

The CARE-SHARE Traveler

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From The Pastor's Desk

ABILITY

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MT. TRAVELER
MISSIONARY BAPTIST
CHURCH



Rev. B. C. Datiri, PhD
Pastor

The Quarterly (formerly monthly) Newsletter of Mt. Traveler Missionary Baptist Church is known as "The CARE-SHARE Traveler"

C = Creatively
A = Always
R = Reaching
E = Everywhere

S = Serving
H = Him (God)
A = Absolutely
R = Reconciling
E = Everyone (To God)

The primary goal of the Newsletter is that as a sojourner, the traveler is Creatively Always Reaching Everywhere and Serving Him (God) Absolutely to Reconcile Everyone to God. Articles will be from different ministries and sharing the message of a caring church with ministries, changing lives, connecting people, and creating friendships and favor with God and man. There will always be a letter from the pastor in each quarterly Newsletter entitled "From the Pastor's Desk".

Mission

A caring Church:
With Ministries
Changing Lives
Connecting People
Creating Friendship and
Favor with God and Man

Vision

A caring Church that is:
Passionate in Ministry
Compassionate in
Ministering

Purpose

A caring Church:
To be faithful in obeying
the Word of God
To be fruitful in serving
Him

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Beloved Church Family:

We send you Calvary's greetings in the Mighty Name of our Lord and savior who desires us to mature in the faith and produce seed for the next generation! Christians must always prepare for harvest of souls as they mature in their God-given abilities and use such in teamwork. Teamwork is the coming together of individuals to work together to achieve a common or united purpose. For Mt Traveler this means coming together to fulfill our purpose of becoming faithful in obeying the word of God and fruitful in serving Him. Mt Traveler is continuing to focus on teamwork as our Careshare newsletters for this year 2017 covers the first four letters of teamwork (T.E.A.M).

This 2017 fall's issue of Mt. Traveler Careshare Newsletter will focus therefore on the third letter of the acronym TEAM. The letter A is for Ability. Ability is the gift for doing something well. It is the God-given gift(s) to perform a responsibility or several responsibilities with ease, efficiency and excellence. Every Church member as part of the body of the Messianic community known as the church has been bestowed with at least one gift. "For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; 7 if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; 8 if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully" (Romans 12:4-8).

Your God-given gift (s) is/are to be used for the benefit of others in the whole TEAM. Christianity is not about ego and its success but rather a team effort for the sake of successful ministry on behalf of Lord and savior, Jesus Christ. If Mt Traveler is to work together as a team, members must learn to sacrifice for the encouragement of each other as it will help every member to use their gifts much better to increase efficiency in ministry and bring about the success of the team in ministering for Christ. Usually, the coach fits each individual's ability into the positions that best suits him or her for the total success of the team. During team practices, the coach adjusts and shuffles the team members appropriately to make it stronger and emotionally resilient for team success based on each team members' abilities. Your abilities enable you to respect other team members' abilities and these will ultimately bring about a synergy of these abilities to make the team much stronger and successful. The respect for the coach's abilities to position each team member according to their abilities enhances the performance of each team member and the whole team to come with ease, efficiency and excellence.

Mt. Traveler

Church Calendar:

September 2017:

Sept 3

14th Pastoral Anniversary for
Rev & Sister Jimmy Thomas,
2:00 p.m.; Mt. Zion East,
Dadeville, AL

Sept 4

Labor Day

Sept. 9

Ebenezer District Laymen's
Meet at Mt. Traveler 6:30p.m.

Sept. 10

Grandparents' Day &
Dedication of Emmanuel Jere
Datiri (Morning Worship
Service);

Missionary & Laymen Meet
(After worship)

Sept. 15

Leadership Team Meet

Sept. 17

Ordination Service for Deacon-
elect, Bro. Larry Maddox, 2:00
p.m. Rev. Michael Heard,
Guest speaker

Sept. 24

Trustees' Meeting following
morning worship

October 2017:

Oct. 8

Missionary & Laymen Meet
(After worship)

Oct. 13

Leadership Team Meet

Oct. 19-22

Annual Choir/Music Ministry
workshop, Oct. 19-21at 6pm;
Anniversary Day Program,
October 22 at 2:00 p.m.

Oct. 29

Trustees' Board Meeting
following morning worship

November 2017:

Nov. 11

Missionary & Laymen Meet
(After worship)

November 17

Leadership Team Meet 6pm

November 19

Mt. Traveler 137th Church
Anniversary Celebration -

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ABILITY...contd.

Similarly, the church must understand that the shepherd (pastor) is the coach for "Team Jesus" to ensure we use our gifts and do everything the Jesus' way. Moreover, just as team members do make certain suggestions but comply ultimately with the coach's decisions, so must the church learn to follow the shepherd's decisions. Otherwise failure to execute the final game plan presented to the team by the coach often results in the team failing to succeed.

Therefore, each team member must constantly consult with the coach and other team members for specific role-playing according to their abilities. The obvious role for the pastor is to teach the Christians in this generation to have the moral obligation to nurture the next generation of Christians in the fear of the Lord according to their abilities to create a formidable team that has longevity of success. Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it (Proverbs 22:6, NIV). Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. Follow the ways of the Lord as He declares, "These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them, on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home, when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates (Deuteronomy 6:5-9, NIV). Paul further admonishes us of the importance to finding people who can teach others and so pass on the word of God from one generation to the other: "You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. In addition, the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others. Join with me, (as your minister), in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus" (2Timothy 2:1-3, NIV).

Finally, begin to prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas, as they are both around the corner. Be in prayers regularly one for another that our Church will continue to have a strong, healthy and well balanced growth with genuine love; passion for the kingdom of God; and compassion towards mankind as we, at Mt Traveler, ride this wave of ministering the Jesus way. Pray for the bereaved, the sick and shut-in, and all the various needs of our membership, especially those going through various temptations, adversities and/or other crises in life. Pray, thanking God for my improved good health and that God through the Holy Spirit would continually lead me in His paths of righteousness to be the kind of shepherd He desires. I love you and I am praying for you too. I wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving celebrations. Remain blessed!!!!

**In His service,
Rev. B. C. Datiri, PhD
Pastor**

The Audio and Video Ministry

A few words about Audio/Video Ministries: We now have the video working in kitchen. At this time, the recorder for making video is out of order and there is the need to get a new one. The recorder we were using for video is a DVD Recorder. Trying to find one is not easy, but we will keep looking. I have replaced two CD drives. I am able to make CD's and if you need one please let me know. GOD BLESS YOU!

**Deacon Randy Driver
Coordinator**

BIRTHDAYS

September:

Gabrielle Lockhart 7
MaKenzie Black 7
Alicia Darden 10
Detrick Black 10
Robbie Trimble 11
Ricky Trammell 17
Mildred Byrd 20
Demetrius Darden 24
Donnie Jacobs 25
Tyra Pitts 27
Tyrese Pitts 27

October:

Kyandra Reid 1
Chris Milner 3
John Lockhart 4
Phoebe Datiri 6
Malia Jeter 8
Akelia Driver 13
Charles Heard 16
Anthony Driver Jr. 23
Christine Milner 24
Noro Datiri 25
Mary Burton Trammell 26
T. J. Jackson 28

November:

Bernedett Askew 9
Terry Melton 10
Mary Webb 13
Jaiden Johnson 23
Larry Maddox 25
Nathaniel Maddox 29

DEACON'S WIVES' MINISTRY/AUXILIARY OF MT. TRAVELER

The Deacons' Wives' Ministry/Auxiliary of Mt. Traveler currently meets cooperatively with all auxiliaries of the Missionary Society on the 2nd Sunday of each month, except when scheduling conflicts occur. There are currently six active members of the Deacons' Wives' Ministry/Auxiliary at Mt. Traveler.

We attended and/or fully supported various events this quarter as follow:

- Southeast District State Convention
- Ebenezer District Annual Pearls and Deacon Wives Banquet
- Alabama Baptist Women's Convention
- National Baptist Congress of Christian Education
- District Congress of Christian Education
- Walter Cade, Jr. Southwest Laymen's Workshop
- Alabama Baptist Congress of Christian Education



Be Sincere

"That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ" (Philippians 1:10, KJV)

Sister Barbara Allen

Vacation Bible School 2017

A Special "Thank You" to everyone that was able to attend V.B.S. 2017. We had in attendance over 50 people each night. We searched the visible while discovered the invisible God of the universe. I hope everyone enjoyed the week long experience and I hope to see everyone again for V.B.S. 2018 when the Theme will be Game On!!! I invite each of you to grab your megaphones and lace up your cleats, as we will fill up the offensive line, sideline, and drumline with players and cheerleaders. While we realize God has given us His ultimate playbook, He wants us to join His team, train hard, celebrate salvation, and encourage one another. Theme Verse: His divine power has given us everything required for life and godliness through the knowledge of him who called us be his own glory and goodness (2 Peter 1:3)

Sister Kitzi Dawson, V.B.S. Coordinator

Ebenezer District

Calendar:

September 2017:

Sept 3

Ebenezer District
Matrons' Meeting –
District Center 1:00 p.m.

Sept 9

Ebenezer Dist. Board
Meeting – District Center
9:00 a.m..

Sept 27-28

Ebenezer District
Women's Convention,
District Center

Hosts, Macedonia and
Gracefulness Missionary
Baptist Churches, Rev.
Robert Cadenhead and
Rev. Charlie Pulliam,
Pastors

October 2017:

October 7

District Board Meeting
9:00 a.m.

October 17

Pre-Association
Musical
Time - 6:30 p.m.

October 18-19

Ebenezer District
Association, Host TBA

October 29

5th Sunday Fellowship
Program 2:00 p.m.

November 2017:

November 11

District Board Meeting
9:00 a.m.

November 23

Thanksgiving Day

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MT TRAVELER YOUNG WOMEN NEWS

YOUR'RE INVITED!!!

All girls ages 9-25 (unmarried)

To attend:

*Mt. Traveler Missionary Baptist Church
Red Circle & Young Women's Auxiliary meetings
Every 2nd Sunday following Morning Service*

Pictured

Directors: Torrence Ballard & Kitzl Dawson



Senior YWA: Teanna Harris

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A POEM

From the Writers' Desks

Heaven is a Haven
Where the Lord is, I am secure
A dwelling guaranteed, I am ensured
Heaven is a Haven
Protection from dangers seen and unaware
Lord dwell in me is a continuous prayer
Heaven is a Haven... these words are true
You will be safe in Heaven if God abides in you

Submitted by Teyei Datiri
Tutorial Coordinator

YOU ARE INVITED TO WORSHIP WITH US!!!!

Times of Worship/Fellowship

Sundays

**Church School 8:30 AM
Morning Worship 9:50 AM**

Wednesdays

**Prayer Meeting 6:00 PM
Bible Study 6:30 PM**

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The Puppet Ministry

This is the puppet news for June 2017 to August 2017; performances were on the 2nd Sunday of each month. On the second Sunday in June, the puppeteers did a Father's Day skit. The participants were Tamarcus Milner, Simi Datiri, Deacon Timothy Lockhart, Teyei Datiri, and Demetrius Darden. On the second Sunday of July, we did a song Glad I Got Jesus and the participants were Deacon Timothy Lockhart, Teyei Datiri, and Demetrius Darden. Then on the second Sunday of August, we did the song I'll Be There and the participants were Deacon Timothy Lockhart, Demetrius Darden and Teyei Datiri. I would like to thank each puppeteer for your assistance in helping to minister to our congregation. I am very proud of the puppeteers as they have been doing a great job.

Sister Diane Rufus, Coordinator

Music Ministry

Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. (Psalm 105:2)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Mass choir members who were able to participate in revival singing engagements during this revival season! **Please mark your calendars for our Music Workshop will be on Thursday-Saturday, October 19-21, 2017. Our guest Facilitator and Director will be Demetriace "Che Che" Jordan from Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church. Other details will come later. Our Annual Choir Day will be on October 22, 2017 at 2pm.** Please take note that this year our Choir Day will be on the 4th Sunday of October instead of the 3rd Sunday in October.

Thanks

Sister Simi Datiri, Coordinator

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Have Feedback, Questions, or Submissions?
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The Missionary Society



Sister Annie Jean Lockhart - Coordinator
Sister Kimberly Black – Assistant Coordinator

The Missionary Society meets every second Sunday immediately after service. We invite any women of Mt. Traveler to come join us by giving your time and talents to the Lord through the Missionary Society.

Missionary Society Meeting Schedule 2017

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Leading Meeting</u>
Sunday, June 11, 2017	Nurse's Guild Ministry
Sunday, July 09, 2017	Pearl's Ministry
Sunday, August 13, 2017	Usher's Ministry
Sunday, September 10, 2017	Minister Wives Ministry
Sunday, October 8, 2017	Matron's Ministry
Sunday, November 13, 2017	Missionary Society Ministry
Sunday, December 11, 2017	Senior Citizen Luncheon – No meeting

MT TRAVELER TECHNOLOGY GROUP MINISTRY



Follow along with our current sermon series:

Coming soon on these social media sites



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Stay tuned



Submitted by Sisiter Yeipyeng J. Datiri

The Southeast District Calendar:

September 2017:

The Southeast District Calendar:

No Event this quarter

UPCOMING STATE AND NATIONAL EVENTS

September 2017:

September 4-8

National Baptist Convention U.S.A.,
Cincinnati, Ohio

October 2017:

October 7

Southeast District 1st
Saturday Youth Meeting
Location: TBA

November 2017:

November 14-18

Southeast District 1st
Saturday Youth Meeting
Location: TBA

November 14-18

Ala, State Baptist Convention,

Host: 6th Street Baptist

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Photos from the Youth Explosion - May 20, 2017



Memories from Robbie L. Trimble Library Dedication, June 4, 2017



**Pastor Datiri Presenting the Bible and Certificate of Baptism to
Kameron Johnson after completion of Orientation and Membership
Class at Mt Traveler Baptist Church, July 2017**



**PICTURES WITH MT TRAVELER YOUTH
PARTICIPATING AT THE CONGRESS ON CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION, EBENEZER DISTRICT CENTER,
CAMP HILL, ALABAMA – JULY 19-20, 2017**



FALL SPORTS:

Kiyasha Reid - Opelika High School Cross Country & Spirit of the South Marching Band

2017 OHS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM



Front Row: Shokerra Forbes, Abby Moon, Jerry Hoover, Blake Bell, Savannah Karl, and Kiyasha Reid
Back Row: Tyrell Jones, Geoffrey Crisler, Jacob Walker, Wesley Mading, Wale Papanola, Jack O'Quinn, Benjamin Estes, Peter Kambert, and Tucker Cowart. Head Coach: Kristin Batt

2017 OHS CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE

August 31	Trinity Trailblazer	Montgomery, AL
September 9	Opelika Invitational	Opelika, AL
September 16	Spain Park Cross Country	Hoover, AL
September 23	Volunteer Classic	Lineville, AL
September 30	Smiths Station Panther Invite	Smiths Station, AL
October 7	Jesse Owens Classic	Oakville, AL
October 14	Off Week	
October 21	Auburn Tiger Classic	Auburn, AL
November 2	Sectionals	Auburn, AL
November 11	6A State Championship	Oakville, AL

