

Happy Birthday

August Birthdays

Brenda Easley, 1st
 Javaris Gordan, Jr., 2nd
 Robbi Grier, 2nd
 Jer'mya Troupe, 2nd
 Addie Womack, 4th
 Jazalyn Grace, 5th
 Annie Jackson, 5th
 Layla Jackson, 5th
 Kennedy Johnson, 6th
 JeDarien Blackshear, 8th
 Joseph Brothers, Jr. 9th
 Daphne Alexandria Brothers, 9th
 Erika Jones, 12th
 Jettie Roberts, 14th
 Shakenna Clark, 14th
 James Monroe, 15th
 Mekellous Bailey, 16th
 Clarence Brown, Jr., 16th
 Karen Morgan, 17th
 Saniya Spivey, 17th
 Deiontre Randall, 19th
 Travis Smith, 19th
 Jaylin Stallings, 19th
 Jeremy Walker, 19th
 Carolyn Latimore, 20th
 Caryn Bryant, 20th
 Gee Gaymon, 20th
 Alfred Dixon, 20th
 Camron Bonner, 23rd
 Brenda Clark, 23rd
 Simone Permaul, 24th
 Delvin Montford, 28th
 James Brown, Sr., 28th
 James Brown, Jr., 30th
 Andrea Kerr, 30st
 Katherine Hall, 31st
 Tobijah Ming, 31st

August Anniversaries

Tyrone & Aleia Mosley, 8/02
 Keith & Katherine Sylvester, 8/07
 Joseph & Daphne Brothers, Jr., 8/10
 Melvin & Kimberly Jenkins, 8/19
 Dwight & Tangie Blackman, 8/21
 James & Stacey Monroe, 8/26

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. August'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.



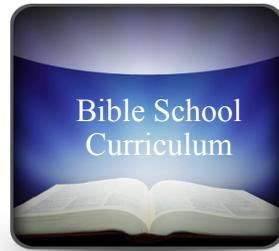
Outreach Ministry

August 16th
 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



Priorities for the People of God Unit III

Bearing One Another's Burdens

AUG 3 II Corinthians 1:3-11

Consolation Through Prayer

AUG 10 II Corinthians 1:23-2:11

The Need for Forgiveness

AUG 17 II Corinthians 4:2-15

Treasure in Clay Jars

AUG 24 II Corinthians 6:1-13; 7:2

An Appeal for Reconciliation

AUG 31 II Corinthians 8:1-14

Sacrificial, Joyful Giving

(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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A few months ago the school bells rang and students were dismissed from regular school.

Friday, August 1st, the bells will ring again for Houston and Bibb Counties. This will be a summons for all students to return. Get ready and listen. Students must answer the call.

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The NEW Piney Press

Monthly Theme: *Minor Prophets*

WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS

New Member's Training

The Brooks Family

Stevie G. Brooks

Karen K. Brooks

Lindsey J. Brooks

Lauryn T. Brooks

Leah A. Brooks

Antonio Bell

Pastor's Class -8:30 AM

Month of August

TBA

Youth Orientation

Watchcare Training

Baptism

08/31/14



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



Currently Pastor Dave is preparing for his treatment and will not be writing an article this month.

Next month promises to be off the chain!!!!

The Monthly theme for August is Minor Prophets. In the Bible there are twelve books that are included in the Minor Prophets. These books are called minor because of the length of each book with the shortest being one chapter to the longest being fourteen chapters.

They are:

Hosea

Joel

Amos

Obadiah

Jonah

Micah

Nahum

Habakkuk

Zephaniah

Haggai

Zechariah

Malachi

These writers all dealt with Israel's drift from God. They are short but exciting. Usually you will be able to read a book in one sitting, two at the most.

God used these prophets to set the stage for the New Covenant found only in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Again the study of the Minor Prophet promises to be an interesting and illuminating study.



From the Chairman
Harry J. Taylor, Sr.

In our gender study "Seek God With all your Heart" I wanted to share with you great ambitions come when you seek God, step out in faith, and you never know, God might be testing your faith to see if you will go the extra mile.

But from there you will seek the Lord your God, and you will find Him if you search for Him with all your heart and all your soul. Deuteronomy 4:29

"God has hidden every precious thing in such a way that it is a reward to the diligent, a prize to the earnest, but a disappointment to the slothful soul. All nature is arrayed against the loungers and the idler. The nut is hidden in its thorny case; the pearl is buried beneath the ocean waves; the gold is imprisoned in the rocky bosom of the mountains; the gem is found only after you crush the rock which encloses it; the very soil gives its harvest as a reward to the laboring farmer. So truth and God must be earnestly sought."
A.B. Simpson

You may think you don't need to get tested because your body is working just fine – but that's not true. Cancer in its earliest stages usually has no telltale signs. Symptoms may appear after the disease is further along. Know Your Score get annual checkup.

September Prostate Cancer Month (Two Health Fairs, Mark your calendar September 20th and 27th. Additional information will be coming, **or just give me a call.**

NEXT Meeting
Saturday, August 2, 2014
9:00 AM-
See Deacon Taylor



Youth Ministry
Joseph Brothers, Jr.

Did you know that failing to forgive someone harms YOU? We walk around all the time with rocks in our jaws because of what someone did to us or because of how they treated us and our irrational assumption is that they will somehow be able to tell we are displeased with them and it will make them UNCOMFORTABLE. What we don't realize is that most of the time, they have no idea we still have an issue. They moved on from whatever the EVENT was 7 minutes after it passed. It is us that are miserable as we relive each moment of the EVENT day in and day out, recounting it to anyone who will listen as we try to communicate how messed up "so and so" is because of what "They Did To Us".

The truth of the matter is it doesn't hurt them at all, but it puts a wedge between us and God. It affects our relationship with our Lord and Savior. Mark 11:25 and Mat 6:14-15 both tell us that if we do not forgive, God will not forgive us. We are killing ourselves getting our point across. We might say, "Yea, but that joker has done this too many times!" How many is that?? When Peter asked the question on how many times we had to forgive someone, he was told 490 times. Has our brother or sister in Christ offended us 490 times? Have we forgiven them 490 times?

How many times did Jesus forgive us for the SAME offenses? Aren't you glad He's our example and not the other way around??



Women's Enrichment
Ann Wilcoxson

You Oughta Been There....

Mrs. Ann is with her honey as he prepares for treatment, therefore she passed her pen.

Before Ricky Dillard some other songster sang the words, You Oughta Been There... The song goes on to tell with excitement the things you missed that been had experienced. If you were not at July's Women Enrichment, you missed it. You Oughta Been There!

Ge'e Gaymon is in charge for this quarter and invited Min Cynthia Dennis from Mt. Olive Baptist Church. Her topic was "God is Building My Faith," taken from II Peter 1:1-7. Before she came we were exalted to "Come and Bless the Lord With Me" and later shared in the testimonial song, "I Don't Believe He Brought Me This Far, To Leave Me."

Our Quarterly theme is Divine Reconstruction. Min Dennis told us not to let our foundation shift. To hold it steady we need to add things: goodness, knowledge, self-control, endurance, godliness, brother love and then more love.

If you missed this one, no problem. Our next Women Enrichment session will be on Saturday, August 9th, at 9:00 AM. If you ever said I Oughta Been There, just join us and change your testimony! See You There.

NEXT SESSION
Saturday
August 9th, 9:00 AM
2014 Women's Prison Ministry

July-Brandon Lee
"We've Been Changed"
I Corinthians 15:51, 52 & 57
JUL Confessions 0- Total 2014 65



From The CFO
Joseph McElroy, Jr.

So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight.

(2Corinthians 5:6-7 ESV)

Walk of Faith

The Word of God teaches us that we should walk by faith not by sight. As Christians we have faith that one day we will have an eternal home with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. A Christian's faith shows by the way their life is conducted. If we trust God to give us an eternal home with Him, we should have faith and trust Him to care and provide for us on earth. We must put God first in everything. 2 Corinthians 5:9b says "we make it our aim to please him."

When it comes to trusting God with our soul, we're okay with that. However, when it comes to the money that God has put in our hands and trusted us to give back to Him (His tithes and offerings) our faith seems to fly out the window. We would rather rob God than be obedient. We think we can do more with 100% than God can do with 90% and less. God can do more with a penny than we can do with a hundred dollars. You asked how? Glad you asked. He can do it because He is God! He is the all-powerful, all knowing, omnipotent God. There is nothing He can't do. God commands us to pay tithes and give an offering, to become a witness that He will pour out blessings that we will not have room enough to receive. All we have to do is believe in Him, be obedient, and have faith that He is true to His Word. How is your walk of faith?

Christian Education
Have You Opened Your Gift?

As each one has received a special gift... I Peter 4:10a

Many times a year gifts are given and exchanged. There's our birthday, there's Mother's or Father's Day, there's Valentine's Day, there's Christmas and there are those just because days. God allows us to be showered with gifts to bring us joy. Our cheeks are warmed and we just explode with joy. Even if we are disappointed when the package is opened, the package itself just does something to us.

Not one time have I allowed my gifts to just sit unless they were early. Even then it is hard to pass by and ignore it. The anticipation will drive your impatience. Something within you craves to know what's in the box, bag or in whatever is used to conceal the package. We pick it up and shake it hoping to get just a hit of what's this hidden thing is.

When the times come to open our gift the setting must be right. Usually, we don't do it on the run. I Peter 4:10 tells us that every one has received a gift from God. Have you opened your gift or is it sitting collecting dust?

The timing and the mood is right, the place has been prepared and we are waiting with excitement. The place is 258 Straight Street, **Sunday Bible School (8:30 AM), to Wednesday Bible Training (6:30 PM Prayer & Praise followed by Bible Training at 7:00 PM) and Sunday Morning Worship at 10:00 AM.**

So stop shaking the box. Join your church family and let's share what God has given each of us as we receive His gifts with JOY.

SAINTS MINISTRY

As Senior Saints, we do not regret growing older. As a matter of fact, we welcome it; for it is a privilege denied to many. We have seen some better days, but we have also truly seen worse days too! We may not have everything we WANT, but we have all that we need...and then some! We may wake up with some aches and pains, but guess what...We wake up! We are truly blessed.

As Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it." As seniors, we know the importance of spending time with children. We also know that there is far more value in spending time with young people than simply spending money on them.

Ephesians 2:8 states, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God." As Pastor Dave and Sister Ann recently expressed in a discussion with the Senior Saints, it is important for us to "talk to" the young people. The young people are living in an era much different than ours, but we still owe it to them to share our wisdom with them; as we are the products of God's grace and mercy. We must remind them that respect is a two-way street that must be demanded and given. We must also remind them of the simple courtesies of putting cell phones down when they are speaking to someone. Lastly, we must realize that our young people need to receive the benefits of our wisdom and experiences. They will hear many voices of influence. We must, however, make sure our voices are the wisest and loudest.

We know that "All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose." God has granted us longevity and for that, we must do our part of fulfilling His purpose through our relationships with young people. We owe that to God, the youth and ourselves.

Alvesta Montford Brown