



“News From The Mount”

GMSBC

Fall 2009 Newsletter

Welcome to the inaugural bi-monthly newsletter publication of “*News From The Mount*”. The purpose of this newsletter is to share information on God’s blessings upon the Ministry of Greater Mount Sinai Baptist Church. In other words, we want to keep you informed about the happenings here at “*The Mount*”.

As a church, we are dedicated to providing ministries that meet the needs of the total person, (Spirit, Mind, Body, and Soul), through teaching, nurturing, and evangelizing. Let us know what is going on in your ministry and we will gladly share it with the church family. This newsletter, *The Sinai Connection*, and our church website will be our major sources of providing information to you regarding activities here at GMSBC and our surrounding communities.

With guidance from God’s Holy Spirit and our undeniable faith in Jesus Christ, we will continue to be showered with His blessings upon us and all who read “*News From The Mount*.”

*Thank you,
The Media Ministry*

Family Life Enrichment Center Update

Completion Status as of October 2009

- Work is 95% complete
- Items completed from March 2009 to September 2009
 - Dry Wall and Painting
 - Floor Tile and Carpet
 - Walking Track and Bleachers installed
 - Elevator installed and working
- Items to be completed from October 2009 to December 2009
 - Telephone system and wiring
 - Connecting wall and sidewalk
 - Parking and landscaping
- Scheduled Completion Date - December 2009
 - 7 months ahead of schedule

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Areas of Concern:

- Moving in 7 months ahead of schedule
 - While a blessing, results in 7 months less to raise funds
 - Pro: Lower interest rate on loan, payment approximately \$22k
 - Pro: Reserve amount with M&F will be less - \$132k vs \$262k
 - Con: Only 20% of the congregation donating
 - Con: \$60k balance needed for other costs: (potential change orders, scoreboards, emergency driveway, additional furniture, floor padding)

Next Steps:

- Improve Communication with monthly updates
- Reduce expenses though careful budgeting
- Increase sacrificial giving
- Pray for the community, the project, and the giving



Family Life Enrichment Center

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Rev. & Mrs. George Cook, Jr.

On celebrating your 23rd Church Anniversary. We love and appreciate you for all you have done. Your presence blesses all of us and for that we give you thanks.

May God continue to be with both of you and may He continue to use you as you give Him praise.

The GMSBC Family

Upcoming Events

- Nov. 15th - Voices of Sinai Concert - 4:00pm
- Nov. 18th-22nd - UniverSoul Circus
- Nov. 21st - 50 State Pageant - 3:00pm
- Nov. 26th - Thanksgiving Day

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To all members celebrating birthdays during November and December.



Church Directory 2010

Sign Up Now

Our Directory won't be complete without YOU!



God is blessing us with increase in our church membership. Placing names with faces can be a real challenge. A church directory is the help we need to build a warmer sense of community and to assist new members in feeling a vital part of the church. Olan Mills Portrait Studio will assist us in creating our Church Directory.

The following appointment dates are available; Fri. Dec 18th, Sat. Dec 19th, Mon. Dec 21st, Tues. Dec. 22nd, Wed. Dec 23rd, Tues Jan 12th, Wed. Jan 13th, Thurs Jan 14th, Fri. Jan 15th and Sat. Jan.16th. Sign-up sheets are located in the Fellowship Hall. Appointment slots are first come, first serve basis. You will receive a complimentary Directory & (1) Free 8x10 color portrait if you are a member and participate in the Church Directory.

Please contact Sis. Maudese Thompson at GMSBCdirectory@gmail.com or you may come to the sign up table immediately following worship services, if you have any questions.

When You THINK.....You THANK!

Welcome November, the month in which we celebrate Thanksgiving, a holiday whose name pretty much says it all. Let's look at it a little deeper: **thanks** (*an expression of appreciation*) and **giving** (*to bring forth; produce, to give in exchange*). When we put these two definitions together, clearly it is about us making a conscious choice to produce an expression of appreciation, and then give it in exchange for something. What is your thanksgiving in exchange for? What are the conditions of the agreement?

I have been told that "**think**" and "**thank**" come from the same root word. The general thought then, is when you begin to think – you cannot help but be thankful. When your mind goes through the archives and reflects upon all that you've experienced and lived through, how could you not be thankful to God? Has He not shown Himself most faithful?

Throughout the book of Psalms, writer after writer expresses his gratefulness and thankfulness to a loving and merciful God. Psalms 118 begins, "*O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: because his mercy endureth forever*". In verse 5, the psalmist says "*I called upon the Lord in distress: the Lord answered me, and set me in a large place*". That's why it's easy for him to give thanks! He came face to face with God's mercy. Read the entire psalm. His words reveal his heart. He even speaks of God being his song (vs. 14). No one has to push or prod him to tell God "thank you". He realized his condition and knew it was only the Father who could have changed his situation.

Just begin to think about the times you or a loved one was sick and God healed. Remember when there was an immediate financial need and He orchestrated a blessing for you. What about the car accident that didn't kill you? The store that was robbed after you left? Let's not forget all the other things we take for granted: the ability to see, to hear, to feel, to think and to do for ourselves. If you really begin to **think**...you should really begin to **thank**!



Happy Thanksgiving

Room-In-The-Inn

Another season has come for our assistance with the Room In The Inn program. This ministry serves the homeless on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings from December 1st through March 31st.

GMSBC offers a warm place out of the cold, a safe place to sleep, serves two meals (dinner and breakfast) and offers fellowship to make things a little easier for our less fortunate friends before returning our neighbors to the Charlotte Transportation Center the following morning.

The program is a way for people of faith to become directly involved with people who are homeless. The simple goal is to keep homeless people from freezing on cold winter nights. A greater goal is to provide a loving relationship to homeless, at least for a night.

On December 5, 2009 the T. F. Fraylon Missionary Department and the Men's Ministry will serve as hosts for our guests. For more information, please contact Sis. Pearl Winchester.



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About Greater Mt. Sinai Baptist Church

Worship Services: 8:00am and 11:00am

Sunday School: 9:45am – 10:45am

Youth Meeting – Monday – 7:00pm

Weekly Prayer Meeting – Wednesday – 7:45pm

Weekly Bible Study – Thursday – 7:00pm

Rev. George Cook, Jr., Pastor

“News from The Mount” Press Deadlines



Let us know what is going on with your ministry and we will share it with our church family. The deadline for articles, events, photos for the next **“News From The Mount”** is Friday, December 18, 2009. Please include your name and phone number on your submissions in case there are questions. “News From The Mount” editors reserve the right to edit all submissions to the newsletter for brevity, grammar, clarity and consistency as space will allow. The preferred submission method is by email to: gmsbc.newsletter@gmail.com.

