



THE PULSE

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From the President's Desk



Dr. Scottye Holloway
President

Moving Forward

First of all, thank you, our ministry partners for your faithful support. Because of your faithfulness, we are off to a great start in 2024.

As many of you may already know, The Mendenhall Ministries has been in a rebuilding process for a number of years now. We were well on our way in this process until we had two major setbacks. Like any rebuilding process, setbacks are expected. Rebuilding involves tearing into walls; replacing wires; and/or removing surface structure. Our rebuilding efforts were slowed by the challenges of Covid-19, which dramatically impacted the number of volunteer groups that came to assist us with projects. The number went from 19 to three. The second major challenge was the loss of our tax-exempt status. Consequently, we experienced a reduction in contributions. Working through the process of getting re-instated with IRS took a great deal of time, energy, and resources. But, praise God, we are re-instated!

Because of the impact of these challenges, we recently reduced staff pay. However, our teachers and staff continue to be committed to the work of the ministry in spite of this reduction. I am thankful for their tenacity to hang in the fight.

During this challenging time we began to think outside the box. As I informed you last year, we are developing an initiative to bring clean energy to our area.

When in operation, Son Solar, Inc., as it is called, will reduce the energy cost of 100 households; provide technical jobs and technical training; and educate families about sustainable energy.

Your support helps make this possible!

Scottye Holloway

For more information,
see article: "MBC
Launches Son Solar"

MBC Lunches New Outreach: Son Solar, Inc.

During the Covid-19 lock down, we all watched a lot of YouTube. We came across several videos on solar farms and got the idea of starting a demonstration solar farm on the church's 120-acre farm. The Lord blessed us to connect with a retired born-again believer in South Carolina, Stephen Shelton, who agreed to help us. With the availability of federal funding for alternative energy community projects, Mendenhall Bible Church, (MBC), incorporated Son Solar, Inc. to move our ideas forward.

A working group has been meeting weekly since October 2022, and has submitted several applications for funding. We were blessed to receive a planning grant for two different projects: the solar farm project, which is now an agri-solar farm project with Alcorn State University assisting with the agriculture part; and a community solar project where we plan to install solar panels on MBC, GOCS, Nazareth Day Care Center, and New Horizon International Church in Jackson. These are planning grant so we can develop solid proposals to present to foundations for funding. We are trusting God for the approximate \$5 million we need to bring the community solar project into reality and the additional funds needed for the agri-solar farm project. (Continued on page 2).



Dr. Holloway and Suzanne Keys meet with professors from Alcorn State University, Lorman, MS, to begin planning the transformation of TMBC's farm into an agri-solar farm.

GENESIS ONE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



Mrs. Clara Taylor

My journey at Genesis One began in 1987. While serving as a classroom teacher and later as the assistant principal, until 2000, I fell in love with the students and the school. In 2021, I returned to serve as principal. My return was a *calling* and an act of love.

The staff of eight and I work diligently to provide a quality education while modeling and promoting Christian values currently to 43 precious students, ranging from three through 12 years of age. With additional staff we could accommodate more students.

This year has been particularly challenging. The staff, who were already underpaid, experienced a 20% pay cut. This hardship, however, has not prevented them from giving *more than 100%* each day. I am touched by their dedication. God has blessed Genesis One with people who love Him and who have a heart for His children. Because of the quality of instructions, and our caring and safe environment, our students perform very well academically and we have a waiting list of potential students.

Even though this year had its financial challenges, I am

not discouraged. In fact, I am encouraged by the steadfastness of my staff and by the faithfulness of you, our ministry partners. Thank you for demonstrating agape love toward the students through your student sponsorship, by giving to the general fund, or as a volunteer who helped give the school facility a face lift.

Plans for the 2024-2025 academic year are very ambitious. They include increasing the school's enrollment to 60 students and adding 3 teachers and a coach to the staff. GOCS is strong in the areas of science, mathematics and language. Students are excelling in STEM. We will continue to build on this. However to offer a more balanced program, I plan to incorporate more extracurricular activities with a greater focus on art and more physical education activities such as basketball and volleyball.

Transportation is an issue for us. Prayerfully, we will be blessed with a Genesis One school bus to transport our students to field trips and various competitions.

Through much prayer and dedication of our staff, Genesis One Christian School will continue to impact the lives of our students, their parents, and our community. I solicit your prayers and continued financial support as we continue to do the work God has entrusted to us.

Clara Taylor, Principal
Genesis One Christian School

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With both projects we have written in a workforce development component. We are working with our local junior college, Copiah-Lincoln Community College, to develop a curriculum that would lead to certifications for graduates in solar technology.

We also will co-sponsor with TMM this year's summer youth program to introduce elementary and high school students to solar and other alternative energy concepts and careers.

Although Son Solar, Inc. is a separately incorporated, 501(c) 3 tax exempt organization, it has the same board members as those who serve on TMM's board and Dr. Holloway is the president. Please keep us in your prayers to secure the necessary personnel and funding to bring these projects to fruition. If you know of foundations or individuals who are interested in solar as an alternative energy source please connect us with them. (See p. 4).

Suzanne Keys, Program Advisor

SUMMER ENRICHMENT/LEADERSHIP PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

TMM and Son Solar, Inc. are excited to announce the Summer Enrichment/Leadership Program, June 3rd to July 12th. Designed for children aged 3 years and older, this program offers a unique summer experience. Enroll your child for engaging activities covering topics such as:

- Solar Energy
- STEM
- Agriculture
- Professional Development
- Learning Strategies
- Wealth Management, and more

Watch for application details starting April 1st!

VOLUNTEERS



DORDT STUDENTS HELP WITH SPRING CLEANING

Nine students from Dordt University, Iowa, tore down two dilapidated buildings on the Farm and removed the resulting debris. During the last day which was very rainy, two of the students helped a community resident with fence mending.

In addition to the outstanding work they accomplished, the students also gave very helpful feedback on ways TMM can improve the volunteer experience.

Mendenhall resident and former TMM staff spoke to students to encourage them in their spiritual development.



When the students were asked, *"What lessons did you learn and how will it impact you?"* Here are two responses:

- *"I realized how much I have and how much I take for granted.... If I put my hope in God alone, I have all that I need. It was refreshing to see that in people in Mendenhall."*

- *"I was able to see the faithfulness of God in the work of the Ministry. It was so encouraging to see the people who trusted the Lord. This trip will help me to be more grateful and trust in God."*

**THANK YOU DORDT
UNIVERSITY
VOLUNTEERS**



TRANSFORMING THE VOLUNTEER CENTER

Volunteers from Highlands Presbyterian Church, LaGrange Highlands, IL are giving the Volunteer Center a complete overall. The Center is in a state of transformation. Toilets are being replaced; shower curtains are new; walls are showing off with softer colors; and bathroom floors are stealing the show with epoxy flooring.

Its not quiet the *Taj Mahal*, (there are still bunk beds), but it is a very refreshing place to retire after a long hard day of volunteer work.

It has always been our desire to make the Volunteer Center a comfortable place for volunteers. First Presbyterian is an answer to prayer.

**THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS
from Highlands Presbyterian Church
LaGrange Highlands, IL**

Volunteer Schedule

- Highlands Presbyterian Church, IL ... Jan 11—15
- Dordt University, Iowa.....Mar 3—9
- Highlands Presbyterian Church, ILApril 25 –29
- Two Cities ChurchJune 15 –22
- Living Word FellowshipJune 24 –29
- Sowing Seeds of JoyJuly 14-20
- Christian Stronghold Baptist Church Aug 25 –31
- Grace Church, NJNovember

Groups from churches, colleges, organizations and individuals are invited to join us in ministry in Mendenhall. See p.4, *"Partners in the Gospel,"* for your next step.

Dr. Holloway's Travel Schedule

- Tampa, FL Mar 15-16
- Ridgewood, NJApril 26-28
- Dotham, AL May 18-19
- Magee, MSOct 11

Dr. Holloway welcomes an invitation to speak at your church, organization, or to your community.

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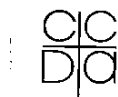
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Partners in the Gospel

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. Philippians 1: 3-5

Dear Ministry Partner,

Please consider the following ways you may continue to stand with us:

___ Pray regularly for us. ___ Give to TMM General Fund. \$_____.

___ Give to the President's Support. \$_____

___ Sponsor a child at Genesis One Christian School (GOCS) for \$50, \$100, \$200 or \$400 per month, or \$_____

___ Give to GOCS General Fund \$_____

___ Give to Summer Enrichment/Youth Leadership Development Program \$_____.

___ Would like to bring a Volunteer Group to Mendenhall.

Name: _____

___ Request information about Volunteer Ministry.

Email: _____

___ Invite Dr. Holloway to speak at your church/organization.

Phone: _____

___ Interested in Soli-Farm Program (please contact me).

___ Enclosed is my Monthly, Quarterly or Annual Gift \$_____. (Circle One)

Please make check payable to The Mendenhall Ministries. (Return Envelope Enclosed)