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## Daughters of Destiny: Impacting our Community

The Mount Nebo Daughters of Destiny is a mission ministry of young ladies, primarily ages 20-40, who are committed to serving Christ and our community. During the year, they have poured their hearts into several outreach projects showing God's love and compassion through community service.

The Daughters of Destiny kicked off 2010 by sharing the Word of God with the families of patients in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) at Central Mississippi Medical Center. The ladies provided gift bags filled with snacks, bible verses, toiletries and other items needed during their stay. They also prayed with the families and encouraged them that God has all healing power.

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*Beautiful baskets to be presented to patients' families*

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In April 2010 the ladies participated in the American Cancer Society’s Relay For Life held at Millsaps College. The group raised \$150.00 towards cancer research by receiving pledges based on the number of hours walked. The team walked 24 hours straight in honor of cancer survivors and continually prayed for its cure.



The ministry continued to impact the community in June 2010 by joining forces with the Jackson District Women of Faith and visiting the young patients at Blair E. Batson Hospital for Children. The Daughters of Destiny brightened the children’s day by playing video games, board games, and singing. They ended the visit by praying with the patients and their families, and donating over 100 toys to the hospital’s playroom!



In addition to its outreach ministry, the Daughters of Destiny is also designed as a support group to uplift its members and provide an outlet to fellowship with each other. Therefore, in August 2010, the ladies treated themselves to a day of pampering in a relaxing “Girls Day Out” which included a delicious breakfast at the Hilton, Nail/Spa, Shopping and Dinner at Cheddar’s. It was a great time for the ladies to bond and celebrate their efforts toward making our community a better place!



## Pastor’s Ninth Year Appreciation Observance

First Timothy 5:17 directs us to “Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching.” Thus, on Sunday, January 24, 2010, at three o’clock in the afternoon, the Mount Nebo Missionary Baptist Church family aspired to be obedient to that directive and held the Ninth Year Appreciation Observance for its pastor, Brother John A. Wicks, Jr. Our theme, “Committed to God, Committed to Serve,” befits the servant to whom we paid homage on this occasion. We proclaim, as he does every Sunday and on any other opportunity, “God is awesome.” God is indeed so awesome, that He looked upon the Mount Nebo Church family with His unmerited favor, and placed among us one of His anointed, beloved, and committed servants. For our shepherd and all other blessings, we continually give God the glory, honor, and praise.



*The John A. Wicks, Jr. Family*



*Reverend John O. McNeal*

The Mount Nebo Mass Choir provided the opening music accompanied by The Reverend Marshall Magee, organist; Sister Demetria Lunderman, pianist; and Brother Jeremick Bunley, percussionist. Invited guests on this momentous occasion were the Black’s Chapel Missionary Baptist Church family which included the harmonious voices of the Adult Choir accompanied by Brother Anthony Davis, organist, and The Reverend John Handy, pianist.

The shepherd of that congregation, Pastor John O. McNeal, encouraged Pastor Wicks, the Mount Nebo family, and the overflowing audience from the subject, “The Good Shepherd and His Sheep,” taken from John 10:9-11.

The Mount Nebo family was elated to see the Wicks’ third child, Little Miss Grace Elizabeth and First Lady Felice Wicks for the first time since the recent birth.

“A Friendly Church Serving a Faithful Christ,” typifies the legacy and vision of our renown pastor as he continues to lead us toward the mark of a higher calling in Christ Jesus.



*The Mount Nebo Mass Choir*



*The Black’s Chapel Adult Choir*

## Ordination/Installation Services

On Sunday, April 25, 2010, Mount Nebo Missionary Baptist Church ordained Brothers Michael Jones, Ravaughn Robinson, Jimmie Wheeler and Roosevelt Wilson as Deacons. Sisters LaShanda Jones, Cochanta Robinson and Georgia Wheeler were installed as Deaconesses. The new Trustees installed were Brothers Brady Buckley, Donald Causey, Robert Irons and Johnny Levi. These individuals (deacons and trustees) were recommended by the Deacon and Trustee Ministries, approved by the Pastor and presented to the Congregation on Wednesday, March 18, 2009, during which the congregation voted to allow them to begin training.



After a year of training, the Mount Nebo Church family voted to ordain and install these individuals. The Deacons will work closely with Pastor Wicks to ensure the needs of the growing congregation of Mount Nebo are met. Trustees will serve to ensure the upkeep of the property and facilities of Mount Nebo.

We are very happy to have these individuals on board to serve the needs of our congregation as we continue to magnify and glorify our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This will also allow Mount Nebo to continue to grow and become a brighter light in our community and city as a whole.





## Sweethearts Share Love and Happiness

On February 13, 2010, the Mount Nebo Couples' ministry held its 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Sweethearts' Banquet at the Mississippi E-Center. This valentine affair was well attended by couples who were members or friends of Mount Nebo. It was no surprise that this year's event did not disappoint with Christian fun, food, love, laughter, and of course a Word from God.

The fun started early in the evening as the *Sons of Harmony* attempted to serenade their sweethearts with a rehearsed, remixed, and at times a restarted version of the ballad "Earth Angel." Seeing was definitely believing, nevertheless, it was a noble gesture. If that wasn't enough, the gentlemen in the room got a Romeo lesson from the *Love Doctor* himself, Brother Don Causey.

As the evening progressed, a delicious meal and decadent deserts, catered by the Steam Room Grille, was served and given rave reviews. While dining the couples were enlightened by a very inspiring message by keynote speakers: Reverend Wayne and Sister Denise Payton.



The night culminated with an engaging funny game called *I'm Looking For . . .!* After the game concluded, the couples unanimously and undisputedly voted Brother Michael and Sister LaShanda Jones as *The Most Loving Couple* of the night. This was arguably the most fun highlight of the night.

If you care to share in this food, fun, and love, all married and engaged couples are encouraged to reserve their tickets for the 2011 gala. However, even if you can't quite make it, please join us at our monthly meetings held each Wednesday after the first Sunday at 7:00 p.m. where we have just as much fun God's way!



## Mount Nebo Shares the Easter Message *“He Arose”*

On Easter morning, the Mount Nebo Sunday School Department and the AWANA clubs shared the message that Jesus had risen from the grave. That message was proclaimed by program participants as young as 3 years old and as old as . . . Well, let’s just say that everyone—young and old—participated in the program! The program included speeches by the children, who were so brave and cute when they told us the real meaning of Easter. The program also featured great singing by soloists Tishina Kirkland, Mike Jones, and Pinkie Lee Davis in addition to a flute performance by Kayla Davis and a piano performance by Jordyn Davis.



The high school-age youth from AWANA put on a skit entitled, “**The WJER Easter Newscast**” which allowed us to step back in time and get a glimpse of what it must have been like on that Sunday morning when everyone discovered that Jesus’ tomb was empty. Moreover the college-aged and young adult Sunday School class performed a dramatization entitled “**Lord of My Life**” which illustrated how we put other people and other things before God.

Finally, the adults impersonated persons from the Bible such as Mary and Martha, Simon Peter and Thomas in an effort to illustrate valuable life lessons for today from figures of old. By the program’s end, all of the participants had used their gifts and talents to share the message that Jesus had risen from the dead and that He is Lord!



## Celebrating 87 Years

Church anniversaries are meaningful milestones, whether it a church’s first anniversary or the 87<sup>th</sup> that a church has been serving a community. Whatever the year, it is a special time for Mount Nebo Baptist Church, and it gives us an opportunity to remember the past, thank God for the present and be hopeful for the future.



Reverend Charles Polk

Mount Nebo warmly extended an invitation to Saint Luther Baptist Church to attend its annual church anniversary. Pastor Polk and his congregation arrived in large numbers. We were blessed with a dynamic message from one of the pillars of our community, and their song ministry did an excellent job also.

The program was a tremendous success and it gave the members an opportunity to be educated on the history and pay tribute to our founders. Many of us were not there when it all began, but we have been privileged to be a part of such a wonderful church family with an excellent leader.

Mount Nebo continues to hold true to its motto, “*A Friendly Church Serving a Faithful Christ.*” We believe that God will help us to continue to be faithful to His call and serve this community for another 87 years.



## “God’s Men Caring for God’s Church”



The Reverend Robert McCallum

On Sunday, July 18, 2010, the men of Mount Nebo Baptist Church came together to celebrate another Men’s Day. Truly, the enthusiasm of each layman of the church embodied this year’s theme “God’s Men Caring for God’s Church.” The Mount Nebo Church family and friends knew they were in for a good time when the Male Chorus marched down the aisle, singing God’s praises, in dynamic orange and white striped ties.

The Master of Ceremony, Brother Carlos D. Smith, reminded the congregation of how important it is for men to come together and praise the Lord by referring to Psalm 133:1. These words were echoed when Brother Chris Lunderman delivered an occasion that encouraged the men, not only of Mount Nebo, but of all churches to take a stand and show the world that we love the Lord. The Men’s Day message was delivered by Rev. Robert E. McCallum, pastor of Priestly Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Canton, Mississippi. Pastor McCallum’s message instructed men to possess the four “haves”. He explained that Christian men should <sup>1)</sup> Have Conviction; <sup>2)</sup> Have Compassion; <sup>3)</sup> Have Commitment; and <sup>4)</sup> Have Courage. These are essential components in men caring for God’s church.

The congregation felt the sentiment of the Men’s Day message when time was taken to remember two dedicated laymen that passed since last Men’s Day. Brother Harold Grant, assisted by Laymen President, Brother Earnest Perry, led a beautiful Laymen Memorial Tribute in remembrance of Brother Garnett Bailey and Brother Robert Miller. We shall forever remember these laymen for their service to the Mount Nebo Baptist Church.

Words cannot express the joy and excitement of this year’s Men’s Day Service. We commend the Program Committee and the Laymen Department for another outstanding program as we look forward to Men’s Day 2011!



Bro. Grant, Speaker McCallum, Pastor Wicks, Bro. Crockett



The Renowned Mount Nebo Male Choir

## State General Baptists Elect a New Leader

On July 19-23, 2010 the General Missionary Baptist State Convention of Mississippi, Inc. held its convention here in Jackson which was the 121<sup>st</sup> annual session. The three main sites were the Downtown Marriot Hotel, New Hope Baptist Church, and the Jackson Convention Center. Mount Nebo was well represented by five voting delegates, namely: Pastor John A. Wicks, Jr., Sister Rosie Adams, Brother Frank Miller, Sister Artherine Buckley, and Sister Lula Curry. Sister Lula Holman also attended the convention as a delegate within the Usher Department. On Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, Dr. Isaac Jackson of Canton was elected the new president of the State Convention. Dr. Jackson defeated Pastor Jesse Horton of Jackson and Pastor Larry Hawkins of Pascagoula with well over 50% of the vote which eliminated the need for a runoff.

Also on Wednesday night, the Convention honored Dr. Jerry Young for 12 long years of sterling leadership at the state level. Pastor Wicks gave one of several tributes to Dr. Young. Pastor Wicks credited Dr. Young for helping him immensely as a youth and as an associate minister at New Hope Baptist Church. Other tributes came primarily from the presidents of the various auxiliaries within the convention. On Thursday night, Dr. Young gave his final address to the convention. He emphasized that much had been accomplished, but much was yet to be done. He said that Moses and other leaders in the Bible would carry God's vision a part of the way, then God would call another leader to carry on. Without a doubt, Dr. Young's tenure will be remembered as being highly successful. Moreover, this year's convention was one we will not soon forget.



Dr. Isaac Jackson

## Mount Nebo's Youth on the Move



The Youth Ministry is having an excellent year with growth every week and big visions being obtained. In the month of February each class in the AWANA program worked together and thought of new ways to present Black History facts to the church in their own way. It's great allowing the youth to express themselves in positive and creative ways. In the middle of March, the youth leaders, with the help of others, invited parents down to the church for a lovely breakfast with their kids. The breakfast was delicious and the opportunity to fellowship with the parents is always a good thing. Also in the month of March, the youth ministry hosted “All Night bowling” at the Cotton Bowl. It was great fun for everyone who came out. In the month of April, the Easter program was magnificent; the kids did a wonderful job on their skits and speeches. The youth worked hard to make it great and it was.

Also in April, the youth wanted to show appreciation to the Jackson Fire Department. They did this with cupcakes and brownies. It's not much for what the firemen and women do for this community but it was a start. The department was so appreciative at the goodies the youth presented that they drove their truck over to the church for the Cubbies and Puggles to see and explore.

We pray that the Lord keeps blessing the Mount Nebo Youth Ministry for continued growth, knowledge and success for our young people.



## Mount Nebo's Youth Ministry Presents *"The Right Building on the Right Foundation"*

*"I am a promise; I am a possibility.  
I am a promise, with a capital P.  
I am a great, big bundle of potentiality!"*

Those were the words that were boldly proclaimed by the Mount Nebo's children's choir on Sunday, June 13, 2010 during the annual youth day program. Indeed, the youth department's potential was on full display as they sang songs of praise to the Lord. The youth choir had everyone on their feet during their uplifting renditions of "Search me Lord" and "Joy, in My Soul." Moreover, the children's choir received a standing ovation after their animated performance of "Father Abraham."

The infinite possibilities of the youth ministry became even more apparent as they took the microphone to preside during the devotion, welcome, occasion, introduction of the speaker and special presentations. As explained by 4-year old Kimberly Robinson, "We love God and our families, and we are not ashamed!"



The guest speaker for the program was Willie Earl Robinson, Jr., a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi. Mr. Robinson, who was the first black to be elected president of USM's student government association in more than twenty years, instructed the youth on the elements of effective leadership. Mr. Robinson encouraged the youth to work hard and be ready for the moment when the leaders of today pass the torch on to them to lead tomorrow.

Judging from the spectacular program put on by the youth department, there is no doubt that the youth will be ready to fill the shoes of their predecessors and lead effectively!



## The Pastor’s Point

### Bro. John A. Wicks, Jr., Pastor

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This time of year is always exciting because our young people are starting a new school year. It is imperative that the Mount Nebo family be persistent in our efforts to encourage and support our youth. Let us always repeat positive messages to our youth as Paul did with Timothy in **I Timothy 4:12** “**Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.**”

In addition to positive messages, our young people also need more of our quality time. The time we make within our busy schedules to spend with our youth at home, at church and in the community will be time well spent. Prayer time, Bible time and homework time at home, Sunday School time, A.W.A.N.A. time and Youth ministry time in church, and mentoring time in the community is arguably life-changing time! There are few investments made in life that have a greater return than watching a young person we have advised and tutored grow up to become a successful adult. The children are our future, and we can help to make our future bright!

Finally, congratulations are in order again to our Publicity ministry for another job well-done in this edition of The Messenger. Mount Nebo was blessed with a fruitful spring and summer and many of our successful functions have been highlighted in this newsletter. We’re now looking forward to a great fall laboring in the vineyard for our Lord. As always, let us continue to:

Keep the **faith** and keep the **focus**,

Keep **worshipping** and keep **working**,

Keep **praying** and keep **pressing** on.

Yours in Christ,

*John A. Wicks, Jr.*

## Mount Nebo Welcomes New members

### Baptism

*Kodi Hobbs  
Billy Kelly  
Kenya Webster  
Shanta Young*

### Christian Experience

*Erma Betts  
Peggy Blake  
Beverly Buchanan  
LaTonya Camper  
Herman Cline  
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Shameka Johnson  
Tanya McCray  
Treniecia Powell  
Randi Randle  
Kenneth Ross  
Keneatria Smith  
Antoinette Triggs  
Kenyatta Webster*

### Rededication

*Andre Bozeman  
Devonte Wright  
Samantha Marshall*

### Watch Care

*Cedric Burrell*

### Mount Nebo's Mission is to:

*Save the Lost*

*Strengthen the Weak*

*Help the Poor*

## Calendar of Events

### September

2<sup>nd</sup> Ministry Leaders' Meeting  
4<sup>th</sup> Brandon Pierce's Wedding  
6<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> National Baptist Convention  
Kansas City, MO  
12<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Day  
Observance

### October

9<sup>th</sup> Nebofest  
11<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Revival  
25<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> Jackson District Association  
Annual Session  
30<sup>th</sup> Family Fun Night

### November

14<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Musical

### December

17<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Fellowship  
19<sup>th</sup> Christmas Program  
31<sup>st</sup> Watch Service

## Bible Trivia

1. **This woman was seen bathing. . .**  
A – Rachel; B – Bathsheba; C – Esther; D – Naomi
2. **This woman died after being pushed out of a window. . .**  
A – Delilah; B – Jezebel; C – The witch of Endor; D – Dinah
3. **This woman kept watch over her baby brother as he was rocked by the Nile. .**  
A – Miriam; B – Dinah; C – Melissa; D – Eve
4. **This woman had her boyfriend's head shaved. . .**  
A – Delilah; B – Michal; C – Abigail; D – Sarah
5. **This woman's husband, both her sons, died in Moab. . .**  
A – Ruth; B – Naomi; C – Hagar; D – Jezebel

*Answers will be provided in the next edition of the Messenger.*

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## Bible Trivia Answers

1. **The number books in the Bible:** 66
2. **How much of God's creation was man given rule over?** All the earth
3. **This woman hung a red rope from her window. . .** Rehab
4. **This woman laughed at God's promise concerning her child. . .** Sarah
5. **This woman had bad eyesight. .** Leah

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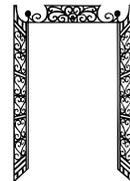
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*Words From the Pastor*

