



African American Heroes

Compiled by Frank Jerabek

"... for slavery is a bitter pill, notwithstanding we had a good master." Richard Allen

"If you love your children, if you love your country, if you love the God of love, clear your hands from slaves; burden not your children or

your country with them.

My heart has been sorry for the blood shed of the oppressors, as well as the oppressed; both appear guilty of each other's blood, in the sight of him who hath said, 'He that sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed.'" Richard Allen

"If I remain in this bloody land, I will not live long. As true as God reigns, I will be avenged for the sorrow which my people have suffered. This is not the place for me – no, no. I must leave

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From the Pastor's desk

By Reverend John D. Hill, D. Min.

The month of February is set aside to recognize the contributions of African-Americans to the history the United States. How appropriate that the celebration of the founding of the African Methodist Episcopal Church also takes place during the month of February.

The African Methodist Episcopal Church of today stands on the

strong shoulders of a rich history that cannot be denied. The accomplishments of our ancestors are amazing when we think of how many of them rose out of the bonds of slavery to create what we have been blessed to inherit.

Two immediate examples of many that I think of are Richard Allen and Henry McNeil Turner. Rich-

ard Allen, a former slave, was one of the first men in the country to organize Mutual Aid Societies. He was also the father of night schools, offering education to slaves and former slaves in The African Evening Free School.

Another leader of the church Bishop Henry McNeil Turner wrote

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SPECIAL SCRIPTURE:

4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

5 And there are differences of administration, but the same Lord.

1 Corinthians 12:4-5 (KJV)

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this part of the country [Wilmington, NC]. It will be a great trial for me to live on the same soil where so many men are in slavery; certainly I cannot remain where I must hear their chains continually and where I must encounter the insults of their hypocritical enslavers.” David Walker

“Beloved brethren – here let me tell you, and believe it, that the Lord our God, as true as he sits on his throne in heaven, and as true as our Savior died to redeem the world, will give you a Hannibal; the person whom God shall give you, give your support and let him go to his death, and behold in him the salvation of your God. God will indeed, deliver you through him from your deplorable and wretched condition under the Christians of America. I charge you this day before my God to lay no obstacle in his way, but let him go.” From David Walker’s *Appeal*

“I am opposed to slavery, not because it enslaves the black man, but because it enslaves man. And were all the slaveholders in this land men of color, and the slaves white men. I would be as thorough and uncompromising an abolitionist as I now am; for whatever and whenever I may see a being in the form of a man, enslaved by his fellowman, without respect to his complexion, I shall lift up my voice to plead his cause, against all the claims of his proud oppressor; and I shall do it not merely from the sympathy which man feels towards suffering man, but because

God, the living God, whom I dare not disobey, has commanded me ... to plead the cause of the oppressed.” Daniel Alexander Payne

“Obedience to this word, to be practical, must intend conformity to all its injunctions. This obedience must be practical, because it is made the very test of Christian character. He that would show himself to be a Christian must show it by his obedience to the Christian’s statue book.” James W. C. Pennington

“The diabolical injustice by which your liberties are cloven down, NEITHER GOD, NOR ANGELS, NOR JUST MEN, COMMAND YOU TO SUFFER FOR A SINGLE MOMENT. THEREFORE, IT IS YOUR SOLEMN AND IMPERATIVE DUTY TO USE EVERY MEANS, BOTH MORAL, INTELLECTUAL, AND PHYSICAL, THAT PROMISES SUCCESS.” From “Address to the Slaves of the United States of America” by Henry Highland Garnet

“Although the law might try to enslave every Negro in New York there was still one Samuel Ward – who will never be taken alive.” Samuel Ringgold Ward about the implementation of the Fugitive Slave Act

“You charged me that in escaping I disobeyed God’s law. NO indeed! that law which God wrote upon the table of my heart inspiring me to love freedom, and impelling me to seek it at every hazard, I obeyed and, by the good hand of my God upon me I walked out of the house of bondage.” Alexander Crummell

“You, at Sharon Camp Ground, in 1851 so stunned me by your powerful preaching that I fell upon the ground, rolled in the dirt, foamed at the mouth, and agonized under conviction till Christ relieved me by his atoning blood I have preached and worked for God in every position held from the day I gave you my hand up to the present.” Henry McNeal Turner to Samuel Leard who preached the sermon influencing Turner to convert

“He was a man of tremendous force and indomitable courage. As army chaplain, pastor and bishop he has always been a man of strength. He lacked, however, the education and the stern moral balance of Bishop Payne. In a sense, Turner was the last of his clan: Mighty men, physically and mentally, men who started at the bottom and hammered their way to the top by sheer brute strength; they were the spiritual progeny of ancient African chieftans and they built the African church in America.” W.E.B. DuBois upon the death of Bishop Turner

"Fear of something is at the root of hate for others, and hate within will eventually destroy the hater." George Washington Carver

“It was in Memphis where [Ida B. Wells-Barnett] first began to fight (literally) for racial and gender justice. In 1884 she was asked by the conductor of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad Company to give up her seat on the train to a white man and or-

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We Fall Down But We Get Up

By Jonquilyn Hill

Mistakes are a part of human nature. There is not one person who hasn't done wrong. What truly makes the difference is what we do after that mistake. We can either realize it and move forward, or we can be stubborn and choose to be blind to our own sin and never rise above it. Wallowing in our transgression will do nothing for us, but bring us lower; however progressing forward allows us to reach our full potential.

God has given everyone a path and a purpose, but we as individuals can make personal decisions that alter those plans. Take the Israelites for instance, who went against God's will, despite all the chances He gave them. It states in Second Chronicles 36: 15 - 16 "The Lord, the God of their fathers, sent word to them through his messengers again and again, because he had pity on his people and his dwelling place. But they mocked God's messengers, despised his words and scoffed at his prophets until the wrath of the Lord was aroused against his people and there was no remedy."

We mess up in similar situations

every day. One example is grades. Let's say it's your freshman year of high school and your teachers and parents have warned you time and time again that it's different from middle school, and that you will have to work harder than you did then. If you choose not to take this advice, there will be repercussions, and these repercussions will show up in your grades. But the main thing we have to realize is that though our slip-ups can't be erased, we can get redemption.

The meaning of the word forgiveness is to pardon, to give up resentment of, or to cease to feel resentment. It is also the very reason we are able to rise again. Despite all our faults, God loves us and because of that love He chose to send His son Jesus down to us so that we might be forgiven. After 70 years, the Lord allowed the Israelites to return to Jerusalem, He forgave him. They had the Lord's grace upon them. Have you ever seen someone in a really rough situation, and wondered how he or she was able to come out of it? That was the Lord. People have been able to overcome a number of

things because of God, because He forgave them. After we have asked the Lord to forgive us we can begin to do what is right.

As we begin to know better, we do better. After we admit our failures, with God's help we can put back together the pieces of our lives. When the Israelites returned to Jerusalem they had the important task of rebuilding the altar. And "despite their fear of the peoples around them, they built the altar on its foundation and sacrificed burnt offerings on it to the Lord, both the morning and evening sacrifices" (Ezra 3: 3). When we do what is right, we will reach to where God wants us to be.

When a child runs, trips and falls, he gets up and then learns to be more cautious. We must learn to do the same thing. When we make a mistake, we need to get up, learn from it, and keep on going.

Editor's note: Jonquilyn Hill, a freshman at Sandia High School, presented this message at the Philip's Chapel WMS Program on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 29, 2006.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Breakfast: Thank You

By Sivlois Reeves, Lay Organization President

The Grant Chapel Lay Organization extends our heartfelt thanks to all Grant Chapel's members and friends for your excellent support of the 2006 Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Commemorative Breakfast. Almost 800 people at-

tended.

We especially thank Rev. Dr. David C. Coleman, Jr., of Chicago for a message that stirred the hearts of all who were in attendance.

Rev. Dr. Clyde Stanfield, pastor

of St. Johns United Methodist Church, was so taken with Elder Coleman's presentation that he quoted from it during his sermons at St. John's Sunday services on Jan. 22, 2006.

dered her into the smoking or 'Jim Crow' car, which was already crowded with other passengers. Despite the 1875 Civil Rights Act banning discrimination on the basis of race, creed, or color, in theaters, hotels, transports, and other public accommodations, several railroad companies defied this congressional mandate and racially segregated its passengers. It is important to realize that her defiant act was before *Plessy v. Ferguson* (1896), the U.S. Supreme Court decision that established the fallacious doctrine of 'separate but equal,' which constitutionalized racial segregation. Wells wrote in her autobiography:

"I refused, saying that the forward car [closest to the locomotive] was a smoker, and as I was in the ladies' car, I proposed to stay. . . [The conductor] tried to drag me out of the seat, but the moment he caught hold of my arm I fastened my teeth in the back of his hand. I had braced my feet against the seat in front and was holding to the back, and as he had already been badly bitten he didn't try it again by himself. He went forward and got the baggageman and another man to help him and of course they succeeded in dragging me out."

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"We make movies about Malcolm X, we get a holiday to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, but every day we live with the legacy of Justice Thurgood Marshall." Washington *Afro-American* editorial after Thurgood Marshall's death

"Many years ago we fell asleep by the sedative of the superman, but the mystic magic of nature's wand says awake and rise again. Too long has thou slumbered, too long has time passed you by, your work on earth is delinquent and you cannot reign on high. If it's true that you've awakened, good for you, but your work has just begun, because thy brother needs awakening too, touch him softly, gently, a portion of thy light to him give, and the mystic magic of your touch will cause him to look and live." Marcus Garvey

"If 400,000,000 Negroes can only get to know themselves, to know that in them is a sovereign power, is an authority that is absolute, then in the next twenty-four hours we would have a new race, we would have a nation, an empire, - resurrected, not from the will of others to see us rise, - but from our own determination to rise, irrespective of what the world thinks." Marcus Garvey

"I said yes [to singing at the Lincoln Memorial after being refused at Constitution Hall], but the yes did not come easily or quickly. I don't like a lot of show, and one could not tell in advance what direction the affair would take. I studied my conscience. . . . As I thought further, I could see that my signifi-

cance as an individual was small in this affair. I had become, whether I like it or not, a symbol, representing my people." Marian Anderson

"I am not unaware, of course, of the special and broad significance of this award - far transcending its importance or significance to me as an individual - in an imperfect and restive World in which inequalities among peoples, racial and religious bigotries, prejudices and taboos are endemic and stubbornly persistent. From this northern land has come a vibrant note of hope and inspiration for vast millions of people whose bitter experience has impressed upon them that color and inequality are inexorably concomitant." from Ralph Bunche's Acceptance Speech, on receiving the Nobel Peace Prize at Oslo, Norway, Dec. 10, 1950

"By the God of Heaven, we are cowards and jackasses if now that the war [World War I] is over, we do not marshal every ounce of our brain and brawn to fight the forces of hell in our own land.

We return.

We return from fighting.

We return fighting!

Make way for Democracy! We saved it in France, and by the great Jehovah, we will save it in the United States of America, or know the reason why."

W.E.B. DuBois, May 1919, "Returning Soldier" editorial in the *Crisis* magazine

"I'm sick and tired of being sick and tired." Fannie Lou Hamer

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Computer Literacy Project Moves in New Direction

by Galvin Brown, project chairperson

The Computer Literacy Project will take a new direction effective in February 2006. In mid-January, the committee re-evaluated the goals and priorities of the project.

The original goal of the Computer Literacy Project was to use the computer lab to provide basic and intermediate computer learning classes to congregation members on Saturday mornings from 9:00 to 10:00 AM.

Initially, there were five members of the committee and volunteers who would be available to provide instruction. We made two attempts to provide instructional training sessions: The first session started dur-

ing the summer months of 2005, and the second session began in the fall of 2005.

One enthusiastic member from the congregation attended both sessions of the classes on a consistent basis. Subsequently, the committee decided to discontinue the classes due to an apparent lack of interest and participation by the congregation.

The committee decided to refocus its energy on one of the pastor's needs. Rev. Hill had expressed his desire for Grant Chapel to have an up-to-date and functioning "Internet Web Site" before the start of the Annual Conference, which will be held here at Grant Chapel in the Au-

gust 2006 timeframe. As a result, the committee will begin working to build a website for the church.

Merlene Jones' daughter and son in-law have volunteered to donate their time and expertise in assisting the committee in reaching this goal of building this website for the church.

The committee met on Tuesday, January 31st to begin initial planning for the website development. Stay tuned to the church bulletin and the Sunday morning announcements for our next meeting.

TRAVEL: Ladies Of Distinction Spend Eight Days At Sea

By Sivlois Reeves

On November 8th, ten ladies departed from Albuquerque on Southwest Airlines to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. There we connected with two others of the group and spent the night in "Hollywood," Florida. On Wednesday morning we traveled by chartered van to the pier where we boarded Carnival's Fun Ship "Legend" scheduled to sail at 4:00 PM.

Here is where the ladies went! Thursday and Friday, November 10th and 11th were days at sea. There were many things to do and places to go on the beautiful ship (duty-free shops, fitness and beauty programs and services, on-

board recreation and activities) to name a few. Each night of the cruise we met to have dinner together with our own specially assigned waiters. The shore excursions were exciting and varied as we reached the ports of St. Martin, St. Kitts and Nassau. We purchased many gifts to share with friends and families back home at the end of the cruise.

These twelve terrific Ladies of Distinction had two unique experiences: 1) We gathered in our formal attire for a group picture, and 2) one of the members participated in the Carnival Legend Talent Show. Celeste May from Las Ve-

gas, Nevada performed as Aretha Franklin, singing "RESPECT." What a thrill it was when she won the competition! We were all standing on our feet screaming for her, and she was in tears.

In addition to me, the "Terrific Twelve" included Rena Paris-Bendaw, Kay Hicks, Ivie Smith, Doretta Liyai, MonTrosie Stallard, Vernida Thompson, Helen Asbury, Maxine Jones, Celeste May (Las Vegas, NV), Gladys Ahmad (Tucson, AZ), and Shirley Wooten (Mesa, AZ). I had the privilege of coordinating this adventure!

See you on our next cruise!

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“A group of young men in Jacksonville, Florida, arranged to celebrate Lincoln's birthday in 1900. My brother, J. Rosamond Johnson, and I decided to write a song to be sung at the exercise. I wrote the words and he wrote the music. Our New York publisher, Edward B. Marks, made mimeographed copies for us and the song was taught to and sung by a chorus of five hundred colored school children. Shortly afterwards my brother and I moved from Jacksonville to New York, and the song passed out of our minds. But the school children of Jacksonville kept singing it, they went off to other schools and sang it, they became teachers and taught it to other children. Within twenty years it was being sung over the South and in some other parts of the country. Today, the song, popularly known as the Negro National Hymn, is quite generally used.

“The lines of this song repay me in elation, almost of exquisite anguish, whenever I hear them sung by Negro children.” James Weldon Johnson

“Press boldly forward nor waver,
nor falter.
Blood has been freely poured out
in your cause,
Lives sacrificed upon Liberty's altar.
Press to the front, it were craven to
pause.”
from *Emancipation* by Paul Lawrence Dunbar

“The only legitimate connection between this unrest and Germanism is the extensive government advertisement that we are fighting ‘to make

the world safe for democracy’, to carry democracy to Germany; that we are conscripting the Negro into the military and industrial establishments to achieve this end for white democracy four thousand miles away, while the Negro at home, through bearing the burden in every way, is denied economic, political, educational and civil democracy.”
A. Philip Randolph, *The Messenger* (July, 1918)

“After having once enlisted, ‘[The slaves] had to go through or die.’ Of course Harriet was supreme, and her followers generally had full faith in her, and would back up any word she might utter. So when she said to them that ‘a live runaway could do great harm by going back, but that a dead one could tell no secrets,’ she was sure to have obedience. Therefore, none had to die as traitors on the ‘middle passage.’ It is obvious enough, however, that her success in going into Maryland as she did, was attributable to her adventurous spirit and utter disregard of consequences. Her like it is probable was never known before or since.” About Harriet Tubman in <http://www.nyhistory.com/harriettubman/life.htm>

“If you are tired, keep going; if you are scared, keep going; if you are hungry, keep going, if you want to taste freedom, keep going.” Harriet Tubman

“No, God does not stop to rest, for he is a spirit, and cannot tire; he cannot want for light, for he hath all light in himself. And if ‘God is all in all,’ and ‘worketh all in all,’ as I have heard them read, then it is im-

possible he should rest at all; for if he did, every other thing would stop and rest too; the waters would not flow, and the fishes could not swim; and all motion must cease. God could have no pauses in his work, and he needed no Sabbaths of rest. Man might need them, and he should take them when he needed them, whenever he required rest.” Sojourner Truth
“To be free - to walk the good American earth as equal citizens, to live without fear, to enjoy the fruits of our toil to give our children every opportunity in life - that dream which we have held so long in our hearts is today the destiny that we hold in our hands.” Paul Robeson

“Sir, I freely and cheerfully acknowledge, that I am of the African race, and in that color which is natural to them of the deepest dye; and it is under a sense of the most profound gratitude to the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, that I now confess to you, that I am not under that state of tyrannical thralldom, and inhuman captivity, to which too many of my brethren are doomed, but that I have abundantly tasted of the fruition of those blessings, which proceed from that free and unequalled liberty with which you are favored; and which, I hope, you will willingly allow you have mercifully received, from the immediate hand of that Being, from whom proceeded every good and perfect Gift.”

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Investing in Mutual Funds

by Galvin Brown

At the start of each new year, we all make some type of New Year's resolution. A resolution to do this, or to do that, and many times we find that only a few months have passed, and we have forgotten what that New Year's resolution was. Many of us including myself say that we are going to save more money during the coming year, and that's a worthy goal.

Many of you are aware of the "Parable of the Talents" found in the book of Matthew 25:14-30 in the Bible. The parable is about a master who had 3 servants. He gave each of them "talents" of money. (A "talent" is a measure of money like a dollar or fifty dollars.) The 1st servant was given 5 talents and he invested his talents and increased them. The 2nd servant was given 2 talents and he invested his talents and increased them. The 3rd servant buried the talents in the ground because he was afraid to invest and lose the money. The master became angry with him for not making his money grow.

Have you ever thought of investing in Mutual Funds? Mutual Funds can be a safe and effective way of developing a systemic way of saving and investing.

What is a Mutual Fund? Quite simply, you as an individual are pooling your money with other people to buy stock in various American and foreign companies in small increments, thus becoming a shareholder in these companies. If you currently have a 401K

on your job, this 401K is invested in mutual funds.

Many people are under the false impression that you have to be "very rich" in order to purchase and own mutual funds. Another false impression is that this stuff is "rocket science." No, this stuff is not complicated. If you just take the time to educate yourself on this information, you will begin to understand it and say to yourself, "Why didn't I do this sooner?"

There are a lot of beginner books on mutual funds in the bookstores. There is even a book called "Mutual Funds for Dummies", and another is "Understanding Mutual Funds." Or, if you are on the internet, you can go to the Google search engine and key in the words "Mutual Funds," and you will find a wealth of information on this subject.

Did you know there are a couple of mutual funds companies that will allow you to start investing for as little as \$50.00 per month? All you do is agree to start an "Automatic Investment Plan."

What is an Automatic Investment Plan? You simply agree to let \$50.00 or more be taken out of your checking account once a month, on a day of the month you designate. If you don't agree to use the Automatic Investment Plan, the normal initial investment amount can range anywhere from \$500.00 to \$3000.00. Not many of us have that kind of money to start this thing off. I know I don't!! However, starting off with \$50.00

per month will slowly grow faster than you realize.

Good Mutual Funds Companies such as T. Rowe Price, www.troweprice.com and Ariel Mutual Funds, www.arielmutfunds.com, a good African American-owned mutual fund company, will allow you to start a mutual fund with as little as \$50.00 per month. You can obtain all the necessary forms to get you started at their website. Or, if you don't feel confident in doing this thing by yourself, contact our own Rev. Jesse Dompheh, a State Farm Agent and Certified Financial Advisor (shout-out for Jesse!!), who can also help get you started.

I know many of you have the perception that you will lose your money by investing in the stock market. How wrong you are! You play the lottery and do not get anything back in return, and your money is completely gone! Or you may go to the casinos and drop money into the slot machines, and you may occasionally receive some significant winnings. Or your excuse may be that you don't have any money to invest.

Think twice!! Stop spending that big money on that Starbucks coffee everyday and save that money, or save all that spare chump change you accumulate at the end of each day, or stop eating out every day for lunch at work and save some of that money to invest.

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Benjamin Banneker in a Letter to Thomas Jefferson, August 19, 1791

"Our Children must never lose their zeal for building a better world." Mary McCleod Bethune

"We are one, our cause is one, and we must help each other if we are to succeed." Frederick Douglass

"I have walked that long road to freedom. But I can rest only for a moment, for with freedom comes responsibilities; and I dare not linger, for my long walk is not ended." Nelson Mandela

"Your child doesn't belong to you, and you must prepare your child to pick up the burden of his life long before the moment when you must lay your burden down." James Baldwin

"The ends you serve that are selfish will take you no further than yourself; but the ends you serve that are for all, in common, will take you even into eternity." Marcus Garvey

"Believing in yourself takes courage. Facing the future takes hope. Carry both in your heart." Rosa Parks

"I can make something out of the children. They have the essence of greatness in them." Zora Neal Hurston

"Success is to be measured not so

much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome." Booker T. Washington

"If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else." Booker T. Washington

"No race can prosper till it learns that there is as much dignity in tilling a field as in writing a poem." Booker T. Washington

"A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives." Jackie Robinson

"We must combine the toughness of the serpent with the softness of the dove, a tough mind with a tender heart." Martin Luther King, Jr.

"I still believe that one day mankind will bow before the altars of God and be crowned triumphant over war and bloodshed, and non-violent redemptive goodwill will proclaim the rule of the land." Martin Luther King Jr. (1964)

"No lie can live forever." Martin Luther King, Jr.

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy." Martin Luther King, Jr.

"I swear to the Lord, I still can't see,

"Why Democracy means, Everybody but me."

Langston Hughes

"Humor is laughing at what you haven't got when you ought to have it." Langston Hughes

"My only concern was to get home after a hard day's work." Rosa Parks

"Whatever my individual desires were to be free, I was not alone. There were many others who felt the same way." Rosa Parks

"I have learned over the years that when one's mind is made up, this diminishes fear; knowing what must be done does away with fear." Rosa Parks

"If there is no struggle, there is no progress. Those who profess to favor freedom, and deprecate agitation, are men who want crops without plowing up the ground, they want rain without thunder and lightning." Frederick Douglass

"Find out just what any people will quietly submit to and you have the exact measure of the injustice and wrong which will be imposed on them." Frederick Douglass

Organization & Auxiliary News

Men's Fellowship: Conference Year Calendar of Events

By Galvin Brown

The Men's Fellowship has tentatively scheduled the following events for the 2006 Conference Year.

Black History Program – Sunday, February 26, 2006 during the 11:00 AM service. Theme: "Living Black History." All members of the congregation are encouraged to bring personal or family black history memorabilia or provide a 10 minute talk on their own personal or family experiences or accomplishments as it pertains to "Living Black History". A display of the memorabilia will

be set up in the Blair Room. Rev. Hill, Bro. Charles Dent, Bro. Patrick Lott and Bro Galvin Brown, Coordinators

Quarterly Breakfast - The next Quarterly Breakfast is schedule for March 18, 2006. 8:00 to 9:00 AM. The location will be Hometown Buffet located at 9261 Coors Blvd NW. Bro. Bennie Jackson and Bro. Galvin Brown, Coordinators

Men's Day 2006 events:

Kid's Talent Recital – Saturday, June 10, 2006, 6:00 PM. Bro. David Hicks, Coordinator

2006 Annual Computer Literacy

Golf Tournament – Saturday, June 24, 2006, at the Arroyo Del Oso Golf Course. Bro. Patrick Lott and Bro. Lonnie Carreathers, Coordinators.

Men's Day – Annual Men's Day Celebration Sunday, June 25, 2006, during the 11:00 AM Service. Theme and speaker will be announced. Bro. Galvin Brown, Chairperson.

Please contact the event coordinator(s) with questions or for additional information.

Women's Missionary Society Update

By Rena Paris-Bendaw, President

The Edith C. English Women's Missionary Society continues on the move with service in both the church and the community. The Society gave out 14 Thanksgiving Baskets to the needy in the community. We also gave out 6 Christmas Food Baskets and 30 Holiday Fruit Bowls to the members over 65 years old in the church and community. Several of our members attended Howard Chapel's 85th Church Anniversary in Gallup.

Rev. Brenda Carter of Christ Our Redeemer Church in Denver and I were recognized as WMS Presidents of the Year for the Desert-Mountain Conference at the Bish-

ops Planning Meeting. I am honored and grateful for this recognition.

Members held a holiday-potluck- gift exchange in the beautiful club house of Sister Ruthie Owens. Good food, good times and good fellowship were enjoyed by all who attended.

We supported the Phillip's Chapel CME Church Missionary Program. Miss Jonquilyn Hill sat on an intergenerational panel and presented a message entitled "We Fall Down But We Get Up."

Monica Paris was the presenter at the Saturday, February 4th prayer breakfast hosted by Sister

Debra Hill. She spoke about her own experiences with faith and trust. Darius Paris introduced his mother.

Our Candlelight Service originally scheduled for Sunday, February 12th at 6:00 PM will be re-scheduled.

We will assist our Area 3 chairperson, Sister MonTrosie Stallard, with the upcoming Sweet Potato Festival and the Heritage Tea.

We ask that you to continue to keep the Mighty Missionaries of Grant up in prayer, so that we may continue to do Gods Work, in Gods Way and according to Gods Will.

UPDATE: 120th Session of the Desert-Mountain Annual Conference

By Patrick Lott

With the completion of the Martin Luther King, Jr., Community Commemorative Breakfast, we can once again turn our attention to Annual Conference preparation. As previously reported, Grant Chapel will host this event from August 21 through 27, 2006.

The host site is the Marriott Hotel and Resort located at 2101 Louisiana Blvd. NE. The room rate is \$109.00 plus the applicable state and local taxes, currently 12.75%.

The next task for the Planning Committee, consisting of Pastor Hill, Rena Paris-Bendaw, Patrick Lott and Myron Wallace, is to organize the many committees that

will plan and execute the various support tasks:

- Audiovisual;
- Financial;
- First aid;
- Food/dining arrangements;
- Hospitality;
- Lay Organization liaison;
- Message Center;
- Ministerial Staff liaison;
- Music ministry;
- Program/Souvenir Journal;
- Public Relations;
- Registration;
- Security;
- Sons of Thunder/Men's Fellowship liaison;

- Stewardesses;
- Transportation;
- Ushers;
- Vendor Relations;
- Web site development/maintenance;
- WMS liaison;
- Women in Ministry liaison; and
- YPD liaison

Our goal is to make planning, coordination and presentation of the conference as efficient and effective as we can. ***Please contact one of the members of the Planning Committee to tell us how you will assist and support this effort.***

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and published a document entitled, "The Barbarous Decision of the United States Supreme Court De-

claring The Civil Rights Act Un-constitutional" in 1893.

The church of Allen has been at the forefront of living out a Social Gospel to uplift people regardless

of race, creed or color. During this month of remembrance and celebration we must consciously make the effort to continue the rich legacy of the past.

Investing in Mutual Funds (Continued from page 7)

Each time you receive a raise, invest that increase amount, don't

spend it! You can do it!!!

PLEASE EDUCATE YOURSELF ON THIS SUBJECT BEFORE INVESTING YOUR

HARD EARNED MONEY. IT'S NOT ROCKET SCIENCE!!!!

Announcements & Notices

We want to recognize and acknowledge significant events in the lives of our church family during the past two months!

Home Goings: We offer our sympathy and prayers to Grant members whose loved ones went to their eternal rest.

Willie B. Arnold passed away in January. She was a faithful member of Grant Chapel for many years.

We mourn the passing of a sister and civil rights activist, Coretta Scott King, on Jan. 30, 2006.

John Pennington's nephew, passed away in January.

We will celebrate **Women's Day 2006** on March 26, 2006. Rev. Cheryl Coleman, Princess Coleman's sister, is our guest speaker. Assessments are \$225- for women

and \$75- for men.

Beginning in February Grant Chapel will change its **Internet Service Provider** to facilitate "in-house" development of a web site as well as to enhance communication using the internet. As a result, Grant Chapel's e-mail address will change.

The Doctrine and Discipline of the A.M.E. Church 2004 (The Discipline) is now available at \$30- per copy including shipping. Please contact Patrick Lott before February 28, 2006 to place an order.

La Cueva Bears baseball: John Dent, a freshman at La Cueva High School, is a member of the team. The Baseball Boosters are raising funds for La Cueva baseball facilities. Please contact John if you

would like to support this effort.

Believe in NM Girls 2006: The NM Commission on the Status of Women is hosting this conference on April 7-8 at the UNM Student Union Building. For more information or to register, logon to www.yearofthegirl.com or call 800-432-9168.

Editor's notes: Please let us know about any special event in your life that you want to share.

The Newsletter is usually published on the first Sunday of even-numbered months. **The deadline for articles is two weeks prior to publication date.**

Help Wanted

Church librarian(s) wanted to manage the church library by soliciting donations of reading media both hard copy and electronic, maintaining the collection and

stimulating borrowing and reading/listening! Please contact Pastor Hill. (3)

Assistant Newsletter Editor

wanted to prepare Announcements and Notices, Help Wanted, Word Sleuth and the Events calendar. Please contact Frank Jerabek. (2)

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WORD SLEUTH

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Events

February

- 12 Founder's Day
- 13-17 Tribute to African American Artists Exhibit, Gov. Richardson's Office, Santa Fe
- 26 Men's Fellowship Living Black History Service

March

- 1 Ash Wednesday Service
- 4 WMS Prayer Breakfast & Love Feast
- 5 New Hope Baptist Church 52nd Anniversary, Pastor Hill, guest preacher

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- 8 Lenten Service
- 13-17 Mid-Year Meeting, Shorter A.M.E. Church, Denver, CO
- 19 Deadline for April edition of Newsletter
- 22 Lenten Service
- 26 Women's Day 2006
- 29 Lenten Service

April

- 1 WMS Prayer Breakfast & Love Feast