

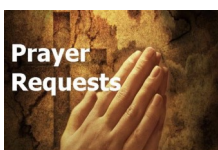
## MAY Birthdays

Raven Blanks, 1st  
 Karen Brooks, 1st  
 Calvin Robinson, 1st  
 Fred (Father) Rouse, 4th  
 Vas'shaun Farrar, 5th  
 Melton Hall, 5th  
 Kenny Latimore, 6th  
 Leah Brooks, 6th  
 Deedra Jackson 8th  
 Alicia Friend, 8th  
 Tracianna Taylor, 8th  
 Sandra Clark Coley, 10th  
 Donnie Singleton, 10th  
 Amari Edwards, 13th  
 Sharon Hunter, 13th  
 Nathalie Walker, 13th  
 Judy Atkins, 15th  
 Reginald Chambliss, 16th  
 Teresa Kelly, 16th  
 Boris Austin, 17th  
 Azeeza Alfred, 18th  
 Bobby Brown, 18th  
 Tiwanna Wyche, 18th  
 Demeterius Bailey, 19th  
 Brandon Lee, II, 20th  
 Patrick Jones, 20th  
 Joi Raushan, 20th  
 Adriene Collier, 22nd  
 Tracy Davis, 22nd  
 Caleb Jones, 23rd  
 Larry Haywood, 24th  
 Patricia Gilbert, 25th  
 Kayla Mosley, 25th  
 Darin Gaymon, 26th  
 Melvin Jenkins, 26th  
 Emanuel McDonald, III, 26th  
 Bonita Tharpe, 30th  
 Regina M. Andrews, 31st

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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. May'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.



## DISCIPLESHIP FAITH DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

Orientation Training Class  
8:30 AM

**Lucius Smith, Jr.  
Roshad Ford**

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## SPRING QUARTER Bible School Curriculum New Teaching

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*

MAY 5 Galatians 3:1-14

*The Gospel of Faith Foretold*

MAY 12 Galatians 3:15-25

*The Gospel: Faith in Christ*

MAY 19 Galatians 3:26-4:7

*Heirs Because of the Gospel*

MAY 26 Galatians 6:1-10

*The Gospel in Action*

(Weekly introductory online; hard copy see office)

**GENDER STUDY Men: TBA  
Women: Meet Me At the Well**

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

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## OFFICIAL NOTICE

In accordance Article I, Section D 5 of our Church's Bi-Laws: The following have been removed from NPG Church Roster

**Carletta Grace Davis  
Samyell Hunter  
Daphne Brothers  
Alex Brothers  
Maria Finney**

**Transitioned  
Addie Louise Womack**



**June 23rd, 10:00 AM  
149th Church Anniversary**

Reaffirmation Baptismal Service

Sign up at Church's Bulletin Board



*"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone."*  
(1 Corinthians 12:4-6, ESV)

## Calling The Called

At the heart of the above passage is calling for all members of the Body of Christ to work in the church, using their Spiritual gifts. As pastor, it is my responsibility to help members to develop their gift. But it is the member's responsibility to use their gift.

I want to encourage all those in leadership positions to "step up your game." There needs to be improvement in certain areas of our church. I will be conversing with each ministry leader, giving an assessment of their ministry workers and recommending changes I believe are necessary to move forward as a church body.

We should not be satisfied with the status quo, or content with just doing; we need to do our best. One way to instill this, is to keep in mind Who we are supposed to be working for. We need to do everything as unto the LORD.

God has provided the power source through the Holy Spirit; it is the fuel of ministry. But it is like having a car credit card with unlimited balance. It does no good if we do not use the card to fill up the car. In fact, we should keep it "topped off." But you must come to the gas station. The reason many members in the local churches today are not effective in ministry, is that they are low on fuel!

I am calling the called at NPG to fuel up!

*Pastor Deme*

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



**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**

In life we often forget what we stand on as soon as the wind blows. Especially when it picks up a little speed. When it howls we run to the window to look out. That is the very thing we are warned about doing when the wind howls; stay away from the window. Looking out the window allows us to SEE turbulence. Seeing some things often cause us to freak out! But if we just hear it, we can only imagine what's happening.

The Hymn writer wrote, *"When the Storms of Life are Raging..."* But he did not stop there. He didn't run to the window to look out nor did he stop to listen. He made a request. He asked Jesus to *"Stand by Me."* As life continues to pass us by, never forget to remember what His Word says, *"Trust in the LORD with all your heart...."* (Proverbs 3:5a) Even when we can't see what's going on, Keep Standing and Believing His Word!!!!



**CFO, Alvin Cearnal**

***Giving To God***

Giving is such a difficult undertaking for some people. They are afraid that if they give away what they have, then they will not have anything left for themselves. There is an organization that exists and has a saying *"that the only way to keep what we have is by giving it away."* That statement puzzled me. How can I keep it and give it away at the same time?

According to Malachi 3:10, *"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."* So, by giving, the LORD of hosts will give back to you. Your cup will be running over, henceforth, continue to give. Trust Him.

Paying your tithes and offerings is not a suggestion, but a command. Church Family: AT...TEN...TION!!!!

**Rose McElroy**



**Faith Development & Discipleship Ministry Jeff Brothers**

***THE PRIDE OF WORK***

I recently read an article about a "mega church" pastor who fell from grace." He was full of ambition and his church had more than 8,000 members. The highly popular theatrical productions on Sundays masked the crumbling foundations of his faith. His personal life was in a shambles. He had begun drinking heavily to cope with the stress. His son was selling drugs behind the church. He cheated on his wife with a woman who worked for the church. After spiraling down for several months, he found himself in Mexico desperately trying to save his drug addicted son. Bad choices compounded and he was arrested attempting to cross the border carrying 300 pounds of cartel drugs. This same pastor is now serving a 5 year sentence in prison.

Reading the article, I couldn't help but notice the subtle hubris and pride that ran through the whole narrative. Everything was "me, me, me" and "I, I, I." *Jesus told His followers about people who would say to Him, "Lord, Lord, did we not... do many mighty works in your name?" (Matthew 7:22) He simply replied by saying "I never knew you."* We must constantly be on guard that the pride of *"Christian work"* doesn't cause us to get the big head and forget that whatever good we do, is only God Himself using us as an instrument in HIS service. It's not about accomplishment, achievement or status, it's ALL about knowing and being known by HIM.



**Youth Ministry Brandon Lee, Sr.**

Goggle defines the word involvement as, "the fact or condition of being involved with or participating in something."

The Bible tells is in Hebrew 10:25 NLT, *"And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near."* God has given each and every one of us gifts to share with the body of Christ. We have teachers and mentors that pour into the young people at our Church. They have innovative ways of getting GOD'S Word across to our young people. The teachers are dedicated in seeing the growth of the young people of our church. As parents it is important for us to get our young people involved in what we have to offer at NPG. We have classes from ages 2 -18 on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings. Let's get these young people involved!!!



**Women's Enrichment Ann Wilcoxson**

***"Another Day's Journey"***

Lately for me it has been hard to get up and get going. I dread having to get up and go to work in the morning. If that is you, you have my sympathy. However, let me also give you a word of encouragement and *"...my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."* (Phil 4:19) Paul tells us that God is always mindful of the needs of His children and He has promised to supply all of those needs. That includes things like food and clothing, but it also includes grace for living.

What's more, God's supplies are not limited and does not end once Sunday is over. So, let us encourage each other and try approaching it with the mindset and anticipation that God wants to accomplish something through us that might greatly help and encourage another person through the gospel. Each day is a precious gift *"This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."* (Psalm 118:24) Amen

**Bonita Tharpe**

Next session, **Saturday, May 11th, 2019, 9:00 AM (at NPG)**



**Outreach Ministry Ronald Morgan**

Only a few Christians may share the message of Christ on a regular basis. However, God continues to set things in order as He leads the Evangelism Team to move ahead to fulfill God's divine summons **"to go ye therefore..."** We must be willing and ready to go while the doors remain open to us to witness Christ.

There will be a **MASS meeting for all Outreach members and those who wish to join us on Saturday, May 18th at 11:00 AM.** Those interested in joining the Outreach Ministry are strongly encouraged to attend the meeting.

Our Ministry also includes the **Storehouse/Food Bank, Men and Women Prison Ministry and Kairo Ministry.** The Door to Door Evangelism Ministry will meet at 9:30 AM. It takes a village coming together to reach more people in our neighborhood/communities with the message of faith in Jesus Christ. It is the greatest eternal need of the world.

**Patrina Cearnal**

Next Session: **May 18th, 9:30 AM -1:30 PM** **Food Bank** 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4th & 5th Tuesdays—8:30 AM (Counselors needed)