

APRIL Birthdays

Ashely Collier Shealey, 2nd
 Harriett Walters, 2nd
 Sue Young, 3rd
 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

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



NOON DAY PRAYER

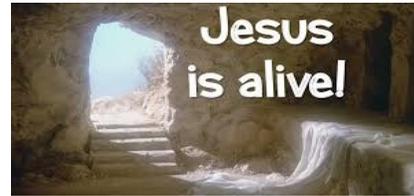
All Special Prayer Requests should be given to Ann Wilcoxson; they will be addressed at Thursday's Intercessory Prayer & Supplication.

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. *or call the church.*



SPRING QUARTER Bible School Curriculum

Messianic Prophecy

Unit II The Promised Saviour

MAR 29 Isaiah 52:13-53:12

The Suffering Servant

APR 5 Zechariah 9:9-17

The Lowly King

APR 12 Luke 24:13-27, 30-32

The One Revealed in Scripture (Easter)

APR 19 II Samuel 7:1-16

Victory of the Lord's Anointed

APR 26 Psalm 118:14-29

The Chief Cornerstone

(Weekly introductory online; hard copy see office)

GENDER STUDY Men: TBA

Women: Grace: A Bible Study of Ephesians for Women

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Homebound & Shut-Ins

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

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The Family

Love in The Family

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What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun.
 (Ecclesiastes 1:9 ESV)

We Have Been Here Before!

During the 150 years of the history of our church, New Piney Grove have experienced many challenges and crises. In 1984, our church was confronted with a legal crisis which threatened to close our doors. In 1994, our church experienced a natural crisis when a flood prevented us from assembling for worship. In 2010, our church faced a financial crisis, that effected our security and caused hardship for our staff and members.

Today, in 2020, we are faced with a medical crisis, that has prevented us from worshipping in the facility that God blessed us with as a church family. This medical crisis can lead to a spiritual crisis if we forget the foundation upon which New Piney Grove is based upon – FAITH.

We must remember that the same God who saw NPG through the legal, natural and financial crises, is the same God who will see us through this medical crisis. He does not and has not changed.

God has made a way for us to still worship as a cooperate church family with the innovation of the Drive-In Services. Prayerfully, we will be allowed to worship in our Worship Center soon.

But until then, let us continue to worship together as a church family, whether in the parking lot or Worship Center. Remember this! Challenges, conflicts and crises are nothing new to us. We can do all things, through Christ, who strengthen us. AMEN!



If you have a cell phone, you have the capability to have an email account. If you would like to be included on the Pastor's email list, I can assist you in setting it up. Just give Pat a call.

Pastor Dime

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 is the month of April's Piney Press. It is the time set aside to tell you about the coming event of the celebration of the Resurrection of our LORD and Savior from the grave. It is a time when everybody can come together and show our gratitude for His sacrifice on Calvary.

However, one stepped in front of us to try and distract our attention and to get us off course. He said many years ago that his goal was to destroy. But we are family and when friction gets in the midst we come together and with prayer we unplug anything that is causing problems.

Nothing can change our celebration of the Resurrection of our Savior. Even death could not hold Him down. So family keep praying as we wait for a time when we can come together and show God a real celebration and thanksgiving. Until then, we will continue to **Stand Together On His Word** and be united **In Perfect Harmony**.

CFO, Alvin Cearnal

God's Timing



Remembering today some lyrics from a church song, "*Behind every dark cloud, there's a silver lining. After each rain storm, there's a bright new star. When trials pull your heart strings, don't be discouraged. And even though pain and misery may fill your eyes with tears. These trials will soon pass, and soon they will depart, and Hallelujah day will come ...in the morning.*" **GOD'S TIMING!!!**

Isaiah 66:9 let's us 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 stay faithful in our services to God, especially now. This, too, will pass.



Outreach Ministry, Ronald Morgan, Hi Church Family

I know we all are concerned about today's pandemic, but because we have the HOLY SPIRIT inside of us we should be praying for this virus to stop just as fast as it started and fear not. Have you wondered why GOD left us here after we became SAVED? It's simple, HE wanted us to spread the Gospel of JESUS CHRIST to all corners of the world. We are so concerned about our career, how much money we can make, a happy family, our health and so on. Instead of those things we should be more concerned about GOD's Will for us in our lives.

I have a friend that says he is waiting for GOD to tell him what HE wants him to do. He is well read in the WORD but he has no Church to go to. I told him that would be his first step to finding out what GOD wants him to do in his life and that's find you a Church that teaches JESUS CHRIST. People wonder why I'm not a Minister or Deacon and the answer is that GOD has not told me that is what HE wants me to do/be, but He did tell me/us to make disciples in Matthew 28: 18-20. So, until HE tells me to change direction and be a Minister or Deacon etc. I will stay the course reaching out to the lost. Will you join me until GOD tells you differently? "*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to GOD. And the peace of GOD, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*" Philipians 4: 6-7.

Until next time, GO. Much love

GOD's foot soldier, **Morgan**

Faith Development & Discipleship Ministry, Jeff Brothers

Be Still and Know...



I've always used rubbing alcohol to disinfect devices, doorknobs and light switches around the house. When the COVID-19 outbreak hit, people bought all the inventory of rubbing alcohol from local stores as well as online retailers. Suddenly something that I regularly use was completely unavailable.

On the way to work "something" told me to stop at the dollar store. While looking at the empty shelves I looked up. On the topmost shelf, almost out of sight, I saw the edge of what looked like an alcohol bottle. After jumping and getting on my tippy toes I was able to retrieve what was surely the last bottle of isopropyl alcohol in the mid-state area. Ok, so what's the point? Through that experience I felt God telling me to be at peace. He's still in charge. He still sees and He still knows. He provided for me that morning in a relatively small but unexpected way. That's all well and good but what about when things don't go our way, is God no longer good? In those times perhaps we can say with Brother Job: "*Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.*" No matter what it looks or feels like, whether things seems to go our way or not, be still (at peace, resting in our confidence in Him) and know that HE is God.

Youth Ministry, Brandon Lee, Sr.

God Is In Control



"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isa. 41:10

Control can be defined as *the power to influence or direct people's behavior or the course of events*. If we trust in GOD then we must trust that HE is in control of our lives. So no matter what comes our way we must trust in GOD. Even when our surroundings have been shaken to the core, our faith in GOD has to remain stable.

So no matter what is going on in the world, fear not. So we must remember that GOD is in control. Nothing catches GOD by surprise. So don't be surprised when GOD moves in our situation. We will be back soon. And when we come back we will definitely have a praise on our heart.

Women's Enrichment, Bonita Tharpe



Creativity

Creativity happens anytime we stop doing things the way they've always been done and think of how to do them differently. With that being said...Youth Sunday was NPG first Drive-In Church Service. Many churches have had to quickly adapt and be creative due to the Coronavirus situation. Being creative is in our spiritual DNA. For the Bible says; *God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them* -- Genesis 1:27 (NIV). God is a creative being; we are made in His image; therefore, we are inherently creative.

The drive-in service was our way of expressing the creativity that we all inherently possess. Because of this unusual church service who knows how many souls might be saved in the Unionville Neighborhood because they heard someone preaching to them. Thank you, Jesus!!