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**Mount Hope Baptist
Church of Faith
Mission Statement**

To glorify God by directing people to the love and saving power of Jesus Christ, encouraging and equipping them as members of His Body to grow in Christ-likeness, for the purpose of performing faith, hope, and charity based service in the church, and throughout the world.

LET'S WORSHIP TOGETHER!

...He Who Does the Will of God
Abides Forever (1 John 2:17)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
(Victory Hour)**

Adults 10 AM
Children and Youth 10 AM

SUNDAY WORSHIP 11 AM

Holy Communion 1st Sunday
with (Feet Washing Quarterly)

WEDNESDAY FAITH CLINIC

Prayer & Fellowship 6:15 PM
Bible Study 7 PM
(1st Wednesday Is Prayer Night!)

*Come! Be Strengthened By the
Word of God.*

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www.ourmounthope.org

MOUNT HOPE
BAPTIST CHURCH OF FAITH

*It's more than a building,
it's a Christian Ministry.*

GRATITUDE DAY

By Bishop Rick Coates

Perhaps Thanksgiving as we have come to know it needs an upgrade. People may have become too familiar with the term, and so use to it that they do not give enough thought to the meaning of that day.

Thanksgiving is more than just a holiday. It is more than just a hanging out day. It is more than a 400-year-old festival. It isn't all about Pilgrims or turkey, stuffing and sweet potato pie. It is more so a time of pause, our time out—in the game of living. Psalm 150:6 tells us that everything that breathes, everything that is alive, must express our gratefulness to the Lord. The truth is, ironically even folks who think they have nothing to be thankful for, owe a debt of thanks for being able to think. Almighty God, the Creator of everything that exists, and the One who has given life to everything that breathes, is worthy of and due thanks. In addition, let's not forget to thank His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. He was sent to reveal the heart and mind of God, while sacrificing His life, and righteousness so that sinners could be made righteous and have life. And, let us not dare to withhold thanks from the Holy Spirit who lives in believers, and has sealed, comforts; teaches, and leads us.

A Thanksgiving upgrade to Gratitude Day may stir the memory banks enough for everyone to image what could have happened if the Lord had not stepped between that potentially deadly car accident and us.



GRATITUDE DAY (continued)

Or between us and that boss who wanted to fire us, or that life-changing bad choice which was avoided. So let everything that has breath praise and bless through giving thanks to the Lord, who loves us. Let us be grateful in everything, if not for everything as we continue to depend upon Christ Jesus for victory and the meeting of our needs.

**MOUNT HOPE
BAPTIST CHURCH OF FAITH**

2013 Meets 2014

**NEW YEARS EVE – WATCH
NIGHT SERVICE**

TUESDAY DECEMBER 31, 2013

9:30 P.M. TIL 2014

4636 Parrish St. Phila. PA 19139

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A night of praise and worshipping our
Lord, Sharing life testimonies,
Family prayer, and inspired preaching.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

**Nothing Is Impossible
For Jesus!**

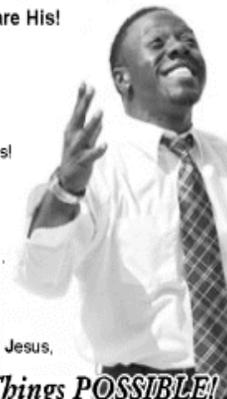
All authority and power are His!
His arms are not too short,
as men's arms are.
His promises never change,
as men's promises do.
His love never fails,
as the love of others does!

No matter what
your conditions are,
no matter what
you're going through,
Jesus can calm the storm.
He can bring peace
back into your life.

Then face your disturbances
with the faith you have in Jesus.

Who Makes All Things POSSIBLE!

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Outreach Ministries and Programs

CHILDREN'S ANGEL TREE

On December 21st under the direction of Sis. Suzette Salmon Mount Hope Baptist Church of Faith will host another Angel Tree Gifts for Children event. It will be held this year at the 5100 Lancaster Ave. banquet hall. Each Christmas season this nationally known project provides partnering churches and organizations with names and a gift request from children who's parent or parents are in prison. Gifts are purchased by individual church members for a child on the list and presented to the child at a church sponsored Pre-Christmas party. There are plans to also perform the mini-play "Heavenly Express". The cast is made up of talent from within the congregation.

Distance from God is a frightening thing. God will never adjust His agenda to fit ours. He will not speed His pace to catch up with ours; we need to slow our pace in order to recover our walk with Him.

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Emergency Telephone Numbers

Police Emergency 911

Ambulance, Rescue Squad or
Fire Depart 911

Poison Control Center 800-222-1222

National Suicide Crisis Hotline
800-784-2433

Electric Emergency Service
(Philadelphia) PECO 800-841-4141

Gas Leaks
(Philadelphia) PGW 215-235-1212

Water and Sewer Emergencies
(Philadelphia) Water Revenue Bureau,
215-685-6300

City Hall Switchboard 215-686-1776

Collapsed Street (Water Department)
215-685-6300
(due to water or sewer main break)

Homeless Outreach (Phila.)
215-232-7272

SEPTA 215-580-7800

Snow or Ice on Roads (Philadelphia)
215-686-7669

Amtrak 800-872-7245

Crisis Intervention, 24 hours
215-686-4420

WHY WORSHIP AT MOUNT

*"Faithfully preaching and teaching
the true word of God" - 2 Peter 1:21*

*An active Christ centered, Holy Spirit led,
Good News based family ministry*

*Following God's plan for the believer's
spiritual and personal development*

*Empowering men to make a difference
in the home, community, and the world*

*Helping people in need locally, nationwide,
and abroad*

*Sharing God's love with our members
visitors, and the stranger*

Offering the Good News, Of Jesus Christ!

Hope for the hopeless!

Love for the loveless!

Rest for the weary!

No Excuse Sunday!

(A very special service)

Hopefully the following skit by an unknown author will provide a glimpse of the effort applied to making it possible for everyone to attend church on Sunday.

1) Cots will be placed in the vestibule for those who say; "Sunday is my only day for sleeping in".

2) Eye drops will be available for those whose eyes are tired from watching TV too late on Saturday night.

3) We will have steel helmets for those who believe the roof will "cave in" if they show up for church services.

4) Blankets will be furnished for those who complain that the church building is "too cold". Fans will be on hand for those who say, the church building is "too hot".

5) There will be a special section with lounge chairs for those who feel that our pews are too hard.

6) We will have hearing aids for the members who say; the preacher doesn't talk loud enough. There will be cotton for those who say; the preacher talks too loud.

7) Score cards will be available for those who wish to count the hypocrites!

8) We guarantee that some relatives will be present for those who like to go visiting on Sunday.

9) There will be TV dinners available for those who claim they can't go to church and cook dinner, too.

10) For the fishermen – we will stock the baptistry pool full of fish.

11) Doctors and nurses will be in attendance for those who plan to be sick on Sunday.

12) The auditorium will be decorated with both Christmas poinsettias and Easter lilies for those who have never worshipped without them.

13) We will have representatives from the finest clothing stores for our weekly give-away, that's right, "Free" clothes and accessories, for those of you who have absolutely "nothing to wear"!

See you at church services Sunday!