



# An Apostolic Publication New Mt. Olivet VOICE

Spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ Near and Far!

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## MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

## Serving Two Masters



**Missionary  
Marlene McNeil**

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Spring has sprung and we are one season closer to the coming of the Lord. This is a season of refreshing, reflowering, regrowth and rebirth. Nature has sprung into action and everything that went into hibernation is slowly coming back to life. What a mighty God we serve who is able to do these miracles that we see everyday. How can we even think of putting anything or anyone in front of God? When we commit ourselves to Christ and name Him first in our life; we must choose Him everyday.

Whenever we decide to set God aside so that we can do other things, we are putting Him second. God takes second place to nothing or no one, so we must put Him first. We cannot try to hang on to God but want to live some other lifestyle that is not pleasing to Him. We cannot serve two masters at the same time. We will get confused because one master is giving us commands and the other is doing the same. So, at this point, who do you obey? Who will you serve? God will not allow us to put money, material things, family, titles, career,

education, etc. before Him. So, let's choose Jesus always because serving two masters should not be an option for the child of God. Like the scripture says in Matt 6:24, "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."

## VOICE OF THE BISHOP

## Serving Two Masters

In the history of the Apostolic Church which began on the Day of Pentecost – Acts 2:1, men have tried at least for a short time to try to serve God and something else. Jesus in Matthew 6:24 makes it clearly understood that no man can serve (dutiful service of a servant) two masters. "Ye cannot serve God and mammon". Jesus made it identifiable also which two masters He is talking about. 1) God (Jesus); 2) Mammon (money). We define GOD as the self-existing creator of the heavens and the earth. He is the only true God, the only All-Powerful God, the only Omnipotent, Omniscient, and Omnipresent God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Jeremiah 10:10, Matthew 28:18, and Psalms 139:1-16. Mammon is defined as ungodly pursuit of material wealth/riches/money (Matthew 6:24, Luke 16:11-13). Wealth that is obtained through ungodly means will occupy your full life involvement to the point that it becomes a god (idol). I Timothy 6:1. Money/Wealth of itself is not bad but putting the money before God is evil. I Timothy 6:10. The love of money is the root of all evil. I Timothy 6:10. Pursuing money the wrong way can cause you to leave your faith in Jesus Christ. I Timothy 6:10. We must seek to please God first; put God first and all that we need will be supplied by HIM. Matthew 6:33. Jesus Christ must be your only God 24/7.



**Bishop Hopeton  
W. Mair, Sr.**



In the gospel, according to Matthew and Luke, is recorded the longest discourse of Jesus Christ in the New Testament. It is better known by many as "The Sermon on the Mount". One thing Jesus points out of the many teachings is in Matthew 6:24 and Luke 16:13. "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other, "Ye cannot serve God and mammon."

Jesus Christ is God made visible; God with flesh and blood, Emmanuel - God with us. He taught the people saying, "No man can serve two masters". Masters have their own agenda, can be male or female or a ruler having authority. He/she who tries to serve two masters is called a hypocrite, a person who puts on a false appearance of virtue. The Bible

says in James 1:8, "A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways". Jesus said, "you cannot serve God and mammon." Mammon is simply earthly riches. God must be first above all things. He desires that we prosper in all things and be in good health even as our souls prosper. Yes, you can have Mammon, but don't let mammon have (Rule) over You. You can be rich but keep God in first place in your life; serve God only. Finally, Paul says to Timothy (I Timothy 6:17-18) when you preach or exalt brethren "charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; that they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute and willing to communicate (Communicate here is translated meaning to share).

### VOICE OF PRAYER by Missionary Donna Archer



Most Righteous and Eternal Father, we praise you, Lord God. We love and appreciate you at all times. You are the beginning and the ending and with you all things are possible. Thank you for another opportunity to call upon your Name. As I come to you in prayer, Lord, I know that you will deliver. Lord, in the Name of Jesus, I am asking that you help us Lord God to serve you and only you. Father God we cannot serve two masters. We must make a decision who we are going to serve. God, we must serve you in Spirit and in Truth. God, we should not put anyone or anything before you Lord, not house, education, jobs, money or people. God it should be you and you only.

Our purpose here on earth is to serve you. So, Lord God order our footstep, for your words say, the step of a good man is ordered by you Lord. Thank you Lord for hearing our prayer and I know you will deliver. I close this prayer by faith. Let your will be done in Jesus Name. I pray amen.

### HEALTH CORNER

#### *Going Back to the Garden of Eden*

There are many herbs that the Lord provided for us to heal our bodies. Our Immune System goes back to the herbs of the earth for replenishment. Just a few of these herbs that may be in your kitchen that have healing properties.

- **Peppermint** or dill for indigestion.
- **Chamomile** for insomnia.
- **Lemon balm** for headaches and tension.
- **Rosemary** for halitosis (bad breath) and to improve concentration.
- **Thyme, sage, bay leaves, and rosemary** to prevent stomach upset.
- **Lavender** prevents fainting and nausea in oil form
- **Sorrel**- the cooling leaves of sorrel are known to allay thirst and aid in fevers. These leaves also serve as a diuretic.
- **Turmeric** - have anti-cancer properties and can prevent

Consuming pepper with turmeric can help your body absorb more of its benefits. Turmeric could be beneficial for:

- pain caused by inflammatory diseases, like arthritis
- preventing cancer
- stopping DNA mutations
- several skin diseases

\*\*\*\* Stay tune for more benefits of herbs in our next issue\*\*\*\*



## The Church Is Moving On

### Right-Hand of Fellowship

The Church is moving on even in the direst of times. Even in this pandemic state when most of our Church activities are restricted, God has allowed His Church to continue to grow. We had new members who stepped forward to receive the Right-Hand of fellowship. The Mt. Olivet family wants to welcome

Sis. Daniela McKenzie



Mother Margaret Green



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### Missionary & Outreach Ministry Anniversary

### In the service of the King; Serve Others March 12 & 13, 2022

This year we celebrated our Missionary & Outreach Anniversary with a difference. Our Theme was 'In the service of the King; Serve Others', taken from 1 Peter 4:10-11. On Saturday, we had a great discussion on ZOOM about how we can serve others. The highlight of the day was a dramatization by the Missionaries. exhibiting the various excuses, we make not to serve in the Church. This was a great script that truly came alive as an example of service.

On Sunday, we had a beautiful fellowship continuing the teaching on Service. We had exhortations, words of encouragement and testimonies on serving others and Christ. However, Evangelist Annie Mair really brought the topic home by addressing our spiritual garment. She used the topic as a teaching moment to ask a very profound question, "Who Am I Dressed to Serve? She illustrated two garments – 1) Dressed for Christ and 2) Dressed for Satan.



*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help  
in trouble.*

*But until then my heart will go on singing  
But until then with joy I'll carry on  
Until the day my eyes behold the city  
Until the day God calls me home.*

On behalf of the Mount Olivet Apostolic Churches in the United States and Jamaica, please accept our deepest sympathy in the passing of our Beloved Pastor Cynthia Reid. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this hour. Pastor Reid was a very special woman in Zion. Her long life has been a testimony of the mercies and grace of God. She has been a blessing and a loving mother to many!

Our Presiding Bishop – Bishop Hopeton W. Mair, Sr., has known Pastor Reid for 67 plus years. He knew her before she became Reid, while she was yet Sis. Cynthia Wright (in his short pants days). He was blessed to be present at her wedding.

After migration to the United States from England, Sis. Reid and Deacon Reid joined the Rehoboth Church of God under the leadership of Bishop Monroe R. Saunders, Sr. She later took membership at Mt. Olivet Apostolic Church in 1982 under the leadership of Elder Hopeton Mair, Sr. Evangelist Reid was a worker in God's Vineyard. She served as:

- Sunday School Teacher
- Choir Member and Soloist
- President of the Women's Department
- Evangelist and Speaker
- And Faithful Kitchen Committee Worker

She and Deacon Reid migrated back to Jamaica and were founding members of the Mount Olivet Church of Christ Apostolic under the founder and first Pastor, Elder Frank Reid and after the passing of Elder Frank Reid, Elder Uton Arnold. With the passing of Pastor Arnold in 2009, Evangelist Cynthia Reid stepped in to lead the congregation as the third Pastor of the Mount Olivet Church at Worrell Crescent. For 12 years, she in her own humble way, faithfully led the congregation until she needed to give more attention to her health issues.



### **JOY Fellowship 16th Anniversary Celebration February 19-20, 2022 Get out of Neutral Let's Move On**

JOY (Just Over Youth) Fellowship Ministry Celebrated 16 years of service to The New Mt. Olivet Church. This Ministry is chaired by Missionary Janet Morris and co-chaired by Missionary Urcella Drake and Sister Christine Briscoe. On Saturday the celebration took place on our ZOOM platform with many presenters dissecting the theme. Minister Bryan started off with Let's Move On...Deacon Vincent Griffin, Pull Forward and Missionary Guinyard said Press on. This theme could not have come at a better time seeing that we are coming out of a pandemic.

Our Sunday Celebration continued with moments of praise and thanksgiving to the Lord, while Bishop Mair gave the morning message, get out of Neutral. The weekend was certainly a blessing and we give God all the glory!





## Family Fun Night

Our Family fun night was full of riddles, riddles and more riddles. We had fun trying to figure out the riddles that Sister Cheryl Clarke put into place to try to keep people penned up. Yes, we played **Bull in the Pen**. You had to be able to break some riddles to get out. Of course, some stayed in the pen much longer than others. In the end, some people weren't so lucky, lol. For those who weren't there, some of the riddles are listed below. Let's see if you can figure them out. If you haven't made yourself present at any of our **Family Fun Nights**, please don't miss the next one. It's always good Fellowship, Food, and Fun. Thanks to the Archer and Clarke families for hosting our wonderful Family Fun Night. See ya at the next Family Fun Nite!!

### See below for the riddles:

- (1) What is so fragile, that saying its name breaks it?
- (2) what begins with an "E" ends with an "E" but only has one letter?
- (3) How much dirt is in a hole that is 2ft long and 3ft wide?
- (4) What word is spelled incorrectly in the dictionary?



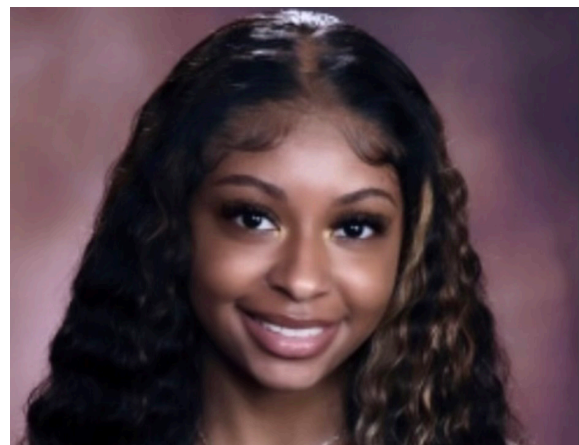
## Youth have a VOICE

## Celebrating Black History

Our children marked Black History Month with a tribute to African American men and women who have made significant contributions to America and the rest of the world in the fields of science, politics, law, sports, the arts, entertainment, and many other fields. Our young People, led by sister Megan Azu, represented a variety of Black History figures, including our first woman vice president of the United States – Kamala Harris, and our very own Lady Annie Mair, who was presented as an outstanding educator; Principal for over 30 years; recipient of "National Principal of the Year", in 2015 she was honored by her former High School – Dunbar High School in Washington, DC with the Legend – Pioneer Award. She has received many accolades throughout the years and she gives God All of the Glory! We are proud that she was honored during this year's Black History Presentation.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATE!

Congratulations to our graduating Senior, Taylor Archer, who will be graduating from Bladensburg High School this May. Taylor will be attending Towson University on a full academic scholarship. We congratulate the entire Archer family for a job well done and To God Be all the Glory!!



## ORDER OF SERVICE

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#### SUNDAY

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.  
Youth Fellowship – 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship – 11:30 a.m.

#### MONDAY

Fast Day

#### WEDNESDAY

Prayer – 6:45 p.m.  
Bible Study – 7:00 p.m.

#### SUNDAYS SERVICES

1st Sunday – Brotherhood  
2nd Sunday – Missionary  
3rd Sunday – Joy Fellowship  
4th Sunday – Young People  
5th Sunday – Joint Fellowship

## BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS!!

#### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Sis. Klaudette Mair – 12  
Bro. Samuel Mair – 14  
Bro. Leo Markman – 26  
Mother Ivette McKenzie – 29

#### JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Bishop Van & Sis. Bynum – 16  
Bro. Colin & Sis. Suzette Smith – 26  
Bro. & Sis. Stanley Williams – 31

#### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Bro. Adrian Allen – 2  
Sis. Lurline Steele – 19  
Sis. Elizabeth McKenzie – 19  
Minister Chris Bryan – 23  
Bro. Garfield McKenzie – 23  
Bro. Stanley Williams – 28

#### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Sis. Elise Springer – 3  
Sis. Shamaya Chin – 3  
Sis. Eleya McNeil – 3  
Deacon Samuel Cornwall – 6  
Sis. Ruth Menendez – 12  
Sis. Megan Azu – 12  
Sis. Marlene Cornwall – 30



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## Newsletter Information

The New Mt. Olivet Voice is published  
quarterly:

Articles and Ads are welcome.  
Submission deadline is: 1st of each  
Publication month.

If you have something to submit  
please do so.

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

**Good News! We have now  
physically entered the Church  
building for our Sunday  
services. For those who are  
still not able to come out, you  
can still join us on our ZOOM  
platform. Also join us for Bible  
Study on Wednesdays at 6:45 .**

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**Passcode: 089913**

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8592**

## TFTD - Who is your Master?

And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD,  
choose you this day whom ye will serve; Joshua 24:15  
Yes, we have a choice this day who we want to serve  
It's up to you who you want to be with on judgment day  
The Lion of the tribe of Judah (Jesus) or the devil of hell  
Let's make the right choice now because our future depends on it  
Remember, there is no repentance in the grave  
So, whatever you do, make the right choice.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY TFTD

Daily through text messaging

If you would like to be on our  
distribution list for 'THOUGHT FOR  
THE DAY' please call our Church  
office so that we can add your mobile  
number to our texting ministry.