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MOTTO

Our motto is "Because We Care, We Share". We share our love, resources, and faith with all. We are a Christian family and invite all to become children of God in the fullest way by receiving the teachings and gift of salvation.

MISSION

Our Mission is to maintain the general design of the Church as outlined in the New Testament of the Holy Bible. To extol and magnify Christ and His teachings: To promote the spiritual and moral welfare of its members. To advance the Christian faith and religion: To enforce good order: To aid the needy and suffering within the sphere of its influence both within the congregation and community.

SERVICES

Sunday

8:30 a.m. - Sunday School

10:00 a.m. - Morning Service

4:00 p.m. – 1st and 3rd Sundays; Nurture for Baptist Churches

Wednesday

9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. - Prayer Meetings

11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. - Bible Study

Saturday

11:00 a.m. - Saturday Morning Bible Study



PASTOR'S COLUMN



WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT MANAGING FINANCES

- **SAVE MONEY, BUT DO NOT HOARD IT**
 - Spend money with discretion and control
 - Proverbs 21:20 There is a desirable treasure, and wealth in the dwelling of the wise, but a foolish man squanders it.
- **GIVE BACK TO GOD JOYFULLY**
 - 2 Corinthians 9:6 – 7 But this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.
- **USE MONEY TO HELP OTHERS**
 - 1 John 3:17 – But whosoever has this world's goods, and since his brother in need, and shuts up from his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? My little children, that is not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.
- **WE ARE RESPONSIBLE TO PROVIDE FOR OUR OWN HOUSEHOLD**
 - 1 Timothy 5:8 But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.
- **GOOD STEWARDS OF WHAT GOD IS GIVEN US**
 - God is the owner of everything. We are the managers of what he is entrusted to our care.
 - 1 Peter 4:10 As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, good stewards of the manifold grace of God.
- **A SINGLE WORD – WISDOM**
 - Ecclesiastes 7:12 For wisdom as a defensive money as a defense, but the excellence of knowledge is that wisdom gives life to those who have it.
 - While both wisdom and money may provide protection, the advantage of wisdom is that it gets life. Many as the means of supporting a physical life, but money cannot procure the favor of God, nor gift to the soul.
- **THE BIBLE'S CONSISTENT MESSAGE ON MANAGING MONEY IS TO BE WISE**

Contributed by Deacon Richard Moore



FROM THE EDITOR

WOMEN'S HISTORY

Hattie, Sallie and Jeanette Hall and my grandmother, Gladys Hall Mc Koy: Unsung heroes that have really influenced how I live my life and who I have been able to talk to and touch.

Hattie, Sallie and Jeanette left rural North Carolina in the 40's and moved to New York City. They knew that life in a small farming town would leave them with few options, like being a Domestic or farmwife like their older sister. Coming from a large family and having little money to go to school, they decided to move north and try to secure jobs. Gladys married young, having nine children. Without formal secondary education, my great aunts became hairdressers and Hattie worked in the Garment District. My grandma Gladys remained in the South and raised her family on a 100 plus acre farm.

What is so impressive about my aunts is that they saved and pooled their earnings and bought their own Hair Salon, where Sally and Hattie worked. Later in life, all three of them bought an apartment building, living in part of it and renting out the rest.

My aunts lived there for years during the Harlem Renaissance. With their fashion and beauty sense, they could have graced the covers of Ebony, Jet or Life. My mother remembers them always wearing makeup, furs, dresses, and heels. When they visited their hometown, they always brought clothes from New York City for their nine nieces and nephews. They bought dresses, jewelry and shoes for my grandma Gladys. Although not working outside the home, she had the same fashion sense and pride in herself and her children and looked like she had just come from New York herself whenever she was 'going to town.'

My aunts followed their hearts in hard economic times and dared to do what I am sure my family thought was impossible. To live in New York City alone and not only make it but become quite financially comfortable, enough to retire and move back to their hometown to continue to take care of their nieces and nephews and by then great-nieces and nephews.

Ironically, at the funeral of my Aunt Hattie a few years ago, a stranger stopped me and asked me if I was a relative from New York. "It was something about the way I carried myself," he told

me which signaled to me my maternal elders have done well. Their hard work and entrepreneurship have been passed to me in my attempts to be a published author, professional speaker, certified coach and community volunteer.



An Interview with... Rev. Kima Cunningham

Rev. is a Black, Woman, Dayton and Mt Enon history fact. Here is a conversation with her!

Q: When and how did you know you were called into the ministry?

I was called into the preaching ministry in the spring of 1997. I was actually doing a keynote speech for a faculty luncheon at Sinclair Community College. I remember distinctly; it was about change. And it was powerful and I felt people coming along with me. I felt the energy in the room. That part was nothing new. I always knew I had the ability to impact people's lives but this was different. As I walked out of the room, I said to myself "You really spoke well today." And I distinctly heard God say, "No, you preached. And that's what I'm calling you to do." I was terrified. Literally terrified. I had no desire to preach. My plan was to become a motivational speaker, go on the circuit, and make lots of money. And instead of me going on the road, with the urging of my father-in-law, God sent me to seminary. Which I found really interesting because he struggled with the idea of women preaching, particularly his daughter-in-law. But it worked out...it took years. After God said preach, he told me to go sit down. So, while I attended seminary, I sat on the second row at Mt. Enon for 12 years, between Mrs. Bobo and Mrs. Porch. And I struggled. And I waited. And I was humbled. And in due season, God made a way.

Q: In today's liberal society, why do women still face so much opposition, or do they?

A few of my sister preacher friends went out to dinner about a month ago. They range in age from 25 to 65. And all of them have experienced prejudice, ridicule and opposition. Some of our fellow preachers or the brothers and sisters in many of our congregations don't believe that God calls women. Most

don't even attempt to use scripture; it's just not something they were raised to believe. Those who do use scripture extract the text and use it outside of its context. They choose the passages that embrace their belief without leaving room for other texts which pose a different thought. Even though my father-in-law struggled, his greatest desire was to dialogue, to look at all sides of the issue. He would say, "if I can admit that maybe scripture does leave room for women to preach, then can you say that there is room to see where scripture doesn't endorse it?" As we wrestled together, my response was, "but he called me and as sure as I know my name, I know he called me to preach. I ran like an Olympic sprinter but God caught up with me and he didn't let me rest until I said yes."

Q: Is it important for more women to be part of the ministry?

It is important for all men and women to be who God has called them to be. Nearly 70% of seminary students are women. But I don't think God is calling more women. I believe that more women are answering. It's still difficult, but we are saying yes. It's very much a struggle but we are still saying yes. We will never be part of the old boy's club, but we are still saying yes. Because God tells us, "And we know that all things work together for them that love God and are called according to his purpose." In order for me to make some sense of my life and to live the abundant life, God has promised us, we have to answer the call, whatever it is, to be and do what God created us for.

Q: What Most People Don't Know About Me:

That I love Westerns and old movies. I love reading Stephen King novels. That I'm really a loner. That while I'm a preacher, I'm also Mike's wife. That after a day of ministry, I still have to go home and take care of my husband and my stepson, when he's there. I still have to manage my household. That I feel guilty when I say no. That I'm learning to value my family more. And that as Ms. Barb gets older, I have to reserve more time for her. She's my momma, but most of all she's my girl. I'm working on hanging out with her more!

Q: Name some women ministers who inspire you.

I truly believe that Esther Pearl Burton was called to preach. She was a wonderful woman, active in the district and state conventions. She was my mentor, my friend, my spiritual mother. She taught me so much and I quote her today. A woman full of wisdom, who operated in the structure she lived in but never failed to deliver a powerful prophetic word, even if it was just on Women's Day. She impacted men and women alike and she was such a blessing to me. She inspired me to preach and to still be a lady. To preach and still honor the feminine. To preach and still be a good wife and mother. I miss her tremendously. There was another sister in Dayton, Mrs. Irene Ford who was an inspirational to me as well.

As far as women we see around the country, Rev. Jackie McCullough has always inspired me as well as Rev. Renita Weems, Rev. Gina Stewart and Rev. Carolyn Showell. There are a number of others. Unless

you go to conferences, you hear very few women who have honed their craft and committed their lives to this ministry. My list continues to grow.

Q: How does it feel to be the first woman preacher at Mt. Enon?

I'm not sure. I actually never thought about it until people began to say that to me. I was in it, going through it, struggling to maintain my dependence on God, to deal with the opposition from so many who didn't understand that this was not my call. I owe much to my father-in-law because in the end, he supported me in every way he knew how. I owe much to Pastor Harold Cottom, who was brave enough to license me and to Pastor Cory Pruitt's bravery to call us all out before he was even our Pastor!

It feels good as I see other sisters accepting the call, knowing that I can be a support to them, that perhaps their way won't be as difficult. Looking back, I see what God has done, even in our church family. But I also see what God is going to do as we all begin to operate in our gifts. Eyes haven't seen, neither have ears heard, neither can we even imagine the great things God has in store for us! I'm humbled that God chose me and I'm honored that God uses me, but most of all, I'm grateful that the gift blesses and encourages the body. God gets ALL the glory!

BIO

Rev. Kima R.H. Cunningham was called to the preaching ministry in 1997. She is first and foremost a servant committed to preparing people for God's purpose and connecting people to God's presence.

A serious student committed to unearthing those principles that form the foundation for living purposeful, intentional lives, she is currently working for the Montgomery County Office of Family & Children First as a Program Coordinator providing oversight for supportive services throughout the community. A powerful preacher, she is an associate minister at the Mt. Enon Missionary Baptist Church where she served for many years under the pastorate of her father-in-law, the late Rev. Dr. John F. Cunningham. She now serves under Mt. Enon's new pastor, the Rev. Cory J. Pruitt where she is a Ministry Leader for Young Adults and chairs Womens Ministries.

She also serves as the Director of the Interfaith Campus Ministry at Central State University, where she oversees weekly worship services on Sunday afternoon as well as conducting engaging bible study during the week.

Also a dynamic and energetic teacher, she specializes in workshops designed to spiritually empower and celebrate men and women alike. A much sought-after conference speaker, Rev. Cunningham has spoken to various churches, organizations and women's groups across the country.

She has a B.A. in Journalism from the Ohio State University and a Masters of Divinity from Payne Theological Seminary.

Convicted and convinced that God is calling his people to greatness, she often quotes Jeremiah

29:11, "For I have plans for you, says the Lord, for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope..."

She is part of a powerful ministry team, delightfully married to Michael Cunningham, a gifted musician, for 21 years with one wonderful stepson, Alan, who is an anointed psalmist and songwriter. Founder of C.R.O.S.S. Ministries, (Christians Reaching Out to Save Souls), her prayer is that the lost will be brought into the body of Christ worldwide, educated, empowered and encouraged through her prophetic gift of preaching and teaching.

Source: Mikeandkima.com



BOOTSIE

Born in Alabama, raised in Buffalo, NY, educated at Howard and a UD alumni, Sister Idotha "Bootsie Neal" is a genuine Black, Woman, Dayton, Mount Enon History fact.

Currently President of non-profit Wright Dunbar, Inc. which is chartered with the redevelopment of the West Third Street business corridor in the City of Dayton, "Bootsie" as she is known was elected the first African American female to serve on the Dayton City Commission in 1991. She supported legislation to reduce poverty and to stop predatory lending. Idotha proposed civil services changes to diversify the safety forces and formed non-partisan partnerships that helped move the city of Dayton forward. She served 3 terms until 2004.

She helped construct and redevelop so many places in Dayton Ohio such as: Fifth Third Baseball Stadium (home to the minor league baseball team Dayton Dragons), Schuster Performing Arts Center, the expansion of the Dayton International Airport; Zion Cultural Arts Center, Riverscape, and destruction of several Brownfield Sites.

She earned her B.A. Degree in Sociology with a minor in Secondary Education from Howard University, in Washington, DC and her Master's Degree in Counselor Education in Human Services from the University of Dayton. She has completed post-graduate coursework towards a Master's Degree in Public Administration at UD as well.

Also, Sis. Idotha is the recipient of many prestigious awards for her community service. The Greater Dayton African American Chamber of Commerce awarded her the Developer of the Year recognition in 2011 for her accomplishments as an outstanding African American Business and Community Leader and for her role as head of non-profit Wright Dunbar.

She is a motivational speaker and the owner of Neal and Associates, a training consulting firm. She has presented at the United Nations and conducted numerous workshops nationally and internationally. She has been a guest lecturer/speaker in South Africa, Brazil, Bosnia, Germany, Japan, and Zambia. In 1989, she was appointed by the Governor of the State of Ohio to serve as a Commissioner on the Ohio Lottery. Currently she teaches at Central State Univ.

Sources:

Central State website
The Dayton Biz Journal
Wright Dunbar Website
Bootsie!

MISSION AND EVANGELISM 2013 RECAP

Reporter: Sister Vanessa Givens

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Activities recap

Evangelistic team

On July 27, 2013, the evangelistic team held the Evangelism Explosion Community Outreach in the Family Life Center parking lot.

With the purpose of spreading the good news, the evangelistic team provided an afternoon of faith, fun, and fellowship. They met the physical needs of God.

Our Evangelistic Team demonstrates our motto “Because We Care, We Share.”



MOUNT ENON MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH'S VOICE II

Hattie Jackson Guild Girls Capeing Ceremony

September 22, 2013, Mount Enon was the scene where 16 girls from various churches, received their purple and white capes, in a ceremony denoting their initiation into the organization known as the Hattie Jackson Guild Girls.

The Hattie Jackson Guild Girls organization is the missionary for young ladies who have answered the call to serve mankind through Christian service and being a living witness for Christ.

When wearing the white dresses, the cape is also worn and the left side is turned back to reveal the white underside. The cape is a visible symbol of the girls' Christian character. The purple symbolizes royalty and the girls' kinship to Christ. The white epitomizes purity and the chaste, virtuous and honorable spirit that each girl should possess.

The theme of the ceremony was "A Servants Heart" (Matthew 25:30 – 41) with the Sis. Bea Heflin. Sis Heflin encouraged the girls to wear their capes proudly and rely on Christ and to keep a Servants Heart.

The Guild Girls counselors placed the capes on each of the girls. The program ended in song, "I Need You To Survive."

The Guild Girls were honored to have in attendance the former Guild Girl counselors in attendance. They include Sister Lucille Vance, Sister Marva Bolden, and Sister Bessie Harris.



WOMEN IN RED PROGRAM

Women Covered Under His Blood... When Wise Christian Women Gather, Marvelous Things Happen

Titus 2:2 – 5

This was the theme of the Women In Red Program which was held September 29, 2013. This program was a time of remembrance, reflection, rejoicing, and celebration.

The red reminds us that without the shedding of blood, there is no remission of sins. Hebrews 9:22. This blood is the Blood of Jesus, which takes away the sins of the world.

We reflect on the fact that we have been bought with a price and that we are fearfully and wonderfully made. 1 Corinthians. 7:23, Psalms 139:4.

We rejoice in the fact, that the elder, who are gray-haired grateful to God for his blessings of wisdom and grace and the younger women, more energetic vibrant and ready to get things done, yet realizing that they lack the wisdom to bring it all together; these women, who are covered under His Blood, these wise Christian women gather, marvelous things happen. This is why we celebrate.

The program began with the call to worship which was led by the young women in The Spirit Of David Praise Dancers. Prayers of consecration for men was delivered by Rev. Kima Cunningham, and for the women, pastor Cory J. Pruitt.

We next took a moment to reflect on the trailblazers who laid the foundation of the various mission programs of our church. The women who founded and brought order to our mission program. Women such as Sister Cloteal Lewis, for serving as the organizer and first director of the John F. Cunningham Mission House; Sister Sophia Woodson, who initiated Mt. Enon's Jail Ministry; Sister Ida Chase exemplified the Christian spirit of servant and Sister Kathryn Allen, who is our surviving trailblazer, was instrumental in the coordination of 50 Missionary group activities of our church.

Our celebration would not be complete without the inclusion of praise. We were ushered into the very courts of God with the praise that was led by the Sisters In Christ Chorale. The soul stirring renditions, reminded us, whose we are. So much so that we continuously came to our feet to join in the adoration that the Sisters In Christ delivered. They indeed blessed our souls!

MOUNT ENON MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH'S VOICE II

Another component of our program was the celebration of service. The Mission and Evangelism Ministry's executive officers reinstated two awards, Ida M Chase award and the Kathryn Allen Award.

The Ida M Chase award was created in 1987 to recognize outstanding Christian and Missionary service amongst the members of Mt Enon. The recipient of this award are:

- Bro. Morton Branham for his work as founder and organizer of the First Fruits Ministry,
- Deacon Ralph Winfrey for his work visiting our members who are hospitalized and for his missionary aptitudes,
- Sr. Barbara Dammons for her work seeing to the needs of senior members,
- Rev. Arthur Thomas, for 17 years of leadership and service with the Jail Ministry,
- Brothers James Carlton and Robert Turner for the work in the shut in visitation ministry.

Kathryn H. Allen award was instituted in 1993. This award is given to the mission organizations that have demonstrated uncommon service to our church, our community, state and foreign mission. The recipient organization of this award are:

- The mystery circle for eight years of continuous missionary service,
- The Annabelle Howard Ministry for 50 years of continuous missionary service,
- The Nursing Home Visitation Team the public recognition of their outstanding service to those who are in nursing home facilities.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

The Mission and Evangelism Ministry's executive officers have decided to present a special one-time only award. This award is called the Mt. Enon Missionary Evangelism Award. This award is for someone who is the executive officers felt demonstrated the true spirit of the Great Commission.

This award was presented to someone who is a longtime member of Mt Enon. This person has touched many lives, both young and old, within the walls of our church, but more importantly, outside the walls. Going along the highways and by-ways of our community, this person thinks the Great Commission given by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ very seriously. Unashamedly, apologetically, spreading the Good News to anyone who will listen. Because the passionate devotion to the Evangelistic Ministry, the recipient of the Mt Enon Missionary Evangelism Award was Sister Ruby Robinson.

the Mt Enon Missionary Evangelism Award is a one-time award, because from this day forward the award will always be known as the Ruby Robinson Evangelism Award.

MOUNT ENON MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH'S VOICE II

With the presentation of this last award comes the moment we have been waiting to hear inspiring words of our guest speaker. Our First Lady, Sister Talisa Pruitt, introduced our speaker, The Spirit of David Dancers offered their praise and worship in dance performing to the song "Break Every Chain."

In her presentation, Sis. Metcalf directed us to our theme scripture which defined how we as Wise Christians Women are to conduct ourselves. How the elder women, no matter what the age, (because we are all elders to someone) are required to share our life experience. To be real and honest. Let others know, we have not always been "HOLY" To lovingly correct the action and not judge the actor. She let us know that when we remember that the Women Covered under His Blood... We become wise Christian women who can make Marvelous Things Happen!



WOMEN IN RED WEEKEND

The Meet and Greet

The Meet and Greet occasion for Sis Mozelle Metcalf, occurred on Saturday, September 28, 2013 with the participating organizations of the Missionary and Evangelism Ministry, District and State officers in attendance was coordinated by Sis. Audrey Lockhart of the Mystery Circle.

MOUNT ENON MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH'S VOICE II

As Sister Metcalf arrived, she warmly greeted everyone as she entered the room. Formal introductions were made by Sister Deborah Mc Dade, President of the Mission and Evangelism Ministry as well as announcements regarding the program.

Everyone enjoyed the evening and before it was over, President. Beverly Harrison of the Mystery Circle, made Sister Metcalf an honorary member of the Mystery Circle.



1st Fruits Ministry Honors Sister Sandra Reddens

Sunday, November 3, 2013, 1st Fruits Ministry honored Sister Sandra Reddens for her tireless dedication to the efforts of 1st Fruits Ministry. Sunday after Sunday Sandra prepares meals for over 200 people.

The Bible says by two witnesses is a thing established, there were many more than two witnesses to establish the fact that Sis. Reddens works diligently with her hands. She stretches out her hands to the poor and the needy. She is a kind gentle in spirit. A woman of virtue.

For these reasons, the children call her blessed; her coworkers in the 1st Fruits ministry honor her. Her employer, the City of Dayton, praised her good works. And the mayor named November 3, 2013 SANDRA REDDENS DAY!

May God continue to bless you and work of your hands Sis Reddens!

MOUNT ENON FOOD PANTRY OPENING

Our long-awaited Mt Enon food pantries opened for operation on November 21, 2013. The Pantry is working in cooperation with the Food Bank who will supply many of the food items for our pantry; however, donations from the congregation are still necessary to round out some of the missing items that may occur.

Since we're working with the Food Bank, which is a Federal Program, we will have to comply with certain guidelines. These guidelines include how the pantry must be maintained, operating, stocked and client intake procedures that have to be met. There are also guidelines for those who wish to use the pantry.

Specific information must be made available to the pantry staff in order to meet the needs of the client. The information that is needed are the following:

Your Name

Your Address

City, Zip Code

Telephone Number (Area Code)

Number of People in Household by Age

You Must Bring The Following Items:

Picture ID

Address Verification

(DP&L, Vectren, or Other bill)

Social Security card

Mt. Enon's Food Pantry is running and will be opened on the 3rd Thursday of each month from the hours of 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Pantry will be in operation by appointment. Call the church office at 937-222-0867 for an appointment on the 3rd Monday, the hours of 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. and Tuesday the hours of 5:00-7:00 p.m.

JUNIOR LAYMEN

TRAINING THE NEXT ROYAL PRIESTHOOD

The Junior Laymen is the Missionary Outreach Ministry for boys 8 to 18, with the goal of helping young men successfully navigate through the toils of life. This group has about 20 participants ranging in age from 8 to 18 years of age.

The Junior Laymen meet every first Saturday of the month started 9:00 a.m. for Open Gym. Here is where they can get some exercise and work off any stress they may have. At 10:30 Brunch begins after which is prayer time, then the Spirit Word And Life Lessons discussion takes place.

The Junior Laymen program also includes various trips and activities. Past activities include: the Laymen Retreat; trip Hocking Hills, John Bryant State Park; visits to the Wright Brothers Memorial and the African American Museum.

Activities for 2014 include visits to the Underground Railroad, the Air Force Museum, Mohammed Ali Museum, Car Wash, working in a Farmers Market. These activities emphasize the idea of exploring your own backyard.

Building relationships and monitoring through activities, the Junior Laymen Program is facilitated by the Senior Laymen and the other men of Mt Enon and are known as the Junior Laymen staff.

These men provided total picture of the Christian men (men of faith as well as men of substance.) Men who provide the Junior Laymen with living examples of men of faith who own businesses, have careers that young men might not considered as a career choice.

Who are the Junior Laymen? They are young men:

Brandon Davenport, a third grader at the Dayton Boy's Academy who likes to learn about God and Jesus. He is a student mentor. His career choice is to be an Athletic Coach. His favorite verses 1 King 7:8, where it talks about the construction of God's house.

Nathan Davenport, is a 6th grader at the Dayton Boy's Academy who is an usher because he likes helping people. His career choice is to be a professional football player. His favorite verse is Genesis 1:1, because he likes the thought of how God made the heaven and earth for us to live on.

Edward Love II, a ninth grader from the Dayton Regional STEM School. He is a 3-year Honor student with a 3.8 GPA. He has an award for perfect attendance and the Jr NYLC Award. He is a member of Macedonia Baptist Church where he participates in Bible Study and youth trips. He says he participates in these activities because he wants to learn about the Lord and hang out with Christian youth. His career choices are Civil, Electrical, and Environmental Engineering.

Trevon Battle, is a freshman Honor student at Trotwood Madison High school. His school activities include swimming, tennis, cooking class and scholarship opportunity. His career choices is to be a chef.

Ja' Quan Lane is a 10th grader at Gen. Chappie James High School who plays football and basketball. His career choice is plumbing and real estate.

Gregory B. Henderson is a 10th grader at Pontiz Career Technology Center where he plays basketball. He likes Bible study because it helps them learn more about God. His favorite Bible verse is the 23rd Psalm because it was the first one he learned. George's career choice is to be a Psychologist because he wants to help people that the government gave up on.

Da'Mir Kimble is a seventh grader in The North Dayton School of discovery. He plays basketball and soccer in school. He is an usher church because he likes helping people. His favorite Bible verse is Luke 2:14 and his career choices to be a Photographer.

Hassan Kimble is a ninth grader at the Dayton Regional STEM School where he is an Honor (Valedictorian) Student with a 3.6 GPA and plays basketball and soccer. His career choices are professional sports player and a Crime Scene Investigator. Hassan is an Usher. He ushers because it gives him respect for others and Junior Laymen helps him become a man and meet people. His favorite verse is Philippians 4:13 because it keeps him motivated and knowing god is with him.

Javon Hill is a 9th grader at the Dayton STEM School. He is a Basketball player at Stiver's and was the MVP (Most Valuable Player) for an all-star game. He is on the Honor roll. His career choices are Software Engineering and Game Creator. His favorite verse is 1st John 3:16 because says it applies to him.

Carl ("Dell") McCoy is a 12th grader at General Chappie James High School. He likes playing Basketball. His favorite Bible Verse is: "Nothing Is Impossible for God," because it's true. His career choices are Professional Basketball Player and Nursing.

Tavion Darden is a 10th grader at Dunbar where he plays Basketball and Football. He likes helping the less fortunate and has the career choice of Engineering

Derrick Dillard is an 11th Grader at Belmont High School where he plays basketball, football, baseball and soccer. He likes the church activity of going out of town for camping all-nighters. His career choices are professional basketball player and an Artist.

Deloquowntay Groce is a 9th grader at Stiver's High School who likes singing Clubs and playing basketball and like to be a professional basketball player.

Ray Lee Groce is a 8th grader at Stiver's High School who likes singing and playing basketball and would like to be a professional basketball player.

These are some of the young men who are impacted by the Junior Laymen Program.

Junior Lehman Staff

Brother Dave Edwards

William 'Champ' Dammons

Brother Keith Courts

Trustee Daryl Adkins

Brother Jimmy Fields

Brother Brad Wilson

Minister Dennis Kimble

Brother Winston Ferguson



CHRISTMAS CARE PACKAGES

The Military Christmas Care Packages drive collected sample size toiletries (i.e. deodorant, shampoo, feminine hygiene, razors, toothpaste, etc.) These items were dropped off in the church office

Everything that our soldiers received was appreciated; see the attached email from 1st Lt. Donald Zeck, a soldier stationed in Afghanistan, recipient of the package for Christmas, 2012.

Let's remember that there are many servicemen who are not with their families for the holidays and are lonely for contact. Because we care we share this with the military only to be uplifted, the distressed to be comforted, that the soldier sitting in some desolate land as they are remembered and that we are praying for them.



Email from soldier from 2012

MARION ANDERSON



In celebration of women's history, this article will focus on Marion Anderson, the country's first African American singer to perform with the New York Metropolitan Opera in 1955. The article will also show how important the black church was in Marion's and many black artist's careers and accomplishments.

Marion Anderson was born February 27, 1897 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The oldest of three girls, Marion was just six years old when she became a choir member at the Union Baptist Church.

Although Marion displayed great vocal talent, her family could not afford to pay for her training. Members of her church congregation raised funds for her to attend a music school for a year. Her father, a coal and ice dealer supported his daughter's musical interest and when Marion was eight, bought her a piano. With the family unable to afford lessons, the prodigious Marion taught herself.

After her father died, Marion remained deeply committed to her church and its choir and rehearsed all of the parts, soprano, alto, and bass in front of her family until she perfected them. She earned the name, "baby Contralto." Anderson's commitment to her music and her range as a singer so impressed her choir that the church banded together and raised enough money, \$500.00, to pay for Anderson to train under Giuseppe Boghetti, a respected voice teacher.

After studying with Bogetti, opportunities soon followed including performing at Carnegie Hall and eventually embarking on a tour through Europe. By the late 1930s, Anderson's voice had made her famous on both sides of the Atlantic. In the United States she was invited by President Roosevelt and his wife Eleanor to perform at the White House, the first African American to receive this honor.

Despite Anderson's success, not all of America was ready to receive her talent. In 1939 her manager tried to set up a performance for her at Washington, D.C.'s Constitution Hall. But the owners of the Hall, the Daughters of the American Revolution informed Anderson and her manager that no dates were available. When word leaked out about what had happened, an uproar ensued, led in part by First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt. Ms. Roosevelt invited Marion Anderson to perform instead at the Lincoln Memorial on Easter Sunday. In front of an audience of more than 75,000 Anderson performed a riveting performance broadcast live to millions of radio listeners.

Although opportunities earlier were limited for African American Classical performers, today the public is familiar with African-American superstar opera singers like Leontyne Price, Shirley Verrett, My favorites, Jesse Norman, Kathleen Battle and Denyce Graves www.biography.com/marion-anderson

I will never forget the first time my teacher, who was black, had the class listen to Marion Anderson. I must have been around 9 or 10 years but realized her voice was distinct and beautiful. I developed an early interest in music that, like Anderson, was nurtured and encouraged by the church. I formed my own Gospel Group in high school, and the School choir director introduced me to classical music performing solos for school activities. For the past 20 years I have performed with the Dayton Philharmonic Chorus. I will be performing Beethoven's Ninth Symphony with the Dayton Philharmonic Chorus in May.

-Lois Foy.



Daily Checklist for a *Happy Christian*

- ✓ Don't let little things disturb you.
- ✓ Face each day knowing "Jesus does all things well."
- ✓ Give all your cares to Jesus.
He heals - He guards - He guides - He saves completely!
- ✓ Stop worrying! Do good, and then let the Father,
Son, and Holy Spirit give the results in your life.
- ✓ Remember -- what you think is "impossible",
to God, is nothing more than a passing breeze.
- ✓ Trust Jesus that everything will be okay.
For it's better to trust, than to doubt and miss a blessing.
- ✓ Do not do God's work for Him.
He convicts; He convinces; He will be the Judge.
- ✓ Look for the good in everyone, and don't find fault.
- ✓ Live so that all who meet you, meet Jesus.
- ✓ Know that Jesus is with you and nothing else matters!

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Romans 12:2

*May you never be conformed
To the world and all its ways,
To be fashioned by its customs
And to do what others say
May you be so transformed
By the renewing of your mind
As you meditate on God's word,
On His presence you will find
That you will be renewed
And changed so you may prove
What is the perfect will of God
And that which is good for you
For God so longs for us
To become as Jesus Christ,
To always walk in conformity
To His purpose and will for our lives.*

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