

Happy Birthday

MAY Birthdays

Raven Blanks, 1st
 Calvin Robinson, 1st
 Deotha Thomas, 2nd
 Fred (Father) Rouse, 4th
 Vas'shaun Farrar, 5th
 Melton Hall, 5th
 Kenny Latimore, 6th
 Deedra Jackson 8th
 Alicia Friend, 8th
 Quanitrice Cystrunk, 9th
 Martha Jackson, 9th
 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
 Patrick Jones, 20th
 Joi Raushan, 20th
 Briana Calloway, 21th
 Adriene Collier, 22nd
 Tracy Davis, 22nd
 Caleb Jones, 23rd
 Larry Haywood, 24th
 Patricia Gilbert, 25th
 Paulette Hadley, 25th
 Kayla Mosley, 25th
 Darin Gaymon, 26th
 Melvin Jenkins, 26th
 Emanuel McDonald, Jr., 26th
 Bonita Tharpe, 30th
 Regina Montford, 31st

May Anniversaries

Jackie & Mattie Jones
 May 2nd
 Wallace & Wankie Montford
 May 4th
 Wendell & Andea Kerr, II
 May 11th
 Demeterius & Shanita Bailey
 May 19th
 James & Shirley Brown, Sr.
 May 22nd
 Jeremy & Sheila Walker
 May 25th



PRAYER CONCERNS MEMBERS

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

SHUT-IN MEMBERS

Mozelle Rouse—Annie Jackson
 Catherine Chambliss

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

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



Outreach Ministry

May 17th
 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.

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Bible School Curriculum

Jesus's Fulfillment of Scripture

Unit III

Jesus' Use of Scripture

May 4 Deut. 6:13-16; Matt. 4:4-11

Victory over Temptation

MAY 11 Luke 4:4-11

Jesus' Mission on Earth

May 18 Matt. 15:1-11, 18-20

Jesus' Teaching on the Law

MAY 25 Lev. 19:18; Deut. 6:4-7

& Mark 12:28-34

The Greatest Commandment

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

GENDER STUDY

Men: Believer's Building

Women: To Be Announced

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Real Life Conference

Saturday

May 3rd

11:00 AM– 1:00 PM

⇒Wills (living & dead)

⇒Finances

⇒Women Health

⇒Men Health

Refreshments Served

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WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS



Kenya Chambliss (04/06/14)



Bruce A. Lockett (04/06/14)



Sharon J. Lockett (04/06/14)

Pastor's Class 05/04/14-8:30 AM

Tobijah & Rhonda Ming

New Member's Training

Gwen Miles

Youth Orientation

Gabriel Miles

Watchcare Training

Baptism 05/25/14

The NEW Piney Press

Monthly Theme: *Acts Of The Apostles*



Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul. (3 John 2, ESV)

Personal Stewardship

For years after my father's passing, I suffered with guilt. He died at the age of 57 and I felt he could have had many more years if I had been more involved helping him manage his health issues.

But God gave me the comfort of knowing my father was saved and the guilt slowly vanished. Still the pain of his death lingers in my mind. But I learned a lot from it.

Daddy was an intelligent, organized man. He had insurance in place, a burial plot purchased and other necessary final arrangements in place. This made dealing with his death easier.

But I have also experienced the burden of a church member and a love one who died and left family members in chaos. The lack of insurance or no will, only adds to the grief and sorrow of dealing with the lost.

The Scripture reference above speaks of the blessing of good health. And each of us have a personal stewardship of responsibility to do all we can to keep the "Temple of the Lord" (our bodies), in good health.

But as much as we try, unless the Lord return during our lifetime, we all need to be prepared for our transition. It is not "if" but when.

The Real Life Conference this weekend will be of value in two areas: Personal Affairs and Personal Health. We will talk about:

- ◆ Wills (living & dead)
- ◆ Finances
- ◆ Women Health
- ◆ Men Health

God has provided this human life of ours for us to enjoy. He wants us to prosper and be in good health. Why, so that we can better serve Him and prepare the way for His Kingdom.

Pastor Dale



From the Chairman
Harry J. Taylor, Sr.

"He who scatters has come up before your face. Man the fort! Watch the road!

Strengthen your flanks! Fortify your power mightily." Nahum 2:1NKJV

In my reading several weeks ago I found this message which was speaking directly to me and I wanted to share because I know I am not the only person who have had these unexpected things to happen.

Whether storms in life come out of nowhere, or we see them coming all along, we struggle to hold on to our faith. When we have no strength to carry on, when disappointment and discouragement take hold of us, we find that our only way through it all depends upon our faith. We find our faith being tested as we endure suffering that may be physical, mental, social, financial, or all of them combined.

Tests and trials are a part of life and often push us to our limits in many ways. During these times, what do you turn to? Do you first run to others seeking those who feel the same way you do? Do you find yourself to be anxious because you are constantly looking down the road of life waiting for the next attack? Maybe you run to your **money** or **addiction** to seek answers or comfort. Whatever the case may be, the truth is, when we do not run to **God** first, we will not last long.

As followers of Christ, we have the greatest resource of wisdom and power available to anyone. He is our Father God and He desires to help us in times of need. We may be able to hobble along on our own wisdom and strength for a short time, but when we trust in the Lord's strength and His infinite wisdom, we will never grow weary.

Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning. Psalm 30: 5

**Deacon Meeting, SAT, 5/03/14
9:00 AM-See Deacon Taylor**



Youth Ministry
Joseph Brothers, Jr.

**Who Is He,
and
What is He to You?**

Some of you can remember a song with this title by Bill Withers. Without getting into Bill's reason for asking the question, it is a question valid for today's Christian. You see jumping off a high building results in a fall DOWN every time, whether we choose to believe in gravity or not. Likewise God is who He says He is and does what He said He will do whether we believe it or not, so 'WHO is He' has already been answered... He is THE LORD, He is THE Savior, He is THE Comforter.

But part two of ole Bill's song title is the part we should make a lifelong project. Of us, His disciples, Jesus said, "No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. (Jn 15:15)" He calls you friend, but What is HE to YOU?? God gave us choice in all matters at all times and we decide the answer to this question by our choices and our actions every day, hour, second. Jesus said in John 15:13, "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends." He did it for you, what are you laying down for your friend? How many phone calls, emails, text messages, facebook messages and instagrams are TO/ABOUT your friend.



Women's Enrichment
Ann Wilcoxson

Once again we were very blessed at our Women Enrichment Session with a dynamic and anointed speaker, our very own, sister, Linda Clark. She spoke to us by the authority of the Holy Spirit with Power and Simplicity. She shared that God has given to each of us talents on which He expects a return.

Our talents are unique; do not try to imitate others! Be who God has called you to be. Do what God has called you to do and do not be fearful! Trust God and His Word. II Timothy 1:7-*For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.*

I John 4:18- *There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. NKJ*

So ladies I plead with you to come to these encouraging and uplifting sessions. Remember! We all have issues, so let's bond together and be of the same mind, so that we may be strengthened to continue to live for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and to use our talents for Him without Fear!

NEXT SESSION
Saturday, May 10th, 9:00 AM

2013 Women's Prison Ministry

APR-Kalaya Lee

"Ain't Too Proud To Beg"

Luke 8:41-42 & Matthew 9:27

APR Confessions 6- Total 2014 30



From The CFO
Joseph McElroy, Jr.

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. 6. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. 9. Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce;

(Proverbs 3:5-6, 9 ESV)

Trust God

Each month as I write an article on tithing, I ask God for guidance. I am acknowledging God as being omnipotent, having unlimited power and authority to do all things. I am also telling God that I need and trust Him to lead me in conveying His message to His people. We should always seek God's Word for direction and trust God's Word that He will do what He says.

When it comes to the money God has blessed you with, do you seek God's Word on how to use it? Do you lean on your own understanding or do you ask a friend how you should spend it? If your friend does not tithe they will not say honor God with your firstfruits. If you lean on your own understanding you may take care of your desires first. But, if you seek God's guidance He will direct you to pay your tithes and offerings first, then God will take care of all your needs. God tells us in Proverbs 3:9, 10 that if we give Him our firstfruits our barns will be filled with plenty. In Malachi 3:10 ESV God says bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house.

----- I will open the windows of heaven and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need. We should never have any doubt that God is true to His Word, He shows us time and time again what He can do. Yet, we do not trust Him.

He is the omnipotent God! Try Trusting Him.

Christian Education

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.

II Peter 4:12

Test Time

In life when we reach an appointed age we are expected to enter school. As lessons are taught daily, students are expected to study and retain information for the coming days and years of their lives.

Coming to Sunday Bible School and Wednesday Bible Training as well as Worship are no different. We are taught lessons in life and hear what the Bible says about each one. When we encounter that studied situation the information that we have learned and stored should surface and be put in place that the results may be those to please our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

II Timothy 2:15 tells us to *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.* When we expose ourselves to the Word of God through study and research, we can make God proud by the way we respond.

You are invited to come and join us for times of study and learning on Sunday Morning at 8:30 AM & 10:00 AM and Wednesday at 6:30 PM. Then when test time comes you won't think that something strange is happening to you but you will be able to past and make God smile.

SENIOR SAINTS MINISTRY

It's All About Love

When you know that you are really LOVED, everything in your life can change. *Love others as Christ has loved you.* John 13:34

When I was asked to write this article, I wanted to say, "No," but sometimes when I pray, I ask God to use me in ways that will glorify Him. Yet, I want to choose how I want to glorify Him. I thank God that the Holy Spirit sometimes overrides my wants. I prayed and asked God to give me a topic and He did, "It is all about Love."

N.P.G. Senior Saints have been given an opportunity to show and share love with the Rosewood Nursing Center every 4th Sunday at 1:30 p.m. This activity started in December 2013, which gave us the opportunity to celebrate Christmas with the patients. We sang Christmas carols, gave gifts, and fellowshiped with them. Everyone had a wonderful time. The Ministry does something different at the center each month. Therefore Seniors, please come and show love to the sick and lonely people at Rosewood Nursing Center.

It is one thing for us to "set our minds on things above" Colossians 3:2 (God's love and His goodness), but Paul encourages us to "keep them set." This means that we must make a daily decision to look to the Lord and keep our focus on Him every day. Come, Seniors, let's set our minds on how much God loves us. He loved us so much that He sent His Son to die for our sins. Let's spend a little time at Rosewood Nursing Center. This act of love will make a difference in the lives of the sick and lonely.

Judy Woolfolk