

Bethel Quarterly Newsletter

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Birthdays

April

Lucretia Brown
Laverne Parker
Abraham McRae

May

Abranna McRae
Kevin Riddick
Rhianna Hill
Damaria Thompson
Davian Thompson

June

Virginia Riddick
Kimberly Thompson

Anniversaries

June

Rev Ellis and Flora Jackson
Abraham and Pat McRae
Kevin and Ginny Riddick

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Meet Our New Presiding Prelate Bishop Kenneth W. Carter

Mobile, Ala. July 2, 2010: During Friday's evening session of the 37th General Conference of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church at the Arthur R. Outlaw Convention in Mobile, Alabama, the Episcopal Standing Committee recommended an assignment of Bishop Kenneth W. Carter to the Sixth Episcopal District of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. The report was sustained and immediately the leadership torch passed. Georgia now has a new Presiding Prelate.

Carter, a native of Corinth, Mississippi, is the 55th Bishop of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. His election in 2006 culminated a well-

documented history of service in the church. At the age of 16, Bishop Carter was appointed pastor of Jones Chapel C.M.E. Church in Iuka, Mississippi. During his extensive itinerant ministry, he served congregations in Tennessee, Virginia, Washington, D.C., and Texas. He also served as presiding elder in Greenwood-Jackson and Columbus-Meridian Districts.

Bishop Carter earned the B.S. degree from the University of Mississippi; the Master of Music Education degree from Delta State University; the



Bishop Kenneth Carter and First Lady Rosia Carter

M.Div. degree from Howard University; and the D.Min. from Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas.

Bishop Carter is married to Rosia Carter. They have two children, Jill Lynette and Stacy Marie (Peter).

Praises of Harmony holds Concert By Virginia Riddick

The Praises of Harmony choir provided ministry through song at Brown's Chapel C.M.E Church on April 17, 2010. The choir was invited to render a concert at Brown's Chapel Praise-a-Thon. The spirit was high and members of the choir

were very honored and excited about the opportunity to minister to God's people. After several months of rehearsal, the choir, under the direction of Mr. Paul Brown, performed 10 selections. Of those selections, 3 were sung for the 1st

time at the concert. The Stephens Sisters of Syl-vester, Georgia performed 3 moving selections during intermission. The concert was a great success! Several church members attended in support of the choir and it was greatly appreciated.

Board of Christian Education News

Vacation Bible School 2010

Bethel CME Vacation Bible School was held June 13-17. This year's theme was Hero Headquarters. The attendees learned how heroes do the unexpected (2Kings 5:1-14; how heroes step out on faith (Matthew 8:5-10, 13; how heroes save the day (John 6:1-13; and how heroes stand for truth (Acts 23:12-24). We are appreciative to guest Pastor Aden Fluker and members of his family for doing an outstanding job in leading the praise and worship sessions, teaching the daily lessons, and demonstrating praise dancing.

The children were encouraged to participate in the "There's a Hero in Me" contest where they attempted to memorize the books of the Old Testament, books of the New Testament, The Lord's Prayer, and The Apostle's Creed. The Michelle Greene Incentive Program funds purchased and made available copies of a recording of the names of the books of Bible for the children to use at church and at home.

A special thanks to Mrs. Patricia McRae for teaching the ages 2-5 class, to Mrs. Wyonnie Hardee for leading the daily games, and to Mrs. Delores Jones for chairing the refreshment committee. Thanks to all who assisted in any way in making the Vacation Bible School 2010 a success!

Summer Reading Program

The second Bethel CME Church Summer Reading Program began June 2, 2010 and will end August 1, 2010. All children, youth, and adults of the church have been encouraged to participate by selecting and reading at least 5 books this summer and writing a brief book report for each of the books read. Each person that completes the program will be awarded a prize at the end of the program. A special award will be given to the reader who reads the most pages during the program. Enrich your summer by reading!

Touring Around the World

The youth of Bethel CME are touring the world via DVD, internet, and books this summer. With Mrs. Wyonnie Hardee as tour guide, they have traveled to England, Italy, and France. These tours have proven to be informative and entertaining. Attendees have learned about the history, geography, culture, foods, and other pertinent facts about each country. At the end of each tour, snacks made famous in those countries were served.

Future tours will be of China, India, Australia, New Zealand, and Hawaii. Come join the fun!

Thanks to You!

As outgoing Board of Christian Education director/president, I want to thank all of you who worked and supported me throughout my tenure. The several years I provided leadership to the board, proved to be both challenging and rewarding, but I feel they helped to make me a better Christian. To God we give the glory for all He has done, and will continue to do through the Board of Christian Education.

Thanks! Thanks! Thanks!

Wyonnie Hardee

BOCE Newly Selected Officers

Director—Mrs. Betty Jo Williams

President—Mrs. Tonya Robinson

Vice President—Mrs. Virginia Riddick

Secretary—Mrs. Delores Jones

Treasurer—Mrs. Patricia McRae

Isaiah 2:3 "...Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us about His ways so that we may walk in His paths...."

Many thanks and God's blessings to former Director Mrs. Wyonnie Hardee. Thank you for your hard work and leadership for the last 8 years.

We love you!!!

Stewardess Board News

The Stewardess Board sponsored Senior Citizens Day for our Bethel Christian Methodist Senior Members. We showed our love by presenting them with gifts and serving a wonderful dinner. We also sponsored a Father's Day Dinner for our members and it was well appreciated. Our next event will be our Stewardess Anniversary set for the 4th Sunday in October. Mark your calendars and come out and help us celebrate our day. We promise you won't be disappointed.

Thank You

Dee Jones



C CHILDREN LEARN WHAT THEY LIVE

- Y If a child lives with criticism, he learns to condemn.
- F If a child lives with hostility, he learns to fight.
- If a child lives with ridicule, he learns to be shy.
- If a child lives with encouragement, he learns confidence.
- C If a child lives with shame, he learns to feel guilty.
- O If a child lives with tolerance, he learns to be patient.
- R If a child lives with praise, he learns to appreciate.
- N If a child lives with fairness, he learns justice.
- E If a child lives with security, he learns to have faith.
- R If a child lives with approval, he learns to like himself.
- If a child lives with acceptance & friendship, he learns to find love in the world.

Our Youth—Our Future

By: Pat McRae—Children's Work

Our youth are our most important product. We should nurture, care and support them in what they are trying to achieve. We need to let them know that with hard work and commitment, they can achieve their goals. We want them to be leaders in the community. We have to guide them and set examples for them to follow. We are building our leaders for tomorrow. As they re-

turn to school, we wish for them a successful year.

Promotion Day for Our Youth

Promotion Day was held Sunday June 13, 2010. The youth shared their achievements for the year at

church and at school. Some of our youth shared their talents. Shana Morman—Piano Solo, Rah'Jeem Moore-Christian Rap, and poems from Katherine Wakeley & Amaya Herndon. The youth were totally in charge of the service. Each youth was presented with a Certificate of Achievement by CYF Director Virginia Riddick.

Senior Views

Submitted By Mrs. Marilyn Johnson

God and family comes first and last. When everyone is sick of you, God and family will stick with you even if they are sick of you.

Travelers Prayer

Our Heavenly Father whose presence we find wherever we go. Protect us as we embark upon our jour-

ney. We give thanks for the blessings that enable us to make this trip. Surround us with your loving care as we travel. May we reach our destination on time and may we be patient in delays that may occur. Protect us from any peril that we may incur along the way, and guide us safely back to our home. AMEN.

LOVE

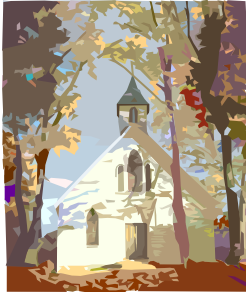
What love we give will last forever.

What love we fail to give will be lost forever.

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Bethel Christian Methodist Episcopal Church was organized in 1897 as the Bethel Colored Methodist Episcopal Church in an old hall on Savannah Ave. in Valdosta, Georgia. In 1900, the church moved to its present site on Johnson St. In 1974, the old sanctuary was condemned by the city inspectors and a new sanctuary was dedicated by Bishop Joseph C. Coles, Jr. on November 24, 1974. Reverend Ellis Charles Jackson was assigned to serve as Bethel's pastor in 2007 and is the current pastor.

Bethel C. M. E. Church has strived since its beginning to be a church on the move. Our mission is to improve the quality of life for its members and community through the knowledge and acceptance of God Almighty.

Upcoming Events

July 13-16 2010

South Georgia Region Annual Conference

Holsey Chapel CME Church
Fitzgerald, Georgia

August 8, 2010

RCJ Gospel Choir Anniversay

3:30 pm

August 28, 2010

Back-to-School Roundup
11 am—2 pm Place: TBD

September 21-24 2010

24th Annual CME Convocation
Galt House—Louisville, KY

