

FEBRUARY Birthdays

Angel Parker, 1st
 Latonya Smith, 1st
 Abel Grant, 2nd
 Robert Perkins, 2nd
 Juquetta Milner, 3rd
 Me'khi Rouse, 3rd
 Danielle Chambliss, 4th
 Necol Smith, 4th
 Miranda Whitehead, 4th
 Linda Grace, 5th
 Jasmine Garrett, 6th
 Barbara Smith, 7th
 Melvin Brown, 8th
 Candice McNeil, 8th
 Alexis Parker, 9th
 Robert Taylor, 14th
 Tyrone Mosley, 17th
 Shamaya Austin, 20th
 Aleia Mosley, 20th
 Betty Randall, 20th
 Shirlie Smith, 20th
 Sharon Mosley, 21st
 Kadajah Berry, 26th
 Nettie Harris, 27th
 Linda Clark, 29th
 Felecia Raushan, 29th

February Anniversaries

Calvin & Amzie Robinson
 February 14th
 Jimmy & Cynthia Starr, Jr.
 February 14th
 Alfred & Deborah Dixon
 February 20th
 Torrey & Ayesha Rogers
 February 20th



Outreach Ministry

February 15th

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.

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.

PRAYER CONCERNS MEMBERS

Eddie Blow (Heritage Healthcare # D10)
 Kimberly Jenkins - Shamaya Austin
 Kenneth Mosley - Eddie Blow
 Annie Watson—Patricia Gilbert
 Paulette Hadley-Earrestine Bivins
 Deotha Thomas

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. February'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.

Kitchen Ministry

The head of the Kitchen Ministry is Alvin Cearnal. Any concerns and requests for use of the kitchen should be directed to Deacon Cearnal.

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Activities

All activities requested that are not on the church calendar must be accompanied with an activity form.

See your Ministry Head to make a request and obtain a form.

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It's Back!!!!

**Sunday
 February 16th**

Old Fashioned Day

We will celebrate African-American Heritage Old Fashioned Day on Sunday, February 16th. We encourage all who will to dress accordingly. You may wish to dress to represent our African Culture, for example a dashiki and head gear or you may simply want to wear overalls. You may want to come casual or you may want to dress up (or down). This will be a time that we, the church family will have an opportunity to teach others about our past fashion heritage.

Dinner will be served following the 10:00 AM Service. Let's have fun and enjoy this celebration of our heritage.

"Only take heed to yourself, and diligently keep yourself, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. And teach them to your children and your grandchildren, Deuteronomy 4:9

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WELCOME

Pastor's Class 02/02/13-8:30 AM

Nikki N. Smith
 LaToya Stallings
New Member's Training

Youth Orientation
 Jordan M. Walker
 Jaylin Stallings
 Kaliyah Collier
 Jer'Mya Z. Troupe
 Ta'Mauri D. Troupe

Watchcare Training
Baptism 02/23/2013

Bible School Curriculum **Jesus and the Just Reign of God**

Unit III

Living Justly in the Reign of God

FEB 2 James 1:19-27

Hear and Do the Word

FEB 9 James 2:1-13

Avoid Showing Favoritism

FEB 16 James 2:14-26

Show Your Faith by Your Works

FEB 23 James 3:1-12

Control Your Speech

(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 Servant-The Gospel of Mark**



But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Hebrews 11:6

A Lesson In Faith

The challenges that we have experienced in the last three years have taught me much about faith. Faith is not only the sole foundation of our salvation; it is the life of the Christian. According to the Bible verse above, faith is what pleases God.

The essence of faith is moving forward in belief, even when you cannot see the road ahead. Sometimes the security of financial status can cause us to divert our faith from "the Source" to the substance. Jesus taught His disciple to pray for "daily bread," not for a wheat field, barns or bakery. But we feel secure when we have a surplus of food. The problem comes when we take it for granted that we will always have "stuff" to take care of our physical needs.

God has taken care of my needs during these lean times, but He has done it on a "daily" basis. He has taught me to trust Him, not a Money Market, Mutual Fund or Saving Account.

The economy and the Stock Market will fluctuate, but God remains constant and faithful to supply all of my "needs." I have learned to lean and depend upon Him and trust Him with my health and wealth. Why, because my desire is to please Him.

Pastor Dave



From the Chairman
Harry J. Taylor, Sr.

On January 20, MLK Day, I volunteered to help on a project that involved painting a house. On this project were several young people which I have to say I was very proud of how they carried themselves. They all seemed to be eager to help out on this project. Many of them had paint on their hands, faces, heads and everywhere else but they were into what they were doing. This led me into thinking you may not be responsible for your name, but we are all responsible for what men think when they call your name. Where you go and what you do tells people who you are and what you are. God wants spiritual fruits, not religious **nuts**. We are mirrors to reflect the glory of **God**; a mirror never calls attention to itself unless there are flaws in it. We spend half of our lives recovering from the effects of the other half.

Psalm 98:1 *I sing a new song to You, Lord, for You have done wonderful deeds. You have won a mighty victory by Your power and holiness. You, Lord, have announced Your victory and have revealed Your righteousness to every nation! You have remembered Your promise to love and be faithful to Israel. The whole earth has seen the salvation of You, our God.*

OK Men - Man Up
Let's Takes control of our Health
(Do you Know your **Score** If you ask what **Score** , SEE ME!)

Next Deacon Meeting
Saturday, 9:00 AM, February 1st
See Deacon Harry Taylor, Sr.



Youth Ministry
Joseph Brothers, Jr.

HELP!

Planning for
2014
Vacation Bible School
has begun

Helpers
Mentors
&
Volunteers
needed

Youth Department
Meeting
for
ALL
YOUTH STAFF
Workers
Monday
February 4th
6:00 PM

Help is a cry for
assistance. Are you
willing and able to
answer the call?
Hollow At Me!
See
Joseph Brothers, Jr.



Women's
Enrichment
Ann Wilcoxson

Our first Women's Enrichment Service of the New Year was Outstanding! Minister Shanta Kindell-Cotton gave us a message of hope that encouraged and challenged the very heart of each woman present.

She gave us an acronym for the word H.O.P.E., to help us remember to stop **Holding On** to **People** and problems that have **Expired**. She gave a definition of the word "expired" as: to come to an end, or that which is no longer valid. She gave us a great example to holding on like milk pasted its expiration date. It may look alright on the outside, but when the top of the container is removed, it stinks.

We were challenged to throw out those things that have expired in our lives. We must make room for God to bless us with HIS BEST! And He cannot do that if our lives are cluttered with old things that has expired.

A special thanks to Sister Sheila Rouse for an exciting kick-off to 2014 Women Enrichment. I charge you sisters, release that which is no longer valid or useful in your lives. I want to also implore every woman of NPG to please come to our next Women Enrichment session, 2nd Saturday, February 8th, at 9AM.

NEXT SESSION
Saturday, February 8th
9:00 AM

2013 Women's Prison Ministry
JAN-Kalaya Lee
"Are You Out of Order?"
II Samuel 11:1-5 & Psalm 51:7
JAN Confessions 12
2014 Year Total 12



From The CFO
Joseph McElroy, Jr.

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. (Isaiah 41:10 ESV)

Faith or Fear

One of the main reasons, if not the main reason, most people don't pay tithes is fear. They are fearful of not being able to meet their financial obligations. This is where faith comes in. If we are going to walk after **God**, we must have faith in what **He** teaches us in **His** Word. Philippians 4:19 ESV tells us "And my **God** will Supply every need of yours according to **His** riches in glory in **Christ Jesus**." Give **God His** tithes and offerings and have faith that **He** will supply your needs. Put **Him** totally in control of your finances. Fear minimizes the blessings **God** have for us because "for **God** gave us a spirit not of fear ---"2 Timothy 1:7 ESV.

I hear a lot of testimonies from people that tithe. They tell me that when they give **God** His 10%, **God** blesses the remaining 90% and they can do more with the 90% than they could with the 100%. I know that doesn't make sense mathematically, but I am a living witness that **God** is a sovereign **God**. **He** can do all things. **He** makes what we think is impossible, possible. Once you begin to tithe you will be surprised at how easily you can meet your financial obligations, and you won't miss the money that you gave. Put fear to rest, step out on faith.

Faith or Fear, what category are you in?

Christian Education Meal Time

...If you give these instructions to the believers, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, as you feed yourself spiritually on the words of faith and of the true teaching which you have followed. 1 Tim 4:6 (GNT)

When I grew up my Mother would prepare food for us daily. In preparation choices had to be made. Because of our financial standing the kids only got meat on Sundays. However, we got vegetable all during the week.

As meals were planned, decisions had to be made as to what each meal would consist of. For example, would we eat dried peas or dried beans, mashed potatoes or rice or cornbread or biscuits. Each dish had to be prepared and sometimes required different ingredients. But the end results were always a filling and scrumptious meal that carried us to the next one.

Studying the Word of God is no different. Each week teachers have to make a meal plan. They have to look at the menu and pray as God gives the ingredients to make the meal (lesson) prepared tasty and filling.

Once my Mother prepared the meal, we were summoned to the table. The food was placed before us. It was up to us to eat. If we didn't want to be hungry, we ate.

The same has happened at New Piney Grove. Teachers and Ministers prepare lessons and sermons and serve them. As they study God gives them the nuggets and ingredients that is needed in our lives. It's up to us to come and eat.

The meal has been prepared: Sunday Bible School is 9:30 AM and Wednesday Bible Training at 7:00 PM. It's Meal Time. **This is your summon, so come and eat.**

SENIORSAINTS MINISTRY Praise God

From Whom All Blessings Flow

We are about to celebrate Black History Month. It is another time to tell our young people about the struggles as well as the accomplishments that have been made through our faith and focus on our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In 400 years we have progressed from the slave ships, through the slave quarters, to the White House.

We recently celebrated Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. He was a major influence on the changes that were brought about through his faith in God. Just as the Israelites were instructed to pass their history to their children, we should use their example to do the same thing. They were to remember the faithfulness and goodness of God. Our focus should be the same. There is much more information that we should pass on to our children and grandchildren.

First and foremost we are to thank our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for bringing us this far. It is by faith and God's grace that we have overcome our many obstacles. "We have truly come this far by faith."

Our Senior Ministry is preparing to visit the Rosewood Nursing Home each month. We are also working at the Food Bank. As we strive to reach out to others, we invite every one interested to support us.

I Chronicles 16:12 & 15
Remember the wonderful works he has done, His wonders, and judgments He has pronounced... Remember His covenant forever-the promise He ordained for a thousand generations., (HSCB)

Mattie Jones