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Celebrating Strong Foundations

Honoring our Mothers and Fathers



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Not Shown: Eugene Cornish, Krystal McGhie

Senior Steppers Annual Spring Tea

“Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup...”
Psalm 16:5

The Steppers Annual Spring Tea was a resounding success again this year. The tables were laden beautifully with tea cups, saucers, plates, napkins, glasses and tablecloths of various colors and styles. The food and beverages were plentiful, and each table was filled with congregants and their guests. The program began with Brother and Sister Burton leading the congregational song; “Jesus is on the Main Line” and all guests joined in, followed by the scripture from Psalms 34: 1-8 given by Sis. Murray and prayer by Sis. Artis. Sis. Joan Johnson provided a heartwarming welcome.

The Steppers honored the Rising Star Associate Ministers: Reverends Peacock, Quick, Wooding; Minister Dixon, and Evangelists Myles and Daniel who were introduced by Sis. Mary Cornish and they were presented a plaque of appreciation from the Steppers Ministry. Sis. Dotty Pope gave a spiritually uplifting solo performance singing “He Understands, He’ll Say Well Done” Sis Rainey Estes gave a vibrant reading on Sisterhood. We fellowshiped with one another, made new acquaintances and rekindled existing friendships. There was an abundance of wonderful door prizes and creative methods of soliciting winners. One guest was selected because she wore a pair of unusual earrings, which denoted that she valued her ears and would be able to share the gift of hearing and sharing God’s word.

The guests were delighted with hearing the special gift of the spiritually mellow vocal and instrumental medleys from Brother Jack

Choice. He sang a heartfelt rendition of “Dance with My Father” Deuteronomy 3:1-6 was his

inspiration and he substituted the Holy Father for the earthly father into the lyrics by Luther Vandross. “I Believe I Can Fly” and “Old Folks” were his other selections. Rising Star definitely has its fair share of natural stars consisting of ministers, evangelists, vocalists, instrumentalists, multimedia specialists, and program coordinators and participants who all worked diligently to create a fun-filled, spiritually blessed event again this year.

Special thanks to Sis. Mary Davis, the Senior Steppers Director, and Sis. Loretta Staples, the Program Chair, and Brother and Sister Means who provided many of the exceptional door prizes.

We hope to see you all next year at the Annual Spring Tea!

Sis. Pansy Moore, Reporter





ASSOCIATE MINISTERS



SENIOR STEPPERS TEA



LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

The 2014 Leadership Workshop, “Discipleship: Abiding in the Word of God” (John 8:31-32) was held on March 29, 2014. Pastor Smith opened the workshop with prayer and introduced the facilitator, Rev. Larron D. Jackson, DMin. Rev. Jackson is a Ministry and Mission Coach for the



American Baptist Conference of the Rocky Mountains (ABCRM)-Denver. As an icebreaker, Rev. Jackson asked the attendees to “name your favorite Bible character and what are some of their leadership traits?” Paul, Job and Peter were the most often mentioned names. The question definitely gave us something to think about.

Our aim was to take a closer look at our core values and see how Rising Star can be more effective in advancing the kingdom of our Lord in accordance with the Word of God. How are our core values shaping the ministerial focus and direction of the church? What does leadership mean? The answer is in Proverbs 3:5- 6, trusting God to guide our every step. “Leadership is not a quick act ... you must get up early and stay up late ... it requires endurance ... you must lead yourself to exhaustion;” those are some of the requirements for a leader as defined by Rev. Jackson. We have to know God’s word as well as obey His word and be an example for others.

We went on to learn about the Vision, Mission and Core Values of Rising Star.

1. A **Vision Statement** establishes the direction in which an organization believes that it is led to go.
2. A **Mission Statement** defines the necessary goals and objectives that must be accomplished to bring the vision to fruition.
3. **Core Values** are those foundational beliefs set forth in both the vision and mission statements that we strive to live out on a continual basis that give shape and definition to our organization and all who are a part of our organization.
4. Rising Star has set forth six **core values**. They are:
 - a. **Worship (Matt. 4:10)**
 - b. **Evangelism (Matt. 28:19)**
 - c. **Discipleship (Eph. 4:11-16; II Tim 2:15)**
 - d. **Fellowship (Heb. 10:24-25)**
 - e. **Stewardship (Luke 6:38; Acts 20:35; II Cor.9:6-9)**
 - f. **A “Ministry of Serving” (Mark 10:45; I Peter 4:10-11)**
 - g. **Building on this Foundation**

The true meaning of stewardship was the focus of an in-depth discussion. Faithful stewardship means putting God first in ALL things. If Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior of your soul, you have been bought with a price and redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ. Your life belongs to the Lord; all of your time, talent (gifts) and treasure belong to the Lord.

Rev. Jackson stressed that commitment is measured by obedience to God’s word. Our “word and our walk” must be one before God.

The final topic for the workshop was discussion of the “next steps” to becoming effective leaders. As elected or appointed leaders, we must reinforce within our particular ministry the six core values set forth.

All in all it was a very beneficial and enlightening workshop for the leaders of the church.

Bro. Frank Boldoe Sr., Trustee Chair, distributed 2014 trustee contact information so each ministry will know who their trustee is and how to contact them. A presentation from the Multi-Media ministry by Bros. Johnny Bland and William Payne provided information on the progress of the church’s new website. Members are invited to provide your thoughts and feedback on the content you would like to see. Until the new website is fully active, the streaming webcast can be found at <http://www.sundaystreams.com/go/rsmbc>.

Bro. Eric Allen, representing Omega Psi Phi fraternity, approached the church leadership workshop with an “Outreach Project” or “Paint-a-Thon” that would be coordinated through Brothers Redevelopment. If interested, you may contact Bro. Allen at 720-883-5613.

Mary Cornish, Cora Hampton
Reporters



THE CLOTHING CLOSET

Did you know? The Rising Star Clothing Closet has provided clothing to a van full of women from prison for their fashion show. These women were in a halfway house after serving 10-20 years. They were so excited to be able to shop.

Did you know? We sent several boxes of summer clothes and shoes to Haiti.

Did you know? At the end of each season we donate clothing that has been in the closet for more than two seasons. We rotate non-profit organizations to be recipients.

Did you know? We receive new clothing with tags on them and small appliances. This month we have received lots of newborn to 18-month boys clothing. If you know someone who has a baby boy, encourage them to come visit us.

Did you know? We have men's clothes and shoes. However, we are always in need of shoes and teen boys and girls clothing.

We are also in need of volunteers willing and committed to working one Saturday a month for two hours. The Clothing Closet is open every Saturday from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Thank all of you who have been so generous. It has helped so many people from the community and church. We ask that all donations be dry cleaned or washed. We do not accept undergarments unless they are unopened in a sealed package. So clean out your closets and bring us your gently worn clothing **and** shoes (children's, men and women's).

God bless each of you!

Mary Cornish, Reporter and
Clothing Closet Advisor

Rising Star Book Club

When people (usually adults) get together in person or online to discuss books that they are reading or have read, then by definition, a book club has been formed. In recent years book clubs have gained in popularity and especially so after Oprah formed her club in 1995.



In 2013, Deaconess Gloria Cannady was inspired to form a book club at Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church. She discussed her idea with the RSMBC Library staff and the book club was implemented. Sis. Cannady took on the role of facilitator and the Library supplied the books. The first book selected for reading by the club was *“Woman Thou Art Loosed”* by Bishop T.D. Jakes. Though it took longer than expected to complete the book, all participants eagerly expressed interest in selecting another book and chose *“The Purpose Driven Life”* by Rev. Rick Warren.

"Do you know that you are not an accident? Even before the universe was created, God had you in mind, and he planned you for his purposes." Do you desire to become what God created you to be? Do you want to answer the question *“--What on Earth Am I Here For?”* Facilitated by Bro. Larry Howard and Bro. Oscar Allen, we’ve had eye-opening, insightful discussions as we make our way through this thought-provoking book.

The interaction generated through reading and discussing the book is something that we don’t ordinarily obtain by any other means. How refreshing to get to know other members of the church on a different level. Participants are encouraged to express their views, and experiences within the group. Imagine the surprise you feel when you learn that others are experiencing or have experienced some of the same issues and concerns as you.

Oprah has her book club and Rising Star has its book club. We may not read the same books, but hopefully each time we at Rising Star finish a book, we are better Christians for having taken the time to explore.

The book club is open to members and non-members of Rising Star. Currently, the book club meets every other Saturday from 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM in Room 201. Stop in on Saturday, you just might leave a little more enlightened about your Christian walk, and decide that you would like to be a member of the book club. We’ve only just begun.

Submitted by Sis. Sylvia Ensley, RSMBC Library



RSMBC HOLDS GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES

For the very first time, Good Friday Services were held at Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church on April 18, 2014. Instead of participating in the Ministerial Alliance services traditionally held at Macedonia Baptist Church, Rising Star conducted its own worship service with a large number in attendance.

“The Seven Last Words of Jesus Christ on the Cross” was presented in customary worship service fashion. The Mass Choir sang, deacons and deaconess read scripture and prayed. Evangelist Sylvia Daniel delivered the first word, “Forgiveness” followed by Rev. J. Michael Young who spoke on the second word, “Salvation.” The third and fourth words, “Love” and “Loneliness” were spoken on by Rev. Florence Turner and Minister Nichelle West, respectively.

Sis. Renee Minor read a poem she had written, entitled “Upon a Hill”, followed by a mime presentation from Sis. Yvonne Henderson. Evangelist Cynthia Dixon presented the fifth word, “Physical Suffering” using flash cards to emphasize ‘I Thirst’ as Jesus said. Rev. Genet Peacock addressed the sixth word, “Triumph” when Jesus was finished with the work God gave him to do.

The final word, “Reunion” was delivered by Rev. Ida Smith. After 33 years on earth, Jesus went home to be with his father! What a moving story ...

Pastor Smith extended his deepest thanks to all who participated in our First Good Friday Service and shared their God-given talents and gifts. Please remember the theme for 2014 is “God Is Turning It Around” and the Good Friday Service certainly showed evidence of that.

Cora Hampton, Reporter



Mother's Day Memories

Deacon Paul Reese, Sr. and Mother Mary Reese

Gone but not forgotten.

From your granddaughter, Min. Cynthia Dixon (soon to be Reese again)

Sis. Ethel Reed

A mother of eight and proud of it.

From your eldest, Min. Cynthia Dixon (MC Reese, soon)

Rosa Hampton

A **Mother's Love** is everlasting and forgiving. When all others forsake you, a mother is there for you. Mother, you always made sure we had food to eat, shoes on our feet, clothing to cover our body and a roof over our head. You were an All Star Mother who put your children's well-being first.

I'll always love you.

From Willie Hampton



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY MAMA

Mrs. Minnie Ferrell

Mama, I am so blessed and proud to be your daughter.

I thank God for you every day! Thank you for everything and most of all thank you for loving me unconditionally.

Blessings today and always!

Lots of love –
Your baby girl,
Sherry McMillian Mars

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY MOM

Mrs. Carol Smith

Mom, Thank you for being my Colorado mom and being there for me.

I am so blessed that you chose me to be your daughter and allowed me to be part of your family. I thank God for you!

Blessings today and always!

Lots of love – Sherry McMillian-Mars



In Loving Memory
Of Our
Mother and Father
Louise McPherson
And
Claude McPherson

**Mother and Daddy, you are gone to be with the Creator of us all.
May your soul rest in the arms of our Holy Father.
One day on the golden shores, we will meet
In that city not made by hands.**

***We will always love you
and you will always live in our hearts and memories.***

*Blessed is the man who fears the Lord,
Who finds great delight in his commands.*

Psalms 112:1

***Your Children:
Mary Davis Diane Davis***

Loretta Staples
Betty Gardner

Sharon McPherson
Claude McPherson

Happy Mother's Day

from RSMBC Sunday School Ministry!

A mother is a virtuous woman – Proverbs 31:10-30

She...

A wife of noble character who can find?

She is worth far more than rubies.

Is Valuable

Her husband has full confidence in her

And lacks nothing of value

is Trustworthy

She brings him good, not harm,

All the days of her life.

Is Supportive

She selects wool and flax

And works with eager hands.

Has a job

She is like the Merchant ships,

Bringing her food from afar.

Is resourceful

She gets up while it is still dark;

She provides food for her family

And portions for her servant girls

Is a servant

She considers a field and buys it;

Out of her earnings she plants a vineyard

is an entrepreneur

She sets about her work vigorously

Her arms are strong for her task

has a good work ethic

She sees that her trading is profitable

And her lamps do not go out at night

prepared and profitable

In her hand she holds the distaff

And grasps the spindle with her fingers

handy with tools

She opens her arms to the poor

And extends her hands to the needy

does outreach

When it snows, she has no fear for her household

For all of them are clothed in scarlet

forward-thinking

She makes coverings for her bed

She is clothed in fine linen and purple

presents herself

Her husband is respected at the city gate

Where he takes his seat among the elders of the land an asset

She makes linen garments and sells them

And supplies the merchants with sashes

a retailer

She is clothed with strength and dignity

She can laugh at the days to come

she has dignity

She speaks with wisdom

And faithful instruction is on her tongue

wise and faithful

She watches over the affairs of her household

And does not eat the bread of idleness

is busy

Her children arise and call her blessed

Her husband also, and he praises her

is respected

Many women do noble things

But you surpass them all

sets standards

Charm is deceptive and beauty is fleeting

But a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised

praiseworthy

Give her the reward she has earned

And let her works bring her praise at the city gate

recognized



Living Portraits of African American Women

Rising Star Deaconess Rosalyn C. Reese was one of this year's six recipients of this prestigious award for community service. At a ceremony held March 22, 2014, at the Denver Central Library, Deaconess Reese was recognized by the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) for her work as Director of Multicultural Initiatives for the Alzheimer's Association.

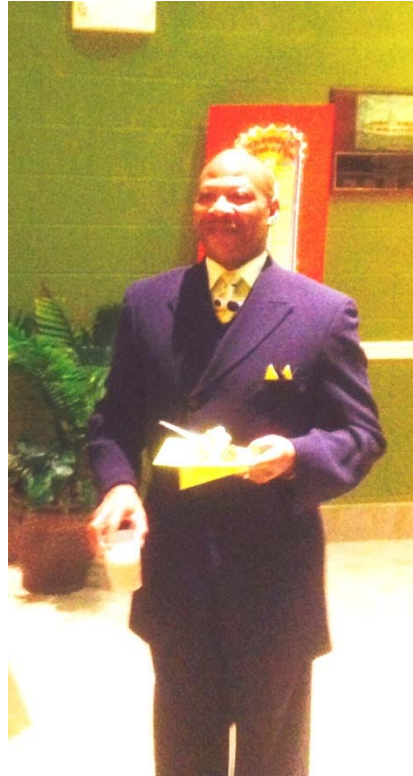
Rosalyn works for the Alzheimer's Association and was an outreach worker for the Center for African American Health and Awareness. She has worked diligently to provide information sources to increase the knowledge of this disease and better equip families to deal with those affected by the disease. Her dedication has not gone unnoticed. Rising Star is proud of you Roz!

Sis. Pansy Moore,
Reporter



A PARTY FOR OUR PASTOR

An impromptu birthday party was given for Pastor Smith following Bible Study on his birthday, April 9. Sisters Wanda King and Rosa Watkins and members of the Security Ministry thought it would be a great idea to honor our pastor's birthday since he was teaching us that night instead of celebrating with his family. Quite a few of the Bible Study attendees stayed for cake and punch and to extend birthday wishes to Pastor Smith.

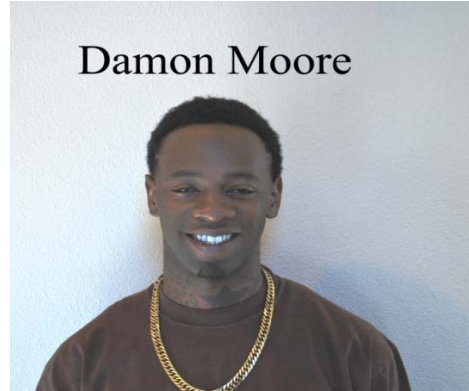


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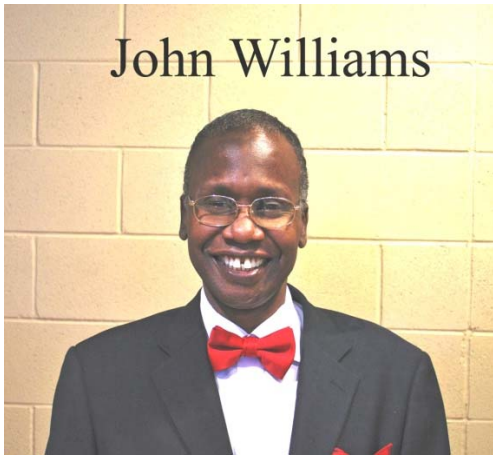
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Damon Moore



John Williams



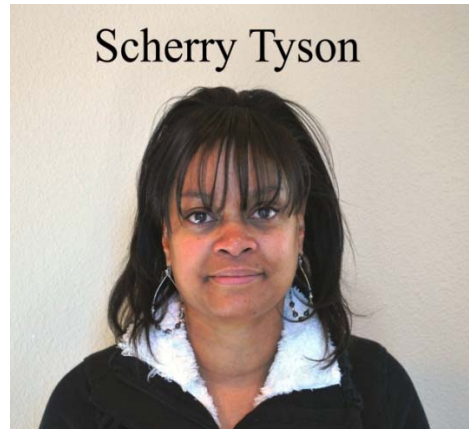
LeKisha Dapremont



Mark & Jurneathea Rice



Scherry Tyson



New Members Reception

March 9, 2014

The New Members Ministry hosted a reception for all new members recently joining our Church fellowship following the 10:15 A. M. Service on Sunday, March 9, 2014 in the Gym. There was a nice turnout of new members along with representatives from many of the Church ministries at the event. Information was provided to help our new members to become actively involved in a ministry utilizing their spiritual gifts.



The New Members Reception offers an opportunity for new members to identify the ministry(s) they would like to work in and to have their questions answered concerning all the ministries of Rising Star. The reception allows the New Members Committee to reach out to our new members and help them feel connected to the Church body. If you have not attended a New Members Reception, we encourage you to attend the next reception on May 18, 2014, and find out about all the unique ministries here at Rising Star and how you can contribute your talent(s) for the benefit of the church.

Refreshments were provided for everyone attending the event. Several new members signed up for various ministries including Christian Scroll, New Members, Invention & Prevention and the Youth Ministry.

Eileen Burnley, Reporter

RSMBC GREETERS HOLD OPEN HOUSE

April 13, 2014



YOUTH/ANGEL RETREAT YMCA of the Rockies at Estes Park

MAY 30 – JUNE 1, 2014

The **Youth Ministry** is having an Angels/Teens Retreat for Ages 5-12 and 13 and Up at YMCA of the Rockies. The cost is \$107 per member and \$132 for non-members which includes 3 days, 2 nights lodging, food, hayride excursion and bus driver's gratuity. Sponsors and chaperones, especially MEN, are still needed. Also, the Youth Ministry is still seeking donations such as chips, cookies, fruit, water, pens, notebooks, paper tablets and tote/back bags for the Retreat. The Red Beans and Rice fundraiser on April 6 was very successful, raising over \$1,000; however, sponsors are still needed to help offset the cost to parents with more than one child. Any questions, please contact Sis. Janice Quick, 303-344-0879.

Scholarship Applications for Rising Star graduating seniors are now available. Scholarship Day is July 13, 2014. Contact committee members Bro. Karl Davis, Sis. Andrea Lewis, Sis. Betty Gardner, Sis. Katie Moore or Sis. Marie Boyer for application.

This year's Easter Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, April 12, for children ages 3-9. Celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ, children took part in activities, arts and crafts before the BIG EVENT. Lunch and crafts activities were held in the gym before moving upstairs to continue the fun. The photos show some of the kids enjoying the fun and each other. Gift bags filled with candy and were given to the children who participated.



TWEENS and TEENS "LOCK-IN"
April 11, 2014



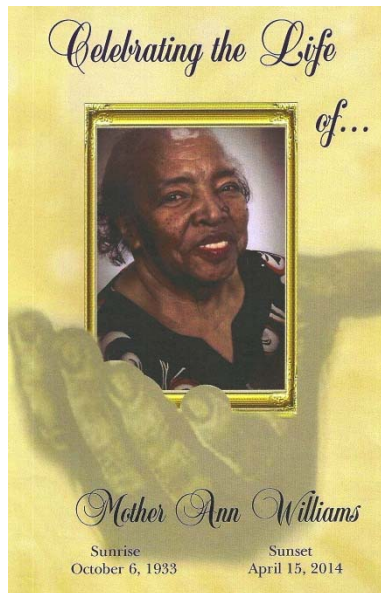
YOUTH MINISTRY AT TRUE SPIRIT BAPTIST CHURCH

April 13, 2014



Maia Hill will be presented to society at the Finer Womanhood Scholarship Luncheon and Bluetillion sponsored by Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. on Saturday, May 17, 2014. This event is the culmination of hard work at school and in the community. Maia, daughter of Sis. Nicole Hill, is a 6th grader at Aurora Academy where she maintains a 4.0 GPA while playing basketball and soccer. Her hobbies include dancing with the Hallelujah High Steppers and singing in the Youth Choir at Rising Star.

MEMORIAL PAGE



Sunrise
October 6, 1933

Sunset
April 15, 2014

The Rising Star church family mourns the passing of **Mother Ann Williams**. Sister Williams came to Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church in 2005 from Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, GA. She was a member of Ebenezer for 45 years where she served on the Usher Board and the October Birth Month Club.

Ann enjoyed family, friends, watching wrestling and working crossword puzzles. She loved yard flowers and gospel music. She left a lasting impression on everyone with her beautiful smile that could light up an entire room. She enjoyed cooking for her family and others. Her love, caring and kindness will be deeply missed by all who were blessed to have shared a part of the life of this strong-minded and wise lady. To know Ann was truly to love her.

Sis. Williams is survived by her children, Marilyn Brown and Carolyn Williams, both of Aurora, CO and her son, James (Cathy) Williams of Atlanta, GA. Also left to cherish her memory are her best friend and sister-in-law, Effie Walker of Atlanta, GA; one grandchild, two great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Editorial

Greetings Rising Star Family.

We are in the second quarter of the year! The season has brought many blessings to our church and our world. Singing Praises to the Lord keeps the soul and spirit uplifted. Rising Star's phenomenal choir keeps bringing the praises so we can share the good feelings generated by song and the "Good News" of our Father.

Exodus 15:2 "The Lord is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; My father's God, and I will exalt him."

P. Moore

Correction: The Staff Profile on Sis. Carmen Feaman in the March issue implied that Sis. Feaman learned Chinese from working as a teacher at Prussman Chapel in Fort Carson. The paragraph should have stated that Sis. Feaman "worked in a leadership role as Director of Children's Church and as a teacher at a Chinese church in exchange to learn Chinese. It was a rewarding experience which taught me a lot about the Chinese culture."

The publisher and editor apologize for the error.

The Christian Scroll Newsletter is in desperate need of an advertising salesperson and reporters. If you are interested in helping with the success of this newsletter, please contact Sis. Cora Hampton (303-550-5088 or champton01@aol.com). Monthly meetings are held on the 4th Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in Room 206.

Scheduled Services

Sunday

Morning Worship.....7:45 & 10:15 AM
Communion (1st Sunday).....7:45 & 10:15 AM
Sunday School.....9:00 AM – 10:00 AM
Youth Church (2nd and 3rd Sunday) Sunday School Classrooms.10:15 AM

Wednesday

Prayer and Bible Study.....7:00 PM

Thursday

Bible Study.....12:00 Noon

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