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“Mothers Day is Sunday, May 9th” “Mothers Day is Everyday”

One of the greatest gifts God has given humanity is the bestowing of a mother. From the womb to the grave, children are an extension of the person who has carried them in the womb, cared for them, and cradled them throughout their existence. Each child has their mother's indelible fingerprints all over their lives. Through mothers, God has populated the whole world over, and without her, where would life be today. The greatest sorority a woman can be a member of, is motherhood. Her place in the eyes of God has always been one of Divine Favor. There is no need to shout it from the mountain top because her presence in all her glory is more than enough evidence to show the world her undeniable value. One cannot explain how God has miraculously used women to hold the strings of life together like a well-sewn garment. In sun or rain, good or bad, up or down, the mother is there in the midst of it all. The love of God can be seen and is deeply embedded in the hearts of her children, who rise up and call her blessed. She holds a place of honor no man can hold, for even the greatest of men must pay homage to their mother, regardless of the position of power they hold, must bow down to their mother. Throughout scripture, she guided kings, princes, judges, apostles, preachers, and even Jesus. In fact, the most incredible honor bestowed on mothers is the Divine Favor that God has given her as the vehicle to bring mankind its greatest gift – His only begotten Son. Her place will forever be etched in history and can never be diminished nor denied. There are times the stepmother is spoken of as the real mother. Grandmothers and other female relatives hold similar positions in honor of motherhood. A line in a song says: "give me my flowers while I yet live so I can enjoy the beauty they bring." So let us give our mothers the beauty, honor, and love they so richly deserve while they live, so they can enjoy the beauty thereof. Though we have chosen one special day to celebrate our mothers, remember **Mothers Day is every day!** **Happy Mothers Day!**



**Mother of the Church
Mama Pearl Brown & Rev Vance**

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Dayton, Ohio 45417
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[facebook@mtcarmeldayton](https://facebook.com/mtcarmeldayton)
11:00 a.m..
mtcarmeldayton.org

- Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. ...
- “And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. ...
- “A gracious woman gets honor...” – Proverbs 11:16.



Rev. Johnny Vance, Interim Pastor

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What's happening now...

Church 54th Anniversary

"**CHURCH**" means "of or belonging to the Lord," the "ekklesia." It means "the called out" for those who accept Christ Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior are who called out of darkness into His marvelous light. In **Acts 7:38**, Moses "was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spoke to him on Mount Sinai." In the New Testament, the congregation is a "theocratic democracy" whose members are free but always conscious that their freedom springs from their obedience to their King.



In **Matthew 16:18**, ekklesia was first applied to the Christian society of believers. It was natural that Jesus would employ a new name for this new body that he was about to create. Jesus proclaims upon Peter's believing confession, "Upon this rock, I will build MY church." The next use of ekklesia is found in **Matthew 18:20**. Here the context "where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them" refers to a universal church. In the Acts of the Apostles, a more precise definition is given. Ekklesia can be a local body of Christians in a particular place, such as Jerusalem, Antioch, or Caesarea.

There are certain teachings of the Christian Church that are mandatory and must be upheld. We are challenged to give the more earnest heed to the teachings which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip" **Heb. 2:1**.

For 54 years, Mount Carmel Missionary Baptist Church has carried out the Great Commission to make disciples of all nations, baptizing in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. As we celebrate what God has called us to do, let us remember the Church belongs to Him; we are stewards for Him, for His glory, forever. Let us thank Jesus for his incredible love towards us.

Rev. Johnny Vance, Interim Pastor



Mt. Carmel Trustee Ministry

We, the Trustees of Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church, strive through the power of the Holy Spirit, to be used as vessels for Jesus Christ in this branch of Zion. With Jesus Christ as our example, and His ministry as our model, we understand that the nature of our ministry is **SERVICE**; the motive of our ministry is **LOVE**; the measure of our ministry is **SACRIFICE**; and the purpose of our ministry is to **GLORIFY GOD**. Serving in unity, we embrace the mission and vision of the church and support the work of the Pastor in the perfecting of the saints. **Trustees are:**

Robert Stephens, Chairman John Lynn, Vice Chairman

*Johnny Jones
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*Howard Moore
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Trustees of Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church support the ministry of the Church by:

***Giving oversight to maintenance and care of church properties *Managing the fiscal operations**

***Promoting the unity of the body of Jesus Christ at Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church *Managing the fiscal operations**

Drive thru Fish Fry, May 22nd

11:00 am to 6:00 pm

Fish Dinners \$10.00ea Choice of: Baked Beans / Green Beans Cole Slaw / Potato Salad

Fish Sandwiches \$5.00ea Pop or Water \$1.00



Girl Scouts

Our Mayor Nan Whaley has become an Honorary member of our Girl Scout Troop. Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) are individuals of national stature who champion the mission and goals of Girl Scouts of the USA. Through their financial support, thought leadership, and strategic influence, the Honorary members ensure that GSUSA fulfills its mission to build girls of courage, confidence, and character to make the world a better place.



Leaf of Faith Capital Improvement Project

In 2020, we embarked on the first year of our *Leaf of Faith Capital Improvement Project*. We want to thank you Mt. Carmel for supporting this effort. Because of your generosity in 2020, we received pledges of over \$31,000.00 and we collected \$28,952.00. These funds have helped facilitate the much-needed improvements to our church. We were able to repair and or upgrade our security system, the HVAC system, the parking lot, carpeting, lighting, paint, and install our new multimedia and sound systems.

If you look at our donor tree, you will see that there are plenty leaves remaining to be filled. Also, we can purchase additional branches to expand the tree as needed. **In other words, the tree can grow as we grow it. Mt. Carmel, Its limits are directed by our efforts.**

As we continue this project into 2021, it is our desire to use these funds to complete the remaining improvements and upgrades to the church property and equipment. With this in mind, we hope that you are thinking about your 2021 pledge and encouraging others to do the same. **Pledge cards are available at the front lobby desk. For information you can contact Sherry Thompson or Doris Ferguson at mtcarmeloffice@aol.com**

This year, we are also exploring ways to expand this project. We plan to reach out to the surrounding community and start a second tree for business and community partner donations. Look for more info to come on this effort as well as updates on the 2021 membership pledges. Again, we thank you Mt. Carmel for your continued support. It is a blessing to belong to such a giving church. We love you and pray God's blessings on each and every one of you.

Honoring our members...



Barbara was a faithful member of Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church. She was baptized at the tender age of 13 at the (old) Mt. Enon Missionary Baptist Church. She was a dedicated and faithful servant working in several church ministries. Barbara was a First Aider, which she enjoyed for many years. She also was on several social committees as well as volunteering at the food pantry. Barbara was an active member of the Red Hatters, Love Group, Shinning Stars, Kitchen Committee, president over Memorial Services, and raised exceptional amounts of donations for all causes including being a gracious blessing to all the children, college students and more. Blessing others was one of her greatest gifts and desires.



Barbara Hill

Reverend Otis Pettis faithfully served as an associate preacher in Mt. Carmel's pulpit for over 25 years, ever striving to preach the whole counsel of God. In his commitment to fulfill his ministerial responsibilities, he selflessly gave of his Godly wisdom and leadership, diligently serving with the Field Ministry, taking prayer and communion to shut-in members. Reverend Pettis also regularly taught Bible Study: and Sunday School classes also served on the Budget Committee and worked in the pantry. Mt. Carmel has greatly benefited from his years of dedication and commitment to spreading the Word of God throughout our community.



Rev. Otis Pettis Jr.

Our Vision

Our desire at Mt Carmel is to be a church family that is rooted in the Word of God and prayer. We aim to exalt God through authentic worship, to demonstrate Christ's love for mankind in a tangible way, and to prepare disciples to carry out the redemptive ministry of Christ in our neighborhoods, in the city of Dayton, and the entire world

- Sunday School has resumed as of April 11, 2021 9:30 a.m.
- **The Women's Empowerment Hour** is held every Tuesday at 7:00 PM via Zoom. The meeting ID is 843 5219 0754, and the passcode is 079825. If you want to dial in, the number is (312) 626-6799.
- The **Annual Giving Statements** for tax purposes are available to members upon request. Please contact Sister Joan Roberts in the church office.
- **Bible Study:** Join our Call-In Prayer Meeting and Bible Study via Zoom on Wednesdays, 6:30 PM-7:30 PM. The meeting ID is 870 6093 2226, and the passcode is 251111. Tune in by dialing (312) 626-6799. Bible Study information is posted at <https://mtcarmeldayton.org/bible-study>.
- **Youth Bible Study** is held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 – 7:30 PM Dial-In #: 701-802-5242 Access Code: 5277792.
- Our food **Pantry** is open on Thursdays from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. For more information, call the church at 937-268-6651.
- If anyone would like to submit announcements/information for our newsletter, please forward information to Mtcarmeldayton@gmail.com or call 937-301-7992 no later than the 2nd Sunday of the month. If you would like the newsletter emailed or mailed to you, please ensure the office has your email address or mailing address.

Announcements... Family, Fun and Future

May Birthdays	Sick and Shut-In	4 Ways to Give
<p><u>Captain-Sharee Gates 31st</u> Sister Lucile Happy 12th Brother Michael Darden 14th Brother Damare Smith 15th Sister Charlia Merritt 17th Brother Dustin Jeter 19th Brother Robert Jones 20th Sister Deborah Wright 26th Brother Craig Caldwell Jr. 27th Sister Gina White 29th</p>	<p>Brother Leon Hughes Sister Dorothy Crane Sister Bertha Jackson Sister Lois Singleton Sister Barbara Smith Trustee Robert Stephens</p>	<p>Everyone is urged to continue to give your Tithes and Offerings every week. You can Give via Givelify App; church web site https://mtcarmeldayton.org/give; mail checks to the church; 5370 Dayton Liberty Rd Dayton, Ohio 45417 and remember your Annual Assessments for (Church Anniversary, Youth Day, Women's Day, Men's Day, Birth Months and Ministry Assessments).</p>

Working for You...



Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought overwhelming grief to many families. At FEMA, our mission is to help people before, during and after disasters. We are dedicated to helping ease some of the financial stress and burden caused by the virus. Under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, FEMA is providing financial assistance for COVID-19 related funeral expenses incurred after January 20,

2020 COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Line Number www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance

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How to Apply
Hours of Operation:
 Monday - Friday
 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Eastern Time
 844-684-6333 | TTY: 800-462-7585



REOPENING GUIDELINES
PROTECTIVE ACTIONS

- 1 **PHYSICAL DISTANCING**
Maintain a distance of at least 6 feet between people.
- 2 **WEAR FACE COVERINGS**
Wear face coverings and eye protection when near face coverings while in public.
- 3 **WASH YOUR HANDS**
Wash your hands frequently with soap and avoid touching your face.
- 4 **CLEAN FREQUENTLY TOUCHED SURFACES**
Frequently sanitize common areas and surfaces.
- 5 **STAY HOME AND DO NOT ENTER IF YOU ARE SICK**
If you feel unwell or have fever, cough, or shortness of breath, please stay home and contact your health provider.

These protective actions are required throughout all stages of reopening.