

FSBC Newsletter

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The Newsletter of Farish Street Missionary Baptist Church

COMMUNITY NEWS

PINEY WOODS SCHOOL HONORS VILLAGE ELDERS

The Piney Woods School its 10th Annual Village Elders Recognition in June. Dr. Alferdteen Harrison, educator and Director of the Margaret Walker Alexander National Research Center at Jackson State University was one of the honorees. Village Elders are recognized for sharing their skill, life experiences and knowledge with youth in their communities. Congratulations to Dr. Harrison on receipt of this outstanding award.

COMEDY COMES HOME

Nationally recognized comedian J.J. (Jeremiah) Williamson of Atlanta, GA came home in July to perform at Thalia Mara Hall. J.J. is the son of Mrs. Exie Williamson and a graduate of Jim Hill High School and Alcorn State University. His soaring career has led him to movie roles and allowed him to rub elbows with top comedians Cedric the Entertainer, Bernie Mac and Monique. J.J. appreciates our hometown support and we wish him the best in his career.

TOUGALOO COLLEGE RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS RECOGNITION

Tougaloo College continues to shine as one of the nation's outstanding historically Black colleges. Founded in 1869, this four year liberal arts college has been often cited for its emphasis on academic excellence. Recently, Princeton Review listed Tougaloo College on its 2006-2007 list of 146 best colleges and universities in the Southeast. In August, the Washington Monthly ranked Tougaloo as number 18 for its commitment to the ideals of educational excellence.

Our church's generous and continued support to Tougaloo College is vital in providing strength and encouragement for the growth and welfare of the college. Many of us remember Tougaloo as the cradle of the civil rights movement, with many gatherings taking place on campus in Woodsworth Chapel. Additionally, more than 40% of Mississippi's Black physicians are Tougaloo graduates. Currently, the Farish Street family has two members attending Tougaloo College: Eleysia Perkins (daughter of Mrs. Shirley Perkins) and Jerry Walters, Jr. (son of Mr. & Mrs. Jerry (Pennie) Walters). Also, Mr. Leroy Walker, Jr. has served as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Tougaloo College for the past six years.



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Con't — Adopt-A-School Partnership with Rowan Middle School

The members of the Woman's Missionary Society (WMS) has joined the Jackson Public Schools District's Adopt-A-School Program as a Partner with the Rowan Middle School. As an adopter, the WMS (and all Circles) is committed to assisting the school with supplies and materials as well as developing activities which will reap many lasting benefits.

Because of the generosity of the Farish Street Baptist Church Family, the numerous donations of cash and supplies, and was able to provide six boxes of school supplies. A family from Rowan Middle School has been adopted and has received school uniforms. We will continue to assist this family as needed.



Years ago the Farish Street Baptist Church voted to stay in the inner city, not just to be located in the area but to serve as the light of faith, leadership, and service to the citizens of the community. The adopt-a-school project is an on-going mission of the WMS and the continued support of our church family will be greatly appreciated.

FSMBC Worship In Maryland

A group of 15 members of the Farish Street Missionary Baptist Church traveled to Baltimore, Maryland on Saturday, August 12, 2006, to worship with the Rising Sun First Baptist Church on Sunday August 13, 2006. The occasion was to celebrate the Rising Sun First Baptist Church Trustee Board's 25th Anniversary.

Reverend Hickman M. Johnson was the guest speaker for both Sunday morning services. Several members of the Intergenerational Gospel Choir provided music for the early morning Sunrise worship service at 8:00 a.m. and during the 11:00 a.m. service hour. Other members who accompanied Reverend Johnson and the choir on the trip were Mrs. Marie Johnson, Reverend Phil George, two Trustee Board members - Mrs. Mary Burciaga and Dr. London Branch, and the president of the Woman's Missionary Society, Ms. Mattie Stevens. Choir members traveling with the pastor

were Barbara Davis, Patricia Edwards, Hillary Price, Selene Price, Meredith Hairston, Chloe Jones, Ryan Hopkins, Bruce Bullock, Mattie Stevens, Amelita "Poochie" Ross, and Brendsha Roby.

The group was received with a gracious welcome by the host church and it's Pastor, Reverend Emmett C. Burns, Jr. Members of the Rising Sun congregation and Reverend Burns were so delighted to have our members worship with them, they have asked that we come again.

Reverend Hickman M. Johnson extended an invitation to the Rising Sun First Baptist Church to be our guest for our Home-coming Celebration at Farish Street Missionary Baptist Church in August of 2007. We are looking forward to hosting that event.

General Baptist State Convention

The 117th annual session of the General Missionary Baptist State Convention of Mississippi, Inc. convened in Jackson, Mississippi at the Jackson Marriott Hotel on July 17-21, 2006. The president, Reverend Dr. Jerry Young of New Hope Baptist Church here in Jackson, MS, presided over the five-day gathering of worship, music, auxiliary activities and Christian education classes. Its theme was "Envisioning the Future, Exceptionally Through our Commitment to Missions & Ministries."

More than 2000 people from across the state attended representing its 500 church membership. Members from the Farish Street Baptist Church Woman's Missionary Society who attended were Ms. Mattie Stevens, Ms. Vera Bullock, Ms. Violet Williams, Mrs. Annie Archie and Mrs. LaRuth Williams. As part of the convention activities, our church hosted the "Fashion Share Outreach Ministry Luncheon." Attendees were asked to bring donations of school uniforms (children's sizes), school supplies, women's clothes and shoes. Tickets were \$10.00 and proceeds benefited Matt's House Women's Shelter.

FSBC Newsletter Committee Members

**Ruby Bryant
Bruce Bullock**

**Deloris Hopkins
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**Terryce Walker, Chair
Dr. Hickman Johnson, Pastor
Lori Johnson, Graphic Designer**

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Mention Your Place of Worship is Farish Street Baptist Church at Check Out...
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OUR QUARTERLY WORD

“HOPE TO FILL YOUR HEART”

In Heavenly love abiding, no change my heart shall fear;
And safe is such confiding, for nothing changes here.
The storm may roar without me, my heart may low be laid,
But God is round about me, and can I be dismayed?

Whenever he may guide me, no fear shall turn me back;
My Shepherd is beside me, and nothing shall I lack.
His wisdom ever waketh, His sight is never dim;
He knows the way he taketh, and I will walk with him.

Green pastures are before me, which yet I have
not seen;
Bright skies will soon be o'er me, where darkest
clouds have been.
My hope I cannot measure, my path to life is free;
My Savior is my treasure, and he will walk with
me.

— Anna L. Waring

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Choir Recruitment. Our Chancel Choir is soliciting new members. We would love to have you join us as we seek to provide quality and enjoyable music . We feel that music contributes greatly to the total worship experience. Choir rehearsal is on Thursdays at 6:30 pm. Please join us !!

New Cub Scouts Program. Pack #55 is the newest addition to Farish Street Baptist Church's Boy Scout Program. Currently the pack consists of eight tiger cubs (boys up to 1st grade), two wolf scouts (boys in 3rd grade) and two webelos (boys in the 4th and 5th grades). The new scouts have earned their first badge (Bobcat) and are diligently working on more. They are excited about their first camp-out on October 7-8 at South Palm Bridges Camp Ground in South Jackson and appreciate your support of their annual popcorn sale. If you have not placed your order, please see Cubmaster Jerry Walters, Sr. or any of the Cub Scout committee members, Ms. Brendsha A. Roby, Mr. James Chatmon, Dr. Billy A. Roby, Mrs. Vera Bullock or Mr. Bruce Bullock.

Fund Drive Update. With only four months left in this year, we are on track in reaching our 2006 Renovation Project goal of \$100,000. Whatever your pledge was, it has helped us in achieving our goal. At this point, we only need \$32,462.30 to reach our goal. This is less than half of our goal amount. Mr. Howard Catchings is doing a fine job of spearheading this worthy project. Lets honor our commitment and make our goal a reality.

40th Anniversary Birthday Project Update. Th 40th Anniversary Birthday Project is making steady progress. Each month has been organized under a tribe name, i.e., the 12 Tribes of Israel. Tribe leaders are responsible for each tribe reaching its goal of raising \$1111 per year for three years. The Birthday project will culminate its goal of raising \$40,000 with the celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the Pastor in 2008.

To date, each tribe has made a significant contribution toward its goal for 2006. In fact, the tribe of Issachar, birthday month of June, leads the project in total contributions. A 3rd Quarter Report (July, August, September), will be available on the 1st Sunday in October.

In addition, Dr. Brenda Roby, one of the leaders of the Tribe of Dan (July), is spearheading a Fall Bazaar for all of the birthday teams. Look forward to more information on this upcoming event.

Please contact Dr. Delores Hopkins at (601) 362-6194 or Mrs. Mary Burciaga at (601) 630-9768 for information regarding the 40th Anniversary Birthday Project.

Congratulations! Deacon Billy A. Roby is now **Dr.** Billy A. Roby. He was awarded the Doctor of Philosophy in Education Administration from Jackson State University at its Summer Commencement Exercises. Congratulations on this outstanding accomplishment of dedication and hard work.

Real Estate News. If you are a first time buyer and need a loan to purchase a home, you may call Darryl Foster. Darryl is the son of Dr. Delores Hopkins and is a Mortgage Loan Originator. If you want or need to refinance your loan, he can help you. His business is Precision One Mortgage, a Mississippi licensed mortgage company. You may reach him at (601) 214-6470 (cell), or (601) 853-3380 (office).

CHURCH NEWS

Annual Church Revival. We were quite fortunate to have Rev. Artis Royals, pastor of Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church in Memphis, TN as our guest Evangelist during our revival, August 21-24, 2006. Rev. Royals is a young, very dynamic preacher who delivered the most inspiring messages each night. Our services were further enhanced with music from our own Chancel Choir as well as soloists from across the city. The glowing testimonies of faith from some of our members added to the worship experience each night. If you missed these spirit-filled services you really missed a treat.

Vacation Bible School. *Vacation Bible School at FSBC* (June 12th-15th) supporting the Theme: “*Rediscovering the Biblical Model for Ministry*,” was a tremendous success. Each night began with delicious, attractive, and mouth watering meals provided by the Woman’s Missionary Society. This was a wonderful time where the church leadership and its congregation to get to know each other better in Christ they ate and rejoiced. The children as well as the adults found this time of fellowship together to be wholesome and inspiring.

The Youth Division under the leadership of Ms. Vera Bullock expressed their love and knowledge for Christ through readings, dramatic performances, recitations, songs and a disposition of their increased knowledge and study of the Bible.

The adults selected and attended alternative sessions of choice. The topics and sessions planned and facilitated by faithful members at FSCB were:

- “Women in the Bible” facilitated by Delores Hopkins
- “The Importance of Prayer in the life of a Christian” facilitated by Deacon Frank White
- “Missionaries in the Bible” facilitated by Amelita Ross
- “The Mystery of Angels and the Work of the Apostles” facilitated by Deacon Clarence Lovelady
- “Doctrine of the Baptist Church” facilitated by Reverend Eric Williams

We especially thank the Young Matrons under the leadership of Cassandra King for their energy and desire to facilitate the activities planned for the Youth Division and to Ms. Vera Bullock for her time in selecting and picking up the arts, crafts, and books used by the youth.

To Reverend Johnson and the Trustee Board, thanks for your vision for the congregation of Farish Street Baptist Church. Also, kudos to Sunday School Superintendent Mrs. Ivy Lovelady for a job well done.

Rev. Williams Honored at Homecoming. Each year the Farish Street Church Family hosts its annual Homecoming Celebration. Family and friends are invited to return and rejoice in the gifts of heritage, relationships, love and life’s blessings. This weekend celebration began on Saturday with an entertaining picnic on our beautiful new parking lot. The picnic was well attended and loaded with food, fun, games and prizes. It culminated on Sunday with a spirit-filled church service followed by dinner and fellowship. Hats off to the Woman’s Missionary Society and The Brotherhood for helping to plan this joyous celebration.

This year as we celebrated with family and friends, we also paid tribute to Reverend Eric D. Williams. Rev. Williams, the Pastor’s Assistant, has been accepted for graduate studies at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN. Special recognitions, encouragement and support were given to Rev. Williams by members and auxiliaries in honor of his hard work and dedication to our church. He was surprised with many gifts of appreciation and well wishes. The Farish Street Family wishes him the best as he expands his education horizon and eagerly awaits his return to our congregation. You may drop him a line at 1110 Derby Trace, Nashville, TN 37211.

Father’s Day Program. The Brotherhood presented an excellent Men’s Day program in celebration of Father’s Day. Their theme was “Fathers, not Only Love in Word or in Tongue, but in Deed and in Truth.” Our Male Chorus did a beautiful job and Brother Jerry L. Walters, II did a superb job of presiding. We were honored to have as the speaker for this occasion The Honorable Congressman Bennie G. Thompson, who represents the second congressional district.

Congressman Thompson is a pleasant, engaging speaker who often interacts with his audience. He expanded on the theme as he spoke on the role of the father and shared some of his personal experiences as a father. He also encouraged members to get involved in the political process by going out to vote. Hats off to the Brotherhood for an outstanding and timely program!

The Brotherhood Outreach. In March, the Brotherhood began hosting its monthly charitable event called *Lunch in the Park*. Members served fresh grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, dressings and drinks to the homeless, the less fortunate and the Farish Street Community at large. Lunch was served on the grounds of Farish Street Park at no charge. Commendations have poured in from many local businesses for this effort stating its positive impact for the area.

The next upcoming event for our organization will be Layman’s Day. The program will be held on Sunday, November 19, 2006. We hope to see you there.

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Farish Street Historic District Development. The Farish Street Baptist Church Economic Development Committee for the Farish Street Historic District (with the assistance of Talmadge Anderson and Dr. Alferdteen Harrison) is providing leadership for the development of the "Farish Street/ Main Street" project. The Farish Street/Main Street will be an advocate for the economic and spiritual collaboration of the District. Among the stake holders of Farish Street/Main Street are the seven churches in the historic district, the businesses, residences and cultural institutions that will become financial members on its board. The next meeting is June 13, 2006, 5:30 p.m. Farish Street Baptist Church.

The Farish Street/Main Street will collaborate with the JSU Margaret Walker Alexander National Research Center in piloting the "Farish Street Museum of Street Interpretive Marker Project" June 14, 2006, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Smith Robertson Museum. You are invited to participate in this free one-day planning session led by Joy Bailey, Consultant, LORD Cultural Resources Planning & Management Inc. of New York. There will be a \$15 registration fee to cover the cost of refreshments and lunch. Since seating is limited, please immediately express your plan to attend by emailing: alferdteen@aol.com., or calling Alferdteen at 601-355-3052 or 601-979-2055.

Continuing A Tradition. The Woman's Missionary Society, under the leadership of Mrs. Mattie T. Stevens, celebrated its 54th Woman's Day Observance on Sunday, April 23, 2006. The theme was "Women of Faith Giving Praise and Adoration to Our Heavenly Father Through Our Words and Deeds" and the scripture came from James 2:12-26.

The speaker was no stranger to us. She was former Associate Pastor of our church, The Reverend Doctor Marian Y. Talley, who brought us a powerful message: "Hush, Someone is Calling Your Name." Dr. Talley is currently an Academic Dean at Rust College in Holly Springs, MS, and Associate pastor of the Strawberry Missionary Baptist Church in Holly Springs.

Mrs. Vera Bullock chaired the Woman's Day Observance. A sea of white flowed through the sanctuary from the women dressed in white, many in beautiful hats, and the corsages of their "circle." More than twenty-five invited guests were present to help celebrate this occasion. The 2006 Sadie Hendricks/Rosie Mitchell Woman of the Year Award recipient was Mrs. Minnie Malone. Following the morning celebration, a delightful reception was held in the Maggie Little Turner Fellowship Hall. Kudos to the planning committee for a job well done.

40th Anniversary Birthday Project Update. The 40th Anniversary Birthday Project is well underway. This project is a part of the celebration and preparation for the pastor's 40 years of service to this congregation and community. Birthday groups were organized at the beginning of the year and each month was assigned a tribe name (i.e. as in the twelve tribe of Isarel). Each tribe has designated leaders. The goal for each tribe is to raise \$1,111 per year for three years for a combined total of \$40,000 by 2008. These funds will be used to offset the expenses for the 40th Anniversary Celebration.

Tribes have scheduled numerous ways to reach the designated goal. Most recently, all the tribes participated in a Mother's Day activity. Tickets were sold for a beautiful Mother's Day Gift Basket which was given away on Mother's Day. Our own member, Mrs. Ester Anderson, an October Birthday Girl, (smile) was the lucky winner!

This month, June, marks the beginning of the halfway mark for this year. To date, every month has contributed to this event. As of the second Sunday in May, the month of June is the leading tribe in total contributions. A full report for the second quarter which ends on the 4th Sunday in June will be provided on the first Sunday in July.

If you have not been contracted by the Birthday Month Leader for your respective birthday month, please contact Dr. Delores Hopkins at 601-362-6194. Thank you for your wonderful participation and cooperation thus far.

Links Present Outstanding Young Men. On Saturday, March 27, 2006, The Links, Incorporated, Jackson Chapter presented twenty outstanding young men from the Jackson metropolitan area at its Biennial Beautillion. This gala activity, which marked the formal passage into manhood, was held at the Walter Payton Health and Wellness Complex at Jackson State University. Beautillion is the major fundraising event for the organization and a development program for young African American males. We are proud to recognize Beau Daren Rashad Walters as one of these outstanding young men.

Daren, a 10th grader at Murrah high school, plans to become a and is already focused and on the right path. Ranked in the Top 10 at Peeples Middle School, Daren was in the National Jr. Honor Society and received the Outstanding Academic Excellence President's Educational Award. An Eagle Scout, Boys Scouts of America, Daren says, "my assets are time management, perseverance and cooperation with others." A young man with diverse interest, he enjoys basketball, pool, deer hunting, reading and music. Not one to shy away from responsibility, Daren is very active in volunteer activities from Gateway Rescue Mission to holiday clean up in the Farish Street District. Daren believes that he has a responsibility to share knowledge and encourage financial independence. His proud parents are Mr. Jerry and Mrs. Pennie Walters. His Belle (escort) was Miss Mea Elizabeth Ashley, the daughter of Mr. Darek and Mrs. Frances Ashley.

Daren joins other Beaux in the Farish Street Family. They are Malcolm O. Harrison (1986), Monroe A. Stewart, III (1986), Ojinga Harrison (1988), Bruce O. Bullock (1990), Gary A. Wynter (1992), Eric Bullock (1996), Jonathan Lee (1996), Jason Taylor (1996), Brian O. Wynter (1996), Jonathan King (1998), Jharick Shields (2000), Jared Taylor (2000), Ryan Hopkins (2002), Jerry Walters (2004).

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