



Mount Pilgrim Baptist District Association

# WOMEN OF FAITH

2500 35th Avenue North - Birmingham AL 35207  
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## Seasonal Tea Fundraiser

Saturday, September 3, 2011  
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bethel Baptist Church, Berney Points  
1637 Pearson Avenue, SW  
Birmingham, AL 35211

Theme:

*Sowing Seeds of Compassion*  
**“Gleaning”**

*“Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself”*

*Romans 13:9*

### What Time Is It?



ATL

All Together Loving

## Women of Faith

SISTERS:

### Barbara Dudley Snead

President, Women's Auxiliary  
Mt. Pilgrim Baptist  
District Association

### Shirley Ward Means

Chair  
Women of Faith  
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### Teresa Davis Abernathy

Co-Chair  
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## CAPTAINS

Ronae Allen

Iona Hill

Carolyn Allen

Arnita Hines

Gwen Jones

Sarah Jones

Barbara Merkerson

Delois McQueen

Debra Poellnitz

Cynthia Porterfield

Dorothy Wiggins

### Greeting Saints !

The Mt. Pilgrim Baptist District Association (MPBDA) is ready to step into its fourth Annual Seasonal Tea— **“Sowing Seeds of Compassion”**. During last year's fundraiser, the First Ladies from our various churches prepared the groundwork for planting our Biblical Gardens with JOY. These laborers of the gospel plow took us back to the soil and put in some sweat equity for the harvest. Now that the groundwork of JOY has been laid, this year another group of anointed First Ladies will be **Sowing Seeds of COMPASSION**. Since the last time we gathered in our Biblical Garden to fellowship, storms have devastated Pratt City, Pleasant Grove, Tuscaloosa and many other areas--this in addition to job cuts and a sagging economy. If it didn't hit us directly, our neighbors or relatives have been effected. The Lord has entrusted those of us who were not directly effected to act as good stewards to the families who were effected. But regardless of what is happening in the world, we cannot allow our **COMPASSION** for our neighbor to fade. Our churches must remain beacons of light and a place of outreach. We must stay ready!!

Our Minister Wives will step out on the Word of God and offer words of encouragement to put these situations back into perspective. They will sow seeds in your hearts from Ruth Chapter 2 about **GLEANING**. that will grow pass your circumstances and bring a word from God on topics such as . . .

**IT'S MY NEIGHBOR TODAY...COULD BE ME TOMORROW: GLEANING-CHRISTIAN WELFARE  
DON'T STARVE: YOU'VE GOT TO PLANT AND HARVEST LONG BEFORE YOU GET HUNGRY  
THE HARVEST WON'T LAST LONG: WORK WHILE IT'S YOUR SEASON  
IT'S POSSIBLE: GOD MAY USE YOU AS THE ANSWER TO YOUR OWN PRAYERS**

In the spirit of Christian giving, the First Lady of the church that **“Sows the Most Seeds”** for the Tea will reap a bountiful array of gifts and her church will receive a beautiful plaque acknowledging their efforts. **NEW this Year**, gleaners will be distributed and the **INDIVIDUAL** who collects the most seeds by gleaning will also received a beautiful gift basket!

If you missed it last year, don't dare miss it again!! Some of our First Ladies, Pastors and Missionary Presidents will model in our Biblical Garden Fashion Show. We will then gather for food, fellowship and fun and experience a mouthwatering Seasonal Tea. Twelve areas, representing each month of the year (and featuring menus from that season), will be displayed. You won't leave hungry!

The attire is Christian casual, so come comfortable. Accent your attire with flowers — hats, floral dresses, floral shirts, floral scarves or just pin a flower on your garment or in your hair. We just want to see what a Biblical Garden looks like when we all are ready for the harvest.

Please start praying and rejoicing now for the success of this awesome project! The only one who will be mad is the devil. This is an opportunity to sow a **\$20** seed of faith into this project and share food, fun and fellowship with other members of the MPBDA churches. Please contact me at **453-2561** or **Sister Barbara Dudley Snead** at **787-1270** for tickets, gleaners or additional information.

Yours in Christ,

*Teresa Davis Abernathy*

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