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Bishop Hopeton W. Mair, Sr., Pastor • Bishop Van Bynum, Sr., Assistant Pastor

**VOICE OF THE EDITOR**

***'Til the Storm Passes Over***



***Sis. Marlene McNeil***

A physical storm is an atmospheric disturbance manifested in strong winds accompanied by rain, snow, or other precipitation and often by thunder. If you get caught in a storm, you want to seek shelter until the storm passes by. Likewise, in our lives, we go through many storms that can be physical, mental or spiritual. Our journey may take us through sickness, death, financial woes and many other traumas. We may go through one or all of these storms at different times in our journey, but one thing that is definite is that the storm will pass.

The important thing that we must focus on is where to find shelter and what to do while we are in waiting. In Mark 4 when Jesus was in the ship with his disciples, the storm started to rage on the sea; the disciples got very scared. Verse 37, said that the ship was full. Imagine being on a ship full of water. My only thought is that we are going to sink. However, the disciples ran to Jesus for help because they knew who could calm the sea.

The words that Jesus use to rebuke the storm was, *"peace be still"*. He can rebuke the storms in your life if you let Him.

When the storm of life rages in our lives, we must take refuge in Jesus. He is our anchor that will keep our souls steadfast while the wind blows and water fill up our ships. One thing for sure, we must stay in the ship, so we can get shelter from the storms. If we jump overboard, we will get swallowed up by the waters. Jesus is our cover from the storms of life.

We are all going through our own storms plus the world is going through this COVID pandemic. This COVID storm will pass too, but while we are waiting for this storm to pass, let us take refuge in Jesus. Every day we need to rebuke our storms and let peace be still. I want to join with the songwriter that wrote:

*'Til the storm passes over, 'til the thunder sounds no more; 'Til the clouds roll forever from the sky. Hold me fast, let me stand in the hollow of Thy hand. Keep me safe 'til the storm passes by..*

**VOICE OF THE BISHOP**

In each life, some storms must blow. The intensity of each storm depends on the severity of each situation. Some of the storms the believers find themselves in are financial storms, spiritual storms, sickness storms, COVID-19 storm, marital problem storms, unforgiving storms, job problem storms, friendship storms, poor sibling relationship storms, education storms, etc. In Acts 27, Paul found himself in a real storm on the sea storm called Euroclydon. It was a tempestuous strong and a reckless ship destroying storm.

But like Paul, all of us who have Jesus on the inside have the assurance that HE is the storm calmer. And even now, we can say the storm is passing over. Paul's storm lasted many days and he admonished the passengers and crew that except they abide in the ship, they will not be saved. I will say to my friends, abide in Jesus and HIS church, because whatever your storm is, it will pass over. Yes, it will pass over. Some storms last longer than others in each believer's life. So, do not fear, but maintain your faith in God during your storm. It comes not to stay, but it come to pass. Each storm in your life has a beginning and also a tail ending. Like with the Hebrew Boys, God is always in the storm with you 'til it passes over.



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

## SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 4**

Easter Production

**April 24 & 25**

Annual Brotherhood Week

**May 8**

Mother's Prayer

**May 29 & 30**

Annual Women's Wkend

**June 12 & 13**

Young People's Anniversary

**June 14-16**

Annual Church Consecration

**June 27**

Annual Children's Day

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## VOICE OF THE ASSISTANT PASTOR

Katrina, Michael, Florence, Hugo and Wilma are some of the storms that have left a deep impression on our country, and yet there are still areas that have not recovered. Storms never come at a convenient time. Leaving behind shattered hopes and dreams. It is said that a storm comes when we are calm and doing fine.

Lord help us to keep faith in you and to find comfort, peace and joy in your Word. As a boy growing up in my parents' home, I noticed they had what was called storm windows and storm doors. These windows and doors were left in place year-round. They served as a back-up in case of severe weather. In other words the house was always equip to withstand a storm.

In life we experience struggles and tests. We go through storms. Just as in the natural (weather), storms never come at a convenient time, nor do we welcome it. But I would suggest we do as my parents did with the natural house. Be equipped and stay ready at all times. Paul said in Ephesians 6:11 "Put on the whole armour of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ...that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." STAND



**Bishop Van Bynum, Sr.**

## VOICE OF PRAYER by Missionary Donna Archer



Our Father which art in Heaven, we thank you Lord. We praise and worship you Lord. You are the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords, the beginning and the end. You are the author and finisher of our faith. We thank you Lord, we lift your name on high and there's none like you in all the world. God you are the only true and living God and we bless your name, hallelujah. You are worthy to be praise. I come to you in the name of Jesus as we are going through a storm right now with the virus situation. You know all about it Lord God and I pray Lord God that you will keep us in the hollow palms of your hands. I know Lord God that you are going through with us.

Lord help us to keep faith in you and to find comfort, peace and joy in your Word. Thank you Lord that we can rest assure that you will go through our storms with us. Hallelujah, and one day this storm will come to a calm in the name of Jesus. Strengthen our faith in you because faith in you Lord God can remove mighty mountains. God we blessed your name. Lord God continue to be there for us as you said in your word that you will never leave us nor forsake us. In Jesus name, I pray, not our will but thy will be done in Jesus name amen.

## J.O.Y FELLOWSHIP ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

**February 13 & 14**

*'Til The Storm Passes Over*

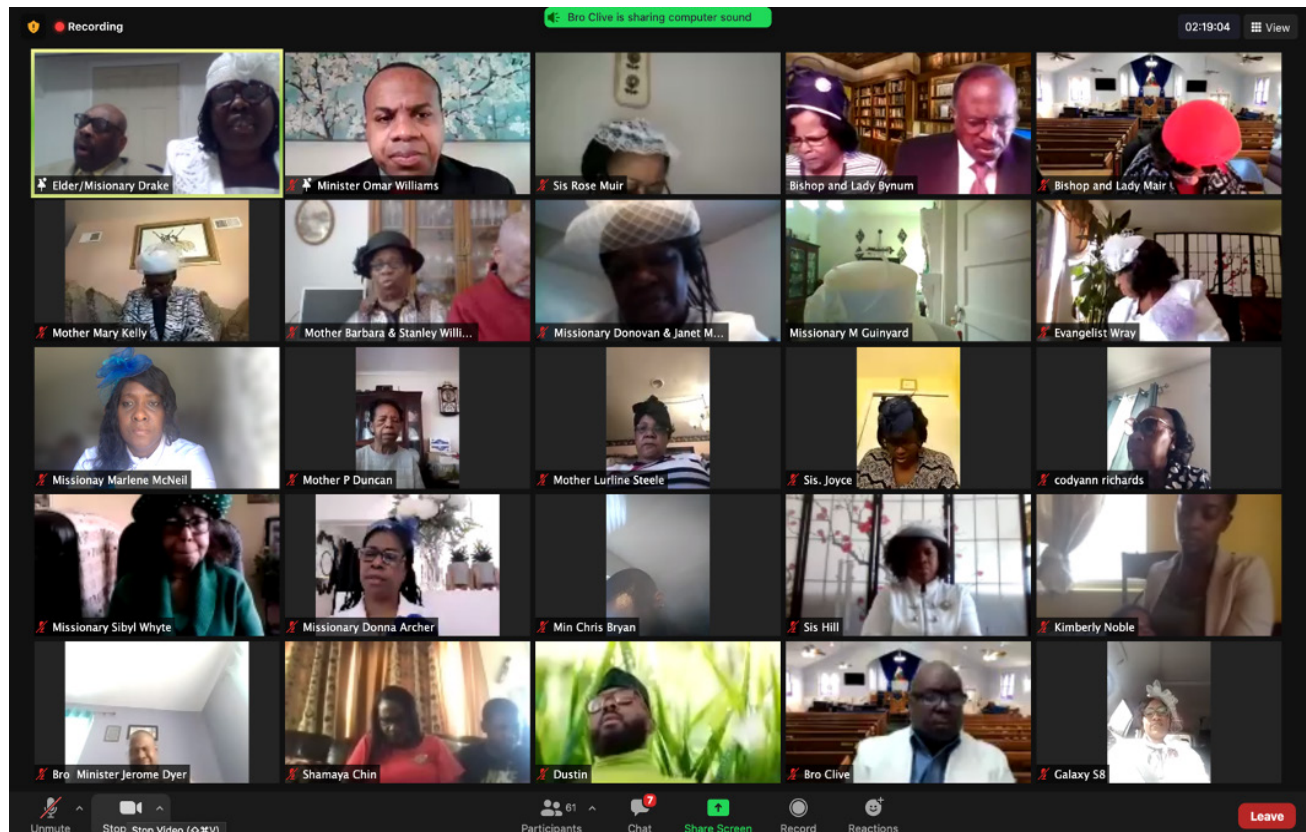
Our Just Over Youth (JOY) Fellowship Ministry celebrated their 15th year Anniversary on February 13 & 14, 2021. The theme of the weekend was, *'Til The Storm Passes Over*'. Under the direction of Missionary Janet Morris, the celebration took on a new flare. On Saturday, we had a Praise and Prayer Tea on Zoom with Deacon Sheldon Allen encouraging us to speak to our storms. We continued the celebration on Sunday with Missionary Donna Archer bringing the message of refuge while the storm passes by. We welcome all the new members who accepted the invitation to become part of our JOY Fellowship Ministry. The new members are Minister Jerome Dyer, Sister Everleigh McNeil, Sister Alicia Wray and Brother Bruce Markman. Also Congratulations to the members who stepped up to new leadership roles. President Missionary Janet Morris and Vice Presidents, Sister Christine Briscoe and Missionary Urcella Drake. To God be all the Glory!

## MISSIONARY AND OUTREACH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

**March 13 & 14**

*Ruth 2: Leaving Grain to Attract*

We were blessed to celebrate our Missionary and Outreach Anniversary on March 13 & 14 2021, under the leadership of Evangelist Jollitee Wray, Minister Jerome Dyer and Sis. Hillary Wray. We kicked off the weekend with an excellent Panel Discussion entitled, "Sunrise Gleaning" with our own Minister Jerome Dyer, Missionary Minnie Guinyard, also Minister Ann-Maureen Malcolm, Pentecostal Tabernacle, Freeport, Grand Bahamas and Elder Dwight Reid, Shiloh Apostolic Church, Temple Hills, Maryland. The Theme for the weekend, "Leaving Grains to Attract" was taken from the 2nd Chapter of Ruth and was brought to life on Sunday of the Anniversary with the ministering of Minister Omar Williams from Pentecostal Tabernacle, St. Albans, New York.





With the new reopening plans for school and so far a successful vaccine, it seems like quarantine might be up soon. Even though at the moment government officials across the world and the CDC advise against doing so. What was normal is now out of the ordinary, risky and scary. To me that shows that normal is subjective. Therefore, subjective truths in this current time with the speed of which data is being shared, is faster than you can imagine and is bound to cause chaos; as we saw with anti-vaxers and anti-maskers. The constant and instant access to the volumes of information from almost everyone alive right now and dead has started the breakdown of every culture and tradition in the world. In the end, it creates a world of people who think the same and have no traditions to ground them. Everything will be ok, nothing will be wrong, everything and everyone will be right unless they are "old fashioned". The Modern world has created a wonderful yet a more disgusting world and will deceive you if you are unsure of what and why you do what you do.

## HEALTH CORNER

### COVID-19 Health Information

A year after this COVID 19 virus showed up, we are still battling the effects of its devastation. 500,000 people in The United States have succumbed to this virus and millions more are living with the after effects of the virus. We have rolled out vaccines and thousands have taken 1 to 2 doses but we are still not able to grasp a handle on controlling this demon. With plan to reopen school, there is no COVID-19 vaccine yet for children under age 16. Several companies have begun enrolling children as young as 6 months old in COVID-19 vaccine clinical trials. Stay educated in prayer, so that you can make an informed decision that will affect your life.

**\*\*\*There are some common questions that are being answered by the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention).**

#### **Many people want to know if they get vaccinated, can they still get the Virus?**

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), a person who is vaccinated against COVID-19 can still be infected with or "carry" the virus that causes COVID-19 while not feeling sick or having symptoms. Experts call this "asymptomatic infection."

#### **Can you receive the COVID-19 vaccine if you are currently infected?**

Vaccination of persons with known current SARS-CoV-2 infection should be deferred until the person has recovered from the acute illness (if the person had symptoms) and criteria have been met for them to discontinue isolation.

#### **Can you test positive for Covid after getting the vaccine?**

Getting the vaccine will not make you test positive for COVID-19 on a rapid test or a PCR test.

## EXTRAORDINARY MILESTONE FOR TWO WONDERFUL COUPLES....

Brother Stanley Williams & Mother Barbara celebrated 61 years of love on January 31.



Bishop & Lady Bynum celebrated their 50 years of LOVE on January 16th.



**Congratulations to these beautiful couples and God gets the glory all the time.**

## HAPPY 48TH ANNIVERSARY TO BISHOP & LADY MAIR

**Our Bishop and Lady Mair celebrated 48 years of wedding bliss on March 17.**

We honor this special couple on this extraordinary occasion and pray they will continue to live this exemplary life that has blessed us tremendously. To God be the glory!!



The Mair Children shared three words that describe their parents' 48 years of LOVE.

**Klaudette:** Dedication, Loyalty and Togetherness  
**Hopeton, Jr.:** Christ-centered, Friendship and Sacrifice  
**Kevin:** Teamwork, Happiness, and Respect

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The month of February is deemed the month to celebrate "Black History". It is so very important that we acknowledge and celebrate those who the Lord has used to bring us to where we are today. Many thanks to the following persons for their support and participation in our "WHO AM I" Black History Exercise.

### BLACK HISTORY PARTICIPANTS

Deacon Sheldon Adams  
Bro. Adrian Allen  
Sis. Alexandria Allen  
Abigail Archer  
Sis. Chloe Archer  
Missionary Donna Archer  
Sis. Amy Bailey  
Sis. Ellen Bowens  
Sis. Christine Briscoe

Sis. Joyce Bryant  
Sis. Florita Bynum  
Deacon Samuel Cornwall  
Elder Colin Drake  
Missionary Urcella Drake  
Sis. Bertha Evans  
Bro. Jace Freeman  
Missionary Minnie Guinyard  
Sis. Ruthlin Mendez  
Sis. Joyce McKenzie  
Sis. Eleya McNeil  
Missionary Marlene McNeil  
Missionary Janet Morris

Sis. Rosemarie Muir  
Evangelist Sibyl White  
Sis. Sydney Whyte  
Mother Barbara Williams  
Sis. Sonia Williams  
Evangelist Jollitee Wray



## A GLANCE BACK – “STAYING CONNECTED” By Sis. Florita (Flo) Bynum



As I take a glance back over the year, starting in March 2020 up to the present time, many things have happened, but God has kept us CONNECTED to Him and CONNECTED to one another. It was last March that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) gave word about the seriousness of the COVID-19 Pandemic and with that word our government was affected, jobs were affected; restaurants were affected, schools were affected;

health care facilities were affected, hospital were affected, travel was affected and YES, churches were affected. The government informed everyone that there should be no large gathering (even in churches) because of the seriousness of COVID-19, and with that it was decided by our Pastor and Assistant Pastor (while Bishop was away with his Mother in England) that for the safety of the NMO membership, we would follow the direction given by the city and state government, and would not have services at NMO.

A text was sent out to the membership regarding this and shortly after the text was sent out, a call was received from Sis. Shelice Allen, who asked if we could have prayer on the conference line (thank God for Sis. Shelice). Bishop Bynum said yes, and another text was sent out and a few calls made to let the NMO family know that at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 15th we would be coming together on the Conference Line for prayer and fellowship and many participated on our first Conference Line Fellowship. After a few Sunday Fellowship Services on the Conference Line, it was decided that we would have Wednesday evening prayer and Bible Study – STAYING CONNECTED; and shortly after that it was decided that we would have Sunday School on a Saturday Evening – STILL STAYING CONNECTED; shortly after that our Young People's Sunday School started on the Zoom platform – STAYING CONNECTED, with classes for all ages. Even though we weren't able to see faces at times, just to hear one another voice was a blessing and an encouragement for each other. YES, WE WERE CONNECTED.

After being on the phone Conference Line, the Lord laid it on our hearts to move forward to the ZOOM medium as a way for us to STAY CONNECTED; and it has been a blessing. We are grateful for Bro. Clive Archer, Minister Van Bynum, Jr. and Sis. Shellie Bynum who have work diligently on our ZOOM fellowships each week. Some have stayed connected through sending cards, calling to check on each other, texting or through any other means possible to STAY CONNECTED. We even had several Drive-Bys and several just stop by and pick up your meal – STAYING CONNECTED.

God has richly blessed us in so many ways – our broadcast “THE OPERATING FROM AN AREA OF STRENGTH” has continued to reach and bless many on Wednesdays and

Sundays on WYCB and can be heard worldwide on the internet at [myspiritdc.com](http://myspiritdc.com). Many have called in to be added to the prayer list, to request CDs of the messages and even the song that plays at the beginning of each Broadcast -- “SAVED”. One listener requested CDs, not just for herself, but to send out to many others and have since called back to request additional CDs of the weekly messages. Some listeners are even supporting the Broadcast financially and we give God all of the glory – STAYING CONNECTED.

During this time, the Lord laid it on our Pastor's heart to start the “THOUGHT FOR THE DAY” Ministry and what a blessing it has been! The TFTD goes out daily – Monday through Friday each week to a very, very large number of folks (by text message), not just to NMO membership, but broadcast listeners, family, friends, acquaintances, folks in Jamaica, Canada, England, New York, etc. etc. Several folks have even suggested that it be officially published as a Devotional Book and this is being worked on as the “First Year Edition of the Thought for the Day”. Many have been blessed by the daily thoughts that are so lovingly prepared and sent out each morning – STAYING CONNECTED.

And Yes, God comforted our hearts in the passing of our dearly beloved Missionary Rosetta Smith and God blessed us with Baby Gabrielle Markman and Baby Amari Junior Noble. During this time, we were blessed to have several services on our Parking Lot (Church Outside the Walls); we were blessed to provide thanksgiving baskets; Christmas items and toys to two shelters; and to provide hats; gloves and blankets to the homeless – STAYING CONNECTED.

God has continued to bless -- Bishop Bynum and I to celebrated our 50th Anniversary on January 16th with a beautiful celebration on our ZOOM Fellowship Line and Bro. Stanley and Mother Barbara Williams celebrated their 61st Wedding Anniversary on our ZOOM Fellowship Line on January 31st. – STAYING CONNECTED. God has continued to bless us as we continue to STAY CONNECTED. Souls haven been baptized in the Precious Name of Jesus during the Pandemic. We celebrated the 15th Anniversary of our Joy Fellowship Ministry and also the Missionary and Outreach Anniversary – STAYING CONNECTED.

And yes, we rejoice and give God ALL OF THE GLORY, for bringing our Beloved Pastor through and also blessing Bishop and Lady Mair to celebrate their 48th Anniversary. Psalm 133:1 tells us “Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity” and there is a saying “where there is unity, there is strength”. I'll close by saying how good and how pleasant it is when we STAY CONNECTED TO JESUS FIRST and to EACH OTHER. Love you All!

## ORDER OF SERVICE

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#### SUNDAY

Sunday School – 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship – 11:30 a.m.  
Afternoon Worship – 3:30 p.m.

#### MONDAY

Fast Day

#### WEDNESDAY

Prayer – 7:00 p.m.  
Bible Study – 8:00 p.m.

#### SUNDAYS SERVICES

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

## 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.

## TEMPORARY SCHEDULE

**Sunday Morning Fellowship**  
11:30 a.m.

**Wednesday Prayer and Bible Study**  
6:45p.m - 8:00 p.m.

## BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS!!

#### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Sis. Klaudette Mair – 12  
Bro. Samuel Mair – 14  
Chloe Archer – 20  
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. Angie Jackson – 7  
Sis. Lurline Steele – 19  
Sis. Elizabeth McKenzie – 19  
Minister Chris Bryan – 23  
Bro. Garfield McKenzie – 23  
Bro. Stanley Williams – 28

#### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Sis. Rosemarie Adams – 2  
Sis. Shamaya Chin – 3  
Sis. Eleya McNeil – 3  
Deacon Samuel Cornwall – 6  
Sis. Ruth Menendez – 12  
Sis. Megan Azu – 12  
Sis. Shelice Allen – 17  
Sis. Wilma Phipps – 20  
Bro. Adrian Gordon – 26  
Sis. Martina Burton – 28  
Sis. Marlene Cornwall – 30

#### MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Bishop & Lady Hopeton Mair – 17  
Deacon & Sis. Samuel Cornwall – 22



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**To God Be The Glory!**

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

In keeping with the directives from our President, the Governor of Maryland and US Department of Health, we want to inform you that we will not be having services at New Mt. Olivet Apostolic Church at this time. We encourage everyone to be prayerful and to read and mediate on the Word of God.

## 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.

# ANNUAL MEN'S WEEKEND

## Saturday, April 24 & Sunday, April 25, 2021

*"Standing on the Promises or Sinking in my Doubt"*

Saturday, April 24, 2021  
12:00 noon – **FOR MEN ONLY**  
**MEN'S HEALTH**



**Dr. Delroy Anglin**  
Internal Medicine  
Holy Cross Hospital  
Men's  
Health



**Mr. Clinton Burnside**  
Howard University Hospital  
Men's Prostate and the  
Importance of Early  
Screening

Sunday, April 25, 2021  
11:30 p.m.  
**MORNING FELLOWSHIP**



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

**ALL ON OUR  
ZOOM FELLOWSHIP LINE**  
Meeting ID: 828 5228 1620  
Passcode: 089913

**Bishop Van Bynum, President**  
**Elder Colin Drake, Vice President**

## Jesus Calms the Storm

He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. Mark 4:39  
The puzzle is based on Mark 4:35-41 (NIV).



D H P F O T D W G C F L G C U  
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X D R O W N I X U W A V E S T

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OBEY	SWAMPED	WIND	AFRAID	DROWN
WOKE	SLEEPING	BOAT	EVENING	STILL
SQUALL	WAVES	CUSHION	TERRIFIED	QUIET