

# *The Victorious Vessel*



# FROM THE PASTOR'S PRINTER

## *Farewell Edition*



Grace, peace, mercy, joy, & love from God our Father, Christ our Lord and Redeemer, the Holy Ghost, our Comforter, Teacher, & Guide. Greetings my Beloved brothers and sisters of the “WARMest Church in Charleston”.

The following excerpt from a sermon preached by the world-renowned Reverend Charles Haddon Spurgeon seems an appropriate beginning to my sentiments. Please note his passionate pleas:

### **Christ is glorious—let us make him known**

*‘And he shall stand and feed in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God; and they shall abide: for now shall he be great unto the ends of the earth.’ Micah 5:4*

suggested further reading: Matthew 16:13–18

Why is it that we have seen the Church endure to this day? How is it that we are confident that should even worse times arrive, the church would weather the storm and abide till moons shall cease to wax and wane? Why this security? Only because Christ is in the midst of her. You do not believe, I hope, in the preservation of orthodoxy by legal instruments and trust deeds. This is what too many Dissenters have relied upon, but they are like broken reeds if we rely on them. Neither can we depend on parliament and its laws. We may draw up the most express and distinct form of doctrine, but we shall find that the next generation will depart from the truth unless God shall be pleased to give it renewed grace from on high. You cannot secure the life of the church by any particular system. History shows that churches have prospered, as well as failed, under different systems. The fact is that forms of government have very little to do with the vital principle of the church. The reason why the church of God exists is not her ecclesiastical regulations, her organisation, her formularies, her ministers, or her creeds, but the presence of the Lord in the midst of her; and while Christ lives, and Christ reigns, and stands and feeds his church, she is safe; but if he were once gone, it would be with her as it is with you and me when the Spirit of God has departed from us; we are weak as other men, and she would be quite as powerless.

For meditation: The foundation rock on which the church is built is neither Peter and his supposed successors nor Peter's creed and its successors, but the immovable Christ, the Son of the living God (Matthew 16:16, 18; 1 Corinthians 3:11).

Spurgeon helps to remind us that God remains the One Who leads His church regardless of the systems in place. That is, the church remains active and alive because the people of the church belong to the Lord. The Lord's Name and reputation remain on the line because the Church universal belongs to the Lord.

As I depart from the Holy City and bring my service to MSBC to an end, I depart with mixed feelings. In some ways, I find myself feeling melancholy—down at times and excited at the same time.

Melancholy shows up because many memories have been experienced and made. Melancholy because relationships now change. Melancholy because an era in my life ends. Melancholy manifests itself because seventeen years of emotional, spiritual, physical, mental, and financial investments have occurred. Departures are never easy except in the movies where utopian endings sell many tickets.

Of course, excitement shows up because of expectations of what the future holds. Excitement jumps on the wagon because a new opportunity awaits. Excitement shows up because a new beginning breeds delight and eagerness.

As a leader, I acknowledge the anxiety that ambushes all of us when a separation becomes necessary. Also, as a leader, managing transitions must be tackled using the best practices available to minimize the perspective of “wins and losses”.

Inevitably, human beings will experience transitions as wins for some or losses for others. However, life presents many minor and major transitions to all of us. As such, we strive to manage these transitions with a mindset introduced by Apostle Paul in Philippians 4:13— *“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”*

Perhaps Apostle Paul's words bring new meaning for us in this transition. We can face the future because our God will provide the strength we each need to go forward one more day, one more week, one more month, or one more year. We can endure until the end because we no longer rely on human strength. We have learned how to lean and depend upon our God. We yet hold-on a little while longer because God has an uncanny, unique track record of making things work out for our good (see Romans 8:28).

God remains a God of Comfort. In due time, God will soothe every hurt and every pain. May we each enjoy that Godly comfort, as we journey into the future. As in the past, God will guide. For the lyrics remains true: “He's a mighty good leader!”

**Fare ye well my dear, beloved brothers and sisters of MSBC!** You remain ‘The WARMest Church in Charleston’. *“[The] time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.”*



# Black History Moments

Our youth shared Black History Moments via Facebook throughout the month of February.



Bro. Stephan Slaughter highlighted Muhammad Ali.

[Click here to watch](#)



Sis. Alaina Johnson highlighted Dr. Kizzmekia Corbett.

[Click here to watch](#)



Bro. Byron Middleton, Jr. highlighted Harriet Tubman.

[Click here to watch](#)

# Celebrating 5 Years of Service

The MSBC Food Bank Ministry will celebrate 5 years of service on April 16th. They have served **over 3,650 persons** since its inception.

The Food Bank is partnered with Lowcountry Food Bank and became a USDA distributor on April 11, 2018.

Several members have offered their volunteer services with this effort.



*Photo taken in 2021 to mark 4th year*

## April Birthdays

Genita Hanna	1	Louise Jenkins	21
Justice Greene	1	Natalie G. Johnson	22
Brenda L. Jones	2	Frederick Patterson	22
Rynie A. Bartley	3	Dawn Green	22
Annette White	5	Fred Mitchell	24
John Hamilton	6	Jean Jackson	26
Daameon Holmes	8	Semaj M. Fielding	27
Michael Hayes	11	Lawrence M. Wright	29
Synetra DeLoach	19	Mary Seabrook	30
Pheobie Williams	20	Barbara G. Stanard	30
Wendrah M. McCoy	20		

# CAJM Rally



MSBC Representatives at the CAJM Rally held at Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church on March 14th.

## *Mother's Day Celebrations*



Mother's Day is celebrated with a lot of enthusiasm in over 46 countries across the globe. Though Mother's Day celebrations take place at different times around the world what is remarkably the same are the feelings with which people celebrate it. This is so because mothers are as caring in the East as they are in the West. The difference between mothers from one part of the world to the other simply does not exist and so are the feelings of children. All over the world, millions of people take the day as an opportunity to honor their mothers, thank them for their efforts in giving them life, raising them and being their constant support and well-wisher.

## May Birthdays

Sara Ferguson	1	Sally Gadsden	14
Dorita F. Green	1	Tremayne Washington	20
Kevin Tolbert	2	Inger Pompey	20
India Grant	3	Traci Grant	22
Patricia Harrison	4	Marcus Grant	22
Allen Johnson	4	Amber S. McCoy	23
Daameon Holmes	4	Laverne Harrison	24
Amanda Sumter	5	Kieon Green	26
Rosie L. Bland	5	Kierra Green	28
Tyric Becoate	5	Gregory Waddy	28
Ethel Reed	7	Frederick Elzie	28
Edreca Gray	8	JJ Chapman	28
Cheryl Grant	8	Louise Gadsden	30
Felecia Jones	9	Barbara Bennett	31
Wendy Jenkins	10		
Miriam Gadsden	11		
Darlene Scott-Scurry	14		

## June Birthdays

Courtney Morgan	1	Felicia Gaston	13
Margie G. Heyward	1	Brendan McPherson	14
Chaplain John K. Carter	2	Marie Thompson	17
Samuel Gilchrist	2	Beatrice Rodgers	18
Cynthia M. McHoney	2	Shawnicqua Hanna	20
Darrell L. Chisolm	3	Irving S. Robinson	21
Anna P. Holloway	4	Nathronia Carr	21
Irene Dawson	5	Patricia D. Holmes	21
Bernard Duncan	8	Marvin L. Wright	26
Mary A. Faber	8	Peggyann M. Godfrey	26
Pamela Gilliard	9	Charles Montgomery	26
Margie Hamilton	9	Gordon H. Douglas	27
Aundria G. Douglas	10	Lottie Wright	27
Tavian Robinson	10		
Dawn F. McPherson	11		

## Thank You Dad

Thank you for the laughter  
For the good times that we share,  
Thanks for always listening,  
For trying to be fair.

Thank you for your comfort,  
When things are going bad,  
Thank you for your shoulder,  
To cry on when I'm sad.

This poem is a reminder that  
All my life through,  
I'll be thanking Heaven  
For a Special Dad like you.

- By: Anonymous



## June Health Ministry Focus is: Aphasia

**Aphasia** is a condition that robs you of the ability to communicate. It can affect your ability to speak, write and understand language, both verbal and written. [mayoclinic.org](http://mayoclinic.org)

### *Symptoms*

A person with **aphasia** may:

- Speak in short or incomplete sentences
- Speak in sentences that don't make sense
- Substitute one word for another or one sound for another
- Speak unrecognizable words
- Not understand other people's conversation
- Write sentences that don't make sense

[See more](#)

### *Causes*

**The most common cause of aphasia is brain damage resulting from a stroke** — the blockage or rupture of a blood vessel in the brain. Loss of blood to the brain leads to brain cell death or damage in... [more](#)

### *Treatment*

Therapy:

- Starts early
- Often works in groups
- May include use of computers

## June is also Men's Health Awareness Month

This month is all about encouraging the men in your life to take care of their bodies by eating right, exercising, and working to prevent disease. The official symbol for the month is a blue ribbon and the purpose of Men's Health Month is to heighten the awareness of preventable health problems and encourage early detection and treatment of diseases including cancer, heart disease, and depression.

# Easter Trivia Questions

1. What was the Jewish feast which was being celebrated the week Christ was crucified? \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 2:1)
2. When Jesus entered Jerusalem during what is known as His Triumphal Entry, what animal was He riding on? \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 21:1- 7)
3. Why is the Sunday before the resurrection called Palm Sunday? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 21-8; Mark 11:8)
4. Which disciple cut off the ear of the high priest's servant in an attempt to protect Jesus from being taken as a prisoner? \_\_\_\_\_ (John 18:10)
5. What was the name of the high priest's servant who had his ear cut off by the disciple and subsequently reattached by Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_ (John 18:10)
6. How many times did Peter deny Christ after he abandoned the Lord?  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 22:54-57)
7. How many pieces of silver did Judas trade the life of Jesus for? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 26:15)
8. How did Judas identify Jesus to the soldiers? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 26:47-49)
9. In repentance Judas returned the money to the priests that he was given as the price of betrayal of the Lord and then did what? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 27:3-5)
10. Who was surprisingly released before Pontius Pilate sentenced Jesus to death? \_\_\_\_\_ (Mark 15:6-15)
11. What was the inscription above the cross? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 19:19)
12. Following the statements of Jesus on the cross, there was a statement by a Roman soldier concerning Christ. What was it? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 27:54)





## Attention: Newsletter Changes



Our Victorious Vessel distribution has returned to **quarterly** distribution.

Newsletters will now be distributed on the 1st Sunday in the months of **January, April, July, and October.**

Newsletter submissions are now due by:

- **June 15th** (*to be published in July's edition*)
- **September 15th** (*to be published in October's edition*)
- **December 15th** (*to be published in January's edition*)
- **March 15th** (*to be published in April's edition*)

It is recommended to submit articles throughout the quarter—prior to the deadline — as we will **no longer be able to accept late submissions** received after the established deadlines listed above. Submissions can be emailed to Sis. Emily L. Smith or Sis. Wendrah McCoy.

Thank you for your cooperation! - *The MSBC Newsletter Ministry*



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