

MAY Birthdays

Raven Blanks, 1st
 Karen Brooks, 1st
 Calvin Robinson, 1st
 Deotha Thomas, 2nd
 Fred (Father) Rouse, 4th
 Vas'shaun Farrar, 5th
 Melton Hall, 5th
 Kenny Latimore, 6th
 Leah Brooks, 6th
 Deedra Jackson 8th
 Alicia Friend, 8th
 Sandra Clark, 10th
 Donnie Singleton, 10th
 Amari Edwards, 13th
 Sharon Hunter, 13th
 Nathalie Walker, 13th
 Judy Woolfolk, 15th
 Reginald Chambliss, 16th
 Teresa Kelly, 16th
 Boris Austin, 17th
 Bobby Brown, 18th
 Demeterius Bailey, 19th
 Brandon Lee, II, 20th
 Patrick Jones, 20th
 Joi Raushan, 20th
 Briana Calloway, 21st
 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 Montford, 31st

May Anniversaries

Jackie & Mattie Jones
 May 2nd
 Wendell & Andea Kerr, II
 May 11th
 Demeterius & Shanita Bailey
 May 19th
 James & Shirley Brown, Sr.
 May 22nd
 Jeremy & Sheila Walker
 May 25th



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 also pray; the two together will give us great power as we watch God move in our church.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Felton Morris, Jr.	Cameron Hill
Deotha Thomas	Annie Watson
Brenda Sherman	Sandra Dumas
Jackie Wiggins	Earnestine Bivins
Kenneth Mosley	Patricia Gilbert
Kimberly Jenkins	Shamaya Austin
Clara Montford	Yvonne Parsons
Katherine Hall	Nicole Smith

SHUT-IN MEMBERS

Eddie Blow (Heritage Healthcare # D10)

Bible School Curriculum

The Gift of Faith

Unit III

Fullness of Faith

MAY 1 Luke 17:1-10

Increasing Faith

May 8 Luke 17:11-19

Grateful Faith

May 15 Luke 18:9-14

Humble Faith

May 22 Luke 18:15-17; Mark 10:16

Childlike Faith

May 29 Luke 19:1-10

Joyous Faith

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

GENDER STUDY

Men: Mark 14:32-42

Women: Building Better Relationship
 "Encouraging One Another"



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

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Comings...

MAY 3rd & 5th

6:30 PM

Mother's Day Choir Rehearsal

MAY 7th

10:00 AM— LAC Meet

MAY 8th

MOTHER'S DAY

MAY 14TH

9:00 AM

Women Enrichment

MAY 20TH

7:00 PM

Deacon Meet & Greet

MAY 21ST

10:00 AM— **1:00 PM**

Evangelism Outreach

MAY 21ST

11:30 AM— Youth Encounter

MAY 24TH-26TH

TUES, WED & THUR

7:00PM

Church Anniversary Services

MAY 29TH

3:00 PM

146th Church Anniversary

The NEW Piney Press

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 Following the Cloud and the Fire*
 MAY 2016

Monthly Theme : **God's Mercy**



Celebrate HIS Church!

And I say also unto thee, ... upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Matthew 16:18

While we do not place a lot of emphasis on our denomination as "Baptist," we are proud of our "Baptist Heritage." We are not Baptist because we believe in immersion baptism; many other denominations do the same. We are Baptist for the following reason: Our church is governed by people, under the guidance of the officers and leadership of the under-shepherd.

But the Church belongs to the LORD. One of Greek words translated as Church is "Kiakion," which literally means "belonging to the LORD." But the word most often used is "Ekkessia," which has the idea of "being called (or summoned) into service." *Ekkessia* is the local assembly of believers. We call the place we assemble for worship and service the church.

This month, as a local assembly, we will be celebrating 146 years of existence. Known today as New Piney Grove Baptist Church, this church has gone through many trying times. There have been several valleys and mountains during our history. By human wisdom and standard, our church should not have survived. But God has kept us.

I want to encourage the entire church family to come together and celebrate what God has done throughout our church history. Our celebration will start Tuesday, May 24th at 7:00 PM with Bibb Mount Zion and on Wednesday, May 25th, with New Song Baptist Church as our guest. On Thursday, May 26th, Union Grove Baptist Church will join us as we conclude what we are calling "A Celebration Revival."

Then on Sunday, May 29th, at 3:00 PM, the Christian Fellowship Church Family will help us officially celebrate our Church Anniversary. We will close out our celebration with a wonderful fellowship meal. Let's not allow our guest to outnumber us; it's our church anniversary. Please!!!!!!

Pastor Dime

*Welcome
 To the Family*

Pastor's Class -8:30 AM
 May 1, 2016

*Jackie S. Cox
 Dae'Keria Stewart*

New Member's Training
 8:30 AM

*Avis Sims
 LaShonia Childs*

Youth Orientation

Baptism
 05/29/16



**From The Chairman
Joseph McElroy, Jr.**

**NEXT
Deacon Meeting
Saturday
April 30th, 9:00 AM
See Deacon McElroy**

Sharing

...if you have two coats, give one to the poor. "If you have food, share it with those who are hungry."

Luke 3:11 NLT

Oftentimes we meet those who have many unmet needs. They may be on the corner, in our church or even in our own family.

Why are these needs unmet, you may ask. The Scripture says in Philippians 4:19, *"But my God shall supply all your needs....."* So why are there still many unmet needs in the lives of many of our brothers and sisters?

God supplies us "GOOD." All the stuff He gives us is not for us. We can be compared to a funnel. A funnel is used to pour substance through a small opening into another container; to pass through. Many things that we receive are just for that purpose. In the Gospel of Luke, John the Baptist was preaching. He let the crowds know that every tree that was not producing (sharing) would be cut down and thrown into the fire.

If they wanted to escape the fire John told them to share. If you have two coats give one to the poor; food to the hungry. Don't get caught holding somebody else's stuff. Let's share!!!



**From The CFO
Alvin Cearnal**

Honoring God

At my wife's hometown church, a tradition called, *"Lord's Acre Day"* is celebrated each year on the first Sunday in November. Most of the community were farmers, and the celebration came about when the farmers honored God by *"willingly"* giving a tenth of their earnings or proceeds from one acre of their harvested crops to the church on this Sunday.

As a result, these funds provided the finances for the church's upkeep. Expenses to operate the church were at a minimal in those days. No one was paid but the Pastor and all others served on a voluntary basis. Although there is no longer farming in the community, this tradition has continued throughout the years since the church's existence. Family, friends, guest churches as well as generational family members still return from locations across the states to commemorate the occasion.

Our local churches today depend on its members for upkeep and expenses of the ministry. As we give our time, our giving, our talents and our efforts, we honor God our Father. We are grateful that God has blessed us to be a blessing to our local church, according to how He has blessed us. *"The One who blesses is greater than the one who is blessed."* (Hebrew 7:7)



**Christian
Education Ministry
Brandon Lee, Sr.**

Obeying the Laws

Each year our elected officials spend time at the capital passing laws that are put in place trying to help the country live a more harmonious life. As citizens of this country we have been charged to obey and keep these laws. Romans 13:1 says, *Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.*

One law that is mandated by all states is that children are required to receive some type of formal education. GA Compulsory Education Laws go on to attach fines and penalties up to and including prison time.

One of the laws we find in the Word of God is in II Timothy 2:15: *Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.* The KJV says *"study to shew."* Many study sessions have been set up at NPG.

Just like we obey the laws of the land, Christians should be obeying the Laws of God. To do what II Timothy tells us we must also obey Hebrew 10:25 which tells that we should not neglect to meet together (fail not to assemble.)

We do not get to choose which laws to obey. We must obey them all!!

**JOIN US SUNDAY
& WEDNESDAY**



**Youth Ministry
Joseph Brothers, Jr.**

Greener Grass

Have you ever seen someone and wanted to pray LIKE THEM, teach LIKE THEM, be LIKE THEM? I mean they had it all together! Their marriage was PERFECT, their kids were PERFECT, their grades were PERFECT their weight was PERFECT, their life was so much BETTER than ours! It had to be... their Facebook status and associated pictures SAID SO.

I have come to recognize that Facebook statuses are not always reality. Believe it or not, everything on the Internet is NOT true. 2 Cor 10:12 puts it like this, "For we would not dare to classify or compare ourselves with some of those who recommend themselves. But when they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they are without understanding." The long and short of it is we error when we compare ourselves to each other. First off, the ruler (us) is substandard. Secondly, the ruler is not constant and finally, the ruler doesn't tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth when updating its Facebook status!

Jesus is a much more appropriate standard by which to measure ourselves. He is PERFECT. He is UNCHANGING. And HIS status is ALWAYS true and complete. He is the Creator, Savior and Judge of the Universe. In Him there is salvation and sanctification. "For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring." (Acts 17:28)



**Women's Enrichment
Ann Wilcoxson**

What is the state of your family? Is your family getting ready to go into a storm, going through a storm now or coming out of a storm? How your family handles the storms of life just may depend on you!

Here are some helpful tips to prepare your family for the struggles of life. The wise woman builds her house through prayer and faith.

- She is lovingly submissive to her husband.
- She gives sound and Godly advice to her children as she points them to Jesus, the Master and Lord of all.
- She teaches them to remember His faithfulness in the past, therefore they can trust Him with their future.

Keeping these tips in mind, your family will endure through the storms they are certain to encounter. With much thanks to Gladine Spyies, who also shared with us one of her greatest storms as her then 26 year old daughter was diagnosed with lymphoma cancer. With much prayer, faith and fasting God healed her and today she is working in the medical field and married with a family. Praise God!

See you next month when we will discuss the heart of Moms.

**Saturday
May 14th, 9:00 AM**



**Outreach Ministry
Ronald Morgan**

**May 21st
10:00 AM -1:00**

Hi Church Family,
I would like to thank you all for the cookies, drinks, candy, prayers, and the funds that were given for KAIROS. Thank you so very, very much. I hope that some of you will take me up on joining KAIROS ministry or just attend the graduation on the Sunday at the end of KAIROS. Thank you again for all you do for the Evangelism/Outreach Ministry.

Now, I once heard someone at NPG say that their love one will get into Heaven before some of the Church members at NPG. It hurt to believe that some of us aren't saved but it hurt me even more to think that no one cares enough to speak to them about how to become saved. I have heard the Pastor speak on this matter over and over and if you will not listen to him maybe you will hear me. I wouldn't want anyone going to the lake of fire on my watch.

So, for those of you who are not saved or don't know if they are/or not saved will you please repeat this prayer and be sincere about it: Oh' LORD, I know I am a sinner. I believe that JESUS was my substitute when HE did on the cross. I believe HIS virgin birth, shed blood; death, burial, and resurrection were for me. I now receive HIM as my LORD and SAVIOR. I thank You for the forgiveness of my sins, the gift of salvation and everlasting life, because of YOUR Merciful Grace. Amen. IF you have prayed this prayer and meant it then you are saved and on your way to Heaven when you die. And, if you are pretending then you are still on your way to hell and the blood is off my hands. Until the next time do as GOD commanded (in Mathew 28:18-20) GO. GOD's foot soldier
Morgan

Food Bank Times
2nd, 4th & 5th Tuesdays
8:30 AM