

# The Vineyard

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## 1st Church Anniversary

Still in the FOG (*FOG stands for the favor of God*)

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen. *Hebrews 11:1*



Reverend Dr. Lewis M. Anthony

The Prince George's Community Church (PGCC) celebrated its 1<sup>st</sup> Church Anniversary as a full fledged church on April 30, 2006. The anniversary theme was "Still in the FOG". The FOG was evidenced in the tabernacle as we celebrated the goodness of the Lord.

The guest speaker for the occasion was the Reverend Dr. Lewis M. Anthony, Senior

Pastor of Metropolitan Wesley AME Zion Church, Washington, DC. Reverend Dr. Anthony taught on the importance of "Reaching for the Basin". There is nothing that we should be too insecure or too cute to do. Also, that we must learn to be the best to the worst and to have patience with ignorance and stupidity.



Children of Miriam

The Holy Spirit was welcomed into our midst immediately. The Praise and Worship Team blessed the congregation during praise and worship. Our souls were deeply blessed by the Children of Miriam who praised the name of the Lord through dance. The Mass Choir and Kidz N Praise lifted the name of the Lord through song. The congregation was on its feet during most of their songs. The 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary celebration of PGCC was a praise filled event. The culmination of a beautiful worship service ended with delectable feast. We are thankful to God for a momentous celebration and look forward to many more as we continue in the FOG and strive to become a Five Star Church.

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Kidz N Praise



Kidz N Praise and the Mass Choir

# Easter Celebration—When Sunday Comes



This past Easter, the Youth Ministry produced a play titled “When Sunday Comes”. The entire play was a mixture of dance, interpretation, and miming. When Sunday Comes was an electrifying production that grabbed your attention within a split second. It portrayed the crucifixion of Jesus and God’s undy-

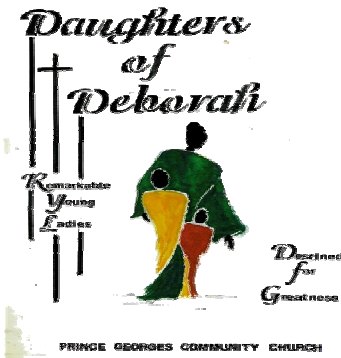
ing love for his people. The play was a silent depiction of the Christ’s crucifixion. There was also a liturgical dance in the production. The stage play produced the truthful and honest effect that our Savior Jesus Christ handed over His life so that we all can have an eternally fulfilled life with Him.



When Sunday Comes captured a realistic delineation of what Jesus had to go through on your account and my account. The production brought new thoughts to us on how Jesus was treated because of His love for us. *Review by Tyler Berry, Youth Department.*

# The Daughters of Deborah

The Daughters of Deborah have been quite busy this year. The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Young Ladies Retreat for the Daughters of Deborah was held in March. The theme for this year was Young Ladies Victorious in Jesus. The retreat featured some amazing workshops, such as “Scripture Memorization” which was led by Sister Brenda Marshall. We ended the evening with the “Amazing Victorious Race” led by Reverend Adrienne Breckenridge of Baltimore, Maryland. The following Sunday, we were blessed to with a powerful message from Reverend Dr. Debyii Sababu Thomas, who taught us how to be “Pretty Girls.” We are currently gearing up for our annual end of year “Rites of Passage” ceremony. The ceremony was held on Sunday, May 21, 2006, at Flowers High School in the Science and Technology Lecture hall from 1:00 pm until 4:00



pm. Thank you to all who came out and showed their support for the remarkable young ladies of the PGCC, who are destined for greatness. I’m sure you’re happy that you didn’t miss this beautiful ceremony. Lastly, the young ladies will end the year with an annual outing in June, which will be announced at a later date. For more information about the Daughters of Deborah, please contact First Lady Karen C. Harding.

*First Lady Karen C. Harding  
Chairperson—OSK*

### Prayer Request

A Prayer Request Box and Request Forms are available in the lobby for use in requesting intercessory prayer. Requests can also be given to Sister Flora Rice, Intercessory Prayer Ministry Head or by calling 202-829-2032.



## New Members Joined During May



**Mr. Lawrence W. King  
Mr. Barry Witmyer  
Mrs. Loren Carrington-Witmyer  
Mrs. Carole Fizer**

## Father’s Day June 18



# A Few Good Men by Max Rouzier

It's the end of the year for us students at nearby Howard University's Ministry. We were finally able to put to rest the long year of academic struggle, incredible friendships and overall remarkable experience. Leaving that adventure behind we pick up a new exciting challenge as Youth Ministry Teachers. As Youth Ministry Teachers, we are part of the Howard University Ministry, and our service at PGCC is led by Reverend Willie J. Thompson. We dedicate our time, talent and skills to lend a hand with the youth. Dressed in our Sunday best, we began work May 7th, getting to know the children we plan on working with for the next year.

After meticulous planning we are prepared to see what we can make of it. Through collaboration, our efforts will be dedicated to one simple objective: "strengthening the relationship between the child and Christ". Altogether there are six of us: Jonathan Armstrong, Marcus Colbert,

Rodney Curl, and Oscar Merrida, Akil Alexander, and Uzoma Nwagba. Each of us have internships in the fields of law, education, media and medicine, but plan to dedicate our free time and gifts to achieve the aforementioned objective. Using the David C. Cook curriculum agreed upon by the staff, we plan to tackle tough issues facing our developing students. As upstanding Howard students and future leaders, our example shines through our attitudes and behaviors. To that end we hope to enrich our youth spiritually, and build them academically, socially, personally and emotionally.

On April 30, we began by holding class and an open house where we addressed questions of parents and parishioners. That day was a great success and launched us into the tremendous time to come. Moreover, we plan to use conventional methods to teach the concepts and make it responsive to the children's needs. We plan on taking field trips

when possible, watching films and practicing evangelism and community building. Ultimately, you will begin to see a difference in the PGCC's youth as they better themselves and their peers. In the future weeks, we ask for support in presence, mind and prayer to maintain a strong, safe and healthy environment for Christian learning. As we all know "it takes a village to raise a child," so your participation means a lot throughout this process. As a Church newsletter staff member I plan to keep you updated on the weekly events and proud moments of your children and Howard agents of change.



## Tribes—A Smaller Family within a Larger Family

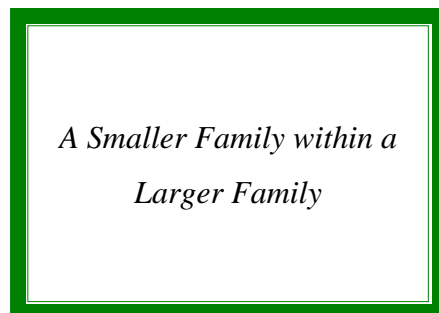
*Continued from April-May*

### Jacob's Genealogy

Jacob is the second born twin son of Isaac and Rebekah (Genesis 25:24-26), and the grandson of Abraham and Sarah. Jacob's name means usurper or deddeceiver. God later changed Jacob's name to Israel.

Jacob purchased his twin brother Esau's birthright for a bowl of stew (Genesis 25:29-34). Jacob and his mother deceived Isaac into giving Jacob the blessing that would have gone to Esau. Esau vowed to kill Jacob, so Rebekah sent Jacob away to live with her brother Laban. Jacob worked seven years for Laban so that he could marry Laban's daughter Rachel. Yet, when his time was paid, Laban told Jacob he would have to marry his other daughter Leah. Laban offered Rachel to Jacob for another seven years of work. Jacob agreed. The children of Jacob were born during

these fourteen years of service that Jacob gave Laban. Jacob had two wives, Leah and Rachel. Rachel was Jacob's favorite. Jacob also had two concubines, Bilhah and Zilpah who also gave birth to some of Jacob's children.



### The Simeon Tribe

Simeon – is the second son of Jacob and Leah. Simeon's name means "Hearing".

*And she conceived again and bare a son; and said, "Because the Lord has heard that I am hated, he hath therefore given me this son also: and she called his name Simeon. Genesis 29:33*

The Leaders of the Simeon tribe are Carolyn Ross, Monica Ross and Nema Myazi. The Simeon tribe receives new members and assists with the worship service in July.

### The Levi Tribe

Levi – is the third son of Jacob and Leah. Levi's name means "Joined".

*And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Now this time will my husband be joined unto me, because I have born him three sons: therefore was his name called Levi. Genesis 29:34*

The Leaders of the Levi tribe are Melissa Butler and Candi Peterson. The Levi tribe receives new members and assists with the worship service in April.

*More on Tribes in the next Issue of The Vineyard.  
Sister Anita Moore Hackney—Tribe Ministry Leader*



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### ABOUT THE VINEYARD...

This newsletter is devoted to the events and activities of the Prince George's Community Presbyterian Church. Our newsletter focuses on what's happening with our members, upcoming church events and our church ministries.

Church members are invited to participate by submitting interesting articles. Articles may be sent via email either :

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# Calendar

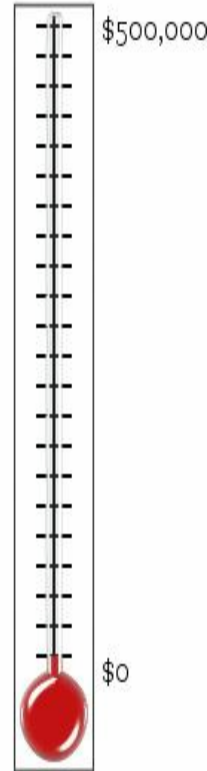
## June

Men's Ministry Mtg. (10)  
Youth Sunday (11)  
Youth Picnic (11)  
OSK Ministry Mtg. (17)  
Father's Day (18)  
Youth Conference (19-22)  
Couples Ministry (23)  
Phat Friday (23)  
Kidz Zone (24)  
Parents in Action Mtg. (25)

## July

Men's Ministry Mtg. (8)  
Youth Sunday (9)  
OSK Ministry Mtg. (15)  
New Members Class (15)  
Parents in Action Mtg. (23)  
Session Mtg. (25)  
Couples Ministry Mtg. (28)  
Phat Friday (28)  
Kidz Zone (29)  
Student Life College (29)

### Capital Campaign Goal



### Tribes Schedule

Assists with worship service and receives new members.

January—Issachar  
February—Joseph  
March—Judah  
April—Levi  
May—Naphtali  
June—Reuben  
July—Simeon  
August—Zebulun  
September—Asher  
October—Benjamin  
November—Dan  
December—Gad

### Capital Campaign



"Not equal giving....Equal Sacrifice"

# Youth Ministry Corner



### The 7 Sons of Thunder

One June 11, The 7 Sons of Thunder delivered the Word passionately, prophetically and powerfully for the annual Youth Day celebration. The celebration ended with a cook-out at the West River United Methodist Church Center and Park in West River, Maryland.

**Congratulations** to Tyler Berry who was inducted into the National Junior Honor Society on Thursday, April, 20, 2006, at the Jericho Christian Academy. Tyler maintains a 3.75 grade point average.

**Acknowledgements:** Chelsea Cochrane is the 4th best gymnast in the state of Maryland for her age group. She competed in Churchville, MD at the State's Finals gymnastics meet. Chelsea also competed in the Prince George's County Science Fair. Chelsea was invited to participate in the science fair because she won 1st place in the Woodmore Elementary School science fair for her project titled: "Rapid Ripe—Can you speed up the ripening of bananas?"

## YOUTH Revolutionizers

### Represent Youth Conference.

Atlanta Georgia: Join REAL (Grades 6-12) and Student Life Groups (College Ministry) as we travel to REPRESENT 06: THE REMIX, June 19-22, one of the greatest gatherings of young people is taking place again at the New Birth Missionary Baptist Church, located outside of Atlanta, Georgia. The total cost per youth is \$250, which includes travel, hotel, full conference admission, conference t-shirt and bag, unlimited pass to RE/P Game Land, four (4) on-site conference meals and one ticket to Six Flags Over Georgia. Join us!!!



The following persons completed confirmation classes in April (pictured left to right): Alonzo Mable, Tori Gresham, Tyler Berry and Tuere S. Harding. Also completing the confirmation classes were Vanessa Mayfield, Eliot Johnson, II, and Edward P. Harding, III.