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Return to the Ancient Landmarks

by Dr. Chris Jeffries

As we observe Black History Month, I am struck by the impressive gains we have made in this country. We have more spending power, black-owned businesses, inroads into corporate management positions, increased numbers of elected officials, etc. than at any other point in our history. In spite of these accomplishments, there is much work that remains to be done.

Holly Sklar, in a 2006 article for *Common Dreams*, notes that black per capita income is 62 percent of that of whites. The typical white family has more than 11 times as much net wealth as compared to the typical black family. The black poverty rate is almost triple that of whites, and black unemployment is twice that of whites.

These, and other dismal data, are the results of, and have been impacted by pervasive racial discrimination in our society in the areas of employment, housing, education, etc. We must continue to fight racism in all forms, wherever it exists; however, other factors contributing to these depressing statistics are under our own direct control.

Booker T. Washington, Marcus Garvey, M.L. King,

and other leaders have suggested that part of the problem of improving our circumstances is the lack of work ethic, industry, and trust of each other. Tragically, some of today's youth, and some adults alike, do not have goals and dreams that will motivate them to work hard and achieve. **Benjamin Elijah Mays** writes that, "The tragedy of life doesn't lie in not reaching your goal. The tragedy lies in having no goal to reach."

We must encourage our youth to strive for academic excellence as suggested by **W.E.B. Dubois, Mary McLeod Bethune, Jesse Jackson, Al Sharpton**, and other leaders. To ensure their academic success, parents must monitor television viewing and extracurricular activities to ensure that our youth are focused on academics. Our communities must provide after school programs and academic intervention programs to supplement activities in the home and school.

There is a spiritual dimension to improving our circumstances. To improve our conditions, we must return to God. **Jehovah Jireh** (God, Our Provider) reminds us that, "Even from the

days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts" (Malachi 3:7).

We must remember the ancient landmarks of faith, work, sacrifice, and sense of community demonstrated by our ancestors. **Jehovah Nissi** (God, Our Banner) reminds us to, "Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set. Seest thou a man diligent in his business? He shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men" (Proverbs 22:28-29).

We must avoid the superficial and the temporary and be energized by new ideas and a new attitude. The Apostle Paul writes, ". . . be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind . . ." (Romans 12:2). Now is the time for all of us to renew our hearts and minds to improving the plight of all of us.



The East End Circle

Sis. Gladys Stringfellow, Secretary

The members of the **East End Circle** would like to thank all who have contributed articles and reports to make the publication of the newsletter possible.

Our faithful and hardworking editor/typist **Sis. Dorothy Richardson** has been hard pressed for time due to the recent illness of her mother and this has altered our schedule considerably. We regret this and pray that very soon everything will return to normal as her mother improves.

We are however, deeply grateful for the help and support of **Sis. Shana Rivers** who willingly offered her service.

This group does not have regular monthly meetings because of the erratic work schedules experienced by a few and the physical disabilities of many of our senior members. However, we remain loyal to the body by meeting our financial obligations and offer support at the monthly mission meeting.

Our greatest desire is to keep the newsletter going as a means where by we can disseminate information to let others know that the church is still vibrant and about the Father's business of lifting up the name of Christ.

Fabulous February

February is the month in which we acknowledge four special times of recognition: Ground Hog Day, Valentine's Day, President's Day, and Black History Month. While these certainly do not compare with the celebrations during the month in which we give special recognition to the birth (December) and crucifixion/Resurrection (March/April) of our Savior, Jesus Christ, these February celebrations should still remind us of the

awesome movement of God through Jesus Christ in human history

While we are determining whether or not the "Ground Hog" sees his shadow, we may want to read Mark 4:35-41. While we are waiting on the arrow of Cupid to hit or miss its target, we may gain some valuable, life-changing information by reading John 3:16; and John 15:9-13.

Those who are concerned about the deceptive manipulations of

government leaders to influence people to think a certain way (where are the WMD) at the cost of many lives, can find reassurance in Isaiah 9:16.

As we celebrate Black History, let us remember Luke 4:18-19; Psalm 8:4-9; Exodus 12:24-28. Make everyday a day of celebration, thanksgiving and praise to God, Psalm 100.



Greetings from John Bibb

I am John Bibb, the son of Sis. Diana Bibb and I send you greetings from California. After graduating from Stillman College in May 2005, I relocated here to assist in caring for my father who suffered a stroke.

I am presently employed as a Physical Education and Health Instructor, as well as Basketball Coach at Inglewood Christian Academy in Inglewood, California. Since I took over as coach, the team has been undefeated.

May God continue to bless First African Baptist Church. My prayers and thoughts are with you daily.

—Yours In Christ.

The Torchbearers Hold Town Hall Meeting

Reported by Dr. Oscar Tucker

The Torchbearers of FABC, **Sis. Willa Kaye Goodson**, President, sponsored a Town Hall meeting at the Church that featured Tuscaloosa **Mayor Walter Maddox**, **District 1 Councilman Bobby E. Howard**, **District 2 Councilman Harrison Taylor**, and **District 7 Councilman William Tinker, III**. A diverse audience of college students and local citizens representing various churches and civic organizations filled the Dr. James O. Ellis Fellowship Hall.

Following a short devotional period, **Sis. Cameron** introduced the guests. Each briefly shared accomplishments to this point, their general plans for Tuscaloosa, and plans for West Tuscaloosa in particular. This was followed by a vigorous question and answer session.

Mayor Maddox, in his role as leader of our "city fathers," spent some time chronicling what his administration, with the able assistance of **Councilman Howard, Taylor, and Tinker**, has accomplished during the first 114 days in office, including: the 15th Street Beautification Project (\$1.2 million); budgeted money for junkyard and dilapidated housing removal in West Tuscaloosa; awaiting Council approval are special projects budget for capital improvements for Royal Pines, Taylor Circle, Oakdale Turn Lane, and Morayshire.

West Highland Cemetery has been neglected for years by its private owners, and is a disgraceful eyesore in the community. To correct this, **Mayor Maddox** has recommended that the City take control of West Highland Cemetery. **Councilman Taylor, Howard, and Tinker**, indicated their strong approval for this

action. An Executive Order has been signed by **Mayor Maddox** calling for the creation of an Economic Development Office, which will coordinate incentives for residential and commercial developers to locate in West Tuscaloosa.

Veteran **Councilman Taylor** encouraged the attendees to become active participants in the reclamation and development of the community by becoming members of the various boards that advise local government. Taylor suggested contacting Congressman **Artur Davis** regarding the establishment of a post office in West Tuscaloosa since this is an arm of the Federal Government.

These City Leaders put to rest the perception that West Tuscaloosa is a crime infested jungle. Taylor pointed out that crime statistics for our City and County do not confirm that. In fact, most of the crime statistics for that area are equal to or lower, by comparison, to other areas of Tuscaloosa County. "We have been brain washed by our inattention to the facts and by others who want us to believe that our area is awash in crime," said Taylor.

This perception has led some to persist in the notion that a police precinct is needed for West Tuscaloosa. Taylor, with great confidence, stated that, "The facts suggest that a precinct is not needed and more important, a police precinct would send a negative message to potential investors."

"The perception of a high crime area," one attendee suggested, "may be responsible for price gouging in West Tuscaloosa, where gasoline prices, especially, are higher than in other areas." **Councilman Taylor**

responded, "I have asked attendants at West Tuscaloosa gas stations, if "drive-away-without-paying" was widespread, and they told me, 'no, it almost never happens.' You can draw your own conclusions." That suggests that Shell and other distributors in the area maybe price gouging and using the perception of a high crime rate as their justification for doing it.

The buzz following the meeting indicated most were satisfied that, at this juncture of our new City Government, we have a mayor and city councilmen who will work just as hard for West Tuscaloosa as for any other section of the City. **Mayor Maddox**, in his opening statement, thanked those present for their support in the last general election, and practically acknowledged that citizens like those present were responsible in large measure for his election. In a democracy, sisters and brothers, that gives our elected officials added incentive and motivation to work extra hard for us as stake holders, constituents and *never forget as voters*. The guests thanked The Torchbearers for planning and coordinating this Town Hall Meeting. They agreed to come back if invited.

Future meetings, to follow up and become acquainted with other issues of importance to our city and West Tuscaloosa, are in the works. Our Congressional and Senatorial Representatives will be invited to these meetings to hear our concerns, and given the opportunity to provide us with their wisdom, accomplishments, suggestions, and plans for our benefit.

The *Pages of Life* Book Club will meet Saturday, March 25, 2006 here at the church. A three month book review of **Larry Burkett's** book *How to Manage Your Money* is underway. This study is biblically based and designed to shed God's promises about money and wealth. We invite you to please come and join our Christian fellowship and be prepared for God to reveal His desires and His plans for your finances and financial success.

Church News



The NABD Sunbeams had the district quarterly meeting

on Saturday, February 4, 2006 at Holly Springs Baptist Church in Ralph, Alabama. **Rev. Frederick Blackburn** serves as pastor. **Mrs. Marion Bryant** of Trinity Baptist Church who serves a Sunbeam Supervisor, directed an interesting and informative meeting.

Our own **Teleah Byrd** is district

assistant secretary and she was in charge of reading the minutes at the meeting. At the next meeting, she will be in charge of roll call and announcing the awards.

The NABD Sunbeams' project for this year is providing needed items to area nursing homes. We are responsible for providing 40 combs and brushes by the next meeting. We will need all parents and any volunteers from our church family to help purchase the items.

Several churches were represented at the district quarterly meeting. The

churches with the highest attendance was Weeping Mary Baptist Church with 17 Sunbeams. First African Baptist Church had a total of seven (7) Sunbeams in attendance.

The next meeting will be May 6, 2006 at Elizabeth Baptist Church beginning at 1:00 p.m. We hope that all our Sunbeams will attend.

The Sunbeams thanks everyone in advance for their support throughout last year and for all of our endeavors.

Congratulations



Mrs. LaFonda O'Rourke Boddie and **Mr. Harold Lloyd Boddie** are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, **Valerie Renee** to **Mr. Remon Bradley**, son of **Mr. & Mrs. Roosevelt Bradley** of Montgomery, Alabama.

Mr. & Mrs. George E. Petagrew are the proud grandparents of twins: **Kayla Joy**, 5 pounds, 15 ounces; and **Robert James, Jr.**, 6 pounds, 7 ounces. They were born on February 1st to **Robert & Robyn Petagrew** of Grayson, Georgia.



Our Deepest Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers are with **Rev. & Sis. Walter (Mary) Hinton** who lost their grandson, **Antoine Latham** on Saturday, February 18th in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The funeral was held on Friday, February 24, 2006 in Fort Wayne.

The funeral for **Bro. Jasper Smith** will be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2006 at 12 noon here at the church. May God Bless and keep the **Smith Family**. May God Comfort and Keep you during your loss.

Please continue to pray for our families.

Joe Mallisham, Local Civil Rights Icon Featured at Torch Bearers Monthly Gathering

By Dr. Oscar Tucker

Mr. Joseph Mallisham, retired entrepreneur, former Tuscaloosa County Commissioner, and long time local civil rights advocate/leader excited a small audience at The Torchbearers monthly meeting. After fifteen minutes, his folksy, informal, and genuine down to earth presentation turned into a delightful response and reply, between the speaker and his audience. This was reminiscent of the family fireside chats of yesteryear.

Mallisham, a product of nearby Big Sandy community, is a Korean War veteran and played a major role in the drive to obtain equal rights for African Americans in Alabama. "Black History Month is not enough black for me," said Mallisham, "the history of the black man in America should be included in all the history textbooks used by our students at every level of schooling, because, black history is American history." He mourned the sad fact that most of our children, black and white, but especially black, have no knowledge of chattel slavery and the hardships endured by their ancestors under the cruel diabolical political, economic, and social system. "If we know nothing of our past," he lamented, "we have a hard time charting our future."

The Ku Klux Klan, an organization founded on the detestable idea that blacks are subhuman, tried to intimidate Mallisham and his associates as they organized to petition the government, state, and federal, to enact laws guaranteeing equal rights for all citizens, regardless of color. Some of those present participated in those efforts to obtain civil rights for minorities, and chimed in with their experiences during those turbulent times.

Historic First African Baptist Church, its leader during that era, **Rev. T.Y. Rogers**, and many of its members were major players in that honored struggle. Mallisham came armed with a scrapbook of photos and newspaper articles to substantiate his claims of injustices and efforts to correct those

injustices, to any doubters present. There was none.

The audience clamored to see the scrapbook and refresh cloudy memories of a time when racism was blatant, unrelenting, and restrictive. "I don't want us to ever forget what we went through," Mallisham said repeatedly as he went through item after item that depicted law enforcement officers and other governmental officials, used the power of their offices to deprive black Americans of their constitutional right. Many of these officials were Ku Klux Klan members, Mr. Mallisham's political endeavors brought him attention and notoriety. He

rubbed shoulders with political, civil rights, and other well known leaders like; **Presidents Kennedy, Johnson, Carter, and Ford; Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**, father of the modern Civil Rights movement and cofounder of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; United States **Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall**, who pioneered the fight for school integration in America; Federal **District Judge Frank M. Johnson**, who rendered several key historic civil rights decisions in favor of blacks in Alabama and the South; **Governors George and Lurleen Wallace**; United States **Senators Heflin and Shelby**; Members of the U.S. House of Representatives **Fred Harris and Sonny Callahan; Dr. Joe Louis Reed**, cofounder of the Alabama Democratic Conference and Associate Executive Director of Alabama Teachers Association; and others. His influence paved the way for blacks to serve as postal workers in the area, prior to that they served only as janitorial workers. He challenged the well ingrained system of nepotism in Tuscaloosa County government which prevented persons of color from serving in positions of authority in the County work force.

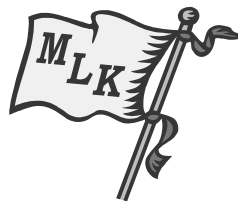
He never used these contacts for per-

sonal gain. His honest and integrity were never questioned as he focused on trying to get all he could for his constituents. In this day of political opportunities, corruption, and malfeasance, at every level, we need more Joseph Mallishams.

A section of the Black Warrior Parkway was recently named the Joe Mallisham Parkway. This recognition is long overdue in view of the major contributions this pioneer has made to our community, state, and nation, and the impact he has made on the lives of groups and individuals he has touched.

Among those present were representatives from the Democratic Party seeking ways to expand our voter rolls, especially among our young people. The hierarchy of The Torchbearers will investigate ways and means to get involved in this enterprise.

On March 17, 2006, The Torch Bearers will host United States Representative **Artur Davis** in the Dr. James O. Ellis Fellowship Hall. The public is invited to come and hear Rep. Davis and to voice concerns.



DID YOU KNOW THAT

By *Sis. Olivia Maniece*

THE LATE RUTH EATON CUMMINGS BOLDEN

Mrs. Bolden was an avid lover of books which led her to become a librarian. When she graduate from Atlanta University if Atlanta, Georgia where she received her Master of Arts Degree in Library Science, she returned to Tuscaloosa and fulfilled her dream of establishing a library that would cater mostly to black residents. After pressing hard the city of Tuscaloosa finally funded monies for a permanent library which was named for Dr. George Weaver and many years later the name changed to the Weaver-Bolden Branch Library to honor Mrs. Bolden. She was a member of the Tuscaloosa Citizens for Action Committee and First African Baptist Church. At the height of the Civil Rights Movement, Ruth helped register blacks to vote.

MR. JOSEPH MALLISHAM

Mr. Mallisham became the first African American Commissioner in Tuscaloosa County history, serving three(3) consecutive terms. During his tenure, his leadership paved the way for others to serve the community in a variety of elected roles, including the first African American members of the Tuscaloosa City Council and Tuscaloosa County's first African American Circuit Judge. Because of his influential leadership, he earned the right to have portions of the Black Warrior Bypass that are within the corporate limits of the city of Tuscaloosa named "Mallisham Parkway." Joseph Mallisham was inducted in the Tuscaloosa Civic Hall of Fame in 2004.

THE LATE MCDONALD HUGHES

Dr. Hughes, educator, civic leader among other local and national honors, enjoyed a distinguished career as a high school principal for thirty-five(35) years, thirty-two(32) of them in the Tuscaloosa School System. He served on several state, regional, and national policy-making bodies that helped to influence the destiny of secondary education in this state and the nation. In acknowledgement of his contributions to education, in particular, and his dedication to the education of young people, he was recognized by having the McDonald Hughes Community Center named in his honor. Dr. Hughes was a member of First African Baptist Church, where he was an active deacon. McDonald Hughes was inducted in the Tuscaloosa Civil Hall of Fame in 2001.

THE LATE MAUDE L. WHATLEY

Ms. Whatley was known as a developer of educators and a civic worker in Tuscaloosa. She served as principal of Central Elementary School for thirty-five(35) years. She was a religious person and was Sunday School Superintendent at First African Baptist Church for seventeen(17) years. To honor her accomplishments and commitments to Tuscaloosa, The Maude L. Whatley Health Center was named in her honor. Maude Whatley was inducted in the Tuscaloosa Civil Hall of Fame in 2001.

The AfterSchool Program

The AfterSchool Program meets every Monday and Tuesday night from 5:30—7:00 p.m. We have steady attendance of 10 to 12 students per night. Our goal is to grow this program and reach outside the walls of First African Baptist Church.

The AfterSchool Program is in need of workers and tutors. If you can assist us on one or both nights, please see **Sis. Bernida Byrd, Sis. Linda Carter, Sis.**

Shana Rivers, Sis. Alfreda White or Bro. O'Neil Wright. We need volunteers in all areas (subject areas, kitchen coordination, counseling, etc.).

We thank the church members and auxiliaries who have provided food during our program. Thank you to **Bro. & Sis. Charles (Linda) Carter, Bro. & Sis. Terrell (Bernida) Byrd, Sis. Audrey Ellis,**

Rev. & Sis. J.C. (Willie Mae) Carter, Rev. & Sis. Oscar (Shana) Rivers, Rev. & Sis. Walter (Mary) Hinton, Sis. Elizabeth Hargrove, Bro. & Sis. Willie (Mary) Kemp, Bro. & Sis. Frank (Georgia) White, Bro. Earnest Showell,

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DID YOU KNOW THAT(cont.)

THE LATE REV. T.Y. ROGERS, JR.

Rev. Rogers, minister, educator, and Civil Rights leader served as the 17th pastor of First African Baptist Church from 1963-1971. During his pastorate, he was a model minister in all aspects of a Baptist Minister. He never let anything divert his attention from his duties as a minister and brought great credit to our church. Some of his most memorable achievements, in addition to his pastoral duties while at First African, were his ability to lead. Rev. Rogers spent most of his adult life preaching, teaching, and tearing down the walls of segregation. The Tuscaloosa News quoted the following about Rev. Rogers: "T.Y. Rogers was known as a great warrior in a non-violent army. But through it all, a servant of God, "Well done..." He emerged as the black leader in Tuscaloosa because he spoke of injustice. He urged peaceful action—but action to insist upon rights officially granted, but often withheld. He preached pride in race, responsibility to go along with privilege. He also had a dream and worked to help it become a reality. It is obvious that Rev. Rogers was the most active, most effective black leader our city has ever had..." *The Tuscaloosa News* (May 28, 1971). The avenue that First African Church now sits was named T.Y. Rogers Jr. Avenue in his honor. Rev. Rogers was inducted in the Tuscaloosa Civic Hall of Fame in 2005.

THE LATE MR. BENJAMIN H. BARNES

Mr. Barnes was the principal of Central Elementary School, a member of First African Baptist Church where he was Church Organist, Superintendent of Sunday School, and a trustee for a number of years. It was during the pastorate of Rev. J.H. Smith that the land where our present church stands was purchased and Mr. Barnes was instrumental in making it a reality. Also, it was because of his dedication to and participation in community activities that the Benjamin Barnes Branch YMCA in our city was named for him.

THE LATE ARLINGTON L. FREEMAN

Mr. Freeman was an employee for the Tuscaloosa Park and Recreation Authority in Tuscaloosa for over 37 years. He supervised activities at most of the parks and playgrounds, the swimming pools, and sports events such as basketball, softball, etc. Mr. Freeman's office was housed in the McDonald Hughes Community Center, but he visited all of the parks and recreation centers supervising dances, banquets for the elderly and other groups. He organized the Golden Age group and planned all activities for the group. The Arlington Freeman Park and Swimming Pool was named for Mr. Freeman.

THE LATE MRS. BRUCE MITCHELL PALMORE

Mrs. Palmore was an educator and civic worker in Tuscaloosa County. She was a vibrant and energetic person who was held in high esteem by the entire community. Her work in civic and social clubs was more than most people can recall, and she continued that work for humanity throughout her life. It was her steadfast vision and contributions to the entire Tuscaloosa citizenry that Palmore Park was named in her honor.

JUDGE JOHN H. ENGLAND

Judge England was the first African American to be named to the Circuit Court in the city of Tuscaloosa. He was also one of the first African Americans to serve as a member of the Tuscaloosa City Council. While he was a Councilman, he was instrumental in helping to get more and better housing projects built for low income families. Judge John H. England was inducted in the Tuscaloosa Civil Hall of Fame in 2003.

The AfterSchool Program (con't)

Bro. & Sis. Reginald (Debra) Bell, Sis. Linda O'Rourke, Sis. Jessie Martin, Bro. & Sis. Ron (Deborah) Bush, Red Circle, West End Circle, and the Nurse's Guild. A Special thank you to our tutors, workers, and volunteers. A special, extended thank you goes to **Dr. Oscar Tucker**, who works diligently in many areas for this program. Your work to make the AfterSchool Program a success is very much appreciated.

May God Continue to bless this ministry.

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CRISIS SCRIPTURE GUIDE

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Aging (Pro. 9:11; Ecc. 11:10; Pro. 10:27)
Anger (1 Pet. 2:23; Eph. 4:26-27; 1 Thess. 5:9)
Anxiety (John 14:27; Phil. 4:6-8; Ps. 46:1-3)
Backsliding (Pro. 28:13; Ps. 51:10-12; John 6:37)
Bereavement (1 Cor. 15:54-57; Isa. 25:8; 1 Thess. 4:13-14)
Bitterness (Eph. 4:31; Heb. 12:15; James 3:14-15)
Carnality (Rom. 6:6-9; Eph. 4:22-24; 2 Cor. 4:16)
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Confusion (Isa. 26:3; 1 Cor. 14:33; Isa. 55:8-9)
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Dissatisfaction (Pro. 27:20; Heb. 13:5-6; Tim. 6:6-8)
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Submitted by *Sis. Ida Hobson*

Mrs. Prayer Meeting

Mrs. Prayer Meeting, born many years ago in the midst of Toils, Tribulations, Suffering, and Great Revivals, has been admitted to **“The Intensive Care Unit of the First Neglected Church, located on Worldly Avenue at Unconcern Drive.**

She was a strong healthy child, fed largely on **TESTIMONIES, CHRISTIAN LOVE, THE GOSPEL, SPIRITUAL WATERS, AND ONE ACCORD.** She was one of the most influential members of the Church Family.

For the past several years, Sis Prayer Meeting has been in failing health, gradually wasting away until rendered less active by **Stiffness of Knees, Coldness of Heart, Inactivity, Weakness of Purpose and Will power** as well as **Mis-Interpretation of Scriptures.** At this time, she is but a shadow of her former happy self.

Her whispered words are inquiries

concerning the strange absence of her loved ones. . . Who are now busy in the markets of trade and places of worldly amusements.

Experts in the profession, including **Drs. Reformer and Joiner** all disagree as to the (seemingly) fatal cause of her illness by administering large doses of **ORGANIZATION, SOCIALS, CONTESTS, AND DRIVES,** but all to no avail. Further examination shows a **Deficiency of Spiritual Food,** coupled with a **Lack of Faith and Heartfelt Religion and General Support** which has caused her present state.

Only a few seem to be concerned with **Weeping and Heart Breaking** memories of her past **Beauty, Usefulness and Power.**

If God wants us to pray without ceasing (and he does) let us consider some of the benefits of prayer:

1. Prayer cultivates our spiritual nature.
2. Prayer unites us with God, in an intimate fellowship.
3. Prayer protects us from many evils that surround us.
4. Prayer is a condition in which God has promised to pour out His blessings upon us.
5. Prayer exerts a convincing influence on the lost and a Godly influence on the saved.

Visiting hours for Mrs. Prayer Meeting are:

Monday after the first Sunday, 6—7 p.m.

Wednesdays beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Your visitations are **WANTED, NEEDED AND EXPECTED** lest we soon have to lay Mrs. Prayer Meeting in her final resting place.