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A New Year

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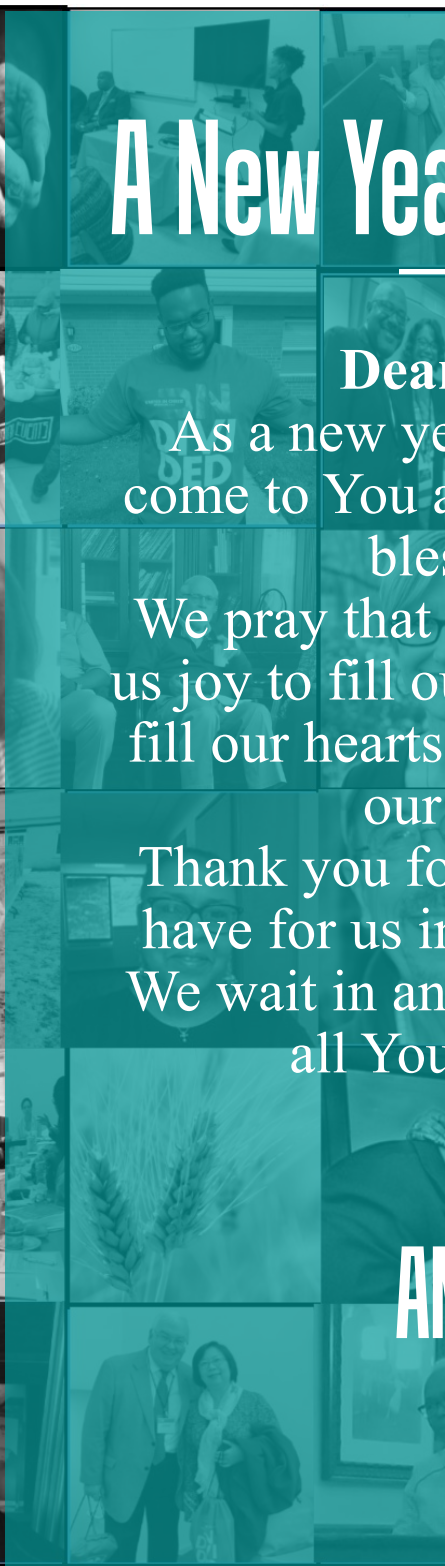
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come to You and

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We pray that
us joy to fill our
fill our hearts

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Thank you for
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We wait in an
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Rev.

Let everything that has

The Psalms are full of encouragement to use
and percussion instruments to praise the Lord.
instruments were used rhythmically to praise the Lord.
being alive is obvious: "Praise the Lord,
dancing."

The Mosaic laws had 613 rules, many of which
to behave like the nations surrounding them.
and all kinds of things. But when it came to music,
They used the same musical instruments as the
difference is that they used their music to
celebrate the Lord.

Music is the language of the heart. The heart
the heart is profane, then what comes out of the
pure, then what comes out of the heart is holy.
sound of words that makes them holy.
communication. We now have historical music
grew out of Canaanite dialects. So the music of
contemporary culture is a reflection of the heart.

In today's musical culture we are born into
indeed profane. It's profane because it's
profane because it ignores God entirely.
images and lyrics regularly portrayed as
artists like are beyond deplorable, in contrast
that can be squeezed out of this kind of culture
the rest of society. It's really a scream for
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Christian music today should employ a
cultural expression. No other religious
categories do you see for Moslem music
there. It is the Gospel that has universal appeal
young people and old people. Consequently,
and yellow, black or white.

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CE CLOSED			

Mr. John W. Melton was born on May 26, 1919 in Autauga County, Alabama. He was one of five siblings were LeGrand, Daniel, Arthur, James, and

John was an active young man with lots of energy. This determination would lead him to make a career of his life. He attended the Mount Olive Baptist Church and excelled in both reading and arithmetic. He had success in many arenas over his life.

Feeling a higher sense of purpose, he served in the Army. As a soldier in the 3098th Quartermaster Company, he was apart. He was honorably discharged on January 1946. Following his honorable discharge, he relocated to Louisiana for suitable employment. While in Louisiana, he met a woman he admired as she walked to and from work every day. They soon were married. To this union were born two children, father of Larry, Sr.

With his new wife, and young family in mind, he sought independence and freedom for them. When he started the Huntley and Blazer Construction Company with his wife, he and his family moved from Alabama to Washington, D.C., at a time known as Chocoma. He wanted African Americans to advance and make a difference. With their daughter settled in the Northeast, he worked on Capitol Hill. The first project that he worked on was the Labor of Labor. He was a dedicated and skilled laborer and a foreman. After many years of service he retired from the Union Station restoration project within his term.

John, following strong sense of independence, moved to Montgomery County, MD. However, he maintained his family and continued to enjoy the company of friends and family. He had an entrepreneurial mind and often sold his products while maintaining a side business.

January

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 NEW YEAR'S Day	2	3	4
8 Chapel and Staff Meeting 10:30AM	9	10 OAM Team Meeting 10:00AM	11 Baptist Men
15	16	17 President/Vice President Orientation	18
22	23	24 Mental Health & First Aid Training	25 Baptist Men
29	30	31 Work Leadership Team G2G	



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November 18**

Rev. D

We have often heard it said that hurt people hurt people. Many are exhibited through their acting out. They attempt to disrupt the peace and positive community. Individuals have learned how to deal with hurt. In any one of those choices causes a deeper hurt. It causes resentment, and disappointment. But we have decided to no longer let anyone in, no one in human interaction. All because someone hurt us. We ourselves, and did not trust in God who is able to break mental, and emotional bondage. A text that says "I will give you self-esteem, an action that was intended to break you down to size"), purposely excluding someone. It's way harder, bullying (even adults do it -- go with the spirit of Jezebel in the church, the spirit of a spirit that needs to be noticed, a competitor. No matter what the cost is to those around them, these traits co-occurs in one person. Jezebel is a attention seeker. What a tangled storm of a world. We assert that the Bible offers us a primary example of how it hurts people even when the issue is common. It's

Let's read Mark 5: 1 - 20. Here we find Jesus with multiple demons/devils -- he was hurt on the inside. A co-occurring, pre-existing situation that hurt him. A co-occurring, pre-existing condition caused the change. The change came though when he met Jesus. He made his way to Jesus. The first thing we notice is we get them to Jesus. We cannot handle it ourselves. We are not suitable or trained to navigate them through. Our prayer is that they, like the demoniac, be healed with Jesus - the one who can change their lives. In this text, but for our purposes, the person who hurt the hurt person to Jesus. However, if you are the person who is hurting people -- you are the attention seeker, the manipulator, the boastful, the jealous. Your chance is contingent upon your worship of God. If you don't want anyone to know about that the person is a breakthrough. The devil, demon, co-occurs when you come in contact with Jesus. We are told that and that Word will lead you to freedom. Li



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Ephesian

Never be afraid to dip into the w
passage reminds us that God's love
any of us can

When we were children, many of
"treats" from a special jar that they
location. At times we would locate
Unfortunately, when we would do t
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Physically, this action would limit our

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However, our Heavenly father is not
God doesn't hide our blessings from
brand new mercies each an

With this in mind, when I am in need
or sick, or lonely. Whether I need a
energy to make it through my day
goodness and receive a blessing
needs. The better thing is, no m
supply never runs out. And there
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I've come to realize that I need Him
And I'm not afraid now to re

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Mrs. Elizabeth

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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8	19	20	21 Baptist Men
5	26	27	28
Thanksgiving Holiday DCBC Offices Closed			

Elizabeth Swilley McElveen, affectionate pastor, is a member of Fort Foote Baptist Church, married to the late Deacon David McElveen (US Marine Force). She has faithfully served in the church for many years, currently a member of the Chancel Choir, the Prime Timers Ministry, the Cancer Ministry, and (Determined to Overcome Valley Episcopal Church). A widow.

Mrs. McElveen is a retired educator who has lived in various states. Her last assignment was at the Prince George's Community College where she oversaw the Prince George's Automotive & Construction Technology Center where students build and furnish a complete car. She is the mother of a general contractor. She is the mother of four children and four great grandchildren.

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ce of Empowering Congregations			Board of Directors and Standing Committees Orientation
Reconciling Ourselves			
Leaders Class			
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			Baptist Men
			Mental Heath & First Aid Training (Youth)
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and f ing AM		OAM Team Meeting 10:00AM	
9	20	21	22
			Church Treasurer Training
			Reconciling Ourselves
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a sday			Baptist History
			Mental Heath & First Aid Training (Youth)

Deacon Sonia Stanford is a faithful member of Memorial Baptist Church. She is involved in the Food Pantry Ministry. Deacon Stanford teaches Sunday School each Sunday. She is married to James Stanford and has two daughters.



Rev. Dr. Robert D. L...

*They come each evening,
roamin'*

*They wander in sear
and whine if the*

*But I will sing of You
extol each mornin'*

*for You have
a refuge in m*

*Psalm fifty-nine,
Adapted from*

There are times that I fear the people of
above, some cause me to walk a little fast
ators, even if they are not, even when the
ness. How my fears affect my

Perhaps some real predators are not those
who work around me. They are the
finest threads, but they, too, wander around
fect my life negatively by taking advantage of
sands through seeking their personal gain
ing a predator

God, save me from the predators and from
come a growling dog as



Rev. C.
Hill

Everybody has an opinion on music in the church. Whether it is the style of music that should be allowed in the church, whether the lyrical content of the music is up to one's theological liking or whether the skill level of the musicians is up to one's personal standard – music is one of the most scrutinized aspects of church life. Sadly, as a result, music has in many ways become more about us than about God. Psalm 150 is about many things – where to praise God (e.g. in the sanctuary, in the highest heavens), why to praise God (e.g. for his acts of power, for his surpassing greatness), what to use in praising God (e.g. just about any instrument you can get your hands on, including your limbs, and everything that has breath). However, what Psalm 150 is not about is putting personal conditions on your praise. It doesn't say praise God with the dance if you like dancing, or praise God with the

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7	8	9 OAM Team Meeting 10:00AM	10
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1	22 DCBC 144th Annual Gathering	23	24
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Sister Arthuryne J. Taylor, 102, founding member of Fellowship, tenacious she has served in many capacities and a leader for a number of years. Affectionately known as M, she is a teacher/learner. Her insights and experiences are eagerly received each week, she brings skills while enjoying a full and active life. Sister Taylor is a member of the Tennessee Agricultural and Industrial Museum as Tennessee State Historian in Washington, DC with her family. She has her education roots retiring after 30 years for the National Education Association. Her faith is evident in her commitment to the community and the world.

On the occasion of her 100th birthday, she unveiled the Arthuryne J. Taylor Founders Hall. She has a heart for the world, believes in the power of prayer, and loves people, and graciously.

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4	5	6	7 Baptist History Class Church Clerk and Trustee Training
11 L and ffing AM	12	13 OAM Team Meeting 10:00AM	14 Baptist History Class The Lies They Tell: A Thieving Ideology
18	19	20	21 Sunday School Teachers and Directors Training "Learning By Heart" Baptist History Class
25	26 Lunch and Learn: Grant Funding Opportunities	27	28 Rev. Dr. Robert Cochran Retirement Celebration

AININGS THIS MONTH

of Equipping Leaders
Baptist History ClassOffice of Communications
A Thieving IdeologyOffice of Empowering Congregations
Sunday School Teachers and DirectorsOffice of Administration and Stewardship
Lunch and Learn: Grant Funding Opportunities/ Church Clerk and Trustee Training

The Older Adult Ministries congregations meet to share mental, social, and spiritual by

- Providing resources and better utilize the gifts and e

- Assisting congregations implementing, and sustaining programs

- Providing quarterly community themed fellowship a

- Promoting a healthy understanding for the aging process and intergeneration



Rev. Dr. Robert D.

*Trust in God at all times,
pour out your heart to
God in all your distress.
Men are mortal,
placed on a frailty,
they weigh even as a breath.*

*Psalm sixty-two
Adapted from*

In whom do I truly trust? I grew up
helped me so, a parent, a teacher,
me? In whom do I truly trust?
person I knew intimately, a friend
disappoint me? In whom do I truly trust?
as a senior adult, I felt that I could

God, teach me to be able to rely on You
dwell in me through Your Spirit
passing breath but rather that I may
Live through Your Spirit in me so that I
trust in You



Mrs. Lashanor M. D.

It Reminds

When I think of the word “praise,” my mind (and my heart) rehearse how much God truly loves me. I can’t help but say, “Thank you, Jesus, for everything you have done for me.”

God created us to worship. This psalm reminds me why to praise Him, what to praise Him for, and how to praise Him. I love that this Psalm leaves me with a sense of awe and breathing, this is speaking to me.

Praise takes our mind off of our situation and focuses on our Creator, Jesus Christ—telling us that we are God’s children and that He has already won the victory over every situation. It reminds us of how that resting in Him allows us to renew our strength and fear because the Lord holds our hands and we are comforted by His wings of protection. It reminds us that He is the Truth and He is the Life. It reminds us to **SO LET EVERYTHING THAT HAS BREATH** praise today to our God who desires that we praise Him.

References: Exodus 14:14, Psalm 28, Ephesians 2:8-9

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Ms.

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2	3 Mental Health & First Aid Training (Youth)	4	5
9	10	11 OAM Team Meeting 10:00AM	12 The Blessing Series The UNDIVIDED Table Baptist Men
6	17	18	19 Public Theology and Advocacy Conference
3	24	25	26
0	TRAININGS THIS MONTH		
	Office of Empowering Congregations Public Theology and Advocacy Conference/ Grant Writing		
	Office of Administration and Stewardship Mental Health & First Aid		
	Office of Communications The Undivided Table		

Blanche Louise (Ferebee) Harris, was born in Norfolk, Virginia. Her opportunity for education was in Princess Anne County, Virginia; and she attended Princeton Theological Seminary (PTS) in August 2000 at the Baptist Church in August 2000.

She is what some calls "A Late Bloomer," of her three children. She jokingly says her husband, Willie,

Prison Fellowship and its Founder, Chuck Smith, ministry. While attending seminary in New Jersey State NJ. After moving to Maryland, she worked with the Clifton Park Baptist Church (CPBC) and Boyd's Correctional Center.

CPE training took her to Duke University where she furthered her education while visiting in Columbia, S.C.

The above opportunity that I believe God gave as part of her ministry experience. Second, the person whom she ministers is most exciting.

Last, but not least is her desire to travel. She has traveled with the Lott Carey Baptist Fellowship, Baptist, and most recently joined her Church to travel with them to

After graduation from PTS, she relocated to Maryland. She is thankful for the International travel opportunities to take part in. What a blessing! She hopes to see all members

She asks for prayers for her health, a source of blessing to be a blessing to family and others. In the future, S

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	2	3	4 "The Presence" Communications Workshop Mental Health & First Aid Training
3 and ff ing AM	9	10 Good Friday DCBC Offices Closed	11 Baptist Men
5	16 D.C. Emancipation Day	17 OAM Team Meeting 10:00AM	18 The Blessing Series The UNDIVIDED Table
2	23	24	25 "Guest Services" Usher Training
9	30		

Deaconess Emeritus Erma B. Foote Baptist Church. She faithfully served over 65 years in several churches before moving to Maryland in 2012. Deaconess Hines served Foote on July 29, 2012 and is a devoted member of the weekly Bible Study, the Prime Time Women's

Deaconess Hines is a retired Florida school system for over 30 years. During her career, she developed two educational programs implemented in 5 Florida counties. One of the programs was to motivate and encourage students who dropped out of school. She has one daughter, 25 grandchildren, and great-great grands. She is truly a blessing to all. Savior Jesus



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O Lord, You have exam

*This is beyond n
it is a mystery
Where can I*

*It was You who crea
You fashioned me
I praise
for I am awesom
Your work is
I know*

*Psalm one hundred thirty-n
Adapted from*

I sometimes long in this city for a few
friends. We
can be a friendless place. There are
agendas. Too few of us share common
are broken apart by the long hours
loneliness that s

I have watched retirees begin to wo
lives. Even at retirement parties the
objectives change over time. The w
themselves cut off from human rela
live to work too readily and forget t

Thank You, God, for reminding me
stillness of Your voice sometimes cra
me that I have taken the time nei
another person. Thank You, for Yo



Rev. Paula Mo

Why

What is praise?

When we talk about offering praise, we are talking about our relationship to our Creator, God.

Why is praising God important? There are countless reasons why.

First, God deserves to be praised.

"For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise are all his gods" (Psalm 96:4).

"Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise is his fathom" (Psalm 145:3).

"I call to the LORD, who is worthy of praise" (2 Samuel 22:4).

"You are worthy, our LORD and God, for you have created all things, and by your will we live" (Revelation 4:11).

By praising God, we are reminded of His goodness, which is reinforced in our understanding. "Praise is sweet to his name, for that is pleasant" (Psalm 145:2).

Praising in faith transforms our spiritual environment.

Who is to praise God?

Human beings are designed to worship God. There are a variety of ways one can praise.

Praise can be expressed through singing and playing instruments, through kneeling, lying prostrate, etc.), through prayer, service, and giving. There is no right way or wrong way; in truth it is all pleasing to God.

"Let everything that has breath praise the LORD" (Psalm 150:6).

When should we praise?

Through it all! Loved ones, God is with us and comforting and loving us. He has known us from before we breathe our last breath.

What a fitting way to end the book of praise—praising God everywhere and in every way. Praise the Lord.

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Deacon Alonzo Yerby has been a member of Saint Mary's since the early 1960s. He is the most senior member of the church. He was born January 7, 1929 in Remo, VA. Alonzo Yerby. He is the third youngest of four children. He married Earnestine Nickens in October 1951. Due to limited occupational opportunities in the early sixties, eventually bringing his family to a full time position at the Pepsi Cola Bottling Company. He held a full time position as assistant cook on the B-1 bomber at Pepsi Cola including tractor trailer driver. He joined the Saint Mary's Baptist Church in 1962. He is located at 1400 Avenue, NW, Washington DC. The late Rev. Dr. Alonzo Yerby was the Founder and Senior Pastor. Deacon Alonzo Yerby is a lifetime member of Saint Mary's. Deacon Yerby has served as a member of the church since joining Saint Mary's. He currently serves as chair/facilitator of the church. He willingly makes himself available to assist in any way whenever asked. Deacon Yerby is loved by all at Saint Mary's, most who refer to him as Dad, Dadda, or Papa. He is affectionately referred to as Pastor, Rev. Dr. Alonzo Yerby. Deacon Yerby loves to spend his down time on his riding lawn mower or trimming the lawn. He and family members who still live there are relaxing and breathing life into the church. Most precious to Deacon Yerby are his children (Thomas), Veronica and Vanessa who are the grandfather of three and great grandfather of four. He is proud of the family that worships and

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MONTH		1	2 Women's Togetherness Tea
dship			
6	7	8 OAM Team Meeting 10:00AM	9 Baptist Men
3 el and ff ting AM	14	15 Mental Heath & First Aid Training	16 Parliamentarian Workshop National Day of Service
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7 Heath t Aid ning	28 Stewardship Committee Mental Heath & First Aid Training	29	30

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Praise is something we give all the time and for most of us it comes naturally. We praise people for doing a great job, for lending a helping hand or for simply completing a task. But, have we truly taken the time to stop and think about why we give praise. Psalm 150 explains it all and gives an invitation to praise and to acknowledge Yahweh, The Lord God Almighty. We need to praise Him with every breath; giving Him all honor and glory. The Hebrew word Halal means to praise, honor or commend and is the root of the word Hallelujah. Therefore, since Hallelujah is the highest praise; when someone says "Praise the Lord" our response must be Hallelujah! Praise unto the Lord can be expressed in many ways. We can praise through song, through dance and through musical instruments just to name a few. Even the birds through their singing, the sun through it's shining and the moon and the stars with their light all speak to the glory of our God. Since we as the creation of God love to be praised and since we are made in His image, just think how much God would love to hear how much we love Him. How he desires to hear our praise.



As a graduate of Howard University,

B. Robinson is a licensed clinical social worker and a member of the DC Metro Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. She served the District of Columbia as the Deputy Administrator for the Psychiatric Department of Mental Health, District of Columbia Service Agency. Just prior to her current service, she functioned as the Director of the Nursery, a program that addresses the needs of three (3) to six (6) who have special needs and face challenges.

Mrs. Robinson's advocacy for children and families is a member of the Eagle Academy of America, a national organization of Directors. She has served on the Board of Directors since its inception in 2003. Her expertise in child development provides guidance to the school system in establishing policies and plans that meet the needs and requirements for the children.

The faith-based community is also a source of knowledge and wisdom. She is a member of the Columbia Baptist Convention and the First Baptist Church in Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Robinson is a resident of the District of Columbia and resides with her family.



Major L. Anderson was born on M
of seven children to the late Rev.
Anthony Anderson. Born and raised
Anderson attended public schools
School class

Mr. Anderson entered into the Army
and was assigned to the Army Air
1946 I was honorable discharge
September of 1946 Mr. Anderson
School of Engineering , majoring
also studies at the American U
Commercial Law r

Mr. Anderson is married to the lo
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Rev. Starlette Thomas, Minister to

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RAININGS THIS MONTH			
Office of Empowering Congregations Youth and Young Adult			
	Office of Administration and Stewardship Mental Health & First Aid		
Office of Communications The Undivided Table			

Strike up the band! In Psalm
musicians. If you have an instru
both the ones we have made
“Let everything that has breac
Peterson interprets the verse this
living, breathing creature

No rehearsal, no robes, no soun
there is life in your body, then th
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Glory. Hallel