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Pastor's Message

This is the day that the LORD has made and we will rejoice and be glad in it. Now is the time for the people of GOD to come together and do the work of our FATHER in heaven: *"And He said to them, "Why did you seek ME? Did you not know that I must be about My FATHER's business?"* Luke 2:49 (NKJV) In the same way that JESUS recognized at 12 years of age that HE had a unique relationship with GOD and a responsibility that He had to up hold, so do we as the children of GOD. Here at St. Peter, we are striving to be in a continual state of pressing. We are pressing to further the development of the relationships between the children and the FATHER. Pressing to identify and utilize the unique gifts and talents that GOD has placed in each and every one of us. Pressing to go out and find the lost and downtrodden so that we may be able to help them and witness to them about the power and the saving grace that comes through CHRIST JESUS.

It is our intent and purpose that we as children of GOD understand that we will never arrive, for arriving happens once we see JESUS. Therefore, until we arrive we will continue to seek GOD's face as we work through the process of sanctification. I encourage you to come see, witness, and become a part of the Mighty Work of GOD that will be performed in this ministry: *"Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few."* Matthew 9:37 (NKJV)

Yours in CHRIST,

Rev. Benjamin K. Sims, Sr.



SONS OF ALLEN SPEAKER AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Our St. Peter AME Church family is proud of our pastor, Rev. Benjamin K. Sims, Sr. Rev. Sims was selected to be the Central Annual Conference Speaker for the Sons of Allen Opening Services on Tuesday, October 21, 2014, 7:00 PM. The Central Annual Conference is being held at the Historic Liberty AME Church, in Summerton, SC.

Our church members and our Spirit of Praise Mass Choir will accompany him. We look forward to seeing as many members as possible supporting our pastor as he brings the Word to the members of the Central South Carolina Annual Conference.

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PASTOR APPRECIATION

PASTOR APPRECIATION POEM



You kneel with people at the worst time of their life;

Giving them hope and sharing with them the Bread of Life.

You stand with people at the best time of their lives;

Sharing the sweetness life has for them.

You walk with people through their everyday life;

Encouraging, sharing, giving, bring-

ing seasoning and flavor to the soul.

Let this day serve as a reminder that while you walk, when you stand, as you kneel;

His Word, the Bread of Life will give you strength;

His Spirit gives sweetness to your days; and your life is seasoned by those who support you with their love and prayers.

~Anonymous

“Only Christ can turn on the light in the hearts of those who live in the dark.” ~Rev. Benjamin K. Sims

PASTOR’S POINTS OF MEDITATION

“Only the ones with the “Spirit of God” can understand that which comes from God.” **Sermon Title: Is It In You?**

“In the midst of your trouble, stand still and see the deliverance of the Lord.” **Sermon Title: Trouble in Deliverance**

“If our spiritual pulse is flat-lined, we can be resurrected in Jesus Christ.” **Sermon Title: Checking Your Pulse**

“Only Christ can turn on the light in the hearts of those who live in the dark.” **Sermon Title: Beware of the Dark**

“If we never trust God to step out on faith, we limit our potential.” **Sermon Title: The Domino Effect of Trust**

“In order to move beyond your best, you have to be willing to let God work through you.” **Sermon Title: Moving Beyond Your Best**

WE THANK YOU, REV. SIMS!

Rev. Sims, I thank you for:

....actually putting on an apron and helping the kitchen committee and me cook grits for Watch Night Service last year. Thanks for sharing your family with our church family. We are one big family. ~ Sister Bernice Pinckney

....your continuous support and attendance in church activities. Thanks again! ~Sister Cherry McLeod

....all you do for St. Peter Church. We, the Vinson family, love you and thank God for you. We look forward to working with you for as long as God allows. May God bless you! ~Sister Larla M. Vinson and Family

....being a good Pastor and for being so good to people. ~Jamilah West

....being a great spiritual leader and a great family man. ~Sister Betty J. Jones

....being a wonderful pastor and a great man. ~Sister Toisy M. Howell

....having true wisdom from God and the loving peace and calmness you show at all times; Thank you for not showing favoritism. And most importantly, thank you for telling us about our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. You are a true Servant of God! ~Sister Gloria Moore

....being a spiritual leader for our church this past year. We thank God for you. ~Sister Culene Jones

....your friendship, patience and understanding (especially when it comes to working with my busy work schedule on some weekends). God Bless! ~Brother Reginald Jennings

....the encouraging words that you have given us through your sermons each and every worship service. ~Sister Angela White

....your hard work, love, and kindness here at St. Peter AME Church. We appreciate you and your family. ~Brother Christopher Harley

PASTOR APPRECIATION



Rev. Benjamin K. Sims and First Lady Shantay M. Sims

PASTOR APPRECIATION PRAYER

Almighty and ever-gracious God,

We give you thanks for Rev. Sims.

You have appointed him to be our Shepherd;

to minister to our spiritual needs

to reach the lost souls in our community

to prayerfully guide and tend to St. Peter A.M.E. Church fellowship.

We realize that the tasks of Rev. Sims as spiritual leader are demanding;

His job is never done.

He listens, cares, and prays for us, encourages and teaches us

and reaches out to those in need of help and salvation.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for our pastor.

On this day we pray that you would strengthen and empower him.

We pray that you would bless him and his family,

and that you would keep them out of harm's way.

May you keep him from temptations and negativity.

May the joy of the Lord always remain in his heart;

Amen.

~Original Poem by Rev. Frank Shaefer

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Zahria Hook – 2nd

Londrae Knotts – 7th

Ashari Barnes – 8th

McKenzie Glenn - 12th

Trenny Jenkins – 13th

Robert Glenn – 14th

Little Miss Ariel Sims – 20th

Rev. Benjamin Sims – 21st

Dwayne Jenkins – 23rd

Carolyn Wright – 27th

Leroy Jones – 31st



SURPRISE PASTOR APPRECIATION PROGRAM

A surprise Pastor Appreciation Day was given by the Steward Board and Pastor's Aide Ministries for Rev. Benjamin and First Lady Shantay Sims and Family on Sunday, October 12, 2014. Our speaker for this occasion was none other than our Elder of the Wateree District, Rev. Dr. James Cooper.

Rev. Sims, who is truly a man of God and an awesome leader, enjoyed the celebration. Although it wasn't easy keeping his appreciation a secret, we managed with assistance from the St. Peter AME Church family. The colors for the occasion were black and white.

~Sister Teretha Mitchell

PASTOR APPRECIATION



As we tried to keep Rev. Sims occupied so he couldn't quite figure out what was happening, we had him pose to take this picture. The stewards in the background are about to put up the appreciation sign so we rushed him out of the sanctuary to the fellowship hall so they could put up the sign for his surprise appreciation program.

“We thank you, Rev. Sims, for your vision and your professional leadership.” ~Trustee Willie C. Harley

PASTOR'S POINTS OF MEDITATION

Sunday, October 12, 2014

Sermon Topic:

“Don't Look Back”

Scripture: Genesis 19: 16 - 17;
23-26

Point One:

What's (sin) behind you can cause you to hesitate.

Point Two:

Because of what's (sin) behind us, we can't look back.

Point Three:

What's (sin) behind you can destroy you.

Rev. Sims, I thank you for your weekly points of meditation.
~**Siister Delphine Scott**

WE THANK YOU, REV. SIMS (CONTINUED)

Rev. Sims, I thank you for:

....everything that you have done. We thank you for your prayers, work, dedication, commitment, and wisdom. You are the best pastor that has walked through the doors of St. Peter AME Church. ~**Sister Mary B. Knotts**

....your leadership and preaching God's Word in season and out of season. Thanks for your encouraging word and being a praying preacher. ~**Sister Mary Harley Stack**

....being a spiritual leader. ~**Sister Jessie Harley**

....your leadership, prayers, and concerns for the up-building of God's kingdom. We love you! ~**Brother Alphonso Harley**

....being a great person to come to when I need to talk and being a good friend. I am glad you are our pastor. You are doing a great job. ~**Keyshawn Wright**

....being the pastor of our great church. ~**Sister Rhuebell H. Jones**

....your leadership and helping the children. You have done an awesome job, and I hope you continue. ~**Destiny Harley**

....all that you do and all of hard work. ~**Tierre Evans**

....being a strong and powerful leader. ~**Shantikea Moorer**

....your accepting St. Peter AME Church, North, SC, to deliver good news to all people in these evil times. May God continue to keep His guiding hands upon you, your family, and your calling. ~**Sister Mary Y. Harley**

....leading our church in the right direction and letting God use you! ~**Brother Londrae Knotts**

....your leadership and guidance. Thank you for taking St. Peter to new heights both spiritually and physically. For these things, you are truly appreciated. ~ **Sister Latrice Wright**

...your vision and your professional leadership. ~**Trustee Willie C. Harley**

PASTOR APPRECIATION

WE THANK YOU, REV. SIMS (CONTINUED)

Rev. Sims, I thank you for:

....supporting the Male Chorus this year and everything we did. We love you and your family. ~**The Male Chorus**

....being a wonderful pastor and a spiritual leader. ~**Sister Effie Crum**

....your leadership and support. We appreciate all that you do for us and all of your guidance. Your kindness is truly amazing. God bless you always. ~**The YPD and the Voices of Victory**

....making our church what it is today. You have done a wonderful job, and for that we are thankful.

~**Sister Betty Felder**

....allowing me the opportunity to praise God in the way I want to. God is truly in this place. ~**Sister Irish Jackson**

....guidance, love, leadership, and devotion. You, with God's guidance, have really shown us the way to lead a church, and we appreciate you for that. God bless. ~**Brother Gerod M. Scott**

“We thank you, Rev. Sims, for your leadership and helping the children. You have done an awesome job and I hope you continue.” ~Destiny Harley



Ariel Victoria Sims

OUR NEWEST MEMBER

We welcome to our church family **Little Miss Ariel Victoria Sims**.

Ariel was born August 20, 2014, weighing 8 lbs. and 6 ozs. Ariel is the daughter of our Pastor and First Lady, Rev. Benjamin K. Sims and Sister Shantay M. Sims, and the sister of Jalen Sims and Benjamin Sims, Jr. May God bless her with the best of physical and spiritual health.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Esra Buckson—3rd

Willie C. Harley—12th

Stacy Jenkins—13th

Betty Felder—15th

Latasha Hook—16th

Cherry McLeod—17th

Cecil C. Knotts—19th

Maceo Haynes—20th

Dashon Scott—22nd

Rev. Foster Moore—22nd

Rev. Michael Buckson—23rd

Vernetia Felder—25th

Dianne M. Hook—29th

Mary Y. Harley—29th



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Angela White—2nd
Ruby K. Stewart—3rd
Brittney Stewart—9th
Janice H. Haynes—9th

Beverly Wright—11th
Isadore Harley, Jr.—12th
Doug Holiday—13th
Laila Knotts—14th
Desmond Harley—16th
Destiny Harley—16th
Thawaunda Harley—19th

Charles Jones—20th
Za'miah Kelly—21st
Delphine Scott—23rd
Alphonso Harley—24th
Christopher Harley—26th
Kristian Harley—27th
Sylvia E. Harley—29th



MORTGAGE PAYOFF RALLY

The trustees of St. Peter AME Church will be sponsoring a Church Mortgage Payoff Rally on Sunday, October 19, 2014. Each household is being asked to contribute \$600 towards the payoff. This is the second major fundraiser dedicated to paying off the church mortgage. The stewards sponsored a Blackout Sunday in March 2014. Once

our mortgage is paid off, we will look forward to making Rev. Sims's vision to renovate the church a reality. We pray God's blessing upon us as we move forward in the up-building of his kingdom.



WOMEN'S PRAYER MINISTRY



St. Peter will be having its first women's prayer group on Tuesday, October 28, 2014, 6:00 PM. The prayer meetings will then be ongoing on the third Tuesdays of every month. We ask that the women of St. Peter come out and join us in the prayer fellowship to strengthen the church and our leaders. Let's pray until something happens (PUSH) in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

~Angela White, Women's Prayer Ministry Coordinator

ANNUAL RAINBOW TEA



Our annual Rainbow Tea program was held on Sunday, July. 20, 2014. Our fellowship hall was filled with tables representing five of the colors of the rainbow. Each decorated table contained a buffet of food items matching the color of the table cloths. A program explaining the meaning of each color according to scripture was shared.

Sister Effie Crum, chairperson, thanked the Voices of Victory choir for their songs, Sister Ruby Stewart for serving as the Mistress of Ceremony, and everyone who provided food items as well as contributed financially to the fundraiser. We look forward to Rainbow Tea 2015.

ST. PETER'S FUN DAY



Our Marketing Ministry's first annual Fun Day was a complete success. We would like to thank everyone who participated in the fun, brought food, or just simply donated. There was nothing but great food, fun, and a wonderful time. We'd like to say thank you once again, and we look forward to an even better and bigger fun day next year!

~Sister Brittney Mitchell



Let's pray until something happens (PUSH) in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord! ~ Sister Angela White, Women's Prayer Ministry

TRUSTEES WORKING FOR THE LORD!

Colossians 3:23-24 (NIV)

23 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, **24** since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

The Trustee Board is a group that is responsible for the supervision and care of the entire property and equipment that belong to the church. The group sets policies for maintenance and administers all bequests to the local church.

The Trustees are happy to report the following projects that we are working toward completing or have completed:

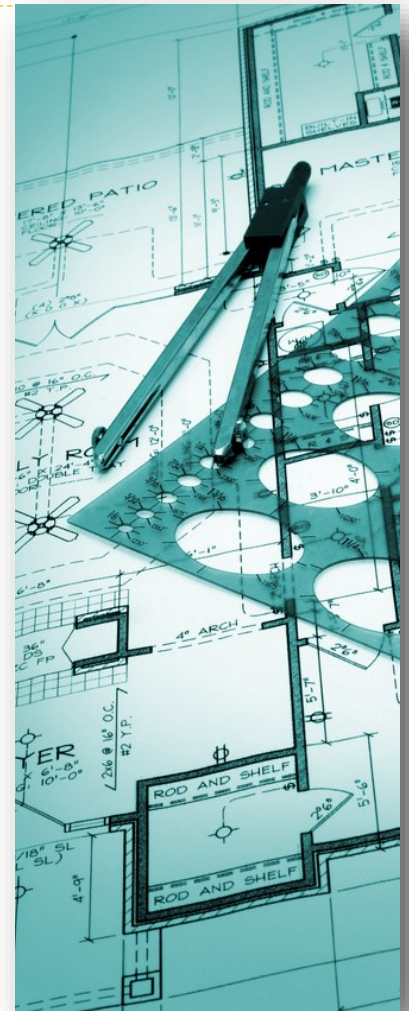
- Our Second Annual Trustee's Anniversary will be held Sunday, October 19, 2014
- Mortgage payoff will be held

on Sunday, October 19, 2014. We are asking each household to pay \$600.00 toward the mortgage payoff.

- Blueprints for the church renovations are in their final stages.
- Other maintenance to the church and educational building
- Maintaining the church grounds

If you see any problems around the church, please report it to one of the Trustees. The members of the Trustee Board are Willie C. Harley, Chair, Curtis Harley, Isadore Harley Jr., James E. Harley, Leroy Jones, Cecil Knotts, Ruby Stewart, and Isabella Way.

~Sister Ruby K. Knotts





HAT DAY PROGRAM

October 19, 2014

2:00 PM



CENTRAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE

October 21-25, 2014

Liberty Hill AME Church

Summerton, SC



NOVEMBER 4, 2014 ELECTION DAY

Please exercise your right to vote!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



Congratulations to Brother Willie Clay and Sister Jessie Harley who will be celebrating their 45th wedding anniversary on December 27, 2014.

“Yes, we have been together 45 years!” said the happy couple.

We hope they are blessed to see many more anniversaries in the years to come.

SUMMER REVIVAL

St. Peter AME Church held its three-day Summer Revival July 30 through August 1, 2014. We thank God for his blessings and the revivalists. Our souls were revived and spirits were renewed.

The revivalist on Wednesday night was Rev. Russell Sheppard, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Chapin, SC; on Thursday night, Rev. Walter Harley, Canaan United Methodist Church, Cope, SC; and on Friday night, Rev. Damien Brown, St. James AME Church, Pinewood, SC.

MEN’S DAY

On every Father’s Day, the men of St. Peter AME Church holds its annual Men’s Day Program. On June 15, 2014, the men of the church and the Male Chorus are in charge.

The guest speaker for Men’s Day was Rev. Dante Kenly, who spoke on the topic: “Who’s Your Daddy?” Rev. Kenly is a member of Providence AME Church, St. Matthews, SC.

We thank the men of the church for carrying on this tradition and serving as role models for the male youth in the church. The program ended with the women of the church preparing and serving the men a delicious meal in our fellowship hall.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

BREAST CANCER FACTS AND TIPS

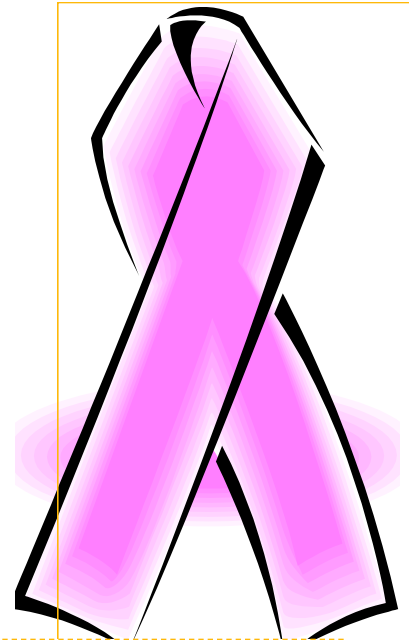
Every 2 minutes, there is a new breast cancer diagnosis. Every 14 minutes, a life is lost to the disease. Over 40,000 people will die this year; about 400 of them will be men. Eighty-five (85) percent of all diagnoses have no family history. One in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer. Breast cancer is the leading cause of death in women between ages 40 and 55.

Source: www.breastcancerawareness.com

EARLY DETECTION IS THE KEY

The best way to fight breast cancer is to have a plan that helps you detect the disease in its early stages. An Early Detection Plan enables you to be proactive about your health by reminding you to do monthly self-exams and schedule clinical breast exams and mammograms. Women should perform a self breast exam each month and any changes or abnormalities should be discussed with a doctor or physician. Leading a healthy lifestyle can help you reduce your risk factors for breast cancer and other illnesses. When breast cancer is detected early, in the localized stage, the 5-year survival rate is 98%.

Source: www.earlydetectionplan.com



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TIPS FOR THE COLD AND FLU SEASON

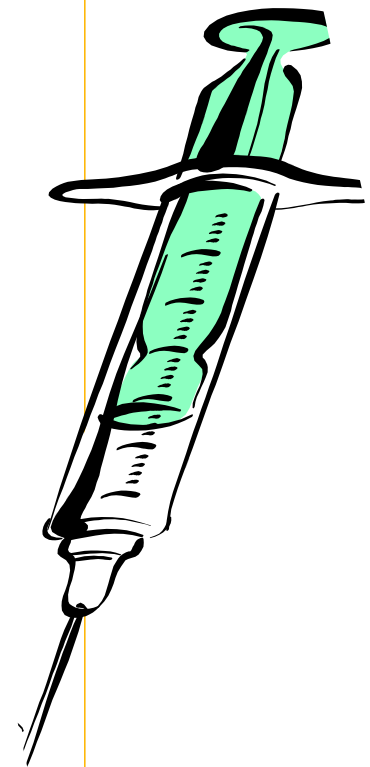
The weather is changing and along with it is the rise in colds and influenza or the flu. Here are some names and symptoms that you should be aware of:

Acute viral rhinitis or the **common cold** is caused by one or more than 30 viruses. It usually spreads from one person to another by droplets, such as sneezing or coughing and is most contagious in the first 2-3 days after symptoms appear. Symptoms often include, but not limited to fatigue, sore, dry throat, and, at times, low grade fever with chills.

Treatment of the Common Cold: Antihistamines and decongestants are commonly given but must be used with caution in the elderly because of side effects such as vertigo (dizziness), high blood pressure, urinary retention (difficulty completely emptying bladder) and insomnia (inability to sleep). Taking antipyretics such as Tylenol when fever is present, getting proper rest (10-12 hours a day) and drinking glasses per day should also be a part of the treatment regimen. Thorough hand washing is also very important, especially after cleaning the nose, coughing, sneezing or after contact with someone who is symptomatic. An uncomplicated cold typically subsides within 7 days.

Influenza (flu) is an acute viral respiratory infection that can occur in adults of all ages. Because it is highly contagious, epidemics are common and can lead to complication such as pneumonia or death—especially in the elderly and individuals with a decreased immune system. The patient with this disorder typically complain of severe headache, muscle aches, fever, chills, fatigue, weakness and loss of appetite. Some individuals also experience a sore throat, cough, and watery nasal discharge that is noticed about 1-2 weeks prior to getting sick.

Treatment of influenza is symptomatic because antibiotics are ineffective against viral infections. Patient should remain in bed for several days, drink a lot of fluids and take Tylenol or aspirin (2 tablets every 4 hours for fever and achiness). Saline gargles may ease throat pain, and antihistamines may reduce the nasal discharge. Flu vaccine is highly recommended during October or November especially for the elderly and those with a weak immune system. Talk to your health care provider about receiving the influenza vaccine.



THANKS TO OUR CULINARY STAFF



To the culinary staff, culinary volunteers, and everyone who pitched in to lend a helping hand in any form or fashion at our Pastor's Appreciation Day Celebration, I would like to say "Thanks so much for taking the time out of your schedule to help make our Elder and First Lady Cooper, our Pastor and First Lady Sims, their families, our church family, visitors, and friends all feel welcome as they were served with a smile." I would also like to express many thanks to those who donated food, ice and desserts, etc.

The main menu consisted of southern fried chicken, green beans, yellow rice, cake, sweet tea, soft drinks and water. We also had a special pastor's appreciation cake (pictured left).

We had a marvelous time in the kitchen as we worked in unison preparing the food and later serving the food. There was lots of laughter and great conversation as we all worked so diligently together. We thank culinary staff members, Sister Betty Felder, Sister Rose Caldwell, Sister Ruth Evans and volunteers, Sister Cherry McLeod and Brother Furman Mintz for working with me. I will always remember how helpful everyone was as we celebrated Pastor Benjamin K. Sims, Sr.'s Appreciation Day. Again, I thank you and God Bless!

~Sister Bernice Pinckney, Culinary Staff Chairperson

"We thank God for giving our pastor the vision to initiate a Men's Prayer Ministry here at St. Peter AME Church."

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Roy Colter—2nd

Jermaine Pinckney—4th

Mildred Scott—5th

Furman Mintz—9th

Stephan Scott II—16th

Ebony Felder—21st

Shyheen Davis—22nd



MEN'S PRAYER MINISTRY

We thank God for giving our pastor the vision to initiate a Men's Prayer Ministry here at St. Peter AME Church. In Luke, the eighteenth chapter and the first verse, Jesus spoke a parable in which he wanted us to understand that "...men ought to always pray and not faint." God created man to be the head and not a tyrant, but to be an example, a leader. Throughout the Bible, He teaches that we are to be strong leaders in the church; however, He expects us first to be leaders in our homes and families. We are to be spiritual leaders at that.

The Men's Prayer Ministry has been created to help build a strong brotherhood of praying Christian men who will be leaders - spiritual as well as economic leaders - in their respective homes first, and then the church and community. We have an agenda to pray for our homes and families, but also our pastor and church family and the ministry, the outreach ministry of the St. Peter AME Church. Finally as Paul instructed in 1st Thessalonians 5: 16 - 18, "Rejoice evermore, pray without ceasing, and in everything, give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." God Bless You!

The Men's Prayer Ministry will meet every second Tuesday in the month at 6:30 PM.

~ Rev. Michael Buckson, Coordinator, Men's Prayer Ministry

VOICES OF VICTORY CHOIR ANNIVERSARY

St. Peter AME Church's youth choir, Voices of Victory, celebrated its second choir anniversary on Sunday, June 1, 2014, at 2:30 PM. With angelic voices the choir sang popular songs by well-known gospel artists: "Won't He Make You Clean Inside?," "God Is," "I Need Just a Little More Jesus," "The Storm Is Over Now" and "I'm Walking in Authority." Sister Latrice Wright is the Advisor; Sister Irish Jackson is the Choir Director; and Brother Reginald Jennings is the keyboardist.

We thank St. Dorcas Baptist Church and Bethel AME Church for their support. We especially like to thank Den'vis Larrymore for his praise dance performance. We also thank our youth choir members for their commitment and hard work as they continue to praise God with songs.

5K RUN/WALK FOR HEART AND KIDNEY HEALTH AWARENESS 2014

We thank God for blessing our first of what is to be an annual event and major outreach ministry of St. Peter AME Church. The 5K Run/Walk was a success. We thank God for not only his blessings but also for giving this vision to our pastor, Rev. Sims. We would like to thank our Presiding Elder and Supervisor Cooper for their support and participation, our many financial supporters, Captain James Green of Orangeburg County Sheriff's Department, Chief Mark Fallow of the North Public Safety Department, Mr. Willie Wise for our tents, our marketing ministry, our church family, our volunteers, Strictly Running, and most of all our 5K Run/Walk Committee for their hard work. We also thank the "Town of North" and its leadership for providing us the location and for helping make this event possible.

The finalists for the race were: 1st place, Ms. Coneka Riley, 2nd place, Mr. Robert McCants, and 3rd place, Ms. Phyllis Coleman. In the walking division, the finalists were: 1st place, Mr. James "Skip" Harley, 2nd place, Ms. Dorothy Howell, and 3rd place, Mr. Leroy Jones. We thank all the participants. They, too, are winners! You can see the names of all the participants on the last page of this newsletter.

We had tons of fun during this event and lots of vital information was shared on heart and kidney disease thanks to the American Heart Association and the National Kidney Foundation. We were also provided lots of vital information on overall health awareness thanks to our resident Registered Nurse, Brother Vernon Hampton, and a representative from the Regional Medical Center.

Let's get ready for 2015!! Information on next year's 5K Run is forthcoming soon. God bless each of you with great health.

~ Sister Zareatha Harley, Event Coordinator

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Alexis Felder—16th

Waymon Stewart—20th

Jamilah West—21st

Dorothy Martin—24th

Shantikea Moorer—26th



Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Isadore (Vera) Harley, Jr. who celebrated their 24th Wedding Anniversary on Oct. 13, 2014. May God bless them to have many more!



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

FAMILY AND FRIENDS WEEKEND 2014

Family and Friends Weekend was celebrated at St. Peter A.M.E Church on Saturday, September 20th and Sunday, September 21st.

Family and Friends Day is a day that is set aside to fellowship with both family members and church members. It's also a time to reconnect with old friends and fellowship with new friends in Christian harmony and love. In the past, we have celebrated this occasion on Sunday during our church services. However, this year, our committee chairperson, Mary Knotts, had the vision to extend Family and Friends Day to Saturday. Thus, we celebrated our very first Family and Friends Weekend! Saturday was a fun-filled day that included activities and games for all age groups. Kids enjoyed jumping in the bounce house and playing games, while the more mature members engaged in games such as bingo, hopscotch, and jump rope. After participating in all of the fun activities, everyone feasted on a variety of picnic foods which included hot dogs, hamburgers, fried fish, baked beans, and other delicious menu items.

The weekend culminated with church services on Sunday afternoon. Family, friends, and guests were blessed with a message from Rev. Dr. Caesar Richburg, pastor of Williams Chapel AME Church, Orangeburg, SC. We were also lifted in high spirits from our very own choir, the Spirit of Praise Mass Choir. After having been fed spiritually, we gathered together for a "family style" dinner. Family and Friends Day Weekend was remarkable! It was the first of its kind! Everyone worked together, laughed together, and fellowshiped together in Christian love. The weekend epitomized what it means to be Family and Friends.

~Sister Shalonya Knotts-Holiday

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Christopher (Sylvia) Harley who celebrated their second wedding anniversary on October 7, 2014. We wish them many more anniversaries to come!

LOVE
overflows
and joy
never ends
in a home
that's blessed
with *family & friends*

BIANCA STEWART'S WHITE COAT CEREMONY

The University of South Carolina School of Medicine presented Sister Bianca Stewart with her White Coat of Medicine on Sunday, September 28, 2014.

The White Coat robing marks a transition from preclinical to clinical health where students begin meeting patients.

Congratulations, Bianca! St. Peter is proud of you. Bianca is the daughter of Brother Waymon and Ruby Knotts Stewart.



FAMILY OF THE YEAR 2014



The Family and Friends Committee were very proud to introduce St. Peter A.M.E Church's Family of the Year : Rev. Benjamin K. Sims and Family (First Lady Shantay Sims, Little Miss Ariel Victoria Sims, Benjamin Sims, Jr. and Jalen Sims)

Sister Mary Knotts, Family and Friends Day Chairperson, presented the family with a Family of the Year plaque at our Family and Friends Day program on Sunday, September 21, 2014.

CONGRATULATIONS MR. & MRS. TROY (SILVER) MOORE!

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Troy (Silver) Moore who were united in holy matrimony on Saturday, September 27, 2014, in Rock Hill, South Carolina.

Troy is the son of Rev. Foster and Sister Gloria Knotts Moore and the grandson of The Late Cecil and Gracie Harley Knotts. Silver is the daughter of Mr. Gregory Garnett and Ms. Carolyn Howard. May wedded bliss and God's blessings be theirs forever.



CHURCH CALENDAR

October 19, 2014

Mortgage Payoff Rally

Hat Day - 2 :00 PM

October 21, 2014

*Annual Conference
Opening Services
Sons of Allen Speaker
Rev. Benjamin K. Sims
7:00 PM*

November 16, 2014

Pastor's Anniversary

WE THANK ALL OUR HEART AND KIDNEY HEALTH AWARENESS 5-K RUN PARTICIPANTS



<i>Coneka Riley</i>	<i>Verna Salley</i>	<i>Shonda Backmon</i>
<i>Robert McCants</i>	<i>Jessie Harley</i>	<i>Neasia Woody</i>
<i>Phyllis Coleman</i>	<i>Toisy Howell</i>	<i>LaShaun</i>
<i>James "Skip" Harley</i>	<i>Dorothy Sistrunk</i>	<i>Dacia Sabb</i>
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<i>Leroy Jones</i>	<i>Rev. Benjamin Sims</i>	<i>Mary Stack</i>
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<i>Elder James Cooper</i>	<i>Dominique Scott</i>	<i>Nannette Sabb</i>
<i>Willie Harley</i>	<i>Ruth Evans</i>	<i>Gerod M. Scott</i>
<i>Christopher Harley</i>	<i>Ruby Stewart</i>	<i>George Sistrunk</i>
<i>Cecil Knotts</i>	<i>Shantikea Moorner</i>	<i>Mildred Scott</i>
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