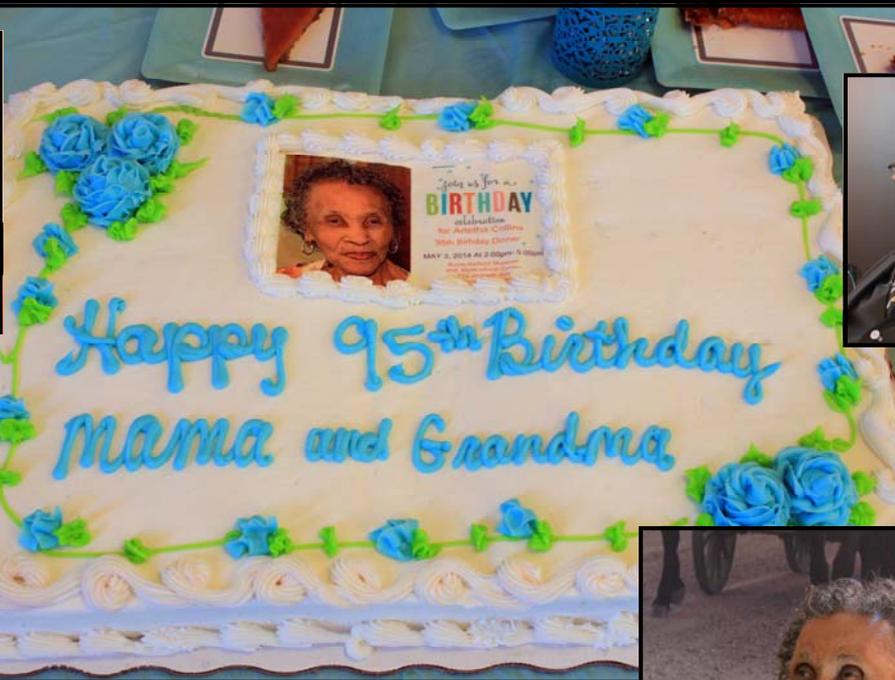




A Glorious Birthday Celebration For Mrs. Arletha Collins



Burns UMC members Johnny and Janis Blake (pictured above) hosted a 95th Birthday Celebration for Janis' mother, Mrs. Arletha Collins (pictured at right) at the Burns-Belfry Museum and Multi-Cultural Center on May 3, 2014. The program was attended by many of Mrs. Collins' children, grand-children and great grand-children (pictured at the top of page 2) from many parts of the country as well as many members from Burns UMC including Pastor Christopher C. Diggs and family.



What God Can Do!

by Barbara Wortham

"So I say to you, ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened."

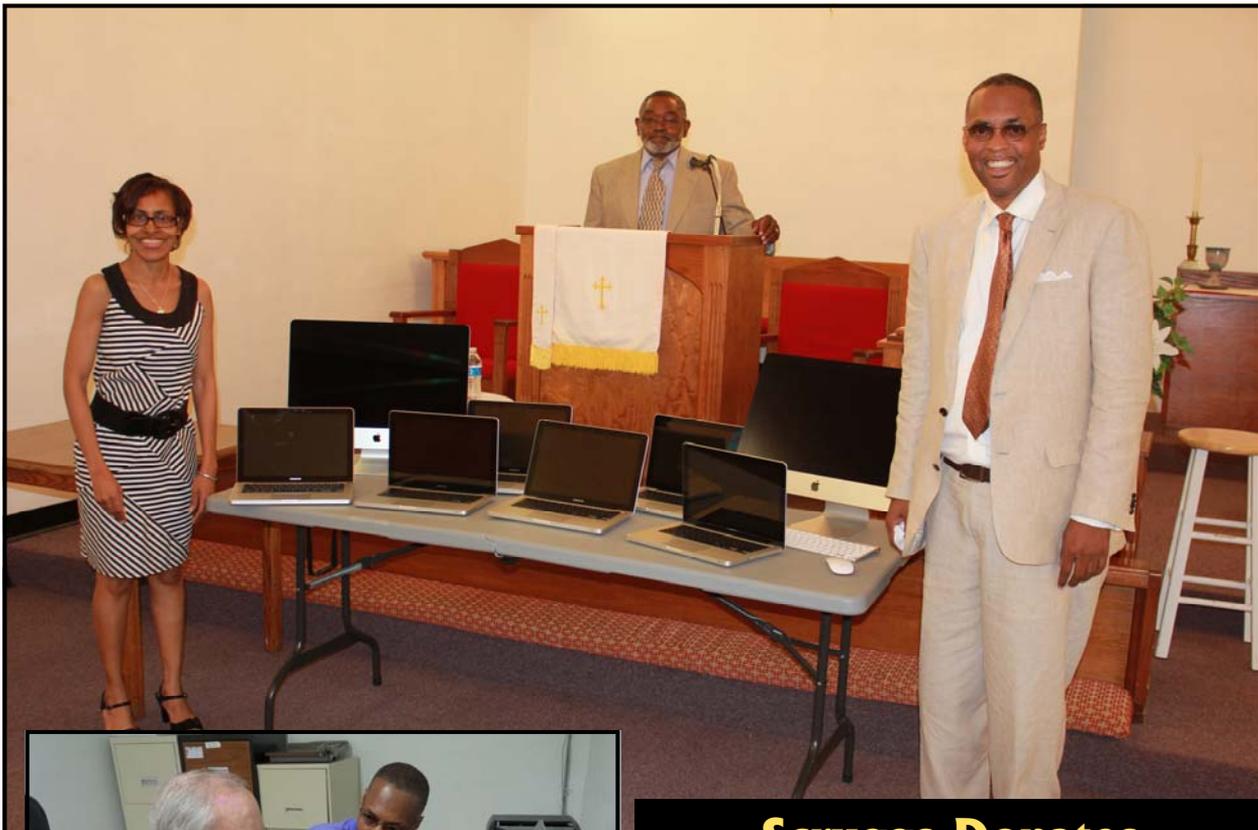
—LUKE 11:9-10

Last August, Burns UMC embarked on a new mission. Under the leadership of our pastor, Rev. Christopher C. Diggs, we began a G.E.D. program. The program is currently serving six students, but we know that God is going to multiply that number. In mid April, I saw the need for computers for our classroom. The new G.E.D. is computer based. Many adults today will be at a disadvantage if they are not familiar with basic computer skills. I talked with my

students, and most of them did not have computer access in their homes. I called the pastor and told him we needed to have computers in order to serve our adult population. He told me to find what I wanted and send the specifications to him. At that moment, I knew God would give me the desires of my heart. I found some affordable computers at WalMart. com. I sent the pastor an email, and he responded with "keep the faith". The next day he called and said that

he had found a person who wanted to help our program. By the end of the next week, we were able to purchase top of the line computers. Sometimes we are reluctant to ask God for what we want. I have found that if you ask unselfishly, not for yourself, but for others, God will pour out a blessing that you cannot imagine. Burns would like to thank our generous donor letting God use

him to help others. We also thank our pastor, associate pastor, Rev. Marvin Gipson, and Ms. Evelyn Smith for their efforts in purchasing and setting up the computers. Many thanks to our weekly volunteers, Ms. Stella Murray, Mr. Hubert Murray, Ms. Trudie Mister, Ms. Niler Franklin, Ms. Ariel Booker, and Ms. Amber Mister for giving of their time. God is truly blessing his people.



Scruggs Donates Computers to Burns GED Program

Dick Scruggs and Rev. Christopher Diggs, of Burns UMC (left), discuss the new Mac computers that Scruggs donated to the church for the GED program.

Last week, Burns started GED computer classes using six Macbook Pros, two Mac desktops and one iPad, according to Rev. Chris Diggs. The class meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-9 p.m.

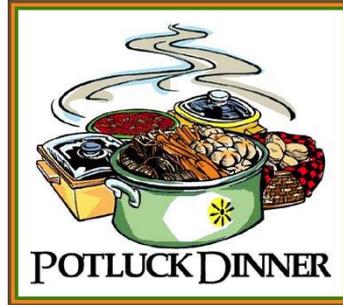
Burns United Methodist Church has unofficially been providing GED tutoring to people in the community for years, but until the recent gift from sponsor Richard "Dick" Scruggs, the program didn't have computers for students' use. On the Internet, please visit the following link for the full story: <http://hottytoddy.com/2014/04/29/scruggs-helps-burns-umc-put-computers-in-hands-of-ged-test-takers/>

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Burns UMC Bible Study



Bible Study is on Wednesday night each week beginning at 6:00p.m. We now have a "POT LUCK MEAL" after our studying. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO COME OUT AND PARTICIPATE and MAY GOD BLESS.

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