

THE VOICE

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God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. Hebrew 6:10

A little over a year ago, I arrived late one evening to look around the church, and I saw about 35 individuals working in the church — men, women, and children with dust cloths, brooms, mops and buckets. Everyone was busy working; yet, you were having a great time. That was the act of volunteering that I first witnessed here in Mount Pisgah.

I still see many of you coming forward to do the work of the church. I see you including the newer members and moving forward. Still there is much work to be done! Others are encouraged to join in. Where you see a task that needs to be done, feel free to volunteer and get it done. The CRC is accepting those who have free time during its scheduled events and other times. It is good to have other sets of eyes and ears in the building. The staff is not able to see and hear everything. You could be the one who recruits the next member to our church. Just by talking with a user and/or visitor in building, you may win a soul for Christ. *Your warm and loving attention may draw someone. You never know who may be hurting and in need a kind word.* If you give that word, you will have been the instrument to help bring one more into our fellowship. Everyone needs a little inspiration and biblical reinforcement. It is good to see the membership working together while inviting others to join in. It is a blessing to see individuals who have never taken an active part in a program, step forward and enthusiastically do the task. As we continue to regain our members and to bring in new ones, remember each of us are to use the gifts, talents, skills, and abilities that God has given to us to grow His church.

“All things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, [even] unto the end of the world. Amen.”

Reclaiming, Restoring and Renewing Family Relationships

When the leaves begin to turn from green shades of orange, rust and browns, and when the mornings have a hint of coolness or even frost in the air, you know that something special is on the way. You see that the atmosphere is getting primed for our Annual Homecoming Celebration!

There are three special events in the life of a church; two are the most important in the life of a believer and they are Christmas, when we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Easter when we celebrate His glorious resurrection, the foundation of our faith and our hope. The third, for me, is Homecoming which celebrates the birth of our church, Mount Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church.

Over 116 years ago, Reverend Anderson McNeill had the vision to establish a church here in the Puppy Creek Community upon being led to start a church where the newly freed (35 years) slaves would have a place to worship without standing in balconies or outside windows to catch a little of the worship services. When I think of different trials experienced within the 116 years, I am filled with joy at what God has brought us through, never forsaking us, never leaving us and always keeping and providing for us. It's a time when family, long-time members, former members, friends and community come together to celebrate God, rejoicing in the good things and the great things He has done in sustaining us, particularly when we look back to a year ago when our outlook appeared almost hopelessly. So, invite everyone as we reach out in *Reclaiming, Restoring and Renewing Family Relationships!*





The Fayetteville Veterans Affairs Medical Center's Medical Foster Home (MFH) Program is a voluntary program that offers safe, long-term care in a home-like setting. The program is an affordable, comprehensive-care housing

alternative for Veterans. A Medical Foster Home is an alternative to a nursing home for Veterans who are no longer able to safely live independently, either due to the veteran's own health decline, or quite possibly the spouse/family member's inability to continue providing the veteran's care. The Medical Foster Home Program helps connect Veterans with caregivers who are willing to provide a safe and caring home in the community where the Veteran receives 24-hour care and supervision in a family setting.

Medical Foster Homes have a trained caregiver on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This caregiver can help the Veteran carry out activities of daily living, such as bathing and getting dressed. VA ensures that the caregiver is well trained to provide VA planned care.

The care provided in a Medical Foster Homes is a comparable, if not better level of care than typically provided in nursing home & adult living facilities, and it's at a lower cost to the Veteran. The primary reason one may chose a Medical Foster Homes rather than a long-term care facility is because of the intimate care provided in the Medical Foster Homes. Veterans are receiving 1-on-1 care from someone solely dedicated to their needs, rather than being one of 30, 40+ patients. As well, depending on the size of the caregiver's home, and how many additional people the caregiver is provided care for, such as a child, a spouse, or a parent, the maximum number of veterans that can be placed in a Medical Foster Homes is three (3); most homes only serve two veterans.

The Medical Foster Home is managed under the Geriatric Extended Care Service Line of the Fayetteville VA Health Care System, and works in conjunction with the Home-Based Primary Care (HBPC) Program to provide the in-home medical care needed by aging Veterans. Given that HBPC becomes the Primary Care Provider for veterans placed in the Medical Foster Home Program, these veterans no longer have to attend regular medical appointments at the actual VA Medical Center or VA Outpatient Clinics. They would now only have to go the VA medical center or health care center for specialty appointments, such as podiatry, bone density, and x-rays.

To receive acceptance in the Medical Foster Homes

Program, the veteran must first meet the criteria of Home Based Primary Care. Veterans accepted in HBPC and MFH Programs often have the following health concerns: Dementia/Alzheimer's Disease, heart disease, diabetes, Parkinson's disease, spinal cord injury, blindness, mental health concerns, cancer, COPD, Congestive Heart Failure, Osteoporosis, respiratory diseases, and brain injuries. The Medical Foster Homes cost is paid by the Veteran and is written in the Veteran-Caregiver Agreement Contract.

The VA MFH Program is also recruiting new caregivers. Medical Foster Homes must be owned or rented by the prospective caregiver, and the caregiver must be the caregiver's primary residence—A MFH is not a group home staffed by paid employees. The caregiver must reside in the home with the veteran(s). Prior to being certified as a Medical Foster Home, the prospective home must undergo an inspection by VA staff from the Medical Home Base Primary Care, and Fire/Safety Programs.

Finally, MFH caregivers must have formal or informal experience providing patient care. They also must be physically able to provide the needed care, and have a back-up or relief caregiver to provide care in their absence. The Medical Foster Home Program staff will provide caregivers with thorough training to better serve the veteran, prior to placement of a veteran in their home.

If you are a veteran or family member of a veteran who can no longer live independently, please consider the VA Medical Foster Home Program as a long-term care option. Or if you are a person with previous caregiving experience, interested in a new career providing care for our Nation's Heroes, we ask that you also consider the VA Medical Foster Home Program. Please contact the Medical Foster Home Program Director, Dr. Adrienne O. Monroe, or the Medical Foster Home Medical Support Assistant, Shamara Young at 910.488.2120, extension 7599 to complete an application packet and schedule an interview. **Written and submitted by Dr. Adrienne O. Monroe**



Zamiah Robinson has started her 3rd grade school year off right by making a 100 on her first spelling test. She started school on August 8. She has already learned her first Latin word "ambulos" which means let us pray. Zamiah continues being active in the Church. She sings with the Angel Choir and is active in Bible Study as well as is a praise dancer. Some of you may not know, but she was responsible for collecting more than \$1,000 for Mount Pisgah last year.

APPRECIATION SERVICES FOR PASTOR FULLER

What a year! We, the members of Mount Pisgah, have a reason to praise the Lord! God, in His infinite wisdom, sent us a manservant with a heart for His people and a heart for His church. In the midst of turbulence and almost hopelessness, He sent us Dr. John D Fuller, Sr., who was preordained for such a time when we needed help and guidance. Pastor Fuller came to us, a people with a burning desire to save our church, but a people overwhelmed as to how to do it. Through his faith in the Lord, He took hold of the helm of the ship and skillfully navigated us through the perilous waters of transition to a place of safety, that today we can look back over the past year and sing and shout for victory ***Look Where He Brought Us From.*** That's why today, we are preparing to celebrate the goodness of the Lord in using Pastor Fuller to fulfill this mission. If anyone, anywhere, has a reason to praise the Lord and to show appreciation to our Pastor, then surely it is we here at Mount Pisgah. The celebration will be held, Sunday, September 18, 2016 beginning with the 7:55 with guest Pastor, Reverend Patrick Chia, Lewis Chapel West bringing the message. Then at 10:00, the message will be delivered by Reverend George Northington, Pastor, Maple Grove Baptist Church, Valentines, Virginia. At 12:00 noon, lunch will be served in the CRC; afterwards, the day will culminate with a 2:00 service where the guest speaker will be Elder Larry Bellamy, Pastor, Rhema Ministries Church of God In Christ, Fayetteville, N.C. To all family, friends, and members, please join us in honoring our Pastor while we glorify our Lord for the great things He has done!

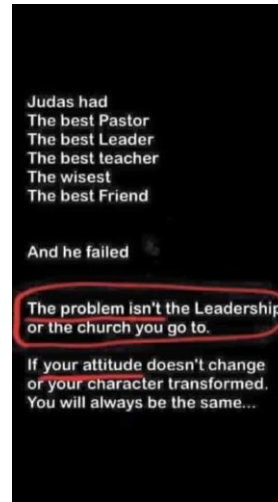
Reverend Mary C. Owens

FOUR DEACONS ORDAINED

As we welcome our new Deacons in their roles, let us keep them in prayer. Additionally, we need to let them know of concerns of the Church.

***Johnny Allen, David Boyd,
Marshall Hadley, and Alphonso Robertson***

As they begin this journey, we must support them.



A Challenge to each Member

Think about it. What is your excuse for not doing more in our Household of Faith? ***What talents, skills, abilities and resources do you have that we, Mount Pisgah, could use?*** We need each individual to do his or her part in making our mission of Kingdom Building one of success.

Man Opportunity for Mission and Evangelism

As many of you know, Minister Vermatine Williams serves in a prison ministry, Kairos, which ministers to incarcerated women, sharing with them the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Each year, many of them give their lives to the Lord and are baptized. The women who serve in this ministry also bring items with them to share with the women to whom they are ministering. They bring home-baked cookies, decorated cards, posters and placemats with words of encouragement from their home churches. They also take monetary donations to help buy meals for the inmates during the week. Each meal costs \$5.00, and when an inmate sits down to eat, there will be a place card beside the plate saying, *donated by Jane Smith* (your name or church's name). It's a great time to exemplify the spirit of mission and evangelism. If individuals or other church ministries would like to help, please see Minister Williams or contact her at 843.557.9795. Be a part - of ***going therefore, teaching all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them too observe all things***

Reverend Mary C. Owens, CED



FOSTER PARENTS NEEDED

Precious Haven, Inc. is looking for individuals and/or families who are able to provide a clean and safe environment. ***All children need a loving home with protective care.*** If you have the time, space, and love, we invite you to contact our office at 910-868-6092 or 910-729-2702. Residential techs needed too! A high school diploma and a valid driver's license are required. Inquire by calling 910-868-6092 during regular business hours.





Historical Baseball Game on Fort Bragg

Ninety-six (96) year

old Alex Clark was able to attend the baseball game on the 3rd of July. His retired military granddaughter, Andrea Graham, made it possible. She also hooked him up with Gilbert Baez who gave him a shout-out on the PA system during the evening.



Women's Ministry Fashion Show (July 23rd in the CRC)

Lately, Mount Pisgah women have truly been on the move! They held the first fashion show in about 20 years. It was enjoyable to see the varied ages of



participants; however, the youth shown below were favorites. If you missed this event, you truly missed a treat. It was a success in every way — participation, a fundraiser, volunteers

providing and serving food, a vendor furnishing formalwear and the men of the church modeling different styles.

Rev. Dr. Yulla Hines will make a presentation at the regional session on October 16th at the St. John Association Building at the Highlands, in Laurinburg. Please plan to be present and to support our President of the Hoke County Missionary Union.

Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. 2nd Peter 2:2

Jaelan Striggles-Black See Jaelan Run



Jaelan Striggles-Black, son of Aliza Kelly Newton and Chris Striggles Black (grandson of Betty M. and the late Charles Kelly), qualified for the AAU Junior Olympics in Houston, Texas for the third year in a row, by placing fourth in the 200 meters with a time of 25.76 and fifth in the 100 meters with a time of 12.58 at the AAU Regional Track Meet held in Virginia in June of 2016. Jaelan competed in the 13 year old age group and competed against 60 plus 13 year old boys from North Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia.

Jaelan placed fifth in his 100 meter heat and fourth in his 200 meter heats at the AAU Junior Olympics, where he set a personal best time of 25.5. This is the fifth time this track season that Jaelan has set a personal best time in races. Jaelan did not advance to semi-finals but his parents are blessed and are extremely proud of all of Jaelan's accomplishments in sports, school, and at home! He is now preparing for a successful football season where he plays running back and corner for the Stafford Eagles.

Way to go Jaelan! Your home Church Family members are very proud of you and wish you the best in all future endeavors

***Tia Hart Community Recovery Program
Annual Banquet
September 24, 2016 5:00 p.m.
Community Resource Center
Tickets \$20 – Call 910-273-6137***

Summer Revival

Reverend Thomas Farrow, Jr.

Revivalist

Rev. Thomas Farrow, Jr. has a firm conviction that the church does not exist exclusively for itself; the church must be concerned about those outside of the four walls. In that vein, since coming to Clinton, Rev. Farrow has committed his talents and time to help better the y. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for United Way of Sampson County. He is also active with the NAACP, the Sampson County Crisis Center, plus he serves on the Emergency Food and Shelter Board. Above all, Pastor Farrow is a lover of God, who approaches the task of ministry with earnestness, sincerity and humility. (Copied from his web-page).



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PUZZLE – MYSTERY PICTURE, WHO IS IT?

This member is active in the choir, teaches Sunday School and is in attendance in meetings and other ministeries of our Church?



He served in the military in several places in the United States and also in Europe.

His favorite sports are basketball and football. He is an ordained minister. Who is he?

SENIOR CITIZENS DAY

Young adults and youth of our church joined together and hosted a Senior Luncheon for all members and/or visitors over 60 years old. The event was on the 17th of July in the Fellowship Hall. They young people did an excellent job of preparing and serving the food. As the seniors filed into the fellowship hall the workers were on hand to seat

them and then to wait on them. One senior stated, *“It was good to be waited on and pampered. Usually, we are the ones working.”* I think others share in that sentiment.

Seniors were also given gifts in bags that could be recycled. The oldest church male is believed to be Deacon Roosevelt Daniel, Sr., and the oldest female is *Sister Pauline Reeves (Miss Polly)*. *Congratulations seniors!*



It was a great day of food, fun and fellowship, as well as one of appreciating the youth and young adults who worked so hard to make it possible.

Celebrating 70 Years

Reverend Vina Clark with her children



The celebration was held in our Church Community Resource Center. It is truly a blessing to have a modern building with a great atmosphere to celebrate with our families and friends. See the CRC Staff to book your next event. Church members receive a discount. *Now is a good time to book your Thanksgiving, Christmas or New Year’s gathering. Call 910-875-0083.*

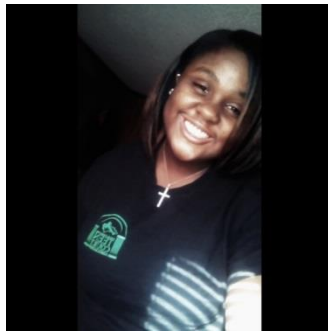


Exodus 20:12: Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

YOUTH REVIVAL

**Minister Nicole Hodges,
Evangelist**

Friday, July 15th Minister Hodges had prepared and bought forward a powerful message for the youth and other attending the annual Youth Impact Revival. As a young adult, who attends Fayetteville State University, she is in touch with today's youth. She speaks their language and knows what's going on.



She is active in her church, and was president of her high school's Student Government Association for three years, where she participated in the Duplin County Teen Court program for seven years as a prosecutor attorney. She continues to be active. She is majoring in communications with a minor in psychology. She aspires to become an educator.

Member churches and others in the community responded to the call to bring out youth. It was evident as young families attended along with many



young adults and seniors. Small books were presented along with the HCMU ballpoint pens. Senator Clark provided the book, **"Triumph Over Adversity, Rise Above, The Story of the Tuskegee Airmen"** and President Hines provided religious tracts and copies of **The Life Book**.

Our church members could be spotted throughout the congregation. All ages appeared to enjoy the atmosphere and the sermon. The Shady Grove MBC Youth provided music, and ushers from the various churches served to meet, greet and direct individuals to their seats.

President Hines has been firm in her beliefs that if you prepare quality ministries for our youth, they



will come and they will participate. If parents and guardians do

their part, the youth will do what is required of them. A rough estimate is that about 350 – 400 individuals attended the ***Youth Impact Revival***, and that's good for a Friday evening.

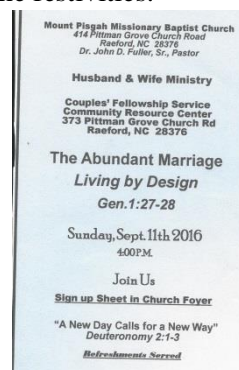


The Rainbow Brunch

Sister Lois Allen led another successful ministry sponsored by the Women of the Church. All photos were copied from Facebook; therefore, we do not have each table. All tables were tastefully prepared. Some individuals really went all out to ensure that their tables were expertly designed.



We were blessed with friends, family members and visitors who came out and fellowshiped with us. The food was attractively prepared, tasteful, and good eating. Young men, too, enjoyed the festivities.



Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"

SPEAKERS FOR MEN'S DAY AND WOMEN' SERVICES

SENATOR ROBERT B. CLARK, III

Senator Clark was the speaker for both services on the second Sunday in July, ***Men's Day***. Clark, a two term Democrat (District 21 Hoke and Cumberland Counties) is also the Democratic Caucus Secretary. He is a member of our Church and often speaks in community gatherings. Clark is a strong supporter of the Hoke County Missionary Union and other church related events.



REV. DR. YULLA HINES

Rev. Hines is an associate minister in Buffalo Springs MBC, and President of the Hoke County Missionary Union. She was the speaker for the Rainbow Fellowship Brunch. She is consistent in her strong support for "mission work."



DR. DION CLARK

Dr. Clark currently serves as the NCWorks Career Pathways Director in the NC Department of Commerce where she develops education and training programs for the NC Workforce. She is the founder of **The Power to Become Ministries** which was established to empower women and families. She is the host of **The Power Perspective** on the WIDU radio network. Dr. Dion has preaching and speaking engagements all over the southeastern United States.



The special event days provided Spiritual food for us to feast on. It is now a pattern. We hear great sermons that provide us with ways and means to grow stronger in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

COMING EVENTS

September

- 9/11 Youth Services with the first appearance of our praise dancers.
- 9/18 Services – 7:55, 10:00 A/M. and 2 P.M.
- 9/25 Hoke County Union Annual Session 3 P.M., Center Grove MBC.

October

- 10/15 Pastor Fuller will preside in a meeting with those interested in the Women Baptist Home & Foreign Mission.
- 10/16 Homecoming 7:55 and 10 a.m.
- 10/31 Hallelujah Night

The General Baptist State Convention Annual Session
Coming To Durham, NC
October 31 thru November 2, 2016

The announcements above are only a snapshot of what is scheduled. Carefully read your announcements in each weeks' bulletin and be accordingly governed.

DON'T SWEAT THE SMALL STUFF

Live beneath your means. Return everything you borrow (in better condition). Stop blaming others. Admit it when you make a mistake. Do something nice and try NOT to be caught. Listen more than you talk. Plan and become organized. Be kind to all people (and animals, too.) Cultivate good manners.



But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.
(Galatians 5:22-23)

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Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.