





# Pastor’s Page

## Greetings, Beloved—

Grace and Peace to You from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! God is alive and is worthy to be praised. Hallelujah to our God! The apostle Paul said it best, “Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him” (1 Corinthians 2:9); and, we love God and people! Furthermore, this love is what propels us to courageously live and proclaim the gospel (the good news) of Jesus Christ in this present age and I am so thankful to live out and



nurture my faith alongside you!

I am excited about God’s activity in GHUUMC and our surrounding communities! From 40 days of prayer to our Lenten

Study devotions, God is preparing us for this next season of service, discipleship, evangelism and outreach. Daily, we are developing partnerships with persons and organizations that will enable us to better serve our communities for Christ. From our church cluster partnership with Emmanuel, Good Shepherd, Liberty Grove, Glenmont, Marsden First of Bermuda, and Oak Chapel UMC’s to the Interfaith Council of Montgomery County, we are connecting people and resources so that we can reach and win more souls for Christ! Our cluster Mission

ing God and people. We are intentional about staying in love with God and making God known in the world; and, we are intentional about learning from you more ways that we can work together to lift up the Name of God and bring the gospel to bear on human need.

As you read this inaugural newsletter edition, I know that you will be encouraged by the many ways that God is transforming lives. From our children and youth to senior adults, there is a word from the Lord. Enjoy reading about all of the fantastic things that God has done and is

doing in the world, in our communities, in this place and in us. Consider investing and or recommitting your time, energy and resources in one or more of them as able.

We thank you for your generous investment in God’s work here and in the lives of God’s people. We love you and thank you for planting your seeds of faith, hope and love into this fertile ground. May your harvest be great and God’s Name forever praised!

- Pastor Stacey Cole Wilson

# ENTERTAINMENT

## Darnell Davis and the Remnant Move Gospel Music Forward

By Stephen A. Lawrence

A quilt is a blanket made up of several different pieces of fabric. The best quilts share a cohesive theme that can warm your heart as easily as curling up under one warms your body. Gospel music can work the same way and the new release by Darnell Davis and the Remnant is one quilt of an album. The 12 tracks on "Moving Forward" range in style from old school gospel to praise songs to slow, solo-driven tunes with a deep message. A quick listen might not be enough to truly enjoy the album, but with time you may find some beauty in this quilt.

"Moving Forward" is Darnell Davis and the Remnant's fourth studio album and their first on the RCA Inspiration label. Davis first received recognition as a songwriter and producer for his work on the 2002 album "Soul Interpretations" by Minneapolis-based choir Excel-



sior. That album won a Stellar Award in 2002 and was nominated for a Grammy in 2003.

The first time I listened to the new album , I caught glimpses of influential artists all over - Hezekiah Walker here, Tye Tribbett there and a little James Fortune for good measure. The next few times I played it, I started to hear the twists Davis put on those familiar sounds.

Tracks like "So In Love With You" and "Moving Forward" sound like they were

written for Kirk Franklin, and they also happen to be some of the more enjoyable songs of the bunch. Praise songs "It Won't Work" and "I've Got the Victory" are fun and forceful, but depending on your mood, can also make you feel like someone is shouting at you. The various sounds between help to balance out these two extremes.

The writer/producer label might not be enough to describe Davis. I'm not sure how often I use the term "band leader" in reference to gospel singers, but anyone who blends a horn section, electric guitar and Hammond organ in one song is worthy of the label. Listen close and you will hear a jam session in the background of most of the up-tempo tracks. The choir has its moments, too. Sudden shifts in harmony or an unexpected leap from a high note to a really, really high note can be expected throughout the album.

I like the quilt that Darnell Davis and the Remnant has put together. If you stare long enough at the patchwork, you might enjoy it as well.

## Aida: GHU Family Night at the Theater

By Kim Campbell

My mother, daughter and I went to Northwest High School in Germantown, MD to see Elton John’s "AIDA," a musical adaptation of the Giuseppe Verdi opera. It is about the princess of Nubia who comes to the palace as a slave, but falls in love and begins a relationship with the prince of Egypt. We were so proud to know two of the participants: Anjel Buckles, who joined us at ROCK this year, and our very own Chaise Cox-King. Both did an absolutely fantastic job singing and dancing throughout the play. We were excited to see how well high school students can perform at a "Broadway" musical level. I would encourage others to see this play (and others) whenever a local high school is having one!

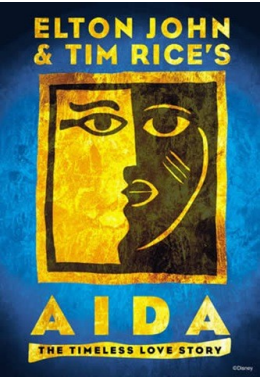
## Tuesdays with Morrie by Mitch Albom

A Book Review by Maureen Jagne-Shaw

The novel *Tuesdays With Morrie* by Mitch Albom is about a dying man and his student and how they are helping each other in life. The dying man, Morrie, is helping his student, Mitch, realize what is important in life and how he shouldn't be worried about things that do not concern us. Mitch helps Morrie out by helping him cope with his death so he does not have to go through it alone. After reading the book, readers will understand that having faith is one of the answers found- about how to live a meaningful life.

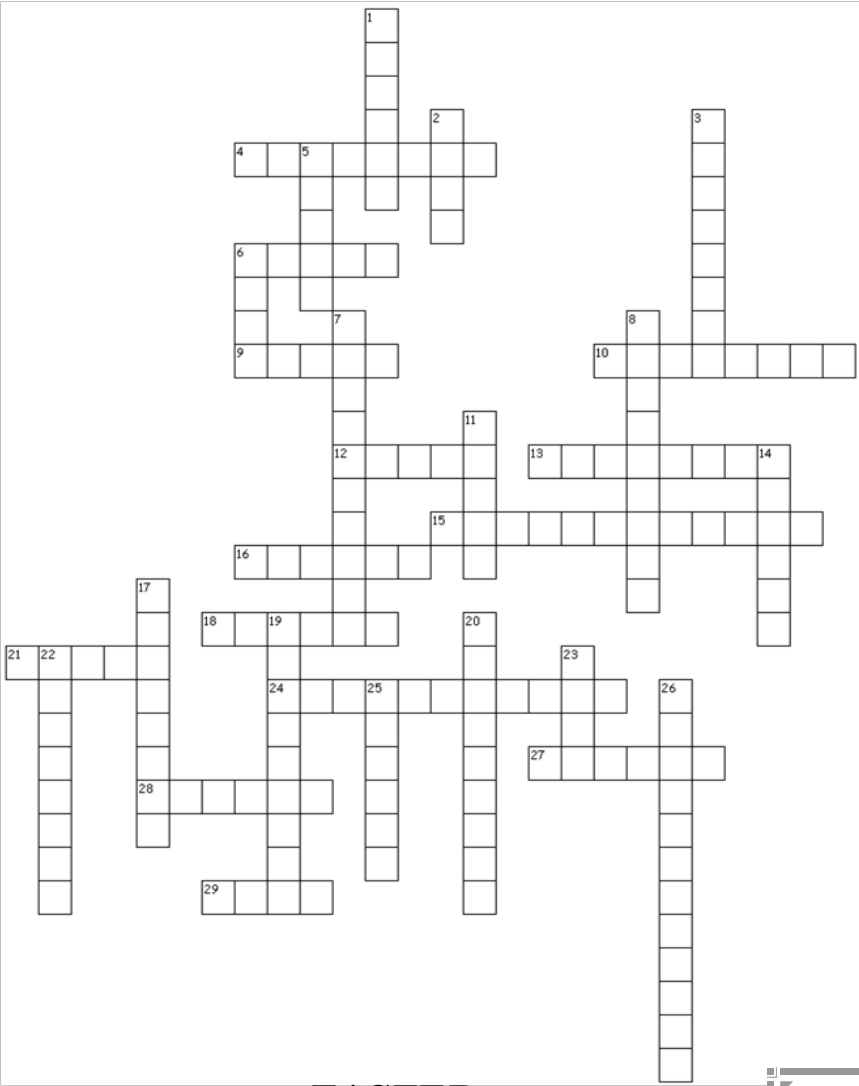
In the book, Morrie learns how to cope with death. He realizes that he needs to let go in order to become at peace with himself. One of the ways Morrie is able to come to this realization is by faith. One of the religions Morrie was

into was Christianity; he said he accepted death like a Christian and said "once you learn how to die, you learn how to live." By having faith one knows what his or her boundaries are and they have a set of guidelines to live by. Christians know that if they stay in the faith they will soon get their reward in Heaven. Doing just that gives them purpose and meaning in life. Matthew 6:33 says, “Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." This scripture tells people that if they know who God is and believe, then they should not stress out because God will provide for them. People attain a meaningful life when they have created a lasting relationship with God knowing that He will provide and take care of everything.



Activity Page

Easter Crossword



- Across
4. Father \_\_\_\_\_ them: for they know not what they do.
6. The soldier pierced His side with this.
9. Jesus told Peter to feed His \_\_\_\_.
10. Freed prisoner
12. This was rolled in front of the tomb.
13. Betrayer, Judas \_\_\_\_.
15. Special Sunday, Easter or \_\_\_\_
16. Prefect of Judea
18. Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a \_\_\_\_.
21. The last supper took place in this room
24. Authorized by Pilate
27. They rolled the stone away from the tomb
28. Judas betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of \_\_\_\_.
- Down
1. Into your hands I commit my \_\_\_\_.
2. "Why seek ye the living among the \_\_\_\_."
3. Aramaic name for Calvary
5. Christ is \_\_\_\_!
6. He shed his blood so these were for-given
7. Prayer garden
8. Mary, early resurrection witness
11. Denying disciple
14. Doubtful disciple
17. Today you will be with me in \_\_\_\_
19. Helped Joseph with burial
20. Tomb owner, Joseph of \_\_\_\_.
22. The last supper was during \_\_\_\_.
23. Jesus asked him to take care of Mary
25. Helper, Simon of \_\_\_\_
26. where Jesus was crucified

EASTER

WORD SEARCH



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JESUS  
JOHN  
MARY  
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Join us in giving God thanks for ...

- GHUUMC in the Community: The Launch of First Mondays Community Feeding Program!** Led by Sis. Delores Holland our goal is to feed at least 50 persons per month. Help us to identify persons that we would benefit from this outreach service of love.
- Our Global Missions Ministry Team and Imagine No Malaria Campaign!** Led by Patience Oliver-Job and Olive Jagne –Shaw along with our Regional *Imagine No Malaria* Coordinator, Maurice Jagne-Shaw. This committee with your support helped us to raise more than \$2000+ for INM. \$3000 is our church goal. Let’s get there together!
- Our Community Church Cluster Confirmation Class: A Generation of Leaders-** Approximately twenty-four youth are participating in our collaborative confirmation class from Good Shepherd, Liberty Grove, Colesville and GHU United Methodist Churches. Five students are from GHUUMC and we are excited about this wonderful opportunity for our students to learn, serve and grow together as disciples of Jesus Christ.
- Our New Safe Sanctuaries Team and SPRC-**Under the leadership of our Staff Parish Relations Team, a new Safe Sanctuaries Team has been formed. Special thank you to SPRC member, Bro. Wayne Richards for the creation and formation of this team designed to oversee the safety of all children and youth!
- Faith In Motion!** Thank you Sis. Quintaria Brunson for choreographing worship dances for persons of all ages and thank you to the parents and children/youth/adult participants!
- Our New Certified Youth Lay Servant-** Jaden Thorpe completed the Certified Lay Servant’s Class



- New Members and Worshipers!** Thank you for desiring to connect with and serve in this fellowship. We give God thanks for you!
- Two Seminary Ministerial Interns** to begin fall 2014, Caprice Brown and Elka Perry!
- Spiritual Leadership Development Training Opportunities-** The large number of participants for our Greater Washington Leadership day at Blake Senior High School. GHUUMC leaders served as volunteers for this event with over 700 persons in attendance! Look forward to learning more about our New Believers Class and other ways to learn and grow.
- More Ways to Give-** The Finance Committee has partnered with Vanco to bring us secure Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) Giving! Now, you have three ways to give (in person, on-line, and via our church website). We are committed to Christ and our financial goals as a church include complete financial freedom so that we can fully engage in the outreach initiatives of God.
- Our New On-line Church Directory!** Led by Sis. Arletta Boston, Sis. Gwendolyn Morgan, and Charity Mulenga. Now members, will have access to our Life-Touch Directory on-line (password and user names are issued by our church office).
- Our Small Groups** under the leadership of Sis. Arletta Boston and Sis. Sue Bryant along with all of our small group facilitators and leaders.
- Our New Administrative Assistant: Welcome, Charity Mulenga!**
- Our Musicians, Choristers and New Director of Music,** Sis. ReNee Aiken (Voices of Hope), Desiree Jordan (Anointed Praise), Payton Wynn (Children’s Choir and Men’s Choir), Gerald White (Drummer 1 & 4 Sundays), and Roger Stewart (2 & 3 Sundays).
- Our New Committee Leaders:** Kevin Thorpe and Debra Jones (Trustees), Robin Bush (Witness), Maleka Lawrence and Billela Lewis (Church School), Cherryann Tang-Nian (Co-chairperson, Acolytes), and Sis. Jennifer Myers (Nominations and Lay Leadership Development)
- Bro. Stephen Lawrence,** the new Editor of our Good Hope News!
- The Coordinators of our Community Easter Festival at Good Hope Recreation Center,** led by Sis. Jennifer Boston!



# Young Lions program returns to GHU

By Daniel Ivory

When I was presented the opportunity to take on the position as Chair of the Young Lions ministry, I was instantly compelled to take part in what I knew was a God-inspired effort to positively impact the lives our young men here at GHU. After meeting with Dr. R. F. Gillum and the other men who had previously been involved with the Young Lions, I was intrigued by the fact that this was more than just a teen bible study. The stage was set for the men of GHU to be active mentors in the lives of our boys.

Our first Young Lions meeting of 2014 had a great turnout. Parents, mentors, and the young men themselves discussed the group’s common interests and collectively came up with a number of ideas for outings, activities and educational opportunities. The support that we received from GHU’s United Methodist Men was tremendous and greatly appreciated.

We embarked on our first trip as a group on Saturday, March 22. We



arrived at the Sandy Spring Slave Museum and were greeted by our wonderful tour guide of the day, Sister Laura Wright. Mrs. Wright is the daughter of Dr. Winston Anderson, who is the Founder of the museum. It was established in 1988 to focus on black history from African origins to slavery and beyond through the civil rights movement and modern day accomplishments.

Our Young Lions’ reactions to the presentation were a sight to see. They stood in absolute amazement at the genuine artifacts and works

of art that had been collected and presented in a way that would capture the hearts of anyone who steps foot in this independent, grass-roots establishment. The young men had an opportunity to see and touch an actual cross-section of a slave clipper ship, huts built by real indigenous African tribes, and hand made textiles and furniture dating back hundreds of years. After taking in such a plethora of information, I can’t begin to describe how eye opening the experience was.

After seeing the impact that this experience has had on the Young Lions, I am convinced more than ever that we as men are called to point our young men God-ward, in the direction of spiritual edification. We have been blessed with the platform to do so, as well as an extremely supportive church family. I look forward to whatever it is that God has in store for the Young Lions of GHU.

## From a Lion’s perspective

By Malik Mendonca

Our Young Lions group went on a great field trip to the Sandy Spring Slave Museum. It was fun and informational. It was pretty long, but the whole time I was learning and seeing new things. I think everyone had a good time. It wasn’t a big museum, but we got to touch the artifacts, unlike larger museums.

My two favorite parts were the

slave houses and the slave boat. The museum guide said that the slave houses were 8x8 and had to fit 12 or more slaves inside. I was stunned. The thing that really got me was that the room seemed so small.

The guide also told us that most of the slaves spoke different languages. Personally, I would have been scared. A whole bunch of peo-

ple trying to speak to me and I don’t even know what they’re saying.

All in all, I’m sure everyone had a great time on the trip.



# Lenten Bible Study

Noonday Bible Study with Pastor Stacey, Thursday, 12 p.m.

By Arletta Boston

The noonday Lenten Bible Study, facilitated by Pastor Stacey, provided its participants the opportunity to take an honest and reflective look and decide what aspects of their character they would like to change to make them more Christ-like. Personal stories were shared without judgment, life journeys were encouraged with enthusiasm and milestones celebrated with joy. These comments shared by members of the group reflect the level of honesty achieved during our time together:

“First of all the meaning of lent did not resonate with me because it was something Catholics did and I wasn’t Catholic. But as God would have it the study has exposed areas in my life I need to let go. My list is quite extensive so I have decided work on giving up pettiness, not just for lent but permanently. As we come to an end of this study I am reminded that I am a work in progress and God is not finished with me yet. I thank God for this study and the new outlook I now have on the Lenten season.”

“Lenten Bible study made me pause and know how wonderfully we are made in His image. He has given us the ability to make choices in our lives to do good. God has given us the ability to feel good about giving with a spirit of love and joy. This has been a time for me to consciously trying to change the bad things. Christ love is the most wonderful thing that I can feel.”

Agape Bible Study, Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

By Delores Martin

The group has been enthusiastically engaging in the reading and discussions during this session. The average attendance in the class is 14 participants. A few of the participants have not missed any of the sessions. The Agape class welcomed “newcomers” to the class. This includes members and nonmembers who don’t come to the regular sessions.

During this time, we have celebrated birthdays for March and April with food, beverages and birthday cakes. We have laughed together, cried together and overall offered support for each other during this most reverent period. Our mantra in the Agape Bible class always is “what’s said in this room stays in this room!” This has worked very well in allowing persons to be open to share feelings and thoughts.

The Agape class meets on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. The next study is based on the Books of Ruth and Esther. All are welcomed to join the class.

Daughters of the King, Tuesday, 7 p.m.

By Keowa Ivory

Being fairly new to the practice of Lent, initially I didn’t even want to participate. The idea of sacrificially giving up something temporarily only to return to it later felt very religious to me. However, I was extremely blessed by the Bible study this Lenten season! The lessons in the ‘Give up Something Bad for Lent’ book encouraged us as believers to permanently change rather than temporarily sacrifice. It provides practical, scripture based solutions as well as examples that pushes us to growth and holiness in everyday life so that we may grow closer to our Savior and therefore, become more like Him. It brings to mind my brother when I saw that he was losing weight and looking healthier. I asked him what diet he was participating in and he said “it’s not a diet, Keowa, it’s a lifestyle.” That is exactly what this bible study has been for me. It has helped me to focus on getting rid of real life issues/sins and putting into practice right living.

Wednesday in the Word, 7 p.m.

By Maurice Jagne-Shaw

The Wednesday in The Word group consists of about 12-15 “travelers” who have been meeting at 7:00 PM every Wednesday for several years, for a simple walk-through study of the bible. Each session lasts about an hour. There is no “teacher” per se, and members of the group sometimes take turns facilitating the discussion, which is often deep and insightful. We consider ourselves travelers not only because we set out to study the entire bible from Genesis to Revelation, but because we discuss practical steps for daily spiritual growth, and examine ways to apply The Word in our lives. The journey is enlightening.

The group takes a break from its routine whenever there is a church-wide bible study, such as during Lent. This year, as in the past, we welcomed additional participants during the Lenten bible study, as we engaged in spirited discussion of the book *Give up something bad for Lent*. Without exception, all participants enjoyed the writer’s style. They found it simple, but engaging. They could relate to the illustrations and gained new insight from them. Discussion was candid, as people confessed to having bad habits and engaging in self-pity, among other things. We read familiar passages, such as Luke 9:10-17 and Luke 19:1-10, with new vision, and felt empowered to do more to represent Christ.

As a catalyst for self-examination, *Give up Something Bad* does the job. Bitterness (week 1) and harsh judgments (week 2) were challenging topics to start with. Personal accounts were sparse, but the conversation was meaningful. By weeks 3 and 4 we were making reference to the earlier lessons, and deepening our conversation with what we had learned. Lent 2014 had the potential to sharpen our discipleship focus like never before. With resurrection power in us, we can realize in a new way what it means to be Easter People.



# GHU News and Notes

## Couples Ministry Feeds Hungry

The Couples Ministry fellowship is designed to encourage, support and uplift all couples. This ministry is intentional and purposeful. We have established a Covenant which states what we value, our meeting structure, spiritual formation, and our mission involvement. One of our mission projects is volunteering to give our time and service to S. O. M. E. (So Others Might Eat). It is a facility that serves meals in a dining room setting for the poor and the homeless.. S.O.M.E. serves more than 1,000 daily meals 365 days a year. S.O.M.E's aim is " Restoring Hope and Dignity One Person At A Time". Volunteers from the Couples Ministry have helped serve breakfast, set-up, wash dishes, clean-up, and help provide a warm, welcoming and friendly atmosphere to all those who enter. It is a humbling, yet heart-felt and rewarding experience to serve and be of service to others. Volunteers are always welcome. S.O.M.E. is located at 71 'O' Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001 (202-797-8806).

## Keep in Prayer...

- All persons in need this day...
- Every precious person on our prayer list.
- All families and persons in crisis.
- Those who are grieving, those who are missing, those who are hurting, those who need healing...
- Those who are trafficked and for traffickers to experience physical and spiritual restoration/liberation.
- Those who are oppressed (mind, body and or spirit) for freedom to come.
- Our imprisoned, unemployed, un-housed and or food insecure neighbors for a change to soon come.
- Our continued spiritual growth and leadership development so that we may love the Lord with our whole being.

## New GHU secretary

The Staff Parrish Relations Committee welcomes our new office assistant Mrs. Charity Mulenga, to Good Hope Union. She brings to the position enthusiasm, a warm and welcoming spirit, a host of skills and great efficiency. Mulenga is happily married for 20 years and the proud mother of two girls, ages 19 and 16. She and her family, relocating from Rochester, New York, are newcomers to this area and presently reside in Columbia,

MD. She is getting to know the area and is having fun discovering new places. Mulenga describes her experience in the position as “going somewhere where I feel love from everybody I meet. It doesn’t feel like I am coming to work.” She says, “I love being here, and everybody is wonderful. So I am happy to be here.” We likewise are pleased to have her on staff. When you stop by the church, please come in to meet her and be greeted by her warm smile. Her hours are Tuesday-Friday, 10am-3pm.



## An Editor’s Farewell

When Gwen Morgan became chair of the Witness Committee in 2011, her priority was to restart the newsletter. Her goal was to publish a paper that would tell *our story* as a Christ-centered community, share our faith stories, and highlight the church’s many ministries and activities. The first issue was published in March 2011 and featured stories that included Stephen Tang-Nian’s recent trip to Ghana, GHU’s venture into cyberspace bible study, and a piece honoring *then* 97 year old Mr. Walter Williams who had played in the Negro Baseball League. “Every issue was a favorite issue for me,” Morgan said. “Articles featuring those in our parish and folk in the greater community who had in some way touched GHU remain vivid in my memory. One of *my* more delightful interviews was with five year old Sydney Patterson, the youngest member of *Amplify*.” As Sister Gwen leaves her post as Good News Editor-In-Chief, she thanks everyone who contributed their time and talent to *Good Hope’s Good News*. “I want to give special thanks to a few *staffers* whose contributions remained constant during the last three years. Delores Martin wrote feature articles and edited copy for *every* issue. Andre and Cherryl Funches’ puzzles, Bible Trivia, and Points to Ponder were standard features. Angela Henson designed the paper’s masthead and served as graphic designer and layout consultant. Olabisi Daramy, Dr. Sheriff Daramy, Dr. Frank Gillum, and Adrienne Felton enlightened with serial nutrition, dental hygiene, and holistic health articles. Audrey Alleyne, Kevin Thorpe, Delores Holland, Bobette Banks, and the Daramys served as on-the-spot photographers. Special *thanks* to all who wrote articles or allowed us an interview and to those who put *a little something extra* in their envelopes to help defray the cost of printing. Thanks to Mary Rawley who helped with circulation.. *Thank you* goes to Pastor Stacey for her contributions and support. Finally, I wish to thank my husband, Nate Morgan, who encouraged and supported me over the past three years. Thank you, GHU, for allowing me this opportunity to serve.”

# Finding Your Virtue: GHU Women’s Day 2014

By Ellen Aubee

As long as I have been a member of Good Hope Union, I remember the wonderful years we have celebrated our Women’s Ministry. Women’s Day is used to recognize and celebrate the work of the United Methodist Women in our local church and though out our community. The Daughter’s of the King are tasked with planning this year’s Women’s Day. The colors are different shades of Purple. This year’s theme is “Finding your Virtue” Proverbs 31:30. We have an Empowerment Conference on Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup> and the Service on April 27<sup>th</sup>. The Conference will include music from our own Desiree Douglas. Desiree will lead the women in some amazing Praise and Worship songs. The presenters for the Conference are Carolyn Tatem and Mary Davisson. Both women have authored books and lead ministries at First Baptist of Glenarden, their home church. Carolyn serves as Director of Queen Esther Ministry, which specializes in training and discipling women of Christ. In 2010, she published her first book” Marriage from A to Z”. Mary

Davisson is a department writer for First Baptist Church of Gleneden’s *Grace* Women Magazine. She published “Unstoppable” –“Step into your Greatness “and “Girl, Get Your Fight Back.” Their focus is on empowering everyday Women. I had the honor of attending sessions that both ladies facilitated, which was truly a blessing to me. When the Daughters of the King decided to do the Empowerment Conference, I knew that we would be in for a treat by having them at Good Hope Union. This year’s Women’s Day speaker is Kashonna Holland. She is a Speaker, Life Coach and Writer. Kashonna’s heart for God is the filter through which her love for people flows. In May 2010, she established Simply Kashonna (SK) an organization purposed to bring women from the point of breaking through the process of breakthrough, personally, professionally and spiritually. We are looking forward to God doing a new thing through the spiritual gifts of Carolyn Tatem, Mary Davisson and Kashonna Holland.

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Join us in giving God thanks for ...

- Our Lay Servants** as led by Bro. Eric Quarles
- Our Ushers and Greeters** as led by Sis. Geraldine Mayo
- Our Stephen Minister (Sis. Debra Jones) and Stephen Ministry Partnership** with Colesville UMC!
- The Parking Lot Ministry!** Led by Bro. Linwood Holland. A Special thank you to Bro(s) Chris, Kevin, Daniel, Dexter, David, and Scottie for being a faithful and committed part of this great service of love.
- Sis. Cherryl Funches, Former Worship Chairperson!** Thank you for serving this committee well! You managed all of the aspects of worship with leading grace and we thank you.
- Sis. Gwendolyn Morgan, Former Witness Chairperson!** Thank you for your continued and faithful service. The Newsletter continues because of your investment of love and we appreciate you.
- The Ministries of our United Methodist Men (UMM) and United Methodist Women (UMW)!** Thank you Bro. Dennis Phillips, Sis. Delores Martin and Sis. Gladys Davis for your leadership.
- Our Children and Youth Programs** under the leadership of Sis. Jennifer Boston and Sis. Ellen Aubee.
- ROCK 2014-** All who enabled our youth to attend this event, to youth, parents and supporters-thank you!
- Our Worship Team and New Visual Arts Team** *to* include our Lay Servants (Bro. Eric Quarles, Lay Leader), Communion Stewards (Sis. Delores Holland), Ushers and Greeters (Sis. Geraldine Mayo), A/V Media Ministry (Carver Bryant), and Dr. Ruth Boyd-Okogun (Christian Education, Let the Children Come Coordinator and Visual Arts Ministry).
- Our Trustees (Past, Present and Life-timers!)** We give God thanks for the faithful work of Bro. John Boston and Sis. Gladys Davis as co-leaders of the Trustee Committee and for the tireless work of Bro. Jim Miller and Bro. Linwood Holland. Thank for you repurposing The Pastor’s Conference Room, for the implementation of the Beautification Committee (Sis. Jocelyn Phillips), and for the continued work of this great body.
- Bereavement Committee** (Sis. Ethel Shelton and Sis. Mary Rawley as they continue to minister to our families during and after the earthly transition of loved ones.

**Our Media Department** as led by Bro. Carver Bryant as they record and project our services weekly.

**Our Bible Study Leaders-** Bro. Maurice Jagne-Shaw, Sis. Delores Martin, Bro. Winston Carew, Bro. David Marston, and Pastor Stacey.



# SUNDAY SCHOOL

## What’s New in Sunday School?

**Sunday School is growing and blossoming thanks to your prayers and support. Here are the top five highlights we’d like to share about Sunday School so far in 2014:**

**Come one, come all** – Sunday School is now for all ages! Each Sunday morning at 9:45, the whole family is welcome to fellowship with us. We have classes for adults, teens, and now also for elementary-aged students.

**Come with a friend** – As our church continues to build our presence in the community and “claim our zip code,” we welcome you to bring friends, family and neighbors along to fellowship with us.

**Come hungry for food** – Thanks to the generosity of our church members and volunteers, breakfast is served each Sunday before class starts. On first Sundays, you can enjoy a hot breakfast and for the rest of the month, volunteers provide a continental breakfast.

**Come hungry for God’s word** – All of our Sunday School classes are here to help us grow closer to God

through study of his Word. Our children and teens use a curriculum that helps them learn about God’s word and apply it to their lives. And our adult class has been moving through the entire Bible.

**Come and see us** – If you have any questions at all about Sunday School or Children’s Church, feel free to see Sis. Maleka Lawrence or Sis. Billeta Lewis. We welcome your feedback and suggestions.

## Journey to Lent: Good Hope Youth Learn About Easter

Our youngest Sunday Schools students are learning about the people Jesus met and blessed leading up to his triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. So far, they’ve learned about his healing of the blind man (Luke 18: 35-43), Zaccheus (Luke 19:1-10), and the Lord’s Supper (Luke 22: 7-23, 33-34).

They also learned about Jesus’ prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane. When asked about times in their lives when they need to pray, here’s what they said:

*I PRAY WHEN...*

*“When I’m happy, I thank God for His blessings.”*

*“When I’m lonely.”*

*“When I get home safely.”*

*“When I’m sleeping.”*

*“When I’m happy, I thank God for His*

## Children’s Church Learn We Can Obey Jesus

You may be wondering what our children are up to after they all file out of service to attend children's church each Sunday. Children’s church is a time when our young people learn about the day's service in a child-friendly, fun way! During Lent, youth in children's church explored a series called *Discovering Jesus*, with topics like "We

Can Believe In Jesus." "We Can Know Jesus", and "We Can Obey Jesus." As we explored obedience, our children completed the following activity as a way to learn about following directions, even when they may not make sense to us. We can all remember getting guidance from our parents that we didn’t get, but we

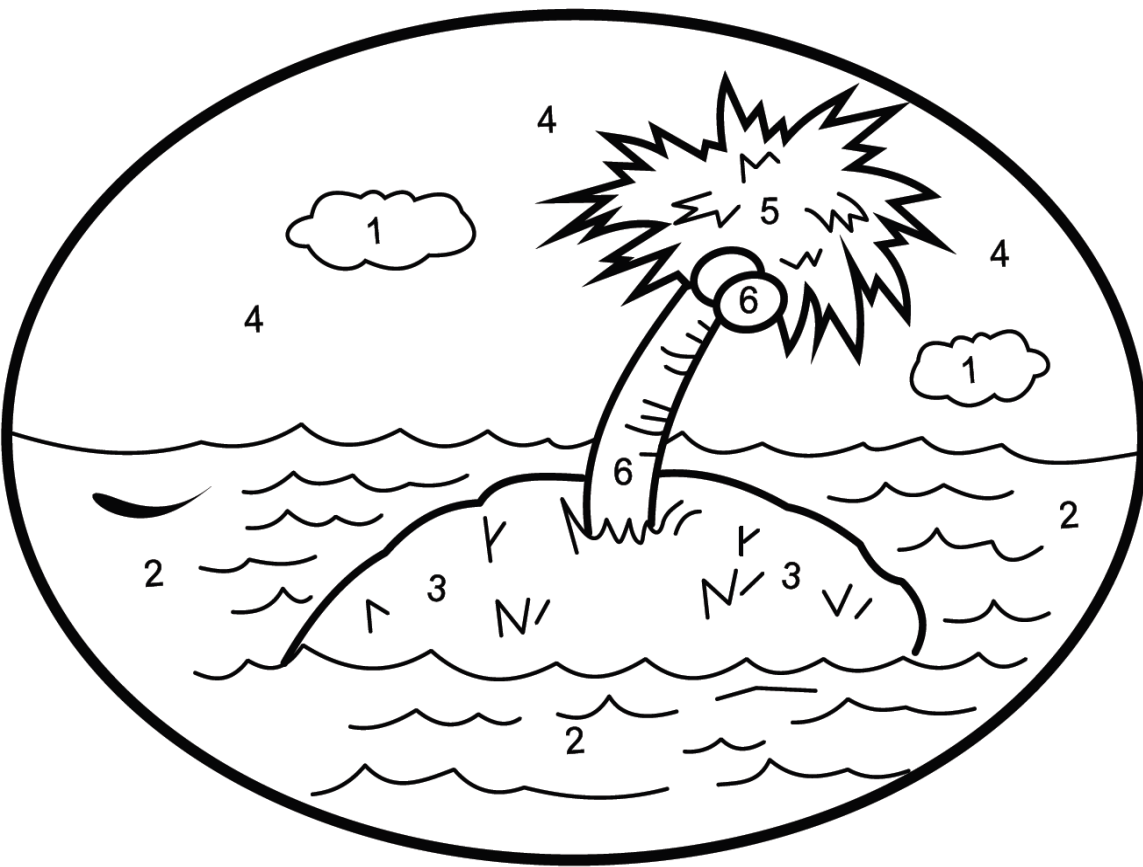
know our parents' have wisdom from experience and want to see us do well and be safe. And sometimes God gives us instructions that we don't understand. But because He knows the final outcome - the big picture - we trust His will for our lives.

Enjoy the following activity at home with your children!

# SUNDAY SCHOOL, cont.

**Color this picture using the following guide:**

**1 = Dark Blue 2 = Yellow 3 = Light Blue 4 = Green 5 = Brown 6 = White**



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## Vacation Bible School Prepares for a PRAISE BREAK

**SAVE THE DATE: Beginning July 7th, GHU will host Vacation Bible School, where the**

**theme will be PRAISE BREAK.** We are seeking volunteer teachers and leaders for various

activity areas, including music and arts and crafts.  
*See Sister Billeta Lewis or Sister Maleka Lawrence for more info!*