

Happy Birthday

JANUARY Birthdays

Camille Troupe, 2nd
Dequareon Tukes, 3rd
Brenda Sherman, 4th
Otis Farrar, Jr., 6th
Cynthia Simmons, 6th
Ta'mauri Troupe, 6th
Amber Coleman, 7th
Tangie Blackman, 9th
Zalika Sullivan, 9th
Katherine Jones, 10th
Sandy Montford, III, 11th
Phina Chatman, 11th
Samantha Moreland, 11th
Dorothy Fuller, 13th
Willie Jackson, 13th
Cleveland Merriweather, 13th
Carrie Simmons, 14th
Abigail Jones, 17th
Crystal Hutchieson, 19th
Bobbie Farrar, 21st
Stevie McNeil, 24th
Darius Bentley, 30th

January Anniversaries

NONE

LOST & FOUND

Lost & Found is located in the storage cabinet in the J. B. Smith Fellowship Hall. All items will be kept for a period of TWO WEEKS. After that time they will be donated or disposed of.

All Bibles will be turned in to Pastor Dave.



Outreach Ministry

January 18th
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
See Ronald Morgan

Food Bank Times

2nd Tuesday 8:30-12:00
4th Tuesday 8:30-12:00
5th Tuesday 8:30-12:00

Please have everything you plan to give in by the 3rd Sunday.

PRAYER CONCERNS MEMBERS

Kimberly Jenkins - Shamaya Austin
Kenneth Mosley - Eddie Blow
Annie Watson— Patricia Gilbert
Paulette Hadley-Earnestine Bivins
Deotha Thomas— Ayesha Rogers
Tangie Blackman

SHUT-IN MEMBERS

Mozelle Rouse—Annie Jackson
Catherine Chambliss

MILITARY MEMBERS

Felecia Patterson—Marquis Walker
Jarell Morgan

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NOON DAY PRAYER

Please give Special Prayer Requests to Ann Wilcoxson to be addressed during Thursday's Intercessory Prayer & Supplication.

We are asking those who can to fast on Wednesdays of each week. 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 you must also pray; the two together will give us great power as we watch God move in our church.

2014 NPGBC THE CHRISTIAN HOPE

JAN	Christ As King The Gospel Of Matthew
FEB	Christ As Servant The Gospel Of Mark
MAR	Christ As Son Of Man The Gospel Of Luke
APR	Christ As God The Gospel Of John
MAY	Acts Of The Apostles
JUN	Wisdom/Poetry
JUL	Major Prophets
AUG	Minor Prophets
SEP	Pastoral Epistles
OCT	Prison Epistles
NOV	General Epistles
DEC	Apocalyptic

KAIROS MINISTRY

The Kairos Prison Ministry Team wants to thank NPG Church Family for each of you. We thank you for your prayers and cookies that were donated and also the monetary gifts that were given. Over the course of the weekend 7 gentlemen accepted JESUS AS LORD AND SAVIOR and we had 26 to REDEDICATE their lives to CHRIST. We also had one that accepted his call to minister THE WORD OF GOD. We give GOD the glory for the weekend and we thank our Church family for your support.

Thanks again,
Prison Ministry Team
TO JESUS BE THE GLORY!!!

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WELCOME

Pastor's Class 01/05/13-8:30 AM

Camille M. Troupe
New Member's Training

Nikki N. Smith
Latonya Stallings
Youth Orientation
Jordan M. Walker
Jaylin Stallings
Kaliyah Collier
Jer'Mya Z. Troupe
Ta'mauri D. Troupe

Watchcare Training

Baptism 01/26/2013

Bible School Curriculum

Jesus and the Just Reign of God
Unit II Ushering in the Reign of God

JAN 5 Luke 6:1-11

Honoring the Sabbath

JAN 12 Luke 6:20-31

Living as God's People

JAN 19 Luke 14:7-14

Showing Humility

JAN 26 Luke 16:19-31

Instruction on True Wealth

(Weekly study sheet available on line.
For a hard copy see Administrative Office.)

GENDER STUDY

Men: Believer's Building
Women: To Be Announced



Communion is available for members who are homebound. The member must contact their deacon and make a request.

The NEW Piney Press

Monthly Theme: *Christ As King-The Gospel of Matthew*



"Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,

Ephesians 3:20

Unto Him Who Is Able

It was twenty-one years ago in January that I was installed as the pastor of the New Piney Grove Baptist Church, INC. I was so very proud that day, having my former church along with my father in Ministry officially sanction me as pastor of my first (and only church).

But I was more proud of my "new" church family. The small group of people who embraced Ann and I in the short period we had known them, made us feel not only "welcomed" but more importantly "wanted."

There have been many changes during our time together. That "small group" is no longer small but we are still a family. Through all the challenges and adversities we continue to grow in grace. God has been good to us and has proven Himself to be faithful.

My prayer for our family as we enter the New Year of 2014 is that our focus will be on the Master and Savior. Circumstances and situations may change, but the Lord does not change. If we learn to trust Him we will see Him preform things that will exceed our expectation.

Pastor Dave



From the Chairman
Harry J. Taylor, Sr.

As we begin a New Year let's not forget all the benefits that He has given us down through the year. Whether your year is starting off good or bad let's remember God has given us many benefits today! He's given us so much to be thankful for. When you meditate on His goodness, faithfulness and blessings in your life, it will change you on the inside. When you focus on the fact that He saved you and set you free, the challenges and obstacles in your life will begin to fade away. Psalm 103 goes on to say that, "He crowns you with love and compassion and satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed." No matter what you may be facing today, forget not His benefits!

God wants to satisfy you with good things. If you need healing today, healing is a benefit. If you've made mistakes in your life, forgiveness is a benefit. If you feel tired and overwhelmed, strength is a benefit. As you turn your thoughts toward the Father today, He will strengthen and empower you to live as an overcomer in every area of your life. Let's also trust God in our giving; let's learn to lean on His understanding and not ours that begins by acknowledging Him in all things, not just when we want something. Try it and see; it will make a difference in your life. I have tried it. "Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits..." (Psalm 103:2).

Next Deacon Meeting
Saturday, 9:30 AM, January 4th
See Deacon Harry Taylor, Sr.

Men face unique health challenges, and one of the most dangerous is their reluctance to seek health care.

So my plea to you in 2014
MAN UP TAKE CONTROL
OF YOUR HEALTH



Youth Ministry
Joseph Brothers, Jr.

NO CHANGE

It is a new year and I am going to suggest something radical and unheard of. "Don't make a New Year's Resolution to lose weight." I know, crazy right?

But think about it, we never stick with that resolution or any of the others because we try to do all these things through will power. We who barely know who we are, what we are capable of, or our purpose in life. How could we possibly use our wills to power us through changing our lives?

What if instead of a New Year's Resolution we made one of two (or both) of the following spiritual commitments to God and a friend to keep us on track? Read through the entire Bible during 2014 and/or read your Bible (at MIMIMUM) one hour each day of 2014.

The Word of God says faith the size of a mustard seed can move a mountain, and it says faith comes from hearing the Word of God. Well it stands to reason that if we want to make all these moves in our lives then increased consumption of God's Word is the way to make all of that happen.

It's time to do something different... don't believe me? How much did you weigh last year? How much do you weigh now? **NO CHANGE = No Change!**



Women's Enrichment
Ann Wilcoxson

Thank God for our 2013 dynamic leaders of the Women Enrichment Ministry, Sisters Sheila Rouse, Bonita Tharpe, Roge'a Gaymon and Daphne Brothers. God used the different and unique personality of each of these ladies in ministering to the hearts of the women of NPG, while always pointing to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We are looking forward to what God has in store for us in this New Year. We pray that you continue to come and to encourage others to attend.

Our 2014 theme is **JUST A SEC**. In other words, let **JUST Support, Encourage and Challenge** each other to do and be all the our Lord Jesus has called and equipped us to be. And love each other with the love of Christ, striving always to please Him.

Looking forward to a great and another record breaking year in attendance.

Ann Wilcoxson

NEXT SESSION
Saturday
January 11th
9:00 AM

2013 Women's Prison Ministry

DEC-Gee Gaymon

"You can bow now, or you can bow later...but you're going to bow" Phil 2:9-10

Dec Confessions 8
2013 Year Total -102



From The CFO
Joseph McElroy, Jr.

By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks. (Hebrews 11:4 NKJV)

Love, Faith and Sacrifice

The New Year is here, and we thank **God that He** has blessed us to see another one. **God** has taken care of all of our needs and some of our desires. However, some people still do not have enough faith to pay **God His** tithes and give **Him** an offering. Tithing is about love and faith. **God** commands us to pay tithes and give offerings. If you love **God**, you will keep **His** commandments and you will have faith that **He** will supply your needs. This new year, make a commitment to **God** to pay **Him His** tithes and offerings. When you do, you will see a difference in your life. You may say times are hard. Well, tithing can help you through these hard times, because when you tithe you are telling **God**, "I trust you to take care of my needs." **He** will surely do that for you.

Tithing is about love and faith but, it is also about sacrifice. We make sacrifices for our children, marriages, jobs and other things that we feel are important to us. We say we love **God**. Well, if this is true, what can be more important than the love of **God** and sacrificing for **Him**? **God** sent **His** only begotten **Son** into this world and sacrificed **His** life for our sins. What love! Don't let selfishness get in your way. Show **God** your love and faith this year. Make a commitment and some sacrifices in your giving.

Love, Faith and Sacrifice; Show It!!!

Christian Education
Transformers

...but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable and perfect, will of God.

Romans 12:2b

In 1984 Hasbro and Takara Tomy released action figure toys called transformers. These were a species of sentient robotic beings originating from a distant machine world of Cybertron.

These figures had the capability of being several things. They could change their bodies into alternate forms at will. To change would take some bending and sometimes twisting to get to the new desired form. But never the less, the possibility was available for change.

In Romans 12:2 God's Word tell us to *be transformed*. It goes on to tell us what we need to do the transformation; by the renewing of your mind.

However, before we get to renew our mind or be transformed into a new shape something else must take place. We must present ourselves. Romans 12:1b tells us to *present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God...*

Once God has received the gift of our body He can then start the transformation. There will be some bending and twisting. In other words, we will have to get out of our warm beds a bit early to come to Sunday Morning Bible School or push our way to Wednesday Bible Training when we have worked a long and tiring day.

In the New American Standard Version Paul uses the word "urge." In other words as dictionary.com defines it: to press, push, or hasten. We must push our way.

Join us on Sunday and Wednesday and become a transformer.

SENIORSAINTS MINISTRY

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, by the Grace of God, we all have a testimony! Join in with the Senior Saints Ministry as we reflect upon God's Grace and Mercy that brought us through to yet another year of service. The hymnist guides us to "serve the present age, our calling to fulfill." Thus, this past year took us through nursing home visitations, service and visitations with homebound saints, service to our area schools, community service through our food and clothing banks, support of our prison ministries, and the "glue that keeps us spiritually strong" that comes from the service of love, support, and *fellowship* with one another. A true testimony of what happens when God is in our midst!

But now, another year is here, and paraphrasing another hymnist, "a charge to keep WE have." Renew your strength with focus upon the following challenges for the new year: 1) Read again Ephesians 4 to review the charges given to us to utilize our gifts; 2) Share your grace and wisdom with a young worshipper. Remember we live by example. *Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it;* and 3) Review our Baptist Covenant... focus on the parts that will make you a better person and servant to your church and community.

What will your *personal covenant with God* bring to our church family and community?

Cynthia Starr