



Bro. Josephus Brashears, right, with Pastor Young



Bro. Thomas Billups



Bro. Maurice James



Sis. Gloria McKnight

# Ministry and Missions News

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## Members honored at 2nd Annual Hope Awards

In special tribute to Black History Month, New Hope honored seven members whose exemplary personal and professional achievements have provided a sense of hope in the community. Members were spotlighted at the church's

Second Annual Hope Awards in the areas of Social Justice, Education Health, Business/Economics, Athletics, Volunteer Service, and Politics/Jurist. Recipients were **Sis. Ineva Pittman**, a longtime community activist whose most recent accomplishments include working to change the name of the Jackson International Airport to the Jackson - Evers International Airport - Social Justice; **Bro. Robert Smith** - retired Dean of Liberal Arts at Jackson State University - Education; **Bro. Maurice James** - an ophthalmologist - Health; **Bro. Joe Brashears**, builder and contractor - Business/Economics; **Bro. Thomas Billups**, Lanier High School Boys Basketball Coach - Athletics; **Sis. Gloria McKnight** - who served as New Hope's church clerk/financial secretary for 15 years - Volunteer Service; and **Sis. Patricia Wise**, Hinds County Chancery Court Judge - Politics/Justice.

The program's theme: *Commemorating our Past, Celebrating our Present, Considering our Possibilities*, also set the stage for insightful commentaries on the educational and economical impact of both Jim Crow and post Jim Crow eras and their impact on the community in which we live today. Presenters included Bro. Johnny and Sis. Bridgett Clayton, Bro. Mike Espy, Bro. Ray Fayne, and Sis. Amanda Alexander.

Attendees enjoyed an evening of praise, worship, and fellowship as the festivities shifted to the Fellowship Hall for a special banquet given in the award recipients' honor.



Sis. Ineva Pittman



Bro. Robert Smith



Sis. Patricia Wise

## Laymen's Activities set

### March 18

Youth 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament. Sign up online.

### March 18

Jackson District Laymen's Banquet, 6:30 p.m. Cade Chapel Church

### March 25

Men's Super Conference, Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, Madison

Need more info? Contact Bro. Ronn Hill or the church office, 601-366-7002.



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*Under the direction of Sis. Jacqueline Mack (above), participants at a January 6-7 GMBSC Youth Leaders Conference played a game of discovery (below) about the church's role in teaching youth the value of missions.*



## Dr. Patterson makes mission trip

**Deacon John Patterson** traveled to Lake Yojoa, Honduras early March to help set up the area's first permanent medical clinic. A dentist, Dr. Patterson spent five days in the region installing dental chairs and equipment, along with helping complete initial procedural plans for opening the facility. The facility, which cost about \$95,000 — houses a dental clinic, general medical clinic, surgical operating room and staff living quarters. Members of New Hope generously gave in helping make the clinic a reality.

## October prevails in Birthday Battle

**N**ew Hope members born in the month of October will be honored with a Birthday Bash Sunday, March 12 immediately following the 11:00 a.m. Worship service, in the FLC Fellowship Hall. They are the winners of the church's second Battle of the Birthdays Building Fund Project.

During the 2005 calendar year, church members vied to be crowned kings and queens of the Battle of the Birthdays, but only a few would claim the title. In January, October birthday celebrants were overjoyed as they were named winners of the Battle of the Birthdays project. The second year of the fund-raiser, a friendly competition to generate funds for the church's building program, got underway last January, with members assigned to teams according to their birth months.

Leading throughout much of the 2004 contest, October was bumped to the No. 2 position by January birthday celebrants in the first round of the competition. However, 2005 would tell a different story as the month of October led throughout the 2005 campaign, raising a total of \$24,129.

*Congratulations, October Celebrants!*

## Getting Youth involved in Missions

**A**ttracting and keeping young people involved in the activities and work of ministry resounded as the overriding theme at a two-day Youth Leadership Meeting at the Cabot Lodge Millsaps January 6-7. The meeting drew more than 150 participants from 36 churches of the convention. Sis. Jacqueline Mack, Christian Education Director of New Hope, was among leaders who challenged churches to find creative ways to get youth interested in missions abroad and at home.

Sis Mack reminded participants of the mandate from our Lord Jesus to Go into all the world and make disciples. She actively involved those in attendance, providing illustrations that reinforced her major points. The meeting was sponsored by the Young People's Department of the General Missionary Baptist State Convention (GMBSC). GMBSC's Young Peoples Department is headed by Executive Director Arthur Sutton.

*Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.*

*Matthew 28:19 KJV*

## Seniors: Sharing, Serving

Since its inception in October 2004, the Senior Adult Ministry has been providing its members an environment whereby they may be nurtured and continue to grow in Christian faith, fellowship and service. With an average attendance of 30 participants, their *informative, inspiring and inviting* meetings also have fostered an opportunity to provide its members with useful tools and information through fun and fellowship. Having had an array of speakers offer presentations on topics ranging from identity theft and utility/energy conservation to local support agency projects and health and wellness, this ministry seeks to address issues most important to the over 50 generation. Other activities have included a tour of the Nissan plant in Canton and an exploratory presentation on *The Human Body* shown at the Russell C. Davis Planetarium are among other activities.

The Senior Adult Ministry invites persons aged 50+ to meet with members at 10 a.m. each second Tuesday as the ministry seeks to fulfill its mission to "Nurture our Seniors to Continue Christian Service."

The wives team for the "Name that Tune" game at the Couples Valentine Social February 11 sat poised with their whistles to signal their readiness to recall the song and artist being played.

Pictured (left to right) are Sis. Kathleen McGriggs, Sis. Evelyn L. Cullin and Sis. Kim Hubbard. Their husbands -- Bros. Ted, James and Willie -- are pictured (from left) in the photo inset.



## Couples' Valentine event: Food, fun & lots of laughter

**N**ame that tune? What's your mate's least favorite dish? No time for the spouse? All of these scenarios and more were played out at the couples Valentine Social Saturday, February 11

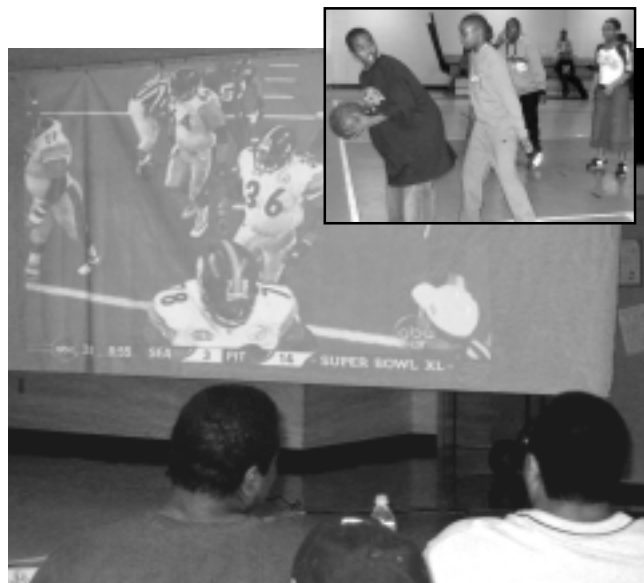
in the Family Life Center fellowship hall. A "name that tune" game that beckoned teams back to the music of Smoky Robinson and other R&B artists as well as current musicians had husbands opposing wives in naming the tune and its artist, while a game patterned after the popular TV show Newlywed Game tested spouses' knowledge of their better half.

After all of the chuckles, outbursts of laughter, debates, nuggets of wisdom and friendly skirmishes, couples went home after having spent an evening well worth their time.



**CROWNED** -- Robert and Brenda Patterson were dubbed the best couple of all, after winning a "Know your Mate" game at the Couples Ministry's Valentine Social.

**SUPER BOWL** -- Members who turned out for the Super Bowl Social at New Hope Baptist Church Family Life Center on Super Bowl Sunday enjoyed rooting for their favorite team and predicting the winner, while feasting on an array of foods prepared for the occasion. Clearly, the Super Bowl Social meant different things to different people, as many of the youth spent much of the time in the gym shooting some hoops (photo inset).



## Mission Fair spotlights needs

Seven community agencies participated in New Hope's Second Annual Missions Awareness Fair, a forum designed to help members examine community services and to become involved in addressing needs. The fair -- held in the Family Life Center on Wednesday, February 22 -- was sponsored by the Small Groups Bible Study Ministry to facilitate membership involvement in "Ministry and Missions."

Agency services, objectives and mission work were spotlighted in displays set up for the occasion.

The agencies represented were *Educating Africans for Christ*, *Falcon Hill Recovery*, *Feed the Children*, *Gateway Rescue Mission*, *The Good Samaritan Center*, *Habitat for Humanity*, and *New Hope Baptist Church Prison Ministry*. Agency representatives shared their mission's objectives and then joined with small groups that had pre-selected them for adoption. They met to strategize and plan member involvement in meeting their needs and opportunities for sharing the gospel.

"Missions' education is moving to the forefront of our discipleship teaching and training," says Sis. Jacqueline Mack, director of Christian Education. "This Fair builds on our church's awareness to the call of missions by providing hands-on ministry and outreach opportunities."



## Sis. Twyner featured for Women's Day

Exciting seminars to help women of all ages effectively meet the challenges of life are scheduled as a part of Women's Day Weekend activities March 18-19 at the church. The activities will culminate in a program at 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 19 featuring Sis. Natalie Twyner as speaker.

The theme, "Walking Worthy: Responding to Life Challenges God's Way," is based upon II Thessalonians: 1:11-12.

Breakout Sessions on Saturday, March 18 are scheduled 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and include:

- *Seeking God in the Midst of Life Storms*
- *Building and Maintaining Quality Relationships Between Mothers and Daughters*
- *Living Your Best Life after Fifty*
- *Young Christian Women: Dealing with 21st Century Challenges.*



## Deacons Ministry sets "get-acquainted" fellowships

The New Hope Deacons Ministry will begin an effort on March 19 to communicate more personally with the families to which deacons have been assigned. The plan is to

have the church's 45 deacons alternate in having a time of special fellowship with their assigned families. The Deacons Ministry hopes to foster deeper relationships with families through the effort. Selected deacons' families will meet for the first fellowship immediately after the 11:00 a.m. Service on March 19 in the Family Life Center Fellowship Hall. Families which should attend each fellowship will be notified through postcards and the church bulletin.

The fellowships are anticipated twice monthly, with different families invited to fellowship with their assigned deacons.

For more information, contact the church, 601-366-7002.

## Upcoming Events

### March 13-15 / Marriott Hotel-Jackson

General Missionary Baptist State Convention (GMBSC) of MS Spring Session

### March 18-19 / New Hope

Women's Day Weekend - THEME: *Walking Worthy: Responding to Life Challenges God's Way*. Seminars on Saturday, March 18; Women's Day Program Sunday, March 19.  
*Speaker: Sis. Natalie Twyner.*

### Sunday, April 9, 5:30 p.m. / Church Sanctuary

Easter Cantata, "The Lord of Every Man"

### Sunday, April 23, 11:00 a.m. / Church Sanctuary

Pastor's Anniversary

*Speaker:* Dr. Harry Blake, *Pastor, Mt. Canaan Baptist Church*, General Secretary, National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., *President, Louisiana Missionary Baptist State Convention*

### April 10-12, Memphis, TN / Holiday Inn Select Hotel

Southwest Regional Conference (SWRC)

### May 20 / New Hope Family Life Center

College Fair, sponsored by the Family Enrichment Ministry

### Sunday, May 7, 4:00 p.m. / Family Life Center

AWANA Awards / Closing Program

### Sunday, May 21 / Family Life Center

Hypertension Screenings, sponsored by the Health Ministry

### Sunday, May 28, 11:00 a.m. / Sanctuary

Baccalaureate Services

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