“The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised.”

A.W. Anthony Mays, Senior Pastor
Luke 4:18

Mt. Sinai
Baptist Church
The Mountaineer
Newsletter
We welcome those who are interested in using their gifts and talents for the Lord!
Contact us!!!
“Thanks, be unto God for His unspeakable [indescribable, beyond utterance, words fail to communicate all that Jesus is] Gift!” (2 Cor. 9:15). God’s Gift to mankind is Jesus Christ, the Savior. Our confession, as believers, is that Jesus Christ is both, our personal Savior, and HE is our LORD! Being fully persuaded of this truth, accepting Christ within one’s heart, and confessing Jesus Christ provides unto such a confessor eternal life. The greatest possession of any believer is eternal life and soul salvation.

HAPPY RESURRECTION DAY! For believers in Christ Jesus as Son of God, and Savior of the world, this day is the day of spiritual victory, and victory of the soul. This day is the celebration of the victory of Christ over death and the grave. No other religion can make such a boast. No other religion can claim ultimate victory in the defeat of sin and Satan. Yes, our Lord did die on Friday, but on Sunday He was raised from the dead. The fact of Christ’s resurrection gives believers in Christ the confidence that even though we may die physically before the Lord returns, that physical death cannot deny the believer the hope of the resurrection when the Lord returns in glory. Resurrection Day, though it comes every year, must never become dull or boring to believers. It is our joy!

On the second Sunday of this month, April, we celebrate the continuing church-life of the Mount Sinai Church. Our journey continues. One hundred nineteen years of walking by faith in the Lord is the testimony of this fellowship. The vision is yet unfolding. Mount Sinai has taken its place among the major churches of this city, and this area. However, this mountain church still has more mountains to climb. We cannot become complacent or comfortable in the achievements of our past, nor in our history. We, as a church, a local body of Christ, must continue to “press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God which is in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 3:14). We pray that this year’s celebration and worship will be among the greatest ever in the life of this fellowship. We are also inviting former members, and friends of the community to join with us in our celebration. This year’s celebration will be the last Church Anniversary at this address. It will be memorable. In advance, I want to thank Minister Mark and Sister Stephanie Mays for chairing this year’s celebration. Thanks to all those persons of the committee who joined with them to realize this year’s celebration experience. For twenty-six years we have celebrated the Church Anniversary in this building and on these grounds, but God has something new ahead in our very near future. This will mark the third relocation under this pastorate, and probably the last that I will be able to realize. God is faithful. God is causing His plan and His purpose to be realized, overcoming every obstacle, and conquering every challenge. Thanks be unto God!

I am not prepared at this time to give a certain and sure date for the relocation of this ministry but will be able in a matter of weeks. For that day we want to again invite all who can and will, to join with us on that day. It will be a glorious day. All glory is due unto HIM! Moving this ministry to another location is going to be a challenge requiring all who can to participate in seeing that what we need is actually moved to the new address. Because there is much to sort out and arrange, we will be making an all-out call for able-bodied members to come and help in whatever way they possibly can. “Be not weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not” (Galatians 6:9). Amen.
As you know, The Mount is on The Move! We are growing even while we are preparing to move. We know that change is a good thing, however some changes we weren’t quite prepared for. Yet, God is still good and is still God!

We are in a “transitional stage” as we clean up files and clean up our database and we are working hard to insure that our Birthday and Anniversary section will be as accurate as possible as we move forward. However, during this stage, we are looking to you to actively get involved with the Birthday and Anniversary section listing!

If you would like to be included in the Birthday and Anniversary listing during your birth month or anniversary, we need for you to send an email to info@themount.net asking to be included in that upcoming issue. Submissions MUST be in no later than the Mountaineer Submission Deadline 2 MONTHS PRIOR to your birthday! For example, if your birthday is in July we need to receive your submission no later than May 15th.

Thank you so much for your assistance in this matter and we look forward to your submissions!

Brittany Laster will celebrate her birthday on April 11th!

“Happy Birthday Brittany!!
Love Mom, Dad, and Candice”

Min. Deryl and Sis. Madelyn Collins will celebrate their 34th Wedding Anniversary on April 26th!

Angela Hogan will celebrate her birthday on April 27th!

If you haven’t already done so, please be sure to update your profile information for our database.

Please be sure to fill out all requested information!
The forms can be found in the foyer and in the church office. Thank you for your assistance!
Mt. Sinai Youth Ready for the Future

“For I know the plans I have for you”, declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future”. Jer. 29:11

Sydney Bridges, an 11th grade student at McCallum High School, received a Superior Rating at The University Interscholastic League Solo Voice Competition (for the 3rd year in a row). Sydney also won the 2nd Place Award at the Omega Psi Phi Talent Hunt for Classical Voice. Sydney is a member of McCallum Varsity Choir.

Congratulations Sydney!

Jayden Bridges, a 4th grader at Redeemer Lutheran School won 2nd Place in the Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby Competition.

The gravity powered model cars are made of wood to specified dimension, created, carved assembled and decorated by Cub Scouts and raced on a special track.

Congratulations, Jayden...

Putting Science to Work!

Zuri Mahogany Mays Clark, a 3rd grader at Highland Park Elementary School, received recognition for being on the A Honor Roll, Perfect Attendance and recognition for reaching her Accelerated Reader’s Goal. Zuri has maintained all 3 of these recognitions all year so far. Zuri, also, wrote a report on her grandfather, Pastor A. W. Anthony Mays, during their Black History Month celebration at school. Students were required to write about Notable African Americans. Zuri chose her grandfather as the 1st African American to attend Round Rock High School. Her teacher was so impressed with her work that she shared it with other colleagues before displaying it in the main hallway of the school....right along with other notables such as Oprah Winfrey, Maya Angelou, etc. Congratulations, Zuri!

“Congratulations to my grandson, Shawn Anthony Robinson, Jr., Mechanical Engineer. Shawn's 25th birthday was February 25th this year. Three days later with his encouraging, motivating, Real Estate Broker Mom, Khian Chissell-Martin, by his side, he became a homeowner in the Highland Park Community, Pflugerville. Praises to God from this family as we witness what He is doing in Shawn's life.”

-Love, Patricia McKinsey Chissell-Holmes, (Grandma)

Congratulations to Zay’Ah Robinson, the granddaughter of James and JoAnn Robinson! Little Zay’Ah has been accepted to the Harmony Science Academy!

The Youth Ministry Meets on 2nd & 4th Saturdays Come Grow With Us! 
Laughter is good for the soul.

REGULAR SUNDAY

EASTER SUNDAY

Caught In The Act

Sis. Keely Nonette, a Mount member and Senior in the LBJ High School Early College Program, introduces Austin City Council Member, Alison Alter, at Student March for Our Lives Rally at the State Capital

Keely took a moment out of her day to take a picture with Academy Award Winner and Austin Resident, Matthew McConaughey! He sure was blessed to stand next to our Keely!

The events, characters, thoughts and ideas depicted in this section are fictitious, but have been inspired by church life. Any similarity to actual persons, living or dead is purely coincidental. Thanks for understanding!
What is grace? Well, grace is what God gives us out of His love for us and not what we rightly deserve. We are all sinners and undeserving of God's grace. Isaiah 64:6(KJV) states, “But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.” In the world we live in, there is so much stuff that takes our attention and focus away from God. We are supposed to be the lights in the world but instead we are letting the world get in us and dim our lights. We are more concerned about offending the world than about offending God. Despite our sin, God still has mercy on us and shows us grace. Have you ever been in a situation where you knew you deserved the worse punishment/judgment possible and then all of a sudden you were granted a reprieve? Well, that is what God’s grace is. I don’t know about you, but I am so grateful for God’s grace. If you look back over your life, you know it is only by the grace of God that you are here today.

When you think about it, God’s grace equals love. He loves us so much that He withholds what we rightly deserve. He loves us so much that He sent His Son down to earth to take our place on that old rugged cross. You and I both deserved to be on the cross, persecuted for our wrongs but instead Jesus took our place so through Him we might have access to God. Ephesians 2:8-9(KJV) states, “For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast.” It is nothing that we have done; it is all the grace of God which is freely given to you and me! Romans 3:24(KJV) states, “Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.”

“Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see. ‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved, how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.” Lyrics by John Newton

The family of Margaret Irvin would like to thank you so much for your prayers. We are so fortunate to have such a loving church family.” -Ray and Carolyn Ates

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“To Pastor Mays and the Mt. Sinai Church Family, thank you for your prayers, plant, telephone calls and cards during the passing of my brother, Frank Breedlove.” -Carolyn L. Williams

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“In Our Mailbox

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Hallelujah! We welcome this April with Prayers of Praise! We worship God in Spirit and truth and we are blessed to see another wonderful Resurrection Sunday Celebration month! THANK YOU Jesus Christ! You are the way!

John 14:6

Yes, it is time to celebrate the manifestations of the promises of God in our lives! We only have to believe God to receive His promises manifested through believing in Jesus Christ! It is our very personal relationship. As we ask in Jesus's Name, The Holy Ghost guides us in our spirit to be faithful stewards of His work, spiritually, mentally and physically.


SUCCESS IN HOLISTIC HEALTH

Yes! There are distractions all around us. For example, some may check Facebook before thanking God for waking them up to see a brand new day! It takes focus.

Focus on the messages of promises from God. Success in holistic health focus throughout the day, totally depends on our spiritual connection with God. What better time to reflect on His Promises and reinforce or reconnect Spiritually, then first thing in the morning?

ENJOY YOUR JOURNEY

I have learned to slow down, breathe evenly, and take the time to pray with my eyes wide open! Reflect on His promises during the day, when there is a celebration or even a tough decision to make. Is there an experience in the Word of God that applies to my situation? How did the promises of God manifest in their life? Do I have that same promise? The Bible answers yes! Hallelujah, we have been adopted by Grace with redemption from sin through the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ! Thank you Jesus! We can succeed, because He has the VICTORY! All we have to do is focus on the promises of God, step by step, day by day.

SO MANY PROMISES OF GOD

YHWH-Yireh — "The Lord will provide" (Genesis 22:13-14)
YHWH-Rapha — "The Lord that healeth" (Exodus 15:26)
YHWH-Niss'i — "The Lord our Banner" (Exodus 17:8-15)
YHWH-Shalom — "The Lord our Peace" (Judges 6:24)
YHWH-Ra-ah — "The Lord my Shepherd" (Psalm 23:1)
YHWH-Tsidkenu — "The Lord our Righteousness" (Jeremiah 23:6)
YHWH-Shammah — "The Lord is present" (Ezekiel 48:35)

We will reach our health and wellness goals, God is our God!

Galatians 17:7; Genesis 22:18;
Galatians 3:16-17;
Galatians 3:29

If God be for us, who can be against us? Romans 8:32.

Here are just a few more of the promises of God to strengthen us!

Ephesians 1:18-19;
Ephesians 1:3-13 and John 3-36.

We will be strong in our spirit, mind and body! He is not there in the grave! He is risen! Luke 24:6. He has sent the Holy Ghost to comfort us in stressful times and celebrate Him in all times!


Remember-together is better!

Matthew 18:20

The "Sweatin' Saints"
What a Wonderful Group of Ladies! Balance, breathing, cardio, endurance, stamina, strengthening, stretching, and toning all wrapped up with fun and fellowship. Join us in the FLC on Tuesdays and Thursdays at promptly 6 pm for a great workout. You set your pace, we promote your progress.

Modifications are provided. For more information, contact patricia.chissell@gmail.com or Katie Black at k.black@sbcglobal.net.

*As with any new forms of exercising check with your healthcare professional.

Patricia McKinsey Chissell-Holmes, Exercise Facilitator
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**MSBC Event Calendar**

*Calendar Events Subject to Change (Please check with Main Office)*

### April 2018

1. **Resurrection Sunday**
   - Early Morning Worship: CC 7:45am
   - Church School: 11:00am
   - Sunday Morning Worship: CC 11:00am
   - Church Training 5:00pm
   - Deaconess Meeting 5:30pm
   - Baptism & Lord's Supper: CC 6:30pm

2. **Church School: 9:45am**
   - 119th Church Anniversary: CC 11:00am
   - Early Morning Worship: Lambs/Selah 7:45am
   - Church School: 9:45am
   - Sunday Morning Worship: SODS 11:00am
   - Men's Ministry and Intermediate Women Mission Outreach 1:00pm

3. **Bible Study 6:30pm**
   - 24th: Bible Study 6:30pm
   - 25th: Bible Study 6:30pm
   - 26th: Bible Study 6:30pm
   - 27th: Bible Study 6:30pm

4. **Gwen Meeks' Funeral**
   - 1:00pm
   - Exercise Class 6:00pm
   - CC Rehearsal 7:00pm

5. **Hannah Circle**
   - 10:45am
   - Noon Bible Study 12:00pm
   - PATH 6:00pm
   - Wednesday Night Worship: SODS 7:00pm

6. **Exercise Class 6:00pm**
   - Ministry of Restoration 6:30pm

7. **Senior Min. 1:00pm**
   - Single Life Ministry 7:00pm

8. **Gardening for The Soul**
   - Marriage Min. 10:30am
   - 119th Homecoming Celebration 5:00pm

9. **Youth Min. Day**
   - 10:00am
   - Lambs/Selah Rehearsal 1:00pm

10. **Elizabeth Circle**
    - 10:30am
    - Sarah Circle 11:00am
    - Noon Bible Study 12:00pm
    - PATH 6:00pm
    - Wednesday Night Worship: SODS 7:00pm

11. **St. John District Revival**
    - Exercise Class 6:00pm
    - SODS Rehearsal 7:00pm

12. **Senior Min. Fellowship 1:00pm**

13. **Women's Min. Mtg./ Annex 10:00am**
    - ACSM Mtg. 12:00pm

14. **St. John District Revival**
    - Exercise Class 6:00pm
    - Ministry of Restoration 6:30pm

15. **Youth Min. Day**
    - 10:00am
    - Lambs/Selah Rehearsal 1:00pm

16. **Bible Study 6:30pm**
    - Lydia Circle 7:30pm
    - Mission & Men's Mtgs. 7:30pm

17. **St. John District Revival**
    - Exercise Class 6:00pm
    - SODS Rehearsal 7:00pm

18. **Elizabeth Circle**
    - 10:30am
    - Sarah Circle 11:00am
    - Noon Bible Study 12:00pm
    - PATH 6:00pm
    - Women's Ministry Prayer Meeting 6:00pm
    - Wednesday Night Worship: SODS 7:00pm

19. **St. John District Revival**
    - Exercise Class 6:00pm
    - Ministry of Restoration 6:30pm

20. **Senior Min. Fellowship 1:00pm**

21. **Senior Mission/ Annex 9:00am**
    - Boys To Men Class with Youth 10:00am
    - Youth Min. Day 10:00am

22. **Early Morning Worship: SODS 7:45am**
    - Church School: 9:45am
    - Sunday Morning Worship: SODS 11:00am
    - Men's Ministry and Intermediate Women Mission Outreach 1:00pm

23. **Bible Study 6:30pm**
    - Lydia Circle 7:30pm
    - Mission & Men's Mtgs. 7:30pm
    - St. John Exec. Bd. Mtg. 7:30pm

24. **Dorcas Circle**
    - 10:30am
    - Exercise Class 6:00pm
    - Jubal Rehearsal 7:00pm
    - MSAC Advisory Council Mtg. 7:00pm

25. **Elizabeth Circle**
    - 10:30am
    - Sarah Circle 11:00am
    - Noon Bible Study 12:00pm
    - PATH 6:00pm
    - Wednesday Night Worship: SODS 7:00pm

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28. **Senior Min. Fellowship 1:00pm**

29. **Early Morning Worship: Jubel 7:45am**
    - Church School: 9:45am
    - Sunday Morning Worship: Jubel 11:00am
    - Austin Sub District Mtg. 3:30pm

30. **Bible Study 6:30pm**
    - Lydia Circle 7:30pm
    - Mission & Men's Mtgs. 7:30pm
    - St. John Exec. Bd. Mtg. 7:30pm