



First Rising Mt. Zion Baptist Church
"82 Years of Walking by Faith"

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sister Jean Whitley, President

Becoming Luminaries for Christ

The fourth Sunday in November will find us celebrating our 66th Anniversary of the Missionary Society Ministry. This will be a time of rejoicing in the Lord for all His benefits towards us. Think on these things. This will also be a time of rededicating ourselves as we press toward the mark of the high calling of our Lord Jesus Christ. There is something about love that calls for action. As we look forward to another season of service, may we determine that all of our actions will demonstrate the love of Christ within us.

In the coming year First Rising Mt. Zion Baptist Church looks forward to a new era. We will dedicate ourselves to maintaining stewardship, fellowship and worship. New challenges will provide opportunities for growth and mission expansion (an Evangelistic Explosion as Pastor Young has named it), so we may light up the name Missionaries as Luminaries to the Kingdom. Taking on Matthew 5:16, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

"Ye are the light of the world." What the luminaries — the sun and moon are in the heavens with respect to corporal light, as were the apostles—so are we, who have been born again in the world with regard to spiritual light, carrying and spreading the gospel.



Fifth Sunday Call to Worship

SECOND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF PASTOR ORAN W. YOUNG

Sister Arlene Williams, Chair Pastor's Anniversary Committee

From Friday, September 14 to Sunday, September 16, 2018, we celebrated the "Second Anniversary" of Pastor Oran W. Young - a "Servant for God's Glory" (1 Peter 4:7-11). We are grateful for his leadership and teaching. God has provided us with a Pastor who continues to work in the service of the Lord with love, faith, and much prayer to serve the congregation of First Rising Mt. Zion Baptist Church. We are also grateful for our beautiful First Lady Linda D.

Young, who lovingly works by our Pastor's side, and is a hard and dedicated worker in the church.

The celebration began on Friday, September 14, 2018, with an evening worship service that was chaired by and dedicated to the youth and young adults of First Rising Mt. Zion. We were blessed with awesome performances of the Combined Youth Choir, the God's Promise Dance Ministry and the Orchestra.

Our youth and young adults truly blessed our hearts and souls with singing, dancing, and playing. Rev. Lisa Fidderman, Lead Pastor of Bethel Free Methodist Church in Fort Washington, Maryland, delivered a dynamic message.

On Sunday, September 16, 2018, the celebration continued at the 9:30 a.m. worship service, where Rev. Darrel Fidderman, appointed Pastor of Bethel Free Methodist Church, also delivered a dynamic

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October 5	Youth Fellowship Night
October 9	Senior Luncheon
October 14	Homecoming/ Day
October 19	Baptist Ministries Wives and Widows of D.C. & Vicinity
October 21	Ushers' Anniversary
October 27	Missionary Body Mtg.
October 28	Dance Ministry Recital
November 2	Youth Fellowship Night
November 17	Community Fair & Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner
November 22	Thanksgiving Day
November 25	Missionary Society 65th Anniversary

DOROTHY WELLS FOWLKES: A TRUE SERVANT

Sister Dorothy Wells–Fowlkes joined First Rising Mt. Zion Baptist Church over 30 years ago. Two weeks after becoming a member, she joined the Senior Choir and the Eva Cook Missionary Circle.



She also became active in the Sunday School.

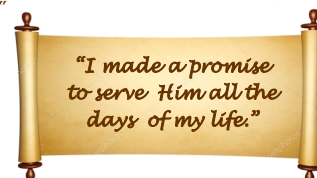
For seven years she assisted Sister Delores Gibson with the Missionettes and became a teacher in the Sunday School’s Junior Department.

In 1989, she married Rev. Williams Fowlkes and joined the Baptist Ministers Wives and Widows Association. From 2005 to 2007, she served as

President of the Interdenominational Council of Ministers’ Wives and Widows of DC and Vicinity. For the past nine years Sister Fowlkes has served as Chair of the Church Anniversary Committee and Director of Vacation Bible School. Currently, she chairs the Breakfast Ministry, is a member of the Wives and Widows of DC and Vicinity, is a member of the Senior Choir, Vacation Choir and the Women’s Volunteer Missionary Choir. Additionally, Sister Fowlkes has served as a member of the Pulpit Committee, the Family Week Committee and the Pastor’s Anniversary Committee. She is President of the Senior Citizens Ministry. This Messenger of Hope says she is honored to be the Leader of the Goldie G. James/Ida Wade McCall Missionary Circle and is blessed to work with a such a beautiful group

of ladies who support her in all their endeavors.” Her Circle ministers the Breakfast Ministry and they also provide catering services to other ministries on their anniversaries.

Sister Fowlkes says, “I truly believe we are to be God’s helpers here on earth. I’ve made a promise to serve Him all the days of my life.” Her favorite scripture is: Colossians 3:17, “And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.” Her favorite song is “He Touched Me.”



SECOND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF PASTOR ORAN W. YOUNG (CONTINUED)

Sister Arlene Williams, Chair Pastor’s Anniversary Committee

message, and we were blessed in worship with singing from the Gibson Gospel Singers and the Male Chorus. Miss Mayla Jenkins blessed us with an amazing liturgical dance. After Baptist Training Union, our Church Family and guests were welcomed, in the beautifully decorated Eva Mae Cook Fellowship Hall, to a nourishing and delicious meal prepared by Sister Dorothy Wells-Fowlkes and her committee and served by Sister Patricia Goodwin and committee.

The celebration climaxed with a 3:00 p.m. service where Rev. Reginald M. Green, Sr., Interim Pastor of Israel Baptist Church of Washington, DC, blessed our hearts and souls through wonderful inspirational singing and powerful preaching of the Word of God.

Sisters Nikkia Williams & Jailynn Chandler-Bentley of Mt. Salvation Baptist Church in Arlington, Virginia blessed us with a spirit-filled liturgical dance presentation. Rev. Young surprised Israel Baptist Church with a

special dedication to their late Pastor, Rev. Morris L. Shearin, Sr. through a moment of silent prayer and a rendition of “Remind Me Dear Lord.” This song was often sang by the late Rev. Shearin. It was a very moving tribute.

We pray that God will continue to use Rev. and Mrs. Young and bless them in accordance with His will. May they both grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, as they continue to serve at First Rising Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

The Pastor’s Anniversary Committee sincerely thank all participants who helped to make the second anniversary celebration a grand success. May God bless you all and see you next year!



Rev. and Mrs. Young receive a beautiful crystal plaque from First Rising Mt. Zion recognizing their two years of service.



The God’s Promise Dance Ministry performs to “Every raise” at the Friday night celebration service.

121ST ANNUAL SESSION OF LOTT CAREY “MISSIONS MATTER TO CHRIST”

Sister Odessa White, Reporting

What a spiritually charged convention! The Lott Carey 121st Annual Session was held on August 12 - 16, 2018, in Atlanta, Georgia at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Pastor, Robert James and the Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Roswell, Georgia, hosted the convention with the help of partner pastors and churches in the metro area.

While I cannot tell it all, here is a gist of the week's events. Prayer and praise services began each day at 5:30 a.m. Monday was set aside for registration, Special Unit meetings, board meetings, mission deployment to outreach assignments and choir rehearsals. On Monday evening, Lott Carey hosted a Community Feast to which homeless persons from surrounding communities were invited to dine with us at the Banquet. Following the impressive meal, they remained for the Worship Arts Concert featuring dynamic vocalists. Three hundred (300) homeless guests attended.

The convention officially opened on

Tuesday. A 3-day Mission Education Class commenced on Tuesday. The book, "SEED FALLING ON GOOD SOIL, Rooting Our Lives in the Parables of Jesus" (written by Gordon W. King) served as the study guide. The lessons were lively, interactive, and spiritually challenging as we discussed parables, stories and study questions that guided us into a deeper understanding of our faith and ourselves.

Concurrent sessions with Men on Missions, International Youth Development, Hope Ministries were held daily with their national and international counterparts. Women in Service Everywhere (WISE, Women's Auxiliary) also conducted sessions. We were able to learn about their mission projects and achievement during the General Session.

General Sessions, which were inspirational and informative, featured sole-steering preaching, massive choirs, board reports, and Mission Foci interviews with representatives of foreign missions.

It captivated us to hear the state of affairs around the world and how Lott Carey through prayer partnerships, financial support and technical assistance provides relief to so many people in so many places. Lott Carey is represented in 20 countries.

Time was also set aside for the Orientation of First-Timers to Lott Carey, a Health Fair and a Blood Drive.

It was reported that: more than 2,000 persons attended the convention, including 100 youth who put in 800 hours of service at 5 sites; 450 people participated in Mission Blitz deployment, resulting in 49,000 meals packed for Atlanta's Food Bank, 200 books for homeless in Atlanta; 200 nurses worked the Health Fair and blood bank; 43 units of blood were collected; 9 individuals received a Ph.D. in Missions, 8 students are in the program and 8 more are prepared to start. Approximately \$246,689 in donations were received. Seventy-five percent or more goes to missions. (Continued on Page 4)

143RD ANNUAL SESSION, MT. BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Sister Odessa White, Reporting

The 143rd Annual Session of the Mt. Bethel Baptist Association took place on Wednesday, August 22 through Friday, August 24, 2018, at the Beach and Resort Center in King George, Virginia. Utilizing First Rising's bus transportation, eighteen First Rising members and one guest attended Wednesday's event. The theme of the Annual Session was, "Honoring Our History, Living the Legacy focusing on our Future.

Rev. C. H. Johnson (Pastor, Christ Missionaries Baptist Church in Ft. Washington, Maryland) moderated the devotional segment of songs, scripture and prayer. The Inspirational Message was preached by Rev. Miracle Worrell of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Washington, DC. Referencing Luke 21:5-19, Rev. Worrell stressed that in this day and times of uncertainty, we should take the opportunity to testify our belief in God by what we say and how we live. In times of trials we have to stand firm on God's word and let Him give us the wisdom to respond to negativity or tragedy. For He is our rock of salvation.

Based on an open letter sent to the Association, highlighting civil rights issues of our

day (e.g., voter suppression, racial divisiveness, census boundaries), a Social Justice Panel was convened to discuss, "What is the Job of the Church in Civil Rights?" Some ideas expressed was that: the church should lead the effort; the Pastor has to be informed and knowledgeable of the issues and needs of the people; practice public outreach; and go beyond the surface of problems.

Rev. Leonard Bland (Pastor, Salem Baptist Church, Salem, Virginia) delivered the opening message, utilizing the subject, "God is in the Blessing Business." This we know because we are recipients of His blessings.

Following lunch, Rev. Terry Streeter spoke during the David Durham Lecture Hour, on the topic "Have You Got Religion" (James 1: 28-27). In his presentation, Rev. Streeter explored three test questions to see if the Word we have received has made an impact on our life.

1) Do you have control of your tongue?
2) Do you have concern for the least?
And, 3) Do you live a consecrated life?
If you are doers of the word, then the evidence should be seen in your life.

The theme of the afternoon Women's Auxiliary Session was "Kingdom Women Embracing Our Purpose Power and Possibilities (Jeremiah 29:1) The day climaxed with the Annual Report and Address of the President of the Women's Auxiliary, Deacon Rosalyn James Fountain. The Auxiliary goals are: to incorporate younger generations of women into the Auxiliary; to have more auxiliary women step up to teach at retreats; to empower women to speak up and let their ideas be known; and, seeks assistance in encouraging more women to come to the Women Auxiliary Sessions. She calls on women to recognize all that we can accomplish using our gifts and talents to turn people to God. Your gifts and talents help you to define the specific role God created you to do.



First Rising members are in the house.

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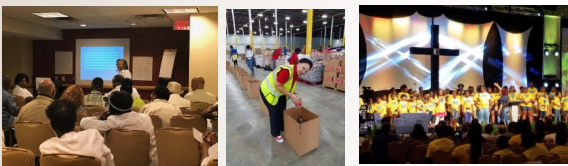
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121st ANNUAL SESSION OF LOTT CAREY (Continued)

Witness and Worship services were held each evening at 7:00 p.m. The anxiously awaited farewell sermon of Convention President, Pastor Alvin E. Waller of Enon Tabernacle Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was delivered on Thursday evening. "Just Do the Right Thing" was his subject, derived from Matthews 25: 35-40. As the old folks used to say, "He set the congregation on fire!" He was accompanied by his magnificent choir of approximately 80 members.

The 122nd Lott Carey Annual Session will be August 11-15, 2019, in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Come join me.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, July 9-23, 2018. Approximately 53 children registered this year for fun-filled experiences studying the Bible, perfecting their arts and craft skills, going on field trips (bowling and Laugh Out Loud Fun Center) and practicing their presentation skills during Friday evening's program finale.



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

September 4	Lelia Gibson	October 1	Catherine Doleman
September 8	Lillian Jones	October 6	Barbara Boyette
September 11	Virginia Henderson	October 11	Sheron Ferguson
September 12	Maggie Hamer	October 15	Ann Gilliard
September 18	Geraldine Ford	October 23	Fannie L. Butler
September 18	Bertha Mobley	October 23	Barbara Wormsby
September 23	Mary Jackson	October 24	Denise Simmons
September 24	Gloria Abney	November 2	Ernestine Hogue
September 27	Queen E. Cook	November 7	Yvonne Stewart
September 28	Valeria Ruffin	November 17	Josephine Holland
		November 20	Betty Wilson

May the Almighty from above bless you with all the special gifts and blessings in life.



THE 20th ANNIVERSARY OF THE AFRICAN AMERICAN CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL was celebrated during the Prayer Breakfast on Thursday, July 19, 2018, at Unity Church in Washington, DC.

Over 200,000 African-American soldiers and sailors served during the Civil War. Their service helped to end the war and free over four million slaves. The African American Civil War Memorial honors their service and sacrifice.

Members of First Rising attended the breakfast at the invitation of Rev. Reginald Green, who has been



with the organization since it inception and serves as Secretary. Rev. Oran Young delivered a fervent prayer. The members in attendance were enlightened with the history and enjoyed the breakfast. All are encourage to support and visit the African American Civil War Memorial Freedom Foundation & Museum.



BACK TO SCHOOL FAMILY FUN FEST/SCHOOL SUPPLIES GIVE-A-WAY

On the evening of Friday, July 27, 2018, the Eva Mae Cook Fellowship Hall was packed with children and families from First Rising Mt. Zion Baptist Church and the Shaw Community. There were excitement and anticipation from the time the children arrived until the School Supplies Give-a-Way. The Family Week Committee led the children in games and of course, there was lots of delicious food that was enjoyed by everyone. We gave away 65 backpacks filled with school supplies and later gave away an additional 21 bags filled with school supplies. The school supplies were made possible through donations from the Communications Workers of America, the Gibson Gospel Singers and church members and friends. To God be the Glory!!

Deaconess Ann Gilliard
 Chair, Family Week Committee

Remembering Sister Hazel Williams



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