

## JANUARY Birthdays

Camille Troupe, 2nd  
 Dequareon Tukes, 3rd  
 Lindsey Brooks, 4th  
 Otis Farrar, Jr., 6th  
 Cynthia Simmons, 6th  
 Ta'mauri Troupe, 6th  
 Zalika Sullivan, 9th  
 Katherine Jones, 10th  
 Sandy Montford, III, 11th  
 Samantha Moreland, 11th  
 Dorothy Fuller, 13th  
 Willie Jackson, 13th  
 Cleveland Merriweather, 13th  
 Carrie Simmons, 14th  
 Ronshad Berry, 16th  
 Abigail Jones, 17th  
 Jacqueline Taylor, 18th  
 Bobbie Farrar, 21st  
 Stevie McNeil, 24th  
 Dae'Keria Stewart, 26th  
 Mykia McQuinn, 28th  
 Kaliyah Collier, 29th  
 Darius Bentley, 30th

## 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. January'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

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



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

## DISCIPLESHIP FAITH DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

Orientation Training Class  
 8:30 AM

**William Atkins  
 Shankeria C. Ray  
 Bonita A. Ray**

## WINTER QUARTER Bible School Curriculum

### God Comes to Earth

Unit II Christ Pursuing His Mission

JAN 6 Matthew 3:13-4:11  
 Christ's Identity Established

JAN 13 Matthew 4:12-25  
 Teaching and Healing

JAN 20 Matthew 5:33-45  
 Christ's New Commands

JAN 27 Matthew 6:1-13  
 Christ's New Teaching

(Weekly introductory online; hard copy see office)

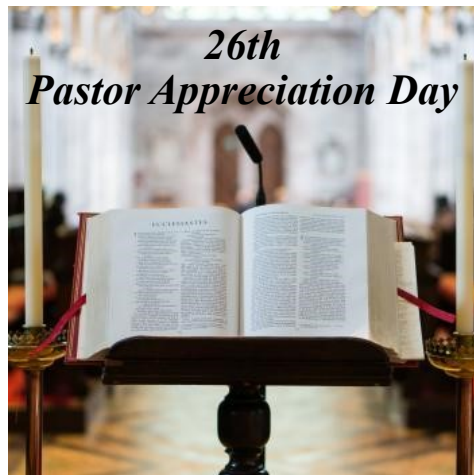
**GENDER STUDY Men: TBA**

**Women: Meet Me At the Well**

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## 2018 Tithes/Offerings Report

A 2018 statement listing your tithes and offerings will be prepared as requested to be picked up in the Administrative Office. Sign up at the Bulletin Board.



## Sunday January 27th

8:30 AM Faith Development  
 10:00 AM Morning Worship  
 Service followed by celebration meal in fellowship hall

## For Your Information

Anyone wanting "to pay tribute with words of encouragement to the pastor," should see Deacon McElroy or Deacon Cearnal.

All monies given on the 4th Sunday will NOT be reflected in tithes and offerings. All checks should be made payable to Dr. Dave A. Wilcoxson.



*"The sower sows the word."*  
 (Mark 4:14, NKJV)

## Sow The WORD!

Most of you are aware that I end most of my correspondence and with three letters, "sHs." It is a way to remind myself of my calling. But I also desire to convey a message to the reader that it is God's Word and not my own.

The letters stand for "Sowing HIS Seeds." The Gospel of John tells us that Jesus is the Word which became flesh. But John also let us know that many rejected the Word. Things have not changed.

Many today, even those who profess to be believers, reject not only the Word of God, but also those who are called to proclaim God's Word.

In the parable Jesus told in Mark, He explained that the Word of God is like a seed. It will produce fruit if it is sown in the right soil. The soil represents the heart. If your heart has become hardened because of your personal feelings, the Word cannot produce. If your heart has become entangled with the things of the world, the Word will get choked out. If your heart has become obsessed with life's ups and down, the Word will not take root.

So, as we enter this year focusing on the Word of God, our challenge, for each of us, will be to prepare our hearts for the Word. Preparation will require sacrifices, but when we experience growth, it will be worth it.

*Pastor Dume*



**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**

As the year of 2018 comes to an end God deserves all the thanks for our achieving Perfect Harmony together in Christ. As we travel the road of 2019 our first stop is January 27th, Pastor Appreciation Day. This year we will only have one service, 10:00 AM. As plans for this celebration are completed, they will be shared with the entire NPG Church Family.

To God be the Glory as we celebrate 26 years with our Pastor. It is God, "...who made the two groups one..." Together we are being built on His foundation, "His Word." A story that is told in a popular gospel song tells how a little boy was rescued from a fire because he stood on the Word. Let's join him and Stand on God's Word.



**CFO Alvin Cearnal**

***The Grace of Giving***

How do we give to the Lord? Are we guilty of giving our offerings, time, talents, and service carelessly without a thought of whether it pleases God? How we give to the Lord will determine how we receive fruits as a result of our giving. God's refusal to accept Israel's offerings of defective animal sacrifices in Malachi is an example of how offensive it was to God. We must give in faith, worship God and reverence Him with thankfulness. The questions we should ask ourselves are, "How do I give to the Lord?" "Does it please God?" In this **New Year 2019**, let's purpose in our hearts to excel in the grace of giving. **Happy New Year!**



**Faith Development & Discipleship Ministry Jeff Brothers**

Waiting has become obsolete. In this day and age, we are offered whatever we want, whenever we want it. Entire industries have been built and have faded away based on our increasingly low tolerance for waiting.

In the Bible, there are numerous examples of people who God made to wait. Noah waited while building the ark for the fulfillment of God's promised judgment on the wickedness of the earth. Moses waited for 40 years on the backside of the wilderness, tending sheep, before God called and sent him to deliver His people from bondage. Abraham and Sarah waited 25 years-until their physical bodies were as good as "dead"-for the promise of a child and heir. Even Jesus Himself waited 30 years to embark on His earthly ministry.

If God has us in a waiting pattern: for healing, for promotion, for deliverance, for reconciliation; then He has us exactly where He wants us to be. Learn patience. Learn empathy. Let the experience deal with your pride and desire for absolute autonomy. God isn't punishing you, He's dealing with you to perfect you and bring about His GOOD pleasure in and for you.



**Youth Ministry Brandon Lee, Sr.**

**Renew Your Mind!!!**

New can be defined as not existing before; made, introduced, or discovered recently or now for the first time. The word renew can be defined as resume (an activity) after an interruption. Some of us got off track in 2018, we didn't pray like we was supposed to, we didn't attend like we should have, we didn't study like we could have studied.

2019 is bringing in new opportunities for us to renew our mind. We are renewing our minds after an interruption, whatever that interruption may be or may have been. Romans 12:2 tells us "*do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is— his good, pleasing and perfect will.*" Young people let's be transformed in 2019!!!



**Women's Enrichment Ann Wilcoxson**

**"A Priority & Never An Option"**

"Priority" is a very commonly used word. A priority is something that comes before everything else. It precedes everything else. It is what is essential. Therefore, when we talk about priority, we are really saying what in my life comes before anything and everything else. Priorities and balancing your life really have to do with getting clear on who you are, what God wants you to do.

Sister's as we approach 2019 God extends the opportunity to establish priorities rather than resolutions that will allow us to experience a fruitful year in our Lord's vineyard! That means that we have to make Women's Enrichment, Women's Sunday Service, and Women's Gender Study a priority because these ministries are essential and foundational as we grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**Bonita Tharpe**

Next session, **Saturday, January 12th, 2019, 9:00 AM (at NPG)**



**Outreach Ministry Ronald Morgan**

Another year has passed us by and this has been the sixty-eighth year I've had the honor of thanking GOD for the birth of my LORD and SAVIOR and it has also been my pleasure to be the head of GOD's foot soldiers (Evangelism/Outreach Ministry). I am so, so glad that GOD saw fit to use me in such an important position. I pray that I can be a child HE will be proud of. I would also like to thank HIM for the NPGBC family. You all did a super job this past year with the Food Bank and Kairos and as always I'd like to thank you all again.

For those that are part of the Ministry I'd like to give you all "a GOD bless you" for standing by me and having fun while we do the LORD's bidding. Let's not forget Pastor Dave Wilcoxson for allowing GOD to use him, thank you Pastor, keep up the great work. We still need NPG to continue to pray for us as we try to put NPG on the map as one of the best Churches to be a member of. Thanks again for all you do and hope that you will continue to do so and or join us as we fight against the evil one for lost souls. Once again, thank you all and until next time, ask GOD what you can do for the Ministry and GO.

**GOD's foot soldier, Morgan**

Next Session: **January 19, 9:30 AM -1:30 PM Food Bank** 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4th & 5th Tuesdays—8:30 AM (Counselors needed)  
**Women Prison Ministry— 2018 Confessions to Christ : TOTAL 13**