

# FSBC Newsletter

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The Newsletter of Farish Street Missionary Baptist Church

## WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

*The last Sunday in the old year, our beloved pastor preached these words as a spiritual roadmap into the new year. As this issue is being published in the beginning of a new year filled with hope and possibility, we felt compelled to share his words with you.*

### TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR THE NEW YEAR

Permit me to share with you, what I call, the revisionist Ten Commandments, which are found in the Epistle to the Hebrews, Chapter 13.

1. Let Mutual Love Continue (Hebrews 13:1). Love begets love. If we do not love deeply, then we will not be loved deeply. Love is unconditional. Love gives without thought of reward or recompense. It receives, because it gives, not because it asks to be given to!
2. Do Not Neglect to Show Hospitality to Strangers (Hebrews 13:2). Hospitality is as natural to the Christian as shining is to light. When a believer feeds the hungry or clothe the naked, they are contributing to the feeding and clothing of the son of God.
3. Remember Those Who Are in Prison, as Though You Were in Prison with Them; Those Who Are Being Tortured, as Though You Yourself Were Being Tortured (Hebrews 13:3). Intercessory prayer is such a small gift to give. It demands no great effort, except the effort of remembering. In the new year, we must walk away from 'out of sight, out of mind!' and toward remembering those we both see and don't see.
4. Let Marriage Be Held in Honor by All, and Let the Marriage Bed Be Kept undefiled.. (Hebrews 13:4). With more than 50% of all marriages ending in divorce, is there any honor left in what some might call a 'dying institution?' Marriage is still an honorable estate, instituted by God, signifying the mystical union that is betwixt Christ and His Church. To understand the mystery, we must have faith in God and honor every experience judged by the Divine, even marriage.
5. Keep Your Lives Free from the Love of Money, and Be Content with What You Have (Hebrews 13:5) How long have we heard it said, "the love of money is the root of evil." (I Timothy 6:10) Everybody wants to be rich. But the secret to good life is contentment. And contentment is the offspring of confidence. And confidence is the offspring of faith. Faith says, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me? (Hebrews 13:6)
6. Remember Your Leaders, Those Who Spoke the Word of God to You; Consider the Outcome of Their Way of Life, and Imitate Their Faith. (Hebrews 13:7). Remember your leaders! Theirs is a sacred calling. It is the calling of God, sometimes heard in the "still-small voice" and again in a thunderous row. It is the voice of conscience, arresting the believer from a life of idleness and pointing him/her to a life of purpose. Our commitment—every believer—is to remember your leader and imitate their faith.



Dr. Hickman Johnson, Pastor

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## WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

**Con't** — 7. Do Not Be Carried Away by All Kinds of Strange Teachings; for it Is Well for the Heart to Be Strengthened by Grace. . . (Hebrews 13:9) Popularity is never a sign of truth! Because something is popular today, does not mean that it is right or is the best thing. Popular strange teachings can be the path to hell.

8. Do Not Neglect to Do Good and to Share What You Have. . . (Hebrews 13:16) What a simple prescription for the good life: “do good.” Doing good and sharing what you have is the least we Christians can do.

9. Obey Your Leaders and Submit to Them, for They Are Keeping Watch over Your Souls and Will Give an Account. (Hebrews 13:17) Like the watchman in Isaiah 21:11-12 KJV, who watches the City and warns the horn as the enemy approaches, the preacher watches over our souls. It is his duty like the watchman to warn us of enemies of the world. It is up to us to obey the warning of our Leaders so like the watchman our souls too will be spared on judgment on day. Remember *Obedience Is Better than Sacrifice*.

10. Pray for Us. . . (Hebrews 13:18). There is power in prayer! All we must do is believe. We are duty bound to pray for one another: not just friends, but also foes. Not just family, but also strangers. Pray and believe that the power from your prayer can feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and end tribulation.

This is the revisionist Ten Commandments – commandments-a formula for the happy life; a formula for the good life. If we want 2007 to be the best year, then we have to resolve to love, show hospitality, remember those in prison, honor marriage, be free from the love of money, remember our leaders, avoid strange teachings, obey your leaders, do good, and pray.

### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### Bethlehem Center Tutor

LaRuth Wilson is a tutor at Bethlehem Center. A member of Beta Delta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Mrs. Wilson serves as Co-Chair of the Chapter's Ivy AKAdemy, an after school care and tutoring program. She works with six first grade students and all have excelled to

either Principal's List or Honor Roll. She meets with them on Monday –Thursday from 3:00-4:00 p.m. and provides assistance where needed. She enjoys working with the students. All are girls and attend Brown elementary school. One seven year old is her “angel.” On December 6, 2006 the students participated in a Christmas Program at Alta Woods Church on Terry Road.

#### Christmas Musical

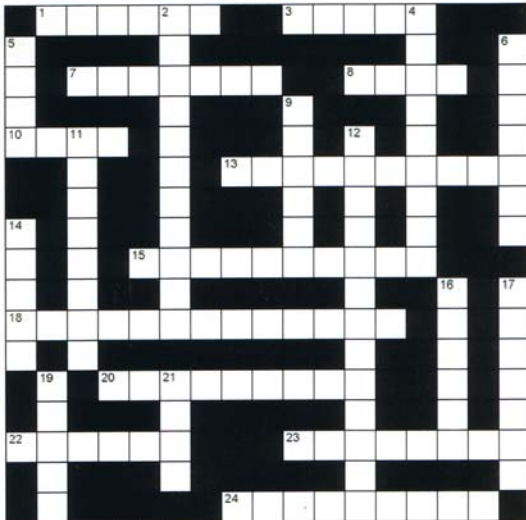
Members of our Chancel Choir joined their voices with members of several other congregations in presenting a Christmas musical entitled *One Small Child*. This fine rendition was created and arranged by Tom Fettke and orchestrated by Russell Mauldin. It was presented at three area churches (Aldersgate UMC, Central UMC and FSBC) during the Christmas season. Our church served as host for the last performance. The beautifully attired group consisted of more than fifty voices, and was graciously received by a capacity audience as they musically prepared our hearts for the upcoming celebration of the Savior's birth. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the entire group who certainly rendered an excellent performance. We would especially like to express our thanks to the choir members, the capable musicians and the musical directors London Branch ( FSBC), Cedric Cole ( Aldersgate UMC), and Bernard Holly (Aldersgate UMC). Mrs. Goldia Revis, a former TV personality, served as narrator.

#### Farish Street Main Street Project

The Farish Street Main Street Project is well under way with several projects already under its belt. An organizational meeting has been held and Articles of Incorporation have been accepted. Also, a board of directors and officers has been elected. Recent events of the Farish Street Main Street Project include: a bazaar held on November 18 whereas churches and individuals rented booths and sold food, crafts, quilts or other merchandise to raise funds for the Farish Street Main Street Project; a community clean-up and Christmas tree decorating with a lighting ceremony; awards given to the best decorated church, business and home in the district; and *Kwanzaa in the Park* held on December 27. Furthermore, a sweat shirt/t-shirt is also being designed for this project. The next bazaar is being planned for Saturday, March 24, 2007. It will be held on the corner of Farish and Monument Streets from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. You can help by participating or supporting this project. Let's make Farish Street Main Street a reality.

## JUST FOR FUN

A Crossword Based on the Sermon on the Mount Using King James Version of the Bible. **HAPPY THINKING!**



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### Across

- 1 Not to be put under a bushel. (6)  
 3 Let yours shine before men! (5)  
 7 Moth and rust will do this to your earthly store. (7)  
 8 If you do this, you will find. (4)  
 10 These should not be done in view of men. (4)  
 13 The eight sayings by Christ at the beginning of his sermon. (10)  
 15 They sound trumpets in the streets when they are being charitable. (10)  
 18 The peacemakers will be called this. (8,2,3)  
 20 They were with Jesus when he gave the sermon. (9)  
 22 You can't serve God and this. (6)  
 23 Fellow believers. (8)  
 24 The earth is this to God. (9)

### Down

- 2 Jesus gave this as example of how to communicate with God. (5,6)  
 4 Don't lay these upon the earth. (9)  
 5 Whoever says this to his brother shall be in danger of the council. (4)  
 6 Those who are given happiness and good fortune. (7)  
 9 When engaging in this, you should enter into your closet and shut the door. (6)  
 11 Where the sermon was given. (8)  
 12 You should search for this first, before worrying about food and clothing. (13)  
 14 What you should do to your eye if it offends. (5)  
 16 They which do this shall be filled. (6)  
 17 The hypocrites disfigured their faces while doing this. (7)  
 19 If you are forced to go a mile with someone, this is how far you should go. (5)  
 21 The foolish man built his house on this. (4)

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## CHURCH BITS AND BITES

- On Sunday, September 17, we welcomed to the pulpit of FSBC the Reverend Manuel Scott, Jr. Rev. Scott is the first Seminary-trained, full-time Evangelist on a national scale. He travels the country conducting revivals, workshops, and seminars. He has written well over 50 lectures.
- On November 12, FSBC held its first “Spirit Sunday” in conjunction with Family Sunday. The Intergenerational Gospel Choir hosted this day of love and pride and all members were asked to wear their newly designed FSBC T-Shirts (designed by Lori Johnson). The t-shirts were a fundraiser for the IGGC.
- The November birthday Tribe of Joseph sold beautiful keepsake ornaments emblazoned with the church logo as their fundraiser for the FSBC 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.
- The Woman’s Missionary Society highlighted children in the FSBC Family on its Christmas tree with beautiful photo ornaments made from wallet size photos.
- If you enjoyed the Christmas decorations around our church, please thank Vera Bullock and James Anderson for the wonderful decorating job they did.
- Lela Rayborn was re-elected as State President of Mississippi State Federation of Colored Women’s Clubs and Youth affiliates at its annual meeting in Greenville, MS in November. She will serve a two year term. Belivira Junior was re-appointed as Executive Secretary and Terryce Walker was elected Assistant Recording Secretary.
- Howard Catchings and his Insurance Company were featured in the December 3 issue of *The New York Times*. The article focused on the success of the Burial Insurance business. Hats off to Howard!
- Congratulations Bruce Bullock for being the recipient of the 2006 Layman’s Award, presented on Layman’s Day by LaRuth Wilson. The award is given in memory of her husband James Wilson, and Julius Buchanan and John Lee, who were members of The Brotherhood of FSBC.
- Dorothy Stewart received the Jessie Mosley Award from the Metro Jackson Section of National Council of Negro Women at their Holiday Legacy Breakfast on December 16. The award is given for outstanding community service. Dorothy, founder of Women For Progress, also spearheads an annual Kwanzaa Celebration.
- The Annual Layman’s Day Program was held on November 19. Rev. Charles K. “Chip” Chiplin, Associate Pastor and Organist at Cades Chapel M.B. Church was the dynamic speaker. The theme was: “Laymen Report. Christian Men Doing the Work of God.”
- The Farish Street Renovation Fund has not only met its 2006 goal of \$100,000.00, but has exceeded it by more than \$14,000.00. Howard Catchings has done a superb job of encouraging contributions from our church family. Please continue to give so that we can maintain our gorgeous church environment. Here’s hoping the 2007 fund will be overflowing with contributions.

## CHURCH NEWS

**WOMAN'S MISSIONARY NEWS.** Each year several auxiliaries of the Woman's Missionary Society set aside a Sunday to take part in the worship service and share their projects with the church family. Projects range from benevolent acts in the church/community, assisting Hurricane Katrina families, furnishings for FSBC to building water wells in Africa. All shared in our common local project, the adoption of Rowan School. Auxiliaries that have observed special days this quarter are Young Matrons, Circle of Faith, Royal Circle and E.B.Topp. Under the leadership of President Mattie Stevens, the Woman's Missionary Society is expanding its outreach and making a difference in the FSBC community and the world.

**CHRISTMAS SOCIAL.** The Woman's Missionary Society and The Brotherhood hosted the Annual Parish Street Baptist Church Christmas Social on Saturday, December 16, 2006 in the Maggie Little Turner Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. More than sixty adults and children attended this evening of food, fun, song and games. Woman's Missionary President Mattie Stevens greeted us and Brotherhood Chair Bruce Bullock presided over the evening. He kept the evening moving with an agenda of talent, funny trivia, and jokes.

Jolanda Roby and Eze Uzodinma shared their family Christmas traditions. There were violin solos from Guy King and John Uzodinma and Keisha Harris joined the two for a trio presentation. Members acted out the Twelve Days of Christmas and throughout the evening we were led in games and Christmas Carols by Belivira Junior and LaRuth Wilson. There were plenty of delicious refreshments and all were treated to a wonderful reading of *Twas the Night Before Christmas* by Clarence Lovelady.

A special area was reserved for the children and Young Matron Auxiliary led by Lori Johnson treated them with games and gifts. The E.B. Topp Circle made a special presentation to Douglas Luster for his dedication and service in transporting our senior members to church services. Almost everyone received a gift and a great time was had by all. The evening ended with clasped hands as everyone joined in a circle singing *Go Tell It On The Mountain*.



**WOMEN ON THE GO!** Mrs. Annie K. Lattimore, Myers traveled to Tchula, MS to meet with State Vice Leader Mrs. Mattye Dees. They met to assist her in making plans for the upcoming Women's Auxiliary of the General Missionary Baptist "WOMEN'S RETREAT." This activity will be held at Greater Fairview Baptist Church in February 2007. Also, a world of thanks from Mrs. Belivira Junior to the ladies of FSBC for another successful "WORLD DAY OF PRAYER." This year's day of prayer was held at College Hill Baptist Church. Your continued attendance, support and participation are immeasurable.

Dr. Bennye Henderson and Mrs. Clyda

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM.** The children and youth of FSBC presented their annual Christmas program on Sunday, December 17, 2007 between Sunday School and the Morning Worship Service. This year's program was entitled "Message of the Angels-Rejoicing of the People." The children did a splendid job with their roles. They portrayed angels and the people who heard about the birth of Jesus. All children sang, played instruments, had solos or narrations and danced to the glory of God's son, Jesus Christ. In this Christmas presentation, all of the children and youth understood how great Jesus is. With so much talent in the children and youth at FSBC, they showed excellence in speaking, singing, performing and dancing. There were approximately 24 participants and all had a great time. Many thanks are extended to Mrs. Lannie Spann McBride for the script for the performance and Mrs. Gloria Shields for her hard work, diligence, and commitment to the Cherubims. Also the FSBC Youth Ministry thanks Rev. Johnson, Lori Johnson and the Young Matrons, Jean Lee, Vera Bullock, Ivy Lovelady, and the FSBC parents for their wonderful support to this program. Look for them again at Easter!



## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

**WALTERS BROTHERS EXCEL.** *Daren Walters* is currently preparing to begin his 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of his junior year at Murrah High School. Last summer, he had the opportunity to participate in an internship program at Jackson State University. As a NIMH-COR (National Institute of Mental Health – Career Opportunities in Research) Honors High School Trainee, Daren was assigned a biological topic to research and present at various symposiums. With the aid of JSU professor, Dr. Clement G. Yedjou, he created a poster to serve as a visual support during his first symposium presentation at the International Symposium on Recent Advances in Environmental Health Research. The title of his project was “Protective Effect of N-Acetyl-Cysteine in Lead Nitrate-Mediated Oxidative Stress in Human Liver Carcinoma (HepG<sub>2</sub>) Cells. Daren was presented with an award of Honorable Mention following his presentation. His next presentation is scheduled for April 5 at The 2007 Mississippi Science and Engineering Fairs hosted by JSU. Next summer, Daren plans to further his research in the bio-medical field, which will offer him valuable experience needed for his college plans and beyond.

*Jerry Walters II*, a current sophomore Biology Major at Tougaloo College, recently completed the first semester of his sophomore year. At Tougaloo College, he serves as Sophomore Class Vice President and is also an active member of several other organizations. Jerry has succeeded in maintaining an excellent GPA while also serving as an active student leader on campus. He attributes his academic success to intense studying and classroom attentiveness. He was recently accepted into the Global Issues Honors Consortium, a research program primarily focused on global issues and developing solutions to widespread problems. During the upcoming summer of 2007, Jerry will be traveling to St. Paul Minnesota to conduct undergraduate research on global issues. In addition to the research opportunity in Minnesota, Jerry will also be traveling to South Africa during the summer of 2008. He is very excited about this research opportunity and attributes all of his success to his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. After graduating from Tougaloo College, Jerry plans to attend Medical School in order to become a successful pediatrician. He asks that everyone keeps him and his family in your prayers.

**UZODINMAS IN THE SPOTLIGHT.** *John Eze, II* and *Jaylon Uzodinma* are the sons of proud parents Eze and Cynthia Uzodinma. Eleven year old John Eze is in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade at Madison Middle School where he is a member of the band, sings in the school choir and is a member of the Beta Club. He is also a member of the 2006-2007 Mississippi Honor Choir. He continues to excel as a 1<sup>st</sup> violinist with the Mississippi Youth Symphony Advanced Orchestra. Recently, he participated in “Dear Edwina, Jr.,” a Broadway Junior Collection musical play at his school this past November. John Eze was selected to travel to Chicago with Madison Middle School’s Chamber choir to compete in a choir festival, which is an honor for a sixth grader. Eight year old Jaylon follows on the heels of his brother. He is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at Madison Station Elementary School where he is a member of the strings ensemble and he is the 1<sup>st</sup> chair. Jaylon is an honor student and plays many sports. Hats off to the exceptional Uzodinma boys.

**ENTREPRENEUR IN THE MAKING.** *Daniel Catchings*, son of Howard and Danella Catchings has opened a videography business. Daniel has always been creative and loves to draw. He has channeled his talents into preserving memories for a lifetime for his clients. His “DCatch Productions” has received glowing recommendations from Kevin and LeQuisha Buchanan, Brandon and Kamila Barclow, Ian and Danielle Barrow, Joseph and Erica Webster, Stephen and Tamika Johnson and SaveTime Learning Center. Daniel still has his day job at Raytheon in Dallas, Texas however, his business continues to grow. Congratulations Daniel and much success! You may contact DCatch Productions at (214) 621-2008 or email at mail@DCatchProductions.com.

### *FSBC Newsletter Committee Members*

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## SPECIAL PROJECTS

### 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Birthday Project 2006 Report

The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Birthday Project Report for the year one is listed below. A special thank you is extended to all supporters of this worthy project. The goal is to raise \$40,000 over a three-year period to fund the Pastor's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2008.

All members have been asked to participate in the Project by making special contributions via their birth month. Each month has been organized and named for the twelve tribes of Israel. There are designated leaders for each month. The goal for each month is to raise \$1,111 per year for three years.

<u>2006 Month Total</u>	<u>Tribe</u>	<u>Leaders</u>
January 1,115.00	Reuben	Ivy Lovelady, Vera Bullock
February 410.00	Simeon	Terryce Walker, Billy Roby James Anderson, Maxine Johnson
March 975.00	Levi	Minta Uzodinma, Annie Denham
April 498.50	Judah	Brendsha Roby, Mattie Stevens Jessie Moore
May 330.00	Zebulum	Tonia Johnson, Alfred Junior Jolanda Roby
June 727.25	Issachar	Amelita Ross, Lottie Thornton,
July 926.90	Dan	Brenda Roby, Bruce Bullock
August 1,135.00	Gad	Danella Catchings, Clarence Lovelady, Esterline Anderson
September 1,265.15	Asher	Leroy Walker, Emily E. Vincent, Catherine Harris
October 360.00	Naphtali	Delores Hopkins, Mary Burciaga Tammiko Harrison, Ester Anderson
November 475.00	Joseph	Cheryl Turner, Ryan Hopkins Cassondra King
December 611.00	Benjamin	Beliviria Junior, Lorma Miller Mamie Buchanan

**Total - \$10,828.80**

Please contact Delores Hopkins, Birthday Project Chairperson at 601-362-6194, if there are questions regarding this report.

### Emma L. Palmer Scholarship 2006 Contributions

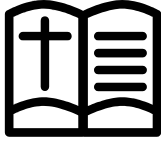
The Emma L. Palmer Scholarship Committee would like to extend a gracious thank you to everyone who supported this year's fund drive. Each high school graduate who is a member of Farish Street Missionary Baptist Church is eligible for the Emma L. Palmer Scholarship upon entrance to a community/college/university following graduation. The scholarships are funded from the interest earned from the Scholarship Fund.

May 2006 High School Graduates, Chloe Jones and Megan Stewart, were awarded scholarships in the amount of \$500 each on Christmas Morning. Chloe is attending Hinds Community College and Megan is attending the University of Mississippi. Both reported excellent grades for the 1<sup>st</sup> Semester. The following individuals and organizations are acknowledged for their financial contributions at the designated levels.

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**Total Contributions - \$2,260**

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