

Mount Sinai Missionary Baptist Church

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Celebrating
Our
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Year

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Welcome To The Mount



Where.....

**The Preachers Preach
The Music Ministers
And The People Praise**

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Call to Worship

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MSMBC Mission Statement

The divine mission of the Mount Sinai Missionary Baptist Church is to be a positive and effective witness, corporately and individually, for our Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 1:8). We are called to win lost souls unto the Lord through preaching the gospel, and to build up and to mature believing souls through preaching, teaching, prayer and fellowship.

Scripture references for

MSMBC Mission Statement

Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 9:31;

Romans 1:16; Ephesians 4:11-16

Responsive Reading

Psalm 119: 88-90 (NIV)

MINISTER In your unfailing love preserve my life, that I may obey the statutes of your mouth.

CONGREGATION Your word, Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.

ALL Your faithfulness continues through all generations; you established the earth, and it endures.



Sermon Topic: _____

Speaker: _____

Date: _____

Notes: _____

My Notes

Key Verses

Key Points

Questions/Reflections

Church & Livestream Etiquette Refresher

Remember that this is God's House.

- Turn off cell phones
- Please do not live stream
- Don't enter/exit center aisle
- Be mindful of the cameras
- **DISPOSE OF YOUR TRASH PROPERLY**
- **NO FOOD OR DRINK IN SANCTUARY**

****Please note,*

***NO** medications, including over the counter drugs such as Aspirin, Tylenol, Antacids, etc. will be dispensed by the Health Awareness Team.*

**May God Bless You &
Keep You.**

From Our Pastor

Dear Family and Friends of the Mount

A. W. Anthony Mays, Senior Pastor

Greetings! “Thanks, be unto God for His unspeakable gift” (2 Cor. 9:15). God’s unspeakable gift to mankind is our Savior, Jesus the Christ, the LORD. He is the answer to reaching lost mankind. He said, “If I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all peoples unto Myself.” No gimmicks, no false baiting, simply exalt (present, point out, magnify) Jesus and He will then draw. Amen.

This month of April we celebrate 125 years of continuing church-life in the Mount Sinai Baptist Church. It is a major milestone. The years cover at least five generations of members. When recently reading and sharing from Paul’s sixth chapter of Second Corinthians, I was impressed with his description of his ministry. I read how his ministry went from “high’s” to “low’s.” I read how Paul determined in whatsoever circumstance he had to face, he wanted to be consistent in his ministry and to “put no stumbling block in anyone’s path, so that our ministry will not be discredited” (2 Cor. 6:3, NIV).

Paul wrote of great endurance, troubles, hardships, distresses, beatings, imprisonments, riots, hard work, sleepless nights, hunger, purity, understanding, patience and kindness (2 Cor. 6:4-6, NIV). And in all these things which came upon him Paul did not want his ministry to be discredited.

I pray this for the ministry of the Mount Sinai Church. I pray that in all our years, as a church, and in all our experiences our church ministry is never discredited. I pray that we, as a church, would never be discounted and disregarded. We are certainly not a perfect church (none are, no not one), but even so, we must, and can be regarded as sincere and genuine.

We are so grateful for all those who have gone before us, for those who sowed the seed; those who laid the foundation; for those who walked by faith; for those who did not surrender and did not quit. Blessings upon them all who are now in that great cloud of witnesses (Heb. 12:1, 2).

Christ will one day return to take unto Himself His Bride, which is the Church. In the meanwhile, Christ is working on His Bride, washing and cleansing and making sure there are no blemishes (Ephesians 5:22-30). Therefore for 125 years Christ has been and continues to work on, and within His Church. And so we celebrate, “For

every mountain, you've brought us over, For every trial you've seen us through,
For every blessing, Hallelujah for this we give you praise!"



MOUNT SINAI MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

APRIL 14
ELEVEN O'CLOCK AM

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FIFTH

125th **CHURCH**
ANNIVERSARY

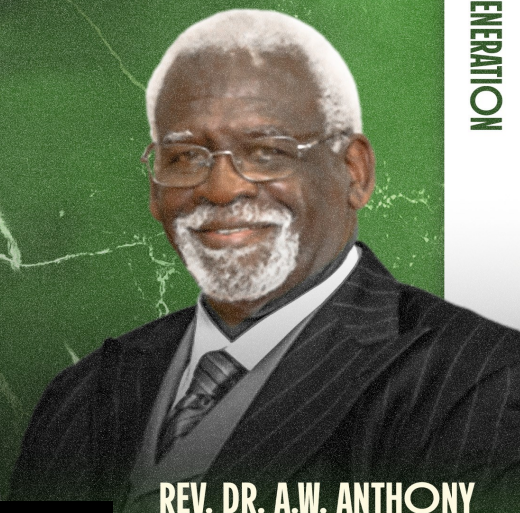
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REV. FRANKLIN D.
SAMPSON, JR.



REV. DR. A.W. ANTHONY
MAYS

MOUNT SINAI BAPTIST CHURCH 8500 CAMERON RD. AUSTIN, TX 78754

Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary to all who are celebrating in April!

April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 St. John Executive Bd. Mtg. 10:00am Lydia Circle 5:30pm Bible Study 6:30pm Ministry Mtgs. 7:30pm	2 Anniv. Comm. Mtg. 5:30pm	3 Hannah Circle 10:45am Wednesday Devotion with The Pastor (Phone Call) 12:00pm Discipleship Training 6:00pm	4 Reconciliation Ministry 6:00pm Renew, Refresh, Restore: Young Adult Bible Study Zoom 7:00pm	5 Seniors' Ministry 11:00am GSA Ministry 6:30pm	6 Deaconess Mtg 10:00am InReach Ministry (Zoom) 10:00am Rachel Circle (Zoom/Conf. Call) 1:00pm
7 Junior Mission "Dress for Success" Outreach Church School 9:45am Baptism, Morning Worship & Communion 11:00am Morning Worship 11:00am	8 Ruth Circle 11:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Deacon's Mtg 7:30pm Ministry Mtgs. 7:30pm	9 Church Staff Updates 10:00am Dorcas Circle 10:30am	10 Elizabeth Circle 10:30am Sarah Circle 11:00am Wednesday Devotion with The Pastor (Phone Call) 12:00pm Discipleship Training 6:00pm	11 Priscilla Circle 5:30pm	12	13 Youth Min. Day 10:00am
14 Junior Mission "Dress for Success" Outreach Church School 9:45am 125th Church Anniversary 11:00am	15 Lydia Circle 5:30pm Bible Study 6:30pm Ministry Mtgs. 7:30pm	16	17 Hannah Circle 10:45am Wednesday Devotion with The Pastor (Phone Call) 12:00pm Discipleship Training 6:00pm	18 Renew, Refresh, Restore: Young Adult Bible Study Zoom 7:00pm	19 Seniors' Ministry 11:00am GSA Ministry 6:30pm	20 Diabetic Testing 6:00am Environmental Awareness (Active Shooter) Training 9:00am Women's Ministry Wellness & Healthcare Workshop 10:00am Rachel Circle (Zoom/Conf. Call) 1:00pm
21 Junior Mission "Dress for Success" Outreach Church School 9:45am Morning Worship 11:00am	22 Ruth Circle 11:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Ministry Mtgs. 7:30pm	23 Church Staff Updates 10:00am Dorcas Circle 10:30am	24 Elizabeth Circle 10:30am Sarah Circle 11:00am Wednesday Devotion with The Pastor (Phone Call) 12:00pm Discipleship Training 6:00pm	25 Priscilla Circle 5:30pm	26	27 Boys To Men Class with Youth 10:00am Junior Mission "Dress for Success" 10:00am St. John Youth Day (St. John College Heights) 10:00am
28 Church School 9:45am Morning Worship 11:00am Men's Ministry and Intermediate Women Mission Outreach 1:00pm	29 Bible Study 6:30pm Ministry Mtgs. 7:30pm	30 Financial Stewardship Workshop 6:00pm				

THE HOMAN ILLUSTRATED STUDY BIBLE
ONE-YEAR READING PLAN
April 2024

1 Lev. 15	Isa. 8	Ps. 60:1-5	Lk. 4:16-37
2 Lev. 16	Isa. 9	Ps. 60:6-12	Lk. 4:38-5:16
3 Lev. 17	Isa. 10:1-19	Ps. 61	Lk. 5:17-6:16
4 Lev. 18	Isa. 10:20-34	Ps. 62	Lk. 6:17-49
5 Lev. 19	Isa. 11	Ps. 63	Lk. 7:1-17
6 Lev. 20	Isa. 12-13	Ps. 64	Lk. 7:18-35
7 Lev. 21	Isa. 14:1-22	Ps. 65	Lk. 7:36-8:10
8 Lev. 22	Isa. 14:23-32	Ps. 66:1-12	Lk. 8:11-39
9 Lev. 23	Isa. 15	Ps. 66:13-20	Lk. 8:40-9:9
10 Lev. 24	Isa. 16	Ps. 67	Lk. 9:10-50
11 Lev. 25	Isa. 17	Ps. 68:1-6	Lk. 9:51-62
12 Lev. 26	Isa. 18	Ps. 68:7-14	Lk. 10:1-24
13 Lev. 27	Isa. 19	Ps. 68:15-18	Lk. 10:25-11:4
14 Num. 1	Isa. 20	Ps. 68:19-27	Lk. 11:5-23
15 Num. 2	Isa. 21	Ps. 68:28-35	Lk. 11:24-54
16 Num. 3	Isa. 22	Ps. 69:1-4	Lk. 12:1-7
17 Num. 4	Isa. 23	Ps. 69:5-12	Lk. 12:8-12
18 Num. 5	Isa. 24	Ps. 69:13-18	Lk. 12:13-34
19 Num. 6	Isa. 25	Ps. 69:19-28	Lk. 12:35-13:9
20 Num. 7:1-47	Isa. 26	Ps. 69:29-36	Lk. 13:10-17
21 Num. 7:48-89	Isa. 27	Ps. 70	Lk. 13:18-14:6
22 Num. 8	Isa. 28	Ps. 71:1-8	Lk. 14:7-24
23 Num. 9	Isa. 29	Ps. 71:9-16	Lk. 14:25-15:10
24 Num. 10	Isa. 30:1-17	Ps. 71:17-24	Lk. 15:11-31
25 Num. 11	Isa. 30:18-33	Ps. 72:1-11	Lk. 16:1-18
26 Num. 12	Isa. 31-32	Ps. 72:12-20	Lk. 16:19-17:19
27 Num. 13	Isa. 33	Ps. 73:1-12	Lk. 17:20-37
28 Num. 14	Isa. 34	Ps. 73:13-20	Lk. 18:1-14
29 Num. 15	Isa. 35	Ps. 73:21-28	Lk. 18:15-34
30 Num. 16	Isa. 36	Ps. 74:1-11	Lk. 18:35-43

MOUNT SINAI MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Mount Sinai Baptist Church
MONDAY EVENINGS
6:30 pm

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Church School

Every Sunday
9:45 am

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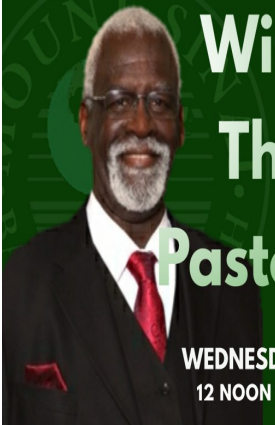


* Inspiration * Information * Invocation
Interpretation * Intercession

MOUNT SINAI MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Wednesday Devotion With The Pastor

ALL IN
30 MINUTES



WEDNESDAYS
12 NOON CST

Pastor A. W. Anthony Mays, Senior Pastor

Dial-In Number

717-908-1960



Participant
Code

8954063



Playback Number

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Join us for our weekly

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

Every Wednesday
Beginning at 6 pm

Classes with YOU in mind!!



By Angela Irving

As we look back over our lives, we can see that God has been good. Every day that we wake up, we not only have a new day, but we have a new beginning. No matter what happened the day before, today is a new day. It is a day that we have never seen and will never see again. If we messed up yesterday, today is a new day to try and get it right. Don't let what happened on yesterday or even last year over-

take you and stop you from enjoying the new day and new beginning that God is giving you today!! There is a song about the God of another chance. Thank goodness for second, third, or even fifty chances. I don't know about you, but I ran out of chances as soon as I got them and needed another one. We cannot let our past mistakes yesterday, cloud the beauty that God has set before us today.

At night before we go to bed, we may go over our day, the good, the bad, and even the ugly. Sometimes, these thoughts can disrupt our sleep. We are so worried about what happened on that day or yesterday, that it robs us of precious rest. Just know that we can lay all our troubles, burdens, heartache, and headaches, at the feet of Jesus. I Peter 5:7 (NIV) states, "Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." Don't let your yesterday, overshadow the newness of today.

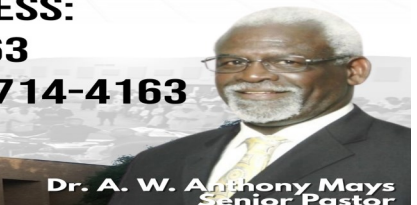
Even though circumstances in our life change day after day, one thing that doesn't change is our God. God's grace and mercy never changes. Hebrews 13:8 (NIV) states, Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today and forever." Today is a new day, a new beginning so enjoy it!!

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Senior Pastor**



2023-2024 YOUTH DAY



YOUTH DAY

EVERY 2nd & 4th SATURDAY
10:00 AM

Invite a Friend

FELLOWSHIP • BIBLE • FOOD LESSONS

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Sis. Traci Jackson
Youth Director

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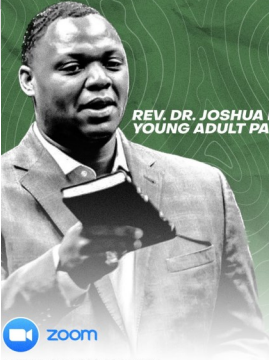
Min. J. B. Martin
Youth Pastor

MOUNT SINAI BAPTIST CHURCH PRESENTS

RELEVANT AND REAL BIBLE STUDY FOR YOUNG ADULTS AGES 19-40

YOUNG ADULT REFRESH AND REFUEL

THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY




REV. DR. JOSHUA REESE
YOUNG ADULT PASTOR

EVERY 1ST, 3RD, AND 5TH THURSDAYS OF THE MONTH

7P-8P

zoom

MEETING ID: 989 6046 5374
PASSCODE: 176624



SENIORS' MINISTRY

Deacon Jerry Barr, Chair
Deaconess Linda Barr, Co-Chair
Min. Leo Morris, Senior Adults Pastor
Rev. Dr. A. W. Anthony Mays, Senior Pastor

1st & 3rd Fridays of
The Month
11:00 am

Seniors' age group
is 55+



 Mt. Sinai Fellowship Hall

We welcome each and everyone to come out and enjoy fellowship from a seniors' perspective

DO YOU NEED PRAYER?

The Senior Mission Auxiliary Call-in-Prayer Warriors Ministry is available to receive your name and phone number in the Call-In Prayer box located in the church foyer if you are in need of someone to pray with you.

Additionally, you may call-in at (712) 775-7085, access code 941768# and leave your name and number. Prayer Warriors are available Monday at 10 am, Tuesday at 10 am, Wednesday at 8 am, Wednesday at 1 pm, Thursday at 5 pm, Friday at 6 pm, Saturday at 4 pm and Sunday at 4 pm.

Your name and number will be given to one of our Prayer Warriors who will call and pray with you. All information shared with Prayer Warriors will be held in confidence. We stand on God's word in Ephesians 6:18, "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;" If you have questions, please call Sis. Jackie Ealey, Assistant Coordinator, at 512-577-2295.

REACH OUT TO US



JOIN THE GSA & APD

Environment & Active Shooter Awareness

With all that is happening today, the GSA Ministry has invited the Austin Police Department to provide a 2-hour workshop about "active shooters" and everyone is invited. Come and get informed on how the police are trained to address these situations, how we can assist them in protecting ourselves, as well as ways to avoid this situation, if at all possible. This workshop will take place on Saturday, April 20th from 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM. Someone once said that "safety isn't expensive, it's priceless". Being aware of circumstances that can help protect us is important. So, please Save The Date and tell a friend!

**2 Hour Workshop by
Austin Police Department**



Bring a friend!! Everyone is invited!!!!

**Saturday, April 20, 2024
9:00 am until 11:00 am**

CONGRATULATIONS
2024 GRADUATES



**BACCALAUREATE
SERVICE**

MAY 19TH
11:00 AM WORSHIP

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2024 HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES
WE ARE PREPARING FOR OUR BACCALAUREATE SERVICE AT THE MOUNT.
PLEASE SEND HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE INFORMATION WITH THE BEST
PHOTO!

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Thank you Mt. Sinai Church Family



For supporting Troop #45800

Thank you for Encouraging & Supporting



Girl Scouts - Troop #45800



The Village continues to make a difference!

Thank you for supporting the Girl Scouts. We are blessed to have an AMAZING group of girls that are connected to the Mount family. Three of the girls grandparents/great grandparents (Fenner, Robinson, Jobe) attend the Mount. What a blessing! Again, we say Thank you for your kindness! Ola Jobe, Troop Leader #45800



Don't forget our Senior Saints and the Sick & Shut In!

We Are Family

Have you called to check on one of our Senior Saints or someone on the Sick & Shut In list?



- We miss you
- How are you doing
- Is there anything you need
- Can I pray with you

You are not alone! We're in this together!

SENIOR MISSION NEWS

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven." Matthew 5:16

MOVING FROM MISSION,
TO MESSAGE, TO MINISTRY

Sis. Jackie Robertson,
President



The Mt. Sinai Senior Mission Auxiliary, under the leadership of Sis. Jackie Robertson, President, would like to salute our member, **Sis. Irene Ates**, on her recent recognition as one of the Past Presidents of the St. John Regular Baptist Association. Sis. Ates faithfully served as President of St. John Mission 1 for twenty years. Presently Sis. Ates serves as President Emeritus.

Sis. Ates has also served in leadership positions with the Missionary Baptist General Convention of Texas (Instructor of Senior Mission 1 and Treasurer); South Central Regional Convention of Texas (Treasurer under the administration of 3 Presidents); and National Baptist Convention of America International, Inc. (Co-Chair of the Austin Area and Vicinity Field Missionaries).

Sis. Ates community involvement includes Co-Founder & Treasurer for Austin City-Wide Youth, a Girl Scout Leader, in the National Education Association, Texas State Teacher Association, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

Congratulations Sis. Ates!
Job Well Done!
To God be the Glory!



2023-2024 Texas State High School Bowling Season Highlights

Zandria Davis – Senior, Brentwood Christian School

Wow! What an amazing almost end of Season Year for Senior Zandria Davis. She is the **Texas State High School 2023-2024 State Varsity Girls Champion** among 132 female bowlers. On Sunday, March 24, 2024, she topped 2,461 pins at the Dick Atkinson State Championship Tournament, after rolling 5 rounds in 11 match-play games. The First qualifying round selected top 16, as Zandria commanded 4th of the 47 Top Texas High School Girls. Second through Fifth rounds she dominated wins for the



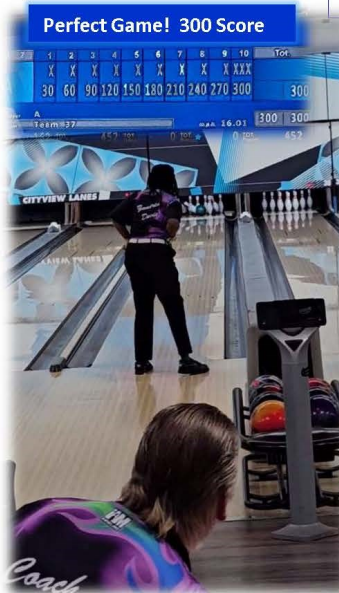
Mar. 3, 2024 Regional Varsity Champions

final 1st place win. The crowd notices her tenacity during the second qualifying round when she rolled a Perfect 300 Game!! She shows off the bowling ball that gains her the highest possible score in tenpin bowling, which is a 300. University scouts looked on, as the crowd cheered with winning shot!



Watch Instagram at [zandy.rolls](https://www.instagram.com/zandy.rolls)

Zandria has been especially excited for little Sis. Zuriel Davis, who also has an exceptionally great first year with the Texas High School Bowling. Zuriel qualified 3rd of 5 finalists from Chisholm Trail District competing the Regional and State Championship Tournaments concluding as 44th Rank on the Scout Report.



Perfect Game! 300 Score



300 Game Ball – Idol Cosmos



L to R: Coach Davis, Zuriel Davis, Zandria Davis, Coach Smalls

Zuriel joined the Chisholm Trail Varsity Girls Team during the 2023-2024 Season and shows off her skills, winning the season 3rd Top Varsity Girl with a season average of 187. Girls show Team medals.



Chisholm Trail District IV Top 5 Girls



2023-24 Zuriel Chisholm Trail Awards & Accomplishments

- Varsity Girls Singles – 3rd
- Varsity Girls Team – 3rd
- Region IV Varsity Girls Singles – 3rd
- Finalist All-District Team - 3rd
- State Singles Finalist – 3rd
- USBC Girls Doubles State Tournament – 8th
- Scout Rank Texas – 27 of 47
- District Average – 187

2023-24 Zandria Awards & Accomplishments To-Date

- Oklahoma Christian University Merit Scholarship 2/2024
- Chisholm Trail District Varsity Girls Singles – 1st
- Chisholm Trail District Varsity Girls Team – 3rd
- Chisholm Trail Varsity Girls – Player of the Year
- Chisholm Trail Region IV Varsity Girls Singles – 1st
- Chisholm Trail Finalist All-District Team - 1st
- Chisholm Trail District State Singles Finalist – 1st
- Dick Atkins State Championship Varsity Girls Singles- 1st
- USBC Girls Doubles State Tournament – 8th
- Scout Rank Texas – 1 of 47
- Chisholm Trail District Average – 225

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CONVENTION OF TEXAS



St. John

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HOST PASTOR

REV. W. T. GLYNN,
PRESIDENT MBGCT

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INSTITUTE CHAIRMAN

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Twenty-Twenty Four



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NBCA PRESIDENT
SISTER EARTHA CROSS

April 12 - 14

JOIN US FOR THE

MINISTERS WIVES, WIDOWS & WOMEN'S

Conference

THEME

2024

"Renewing Your Mind, Spirit and Soul"

REGISTRATION FEE: \$50

Sister Sarah Brooks, Host
Sister Gaynell Lane, Co-Host

Friday, April 12th

6:00 PM - 7:15 PM Workshops

General Assembly: Operation Andrew/Barna Group

PK (Pastors' Kids) Class: Lady Laurie Jackson

Saturday, April 13th

9:00 AM - Prayer Breakfast

Pastels and Pearls

Guest Preacher

7:30 - Worship Servie

Pastor Derrick Jackson

First Baptist Church Gallatin



Guest Speaker

Dr. Betty Winston Bayé

African American Journalist

Sunday, April 14th

4:00 PM - Worship Service

Guest Speaker

Dr. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr., President NBCA Int'L, Inc.



HOST CHURCH

Saint James Missionary Baptist Church

600 28th Ave N · Nashville, TN 37209

Reverend Dr. George T. Brooks, Sr., Host Pastor



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Sister Sarah Brooks 615.478.7326

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Rev. S.C. Dixon, General Secretary

JOIN US IN CHARLESTON, SC

June 24-27, 2024

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Young Adult Convention

Youth + Children's Convention



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NBCA President



Dr. Joel D. Taylor
Congress Director



Rev. Christopher Wesley
Young Adult Convention Director



Rev. Brandon Wooley
Youth + Children's Convention
President

DENIM DIAMONDS

Womens' Ministry Meeting

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FOCUS ON WOMEN'S HEALTH & SELF CARE

SATURDAY | 20TH APRIL | 10:00 AM

Mt. Sinai Baptist Church

8500 Cameron Road
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Family Life Center

Sis. Angela McNeal
Spiritual Journaling

Sis. Carol D. Taylor
Women's Ministry
Coordinator

Dr. Shalonda Horton
Guest Speaker

No one can
block
the blessings
that
God has for
you.

At the time of this printing, we have just celebrated another Resurrection Sunday. While in preparation for this glorious occasion, I reflected on the movie, "The Passion of The Christ" which premiered twenty years ago. And one scene, in particular, always resonated with me. Do you remember the scene where Jesus was laboring to carry the cross and onlookers were jeering and shouting at him? In this scene, Mary was making her way through the crowd to follow him and as she looked past Jesus to the other side where others were mocking him, was a dark character moving through the crowd which we came to discover to be a representation of satan. And that scene stuck with me. Why?

Because we know that satan is real and I Peter 5:8 warns us, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour". The thing about the evil one is that he doesn't come in the pointy horns and red cloak that many cartoons portray him. No, he can use anyone at any time for his agenda, as my brother, Min. Matthew Mays says, "To cause chaos". And because of this, we must stay prayed up so that we don't end up becoming some of his "chaos agents" (term credited to Min. Matthew Mays).

The sad thing about "chaos agents" is that they can sometimes be a family member, a loved one, a partner, a friend, a co-worker, etc. Sometimes we get discouraged by the drama or mess that may come our way. And sometimes we get discouraged thinking that our path has been blocked. But, I'd like to remind us that God's Word states in Romans 8:28, "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." So, don't worry. Don't fret. God has not forgotten you! Trials may come, but rest in knowing, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11)
What God has for me is for me! TGBTG!!



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