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Why Shouldn't I Be Thankful?

By: Pastor Roderick J. Glatt

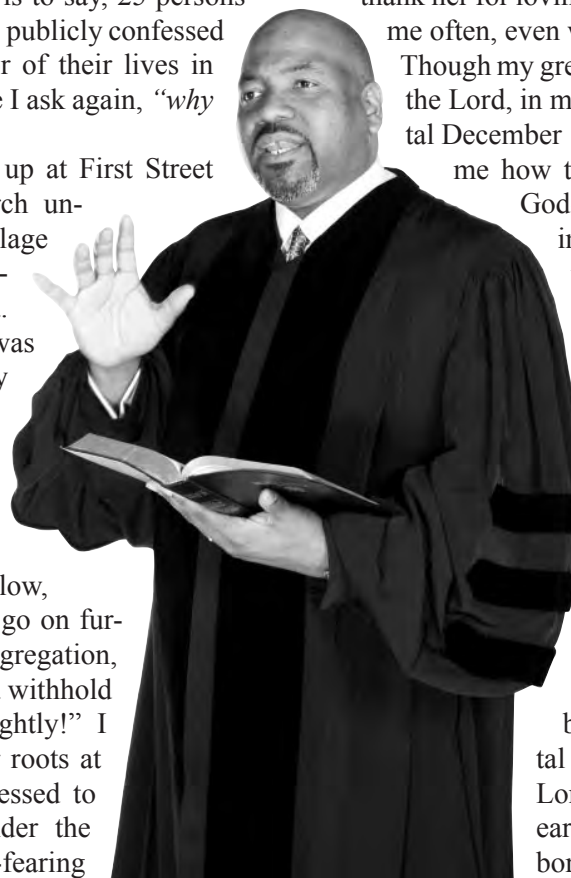
Mount Gilead, when is the last time you said, "Thank you Lord?" Could you actually give Him thanks in every circumstance? The Bible declares in I Thessalonians 5:18, we are to thank God in everything! So I just want to shout, "THANK YOU LORD!"

Why shouldn't I be thankful? Presently as I pen this article, Mount Gilead's Harvest Report attests to the work we've done in and for the name of Christ! The total number of persons to whom we have witnessed the glorious name of Christ and invited to our worship service stands at an estimated 2,679. Mount Gilead has given away 886 free Bibles as a way of sowing the Word of God into the harvest and blessing persons who may not personally own a Bible. We are aware of at least 25 new conversions, that is to say, 25 persons have for the very first time publicly confessed Christ as Lord and savior of their lives in our very midst. Therefore I ask again, "*why shouldn't I be thankful?*"

I remember growing up at First Street Missionary Baptist Church under the pastorate and tutelage of my own beloved, Reverend Isom Stubblefield. Pastor Stubblefield, who was a great influence in my formative years, would often say at the close of his sermon, "brothers, hold to God's unchanging hand; storms might rise and winds might blow, but hold on." He would go on further by exhorting the congregation, "No good things will God withhold from them who walk uprightly!" I thank God for my tender roots at First Street. I am so blessed to have been fashioned under the pastorate of such a God-fearing

and fatherly shepherd. What I'm really getting at is this point. Reverend Stubblefield taught me how to "give thanks" to the Lord! He walked like a thankful pastor. He talked like a thankful pastor. He lived like a thankful pastor. He preached like a thankful pastor. He lead his sheep like a thankful pastor. As my first pastor/teacher, he taught me the importance of gratitude and thankfulness at a tender age, primarily through his faithful example. *Why shouldn't I be thankful?*

I am appreciative of the influential figures God has placed in my life. Even though Reverend Stubblefield fell asleep in the Lord in 1985, I remain indebted to him for modeling how to maintain an "attitude of gratitude." Even though my grandmother fell asleep in the Lord in 1989, I thank her for loving me and spending time with me often, even when I was a wayward child. Though my great-grandmother fell asleep in the Lord, in my presence, at Baptist Hospital December 1989, I thank her. She taught me how to be a God-fearing child, a God-fearing boy, and a God-fearing man. She taught me how to love those who don't love me back, and I am thankful to her for it! Even though, my grandfather, Attorney Robert E. (BOB) Lillard died in 1991, before I could prove to him that I too could be a leader, I thank God for him. "Granddaddy" helped shape me into a responsible man and leader. He also fell asleep in the Lord right after I left his bedside at St. Thomas Hospital on February 25, 1992. The Lord knows I thank him for my earthly daddy. James Glatt was born in the housing projects,



First Lady of Mount Gilead Speaks

By: Sister Angela Glatt



Christian parenting is an arduous journey that begins at birth and continues for many years. We face the difficult task of raising children in a world that condones immorality, antifamily and antiparent concepts in school and media. But the Christian parent understands the wickedness of exchanging God's truth for a lie. God still holds parents responsible for their children- to instruct them and discipline them. By living a righteous life, parents provide their children with the under-

standing of how God's rules govern all our lives. We should let our "actions speak" by training them according to God's standards. "The rod of correction imparts wisdom, but a child left to himself, disgraces his mother" (Proverbs 29:15). By applying Gods standards, we can receive God's blessings as parents. **Be Blessed!** ☐

Woodland Hills Ministry

By: Magdalynn Owen

We want to thank EVERYONE who participated in our Ministry Event at Woodland Hills on Saturday, June 16, 2007! A total of 33 volunteers came out to share love, joy and Jesus with the children. The 15 children who attended the event were extremely thankful and received a great blessing. God's work was truly carried out through these faithful volunteers. We give all glory to Jesus Christ our Savior who allowed 4 students to be converted and 5 children to recommit their lives to Him! A special thank you goes out to all team leaders who helped make this ministry event a success. A special thank you goes out to Deacon Martin for taking our group picture.

Our regular monthly visit was held on Sunday, June 17, 2007 at Woodland Hills where a total of 9 bibles were distributed to the children. A special thank you goes out to Mother Hamer, Minister Hamer and Minister White who take the time to share love each month with the children who don't receive visits at the facility. ☐



Why Shouldn't I Be Thankful? (cont'd)

By: Pastor Roderick J. Glatt

used to put card board in his shoes and had only one pair of pants and one shirt to wear, but he made it to school. He put himself through college, earning money driving a jitney cab. He taught me how to persevere! He taught me how to be a man! He taught me. . . and I thank God for him! My mother fell asleep in the Lord, in my presence, at her home on December 30, 1992 holding my hand. I thank God for my mother insisting that I attend church. I thank God for my mother making me memorize Bible verses. I thank God for my mother telling me – "You're going to be somebody!" I thank God for my mother raising and caring for me; often without money or food. We made it nevertheless because she loved the Lord, and most of all, because the Lord is gracious and loved her even more! *Why shouldn't I be thankful?*

Perhaps even my trials, tribulations, and temptations look are curious exactly why I am so thankful? (Sentence needs restating) After all, I am a sinner saved by the grace of God. After all, I am a former this and that. Nevertheless, I am redeemed by the blood of Christ, called by God to preach the Gospel, and ordained by the Holy Spirit to pastor HIS people! Given all this, is there any wonder why I am so thankful? As good as God has been to me, I can't afford not to praise His name. As good as God has been to me, I must give Him the highest praise. You see, in order to have life, something or someone must die. A seed can not grow until it first dies. A sinner can not be saved until he or she dies (Ephesians 2:1) and is born again (John 3:3). I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live but Christ lives within me (Gal. 2:20). And you still want to know why I am thankful. For all I've been through, by God's grace I can say "to God be the glory". For all I am going through, "to God be the glory". For all I must go through, "to God be the glory!" I AM THANKFUL BELOVED BECAUSE: TO GOD BE THE GLORY; GREAT THINGS HE HATH DONE! Psalm 106:1 declares "Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for *He* is good! For His mercy *endures* forever." In light of who God is and all He has done, I ask you today Mount Gilead "*Why shouldn't you be thankful?*" There is absolutely no reason not to be thankful to God at all times! Will you join me right now in giving God some of the thanks He is due? ☐

Christian Education Leader

By: Mika Edmondson

Dearly Beloved of God,
There has been much to celebrate in the life of Mount Gilead's Christian Education and Evangelistic efforts since the last Balm newsletter correspondence. Mount Gilead continues to answer the call of our Lord's Great commission as we faithfully share the gospel in multiple ways. Thus far in 2007, the total number of persons to whom we have witnessed the name of Christ or invited to our worship service is an estimated 2679 with 886 holy bibles "sown into the harvest". Some of you may recall our initial goal was 2400 persons by the year's end. God continues to do great and awesome things in our midst. One of the providentially chosen means God is using to "spread the Word" includes Cross-over weekends. The most recent Cross-Over weekend took Mount Gilead's Christian disciples to the campus of the American Baptist College. While at American Baptist, we were able to distribute school supplies along with Charles Spurgeon's classic All of Grace to all registering students (and even a few faculty members). Both these well-intended gifts



and our presence on campus were well received. If you have not taken part in Cross-over weekend yet, make plans to tithe your time to this vital endeavor.

Mount Gilead's Christian Education department continues to experience tremendous growth both spiritually and numerically as our overall class attendance continues to rise. The all new Great Commission Publications "Show me Jesus" curriculum continues to challenge the young minds at Mount Gilead to "grow in the knowledge" of Christ. Men and Women of Grace, Sunday Adult Bible School, as well as our Seniors' Golden Years Bible Study continues to thrive as we become even more biblically based in our approach to curriculum. Our teachers had their first ever teachers training. What an awesome time in The Lord! We intend to continue to receive training so as to better understand and best operate in our unique God-given gifts. Pray that our Holy and Sovereign God would bring Himself glory and praise through our efforts! ☒

Grace and peace,
Mika D. Edmondson

Music Ministry

Prayerful Rhythm Dancers

By: Mother Debra Thompson

Let everything that have breath, praise ye the Lord. Truly our Dance Ministry, under the leadership of Sis. Judy Gentry, praised the Lord through dance on Easter Sunday Morning Worship Service. Those energetic girls and young ladies ranging from ages 3 to 17 danced to "For God So Loved the World." They should their gratitude to God for his wonderful acts of kindness through dance. All member and friends watched in amazement and awe as our female children and youth gave God the Praise through dance.

I know that the Lord was really pleased with your praise! Keep up the glorious work and keep dancing for the Lord. You were MARVELOUS! ☒

Male Chorus Ministry

"Out of the Stables"

Our Male Chorus is back and running. They have been rehearsing for weeks and are ready to minister to our Church Family through song. They made their debut during our last Mid-Week Vision Service with Bro. Leroy Claybrooks leading Blessed Assurance. They blessed our souls and received a standing ovation.

The men will be rendering the song service at the Green Grove Primitive Baptist Church where the Elder Richard Lloyd is the Pastor on the 1st Sunday in October, at 3:00. This is an annual event that is looked forward to by the Green Grove Family as well as our Male Chorus.

Sing Men Sing! We are so pleased with your service and support all your endeavors. We are glad you are back on the scene! ☒

Welcome Home

Bro. Dewitt

By: News Team

Mt. Gilead welcomes back home its own - Minister James Dewitt Johnson! Bro. Dewitt had his beginnings at Mt. Gilead, his home church. We are happy to have him back at home. He is using his spiritual gift of music and is playing a vital role in the Music Ministry through the Voices of Mt. Gilead and Male Chorus.

We thank God for sending him back home and look forward to Bro. Dewitt working with the Music Ministry! God Bless and Welcome Home! ☒

HIGHLIGHTING Mountain Top Experiences

Family and Friends Day

By: News Team

Our church family enjoyed fun in the sun during our annual Church Gathering! This event was held at our old spot at Old Hickory Lake. Fun was had by everyone that came out to fellowship. The Hospitality Ministry prepared hot dogs, hamburgers, fish and all the trimmings that made for a meal fit for members of the Royal Priesthood. Many were in attendance from the wee ones to the oldest seniors in our church family. We were also blessed to have our friends come out and enjoy the fun and fellowship.

The highlight of the fun filled day was when the volleyball came to life. Pastor Glatt and the men took on Sis. Glatt and the Ladies of Mount Gilead. What an exciting game! Our ladies played a great game however, the men were victorious! Good job men! The ladies will have their ducks in a row next year and are making plans to bring home the gold! Lookout men! The First Lady and her team are getting their game plays together.

Thanks to everyone that played a part in this blessed Family and Friends Day. **To God Be The GLORY!** 📺



Building and Grounds Ministry

By: Sis. Barbara Ridley

Renovation Dream Phase I

Have you seen the marvelous beautification changes to the exterior of the building and the grounds area? The bright colored trim, wonderful garden benches, beautiful flowers and shrubbery, attractive marquee and the resurfaced parking area add such a warm and inviting environment to the community. God is good all the time and faithful to his promises.

We can hardly wait to see God's blessings be fulfilled in phase 2. Many thanks to all that have contributed to our Renovation Dream. A special thanks to our Pastor for your great vision. 📺

REMEMBER, WHAT GOD HAS FOR US, IT IS FOR US!

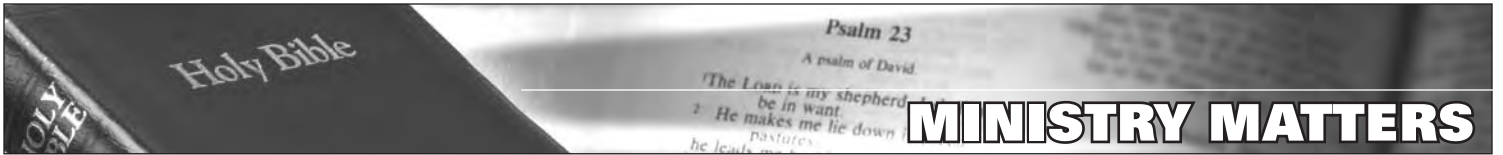
Girl Scouts

By: News Team

In June, the Girl Scout Troop of Mt. Gilead participated in their Bridging Ceremony. During the Ceremony, some girls bridged from Brownies to Juniors and Juniors to Cadets. This was a Historical event for our Church Family. The girls were presented with badges that had been earned for service projects throughout the year. The girls participated in several Civic events last year. We are pleased with our Daisy Group (Kindergarten girls) as well as all our Girl Scouts!

Sis. Twila Smith is the Team Leader. A special thank you goes out to her and all Troop Leaders for your commitment and dedication in working with our girls! We love all of you! 📺





Graduation and Scholarship Ministry Updates

By: Mother Doris Petway

Mt. Gilead celebrated its annual "Graduate Recognition Sunday" on June 24, 2007, honoring a total of 20 graduates. We were proud to see how God is moving through the teachings of HIS WORD allowing more to "Study to show thyself approved..." Minister James Mooney from St. Luke Primitive Baptist Church, a dynamic speaker in his teens gave inspiring words of wisdom to the graduates and to all who were present. After the morning service, the graduates and their families enjoyed a delicious repast and received their gifts from the church. Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. Thank God for parents, loved ones, and our church family who lean an ear and a helping hand to assist students to pursue greater heights. We give praise to God for our Pastor, Elder Glatt, who remains prayerful with his counseling and love for all.

This year scholarships were awarded to two high school graduates—Jerry W. Rucker, Jr., who is currently enrolled in Tennessee State University and Jessica C. Wilson, who is currently enrolled in Austin Peay State University. We are very proud of these students. Pastor Glatt and the church family applaud them and their families. We challenge our Youth to continue to strive for excellence, not only in your books, but in serving our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The book of Proverbs tells us to "Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not..." Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom, and with all thy getting get understanding." The Lord layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly. Therefore, whatever you endeavor to do—keep the mind of Christ and ask yourself, "What Would Jesus Do?"

Thanks are extended to everyone who participated in any capacity with graduates. God bless you all! ☸

Congratulations to our 2007 Graduates!
Remember, you can do all things through Christ who strengthens you.

High School (14)

Christopher Cox
Shonte Floyd
Romonte Hamer
Marchelle Hardy
Breonna Johns
Deonna Johns
Christopher Maddix
Andrea Robinson
Jerry Rucker, Jr.
Ashley Smith
Toni Sneed
Jessica Thomas
Lisa Vaughn
Jessica Wilson

Junior College (1)

Brian Kirby

Colleges/Universities

Courtnei Gentry (BS)
Leavy McCoy (BBA)

Angela Dawson (MS)
Mika Edmondson (MDiv)
Chequita Winters (MEd)



HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Ministry Moment

Mt. Gilead Cares About Women's Health

By: Sis. Angela Glatt RN, CCM and
Sis. Tajuanna Moore

The Vanderbilt Breast Center is committed to making it easier for women to get the gold standard for early breast cancer detection by accommodating walk-in requests for screening mammography. Screening mammography can detect cancers long before they can be felt, at a stage when a woman has more treatment options and a greater chance for cure.

Women who come to the Vanderbilt Breast Center for a screening mammogram without an appointment can expect to be seen within a half hour, said Ingrid Meszoely, M.D., clinical director of the center. In addition, the Breast Center is open on Saturday mornings from 8 a.m.-noon for screening mammography only, by appointment or on a walk-in basis. Insurance will be billed and all co-pays apply. Most insurance plans require a full 365 days between screening mammography; patients are responsible for following their plan's requirements.

The Vanderbilt Breast Center is located in Suite 2500 of the Villages at Vanderbilt, 1500 21st Ave., S.

For more information, call (615) 322-2064 or visit www.vbc.org.



Answers: Across - 2 Noah 3 Tithes 5 Jehoviah 9 Genesis 12 Isaac 16 Disciple 17 Egypt 18 Moses Down - 1 Christ 4 Evangelist 6 Eve 7 Sheep 8 Joseph 10 Sabbath 11 Nile 13 Angel 14 Adam 15 Psalms

Seniors Ministry

Seniors Lunch with the Pastor

By: Barbara Ridley

Sixty-five seniors of our Church family were treated to their second lunch with the Pastor on Tuesday, September 25th. They dined at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Hermitage. There were super buffets from which to select delicious foods of all kinds.

The food was delicious and enjoyed by all.

After the meal, Pastor Glatt led the group in song, prayer and a great time of testimonies. It was so spiritual and truly the Lord was in that place. Mother Bryant's voice rang out in "I Must Tell Jesus." What a time, what a time, what a time!

The Seniors would like to thank Mr. Jarrett FOR DONATING HIS SERVICE and BUS to transport them on such a blessed outing. They were traveling in style and comfort. Everyone was in good hands, in more than one way! ☺

The fellowship with our brothers and sisters was marvelous. All Glory and Honor goes to God for He is good! The Seniors say, "Thank you Pastor Glatt for this treat. We look forward to the future!" ☘



Spotlighting Mother Mary Bryant

Our very own Mother Mary Bryant was featured in the September 3, 2007, issue of the *Jet* magazine. She traveled back to her home in Cleveland, Ohio, to be in concert at her home church, New Jerusalem Baptist Church. She is said to be a Gospel Legend because at 100 years old, she can set your soul on fire with her melodious singing of God's Praises. Her New Jerusalem Church Family also honored her 100th birthday with a celebration.

Mother Mary was also recognized by her Mt. Gilead Church Family. She was presented with a beautiful arrangement of flowers during our Mid-Morning Worship Service honoring her 100th birthday. **What a BLESSING!**

We all get a spiritual treat when we hear Mother Mary sing. She still gives her service to the Lord through her spiritual gift of song. Sing on Mother Mary! May God continue to bless and keep you! **We Love you!** ☘



Happy 100th Mother Mary: Cleveland gospel legend and Mother Mary E. Bryant smiles as she enters the New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church in Cleveland for her 100th birthday celebration. Bryant, who recently relocated to her home town of Nashville with her daughter, returned to New Jerusalem for the Sunday festivities. She's been a member for 55 years.

Spotlighting Mother Mildred Moore



Mother of 10, grandmother to 50 *Pastor's widow, former Cameron High PTA president recently celebrated her 96th birthday*

By: Suzanne Normand Blackwood - Staff Writer

SOUTH NASHVILLE — One day a fellow PTA member asked Mildred Moore, "Mrs. Moore, you don't have any children, do you?"

The person assumed Moore had no children, because she devoted so much time to the organization.

"She said, 'Put a one in front of that zero,'" her daughter, Maud Moore, recalled.

Moore, who recently celebrated her 96th birthday, is the mother of 10, six of whom are still living. She now has 50-plus grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was born in Nashville near the present-day Cameron Middle School, and she attended Pearl High School.

Affectionately known as "Mu," Moore was married to the late Rev. Alfred H. Moore, a Missionary Baptist pastor of 40 years who served at 10 different churches in Middle Tennessee.

'I just followed him'

In addition to serving as president of the then Cameron High School parent teacher association, Moore was a Cub Scout leader and Sunday school teacher.

"They brought us up as Bible-loving people," said Maud Moore, adding that her knowledge of Scripture came from both her mom and dad.

"She taught us to love and get along with everybody," Maud Moore said.

Also, said Maud Moore about her mother, "She really built the PTA up at Cameron. She walked door-to-door, getting parents to attend. And they turned out."

Mildred Moore said she and her husband were never actively involved in the Civil Rights movement. But their grandson, Marvin Moore, was one of the first children to register in an all-white school in Nashville during desegregation.

As a pastor's wife, Moore got to visit a lot of families in their homes, in the city and in the country. Most of the churches her husband pastored were in the country.

"I just followed him," Moore said. "I enjoyed it."

A treasure chest of memories

Moore has only been sick enough to be hospitalized twice in her life, said her daughter Genie Moore Ross, who has come from Ashton, Md., to care for her.

Moore's sons, Leon, Milton, Harold and Delvin, all of whom live locally, also check in on her frequently.

Moore said she has built up a treasure of good memories throughout the years, and she believes that has encouraged her to live longer.

"It's a joy to think over it whenever you remember it," she said about her past.

"In a way, it shows that we aren't by ourselves." ☐

New Members

By: News Team

Thanks be to God for drawing you unto himself and leading you to Mt. Gilead. We welcome you to our Church Family. We are so very glad to have you be a part of our family. We pray that you will develop a closer relationship with God by studying His word. We invite you to join us for Wednesday night Bible Study (6:30), Sunday Morning Early Worship Service (7:45) Sunday School (9:30) and Sunday Mid-Morning Worship Service (10:45). Hope to see you there! ☐

We Welcome Each of You!

Michelle Wade
Ricky Knight
Arcentae Broome
LaShonda Brooks
Cynthia Cropper
Lexie Duffer- Patterson
Melissa Czamecki
Verbina Glanton
LaQuanta'e Falls
Kiontay Sims
Whitney Edwards
Corey Ashley
Andrienna Montgomery
Joshua Montgomery
Tony Murrell
DeeAnne Miree
LaDarrell Trey Collier
Douglas Jordan
Florence Jordan
Lachina Jackson

Newsletter Ministry



Thank you for responding with articles for the newsletter. We have two new members of our team. They are Latisha Jordan and DeeAnne Miree. Articles for October through December are due the last Sunday in December. Distribution of the Newsletter will be mailed out during the last week in January.

We trust we have published "Good News" to keep our Church Family and community informed of the great things happening at Mt. Gilead. If God has done marvelous works in your life or Ministry, please share that with us! There are so many wonderful things about Jesus! What a Blessing!

The Balm in Gilead Team: Pat Adams Renae Collins, Gary Dawson, Latisha Jordan, DeeAnne Miree, Barbara Ridley, Bre'ana Thompson and Debra Thompson. ☐

Upcoming Ministry Events

October – Pastor Appreciation Month

- 10-12 Revival 7 p.m. nightly: Elder D. J. Ward to preach.
 13 Walk on the Wide Side: Grassmere Zoo.
 14 2nd Pastoral Anniversary: 7:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
 17 Vision Mid-Week Service
 27-28 Cross Over Weekend

November

- 3 TSU Homecoming Parade
 10 2nd Annual Prayer Breakfast
 11 Veterans Day Observation
 18 Baby Dedication: Sunday at 10:45 a.m.
 22 Thanksgiving Day Service
 23 Office Closed

December

- 5 Last Vision Mid-Week Service
 24-25 Office Closed
 31 Watch Night Service

Ordination Service to Eldership

By: Tamera Shaw

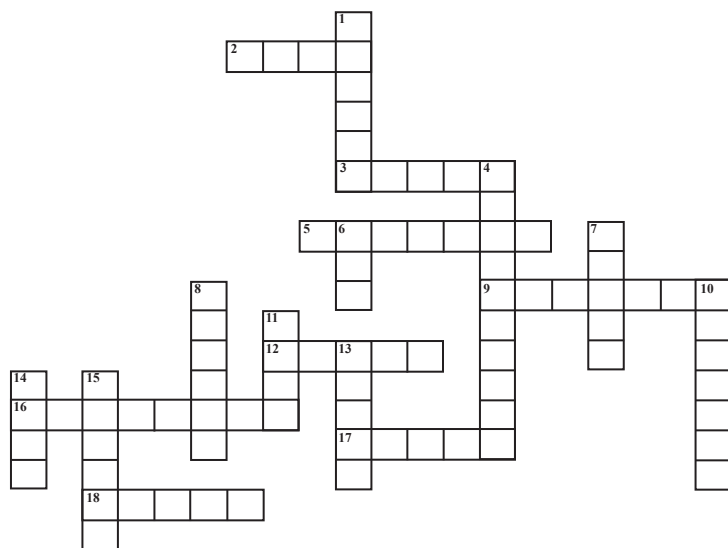
Ordination Service to Eldership took place Sunday, September 9, 2007, at 6 p.m. here at Mt. Gilead. Brothers Mark Corley, Mika Edmondson, Ronald Little, and Daniel Miree were this year's candidates. In August, these 4 brothers accompanied Pastor Glatt to the Sovereign Grace Conference in Lexington, KY, where they survived Part 1 of Ordination being Questioned before the Council and they all passed with flying colors.

Part 2 was here at home where seven Elders served on the Council. Elder D. J. Ward, Pastor of Main Street Baptist Church, Lexington, KY preached the Ordination Sermon. Also from Main Street Elders Mark Anthony, Henry Watson, and Torrance Mulder served on the Council. Elders Anthony Williams, Eyo Efom, James Benford from New Home Baptist Church Chattanooga, TN, served on the Council as well. The Voices of Mt. Gilead ministered in song during this blessed event.

After the Ordination Service there was a private reception in the Fellowship Hall for the Newly Ordained Elders and their immediate families. This was indeed a joyous occasion to witness. Bless these Men of God in all they do in HIM! 🌿



The Balm in Gilead Bible Study Puzzle By: Sis. Renae Collins



Across

2. Built the Ark
 3. One tenth of earnings
 5. The great "I AM"
 9. First Book of the Bible
 12. Son of Abraham
 16. Follower of Christ
 17. Northeastern country of Africa
 18. The great leader of the Hebrews

Down

1. "The Messiah"
 4. A preacher of the gospel
 6. The first woman
 7. Animal among Hebrews
 8. Son of Jacob and Rachel
 10. Rest Day
 11. The great river of Egypt
 13. A winged messenger
 14. The first man
 15. One hundred and fifty lyrics

FOOD FOR THOUGHT CELL PHONES AND BIBLES

Submitted by Alec C.

On Sunday, June 24th, Chaplain Gibson shared the following with those gathered for the weekly service in the chapel, and I am pleased to pass it on to our readers.

Wonder what would happen if we treated our Bibles like we treat our cell phones?

- What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?
- What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?
- What if we flipped through it several times a day?
- What if we used it to receive messages from the text?
- What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?
- What if we gave it to kids as gifts?
- What if we used it as we traveled?
- What if we used it in case of an emergency?
- What if we upgraded it to get the latest version?

This is something to make you go . . .hum. . .where is my Bible?

Oh, and one more thing. Unlike our cell phones, we don't ever have to worry about our Bible being discontinued – because **Jesus** has already paid the bill!

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