MOUNT HEBRON MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

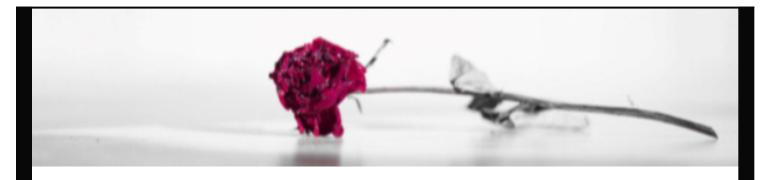
Beaux and Debutante



"Stand by Me" ISAIAH 41:10

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Sunday, May 19, 2019 4:45 P.M.



Pastoral Message



In 1966, Academy Award-winning director, Rob Reiner directed the American coming-of-age film, "Stand By Me." The film chronicles a macabre event witnessed by four boys. They go through the event together and mature as the result of enduring this shared experience.

In the course of life we often find ourselves facing situations and circumstances that are better endured when someone goes through it with us. As you launch into new vistas in life, you will undoubtedly face times and challenges that will make you wonder whether you will be successful in meeting them. There will be times when your friends, family, mentors and others will be with you to stand with you; there will be other times when those same people will not be there, not because they are uncaring or uninterested, but because they are simply not available.

During those times when friends, parents, or mentors are unavailable is the time you must find confidence in the words the Lord spoke through the prophet Isaiah, "...So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." (Isaiah 41:10) The Lord God uses these words to assure Israel that HE, the Lord, is better than all the gods of the other nations. It is HIS assurance that HE will, indeed, stand by them.

These words are also the assurance that God will be with you when you face discouragement, defeat and disconnection. In these times and more, God will be there to uphold you and stand by you!!

Sharon and I would like you to carry these words with you as you journey to new horizons, both happy and harrowing. Keep this promise as your security blanket to bring you comfort in all the events of your life. Keep, as well, the, slightly spun lyrics of the song by Ben E. King. Keep your focus on the "YOU" Who keeps the promise of presence to HIS people:

When the night has come and the land is dark and the moon is the only light we'll see I won't cry, I won't cry, no I won't shed a tear Just as long as YOU stand, stand by me. Congratulations!

Stay Hungry,

Pastor Leonard O. Leach and Sharon





Random thoughts

Rev. Caleb Berry, Youth Pastor

Random thoughts as you are stepping into another chapter of life:

- † Pray and ask God to help you find a church that teaches sound doctrine; get connected with some other believers your age and some older ones as well.
- † Ramen noodles are your friends.
- † Be intentional with your time of prayer and bible study. Life will get super busy, but you will NEVER be too busy to spend time with Jesus in prayer AND bible study.
- † Devotionals are great, but they are secondary to your personal bible study time. If you don't know something, ASK. ALWAYS BE PREPARED TO SHARE THE GOSPEL. Also the gospel is NOT your testimony. The gospel (good news) is about Jesus's death, burial and resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:1-5). Your testimony should point to Jesus and not to you.
- † Temptation is a BEAST! It's so many gorgeous women and handsome men out there that talk a good game but will be full of nothing.
- † Christ defines you, not your grades and not your accomplishments. Boast in the Cross and in the cross alone (Galatians 6:14). If God keeps the sun in the sky with no issues, how much more will he take care of you whom he made in his image? Trust him.
- † Don't forget your pencil. Make sure you get your pencil/pen back from the person you let borrow it.
- † Stand firm in truth. Your feelings are real, but they should never trump the truth of scripture.
- † What would Jesus do? God has called us to cultivate; don't be lazy. If you haven't finished your homework that's due the next day, don't go to the party...that's not smart, that's stupid and I say that in the most Godly way as possible.
- † Build relationships with folks that don't believe what you believe, look like you, or have the same interest.
- † Go to a movie night or create a game night. God thinks you're worth it.
- † Call your parents, tell them you love them.
- † Don't hold back your ideas; I'm pretty sure you have some great ones.
- † Know that I love you all, but Jesus loves you way more. Trust me on that.



Programme "Stand By Me" - Isaiah 41:10

Musical Prelude

Steven Singleton, II, Beau, 2015 Richland College, 2018

Entrance of Future Beaux and Debutantes Entrance of Parents and Debutantes

> Nicholas Jackson, Beau 2018 Richland College

Invocation

Greetings

David Jackson, 2018 Beau North Lake College

Marwan Henderson, 2018 Beau Baylor University, Waco, TX

Presentation of 2019 Beaux and Debutantes for Christ Pastor Leonard Leach and Mrs. Sharon Leach

Tribute to Beaux and Debutantes

Mt. Hebron Glory Dancers

Reflections

Gracen Maxwell Abu, 2018 Beau
Dorothy Wesley Scholarship Recipient
Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, TX

Expressions of Love

Isaac and Mildred Abu

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Caleb Berry, Youth Pastor Mount Hebron Baptist Church

Parents of Beau Gracen Maxwell Abu

"Stand By Me Confession of Faith"

2019 Beaux and Debutantes for Christ

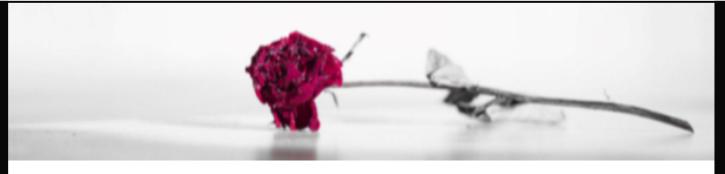
Mount Hebron Baptist Church Scholarship Award Haylea McNeal, 2018 Debutante Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX

> Kyla Anderson, 2018 Debutante Texas Southern University

> > Harold "Trey" Young Texas College

Delores Stewart Beaux and Debutantes Financial Accounting Team

The Dorothy Wesley Scholarship Award



Programme

Dr. Joyce E. Kyle Miller Volunteer Service Award

Outstanding Male and Female Youth Award

Invitation to Christ

"Seek Ye the Lord", by John Varley Roberts

Dr. Kindralyn Banks Lott, BS, OTR, OTD Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions 1987 Debutante Queen

> Rev Caleb Berry, Youth Pastor Mount Hebron Baptist Church

Rev. Harold Young Mount Hebron Baptist Church

Steven Singleton, 2015 Beau Richland College, 2018

Passing of the Baton Ceremony

Presentation of the Charge Daunte Craig Gaiter, 2019 Beau

Acceptance of the Charge Kennedy Lott, 2020 Senior

Recognitions of Former Beaux and Debutantes

Dr. Joyce E. Kyle Miller
Beaux and Debutante Program Coordinator

Remarks Karen Jackson, Scholarship Chairperson

Photography Session

Kenneth Brown, Sr., Photographer

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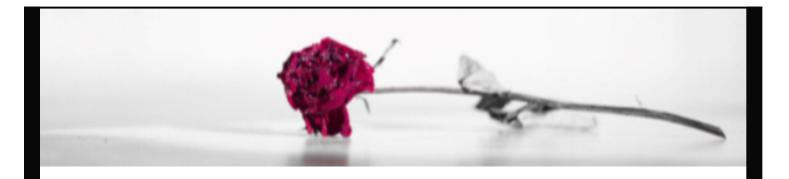
Remarks/Benediction

Pastor Leonard O. Leach, Senior Pastor

Mount Hebron Baptist Church

Recessional 2019 Beaux and Debutantes for Christ

Audience, Please Remain Seated



Stand By Me Confession of Faith

Remix from the original song by Ben King

When the Graduation night has come and gone.

And the land is dark

And the moon is the only light we'll see

No I won't be afraid, no I won't be afraid Just as long as you stand, stand by me

So Father, Father stand by me, oh stand by me Stand by me, stand by me

If the sky that we look upon
Should tumble and fall
And the mountains should crumble to the sea

I won't cry, I won't cry, no I won't shed a tear Just as long, as You Jesus, stand by me

So Father, Father stand by me, oh stand by me Stand by me, stand by me

Whenever I'm in trouble or alone, I know You will stand by me, Oh, stand by me, oh, stand by me.

So Father, Father stand by me, oh stand by me Lord, stand by me, stand by me, stand by me.

Reflection

Mrs. Dorothy Wesley first presented the idea of the Beaux and Debutantes for Christ Program to the Scholarship Ministry in 1978. She had gotten the idea from her home church in Los Angeles, California. In 1979 the Debutantes for Christ began as a program which provided spiritual development for the young ladies of Mt. Hebron, ages 13-19. The young men of the Mount first participated in the program as Beaux for Christ in 1995. For twelve years, the program included competitive awards for Miss/Mr. Congeniality and Volunteer Service. The youth with the highest grade point average, the most volunteer service hours,

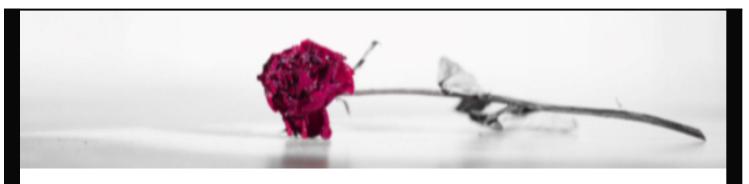


and the Debutante soliciting the most funds received the Beaux/Debutante for Christ award and reigned for a period of two years. Today, the Beaux and Debutantes for Christ Program generates funds used to support activities of the Scholarship Ministry at Mt. Hebron. The program funds activities such as retreats, career and college seminars, the children's lockin, college tours, tutoring, cultural activities for the children and youth of Mt. Hebron and scholarships for youth who graduate from high school and enroll in a college/university or trade school. Today, the Beaux and Debutantes have an opportunity to receive the Dorothy Wesley Scholarship, The Mt. Hebron Baptist Church Scholarship and the Volunteer Service Award. Mt. Hebron's past reigning debutantes are Jackie Young, 1979, Michelle Young, 1980, Yolanda Davis, 1981, Carla Wood, 1982, Tiffany Davis, 1983, Shonna Signater, 1985, Kindralyn Banks, 1987, Tiffanie Coleman, 1989, Tabitha Hayes, 1991, Adrian Signater, 1993,

Vangee S. Creft, 1995, and Barbara Clark, 1997.

The Beaux and Debutantes for Christ program has evolved and is now a ministry to high school seniors. The Program continues to provide for the spiritual development of the Beaux and Debutantes and serves as a means of financing scholarly activities for students in kindergarten through high school. The Program includes the participation of any high school senior who commits to the requirements of the Program. High school seniors participating in the Program must complete volunteer service/community service hours, a thirteen week Bible study course, become involved in a church ministry and solicit contributions for Mt. Hebron's scholarship fund. All Beaux and Debutantes who graduate from high school and enroll full-time in a post-secondary institution will receive the Mt. Hebron Baptist Church Scholarship and have an opportunity to receive the Dorothy Wesley Scholarship.

The Beau or Debutante who solicits the most funds receives the Mt. Hebron Baptist Church Scholarship plus the Dorothy Wesley Scholarship which is 10% of the overall amount generated by the Program. Beaux and Debutantes who meet the goal of \$1,000.00 receive 20% of the funds personally solicited. All other Beaux and Debutantes receive 10% of the funds they solicit. The program continues to thrive and has provided scholarships to hundreds of youth who have gone to college, graduated, and are now productive members of our society serving where they are planted in the cause of Christ.



Dorothy Wesley Scholarship Recipients

Dr. Joyce Miller Volunteer Service Award

1999 Alana Marie Lyons

1999 Robert Lee Hurd, Jr.

2000 Jacquelyn Evette Barnett

2001 Jonathan Kyle Miller

2002 Tiffiny Nicole Bride

2003 Jasmine Anthea Smutherman

2004 Shatise Shamel Prowell

2005 Janae Alexandria Bride

2006 Kayli Anais Klass

2007 Kobrin Wade Brown

2008 Lawrence Jonathan Jackson

2009 Lauren Nicole Taylor

2010 Jacqueline Ronee' Pleasant

2011 Jusiah Lynn Prowell

2012 Erin Ayan Gaddis

2013 Justin Ray Herman

2014 Lexi Arielle Wesley

2015 Tatiyonna Nashae Hawkins

2016 Brianna Renee Natania Buford

2017 Caleb Michael Wesley

2018 Gracen Maxwell Abu

2007 Jasmine Renee' Pleasant

2008 Danielle LaDon White

2009 Brandie Arielle Butler

2010 Jacqueline Ronee' Pleasant

2011 Dacia YaKira Kings

2012 Frederick Berry, II

2013 D'Andrea Leshae Foreman

2014 Jaalah Raeann Herman

2015 Kayla Shaun Dukes

2016 Taylor Nicole Young

2017 Kenedi Saummone Johnson

2018 Jordyn Whitley

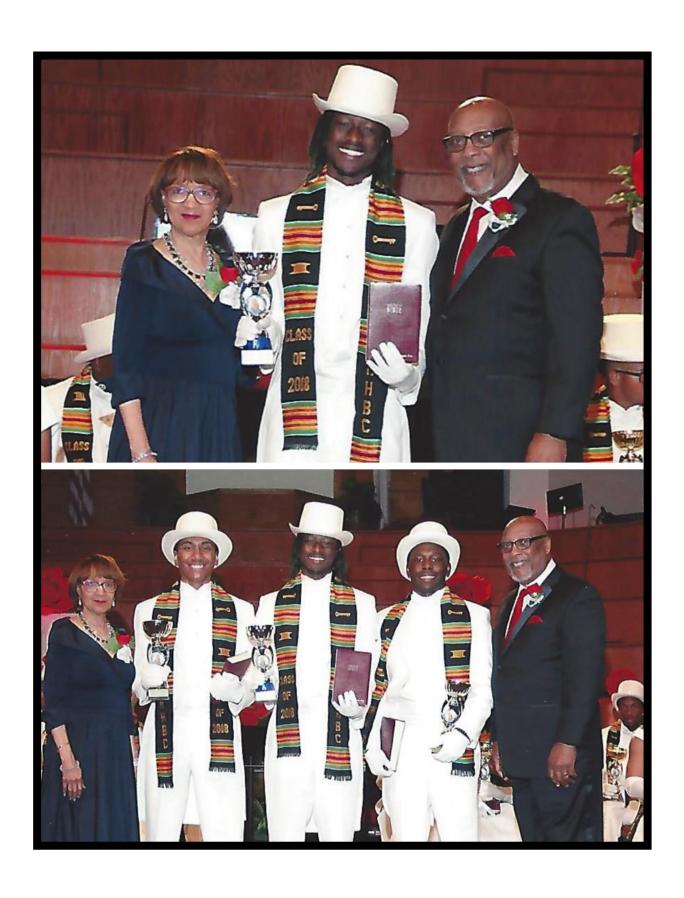


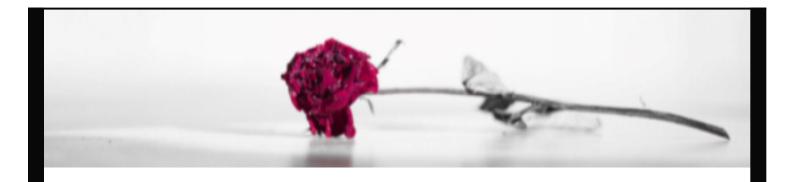
2018 Dorothy Wesley Scholarship Recipient



2018 BEAUX AND DEBUTANTES







2019 Beaux and Debutantes for Christ

Debutante Sacha Aina Braggs

Beau Braelyn Dion Brooks

Debutante Dominique Danielle Natania Buford

Debutante Jaida Clyntara Crowley

Beau Tye Ashton Fairley

Beau Daunte Craig Gaiter

Beau Kobe Lynn Hampton

Beau Khalil Dominique Harry

Debutante La Laylah Rose Pleasant

Beau Jaacob Demetrius Alex Pledger

Beau Joshua Cole Wesley

Debutante Hannah Christine Williams

Beau Marquis Antwone Woods

Beau Jordan Christopher Young



Debutante Sacha Aina Braggs

I'm proud to introduce my daughter, Sacha Aina Braggs. Sacha began to exhibit characteristics of a leader at a very young age. She has always given 110%

to every task she has undertaken. Sacha takes pride in learning in school and through the wisdom of her elders. She also enjoys sharing her knowledge with others.

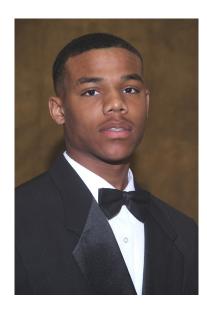
Since being a student in elementary school, Sacha has been known to carry a clipboard everywhere she goes, as she is always studying or working on an assignment. Her commitment to her studies has earned her respect of her instructors, peers and many awards and accomplishments such as the recipient of the Lyon Award, Lumiere Award, Top Fundraiser, Outstanding Service Award, High Steppers of the Year Award, 2 years of Honorable Mention from ADTS and Level 2 Solo Contest winner in the Varsity Orchestra. In architecture, she was the regional and state winner and is OSHA and Revit certified. She is a member of Mu Alpha Theta, National Honors Society of High School Scholars, National Honors Society, Silver Keys Honor Society and the National Dance Honor Society. She was also a JV Lady Hawk Track and Field Team 400 and 4x400 meter JV district winner, member of the JV Orchestra Position and JV viola sectional leader, and line dance instructor of the JV High Stepper Drill Team.

I am most proud of Sacha's commitment to Christ. She understands that through Christ all things are possible. I believe her relationship with Christ is her driving force. She volunteers at the Good St. Baptist Church for their annual holiday celebrations and awareness, Rockwall-Heath High School for annual fundraisers, food & clothing drives, and work competitions academic achievement and participated here at The Mount in the Praise Dance 2010 Drama Ministry and Awana Youth Bible Study Game Coordinator.

Sacha is goal oriented and focused on her future. After she graduates from Rockwall-Heath High School, she will be studying Architecture with a minor in Engineering. Her ultimate career goal is to find an architectural firm and coordinate services with local governments and organizations to provide remodeling services for the disabled, elderly and the disadvantaged. I am excited to see what God has in store for her!!

Sacha you are an inspiration to our entire family and we are blessed to call you our own! The road ahead will not be smooth, but if you draw near to God in times of trouble and distress, He will carry you through.

Shellie Braggs, Mother



Beau Braylen Dion Brooks

Braylen was born on May 8, 2001 and was our second child. We were so blessed that God gave him to us, and have been blessed ever since.

Braylen has always loved sports. We would watch sports together every weekend, and when he turned three, we signed him up to play soccer. He caught on quickly and has done that every time he has been involved in an activity. Next on his list was football and he started playing that when he was five. He loved flag football, and as he got older moved on to tackle. He also played basketball and ran track, but football is his first love and he continues to play to this day.

At Sachse High School, Braylen played for the freshman football team as a cornerback, slot receiver and punt returner and subsequently moved up to varsity and lettered for three years as a cornerback. During his senior year, the team went 9 - 3 in their district and made it to the 2nd round of the State playoffs. He had 11 interceptions with 6 returned for touchdown. He was selected as the 2019 district defensive player of the year, All-Area, All-State, Associated Press State defensive player of the year and All-State academic team. He was also nominated for the Gale Fields Award, which recognizes outstanding athletes in the Garland Independent School District (GISD). He has been in the Gifted and Talented Program in GISD since elementary school, has a 4.0 grade point average while taking advanced placement and dual credit courses, and has been nominated for the Sachse High School Cotillion Awards three years in a row.

Braylen has always tried to do his best in everything he has been involved in. He has taken what God has blessed him with and used it to its fullest. It highlights the parable of the talents (Matthew 25: 14-30) and how each servant was given talents, according to their ability. Braylen has done something with the talent God has given him. He was not the one who buried the talent he was given, but the one who went out and used it. Braylen has persevered through the hard times and highlighted God's gifts during his high school career, both academically and athletically. Because of this, he has received a scholarship to the Naval Academy and will play football there. Deuteronomy 31:6 says "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." The journey is not over, and we look forward to all that God will do through you! We love you so much and are so proud of you!



Debutante Dominique Danielle Natania Buford

Hello, we are Herb and Kelly Buford, and we have been members of Mt. Hebron Baptist Church for 23 years. We would like to introduce our daughter, Dominique Danielle Natania Buford, who is being escorted this evening by her Dad. Dominique is a graduating senior at The Hockaday School in Dallas, Texas where she is currently the Upper School Student Council President.

Dominique has always been a strong student, but when she was younger, she also played the cello and soccer. She played soccer from the age of 4 until the end of 9th grade. She played on recreational teams when she was younger and competitive teams as she got older. She was a defensive player who prided herself on not allowing the opposing team to score.

Throughout high school, Dominique has been actively involved in the Hockaday community. She has taken on many leadership roles and has been very active in community service, which has been one of her passions throughout her years in high school. Most of her community service has been at the Legacy Senior Living Home where she has enjoyed working with the residents and other students.

Dominique has served in many leadership roles in student government, including President of both her sophomore and junior classes, and Co-President of the Black Student Union. Most notably, she is the current Upper School Student Council President. In this role, she serves as the spokesperson of Student Council to Upper School students, faculty, the Head of School, and the Board of Trustees. She oversees a board of seventeen members representing all grade forms and student organizations. She leads the Student Council meetings, activities, and works closely with the Council to generate ideas and plans for the school year. In our family, we call her our quiet leader because she has a more reserved personality, but she is an extremely respected leader among her peers.

Dominique has received several awards in Upper School including Outstanding First Year Physics student, the Sudie Duncan Citizenship Award, and the Bryn Mawr College President's Book Award. In 2018, she also received the NCTE Writing Achievement Award, which is awarded to nationally recognize the best student writers.

At Mt. Hebron, Dominique has participated in the Bible Drill program for the past 10 years. She has devoted many hours to studying scriptures and the books of the Bible, as well as improving her speed and accuracy. Her favorite scripture is Psalm 139:14, "I will praise You because I have been remarkably and wonderfully made" (HCSB).

Dominique will graduate from The Hockaday School as a member of their Cum Laude Society, which honors scholastic achievement in secondary schools. She has been accepted to nine (9) outstanding universities, and has decided to attend Duke University in the fall where she plans to major in Computer Science. We are very proud of Dominique, and look forward with anticipation to the wonderful plans God has in store for her life.

Herb & Kelly Buford, Mother and Father



Debutante Jaida Clyntara Crowley

It is with great honor and pleasure that we introduce our daughter, Jaida Clyntara Crowley. She was born on March 7, 2001 and is the youngest of our two children. Jaida is being escorted by her father Clinton Crowley. Jaida is a graduating senior at Sachse High School.

Jaida has been a member of The Mount since 2009, when she accepted Christ and was baptized at the age of 8. Jaida has a very sweet, kind and loving spirit. Her commitment to Christ as a young lady continues to amaze us. Her most valued qualities are loyalty, humility and integrity.

Jaida has been actively involved in many activities: Vacation Bible School, Youth Ministry, Photography Ministry, Evangelism Team, NAACP Youth Council and served on the 2016 Student Council at International Leadership Garland High School.

Jaida attended Kids Across America for nine years and is a recipient of their most distinguished honor, the "I Am Third" award, for putting God first, others second and herself third. Jaida is also a graduate of the three -year Higher Ground Servant Leadership program. In this program, she participated in several mission trips in Missouri and Tennessee. Last summer, she served on her international mission trip in Belize. Jaida helped to feed the homeless, repair schools and worked with families in need. Jaida has also received the NAACP Image Award and was a 2016 National American Miss State Finalist.

At age the of 8, Jaida began her love of baton twirling. We have watched her develop into an award-winning twirler at CK Studio. Jaida received the SWTA All Around Twirler award for 2018 and 2019. In 2015, Jaida began dancing and was awarded SWTA All Around Dancer for 2017. Jaida was SWTA High Point recipient for 2019. Jaida's dance studies include: Lyrical, Jazz, Modern, Contemporary, Tap and Ballet. Jaida is also on an award-winning Tumbling Team. This Fall, Jaida will continue her education at Stephen F. Austin State University. There she will study Kinesiology and Dance Education. Jaida's goal is become a Physical Therapist and Dance teacher. She auditioned and received a position on the SFA Twirl-O-Jacks Team. All her hard work has paid off.

Jaida's favorite scripture is Lamentations 3: 21-25, "But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. The Lord is my portion, says my soul, therefore I will hope in Him. The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him." Our prayer for Jaida: Have Thine own way Lord, Have Thine own way. Thou art the potter, she is the clay. Mold her and make her, after Thy will. While she's waiting yielded and still. We love you Jaida!!



Beau Tye Ashton Fairley

We proudly introduce to you our dear son, Tye Ashton Fairley. He is our first born, and proud big brother to younger sister Sanaa Arielle. Tye is a graduating senior from Sachse High School. He has always been a joy to anyone with the pleasure of being in his company, and we're confident that he'll carry that same spirit in all that he pursues in this next phase of life.

Tye accepted Christ during his KAA (Kids Across America) camp experience which was very rewarding for him in showing the benefit of, and need for, quiet time with the Lord.

He voiced amazement at seeing how a relationship with Christ could be encouraged by and practiced with other kids and young adults. He has long participated in children's activities at The Mount including GOP (Genesis of Praise), True Praise plus serving as a Youth Usher.

His education began at Mount Hebron Christian Academy up through first grade providing a strong foundation in comfort reading the bible and praying for the family, which he continues to this day. Our family enjoys having him oversee meal prayers. Tye won awards such as spelling bee champion, and winning the science fair while at Mount Hebron. Through middle into high school, he has maintained A/B grades while managing advanced placement classes at Sachse High School. He was inducted into Beta Club at Sachse.

Tye was chosen for the inaugural Rowlett Youth Council to serve the community alongside our elected City Council officials for the 2018-2019 school year. He enjoyed participation in Sachse baseball team's mentor program and Sachse Baseball Buddies. In addition to his accomplishments, Tye has learned to value hard work, displaying an awe-some work ethic since he began mowing and/or clearing lawns at his initial reluctance but urging of his Dad! He now juggles multiple income streams including his work as a baseball umpire with Garland PeeWee League, mowing lawns, and summer job as a PSA camp counselor. A testament to God's influence on him, we have been pleased to constantly receive feedback from adults he encounters through school, sports, church and/or his work that "Tye's the most respectful kid I've ever met."

Of extreme importance, Tye is an avid passionate baseball player for life! Having tried most sports including baseball, football, basketball, track and soccer throughout the years, the diamond has become ingrained into his, and our lives! His athleticism, work grind and enthusiasm for the game plus his teammates have paid off in many ways: team captain for Sachse High School varsity team 2018-2019, All District outfielder 2018, twice named Perfect Game Preseason, Honorable Mention All American, 2017 Perfect Game PGBA Elite World Series Most Valuable Player (MVP).

Tye has been on the Sachse's varsity baseball team for 2 years. In addition, he played select competitive baseball since age 8 and is currently a part of the Texas Oilers organization. His hard work has paid off as a recipient of several offers to play baseball at the next level, and Tye has accepted a scholarship to Rose State College. He aspires to become an architect. In his spare time, Tye enjoys listening to old school music (thanks to his Dad!), playing Madden/2K and hanging with family/friends.

We are utterly proud of the young man Tye has evolved into, and excited to see how God works in him through this next phase of life. Tye's favorite scripture, Philippians 4:13, "For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength" (NLT). We pray for his continual remembrance that the Lord will be with him as he journeys through college into adulthood and his career to become all that God has in store for him. Enjoy the ride son!



Beau Daunte Craig Gaiter

It is a blessing and an honor to present our son, Daunte Craig Gaiter, our second miracle baby. Daunte was born October 23, 2000 in Dallas, Texas despite doctors' reports of our infertility. After having our first miracle, Gabriell, seven years before Daunte was born, we thought our family was complete. Nothing was further from the truth.

Daunte has been a blessing to our family, a demonstration of the faithfulness of God and a symbol of God's favor. He spent his foundational years attending Mt. Hebron Christian Academy and his entire life as a member of The Mount where he

has actively served in Bible Drill the past nine years and participated in local and international evangelism sharing God's word throughout Garland and the surrounding communities. He has served as a youth ambassador for Higher Ground Christian Youth Leadership Ministry for the past three years. This experience has enhanced his spiritual growth through extensive bible study, evangelism training and service to various communities including assisting with the landscape at a women's shelter in Missouri, assisting urban youth in downtown Memphis, Tennessee and he spent a week serving at a non-profit vocational and educational center for teenagers and orphans in Belize, Central America. Daunte has never been hesitant to assist his parents with various ministries such as praying with grieving families, visiting the sick and elderly, and serving the homeless. He has also assisted with teaching adult and youth Sunday School classes and children in Awana's, and leading congregational and individual prayer during church services. He recently enhanced his acting skills as a participant in The Mount's Drama Ministry's Black History presentation.

It has been our pleasure seeing this young man develop from a rambunctious and impulsive boy to a compassionate, critical thinker who seeks to consider the needs of others before himself. For the past seven years, he has assisted his mother with the distribution of food during the holidays and various times throughout the year working with the food pantry at the Allen Community Outreach and in Lucas, Texas.

Daunte is a graduating senior of Sachse High School where he has excelled in advanced placement and dual credit classes while participating on the varsity football team. He is a leader in the Black Student Association and selected by his teachers as a member of the Horse Power Tech Team (HPT), which was created to assist teachers and students with technical troubleshooting. He was also a member of the Key Club. Daunte was recently nominated as Mr. Sachse High School.

After graduation, Daunte has decided to pursue his passion and love for the ocean and marine life by attending Texas A&M University in Corpus Christi and majoring in Marine Biology. Since he was in elementary school, Daunte has expressed a love for sharks as he constantly persuaded us to purchase books, videos and take him to documentaries about marine life. One of his prized possessions is an autographed book from Jacques Cousteau's grandson regarding underwater expeditions and information. Daunte also loves history and reading about prominent historical figures. His favorite president to study is Theodore Roosevelt.

Daunte, we have no doubt that you will excel in whatever you choose to do as you continue to 'seek God with your whole heart.' And, as you continue to read and study your favorite book of the bible, Ecclesiastes, remember the overall theme of Solomon, everything gained in life is futile unless you place God first. You have always proven to us that you refuse to be a statistic, despite the negativity you receive from others. Continue to be confident in yourself as you gain wisdom from God. Mommie, Dad, Gabriell and your host of extended biological and church family love you and are very proud of you!! God loves you more so we must trust Him to guide you.

My son, you've developed your wings, it's time to fly. Proverbs 3:6 "Remember the Lord in everything you do, and He will show you the right way."



Beau Kobe Lynn Hampton

We would like to introduce our son, Kobe Hampton. Kobe is a graduating senior from Rowlett High School. Kobe has been an AP Honor student throughout high school. Kobe was a member of the DECA group. This group prepared him to be leaders in their communities and how to become Entrepreneurs. Since a little boy, Kobe has always loved helping others. Kobe is naturally kind and compassionate. Kobe began community service volunteering with The North Texas Food Bank where he assisted the elderly with groceries and delivering the items to their vehicles.

Kobe participated in basketball and football. Due to multiple surgeries, Kobe wasn't able to excel in sports as he had hoped. Kobe continued to do his best and he continued to show up. Despite going through 4 surgeries, Kobe remained optimistic. He never stopped trying.

At Mt. Hebron, Kobe served as a youth Usher from 6th grade through 11th grade. Kobe was baptized at accepted Christ on March 5, 2017.

Kobe applied and was accepted into numerous colleges. Kobe will attend Houston Baptist University in the fall. Kobe will major in Engineering. We are extremely proud of Kobe and can't wait to witness what God has for him.

Otha and Patricia Hampton, Mother and Father



Beau Khalil Dominique Harry

We present to you our first born son Khalil Dominique Harry. Khalil was born June 28, 2001 in Gulport, Mississippi. He was born prematurely, weighing 3lbs 6 ounces. Our lives changed immediately because he was this tiny baby entering an unknown world and fighting for his life. God's plan was miraculous! He has blessed us with 17 wonderful years with a great son.

Khalil was this little kid who liked to eat, read, and write short stories. which he still does to this day. He has always been the kid who does not like confrontation but who will stand up for anyone.

Khalil has been involved in many church youth activities. He has been a youth usher and received the NAACP Image Award at Mt Hebron. He attended Kids Across America (KAA) for two years. which is where he shared his testimony about how he found Christ. After attending KAA, he was given an opportunity to be a youth mentor with Higher Ground (HG). He completed three years in HG and traveled to Belize to do mission work with his peers. He has been invited back to KAA to be a Kaleo.

Khalil is a writer for the Sachse High School Stampede Newspaper. He is completing his fourth year as a track and field athlete and played football his freshman and sophomore years. Khalil plans to attend Grandview University in Iowa to pursue a communications degree and compete in track and field. He also has a big interest in Grambling State University, Jarvis Christian College, and The United States Airforce.

Khalil began reading the children's bible at a very young age, a practice which has led to his learning to study God's word. His favorite scripture is Joshua 24:15, "But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Our message to Khalil is to Remember you are a King; always put God first in your decisions; have faith in knowing that God will supply your every need.

Ricardo and Craynethia Harry, Mother and Father



Debutante La Laylah Rose Pleasant

As a child and youth at Mt. Hebron, La Laylah has been involved in numerous school and community athletic activities and Church ministries. She has been a member of the Dance Ministry, Bible Drill, the evangelism team, the drama crew, and the Audio Visual ministry.

La Laylah's athletic gifts emerged at an early age. At school, she is involved in Varsity track and Varsity Cheer. Google La Laylah Pleasant and you will find a minimum of ten (10) citations all citing her as a Track and Field standout. A few of La Laylah's athletic accomplishments include Sachse High School record holder in 100m hurdles, four (4) time Regional Qualifier, District Champion 2017, 2018, 2019, Area Champion 2018, and 2019. Involvement in all of these activities serves as evidence that La Laylah is a responsible, teachable, and disciplined young lady. Accomplishing these accolades involves commitment, showing up on time and diligence in learning tasks associated with performing the work of an athlete.

La Laylah also has volunteered by helping with the annual Easter Egg Hunt and she has been a member of the annual Martin Luther King Garland Community Choir. During the summer months, Layla has participated in (SAAC), a Summer Arts and Athletics Camp and Kids Across America (KAA), a Christian sports camp for urban youth and their mentors. KAA is designed to help youth become leaders among their peers, and La Laylah is definitely a "Leader among her Peers."

La Laylah has found herself associated with activities designed to develop and help young people stay on the straight and narrow path, and she has humbly spent lots of hours pursuing her athletic endeavors and trying to be the best she can be.

La Laylah has a quiet, sweet spirit; she has goals, and she wants to accomplish a great deal. An adult admirer of La Laylah once said to her that because she has aunts and an uncle who have all finished high school, graduated college and now have good careers, that she has "Big Shoes" to fill. La Laylah replied that she plans to do even greater things than her aunts and uncle. We have no doubt that she will.

La Laylah plans to attend the University of Central Arkansas, major in Exercise Science, run track and pursue a career in Physical Therapy.

We love you, La Laylah and wish you all the best in the world.

The Pleasant and Herman Family



Beau Jaacob Demetrius Alex Pledger

Our son, Jaacob Demetrius Alex Pledger, was born in Kansas City, Missouri on Labor Day, September 4, 2000. He is the second of four of our children and has been an intricate part of our family from day one. During his birth he got stuck three times: first his head was facing the wrong direction and the doctor pushed him back in. Second, the umbilical cord was wrapped around his neck and the doctor pushed him back in again. The third time he got stuck at the shoulders and the

doctor pushed him back in one more time. By the fourth time, the 9 lbs. - 10 oz. badly- bruised baby boy finally made his debut. We had a couple of names that we were considering for him, but because of his struggle during childbirth, we decided to name him Jaacob after Jacob in Genesis 32:26-30. Jaacob would not let go until God blessed him, and God has continued to bless him ever since.

Jaacob spent a week in Children's Mercy Hospital every year from 11 months of age until his 7th birth-day due to complications of RSV (respiratory syncytial virus) which could have easily taken Jaacob out, but God blessed him. This is a little boy who demonstrated strong faith from an early age. As a child, Jaacob asked God for a snow day during our family evening prayer three nights in a row. God honored his prayer request even though snow had not been in the forecast. By the fourth night you could see the eagerness in Jaacob's eyes to pray again, and we both told him "do not pray for another snow day." He was very disappointed at that directive and that they were able to go to school the next day. Not only has God honored Jaacob's prayers, but He has also given him favor. On two separate occasions, Jaacob found two \$100 bills —once in a parking lot and the second time as he was walking home from school. As a result, Jaacob gave back to God and willingly shared his blessings with his family.

To this day God continues to bless, honor and show his favor upon him wherever he goes or speaks. He has been a leader within our family, at school and at the church. His leadership has grown more after he joined the Air Force JROTC at Rowlett High School his sophomore year. He is a Cadet Captain and has been recorded on their recruitment video to encourage other students to join. As a freshman, Jaacob joined AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) and has been an Ambassador Lead for two years. He received the "I am Third" award from Kids Across America in 2016 and has participated in the Higher Ground Mentoring program at The Mount. In all these activities Jaacob has had hundreds of hours of community service, not only within the Dallas area, but in Arkansas and Missouri as well.

We are truly blessed by God as Jaacob's parents for he has been a child that we really did not have to monitor closely because he is aware of our expectations and values. Most importantly, he knows Whose he is. Because of his faith in Christ he stays on that narrow path, which sometimes seems lonely for him. Just as 1 John 4:4 reads: "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world."

Jaacob plans to further his education by pursuing a degree in Aeronautical Engineering at either Mississippi State, Tuskegee University, Wichita State University, or Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. We could not be prouder of the young man Jaacob has become, and we know God will continue to bless, honor, and favor him into this next chapter of his life. We Love You Son!



Beau Joshua Cole Wesley

We would like to introduce our third - born child to you; his name is Joshua Cole Wesley. Joshua has a heart of gold and will help anyone. He is a graduating senior at Rockwall High School. Joshua has been a member of The Mount since 2001. He accepted Christ and was baptized at the age of six years old.

Joshua started his spiritual journey in GOP (Genesis of Praise) under the leadership of his father, Eric Wesley, who was the Children's Pastor at that time. He then moved to True Praise, where he participated in the choir. He was also an active member in Awana and Bible Drillers. Joshua also participated in Kids Across America camp in Branson, Missouri.

Joshua started his education at Rockwall Christian Academy and later moved to Rockwall ISD for the rest of his learning. In school, Joshua participated in various extracurricular activities that included track, football and basketball. While at Rockwall High School, Joshua has been on the varsity basketball team since his junior year. This past season, the Jackets were District 11-6A Champions and made it to the regional semifinals of the Texas UIL state playoffs. Joshua was named 2nd team All District 11-6A and Academic All District 11-6A.

Playing basketball has given him opportunities off the court to participate in community service activities, that included feeding the poor, distributing canned goods to those in need, and sponsoring a child who was less fortunate for Christmas.

Joshua has a passion for basketball. During his free time you can find him in the gym. He has had a basketball in his hand since age three and has played on various AAU teams that have traveled across the country.

In addition to basketball, Joshua loves to listen to music, watch movies and hang out with friends and family.

Joshua's aspirations are to attend a four-year university where he will study sports medicine or business. We are very proud of the young man he has become, and we look forward to seeing what God has in store for him.

Rev. Eric and Terri Wesley, Mother and Father



Debutante Hannah Christine Williams

As a child our daughter, Hannah Williams, was very energetic and funny and she still is. She's a graduating senior from Sachse High school. She played basketball which she enjoyed very much and ran track as well. Hannah has been at The Mount for eight years. Our baby is going to Navarro College after her graduation and plans to major in Psychology. She is a great listener so we know she is going to excel in her career as a Psychologist. As her parents, we pray she will continue to grow and walk with God and that she will seek His face for guidance and healing.

Love Rita and George Williams, Mother and Father



Beau Marquis Antwone Woods

On November 15, 2000, we were blessed by the arrival of Marquis Antwone Woods. He is the oldest of two children born to Lester and Tammie Woods and the grandchild of Lester and Anna Woods. His favorite scripture is John 3:16 "For GOD so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life."

Marquis was a curious child from a young age. He has always stood out academically for his knowledge and knack with computers. He always wants to know how things work. Attending high school was a change for Marquis, but he quickly found his calling after being accepted to, and attending the Gilbert-Reed Technology Center in Garland. He has chosen computer programming as a career. He is currently not the next Michael Jordan, but he is the next Bill Gates. He has already designed a video game with art and concept. He has been an active member of the Garland Branch NAACP Youth Council for the last six years and has had responsibilities of Media Affairs and Secretary. He has also participated in Kids Across America for two summers. Marquis is a quiet soul who doesn't mind helping anyone. He is also the recipient of the NAACP Garland Elaine Bradley Scholarship Award for 2019. We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments, Marquis. Continue to pursue your goals and always keep GOD first in your life. You know he's REAL!

Anthony, Alyssa, Anna & Lester Woods, Grandparents and Father



Beau Jordan Christopher Young

Jordan is truly a blessing from God. He has richly blessed the lives of all with whom he has come in contact. Jordan grew up in the Church at Mt. Hebron, and for many years he served as an usher in the Youth and Children Ministry.

In the community, Jordan served as a member of the NAACP Garland Youth Council and represented the Youth Council as a participant in the NAACP Texas State Conference Black History Quiz Bowl. Jordan was one of three team members and the only male on the team. The Garland Youth Council won that competition in large part because Jordan devoted time to prepare and because Jordan is a really smart young man. Each team member left the competition with an iPad.

Jordan is an avid football player. This year, as a Defensive End on his high school football team, Jordan was selected as Football Special Teams Player of the Year.

Jordan's favorite scripture is Jeremiah 29:11... "For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

After graduation, Jordan plans to attend Wayland Baptist University, major in Sports Science, and become a Physical Therapist.

Michelle Young, Mother

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Scholarship Ministry

The Scholarship Ministry of the Mt Hebron Missionary Baptist Church was formed by Barbara Davis in 1977 under the pastorship of Rev. W.J. Davis. The first members of this Committee were T.C. Walls, Joyce Miller, and Barbara Davis. The purpose of the Committee was to provide recognition graduation tokens and scholarships for the high school graduates of the church. Overhearing the Committee's discussion regarding sources of funding for the activities of the Committee, Dorothy Wesley offered the idea of the Beaux and Debutantes for Christ Program as a means of providing the funds. Dorothy first became aware of the program on one of her visits to her home church in Los Angeles, California. She described the program and brought copies of printed programs from Los Angeles.

The first Debutantes Program was presented in 1979 at Mount Hebron's 209 East Avenue D location. Funds were solicited by the debutantes, but all youth were the recipients of the scholarships. Eventually, boys became a part of the program. The first beaux were presented in 1995. Dorothy thought that a program requiring the kind of time and energy as the Debutantes program should only be presented every other year, and so the program was presented bi- annually from 1983 until 1999, after Pastor Leonard O. Leach became the Pastor at the Mount. Today, the Program is an annual program designed for high school graduating seniors.

The growth in membership of the Mount provides a ready pool of workers who annually make this program a reality. Dorothy would be proud. Over the years, as the Scholarship Committee focused on how to increase the number of youth who would pursue a post-secondary education and qualify for the scholarship, an annual retreat, initially designed for the girls, was created. The retreat addressed what the Bible says about premarital sexual relations. Various women of the Mount became a part of this effort. Gwen Clemmons, Joyce Guthrie, Frances Smith, Chris Shane, Willie Bogar, Joyce Miller, Patricia Fenceroy and others.

Mt Lebanon and other Baptist encampments were the sites of the first weekend retreats. When the location at 901 Dairy Road was built, the overnight, weekend retreats were held at the facility. The women shared their dating experiences as teenagers with the youth and emphasized the ever presence of temptations and the importance of knowing how to use biblical teachings to yield not to those temptations.

The activities of the Scholarship Ministry were expanded as the church operated without an organized youth ministry; the ministry always focused on spiritual and education-related activities designed to expand the scholarly horizons of the youth. To this end, organized visits to the symphony, ballet performances of the Nutcracker Suite, annual performances of "The Christmas Carol at the Dallas Theater Center, the Dallas Museum of Art, the zoo, the South Dallas Cultural Center, the African American Museum of Dallas, the International Cultural Center and the Science Place became important experiences for the girls and boys at Mount Hebron. Continued...

Scholarship Ministry

In recent years, the activities of the Scholarship Ministry have included college tours for all grade levels, Kindergarten through 12th grade, the Spring Break Teen Summit and the Children's Lock-In. Born in 1979, the Scholarship Ministry serves as an example of a youth ministry that emerged from the heart and mind of a single member of Mount Hebron. The creative energies of another member gave rise to the Beaux and Debutantes for Christ Program. Through the combined efforts of countless members of the Mount, this Program continues to fund scholarly activities for all youth of Mount Hebron. Over the years, this program through the members of Mt. Hebron has provided scholarships and encouragement to hundreds of young people. The legacy is to foster a college going and graduating culture of youth who keep God first, lead others to Christ while encouraging the pursuit of education beyond high school.

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On behalf of our Senior Pastor, Rev. Leonard O. Leach, the graduating seniors, past, current and future Beaux and Debutantes for Christ participants and their parents, along with the Scholarship Ministry, we sincerely thank each of you who have contributed to the scholarship fund. We recognize it takes a village to raise a child and your support and financial contributions are great examples of your commitment to our youth's success. Without your unselfish gifts to this ministry we would not be able to make the financial investment into the lives of each recipient. Thank you for being villagers who are, "Into What God is Up To"!

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