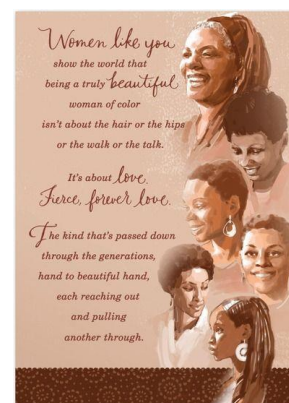


Our church hosted the Livingstone Choir on the 29th of April. Alumni and friends came to enjoy the concert.

MOTHERS DAY – MAY 14, 2017

Hooray for all the moms in our lives! Hooray for the mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, stepmothers, mothers-in-law, aunts, wives, sisters, friends, fellow moms, mentors and women who love with a mother’s heart.

Chances are you know at least a few moms who deserve a shout-out on Mother’s Day. In our Church, I can easily think of three senior-mothers, we are proud to call our own:



Sister Pauline Reeves, Sister Elizabeth Spears and Sister Alberta Currie

The Lord has blessed us with these women and we need to show them our love.

Avoid Sunburn and Summer Illnesses

- **Sunburn:** Use sunscreen and apply as needed.
- **Dehydration:** Drink plenty of water and avoid sugary caffeinated drinks.
- **Burns:** Use caution when dealing with flammable liquids-- camp fires, barbeques, and trash burning. Be safe.
- **Outdoor Injuries:** Swim with appropriate individuals available. **No horseplay in the water.**
- **Food Poisoning:** Do not eat foods left out of refrigeration for more than one hour.

MOUNT PISGAH HEALTH FAIR



For those who missed sharing in the Health Fair activities, they missed information, fun, and fellowship. Plan now to share in the next one. More later!



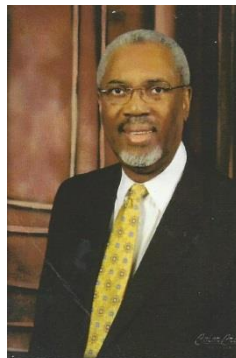
FATHER'S DAY



Father's day is June 18th. This special day is a time to show your Dad (and other father figures in your life) your appreciation for

who they are. We can't be in this world without our fathers, and they have provided us many things from the clothes on our backs to useful tips about life. There has always been the reliable man in our lives, and he has treated us with a stern, yet loving hand.

Praying for a Happy Fathers' Day for Pastor Fuller and the other men in our church and in our lives! Thank you for what you do. We are a better community because of you. **THANK YOU!**
May God Bless You.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you have a skill, talent or ability that needs some exercise? If yes, we have work for you to do in our church. We need teachers for all ages in our education ministries. We need adults who can teach others to tutor in reading, math and other subjects. This newsletter can use

writers, photographers, proofreaders and reporters.

Our Community Resource Center continues to need those who will volunteer

their time and assist when events are held.



This is a rural area, therefore, if we had someone willing to step up and be responsible for a 4-H Club, that would open more doors for our young people. The local N. C. Cooperative Extension oversees 4-H in Hoke County, and they take participants to state and national conventions each year. We can and should sponsor a youth to attend this year's 4-H camp. Individuals learn life skills that will help them today and in the future.



Look around the Church and see where you best fit. You can do something. Choose what you wish to do, get in touch with the chairman of the ministry, our pastor, and/or a friend in the church; then get busy. ***You are needed!***

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MEMORIAL DAY

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GOD BLESS AMERICA

