

## MARCH Birthdays

Walter Williams, 1st  
 Earnestine Bivins, 2nd  
 Quentice Horton, 3rd  
 Stephanie McNeil, 6th  
 Beatrice Montford, 6th  
 Jackie Cox Cubia, 7th  
 Wendell Kerr, II, 7th  
 Dave Wilcoxson, 8th  
 Steve Balkcom, 10th  
 Anthony Clark, 10th  
 Betty Gilmore, 11th  
 Walter Johnson, 11th  
 Ann Wilcoxson, 13th  
 Jady Wright, 15th  
 Alicia Austin, 17th  
 Fred Rouse, 18th (son)  
 Jeanette Mosley, 20th  
 Althea Collier, 23rd  
 Sheila Walker, 23rd  
 Ronald Morgan, 24th  
 Lamarlon Rouse, 27th  
 Ella T. Tatum, 29th

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## 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.

March'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.

## Homebound & Shut-Ins

Patricia Gilbert	Brenda Clark
Darryl Bentley	Shamaya Austin
Yvonne Parsons	Barbara Brown
Kenneth Mosley	Melton Hall
Andrew Chambliss	

## SPRING QUARTER Bible School Curriculum

### Messianic Prophecy

#### Unit I The Coming One

**MAR 1** Deuteronomy 18:9-22

*A Prophet Like Moses*

**MAR 8** Numbers 21:1-9

*Look and Live*

**MAR 15** II Samuel 7:1-16

*A Son of David*

**MAR 22** Psalm 110:1-7

*A Priest Like Melchizedek*

#### Unit II The Promised Saviour

**MAR 29** Isaiah 52:13-53:12

*The Suffering Servant*

(Weekly introductory online; hard copy see office)

**GENDER STUDY Men: TBA**

**Women:** Grace: A Bible Study of Ephesians for Women

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*Communion is available for homebound members.*

*The member must*

*contact your assigned deacon or call the church.*



**MOVE CLOCK**

**AHEAD 1 HOUR**

# The NEW Piney Press

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"Then Jesus said, "Let's go off by ourselves to a quiet place and rest awhile."... (Mark 6:31)

## A Rest To Renew

Many of you know that March is a special time for my wife and I. Both of our birthdays are in this month. We also were married 55 years ago in this month (the zodiac sign is another of the devil's lies). After becoming pastor we labored hard, sacrificing our special month for the growth of the ministry at New Piney. In fact, we were at the church on Ann's birthday that first year when a thunder snow-storm stuck Middle Georgia. We rushed home only to find we had no power. This lasted for several days. I will always be thankful for the late Bill Montfort, who brought us a load of firewood that kept us warm during those days.

Since that time we have tried to celebrate each March and take a break from the demanding tasks of ministry. We are grateful to God for staff members and others who are well able to carry on while we are away. Prayerfully, no emergency will arise during our time away that would require our attention. But we also understand that we are called of God to serve the members of NPG. Deacon McElroy will contact me if there is a need, so please refer any concerns to him.

We will be at church on the first Sunday, to celebrate with you the LORD's supper and return on the fifth Sunday. Our prayer to God, and our request to you is to continue to come to church during our Sabbatical time.

We may drop in occasionally, just to enjoy the fellowship of the saints and worship. But we need to find that "quite place and rest awhile," just as Jesus told His disciples. We pray that our time of rest will renew our body, soul and spirit to continue the LORD's work while it is day. We love you all, stay in the fight and on the wall.

*Pastor Dale*

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

## **We Are Family**



*For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ... I Corinthians 12:12*

This year our theme is The Family. A family can be defined as a group with common a tie. A tie is what holds the group together. It binds, fastens or draws the group together. It is the glue. The songwriter wrote, *"Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love..."*

The family loves even when it is hard and sometimes seems impossible. A family supports each other. The family keeps things moving. Ain't nothing like having someone to count on.

The songwriter went on to say, *"From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin, we shall be free, and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity."* Thanks for everyone that is a part of our Family.

Thank God for first demonstrating His love for us; now we can display His love for others. We will continue to be united **In Perfect Harmony** as we **Stand Together On His Word**.

**CFO, Alvin Cearnal**

## **Giving During Lent**



Many of us observe the 40 days of LENT, and give up something challenging or important to us that we perhaps enjoy on a daily basis; or something we feel we can't do without.

As we focus on "giving up" something that we feel important to us, has it been considered that we could also "give to" a good cause, something or someone in need? Could we spare a few extra dollars that we spend on shopping, sodas, chocolates, etc. towards our tithes during the LENT season?

This is a special time of reflection and faith in doing this, and we can remember the sacrifices that Jesus made.



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

I am so proud of you all that are taking Kairos seriously. Those of you that don't want to go into the prison have stepped up to the plate with cash donations which covers the WORD in Matthew 25:35 where it states "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat;" Ok cookie makers/donations/Food Bank, "I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink;" Two-liter brand name drinks, "I was a stranger and you invited me in;" Into NPGBC; 25:36 "need clothes and you clothed me," NPG Saints; "I was sick and you looked after me," NPGBC and "I was in prison and you came to visit me," Kairos. Yaaa!

I know all of us fall somewhere in this Scripture and I am so glad to be a member of NPGBC and have so many people that think about me and my health. I hope that you all will continue to keep me lifted up in prayer along with other Church members that are sick and broke down like me. Smile. Please keep the Evangelism/Outreach Ministry lifted up for new members in the vineyard and to keep those of us that are getting up in age to stay on the battlefield until death do us part. As each and everyone of us gets closer to going home, lets take as many people as we can to Heaven with us. Until next time GO!

Much love

GOD's foot soldier, **Morgan**

**Neighborhood Witness Ministry: March 21, 9:30 AM -1:30 PM**

**Food Bank** 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4th & 5th Tuesdays—8:30 AM (Counselors needed)

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

## **AUTONOMY**



Autonomy is a fancy word that literally means "self-government." In personal terms it means "I do what I wanna do." Believe it or not, our desire for autonomy is the root of our sin problem. In the garden of Eden, the woman was conned into determining for herself what was "good" based on her physical senses and her mental and emotional desires.

The book of Judges describes a time in the history of Israel when the priests had lost credibility and there was no king or civic authority in the land. The Scripture says that "...Everyone did what was right in his own eyes." This sounds eerily similar to our modern times when we define and redefine morality and institutions based on the whims of current public opinion. These changing perceptions claim (and sometimes even seem) to be right but always lead us further from God's viewpoint.

As Christians, we are called to walk in the light. Light is symbolic of truth. The truth is a person: Jesus Christ, the Righteous. He has given us His Spirit to lead us. We don't have to lean to our own understanding or be tossed on the waves of human tradition and custom. We have the Scriptures and we have a divine guide Who lives within us. Let's give up our right to self-rule and humbly walk with Him. He knows the way.

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

## **Jesus Will Bear Your Burdens**



In Matthew 11:28 NLT, Then Jesus said, *"Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."* The Scriptures tells us that He will bare all our burdens and all we have to do is come to Him. If we come He will give us rest. If we come He will give us rest. If we come He will give us rest.

Young people and adults we have to come in order to get this rest! The Scripture goes on to tell us in verses 29-30, *"take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light."*

So for all of us that may be burdened down with something, always remember that whatever it is, all we have to do is come to JESUS, and HE will lighten the load!

**Women's Enrichment, Bonita Tharpe**



"Sunday's Women's Gender Study reminded the ladies of the grace we have in Jesus Christ. Dr. Bailey read this Scripture in Ephesians 1 verse 7. *"In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace which He lavished on us."*

Because of the grace of God that has been lavished on us we have redemption and forgiveness. Think with me for a minute on the definition of the word "lavish." "To give or apply with abundance" (Dictionary.com). Applying this to the grace of God, I think that God's grace is so abundant, so plentiful that I am immersed in it; there is so much of it that everywhere I turn grace is there. And it is not a cheap grace either; it is full and rich, complete and costly. The grace bestowed on us had a price affixed to it- the blood of Jesus Christ. Redemption, forgiveness and grace are inseparable.

Ladies no matter what you face today remember that the grace that saved you is the same grace that will sustain you, His grace is greater still.

Next session, **Saturday, March 14, 2020, 9:00 AM (at NPG)**