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Mission Statement

It is the MISSION of Riceville Mt. Olive Baptist Church to be committed to a spirit of excellence as we acquiesce to the principle, E⁵.

We will Exalt the Savior through Worship,
Enlighten the Unsaved through Evangelism,
Equip the Saints through Discipleship,
Embrace all Generations through Fellowship and
Elevate Humanity through Missions.

Therefore, we will *Move from Impression to Impact*
E⁵! Acts 2:42-47.



2018 EDITION

THE CORNERSTONE

Riceville Mt. Olive Baptist Church Newsletter



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MOVING FORWARD

Exodus 14:15 ESV

If it had not been for the Lord on our side, where would we be! Good day to you my Riceville Family! Certainly, God has been good to us and we thank Him for the bountiful blessings of another year. Our thematic thrust for this calendar year is "Moving Forward." We have compartmentalized this focus into four areas which include: Faith, Finances, Family and Favor! I believe with proper consideration of this, we will continue to move from making an impression to making a GREAT IMPACT for the Glory of God!

As we seek to move forward we must be like the eneke bird of Africa that while it moves forward, it looks back at the same time. Let us take this time through the perusal of the Cornerstone to examine where God has brought us from and use it as a bridge to where God is taking us to!

This edition of our Cornerstone is not only to apprise you of where we are and where we are headed, but we trust it will double your determination to get more engaged in the ministries of our church! We have been learning in our Focus on Faith during the first quarter of this year that Faith is Not a Belief, it is also a Behavior. The Word of God is clear that in James 2:17-18 "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works."

Therefore, good members of Riceville, let's not only enjoy the many accomplishments of our church, but let's embrace the opportunity to participate in the accomplishments that are to come! I still believe eyes have not seen, ears have not heard, neither has it entered the hearts of men the good things that God has in store for our beloved church. Hold On and Keep the Faith because the Best is Still Yet to Come! We ain't seen nothing yet! Stay Tuned!!!!

Blessings,

Pastor

from the desk of
Pastor Terry E. Mackey



THE MACKEY FAMILY

Terry and Lynn
 Micah
 Timothy
 Barbara

CHURCH HISTORY

Lest We Forget

The Riceville Mount Olive Baptist Church was organized in a Brush Arbor on March 11, 1889, by the late Rev. John L. Lilly. Its membership numbered eight. On October 11, 1889, a developer by the name of John Ruby donated a site for the church and burial grounds on the back of Keegans Bayou. After several meetings were held and many discussions, the late Jake Rice (longest community resident) decided who would become pastor and the people acted accordingly. The Rev. John L. Lilly was called as pastor and the Church was named Riceville.

Rev. Lilly was successful in building the Church and served as pastor for twenty years until he departed this life, from labor to reward. Rev. Lilly was succeeded by the late Rev. I. Griffin who stood on the walls for sixteen years. In 1916, the Church was destroyed by a storm. Rev. Griffin departed from life of service after having done much for the Church. Rev. Lee Moton was called as interim pastor and served for one year. Rev. J.C. Smith was elected and served three years. The Rev. Earl W. King was called and served nearly three years. Rev. King was succeeded by the late Rev. Morris Goodman, who served four years. Rev. Goodman was succeeded by the late Rev. D. Pope, who acted as interim pastor for one year.

The Rev. T. H. Shermann was called by the Church, and he came with the vision of a greater Riceville. Under his leadership, 12 feet were added to the building and the Christian Union was organized, which is still a part of Riceville today. After seven years of faithful leadership, Rev. Shermann resigned due to ill

health. In 1942, Rev. Travis Spiller was called. He came with real courage and determination and began the task of building the membership. The first of many major changes was the idea of having service every Sunday instead of customary second and fourth Sundays, as had been for the last fifty-three years. In 1944, a new building 34' X 70' was erected by the Rev. C. H. Mitchell, the youngest son of the late Deacon John E. Mitchell. After the Church building was paid for in 1947, the pastor saw a need for a cafeteria. Rev. Mitchell worked at night to construct the cafeteria. A two story building was erected and attached to the existing church building. The cafeteria occupied the lower portion of the new building and upper portion was used for classrooms and other accommodations. In 1953, Rev. T. E. Spiller resigned. That same year, Rev. C. L. Miller was called and served for fourteen years before resigning in 1967.

In August of 1967, Rev. Joe D. Johnson, a spiritually lead gospel preacher of unusual discernment, was called as Pastor. On July 4, 1968, the Church Building was destroyed by fire; and all was lost, except the Holy Bible. After the fire, Sunday Church services were held in the wooden frame house at the property on Riceville School Road (now known as 11231 South Gessner).

Under Rev. Joe Johnson's leadership, a new building was erected. The first Church services in the new sanctuary were held in May of 1971. Through the help of

the Lord, the balance on the church was paid in June of 1974. In January 1975, a house was moved to the present site, remodeled, and named the Fellowship Hall. These remodeling costs were paid off on April 24, 1978. In July, 1981, a van was purchased; later that year a second van was purchased. In 1983, the Church purchased property on South Breeze for parking accommodations. That same year, the Church added 30 feet to the front of the sanctuary. Property behind the existing church was acquired in 1985, because of the growing congregation. Later that year a mobile building was placed on the site and is presently used for classrooms. Due to continued growth, in July of 1986, the church acquired 9.983 acres on South Gessner on which to build a new church building. On September 30, 1994, the Church purchased an additional 16.82 acres, and was blessed to pay the balance on this property in cash in 1996.

Through divine guidance, prayers and continued support, Pastor Johnson's vision to build a bigger Riceville has become a reality. On December 8, 2002, the new church building construction was completed. On December 22, 2002, the new edifice open it's doors and held the first service under the guidance of Pastor Joe Johnson.

On November 21, 2010, Pastor Terry E. Mackey was Installed as the 13th Pastor of Riceville Mt. Olive Baptist Church. Pastor Mackey brings a wealth of knowledge, experience and spiritual acumen to Riceville. We are excited about having him as our Pastor and "Moving from Impression to Impact".



2017

The Year in Review



347

Visitors

149

New Members

30

Baptisms

3

Babies Born

6

Baby Dedications

6

Home Goings

Babies Born



Eden Avery Brown
April 1, 2017
Parent:
Lamyrna Brown



Christopher Jordan, Jr.
July 7, 2017
Parents:
Melanie Willis &
Christopher Jordan, Sr.



Barbara A. Mackey
July 31, 2017
Parents:
Terry and Lynn Mackey

Baby Dedications

Koye Curtis
Michael Fields
Genesis Paris Holt
Joy Kamsi Oguike
Barbara A. Mackey
Candice Mondaine

Home Goings

Dorothy Davis
8/16/1946 - 10/30/2017
Thomie Garcia
1/31/1929 - 1/13/2017
Nathaniel Sellers
7/21/1936 - 12/25/2017
Ray Smith
8/16/1959 - 12/9/2017
Melvin Stewart
10/5/1938 - 11/26/2017
R D White
7/16/1929 - 5/11/2017

UPLIFT INITIATIVE



Excellence Academy

Inspired for Excellence Academy, 5th thru 8th grades, is one of the six schools selected by Pastor Mackey for Riceville members to make an impact by helping with the needs of the schools. Principal Gilmore wanted Riceville's help in mentoring separately with boys and girls at least one a month. During the 2016/2017 school year, Inspired for Excellence Academy was able to use our sanctuary to host its Black History Program, "The Crisis in Black Education" on February 17, 2017. This program was showcased using the many talents of the students through dance, speech, poems and songs. The school used Riceville to hold its graduation ceremonies in May with Pastor Mackey being the speaker.

In the Fall of 2018, school supplies were donated to Inspired for Excellence Academy and delivered by Velma Pete. Each staff member was a recipient of Breast Cancer Awareness handouts in October. This material was donated by Riceville's First Responders. *Submitted by Joyce McCowan*

Valley West Elementary & Music & Arts

Liaison

Chester D. T. Baldwin

Coordinators

Jeanette Brown,
Donna Rougeaux

- Provided School supplies for 40 kids
- Provided underwriting for student fall event
- Facilitated student participation RMO Fall festival
- Provided underwriting for PTO event
- Provided underwriting for Teacher social
- Provided school uniforms for 30 kids
- Coordinated classroom support
- Assisted in planning campus/safety egress
- Planning 2018 Spring student fundraiser

Submitted by Chester D. T. Baldwin

Gross Elementary

Through the Uplift Initiative at Gross Elementary we were able to partner with them during the their after-school tutorials and just by being present at the school. Last year, with the help of Riceville Men's Ministry, twice we fed the students pizza that stayed after-school for tutorials. During the STARR Test we provided lunch for the teachers that were testing those days. Gross Elementary has a basketball team that participates in an elementary basketball league, which we are glad to say won the championship last year and as a reward the school took those students to the SWAC Championship Basketball Game at Toyota Center. Riceville provided the transportation for that event.

We are thankful to the Men's Ministry and the Van Ministry for their involvement and Ms. Deidre Smoots for her support. We are looking forward to making more strides this year in being more of an impact to the school.

Submitted by Rev. Louis Morris

Kate Bell Elementary Brishaun S. Sutton, Principal

Worked with Principal Dr. Multy last year with their Fifth Grade Graduation Program. It was held at Riceville Baptist Church.

The new principal has already outlined some things for us to work with them on this school year: Black History, Field Day, and International Day.

Looking forward to working with the principal and staff at Kate Bell Elementary this school year.

Submitted by Viva Carson

Welch Middle School

The Uplift Initiative of Riceville Mount Olive Baptist Church is committed to collaborating with community schools in our vicinity. The primary focus is to assist principals and their respective staff with projects and priorities as defined by each school.

A cooperative and working relationship is ongoing with Welch Middle School. The status of the projects is outlined below:

Priority #1 ((The Highest Need) – Support with Duty/Security Effort

- Provide the physical presence of Adults prior to and after school daily
- Scheduled commenced on October 23, 2017 and currently in effect
- Grateful for the current volunteers; NEED additional volunteers

Priority #2 – Donation of School Supplies

- Numerous supplies were delivered to school on September 8, 2017
- Thankful to Riceville members who purchased supplies or gave monetary gifts to purchase supplies

Priorities #3/4 – Assist with Mentoring and Tutoring/Attend PTO Meetings

- Programs are inactive and not functional for 2017-2018 school year

We wish to express our genuine gratitude to all Riceville volunteers for the support with Duty Effort and for members who contributed school supplies for the 2017-2018 school year. Thank you again for your generosity. May Our God continue to bless you!!!

Submitted by Martha McDaniel



Honoring our Living Legends



Easter Production



Fall Festival



Sis. Mackey Baby Shower



Fall Festival



Women's Ministry Sewing Project

THE YEAR IN REVIEW



Ram Outing to Brady's Landing



Youth Choir



Levites Choir



Father's Day



Mother's Day Gift



Mother's Day Women's Choir



Easter Production



Pastor's Anniversary



Angel Tree



Father's Day Gift



Father's Day Men's Choir



RAM Outing to Rodeo



Watch Night Service

2018

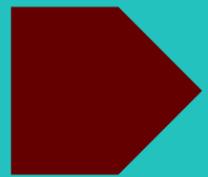
The Look Ahead

MOVING FORWARD

Exodus 14:15 ESV



FAITH



FINANCE



FAMILY



FAVOR

*Our Theme for 2018 is **Moving Forward** and so we will. Pastor has provided a vision that will ground us in four (4) principles that we will focus on for 2018. Each quarter of the year we will take hold of one these principles and spend time and energy to understand and live out its meaning.*

FAITH

From January - March, our focus is on Faith. Did you know the word faith appears 336 times in the King James Version of the Bible. Fifty-four (54) times in the Old Testament and two hundred eight-two (282) times in the New Testament. The Bible teach us "and without faith it is impossible to please God" Hebrews 11:6. Faith is the foundation upon which we will drive into 2018 as we have much to do. Let's us take the first 3-months to ground ourselves in faith.

FINANCE

From April – June we will focus on Finances (aka Stewardship) The first principle is that GOD is the source of everything. Philippians 4:19 says, "My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Proverbs 8:20,21 adds, "I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment: that I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures."

Members of the Ville; GOD has favored our Church in such a way that we have attained financial stability! You will see the resources at work sooner than later. This is about more than a financially stable church. God wants each one of our members, whatever financial situation you find yourselves in, to learn how to become good stewards with the finances HE provides. During these three (3) months a focus will be placed on stewardship of your finances. Pastor will teach, and classes will be offered by ministries to support his teaching. We encourage you to avail yourselves of these opportunities

FAMILY

From July – September our focus will shift to the Family. Whether it is a family affair or a family reunion, it's all about the Family in this quarter of 2018. If faith is the spiritual foundation, then family is the physical foundation. Riceville like many churches throughout the global community, their nucleus is the family. The Church Family is so important

that Pastor has initiated the "family huddle" Bible study once per month throughout the year. So this quarter the spotlight will be on the on the importance of the family unit and our greater Church family.

"And if it seems evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

Joshua 24:15 KJV.

FAVOR

From October – December: Our final three (3) months of the year will be focused on Favor which means to give special regard to; to treat with goodwill; to show exceptional kindness to someone. As we bring to close another year, we will examine and take stock of just how good GOD has been to us – we will focus our attention on HIS many favors (seen and unseen). The Bible teaches us "He shall pray unto GOD, and HE will be favourable until him; and he shall see his face with joy: for he will render unto man his righteousness".

Job 33:26 KJV

*Members of the Ville – we are **MOVING FORWARD** in 2018. We will move forward in our **FAITH**, our **FINANCES**, our **FAMILY** and GOD's **FAVOR**. We hope you join us for what will be an exciting year.*

DEACON REPORT

"Therefore, brethren, select from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may put in charge of this task" Acts 6:3

Riceville meet your new Deacon candidates. As God continues to add to our church membership, the Bible instructs us in Acts 6:3 what we must do. We are proud to introduce these men of good report. The ordination of the Deacon candidates will be later in the calendar year. Congratulations!

From left to right front row: Clarence Harper, Victor Johnson, Tyrone Harris and William Mitchell, Jr. Back row left to right: Verlon Frier, Walter McCowan, Chance Rooker, Leo Alfred, and Curtis Johnson



Annual Events Committee

Riceville's Annual Events Committee has been organized to purposely provide planning for the church's events throughout the year. Members are dedicated to planning effortless and cost saving events that stay within the spiritual guidelines of our Pastor and leaders. Working successfully, the committee has devotedly entered into the third year with a team of dedicated members.

Pictured left to right: Shirley Collins, Jennifer Crook, Kimberly Lane, Joyce McCowan (Team Leader), Mae Johnson and Carol Martin. Not pictured: Mary Edjeren, Deidre Mooring Harkless, Melva Harris, Anitra Pittman and Stephanie Shepherd.



IMPACT CENTER UPDATE

"For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him" Luke 14:28-30 KJV

CONGRATULATIONS Riceville! We now have \$805,000 in the bank!! For the 12-months ending December 2017 our sacrificial giving was approximately \$153,000 toward the IMPACT Center. To GOD be the Glory! We are now 80% toward our goal of raising a minimum \$1,000,000. We will make a big push to achieve this goal in 2018.

The Church would like to especially thank all of those who have honored your financial pledges in support of building the IMPACT Center. Unfortunately, we have many others who have pledged, but have not honored their commitment so we are resorting to other means (see below) of reaching our financial goal. Paul reminds us in Gal 6:9 "... let us not be weary in doing good, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." So, we are MOVING FORWARD ----->.

What's next: As we are so close to reaching our financial goal, the Church has decided to retain an architect to start the preliminary design. The architect will examine how we may better optimize the use of our current facilities and present options and updated cost for the IMPACT Center. The architect will examine how best to add classrooms to support our Christian education needs, a gymnasium for multi-purpose use (including fellowship), optimize space for our youth and children needs and much more.

How can I contribute: During the course of the year, especially during our major annual events, such as (Church Anniversary, Family & Friends Day, Men's Day & Women's Day) you will be asked to give sacrificially (above tithes and offering) towards the financial goals established for the events.

The aforementioned Annual Event Committee is working hard to come up with fresh ideas to get every member of the Church involved with these exciting events. Your Church will need everyone to pitch in and make a sacrificial pledge and contribution toward the building of the IMPACT Center!

Finally, if you're new to the Ville (joined in the last two years) you can make a pledge to help build the IMPACT Center. The plan below provides an opportunity for giving at every level. Select a plan, complete the envelope with your pertinent information, drop the envelope in the offering basket and then start paying toward your pledge. You can pay all at once, monthly, or weekly.

How do I pledge?

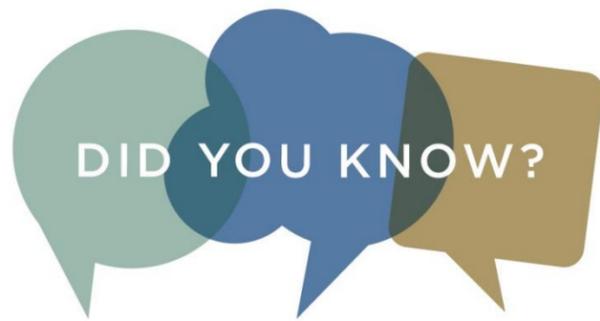
1. Select a plan

GIVING PLAN			
Giving Plan	Paid Weekly	Total Gift 1 Year	Total Gift 2 Years
E	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
D	\$50.00	\$2600.00	\$5200.00
C	\$25.00	\$1300.00	\$2600.00
B	\$10.00	\$520.00	\$1040.00
A	\$5.00	\$260.00	\$520.00

2. Indicate your plan on the giving envelope (you only need to indicate one time)

3. Start paying on your on pledge (you can pay all at once or over a 2-year period)

Note: Your Stewardship pledge should not substitute for your giving of tithes & offering.



Small Business Directory

Small Business Directory - We have many Riceville members with small to mid-size business. From catering to home building, promote and grow your business by advertising in the Riceville Small Business Directory. BOLO for the 2018 version in the summer.

Website

You can go online at www.ricevillechurch.org for all things Riceville. We are working to update our website and have incorporated thus far, online forms for such things as meeting rooms, benevolence assistance, use of church property,

Riceville App

If you have an iPhone or Android take a moment to download the Riceville app. At the touch of the App, you will be able to view one of your favorite sermons from Pastor, pay tithes and offering, check out the weekly programs of events and much more.....

ministry assistance and more.... We welcome your suggestions on how to further improve our online services. Please submit your suggestion to inbox@ricevillechurch.org



New for 2018

Monthly Newsletter – To make sure all Ricevillians are kept abreast of what’s going on at the Ville, we have initiated a monthly online newsletter. The publication will be distributed at the beginning of each month to your email. Weekly updates will be issued to keep you abreast of special announcements, such as home going services of members, special achievement by our members, surveys, and much more. If you have not signed up to receive your email version of the monthly newsletter, you can by texting

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Ministry Contacts

ADULT MINISTRIES

Carlos & Yvonne Young, Marriage Ministry
Dameion Crook, Sr., Men’s Ministry
Charles Wiggins, Riceville Adult Ministry
Lynn Mackey, Women’s Ministry

BENEVOLENCE MINISTRIES

Mae Joyce Williams, Benevolence
Alvies Carter, Clothes Closet
Clarence Harper, Food Pantry

FACILITATING MINISTRIES

Leo Alfred, Christian Education
James Bell, Congregational Care
Reginald Fields, Deacon Staff
Maiya Moore, Deacons & Ministers Wives
Willie Simmons, Prayer Ministry
Larry Woods, Trustees
Louis Morris, Outreach Ministry

MUSIC & ARTS MINISTRIES

Chester D.T. Baldwin, Minister of Music & Arts
Tara Jacobis, AIF Drama Ministry
Clarence Harper, Men of Valor
Cynthia Cage, Praise Dance & Mime Ministry
Lisa Frier, Youth Choir
Patsy Thompson, Women of Virtue

RICEVILLE CHRISTIAN UNION

Naomi Flix, President

SERVICE/HELP MINISTRIES

Joyce McGowan, Annual Events & Threads Ministry
Wilford Wells, Audio and Visual
Carolyn Payton, First Responders
Pier Gardner, JDJ Center
Lena Smith, Kitchen/Culinary
Angela Jenkins, Sunday Receptionist
Emory Ford, Transportation
Viva Carson, Ushers & Greeters
Mildred Williams, Weddings

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Frank Perkins, Youth Pastor
Fay Dunwood, Acknowledging Christian Talents & Skills
Joey Price, Cover Girls
Carolyn Payton, Girl Scouts
John Riley, Young Lions

2018 CHURCH EVENTS

March 11, 2018
3:30PM

**129th Church
Anniversary**

June 10, 2018
3:30PM

**Homecoming/
Family & Friends Day**

June 17, 2018
Men’s Day

September 9, 2018
Women’s Day

October 14, 2018
**8th Anniversary for
Pastor & Wife**

December 8, 2018
**Church-wide
Christmas Gala**