



# Life in the Word

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## Great Beginnings...

Praise the Lord for the men! In a day when so many men have refused to live up to their responsibilities of being a dad in their home, here God called a few good men that were willing to be a part of something bigger than them.

The St. Paul United Men’s Chorus consists of a group of men that are excited, and faithful to the Ministry that has been set before them. In the beginning we asked the Lord to use us to be a blessing to His people everywhere (Genesis 12:3), and send us whatever we needed in order to be an effective part of the body of Christ. Whether it was some inspiring teachers or musicians, and God did through Brother Jamal Williams. One thing that we believe sets this chorus apart from others is the time taken to bring the young men along the journey by mentoring them and building good character on things such as how to give a firm handshake with one another (1 Samuel 25:8).

Therefore, as we look forward to bigger and better things in the Lord our prayer is to one day have all our men become a part of what God is doing through the St. Paul United Men’s Chorus. Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. (Psalms 133:1)



The St. Paul United Men’s Chorus

Upcoming Events	Date
Planning Council Meeting	2/14/11 6:30 p.m.
Pastor’s Anniversary	4/10/11

## Reflecting on Women’s Day 2010

Most people when they look back, look at their past failures. That’s what Satan wants us to do so it keeps us from going forward. The purpose of our theme was to draw attention to the fact that we are looking at things that are behind us in the wrong light. We wanted to ask the question what for or why? We need to learn from our past mistakes and move on so that we are effective agents of change. It’s time for the women of God to focus on building the Kingdom of God.

Last year we showed ourselves, and our church, what happens when we work together on one accord. Keeping God as the head, we can achieve goals we never would have imagined. To God be the glory!

2010 Women’s Day Chairs,

Gwen Johnson, Chairman  
Yolanda Ellis, Co-chairman

**“Why are we looking back and what for?”**

*Genesis 19:25-26*

## Life as a Junior Deacon

Greetings in the name of my Heavenly Father, Pastor Martin and my brothers and sisters in Christ. My name is Karrington J. Hayes and I am a Jr. Deacon here at St. Paul. I find it hard to put in words how vastly God has blessed me in my life. As a Junior Deacon, He has assured me that I will continue to do well. When Deacon Amos recruited me to join the Junior Deacons, God had already placed it on my heart to ask. Sitting alone in the corner was not part of God's plan for me, and being a Junior Deacon

for a little more than five years has made me believe more in God. There is something about working in the church that strengthens the bond between man and God.

Our Junior Deacon practices take place every second Wednesday of the month. During this time we practice our scriptures, songs and prayers. The saying goes, "practice makes perfect." I believe that if you pray on a daily basis, then praying in front of the congregation shouldn't be that hard. We enjoy being able to come out every third

Sunday and give our best praise to God. When Rev. and Sis. Yarbrough took us down state for the Baptist Conference, we had such a great time being able to praise God along with others we did not know. To me, being a Junior Deacon shouldn't change how often you praise God, but change your sincerity in doing it. Being a Junior Deacon was a change for me and I thank God that we have a Pastor that was willing to give us a chance.

- Karrington J. Hayes

***"There is something about working in the church that strengthens the bond between man and God"***

## A Note of Thanks

As you all know my family and I are new to your congregation. Since the first time we attended services, and every day since, I have always felt welcome. I just wanted to take a moment and say "Thank you to the Men's Ministry and the Men's Choir of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church." The influence and mentoring you are providing for my sons Traac and Chance is immeasurable. I am not only seeing the joy in my sons faces but also hear the joy in their voices when they sing praises to God. When I looked up the word mentor the definition given was "a wise and trusted counselor or teacher." The men of St. Paul are wise and trusted counselors not only to my sons but to all the young men in our congregation.

I will always remember when Deacon Alexander told my son Chance, "when you shake someone's hand look them in the eye and acknowledge them." Since then Chance has made a conscious effort to look at people in the eye when he shakes their hand. This is something he will take with him into adulthood.

On the ride home from school on Friday, September 24th, Traac showed me his Progress Report. Traac had a 4.0 GPA and is on the Honor Roll. He not only wanted to share the exciting news with me, he wanted to call Brother Whitehead and let him know how well he was doing in school. If I had known the phone numbers of the other members of the Men's Ministry I believe Traac would have called them too!

Everything my sons are being taught by the men of St. Paul effects them at school, at home and with their friends.

I want to personally thank every member of the St. Paul Men's Choir; the work you are doing for the Lord is priceless. I thank God everyday for bringing me and my family to St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church.

- Sis. Michelle Cole

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