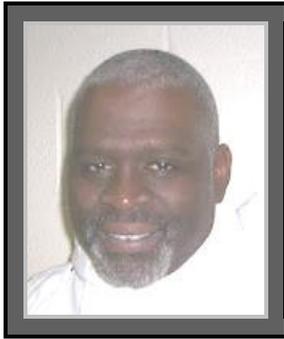


The Mission of the Holy Spirit

The Mission Spirit

Fall, 2015



Program Director's Note

"Hope is putting faith to work when doubting would be easier."

--Anonymous

Dear Friends,

As we prepare for the holiday season I would like to take a moment to remind you that many families depend on the generosity of individuals like yourselves to ensure that their family has a blessed holiday session.

Each year our challenges are increased due to the ever-growing needs of others. The generosity of churches and individuals like you has allowed us to serve numerous families. This year we have seen great changes and have enjoyed the growth of our members in the following ways: Currently our Sunday service has a Eucharistic presence on the second and fourth Sunday, we now have a number of parents who attend weekly and actively participate in the worship experience alongside their children. This helps to create a stable environment both at the Mission and in their homes. Our enrichment program has assisted many of our youth to achieve

academic success. We continue to offer support to our college students and are excited about the members who will graduate this May. We have another exciting year of health and wellness with nursing interns from ODU here to assist our members and encourage healthy life choices for our children, adolescents, and adults.

Overall we are doing well, but there is a continued need for funding and the development of continued resources for the Mission. Remember that people tend to give to the organizations they know and trust, so this is why I'm sharing our successes and educating you about the needs we strive to meet.

While I am grateful for the support of all the Individuals and churches, we especially need your continued support for the following:

- ✦ Church groups and individuals who can assist with donations for Thanksgiving food baskets, Christmas gifts for the children and Christmas food baskets.
- ✦ Volunteers to assist with enrichment and other programs.
- ✦ Volunteers who can help coordinate regular fundraising activities.
- ✦ Volunteers who wish to become members of our board.

As we work to leave the hardships of our past behind us and live in the present, we must keep looking toward the future. Remember: "He who is not courageous enough to take risk will accomplish nothing in life."

--Muhammad Ali

Blessings,

Keith A. Josey
Lay Pastor



Wine & Art Fundraiser!

The Wine & Art Fundraiser at The Church of the Good Shepherd (many thanks to Good Shepherd for hosting our event!) on September 26 was a great success! Everyone who attended enjoyed the food and beverages, thanks to contributions from Ascension and Good Shepherd in Norfolk, Emmanuel and Old Donation in Virginia Beach, and Jim and Mary Louise O'Brien.



Mission youth display their art.

Art work created by Mission youth in collaboration with artists from d'Art Center in Norfolk was raffled, and a new Mission banner, designed by d'Art Center artists was colored by our guests.



Pastor Keith Josey and driver Frances Williams enjoy the fabulous themed baskets.

Our Silent Auction included fabulous themed baskets generously donated by: Ascension, Good Shepherd, Grace and St. Stephen's in Norfolk; All Saints', St. Francis, Family Enrichment Center, Mother's Day Out Preschool and Virginia Beach Counseling

Services in Virginia Beach; St. Thomas in Chesapeake, and Chanco on the James. The Mission raised nearly \$3,500, and everyone who attended had a wonderful time. Thanks to everyone who supported and contributed to the success of this fundraiser.

*From Mission Members,
Staff and Volunteers:*



*Thank you for your continued support,
and God's blessings to you for a
bountiful Thanksgiving, a joyous
Christmas, and a happy New Year!*

Mission Office

Mission office hours are usually 9-3 Monday through Wednesday. However, because of a family medical emergency, the office was closed for most of October, and hours will be sporadic in November and December. We greatly appreciate your contributions, so please be patient if they are not deposited as promptly as usual during this time period. And please leave a message on the answering machine if you need to speak with us; someone will return your call as soon as possible. Note: the next Mission Spirit newsletter will include more input from Mission members...please pardon the abbreviated version.



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