

## NOON DAY PRAYER

All Special Prayer Requests should be given to Ann Wilcoxson; they will be addressed at Thursday's Intercessory Prayer & Supplication. Those who can are asked to fast on Wednesdays.



This Quarter's fast is for God to send laborers to the vineyard. "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. **Matthew 9:37**

As you fast, remember to pray; as we receive great power and watch God move in our church. or call the church.

## Homebound & Shut-Ins

Patricia Gilbert	Brenda Clark
Darryl Bentley	Shamaya Austin
Yvonne Parsons	Barbara Brown
Ronald Smith	Melton Hall
Andrew Chambliss	Jackie Taylor
Rhudene Graham	Deborah Watson



## Sunday Service 10:00 AM

Join us at [npgbc.org](http://npgbc.org) or on FACEBOOK Live

Tuesday, 6:30 PM Youth on ZOOM  
Wednesday, 6:30 PM Partims, ZOOM  
Wednesday, 7:00 PM Adult Faith Development  
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Give online at Our homepage—[npgbc.com](http://npgbc.com) (follow the link) or [Givelify.com](http://Givelify.com)



## Virtual communion Sunday 01/6/21

Communion is available for homebound members. The member must contact your assigned deacon

## WINTER QUARTER Bible School Curriculum

### Preparation of Jesus' Disciples

#### Unit I: Getting Started

DEC 6 John 1:15-18

*The Testimony of John*

DEC 13 John 1:29-42

*Jesus's First Disciples*

DEC 20 John 1:1-14

*The Word Became Flesh (Christmas)*

DEC 27 John 1:43-51

*Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael*

#### Unit II: Getting to Know Jesus

JAN 3 John 2:1-11

*Jesus' First Miracle*

JAN 10 John 6:15-21

*Jesus Walks on Water*

JAN 17 John 6:25-40

*Jesus: The Bread of Life*

JAN 24 John 6:53-54, 60-71

*Jesus' Hard Saying*

#### Unit III: Going Deeper with Jesus

JAN 31 John 8:12-27

*Jesus: The Light of the World*

FEB 7 John 8:48-59

*Jesus' Claim to Deity*

FEB 14 John 11:1-16

*Jesus' Responses to a Dire Need*

JAN 21 John 11:17-32

*Assurance of Victory over Death*

JAN 28 John 11:33-44

*A Display of Divine Glory*

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### Virtual Year End Service

Thursday, December 31st

8:00 PM

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## Stand By Faith

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By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. (Hebrews 11:3 English Standard Version)

## "We've Come This Far By Faith"

Those words of an old hymn of the church are followed by the phrase "... Leaning On the LORD, Trusting In His Holy Word..." For me, this sums up the year 2020. As I look back, I can see God's hand working in many situations that kept us moving forward as a church family.

Two things stand out, the level of trust in God to provide and protect during uncertain times. Also, the commitment to study and live by God's Word regardless of the difficulties we face. Both of these have increased our faith. As we begin the year 2021, we can be confident in this fact. If we lean upon the LORD, He will not let us fall. Also, God will strengthen us and give us the grace which is sufficient for us to endure.

I feel so very blessed to be the pastor of the New Piney Grove Church. My desire is to be used by the LORD in any way He deems necessary, to bring about His will.

Because of what God has brought us through in 2020, I am more determined to sow His seeds while it is day. And this is my commitment to each and every member of our church family. My prayer is that God will bring His purpose for your life to its full potential in you. Love you all.

*Pastor Danne*

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## 2021 Pastor Appreciation Service

Our Pastor Appreciation Celebration for January 2021 is postponed due to COVID. However, if you wish to give a love offering, you may do so on Sunday, January 24th or any Sunday in January.

**The Chairman, Joseph McElroy, Jr.**

### What's Going On?



*"See, I am doing a new thing!"* Isaiah 43:19

In the 1970s Marvin Gaye sang a secular song entitled: "What's Going On." In the song references are made to many dying, many crying, war and a lack of love. Another gospel song says, "...Jesus You know as You look below, it's worst now than then." What in the world is going on?

As we approach another new year we must remember that we are still here for God's purpose. Our focus must not be on the negative things that are going on in our society; they can and will get worse before they get better. Our focus should be on our Savior.

The LORD told Isaiah, See (LOOK) I am doing a new thing. As times, life and things change, Pay attention! God did things before but this is something different and new. "It's a New Season, it's a new day; fresh anointing coming our way. It's a season of Power and Authority. Get ready, get ready it's coming our way. We are invited to look, pay attention something new is happening before our very eyes.

Let's continue to Stand Together, as a Family United in Perfect Harmony.

**CFO, Alvin Cearnal**



Greetings New Piney Grove Church Family:

We are living in turbulent times, but God is still God. COVID-19 did not catch God by surprise. Everything that has a name is under subjection to GOD. He is in control. This doesn't mean we shouldn't follow the CDC guidelines to protect ourselves and others.

Thank you church family for your continued support financially and spiritually. Those cars in the parking lot on Sunday morning, the live streaming and radio are a spiritual boost to the NPG Family. What a fellowship, what a joy Divine, leaning on the everlasting arms. Different method, same God.

Let's continue to be cheerful givers. AMEN.

**Rose McElroy**



**Outreach Ministry, Ronald Morgan,  
Hi Church Family**

Life has thrown us for a loop this year but because we are the children of the Most High GOD we have stood the test of time and survived. We believe that those that have gone before us are having a ball with the MASTER and the only reason we are still here (and not with them) is that we still have work to do. Until HE comes for us, we must do the work we were sent here to do.

I don't believe that things will ever go back to the way they were. We must understand that the reason things are the way they are is because of sin and until GOD steps in to correct this issue we must continue to reach as many as we can and warn them of impending danger of hell fire. JESUS tried to teach and lead as many people to Heaven as HE could and HE expect no less of us because we were left here to be the light and salt to this dying world. I hope and pray that GOD will remove the scales from our eyes so that we can see what GOD wants from us and to see what satan and the evil ones are trying to do to us to turn us away from doing GOD's work and love.

I really miss my Church family so much and hope to make up for all of the hugs, kisses, you all owe me. Smile. Please be careful out there because everyone will not get the shot right away so don't start hugging etc. right away. Smile. Don't forget to pray for all of those that rule over us and their families. Get out and vote in accordance with GODS WORD not the mail, tv, radio and websites. Much love now and forever and until next time go where and when you can.

GOD's foot soldier, **Morgan**

**Faith Development & Discipleship Ministry, Jeff Brothers**



*"Wisdom is the principle thing"* Proverbs 4:7 KJV

People have defined wisdom in many ways. The Greek word translated "wisdom" in the New Testament (sophia) has a wide range of meaning depending on the context in which it is used.

In James 1:5, the writer tells us to ask for wisdom. This wisdom isn't just knowledge or skill. It relates more to mindset and character than know how. The wisdom from God enables us to see things the way He does. It allows us to value what He values. Naturally, we don't perceive things according to God's value system. Our natural "wisdom" is described as "earthly, unspiritual, demonic" (James 3:15 ESV). The natural perceptions and value systems we're born with lead to "bitter jealousy and selfish ambition" (James 3:14 ESV).

Why should this be? Because our natural "wisdom" is self-centered, self-focused and self-righteous; God's wisdom is others-centered through love. God's wisdom makes it possible for us to receive the true righteousness that comes by faith in Christ Jesus. This is the goal of the "renewal of your mind" (Romans 12:2 ESV) that Paul wrote about. God's wisdom changes our whole way of perceiving, valuing and even desiring everything in life.

**Youth Ministry, Brandon Lee, Sr.**

### WOW



This is all I have to say; WOW! Our LORD and SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST has done exceedingly and abundantly in 2020! Even though 2020 had its ups and downs we can all say that GOD has been good to us. So let us go into 2021 with a grateful heart.

Grateful that GOD will keep us, grateful that GOD will supply us with all our needs, and grateful for so many things. So let us not forget the WOWing that GOD has done this year.

Lord, we are looking forward to the WOW that YOU will do in 2021!!!

**Women's Enrichment, Bonita Tharpe "Through It All"**



With 2021 rapidly approaching, I find myself torn between somewhat dreamy reflections over the year that is now ending and expectant contemplations regarding the year that is to come. Throughout the year we all have experienced the pains of a pandemic, social and political unrest which left many of us emotionally bankrupt and spiritually exhausted.

In 2 Corinthians 4:16-18, Paul opens a section which calls Christians to stand fast in the evil day; to press on despite the difficulties we face and to live by faith and not by sight. It reads: *Therefore, we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So, we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.* Through it all God has not changed. He is the same faithful God before these situations that He will be once they pass.

**Women's Ministry Chat & Chew, 1/09; 2/13; 3/13 & 4/10 @ 10:00 AM, on ZOOM**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73896258899?pwd=MmFYOFZCYVNqRVFCU1lqUHA1SEdaQT09>

Meeting ID: 738 9625 8899

Password: npg