From the Pastor’s Desk:
“Celebrating Mama’s Faith”

As we embark upon another Mother’s Day celebration, I felt it important that we consider why Mother’s Day is such a significant holiday. Holidays are days set apart for special recognition and remembrance for people who have done exemplary deeds that have impacted other’s lives. When we think about how mothers have influenced and invested in our development, it is certain that a day of remembrance and honor is warranted.

The role of mothers is clearly established in the stories found in the Bible. Who can forget the faith of Sarah, the commitment of Naomi, the model of Elizabeth, and the boldness of Mary? All of the examples, among many others, represent the fullness of faithful living that we should all honor and exemplify.

Sarah’s example demonstrates the hope of blessing even when the season of blessing seems to have passed us by. Naomi’s example demonstrates the power of serving as a mother to someone who is not your child by birth. Had Naomi not taught Ruth how to worship in a new place, Ruth would have never caught the attention of Boaz, eventually becoming his wife and giving birth to those found in the lineage of our Savior. Elizabeth’s example shows us how God prepares us for the awesome blessing that He ultimately has for us. Had Elizabeth not been faithful to bear John the Baptist, the messenger who announced Jesus’ arrival and ministry might never have been heard.

And finally, Mary’s example demonstrates how God can take seemingly untimely opportunities and turn them into blessings simply by His divine power. Mary did not want to be pregnant at that time, but her faith allowed her to do what no one else could do – bring forth a child and a Son.

The common factor among these women is a lifestyle of faith. No matter what the circumstance, they all demonstrated a level of faith that continues to inspire us to be used by God in awesome ways. These mothers are the models that have made our mothers, either birth or surrogate, the wonderful models of faith and witness that we celebrate today. I remember my mother in a special way, not just for what she did in my life, but for showing me how to exercise faith no matter what my station in life.

Today we celebrate mama’s faith. Yes, we remember all that our mothers have done, but I think it most important that we remember what these women of virtue have shown us—how to live by faith and please our God. Let us celebrate the power of the office and role of mother today, and thank God for causing our lives to be better because of them.

Pastor Dan
The Women’s Month Committee held the Kick-Off Meeting after worship service on May 5, 2019. Led by Rev. Lottie Sneed, the committee served refreshments and outlined the planned activities for the month. Greeting cards were distributed for the entire group to sign and prepare for mailing to sick and shut-in members. Our annual “call to service” lists were given out for the Douglas women to shower some of our members with cards of encouragement and other expressions of love. Additional lists are available from the committee or the church office.

For the entire Women’s Month observance, the committee has planned the following:

**Women’s Month Theme:** “We Are Becoming”

**Scripture:** II Corinthians 3:16-18

**Colors:** Pink and Purple

**Mother’s Day**—Recognition of a DMCC Woman and tokens of appreciation to all women in attendance.

**Sunday, May 19, 2019—Celebrating Sisterhood:** Wear your colors – sororities, colleges or organizations; bring a "sister-friend" to worship. Honoring a DMCC Woman and a special token for all women in attendance.

**Sunday, May 26, 2019—Her Story:** Pinning of women in attendance, honoring a DMCC woman and recognition of unsung “she-roes”.

**Tuesday, May 28 and Thursday, May 30, 2019—Women’s Day Choir rehearsals at 6:00 PM**

**Saturday, June 1, 2019 from 10 AM – 2 PM—Women’s Health Fair:** Sisters, bring a buddy to wellness! Information on top health concerns for African American women; free screenings.

**Sunday, June 2, 2019—Women’s Day:** One worship service at 10:30 AM with a reception to follow

Photo exhibit by the Black History Committee of DMCC Women 80 years of age and over. (Dates TBA)

The Women’s Month Committee:
Rev. Lottie Sneed, Ministry Liaison

Gwendolyn Barbour
Elizabeth Cooper
Dayna Gibson
Alice Hill
Tonya Johnson
Karen Orange
Doris Pollard
Terri Powell
Pamela Scott
Patricia Jones
DMCC Family Trip
Atlanta Georgia
Selma & Montgomery Alabama

Friday, September 27th - Sunday, September 29th

Friday, September 27th - Atlanta Georgia
Southwest Airline departs BWI at 6:25am arrive Atlanta 8:15am

• The King Center
  440 Auburn Avenue, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30312

• National Center for Civil and Human Rights
  100 Ivan Allen Jr Blvd NW, Atlanta, GA 30313

Embassy Suites by Hilton Atlanta Buckhead
3285 Peachtree Road NE, Atlanta, Georgia, 30305

Saturday, September 28th Selma & Montgomery Alabama

• The Equal Justice Initiative Legacy Museum
  115 Coosa Street, Montgomery, AL

• National Memorial for Peace and Justice
  417 Caroline Street, Montgomery, AL

• Edmund Pettus Bridge
  Selma, AL

• Sixteenth Street Baptist Church
  330 6th Ave N, Birmingham, AL 35203

Back to Atlanta, GA

Sunday, September 29th - Atlanta Georgia
11:00am worship service at Ebenezer Baptist Church
101 Jackson Street, NE, Atlanta, GA 30313

Southwest Airline departs Atlanta 5:40pm arrive BWI at 7:30pm

$695.00 Per Person

To Complete Your Reservation: $50.00 Non-Refundable Fee

Payment Plans (Include $50.00 deposit)

Half Payments (2) - $322.50 each: Due Sunday, May 26 and Sunday, June 23, 2019

Monthly Payments (4) - $161.25 each: Due: Sunday, May 26, Sunday, June 23, Sunday, July 28 and Final Payment Sunday, August 11, 2019

See Sis. Pat Briggs or Sis. Susan Frazier to make payments.
Out of curiosity one Sunday morning, I asked Bro. John Riley if he had been in any wars. His response was yes, the Korean War. I got real excited and said, “Really, I’d like to talk to you about it”; and we scheduled a day and time for a telephone interview. Here is a portion of our conversation.

Bro. Riley said he was a “flat foot soldier” in the Korean War. It had been rumored that young men with flat feet did not qualify for armed services. When Bro. Riley got his physical, the doctor said he’d never seen those kind of feet before, and was told you can’t be discharged because of your feet.

Q—Did you decide to join the army or was there a draft?
A—Joined because I wanted to get away from home.

Q—How long did you serve?
A—Three years from July, 1951 to June, 1954, honorably discharged with the rank of 1st Sargent. (the only Black man to have this rank in his division)

Q—What was your duty in the war?
A—Originally, my classification was Infantry front line, but when they were calling rank numbers, for some reason, my number wasn’t called, although I knew I was supposed to go into combat.

Q—What do you think happened?
A—I don’t know, somehow my number had been transposed and I was told that I would be assigned to the Ordnance Ammunition Supply Unit, which was at least 50 miles from the front lines. It was my job to make sure ammunition was given to the persons who requested heavy artillery. Sometimes shooting came close, but my unit was bypassed. My mother prayed for me and I agree with you that it was God who intervened. Once, I had to get into a fox hole because of a bomb threat.

Q—Did you feel your prayers were answered and your faith was growing?
A—I wasn’t aware of answered prayers, but just did what I was sent to do. Right now I am thinking back to when I was 12 or 13 and knew there is/was a God. I had gotten a job in a pharmacy but was on the borderline of attending summer school. If I had attended summer school, I wouldn’t have been able to work and my mother would have been very upset and disappointed.

(Interviewer: As John thought about it, he said he began to tear up remembering how he prayed hard not to attend summer school; and when he didn’t have to go, he exclaimed, “There is a God!” While he was still in the army, his mother passed away and he was brought back to the states and stationed in Kentucky. He became a sergeant who helped with the “cadre”, meaning his job was to supervise other sergeants.)

Q—Were you ever sorry you decided to enlist into the army?
A—No, it was quite an adventure and I was able to see many places. Everyone was joyful when I returned home, but I questioned myself, “What am I going to do now?” I married and became a postal worker until my retirement.
Douglas Women Honored for Their Community Service

Margaret Turner was featured in an article and on the cover of the March 15, 2019 edition of the Baltimore Times. The article by Ursula V. Battle was entitled “The Baltimore Chapter of Continental Societies, Inc.: A Rich Legacy of Serving Children and Youth Since 1955”. Mrs. Turner, whose Continental membership spans 65 years, is the only living charter member of the Baltimore Chapter. She shared her memories of joining the group and the many educational programs they have planned and implemented in Baltimore City and Baltimore and Harford County public schools and local organizations. Their work includes their Five-Point Programmatic Thrust: Health, Education, Employment, and Recreation (H.E.R.R.), volunteering with the Colgate Van and Book Buddies, providing financial support for other programs and much more.

Mrs. Turner celebrated her 90th birthday on March 1, 2019, is a prolific poet and currently serves on the Board of Stewards.

Stacia Mobley was the recipient of the President’s Award, presented by the Greater Baltimore Urban League on Friday, April 12 at the 2019 Whitney M. Young, Jr. Gala. Stacia is Vice-President of the Greater Baltimore Urban League Guild (GBULG), and has been a member for 23 years. Her work has included visiting nursing homes, providing Thanksgiving dinner to a group home and Christmas gifts to families, prom gowns and business attire to young people, voter registration and volunteering at fundraising activities.

“The President’s Award is bestowed to individuals who dedicate their talent, time and resources to serving the community. Recipients of this award drive the mission of The Greater Baltimore Urban League, working to ensure all communities have equal access to opportunities and resources to become economically self-sufficient.”

Stacia currently serves on the Board of Trustees and the Breakfast Club (Sunday School) refreshments team.

Tracey Barbour-Gillett was honored as one of Maryland’s Top 100 Women 2019, at the Daily Record’s Award Celebration on April 15, 2019. Tracey is currently the Program Officer, Community Development at the Abell Foundation and was chosen from among 500 nominees.

“Maryland’s Top 100 Women recognizes outstanding achievements of women through professional accomplishments, community leadership and mentoring. Honorees were selected by a panel of business professionals and previous Top 100 Women honorees.” (from the Daily Record website)

Tracey was elected in 2018 as the first African American board chair in the 35 year history of the Association of Baltimore Area Grantmakers, a statewide association of 135 philanthropic institutions; and has also been in the Local Purchasing/Small Business Development Workgroup in the Baltimore Integration Partnership since 2014.

Tracey has served as DMCC’s treasurer and assistant treasurer and is currently the church Moderator.
Bible Puzzle: The “Say What You See” Puzzle

This form of rebus puzzle also known as Whatzits is a say-what-you-see puzzle that uses word play and cryptic devices to convey a hidden meaning, words or phrases. biblepuzzles.com ©2019 All Rights Reserved. Answers on page 8.
“Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” Psalm 118: 19-24 NRSV
**Church Calendar**

- **May is Women's Month**—see page 2
- **Women's Yoga**—Spring session, Mondays at 6:30 through June 17, 2019
- **Book Club Discussion**—Saturday, May 19 at 2 pm, discussing “Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption” by Bryan Stevenson, a well known social justice advocate. Everyone is invited to join in the reading and discussion. See Dr. Eloise Bridges for information.
- **Memorial Day**—Monday, May 27. Church office will be closed.
- **DMCC Family Trip (Atlanta Georgia, Selma, Montgomery & Birmingham, Alabama)**—Friday, September 27—Sunday, September 29, 2019 (see page 3 for details)
- **Women's Day**—Sunday, June 2, 2019, reception following the worship service
- **Fathers' Day**—Sunday, June 16, 2019
- **Pastor Todd, Guest Preacher**—Sunday, June 23, 2019 at 3:30 pm at Brown’s Memorial Baptist Church, 3215 West Belvedere Avenue
- **CFO Summer Camp Session**—June 24-July 26, 2019. Registration is now open. Parents may register their campers on the CFO website or pick up forms in the church office.
- **ICCC Annual Conference**—July 15-18, 2019 in Jacksonville FL
- **Seniors' Crab Feast at Kurtz's Beach**—Thursday, July 25, 2019. Tickets are $50, includes round trip bus transportation from church, steamed crabs, lunch, live music, games, entertainment, prizes and much more!!

**Ministry Volunteers Needed**

The following ministries are in desperate need of willing workers to accomplish their good work!

**The Hospitality Ministry** provides meals, snacks and refreshments for a variety of events including repasts, receptions and Sunday School (the Breakfast Club). See Sis. Tonya Brown to help set up, serve, clean up, etc.

**Meals on Wheels** Driver/visitors teams deliver meals Monday through Friday to homebound seniors and disabled individuals. You may volunteer once a week, once a month, or whenever your schedule permits. Drivers must be 18+ years of age with a valid Maryland driver’s license and their own vehicle. please contact the church office or the Meals on Wheels office 410-558-0827.

Whatever time you have will be helpful!

**“Say What You See” Bible Puzzle Answers**

1. Faith in God
2. The burning bush
3. Passover Lamb (Pass over Lamb)
4. Five smooth stones (David gathered to slay Goliath)
5. The Morning Star
6. The Last Supper
7. The golden calf
8. Coat of many colors
9. First born
10. Many are called, but few are chosen.
11. Noel (no L)
12. Nothing new under the sun
13. (Arc) Ark of the Covenant
14. The lost sheep
15. Daniel in the lion’s den
16. Narrow is the gate
17. To everything there is a season
18. Forever and ever (4 ever and ever)
19. Pride goes before a fall
20. Philemon
21. Our daily bread
22. Tower of Babel
23. Parting of the Red Sea
24. Tree of Life
25. High Priest