

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 be 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.

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SERVICE EACH SUNDAY

(in the Worship Center)

10:00 AM

Masks are required

Please continue to socially distance



Join us at 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
npgbc.org, ZOOM or **FACEBOOK Live**

10:00 AM—**2nd Saturday** in Fellowship Hall
Women Enrichment

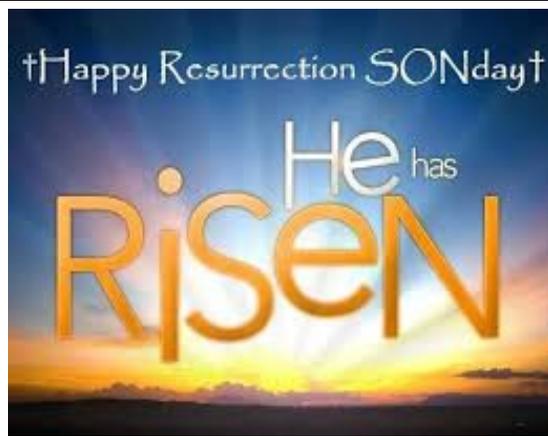
8:45 AM—**4TH Sunday** in the Sanctuary
Men's Gender Study

10:00 AM—**4th Saturday**— WD3
FACEBOOK Live

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APRIL 17th

Resurrection Day



It's RESURRECTION Time

Ladies!! April 9th-Women Enrichment

Let's resurrect our old purses

Fill them with personal item

And be a blessing to someone else

The NPG Women Enrichment Ministry is calling all NPG Women who can to donate your gently used purses.

Please stuff your purse with

Feminine Hygiene items and toilettes

Socks-Toothpaste/toothbrushes

Shampoo/Conditioner-Lotion-Soap

Deodorant-Tissue-comb-brush

Donations going to Loaves & Fishes Ministry
& Macon Rescue Women Shelter

The NEW Piney Press

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Finish the Work

2022 1st Quarter



So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, ... praising God and having favor with all the people. And the LORD added to the church...

Acts 2:46-47 (NKJV)

The two-year pandemic had taken a lot of things from the local church. As a result, many are still fearful of returning to church service. Some may never return. Others have become so comfortable not attending church that they will become "virtual members only."

Yet, the pandemic has been a personal blessing. God has added to our church family during a time when members have subtracted themselves. I have a new brother in Christ, Eddie "Butch" Fluellen, who hopefully will become a new fishing buddy. Ann and I also have been blessed with a new spiritual family the Amests, Nathan, Brittany, Nathan Jr. (Andre), and Noah. We are excited to see how God will use our "new children" in ministry at NPG for the glory of God.

While it is easy to look at everything from the viewpoint of what the church has lost, we should praise God for what He has added.

Pastor Dan

The Chairman, Joseph McElroy, Jr.

Finishing

“So Solomon built the house and finished it.” Kings 6:14



Our church theme for 2022 is *Finish the Work*. In order to finish something there has to be a beginning. Our church history began many many years ago. There have been many pioneers involved in the work that has been thus far accomplished.

As time continues God will assign many of us work to do. Even though we may have a different assignment, all our assignments are needed to finish His Work. Together we can *“do all things through Christ.”*

Eva and I miss all of you, and we pray that everyone will be able to come together soon. Stay safe! We love you guys!

CFO, Alvin Cearnal

Staying Faithful



I sit and remember the words from a church song, *“Behind every dark cloud, there's a silver lining. And After each rain storm, there's a bright new star...When trials pull your heart string, don't be discouraged. And even though the pain and misery may fill your eyes with tears...each trial will soon pass, and soon they will depart, and Hallelujah day will come ...in the morning.”* GOD'S TIMING!!! (Isaiah 66:9)

The past years of the pandemic brought many hardships for some of us and/or our families. But we know that God does not cause pain without allowing something new to be born. (Jeremiah 17:7) *“My blessing is on those people who trust in me, who put their confidence in me.”* We must continue to remain faithful in our services to God, especially now. THANK YOU, NPG church family, for your steadfastness in giving. Trusting God in this requires an act of faith. Great is your reward in heaven!



Outreach Ministry, Ronald Morgan

Hi Church Family

The Bible says: For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the ruler of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. (Eph. 6:12). Being that this is the case, I have six principles to fortify your faith I would like to share with you.

From these principles of faith you can learn from the father (Abraham) of all who believe. One, there is the **voice principle**. You must hear GOD, starting with the revealed Word of GOD (Heb. 11:8). Two, there is the **venture principle**, you must obey what you know, like Abraham who heard and obeyed even though he didn't fully understand (v. 8). Three, notice the **value principle**, you must establish priorities. Abraham dared to go because he had decided this world wasn't his home. His priority was to follow GOD (v.9). Fourth, there is the **vision principle**, keep your faith focused, not drifting away from the vision GOD has given you (v. 13). Fifth, then there's the **vigilant principle**, you must guard your heart, keeping your faith even under attack. Even Abraham and Sarah sometime got their eyes off the Lord (v. 11). Finally, there is the **victory principle**. You are to enjoy the blessings GOD brings into your life (VV. 11, 12).

Family, I guarantee that if you put these principles into practice, your faith will blossom and bloom. I hope and pray that this information is beneficial to all and until next time, GO and reach those that are lost.

GOD's foot soldier, **Morgan**

Faith Development & Discipleship Ministry, Jeff Brothers



What does it mean to be a Christian? Is it keeping certain moral rules, professing particular opinions, or belonging to the “right” political party? Or is it simply showing up to church whenever the doors are open? Those are all some of the ways people try to define a Christian. But they are all wrong. Being a Christian does involve morality, doctrine, character, beliefs and conduct. But none of those things, by themselves, define what it means to be a Christian.

In the Roman world, a formerly enslaved person would adopt the name of the ruler who declared their freedom and add the suffix “ian” to it. This was done to signify that they willingly belong to the one who had set them free. Thus, “Christian” is a way of saying that we were enslaved (to sin) and that Christ set us free. Now we take on His name, implying His nature and character, and remain loyally devoted to HIM. Not loyalty to a political, social, national or ethnic/racial identity, but to a person: Jesus Christ the Righteous. As Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 6, *“You are not your own, for you were bought with a price.”*

To be a Christian is to be completely, willingly owned by Christ. The challenge, especially in our modern society, is answering the question Jesus posed to His disciples, *“Who do you say that I am?”* The way we answer that question determines our individual expression of “Christian.” The key then, is to truly know HIM, not just our preexisting assumptions or culturally-derived perceptions. As Oswald Chambers wrote: *“Many of us are loyal to our notions of Jesus Christ, but how many of us are loyal to Him?”* (<https://utmost.org/classic/isn't-there-some-misunderstanding>).

Youth Ministry, Brandon Lee, Sr.

What Are You Afraid Of?



The word afraid means the feeling of fear or anxiety; frightened. Fear is defined as an unpleasant emotion caused by the belief that someone or something is dangerous, likely to cause pain, or a threat.

What are you afraid off this morning? What is causing you anxiety this morning?

II Timothy 1:7 NLT tells us, *for God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.”*

So when we have those days of fear and anxiety we can stand on His Word! Lord give us strength when we have fear and anxiety!

Women's Enrichment, Bonita Tharpe



On the side of the refrigerator or a notepad. Getting low on milk? Need some apples? Don't forget to buy Cereal? Taking inventory is essential when it comes to us figuring out what we have and what we have missing. However, it also made me think how important it is for us to take a spiritual inventory list from time to time. So that we can identify what is spurring or stunting our growth.

Psalm 119:59 says, *“I have considered my ways and have turned my steps to your statutes.”* I know we are in a busy world and there is always the danger of overlooking the questionable areas of our life. We could be too critical to others, but remain neglectful when it comes to our dirty spots of life. We need the help of God in order to have a well-evaluated life. In Psalm 139:23-24, David said, *“Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”* Honest spiritual inventory is attained through humility on the part of a believer and through the working of the Lord.

Women's Enrichment

Saturday, April 9th @ 10:00 AM

Fellowship Hall

MASKS required