



# News from the MOUNT

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*For we walk by faith, not by sight. 2 Corinthians 5:7*

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*From the Desk of the Pastor ...*

## "New Year Same God" Psalm 121:1

Like King David, many of us are lifting-up our eyes unto the hills of 2021 and asking where our help will come from? In the eyes of David, the hills were a place of uncertainty and lurking danger. To us, the hills of 2021 are a place of the uncertainty of racial and political unity and the effectiveness of the COVID-19 vaccination.

Despite the uncertainties that the hills of 2021 bring, as children of God, we must come to the same statement of faith as did King David; OUR HELP comes from the Lord! It may be a New Year, but we must NEVER forget, that we serve the SAME God.

The same God that brought us through 2020 when our vision was blurred by racism and political foes! The same God that brought us through sickness and the loss of loved ones! The same God that strengthened us when we were weak, and the same God who has returned a black woman to the White House as Vice President, is OUR God!

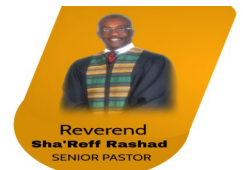
Our God never slumbers nor sleeps. He is the maker of heaven and earth. He is our keeper. He is our preserver, and we shall not fear the uncertainty of a New Year! Even though the hills of 2021 may bring uncertainty and lurking dangers, remember these words of King David, "**The Lord SHALL preserve your soul.**"

**The Lord shall preserve your going out, and your coming in from this time forth, and even forever.**" Because God will preserve us in 2021, I am persuaded that nothing CAN separate US from the love of God! It may be a New Year, but we serve the same God! Be encouraged, God is not through with you yet!

Pastor,  
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New Mount Moriah A.M.E. Church

<b>Sunday Bible Discovery Hour</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>/</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>	<b>11am</b>
<b>Tuesday Bible Study</b>	<b>6pm</b>			
<b>Wednesday Call In Prayer Line</b>	<b>7pm</b>		<b>425-436-6200 / Access Code 347543</b>	

## TAKE A BREATH Rev. D'Mrtri Burke

In the plant world many plants don't grow or die during the winter season. Yet even in a plant's death other things grow. Something is happening, but our eyes can't see it.

As humans we always want to see progress/growth. If we don't see it or feel it, we believe nothing is happening like the season of winter. Oooh, but there is something happening. It's a mystery. When we look back on the other side of that wintery time, we can see that it was the beginning of a new direction or course in life and sometimes it just fits in the scheme of things.

Life is really a tapestry of people, places, things and situations woven together to what makes us who we are and sometimes we are sweet, bittersweet, good, bad and even ugly. No matter how much we want to be in control of every second, minute and hour, we eventually discover that we are weaving through life. The thread and cloth we are given during the various seasons can have snags, rips, tears, holes, as well as being smooth. You can prick your finger and bleed in the process.

Many Christians believe because they are saved and led by the Holy Spirit that they will constantly be flowing with fire, but there will always be a winter season. That's just the way it is in life. It's like that 500 years between Malachi, the last book in the Old Testament and Matthew, the first in New Testament. Nothing was recorded. Some neophytes think that God stopped speaking during those 500 years...Tain't so!

It is frustrating during our personal winters when we believe we are not making any progress in ministry or for ourselves, especially after our experience in 2020: COVID-19 infection and death rates still rising, loss of jobs and businesses, racial injustice toward black and brown people, and President Donald J. Trump inciting his supporters and white supremacists with his dangerous lies, ideology and their display of anarchy when they breached and ransacked the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday, January 6, 2021. They threatened to do the same at all the state Capitols around the country on January 20 during the Inauguration of President Joe Biden and Vice-President Kamala Harris, the first woman, black and Southeast Asian to be elected VPOTUS. (You know I have to add she is my AKA Sorority sister.) Thank God they didn't try it because 25,000 armed National Guard troops were deployed to the Washington.

Not being able to do ministry during such chaotic times has made so many of us feel at times we are doing nothing, not enough or not making any progress. I hear God telling us to take a breath! Listen to God's promise in 1 Peter 5:10:

**"After you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen and establish you!"**

