

**WELCOME to the
DECEMBER
edition of the
Mt Vernon Baptist Church
Newsletter.**

**We want everyone to know how
God is working in our midst.
We pray daily for God's
blessings on all we do and say.**

Every Sunday

9:00 am Prayer Time
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
12:00 pm Fellowship Time

Every Wednesday

7:00 pm Prayer and Praise

DECEMBER Activities

6~ Communion Sunday
13~ Deacons Meeting at
12:30 PM in the Library
15~ Church Board Meeting
at 7:00 PM in the Library
20~Christmas Musical and
Christmas Potluck
24~Christmas Eve Service
at 7:00 PM

DECEMBER Birthdays

Robert Treadway: 2nd
Dan Phillips: 6th
Xavier Jones: 9th
Jack Turner: 12th
Judy O'Roark: 16th
Jimmy Jones: 21st
Emmanuel Mbeng: 24th

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CHURCH
NEWSLETTER**

Family:

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! I trust that each and every one of you was blessed as God sent your way so many loving people to celebrate the occasion of Thanksgiving Day. Truth be told, by now I am regretting that extra serving of turkey, stuffing, potatoes, rice and everything else that jumped on my plate as I was minding my own manners while walking by the table.

I am truly thankful to God for YOU, my beloved church family and I want to celebrate our bond in Christ every day of my life. My wife (Tina) and our children thank you for being such a loving people towards us and each other. I pray we can repay your kindness and loving attitude with a double portion of Grace and Love.

1 Chr 16:34 reads, "O give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever."

It was because of God's creative powers that we came to be who we are. We experience His goodness every day of our lives and as such, we ought to give thanks each and every day, not just one day out of the year.

I must mention what I am most thankful for; to think of a God who created humanity, to think of a God that is constantly involved in the affairs of His chosen people, to think of a God that willingly sacrificed His only begotten Son for the redemption of our sins, to think of a God who offers us eternal life and the power of the Holy Spirit to get there... I am thankful for that and more.

We are who we are because God is who He is. I am reminded to love Him above all and then to love my neighbor as myself; that is what helps me to be a better husband to my wife, father to my children, and brother to all of you.

Let's continue to respond to God with our thanks as we pray, as we worship, and as we live our daily lives. John 4:24 tells us that God is spirit, and His worshippers must worship in spirit and truth. We carry the spirit of Christ with us everywhere we go; We are who we are because God is who He is. We are the chosen people, created by Him and polished by the Holy Spirit. Let's represent God's Kingdom as we live and love the world around us.

The Christmas season is upon us; There is no Christmas without Christ, He who came to save us from ourselves and to give us eternal life. Continue to rejoice and be glad. Christ will come once again!

In Him,

Bro Dan Cruz

PRAYER LIST - UPDATE

- Alice Kaus
- Alma Beavers
- Andrew Willets
- Arbutus Hollifield
- Bobbie Davis
- Clive Hemphill
- Debbie Langston
- Diane Webster
- Gene Prince
- Iris Garland
- Janice Rector
- Jesse Parker
- Jim and Karen Masse
- John Pope
- Kestie Hammond
- Marcus and Alicia Gough
- Martha Phillips
- Monica Mensah
- Nancy Nelson
- O'Roark Family
- Stowe Shockey
- Stella Phillips
- Timothy Marsh
- Victor Sarkodie and his children
- Virginia Kunz
- Wayne Mudd
- Wayne Webster
- Wesley Moreno

"He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; His Kingdom will never end."

Luke 1:32-33

To think of the sacrifice our Creator made in order to give hope to a people full of sin, we must first understand the love God always had for us from the very beginning of time. Can you imagine sacrificing the one thing you hold most dear in this life, aside from God Himself?

During a regular Wednesday night Bible study right here at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, we covered Mark 14:1-11. The focus of this particular study was on the story of the woman who came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume and poured it on the head of Jesus. A question was asked of a child of God during the study, "What would you give up for Jesus?" This child, only 10 years old, answered, "My life." Simply put, but the words held so much meaning for those who were blessed to hear such sincere declaration of sacrifice for our Lord and Savior.

The season of Advent is one for preparation of the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Though this is but only a short season on calendar, we must prepare for Jesus Christ all of our lives. Through consistently attending church worship services, Bible studies, and prayer, we can prepare ourselves for the day of Judgment; the day our Lord and Savior returns to collect His sheep.

We, as Christians, need to learn how to live our lives as children of God according to the scriptures. Application of the truth to our lives is a way to let our Savior know we are ready for His mighty return.

It is truly a blessing to be under such anointed leadership within our small church. We have so many loving brothers and sisters to look up to, learn from, and pray with. Let us all join in celebrating the true meaning of Advent and Christmas together as a family united by the love and blood of Jesus Christ.

May God bless you all!

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