

APRIL Birthdays

Ashely Collier Shealey, 2nd
Harriett Walters, 2nd
Diane Harris, 4th
Brayden Lee, 5th
Dequavios Rouse, 8th
Katherine Sylvester, 8th
Christian Billingslea, 9th
Shirley Johnson, 9th
Jasmine Simpson, 9th
Katoria Nelson, 10th
Shirley Brown, 11th
Mary Hammonds, 13th
Detress Jenkins, 16th
Tahjae' Sellars, 17th
Kenneth Mosley, 18th
Antionette Smith, 20th
Noelle Rogers, 21st
Cameron Basley, 22nd
Kierra Golden, 22nd
Darryl Bentley, 23rd
LaShonia Childs, 23rd
Kamaliah Griswold, 25th
Arlena BeeBee, 26th
James Owens, Sr., 27th
Gloria Rickerson, 27th
Yvonne Parsons, 28th

NOON DAY PRAYER



All Special Prayer Requests should be given to Ann Wilcoxson; they will be addressed at Thursday's Intercessory Prayer & Supplication.

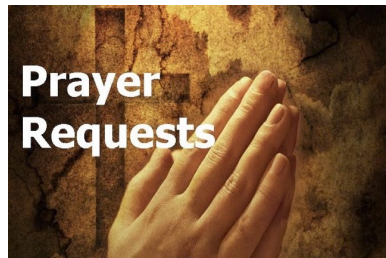
Those who can are asked to fast on Wednesdays.

April'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.

Prayer Requests



DISCIPLESHIP FAITH DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

Orientation Training Class
8:30 AM

Jalecia Ray

SPRING QUARTER Bible School Curriculum Teaching

Unit II New Growth

MAR 31 II Thessalonians 1:1-12

A Growing Confidence

APR 7 II Thessalonians 2:1-12

A Growing Awareness

APR 14 II Thessalonians 2:13-3:5

A Growing Resolve

Unit III The True Gospel

APR 21 Galatians 1:6-9; Matthew 28:1-7, 18-20

Remember the True Gospel!
(Easter)

APR 28 Galatians 1:10-24

The Source of Paul's Gospel

(Weekly introductory online; hard copy see office)

GENDER STUDY Men: TBA

Women: Meet Me At the Well



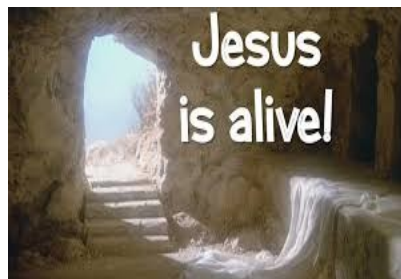
Communion is available for homebound members.

The member must contact your assigned deacon



Good Friday, April 19th
7:00 PM

Good Friday Service



Resurrection Sunday
April 21st

7:00 AM Sunrise Service
8:00 AM Breakfast Snack
8:30 AM Faith Development
10:00 AM Morning Worship



"An overseer, then, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able to teach,"

(1 Timothy 3:2, NASB95)

My Life Calling & Passion

I was introduced to the saints of New Piney Grove when I was assigned to teach a 5th Sunday Union Sunday School lesson. I can't remember what I taught, but I vividly remember the reactions of the people in attendance. That was the beginning of a 26 year plus relationship.

After becoming the pastor, during a meeting with the deacons, I also remember these words: "... we have been preached at for a long time, but we need teaching..."

I must confess, that I tried to adapt to what I thought was expected of a Baptist church pastor. But those words stuck with me. So, for the balance of my tenure as pastor, I will be committed to focusing on the teaching of God's Word.

For this reason, we will be changing the phrase "Monthly Theme," to "Monthly Ministry Focus." This will be in line with what we desire to accomplish. The Bible tells us:

"So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ." (Romans 10:17, ESV)

While I will not preach or teach every Sunday and Wednesday, preaching and teaching God's Word to the saints at NPG from the pulpit or podium, is my responsibility. But it has also been my life and passion. I should not be concerned about who comes or how many, but it is refreshing to know that others share my passion for learning the Word of God.

So, let's grow in faith together by developing our faith.

Pastor Dale

Patricia Gilbert	Brenda Clark
Eddie Blow, Jr.	Shamaya Austin
Yvonne Parsons	Barbara Brown
Kenneth Mosley	Earnestine Bivins
Darryl Bentley	



The Chairman, Joseph McElroy, Jr.

Built On the Foundation

built on the foundation ...In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ... you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.... Ephesians2:20-22 (ESV)

Standing On His Word

The New Year has just begun, but it's April already. My how "time flies when you are having fun." Standing on His Word as we learn more about Him is definitely fun. Each and every day our lives are shaped and fashioned for work. When we allow Him to build our lives on His solid and firm foundation, we will be able to stand.

Our faith is challenged each and every Christian Holy Celebration. As we approach our Resurrection Day Celebration this month, we will be confronted with questions. We must hold to our stand. Matthew 28:5 says, 'He has risen from the dead...' When questioned we must say, "Yes, Christ is ALIVE." Where: "In MY soul today."

Remember, nothing is more important than our Stand on God's Word. Keep Standing!!!!



CFO, Alvin Cearnal

Sacrificial Giving

A Devotion reading said that one of the wondrous features of God's teaching on "Giving" seems backwards from our everyday experiences. According to the Bible, God says we get what we need by serving others, and we get more by giving more. In other words, someone who gives freely gets more. But someone who withholds from giving gets even less or poorer. This logic can be confusing and makes no sense because it seems that the more we give away, the less we will have; and the more we save up to keep, the more we will gain for ourselves. It has been proven time and time again that the more we give, the more we receive. Proverbs 11:24-25 (GNB), "Some people spend their money freely and still grow richer. Others are cautious, and yet grow poorer. Be generous, and you will be prosperous. Help others, and you will be helped."

Our service to others and giving are important to God. We must remember that our God is a God of abundance. Elijah and the Zarephath's widow (I Kings 17:8-16) and The Widow's mite (Luke21:1-4) are examples of true sacrifice because they gave in faith all that they had. God is faithful to see that all of our needs are met as well as some of our wants when we obey His principles on serving and giving. I Samuel 15:22 "...Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice..."



Faith Development & Discipleship Ministry Jeff Brothers

There's something about pressing your way through. Whether it's a difficult circumstance, a rough patch in a relationship or just the thoughts in our own minds that hinder us from fulfilling purpose, perseverance helps us to endure. The great thing about perseverance/patience is that the more we choose to exercise it, the stronger we become in it. This is God's work.

Solomon wrote that the race is not given to the swift (Ecclesiastes 9:11). Jesus said "the one who endures to the end will be saved" (Matthew 24:13). Remember that the next time you find yourself seemingly stuck in the middle. Let patience have its perfect work (James 1:4).



Youth Ministry Brandon Lee, Sr.

We Worry A Lot!!!

Worry can be defined as, *give way to anxiety or unease; allow one's mind to dwell on difficulty or troubles.* We worry about this and that. We worry about our financial situation. We worry about our kids. We worry about jobs. We worry about our vehicles. We worry about our homes. We worry about our loved ones. We worry about end of grade testing. We worry about school. Teachers worry about students. Worry, worry worry!!!

Matthew 6:25 tells us *Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?* We are very valuable to GOD!!! Church family let's focus on not worrying!!!!



Women's Enrichment Ann Wilcoxson

"Where Do I Run?"

When the demands of life often leave me feeling overwhelmed, stressed and inadequate, I don't know about you but I want to run away. Thankfully, God wants us to run to Him when we are feeling overwhelmed.

Run to His Word which settles us and shelters us. In Matthew 11:28 Jesus says, *"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."* When we position ourselves next to Jesus, we have a constant reminder that He is responsible to take care of matters. He says His yoke is easy. In other words it is manageable. One can bear and endure. The load is light. We must always remember whatever we face is always being carefully monitored by our Lord.

Bonita Tharpe

Next session, **Saturday, April 13th, 2019, 9:00 AM (at NPG)**



Outreach Ministry Ronald Morgan

As we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead this month, let us share the gospel with whomever we come in contact with. A person without Christ is spiritually lifeless. God would not and has never violated anything He has told us. When Jesus Christ died on the cross, our sin debt was paid in full. Let us not beat our self up or pass judgment among others because they sin differently from us. The blood of Jesus Christ is continually cleansing us from sin. We serve a forgiving God and need to share this Gospel to the non-believers.

Our eager Outreach Ministry is always looking for dedicated members to join us in sharing the Word of God. See me or anyone on the Outreach Ministry for further details. Be Blessed.

Ronald Morgan

Next Session: **April 20th, 9:30 AM -1:30 PM** **Food Bank** 2nd, 4th & 5th Tuesdays—8:30 AM (Counselors needed)