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*"Claim Your Authority to Receive
Your Abundance"*

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From the Desk of

Pastor L. B. West, D.R.S.



“THE MISSION OF GOD’S AUTHORIZED PEOPLE”

All of our Heavenly Father’s
children have been authorized

to enact their ministry work with people to whom they have been assigned. The Heavenly Father has personally selected and personally authorized every believer to perform an assigned task in doing their specific work.

As authorized believers, we’ve been given a specific assignment to enact on an always, every day, and as often as you can, basis.

The always, every day, as often as you can basis requires 3 things:

- A deeply rooted, activated faith in The Maker and Supreme Ruler of Heaven and of Earth
- A deep seeded understanding that it is God who works within you, both to will and to do for His good pleasure.
- A deep entrenched belief that victory is on the way.

Our mission, as authorized believers, is found in the very first verse of the 40th chapter of Isaiah.

God says to Isaiah, “*Comfort, yes, comfort My people.*” He says, “*Speak comfort to Jerusalem...*”

We are living in a day and time when people, right here in the DMV, in this country and indeed in the world, need to be comforted. The days are filled with negative challenges, cares, and concerns.

The fact that we’re challenged daily is nothing new. The history of Black people in this country, is filled with challenges, and it’s not only Black history, but it’s American History.

It’s interesting that there are those in our society, who would love to rewrite some of the historical records of true American history and erase some of the challenges of our people in the past.

They would love to change the historical records of inventions and contributions created from the minds and hands of Black ingenuity and creativity. Rather than give proper credit where proper credit is due, some people would prefer to spew conspiracy theories and untrue tales.

The whole story still hasn’t been told but thank God for the stories that have been recorded and told and especially those stories which have never been recorded but have often been told.

The history of Black people in America has not always been eloquent, but because of a determined people and because of our devoted and dedicated Heavenly Father, Black people's fate in America has been and is being transformed.

In other words, history is still in the making. For the most part, most people are no longer victims. While injustices still exist; while voter suppression still raises its ugly head; while oppression is still alive; while discrimination is yet still present in some hiring disciplines, people have learned and are still learning how to claim their authority and become victors instead of being the victim.

While we've made tremendous strides in this country, we still have a long way to go where everyone will feel that their lives and their contributions are both appreciated and valued as an American citizen.

Even in the midst of these atrocities, our Heavenly Father says to all of His Authorized Believers, to COMFORT, COMFORT MY PEOPLE. I believe The Lord is saying, you've got everything it takes to comfort My people. You've got all you need to offer encouragement and hope to all of My people.

As authorized believers our task is to:

1. POPULATE THE ATMOSPHERE WITH POSITIVE VIBRATIONS

That's the assignment from our Heavenly Father. He says, I see my people's plight. I see their challenges. I hear their concerns. I recognize and acknowledge their needs. And as My representatives on earth, the thing I want you to do is to comfort these, My People. Encourage them by letting them know that "All things are working together for the good of all those who believe. That's why it's important to have A DEEPLY ROOTED, ACTIVATED FAITH

in The Maker and Supreme Ruler of Heaven and Earth.

If you want to be a strong encourager, if you want to be seen as one who people can count on for an encouraging word; If you want to be known as one with empathy and much felt and much expressed compassion, then you will need to develop and put on display a deeply rooted, activated faith in The Lord God Almighty.

Your deeply rooted, activated faith comes from your having been tried and tested by the proving fire.

The proving fire is the fire you have to go thru to develop you into being an Authorized Believer. The proving fire are those challenges you had to face when the pandemic was raising its ugly head.

The proving fire are those challenges you had to face when you were laid off your job and there was no income coming in the house, but there were plenty of expenses going out of the house.

The proving fire is a tough fire. It's hot and it will burn. But the good news is, The One who has commissioned you, the one who has Authorized you, is the same one who is developing you into being an Authorized Believer.

He knows that Authorized Believers have been through the fires, they've been thru the floods. God knows that Authorized believers have a faith that's been both tested and tried, and He knows that their faith is true.

Therefore, He knows He can count on their activated faith. Their faith has already had its workout. God knows He can now count on them to exercise their faith to encourage others in Him.

Your and my assignment is to fill the air around you and others with positive

vibrations. Let others know they can expect victory to come their way. If not on their behalf, then certainly on your behalf.

You see beloved, you've got to know that God will not let you down. You've got to know that God has made certain that all these things are working together for all your good. Why? Because you've demonstrated your love for God and your knowledge that He has called you for such a time as this.

Comfort one another by encouraging one another.

Instead of complaining about a person, why not use the keys that The Lord gave you in having conversation with The Heavenly Father about that person's plight.

The Lord said, And I will give you the keys of The Kingdom of Heaven. Prayer is one of those keys. So don't complain, use the key called prayer.

As a believer we know that prayer changes things, and we also know that prayer changes people. So, if you want someone to change, or if you want a situation to change, then why not lift them, and/or the situation up in prayer unto The Lord, and one thing is for sure, based on our beliefs, change will occur.

Either they will change, the situation will change, or you will change. So, populate the atmosphere with positive vibrations. Another primary assignment as an authorized believer is to:

2. PURPOSEFULLY SPEAK DIVINE COMFORTS IN OTHER'S EARS

People are good at speaking negative things, but verse 2 says: "Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her, that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned..."

Authorized believers know that every word which comes out of their mouth may or may not be their own. As an authorized believer, some words you speak do not originate with you. They originate with The Developer of all things yet to come.

As an authorized believer, The Lord not only speaks to you, but He also speaks directly through you in conversations with others.

God says: "Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her, that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned."

When engaged in conversations with others, the authorized believer will always listen for God's voice, as He is specifically speaking to an individual.

The authorized believer is not totally and only dependent on what he/she knows. The authorized believer is dependent solely on the voice of God speaking into his/her ear for that particular moment.

The authorized believer is listening for the exact words that The Lord wants to be purposefully spoken into the ears of the receiver.

Listen to what He says in verse 2: "Speak comfort to Jerusalem and cry out to her." Speak with a comforting voice. Comfort those who serve the people by letting them know, purposefully, that their warfare is ended. Let that audience know that the city's atrocities, her iniquities have been pardoned. Let them know, you're there to offer them comfort.

Your assignment for the time you're there, is to speak purposefully in their ear, what The Lord has spoken in your ears.

Tell them, in spite of what it looks like, God is still in control. In spite of what it seems like, God is going to make all things work

together for the good of those who love The Lord and are the called according to His purpose.

So, populate the atmosphere with positive vibrations, and purposefully speak Divine comforts in other's ears.

One more assignment as an authorized believer is to know and expect that:

3. PROMISES MADE ARE PROMISES KEPT

Verse 3 records, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of The Lord; Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Notice it's after the voice cries out, which is after having been tried and tested, then God promises that: "Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill brought low. The crooked places shall be made straight, and the rough places smooth; The glory of The Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

Comfort God's people by letting them know that when God makes a promise, He keeps that promise.

He made a promise to our forefathers/mothers that he had seen their oppression, He had heard their cries, and He knew of their sorrows. God promised that He would come down to deliver them out of the hands of their oppressors; and He would deliver them up to a land flowing with milk and honey.

He promised that though that land was being occupied now by others that the same land would be provided for their families and their loved ones.

God made that promise and history records that things began to turn around for those who are African American. History is still

being made today, which means The Lord's promises are still being kept.

To all the young people today, you can be anything you set your mind to be. Just a few short years ago, we elected our 1st Black President of these United States of America.

Two years ago, we elected the first Black Woman to the Office of Vice President of the United States of America.

]Last year we saw the first Black woman ever nominated and sworn in, on the highest court in the land, the Supreme Court.

Today there are more Black Congress men and women serving their districts than there have ever been before in the history of this country. There are more judges, more lawyers, more medical professionals, more CEO's, more accountants, more engineers, etc. all over this country.

I mention these to hopefully encourage you to always put your best foot forward, for as you walk and work, you are making history. Our mission is to comfort God's people. In spite of all the negativity you hear, we as children of God are to comfort God's people.

As you walk and work populating the atmosphere with positive vibrations, comfort God's people. As you walk and work purposefully speaking Divine Comforts into other's ears, comfort God's people. As you walk and work, remember promises made by God are promises expected to be kept, so comfort God's people.

Therefore, you can expect every valley to be exalted. You can expect every mountain and hill to be brought low. You can expect the crooked places to be made straight. You can expect the rough places to be made smooth. Comfort My people; encourage My people; lift My people up. Put a smile on their faces; give them reasons to appreciate where

they're going. The promise land is just ahead. ■



Church Theme 2023:

Claim your Authority to receive your Abundance

John 10:10 (NKJV)

Mount Airy Baptist Church



Professor Barbara J. Smith Recognized for 50 Years of Service

by Sister Jacquelyn Britt



Professor Barbara J. Smith began her career in the Bowie State College of

Education in 1972 and was recognized for 50 years of service during the 2022 Employee Recognition Program. The annual program recognized 47 faculty and staff for years of service in five-year increments and Presidential Awards for achievement and service.

When Professor Smith started teaching at Bowie State, the university didn't resemble how it looks today.

“I’ve been fortunate to witness this university grow as a campus and as a major contributor to the education and culture of the residents of Prince George’s County and the State of Maryland,” said Professor Smith. “I’m honored to have been blessed to touch the lives of thousands of students and faculty members at BSU for over half a century. Someone asked me why have I stayed so long at the university, and I told them it’s simple. My passion has been and always will be teaching at Bowie State.”

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Howard University Men's Swimming and Diving Team wins the 2023 Northeast Conference Championship

by Newsletter Ministry

Howard University Men's Swimming and Diving Team wins the 2023 Northeast Conference Championship. A Son of Mount Airy Baptist Church, Rev. Courtenay Miller ('09 AΩ) serves as the team's Diving Coach.





Howard University Men's Swimming and Diving Team's hard work paid off on Saturday, February 25th when the Howard Bison won the 2023 Northeast Conference Championship, their first title in 34 years!

For the second year in a row, Howard's coaching staff, led by Director of Swimming & Diving Nicholas Askew, has been named NEC Coaching Staff of the Year! Howard is the only HBCU with a Division I Swimming and Diving Program, and we couldn't be prouder of our Bisons.

Congratulations to the entire team and coaching staff for their outstanding achievement! Let's continue to show our support for our Howard student-athletes and keep the spirit of excellence alive!

Rev. Courtenay Miller also serves as the 3rd District's Chaplain.

 #HUswim #NECChampions #HBCU #BisonPride #OmegaPsiPhi 

February is Heart Health Month

by Missionary Brenda Botchway, Health Ministry

To showcase Heart Health Month the Health Education Ministry had two dynamic speakers: Rev. Gail Harris Berry, Volunteer Ambassador Advocate for the American Heart Association and Women Heart

organization and Mrs. Jerrice Blunt, NREMT (National Registry of Emergency Management Technicians) of the District of Columbia Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department.



Our first speaker, Rev. Berry, shared her personal, passionate, testimony of heart disease which started in 2006. It was then at 43 years of age that she experienced her

first heart attack.

Then later in November of 2021 while at her Cardiologist office for a stress test she had one, which lead to open-heart, double bypass surgery the next day!

Rev. Berry's take away:

1. Be persistent about your health, what you are feeling and experiencing in your body and tell your doctor/health care provider. Don't let it be written off as just stress or because of age.
2. Know your family history of heart disease and other health conditions. She has a family history of heart disease on paternal side.
3. Heart Disease is often a "Silent Killer." It can come suddenly in the lives of those who least expect it.

Rev. Gail Harris Berry stated, "I am a Living Testimony and I thank the Lord that I'm still Alive".



The next speaker, Mrs. Jerrice Blunt and Emergency Medical Technician in D.C. is active in the community. She provided very useful, informative, and

practical information about Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Automated External Defibrillator (AED).

CPR improves a person's chances of surviving a cardiac arrest (when the heart has stopped beating). An AED is used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest by sending electrical currents to the heart. It is an easy-to-use medical device that analyzes the heart's rhythm and then, if necessary, it delivers an electrical shock or defibrillation to help the heart re-establish its normal, effective, rhythm. Mrs. Blunt shared an important fact: You can't hurt a person who is dead by providing CPR or using an AED. We are protected by the "Good Samaritan Law". So please do what you can to try to save a Life.

Other Tidbits:

1. Anyone can do CPR with the proper technique. Even using the elbow or heel of the foot! Or if confined to a wheelchair.
2. Mouth-to-mouth CPR is not widely recommended. Compressions only are used in CPR today. Compressions are when you use your hands, if necessary, elbow or heel to push down hard and fast in a specific way on the person's chest. This hands-on style compressions were demonstrated with her mannequin.
3. Always Call 911 when or before you do anything else.

4. If an AED is available, use it. The AED will give verbal commands to guide its use and increase survival chance.

5. The church's AED machine is located on the 2nd floor by the elevator. Ms. Brenda Botchway, Chair of the Nurses Ministry and member of the HEM retrieved the device for the audience to view.

6. All should learn CPR and how to use an AED. Here is a link to a site in DC that offers a range of types of CPR from free hands on CPR to certificate level classes and their fees. There is also a link to the American Red Cross site for training and certification information

<https://dc.gov/service/cpr-training-program>

<https://www.redcross.org/take-a-class>

The Common Thread with both presenters is to take ACTION for yourself or another. It could save a LIFE.

Black History Presentation February 2023

by Sister Jackie Smith

We are explorers. The first to reach the North Pole.

We are astronauts. History makers on space missions.

We are inventors. Transforming a nation. Changing lives. From open heart surgeries to gas heating furnaces to light bulbs, traffic lights, touch-tone phones, pacemakers, and so much more.

We are artists. Soul-stirring actresses, actors, poets, authors. Shifting the Black narrative. Winning high honors and gaining our rightful recognition for our excellence.

We are athletes. That do more than just dribble, run, serve, throw long, or punch hard. We are champions. We are more than high-profile celebrities. We are role models.

Coaches. Analysts. Athletic directors.
Physical therapists. Record-breakers.
Advocates on and off the playing field.

We are policymakers, politicians, lawyers,
judges, doctors, nurses, teachers, preachers,
scholars. Dismantling the school to prison
pipelines. Raising generations of thinkers
and doers.

We are researchers, scientists, computer
wizards, law enforcers, therapists,
counselors. Recognizing the roots of our
injustices, trauma, and challenges.
Redefining our blackness one truth at a time.

Many would rather we stay confused
wanderers with no sense of direction or
purpose.

But God is our guiding light. Made in His
image, we are not a lost cause. We are
destined to be more than conquerors.

We are overcomers.

Triumphant men and women. Once enslaved
people. Forced to leave our families,
villages, and countries. Shipped across the
Atlantic. Beaten by whips, greed, racism,
oppression. Servants to white Americans.
Black mothers feeding their children. Men
toiling their fields—cotton, wheat, sugar
cane, and tobacco.

We are shackle breakers. Builders of
America's infrastructure.

Warriors for freedom. Civility. Equal pay.
Voting rights. The right to live above the
poverty line. The right to pray in our pews.
To sleep in our homes. To grow old.

We are the descendants of great leaders—
King, Malcolm X, Rosa Parks, Tubman,
Douglas, Thurgood Marshall, John Lewis.

We are the sisters of Kamala Harris. The
brothers of Barack Obama. We are

witnesses of history. Deliverers of hope.
Change. Progress. Determined for all of us
to win.

We aren't crabs in a barrel. We are the
village committed to today's youth.
Tomorrow's innovators. Seasoned gems
with years of wisdom and legacies untold.

Names and accomplishments that are never
forgotten.

We are storytellers. Believers of God,
Family, and Community.

We are Black history. Everyday.

We give thanks to our historian Dr. Carter
G. Woodson, for leading the fight for the
establishment of Black History Month. A
man who knew we deserved to be
celebrated.

Together, we continue to honor our past,
change the present and march toward the
future. In love. In faith, leaning on the Lord.
Leaning on one another. Paving our path of
Black History.

Mount Airy Announcements:

Join us for our **Virtual Corporate
Prayer Sessions** Monday – Friday
from 7:00 am – 7:30 am **and** from
7:45 pm – 8:15 pm. Join us by calling
(267) 807-9611. Once connected, use
access code 996801 and press the #
button.

Join us in our **Corporate Worship
Service** on Sunday mornings from
9:30 am– 10:30 am by one of the
following:

1. In-person in the Sanctuary

2. **Freeconferencecall.com** (Dial-in (267) 807-9611; Access code 996801 #)

3. **Facebook Live** (Search: Mount Airy Baptist Church)

To attend in-person service, you will need to **wear your masks**. **The North Capital Street door will be opened until 9:20 AM; after that you must enter through the “L” Street door entrance.**

ADULT SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL (CLASS #1) on Sundays at 8:15 - 9:15 am. Join by calling (202) 926-1080. Once connected, use access code 507598 and press # button.

ADULT SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL (CLASS #2) on Sundays at 8:15 - 9:15 am. Join by calling (667) 770-1920. Once connected, use access code 2549975 and press # button.

TRANSITION CLASS on Sundays at 8:00 - 9:15 am. Join by calling (425) 666-4245, (NO ACCESS CODE).

ADULT BIBLE STUDY on Tuesdays at 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Join by calling (267) 807-9611. Once connected, use access code 996801 and press the # button.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY on Thursdays at 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Join by calling (202) 926-1080. Once

connected, use access code 507598 and press # button.

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- **CashApp: \$MABCDC**
- **PayPal:**
<http://www.mabcdc.org>
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Golden Time of Day

by Newsletter Ministry

We take pleasure in highlighting our Mount Airy trailblazers who have paved the way for us here at Mount Airy. We salute them for sharing their beginnings and wisdom with us. Enjoy!!!



Sister Veronica Glover

I started attending to Mount Airy as a very young child. Alfred J. Tyler was my Great Grandfather and the Pastor of Mt Airy.

When he passed away his son Earl K. Tyler became the Pastor of Mount Airy Baptist Church. My entire Family has a rich history here, and we all know Mt Airy as our family church.

We all were baptized here, had marriages here, and many have been funeralized here. I was taught about Jesus right here. My Grandmother Amy Tyler Bell was an accomplished Teacher and the Organist for Mount Airy for many years. Many of my

aunts and uncles were faithful Choir members as well. Mount Airy for me was a village experience. So many relationships were formed here at Mount Airy Baptist Church.

I have always known that my purpose in the kingdom of God was to serve. I am an Usher, and my mother was as well. My mother was Helen P Gross, and she was the President of the Senior Usher Board for many years. Now I find myself here, in that role. I learned how to be a servant from my mother, my grandmother, and my Heavenly Father. I have been a caregiver to many, and it just comes naturally. Some of my fondest memories at church have been family gatherings, the Good Friday fellowships, Transition classes, and many other opportunities to learn more about Jesus. Serving the Lord as an Usher gives you humility, teaches you endurance, steadfastness, and concern for others. Caregivers have most of these same qualities. Sometimes you think you're all by yourself but then you quickly realize God is always right there with you! Psalm 84:10 says *"For a day in your courts is better than a thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness!"* ■



Sister Jessye Pitts Miller

I began my Christian journey at the Mt. Airy Baptist Church in October 1938, when I was baptized. I have been in and out of Mt. Airy for 95

years and have belonged to different denominations. But wherever I was, I never lost contact with Mt. Airy and have always considered it my home church.

From 1938 to 1955, I was a faithful and dutiful member. I had leadership roles in the Junior Church, sang in the Chorale Group, and served as a Sunday school teacher until I was 18 years old. During the years in the Junior Church, we had leaders who encouraged us, helped our faith to grow by the examples they set and exhibited, and I thank God for those leaders and the impact they had on my life. At age 18, I moved to the Senior Church and worked in a similar capacity until I married and left the area in 1955.

From 1955 to 2002, my family and I moved back and forth between the Washington Metropolitan area and Stroudsburg, PA. Throughout these moves, we were all engaged in church activities. I continued to grow in my Christian faith at the various churches and was able to help others. For example, I was Director of Children's Church and President of the Methodist Women (ESUMC), the leader of the Adult division of the Board of Christian Education (MABC), and Chairperson of the Church Council (BUMC). Once again, I met other members who showed me what the Christian experience should mean and encouraged me in my growth. I must say though, that the greatest influence was my beloved Grandmother, Zula McGraw, who faith was apparent to everyone she met.

Every church experience I have had has been a rewarding one for me and I have grown in grace from the people I have met and the studies in which I have been involved. I thoroughly adopt the verses 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 and I live by them daily. "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." ■



Missionary Margaret Sexton

My first association with Mount Airy Baptist Church (MABC) was through participation in Sunday School. As a neighborhood resident, I attended Sunday School when I was a junior high school student. My teacher at that time was my peer, Ms. Georgia McDaniel Kelley. The class was held in a section of the Sanctuary, along with other classes. As I grew, I attended MABC worship services as a pew member, meaning – I was not actively involved beyond attending Sunday worship services and Sunday school.

I was baptized by Reverend C.M. Long, who was Pastor at that time. I continued to attend MABC with my parents but was not actively involved in church “clubs”. Also, my marriage in the church was officiated by Reverend Long in May of 1968.

My membership continued as a pew member until I began to know other members who sat near me in the sanctuary. I became friends with Mrs. Johnetta Kelly and her husband, Mr. Robert Kelly, with whom I shared a pew/row in the Sanctuary. Also, I was close with the family of my good friend, Cecelia Peterson.

Shortly after the death of Reverend Long, the church selected Reverend Rafe M. Taylor as Pastor. Reverend Taylor and his family bought a new vision to the church, mainly that of Bible studies and connectivity. Reverend Taylor was interested in getting members more involved in church activities and each other. Under his leadership, MABC ‘Circles’ were

formed. The first was The Abraham Circle, to which I was assigned. The purposes of the Circles were to meet for Bible study and to interact and get to know each other. I met many wonderful people that I otherwise may not have noticed. And I served as Recording Secretary for many years and enjoyed the involvement, especially with Reverend Wellington, who served as the Abraham Circle’s spiritual leader. The Abraham Circle was a fun and comfortable group and continued for a very long time. This led to my interest in other members and activities.

I was a member of other clubs, as they were also called at that time. This was a result of Reverend Taylor’s vision. Dear and close to my heart was involvement with the MABC Girl Scout troops, which led to my involvement with the Girl Scout Council of the Nation’s Capital (GSCNC). My membership with the Girl Scouts resulted from an ‘invitation’ from Deaconess Jessie Brown after my daughter, Cynthia, joined Girl Scouting. I became a leader at many levels even after Cynthia completed her Scouting years. I received honors and certificates from the GSCNC, as did most on the MABC troop leaders for service.

Through the years at MABC, I served with lots of ministries that served the congregation: Van Drivers, Ushers, Chaperones, etc. I served, and as a member, worked closely with Ms. Dorothy Chase, Leader of the Home Mission Ministry and Food Bank for many years. I also served with the Hospitality Ministry led by Ms. Velma Smith, with the VIPS (Very Important People) and the Culinary Ministry led by Mrs. Ruth Ferguson. I am referring to these groups as ‘ministries’ because upon the arrival of Pastor L.B. West, he renamed the clubs as ‘ministries’.

I have enjoyed the continual learning from former and current fellow members such as Sunday School classes led by Reverend

Claude Swanson, Deacon Terry Nixon, Deaconess Gwen West, and many, many others. I was a part of the Friday Night Bible studies and learned much from the lessons taught by Pastor West, other MABC teacher/leaders, visiting preachers and teachers.

I have many favorite scriptures including Psalm 34:1, verses 1-2, “I will bless God at all times....” and Philippians 4:6-7 “Be anxious for nothing but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God...”

It is this legacy of “Teaching, Learning, and Serving” that makes Mount Airy Baptist Church a place demonstrative of God’s characteristics and a special place in my heart. ■

Can You Guess???

by Newsletter Ministry

Picture #1



Picture #2



Picture #3



See answers under “For Your Meditation” ...

Would you like to post a photo, send to Newsletter Ministry? If so, send your photo to taff@mabcdc.org. ■

Inclement Weather Notification

by Newsletter Ministry

As we experience global warming, be mindful that in the event of inclement weather we have precautions in place. Please consult the Mount Airy website (www.mabcdc.org) and/or The Mount Airy Facebook page. You may also tune into NBC-4, Fox- 5 DC, WJLA-7, Newschannel-8, and WUSA-TV-9 for any weather-related information. ☐

Submitting Newsletter Articles

by Newsletter Ministry

To submit something for the Newsletter, you need to...prepare article in Microsoft Word format and email it to taff@mabcdc.org or tcholly@comcast.net. Documents are accepted at any time. We prefer that articles be limited to 220 words or ½ page due to space. We will no longer accept hand written articles.

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The Newsletter Ministry reserves the right to edit all submissions. ☐

FOR YOUR MEDITATION...

by Newsletter Ministry

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

*"Let this new year be
our year of progress"*

Our heavenly Father,

As we start the new year,

We pray that you protect us from all evil arrows in Jesus' name.

We pray that your grace will be sufficient for us in Jesus' name.

Oh Lord, we pray that you give us the power that we need to
journey through the new year,

We pray that in the coming year, we experience your mercy in
the name of Jesus Christ.

Let this new year be our year of progress and divine upliftment
in Jesus' Mighty Name.

Help our destiny helpers locate us in the new year in the mighty
name of Jesus Christ

We pray that you Oh Lord will keep watching and guiding us
throughout the year in Jesus' name.

Thank you Father for answering our prayers.

We know that we have been blessed. **B.Facts**

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***Can You Guess??? Answers:**

Picture #1 - Deacon Daniel Agee, Sr.

Picture #2 - Deacon Calvin Hollingsworth

Picture #3 - Deacon Terry Nixon☐

