

BLESSINGS

Theme: "Establishing, Maintaining & Reviving Relationships"

Proverbs 18, John 15, Ezekiel 37 & 1 Samuel

SAINT MARY'S BAPTIST CHURCH

"The Church Where Everybody is Somebody and JESUS CHRIST IS LORD"

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Meetings

- Sunday**
- Intercessory Prayer.....8:15AM
- Church School.....8:45AM
- Sunday Morning Praise.....10:15AM
- Morning Service.....10:30AM
- Wednesday**
- Bible Study.....12N & 7:00PM
- Prayer & Praise Service.....8:00PM
- 3rd Sunday**
- Baptism** (prior Communion)10:00AM
- Holy Communion.....10:30AM
- 4th Sunday**
- Youth Day.....10:30AM

BLESSINGS

Live in harmony with one another, be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with **BLESSINGS**, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a **BLESSING**
1Peter 3:8-9

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY MEMBERS



July: Deborah M. Brooks, Helen Clark, Margaret K. Crump, Mary Freeney, Vicki Hendricks, Linda Houston, Thomas Houston, James Jones, Darnell E. Ingram, Ardawn Lattisaw, Grace Reardon, Nikolas Reeder, Tony Shuler, Clara Smith, Roderick Watson, Sr

August: Kaleb Anderson, Roedan Anderson, Mamie Bass, Marionette Daniels, Irene M. Douglas, Effie Moore, Victoria Morris, Beverly Nash, Annie Reynolds, Helen Rhodes, Joy Richardson, Kaleb Rogers, Briana Thomas

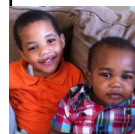
September: Mary Briggins, Anthony Bryant, Darryle R. Crump, Howard Freeney, James A. Garnett, Victoria Haith, Lois Morgan, Ashley Reding, Wesley Reynolds, Russell Rhodes, Lillie Sanders, Frances Stringfellow, Rebecca Sullivan, Sabrina Thomas, Karl Thompson, Toni Walker



SPECIAL PRAYERS SICK AND SHUT-INS

- Sister Clementine Brown
- Sister Jeanette Cooper
- Lady Joan Crump
- Sister Marionette Daniels
- Sister Margie Hughes
- Brother James Garnett
- Sister Dorothy Johnson
- Brother Dwight Johnson
- Sister Katherine Jones
- Sister Elizabeth Kemp
- Sister Annie Martin
- Sister Effie Moore
- Brother Tony Ofime
- Sister Florine Samuel
- Sister Lillie Sanders

Sister Clara Smith Pray For Our Babies



- Baby Elijah Fleming
- Baby Evan Matthew Ivey
- Baby Trinity & Kaila Sirmons
- Baby Levi, Reuben & Joseph Manning
- Baby Khari, Kaleb & Kirkland Rogers
- Baby Drew Simms

"Let Sisterly Love Continue"

Let love for your fellow believers continue and be a fixed practice with you (never let it fail). Hebrews 13:1 AMP

The Saint Mary's Baptist Church Women's Ministry experienced another glorious annual day on Sunday, June 1, 2014. The theme was **"I Am My Sister's Keeper"**! On this special day, we were able to celebrate the spirit of love, unity and sisterhood. Each sister wore a beautiful unity multicolor (yellow, orange, white, pink and purple) scarf. All praises to our God...**Hallelujah!** Unity and Love – **"I Am My Sister's Keeper.** To our Sisters in Christ, we thank God for your steadfastness in loving, supporting and caring for each other. We thank and honor each of you for your life and desire to continue on this Sister to Sister love journey. We are so very grateful for your presence, prayers, kindness, smiles and many hugs extended each time we fellowshiped. To Sister Jacqueline Anderson, Director of Women's Ministry, Sister Phyllis Renders, Sister Irene Douglas, Church Clerk, Sister Winnie Bynum, Sister Peggy Scott, Sister Toni Devoe and so many others who did a great job in assisting in making the 2014 annual Women's Day a blessed experience.

On Friday evening, May 30, the women's weekend started with the Love In/Lock In that lasted through Saturday morning. The evening kicked off with devotion, prayer and praise followed by various games, movies, with popcorn, facials by Sister Toyin Harris, a walk on the "Red Carpet" and the "Box game". In addition, the sisters just enjoyed spending time in great conversation getting to know each other. Refreshments were prepared and served by Sister Winnie Bynum and her culinary committee. The Love In/Lock In ended at midnight for most, but there were some who were in it for the long haul. At 4:30AM, Sisters Verna Jones, Deborah Brooks, Kadja Mounoubai, Peggy Scott, Stacy Noel and Helen Rhodes decided to call it a night or morning. Upon waking early Saturday morning, sleeping bags, pillows and blankets were packed up to prepared for the return to our respective homes. We had wonderful fellowship of prayer, scripture and praise. Oh what a night! **"I Am My Sister's Keeper"**!

On Sunday morning God continued to bless us as we began with church school and the wonderful teachings of Sister Phyllis Renders. The lesson was entitled **"Obey the Lord,"** and scripture was taken from Haggai Chapter 1:1-11. The central thought of the lesson was "Focusing on the Lord's work." Honoring Him allows us to experience to the fullest degree His purpose for us as being created in His image.

Worship service started as all the Sisters gathered to procession in. The annual women's day choir marched into the choir stand dressed in white, adorned with the beautiful multi color scarf. The long hours of rehearsal was evident as the choir blessed our souls with awesome songs of praise and worship. **Hallelujah!**

Sisters Serena Williams and Mary Briggins served as worship leaders and carried out the worship service in grand order. The women's day choir under the direction of Minister Daniel Dean lead the congregation in singing the opening hymn, **The Solid Rock!** Sisters Ciara and Victoria Haith shared announcements while Sister Stella Addo acknowledged guest and welcomed them to Saint Mary's. A tribute to sisters was presented by Sister Wendy Haith as Trustee Theresa Yeryby-Reynolds shared the responsive reading (Litany #70) with the congregation. Chairpersons, Stacy Noel and Helen Rhodes acknowledged and showed much appreciation to Sisters Jacqueline Anderson, Winnie Bynum and Peggy Scott. Sister Tiffany Rogers read scripture, Hebrews 13:1-3 and Deaconess Earnestine Yerby offered the pastoral prayer and response. Trustee Irene Davis, along with Sisters Briana and Shalaine Thomas led in tithes and offering. Trustee Peggy Scott, introduced our guest preacher. The annual women's day choir continued to bless the congregation with songs of great praise. We were then inspired, blessed and touched to the core with awesome words of wisdom from our guest preacher, Minister Carol Owens Ford, the Senior Executive Assistant at the Greater Mount Calvary Holy Church, Washington, DC. Minister Ford was inspired to use as scripture Hebrews 13:1. **I Am My Sister's Keeper.**

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MISSION STATEMENT

"To Celebrate our Christian Successes; to share GOD's Good News Stories and to Encourage those in need of GOD's Comfort and Cheer"

Render therefore to all their due: tribute to whom tribute.....honor to whom honor

Romans 13:7

NEWSLETTER/PUBLICATIONS

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FROM "THE PASTOR'S PEN"

REV. KENDRICK A. ANDERSON



WALK ON BY FAITH!

Whether we realize it or not, we exhibit a level of faith in various ways. For example, every time we sit down in a chair we have faith or trust that the chair will hold us firmly and not fall apart. Moreover, every time we eat out we have faith that the food was grown and prepared properly in so much that when we eat the food we don't become ill. Furthermore, every time we walk-up and down a flight of stairs we are trusting that we will not fall and hurt ourselves. All of these situations are natural intuitive means of us showing faith. However, if we are to consistently receive the benefits of life, live victoriously, and glorify God in our thoughts, words and deeds then we must wholeheartedly place our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and show our faith in Christ daily. In other words, we must "Walk on by Faith!"

To walk on by faith means that we must first have a saving faith which is to recognize and believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that he died on the cross to save mankind from the power and the penalty of sin (eternal death) and that Jesus defeated sin and death by resurrecting from the dead. When an individual exhibits such a faith, he or she becomes a saved born-again believer of the Lord Jesus Christ and assuredly receives eternal life. (John 3:16; Romans 10: 9-13; Ephesians 2:8; John 11:25-26; 14:6).

Secondly, to walk on by faith as a born-again believer, an individual must be confident that the Lord Jesus Christ will provide benefits and meet appropriate needs on a daily basis. This includes food, clothing, and shelter. It also includes funds to meet obligations, resources to provide opportunities, and the wherewithal to achieve various things in life. Regardless of the circumstances or impediments that may provide a struggle in having needs being met or benefits being obtained, the believer must have faith that the Lord will "make a way" (Matthew 6:25-33; Philippians 4:19; Psalm 37:25).

Thirdly, to walk on by faith as a born-again believer, an individual should consistently display a sense of contentment, joy, patience, and inner peace. This is a reflection of the believer living a victorious life in Christ knowing that no matter what issues that life presents the believer is trusting that God has everything under control and everything will work out for the good of the believer (Philippians 4:7-12; James 1:4; Romans 8:28).

Lastly, to walk on by faith as a born-again believer, an individual will be living a Spirit-filled life where the believer, in turn, will be exhibiting Christian character. Christian character includes such things as kindness, humility, unselfishness, integrity, obedience, love, gentleness, respect, forgiveness, and a good work ethic (Galatians 5:22-24; Romans 12:10-21). When this takes place, the believer glorifies God and, as such, the believer is blessed by God to establish, maintain, and even revive relationships as well as accomplish great things for the good of humanity (Hebrews 11th chapter).

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Church Calendar 2014

July

- 7th-11th.....Vacation Bible School
- 13th-----Annual Building Fund & Renovation Day
3:30PM—Rev. Dr. Ishmeal Shaw
Paramont Baptist Church
- 16th.....Golden Angels Bingo

August

Vacation Month—Rehearsal for choirs still scheduled except Youth & Young Adult

September

- 4th..... Men's Ministry Bible Study
- 10thStoddard Baptist Home
- 14thHomecoming & Friends Day
3PM Pastor Stephen L. Wright
1st Baptist, College Park, Md
- 27th.....Out-Reach—Shepherds Table
2PM Golden's Angels Fashion Show

BLESSINGS – YOUR Newsletter

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Community Outreach

"Shepherd's Table"

"The more lowly your service to others, the greater you are. To be the greatest, be a servant." Matt. 23:11

Volunteers are just ordinary People with extraordinary hearts. They offer the gift of their time to teach, to listen, to help, to inspire, to build, to grow, to learn. They expect no pay, yet the value of their work knows No Limit. They've known the unexpected joy of a simple hug. They've planted tiny seeds of LOVE in Countless Lives. Volunteers are just Ordinary People Who reach out and take a hand and together make a difference that lasts a life time.

My Brothers and Sisters We have not been saved to sit in the pews. But, we are called to serve. Thank you to the following servants who did not think it robbery to serve early Saturday morning June 28, 2014. Deacon Howard Freney, Sisters Arlene K. Washington, Wellenia Underwood, Margaret Daniels, Helen Rhodes, Stacy Noel (her niece Neomie Noel), Phyllis Renders, Stella Addo and Theresa Starks. We want to also give a shout out to Brother Freddie Blue for driving the bus. Saint Mary's is scheduled to serve at Shepherd's Table every fourth Saturday. Volunteers are at the church 8:30 AM. We need YOU! Do you want to be "great" in the Kingdom? Thank you in advance and may God bless you richly!

Be Our Guests

Submitted by: Tr. Jason Williams



In the fall of 1991 the marvelous minds behind Cinderella, Peter Pan and dozens of other animated gems released a new classic for the ages. Disney's Beauty and the Beast burst onto the scene and was universally celebrated. Set in a French hillside, the story tells of a quirky father daughter duo who cosmically cross paths with a cursed prince and his colorful yet loyal servants. In true Disney fashion the adventure blends the whimsical with the practical into a tale about the power of acceptance.

An army of volunteers, staff and students from John Eaton Elementary School took on the mission of adapting this Disney classic for their annual spring theater production. John Eaton Elementary's Beauty and the Beast Jr. was set for a three show run and the hard work that went into the production was evident at the school's auditorium had been transformed into a working theatre. Opening night brought about an electricity that only a live performance can generate. All of the familiar characters were there but instead of tinsel town veterans, the students of John Eaton would fill these iconic roles. In the lead roles of Belle and the Beast were Annie Caroline Wright and Matthew O' Toole. The quick-talking Frenchman; Lumiere was played by Saint Mary's very own Kaleb Anderson.

With a running time of an hour and 20 minutes and accompanied by students on wind and string instruments; John Eaton's Beauty and the Beast Jr. hummed along like a well-oiled machine. Kaleb's Lumiere was charming and precocious. One of the signature songs of the production, Be Our Guests was lead by Anderson brilliantly. Another standout performance came from Kendall Wallis in the role of Lefou. However, before you knew it, the magic of the evening was coming to a close.

Principal Dale Mann came up after the final curtain to thank everyone involved from parents to the production crew for a tremendous show. There was even a special thanks to Sister Jacqueline Anderson who servers as Assistant Principal at John Eaton.

July Sermons – Reverend Anderson

Monthly Theme – "An Appropriate Attitude"

Sunday, July 6

Sermon Title: Attitude of Gratitude
Responsive Reading: #48. - Thanksgiving
Scripture: Luke 17:11-19

Sunday, July 13

Sermon Title: Attitude of Persistence
Responsive Reading: Luke 5:17-20
Scripture: Matthew 15:21-28

Sunday, July 20

Sermon Title: Attitude of Peace
Responsive Reading: #37. – Peace
Scripture: Matthew 5:1-9

Sunday, July 27

Sermon Title: Attitude of Mercy
Responsive Reading: #33. – Mercy
Scripture: Matthew 5:1-7



"Not with eye service, as men pleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart". Eph. 6:6

Thank you Church family! Annual Women's Day celebrated further by reaching out into the community. Because of your desire to do the will of God by serving those in need we were able to provide over 40 men and women suits to **Strive DC** – (Support Training Results in Valuable Employees) – "Prepared to Work, Development to Succeed". Strive DC is a special service for adults ages 18 and over who would like to improve their work demeanor and skills. The suits collected will assist young men and women to be prepared to go out and



Sisters Rhodes and Washington delivering suits

be properly dressed for job interviews with confidence. Strive DC was extremely happy and appreciative to receive such nice suits from Saint Mary's Baptist Church on June 18, 2014. Special thanks to Sister Arlene K Washington, Community Outreach Coordinator for Women's Ministry. We, the Chairpersons for Annual Women's Day 2014 would like to thank each person that made a donation to this great cause. We appreciate your support in providing someone an opportunity for a new beginning. Many thanks and let's continue to keep our brothers and sisters in prayer at **Strive DC**.



A Grand Worthy Celebration

Submitted by Toni and Steve Devoe

Saint Mary's Baptist Church's very own Carol Simon was awarded the title of "Grand Worthy Matron" by the Order of the Eastern Stars earlier this year. To celebrate this momentous occasion, a banquet in Carol's honor was held at the Hilton Hotel near BWI Airport.

The banquet hall was adorned in red and blue along with members of the Eastern Stars and their affiliated organizations. Steve and I joked with several patrons at our table that we did not get the memo on the color scheme, but would be better prepared next time.

Carol waltzed into the banquet hall escorted by Reverend Anderson. All in attendance cheered as she stepped onto the stage with the style and smile of a beauty pageant contestant. Her glow was infectious as she looked around the room and seemed in awe at the number of people who came out to celebrate her.

After a few words of welcome and a wonderful meal it was time to hear a word from the Lord. Reverend Anderson was the guest speaker and gave a sermon that focused on encouragement. His sermon came from Acts 9:26-28. Reverend Anderson explained how Barnabas defended Paul to the other disciples and explained that Paul had truly changed. He stated that Barnabas provided encouragement to Paul in a time when Paul may have wanted to give up or felt unappreciated. Reverend Anderson reminded all in the room that there will be times in our lives when we need some encouragement and having someone like Barnabas or being a Barnabas is a good thing.

The evening ended with many presentations and gifts to our Grand Worthy Matron and her final words of thanks and encouragement were awesome. Carol gave thanks to God for her life, family and friends. She reminded us of how far God has brought her. She joked that although the Eastern Stars take up a good deal of her time, it is time well spent for worthy causes and God is ALWAYS at the center of everything they do.

Carol along with the Eastern Stars encouraged the young folks to stay involved with the community and to stay close to God. I learned a lot about the Eastern Stars from this "Grand Worthy" celebration, but the thing that impressed me the most was the commitment of the Eastern Stars to God and their community.

SAINT MARY'S BAPTIST CHURCH

"The Church where Everybody is Somebody and

3 for the Kingdom

Submitted by Toni Devoe and Peggy Scott

The Saint Mary's Baptist Church family was blessed on Sunday, May 18th. We were witnesses to 2 new saints entering into God's Kingdom and publicly cementing their dedication to Christ through the Baptism ceremony. Sister Ianthe Miller started participating in the New Members class at SMBC before she officially joined the church. Sister Miller stated that she wanted to gain a little more knowledge about us and the Lord and really loves the teaching that takes place in the class. Sister Shirley Weaver is the sister of First Lady Emeritus Joan Weaver Crump. Sister Weaver explained that she came from a Catholic background and was surprised to learn that we have several individuals with that same background in our church. Sister Weaver expressed how warm and friendly everyone is at Saint Mary's and how she felt like part of the family when she first entered the door. Both ladies were supported by a host of family and friends including Emeritus Pastor Darryle Crump and Emeritus First Lady Joan Crump. I was so excited to witness this double delight and like many I was moved to tears by God's awesome power.

During our morning service we were blessed again as we fellowshiped Brother William Sturdivant into our congregation. Brother Sturdivant is the son of Kathleen Jones and has been leading a Bible study group at Sister Jones' home on Friday mornings. Brother Sturdivant once told me that he felt blessed that the Lord had given him another chance. He reflected on how far God had brought him and how he planned to work hard to show the Lord his appreciation.

May 18th was definitely an extraordinary day. As I reflected on the three individuals that gave their lives to Christ, I was reminded how the number three represents the Trinity and how all three in the trinity were smiling at the site of our new family members.

Welcome New Members



"My son, hear the instruction of your father" - Proverbs 1:8a

"And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you that he may sift you as wheat, but I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren" (KJV) - "Simon, stay on your toes. Satan has tried his best to separate all of you from me, like chaff from wheat. Simon, I've prayed for you in particular that you not give in or give out. When you have come through the time of testing, turn to your companions and give them a fresh start." MSG Luke 22:31-32 **Congratulations!** There are few things that bring greater satisfaction and fill you with **delight** than to spread your wings of adventure and reach a brand-new **height!** The satisfaction and joy that are yours are well deserved. May your continued future **journey** allow you to **soar, abound** and be **fruitful** in the **knowledge** of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Stay the course!** **Brothers** William Sturdivant, Thomas Mobley and Tom Houston (welcome back) successfully completed the six weeks New Member Orientation. We are so excited to have these three brothers in the Saint Mary's family. Please join us in welcoming our Black Men Worshiping (BMW) by showing some love with a Godly hug. Welcome Home Men! "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope". Jeremiah 29:11

Exercise Guidelines



Consult your physician before starting any exercise program.

The key to weight control is balancing our energy (food) intake with how much energy our body burns (physical activity). To lose weight, you must

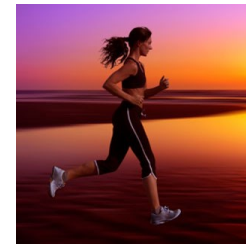
burn more calories than you eat.

Exercise is a key way to do this. When you exercise regularly, you build stronger muscles. Muscles cells burn more calories than fat cells throughout the day, even while you are resting. This helps boost your metabolism.

How much exercise you need to make a difference in your weight depends on how much you eat and what activity you are doing. A medium sized adult would have to walk more than thirty miles to burn up to 3500 calories, the equivalent of one pound of fat. Although that may seem like a lot, you don't have to walk the thirty miles all at once. Walking a mile a day for thirty days will achieve the same result, as long as you don't eat more than usual.

If you eat one hundred calories a day more than your body needs, you will gain approximately ten pounds in a year. You could lose the weight and keep it off by doing thirty minutes of moderate exercise daily. The combination of exercise and diet is the best way to control your weight.

Aerobic Exercise



Aerobic exercise is exercise in which you are continuously moving a large muscle group such as in your arms, legs and hips for a period of time. Your heart rate gets faster and your breathing becomes deeper and faster.

All adults should get two and one half hours of aerobic exercise spread our over a week, but should be done for ten minutes at a time.

If you have not been active, start slowly and build up over weeks or even months. Walking can be a good exercise to start with.

Every week, increase the time you spend with the activity, do it more often or add a second activity. You can increase the speed of your activity or the difficulty of the activity, such as going up hills.

Finding Joy in the Midst of Trouble

Submitted by; Sister Toni Devoe and Sister Jackie Anderson



On Saturday, May 17th, the ladies of the SMBC Women's Ministry were introduced to an exciting, passionate, Godly lady that helped us understand how to find joy in the midst of trouble. Sister Terri Brantley, of the Standard for Life Christian Church, explained how the Lord wants us to understand that trials will come and what to do when they do. She took us to the book of James (James 1:1-3) and explained that the Brother of Jesus wrote this book to address the everyday concerns of our faith. She summed up the verses found in James 1:1-3 with the phrase, "How are you living?" Sister Terri taught us that in Greek the word **count** in these verses refers to giving an account and the word **fall** means to fall into temptation. She explained that when verse 3 of this passage in James speaks of the **trying of one's faith working patience** it is a reference to our faith producing some fruit.

With a sense of humor and a great deal of flare, Sister Terri took us on a journey into her childhood. She told us that as a "church going sista", she had an image to uphold. She shared her escapades and antics with us and told us how she would race home to be by the phone for her dad's call at 10:00 PM. After his call she would then grab her girlfriend and head out on the town, ducking past the police station where he worked. We all laughed as we reflected on pulling some of the same stunts when we were younger. Sister Terri expressed that although she was playing the part of a church girl, she did not have any fruit to show for it. She gave glory to God for eventually showing her the errors of her ways and setting her on the right track. Through Sister Terri we learned that producing fruits requires sharing of your time and talents. It also requires us to be an example and encouragement to others who are going through tough times. Sister Terri stated that we should not be so quick to pass judgment on our younger sisters for what they wear, but we should try to show them love. She also admonished the younger ladies and stated that a healthy level of respect for those that are older goes a long way in the eyes of the Lord.

As the session came to a close all of the ladies knew that we had been truly blessed by Sister Terri Brantley's presence. None of us wanted the session to end and none of us wanted to leave. In closing Sister Terri blessed us with a song that showed off her amazing singing talents and left us with the words found in Romans 8:38-39. If you do not already know these verses this is a good time to look them up for yourself. How does one find joy in the midst of trouble? Sister Terri Brantley sure knows and was willing to share her knowledge with the rest of us. I agree with Sister Winnie Bynum in her statement that the Women's Ministry and the rest of the church would surely be blessed to hear this wonderful lady again.

Sisterly Love

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You must get the CD! You will want to hear this awesome word again and again. What an awesome time in the Lord. To that we can only say, to God be the glory. This is the Lord's work and is marvelous in our eyes. **Hallelujah! "I Am My Sisters Keeper"!** The congregation prepared for altar call, lead by Reverend Kendrick A. Anderson, Interim Pastor. Remarks were offered by Sister Jacqueline Anderson, Director of Women's Ministry, along with closing remarks at which time she presented special gifts of appreciation to our Annual Women's Day chairpersons Stacy Noel and Helen Rhodes. **"I Am My Sister's Keeper"**. We want and must send an extra shout out to our Black Men in Worship (BMW) at Saint Mary's Baptist Church. The love, support and care you showed was awesome and we thank you! Your willingness to assist with teaching in children's church, standing strong and tall at the gate, throughout worship service and ending with the serving of food in the dining hall, we say thanks. We appreciate you and much love to all our BMW – God continue to bless you real good, our **Kings**.

At Last – **Who is my Secret Sister?** The wait was finally over as Secret Sisters were revealed. Our Secret Sister program began early this year in which all of the ladies of the church were invited to participate in this ministry of caring and sharing with other sisters in Christ. Sisters were encouraged to pray for each other and to make contact at least once a month if not more, by way of a phone call or sending a card, email or text. As secret sisters were revealed with gifts and hugs, it made our annual day even more of a God experience. It is expected that **Sisterly Love** will continue with the secret sister ministry. **"I Am My Sister's Keeper"!** Wait – there's more. Let the slide show began. Thanks to all the sisters who allowed us to take pictures used for this purpose. We appreciate it and hope you enjoyed the slide show. To our Sister's of Saint Mary's Baptist Church let's continue with **Sisterly Love**. Many thanks to everyone for your consistent encouragement, love, support, kindness and care shown to make this special day a marvelous and blessed experience. Special heartfelt thanks is extended to Reverend Kendrick A. Anderson, Interim Pastor, Jacqueline Anderson, Director Women's Ministry, Deacon Steve Devoe, Deacon Anthony Bryant, Minister Daniel Dean, Sisters Irene Davis, Winnie Bynum, Toni Devoe, Irene Douglas and Phyllis Renders. May God continue to richly bless you and keep each of you; and may you remain consistently steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord. **"I Am My Sister's Keeper" – Hallelujah!**

Walk on by Faith

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As we go about our daily lives, we should diligently walk on by faith. If there are times where we are in need of encouragement to walk on by faith, let us remember the words to that old gospel hymn:

Walk on by faith each day
 Walk on by faith each day
 On Sunday – Walk on,
 On Monday – Walk on,
 On Tuesday - Walk on,
 On Wednesday - Walk on,
 On Thursday – Walk on,
 On Friday – Walk on,
 On Saturday – Walk on,
 Let Jesus be your guide,
 He's able to carry the load,
 He can see way down the road,
 Walk on by faith each day
 Walk on by faith each day

A Heartfelt Thank You!

To: My Sister Saints at Saint Mary's Baptist Church
 Fr: Theresa Y. Yerby-Reynolds
 Re: The beautiful arrangement pictured here!



Who's That Sleeping in my bed (sleeping bag)?

"With all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace". Eph. 4:2-3



Are any of these ladies in the sleeping bags?

Love In/Lock In – Twelve hours of Sisterly Love. The Women's Ministry Annual weekend began on Friday evening at 7:00 PM. Our Love In/Lock In time with many of our sisters was a special experience which was intended to enhance, maintain, establish and revive sister relationships. It was a time to love on each other, have fun, fellowship and enjoy some great food. We feel the mission was accomplished. Although we carry the church within us, we came to the building to praise, pray and worship. Girls just want to have "fun" in the name of our Lord! **"I Am My Sister's Keeper."** As we got anchored in, the evening got underway with Sister Toyin Harris doing facials. Sister Harris shared the many techniques of properly applying makeup as well as various other products to help us stay beautiful. The sisters shared in the "Red Carpet" activity and became queens for just a little while. The sisters got to feel if only for the evening, what it felt like to be treated extra special with Sisterly Love. We concluded that we are all queens and we should consistently

claim it through Jesus Christ. Thank you Sister Toni Devoe for the reminder every once in awhile. Say to yourself each day "I am a daughter of the most high God, I am Queen Stacy. I am Queen Helen. This was one of the many highlights of the evening! In addition, several games were played, such as "the right family" (taught us about giving and taking). The fun continued with movies, more games and good girl talk. Most sisters called it a night around midnight but there were others who stayed for the full twelve hours of Sisterly Love – Sister Verna Jones, Sister Deborah Brooks, Sister Kadja Mounoubai, Sister Peggy Scott, Sister Stacy Noel and Sister Helen Rhodes. These sisters finally decided at 4:30AM to pull out the sleeping bags, pillows and blankets and call it a night. Early Saturday morning there was additional prayer and praise time before leaving to our respective homes. Our hope is that by the grace of God each sister who attended the Lock In/Love In found a new relationship with one or more sisters. Let's remember – **"I Am My Sister's Keeper."** Let's continue with a whole lot of Sisterly Love in the weeks, months and years to come. Love is the answer Sisters! Keep it moving and we will establish, maintain and revive our relationships at Saint Mary's Baptist Church in the remaining months of 2014. Once we are able to sustain this love within our congregation, we can extend it into our surrounding communities. Amen & Hallelujah!!!



Queen Irene Winston



Queen Dorothy Sharp



Queen Verna Jones