

### MARCH Birthdays

Walter Williams, 1st  
 Earnestine Bivins, 2nd  
 Stephanie McNeil, 6th  
 Beatrice Montford, 6th  
 Wendell Kerr, II, 7th  
 Roneisha Moore, 7th  
 Dave Wilcoxson, 8th  
 Anthony Clark, 10th  
 Betty Gilmore, 11th  
 Annie Watson, 13th  
 Ann Wilcoxson, 13th  
 Corey Robinson, 14th  
 Raven Cummings, 15th  
 Alicia Austin, 17th  
 Fred Rouse, II, 18th  
 Ernest Hobes, Jr., 19th  
 Clara Montford, 19th  
 Jeanette Mosley, 20th  
 Brandi Blackman, 22nd  
 John Montford, 22nd  
 Althea Collier, 23rd  
 Sheila Walker, 23rd  
 Ronald Morgan, 24th  
 Lamarlon Rouse, 27th  
 Ella T. Tatum, 29th

### March Anniversaries

Anthony & Linda Clark, Mar 2  
 Kenney & Carolyn Latimore, Mar 13  
 Fred & Sheila Rouse, Mar 15  
 Stevie & Candice McNeil, Mar 20  
 Dave & Ann Wilcoxson, Mar 25



### NOON DAY PRAYER

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

We are asking those who can to fast on Wednesdays of each week. March'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

March 15th  
 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
 See Ronald Morgan

### Food Bank Times

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 8:30-12:00  
 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 8:30-12:00  
 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 8:30-12:00

Please have everything you plan to give in by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday.

### Coming April 18th-19th Evangelism Workshop Friday 6:30-9:00 PM Saturday 10:00 AM- 1:00 PM

Refreshments both days

Please sign up

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### PRAYER CONCERNS MEMBERS

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

### SHUT-IN MEMBERS

Mozelle Rouse—Annie Jackson  
 Catherine Chambliss

### MILITARY MEMBERS

Felecia Patterson—Marquis Walker  
 Jarell Morgan  
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### Ash Wednesday March 3rd

Ash Wednesday is a day of repentance and marks the beginning of Lent Season. Ashes are used to express mourning.

Ash Wednesday marks the start of a 40-day period (Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness to fast and pray.) This was a time of great temptation from the enemy.

However, the time Jesus spent fasting and praying strengthened His Spiritual Man as the physical man was weakened and brought unto submission to God.

### Bible School Curriculum

#### Jesus's Fulfillment of Scripture

Unit I  
 Jesus and the Davidic Covenant

MAR 2 II Samuel 7:4-16

An Eternal Kingdom

MAR 9 Ps. 89:35-37; Isa. 9:6-7;

& Matt. 1:18-22a

Son of David

MAR 16 Ps. 110:1-4; Acts 2:22-24, 29-32

An Everlasting King

MAR 23 Revelations 5:6-13

Worthy Is the Lamb

Unit II

What the Prophets Foretold

MAR 30 Zech. 9:9; Matt. 21:1-11

The Entrance of the King

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

#### GENDER STUDY

Men: *Believer's Building*  
 Women: *To Be Announced*



### 2nd Sunday

March 9, 2014

2:00 AM, Spring Forward  
**Set Clock FORWARD**

Daylight Savings Time  
 Begins

Before you go to bed on  
 Saturday night set clock

**AHEAD 1 hour**

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### The Christian Hope

MARCH 2014

### WELCOME

#### NEW MEMBERS



Camille Troupe  
 01/05/14



Nikki Smith  
 02/02/14



Kaliyah Collier  
 02/02/14



Jaylin Stallings  
 02/02/14



Jer'Mya Troupe  
 02/02/14



Ta'Mauri Troupe  
 02/02/14

Pastor's Class 03/02/13-8:30 AM

Nicholas A. Davis

LaToya Stallings

New Member's Training

Youth Orientation

Watchcare Training

Baptism 03/30/2013



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 Son Of Man-The Gospel of Luke*



*This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope. It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: **great is thy faithfulness.***  
 (Lamentations 3:21-23, KJV)

### The Faithfulness of our God

One of the first songs I learned after my conversion was: *"We've Come This Far By Faith."* I sung the song with joy and great enthusiasms, but I did not understand its sufficient.

But during my latter years, the words of the song have taken on a new meaning. The Apostle Paul wrote: *"For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison,"* (2 Corinthians 4:17, ESV). But oftentimes our "light afflictions" overshadow the mercy of God displayed through His faithfulness.

The words of the song speaks of the reason we have come this far... *"leaning on the Lord; trusting in His Holy Word."* Thus, it is not our faith that we have come this far by; it is God's faithfulness.

The Prophet Jeremiah was going through a very difficult time. But when he recalled God's dealing with him in the past, Jeremiah (like me), could not help but to cry out to the Lord, "Great is Your faithfulness.

Another favorite song of mine is based upon the above Scripture. I believe the writer, (like me), took inventory of his life.

*As I look back over my life, I can see how Your love has guided me. Even though I've done wrong, You never left me alone. But You forgave me. And You kept on blessing. This I recall to my mind, Therefore I have hope. It's because of Your mercy that we are not consumed. Because thy compassions fail not, They are new every morning Great is Thy faithfulness.*

My circumstance, situation or condition, do not change or diminished the faithfulness of God.

*Pastor Dale*



*From the Chairman*  
Harry J. Taylor, Sr.

You hear a good many echoes in the world but mighty few are real voices.

Some people spend money for things they don't need to **impress people they don't like.**

A pint of example is worth a thousand sermons.

What's wrong with the church? Look in the mirror.

Anyone who talks by the yard and thinks by the inch should be moved by the foot.

*Those who worship idols are disgraced--all who brag about their worthless gods--for every god must bow to You.* Psalm 97:7

There was a story where this cowboy and pastor were the only people that showed up for service one Sunday. The Pastor looked at the cowboy and said what do you think. The cowboy replied that if I went to feed my cows and only one showed up I would feed that one. The pastor went on and preached for about two hours. When he was finished he asked the cowboy how did he do. The cowboy's reply was that if only one cow showed up for feeding he would not dump the hold bucket.

So NPG Family lets show up for service I promise you will not get the hold bucket.

**Man up the Keys to Good Health is Early Screening and Awareness.**  
"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." (Hosea 4:6.)

**Next Deacon Meeting**  
**Saturday, 9:00 AM, March 8th**  
See Deacon Harry Taylor, Sr.



**Youth Ministry**  
Joseph Brothers, Jr.

The church seems to have lost its strength and conviction. We are splintered in the way we approach the world and divided in the way we approach each other. But how can this be? I mean we are the church, right? Well, we meet in a church building and we say church stuff when we're there, but is that enough?

The early church found strength and direction in two activities; Christian education and fellowship. Acts chapter 2 says they devoted themselves to the apostles teaching. They were so crazy they went to church EVERY day. It also says they devoted themselves to eating together and prayer; going from this person's house to that one's (Acts 2:42-46 NET).

No wonder we can't seem to get it right. We trip if Sunday service lasts more than an hour and a half and wouldn't dare have a church member in our home for fear they might see how we REALLY live (you know, away from church and all). To regain the power and direction that are our birth right as born again believers we MUST take every opportunity to learn more about Jesus, pray more, and hang out with our brothers and sisters OUTSIDE of the church walls!

This month, call someone you don't normally talk to. Stay abreast of Christian education opportunities by visiting the church website at: [www.npgbc.org](http://www.npgbc.org). Stay up on current events and plugged in socially via the church's facebook page at [www.facebook.com/NewPineyGrove](http://www.facebook.com/NewPineyGrove). Let's make a commitment to be here "when the doors are open!"



**Women's Enrichment**  
Ann Wilcoxson

My heartfelt thanks go out to the ladies of NPG for the great turnout at our last Women Enrichment Session. I heard many great comments from some of the ladies; some were those who experienced their first session.

Our speaker of the day was our very own, Sister Deborah Dixon. She encouraged us through the Holy Spirit to get involved in ministry. Let's come out of our little comfort zones. God does not call the qualified, He qualifies the called. The church needs us to give light to a dark world. When we are plugged into the church, the body as a whole benefits. So take inventory! Ask yourself, Am I doing enough for the Kingdom of God? If the answer is no, Let's "Step it Up." whatever your spiritual gift is, use it for the kingdom. Remember, God uses us through our weaknesses and His Strength.

Now, what are you going to do for God? Thank you Sister Sheila Rouse for listening to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

**NEXT SESSION**  
**Saturday, March 8th**  
**9:00 AM**

**2013 Women's Prison Ministry**  
FEB-Brandon Lee  
"Strong Finish"  
II Timothy 4:6-8  
FEB Confessions 4  
2014 Year Total 16



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

*And the Lord said, "who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his master will make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of food in due season? Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes.*

(Luke 12:42-43 NKJV)

### Wise Steward

We all enjoy the comforts that God has entrusted to us. Believers should know that 100% of everything belongs to God. Whatever He gives to us, He expects us to act as wise and faithful stewards. However, some people do as they desire with God's possessions. God commands us to pay tithes and offerings from the money that He assigns to us. God trusts us to be good stewards and trust Him with our needs. Being a wise steward means giving God His tithes and offerings first. If we step out on faith and trust God He will reward our efforts.

In worship services we express how grateful we are to God through prayer, praise, and giving of our tithes and offerings. During prayer and praise everyone is joyful but at collection time, things change, some people become subdued. We must not forget that this is a part of worship too, and we are honoring God with our tithes and offerings. We are being wise stewards. You will be held accountable for the way you take care of what has been entrusted to you.

Are you a wise steward?

## Christian Education

### Family Reunion

*And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.* Hebrews 10:24-25 (ESV)

Dictionary.com defines a family as any group of persons closely related by blood and a reunion as a gathering of relatives, friends, or associates at regular intervals or after separation. Relatives should regularly come together for food, fun and fellowship. Times for these fellowships are usually designated.

When we accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior it placed us under a blood covenant with Him. Therefore all who have received Him are blood sisters and brothers. Just as our families are regularly called together, God calls His together also. His desire is for His family to gather and remember Him. Hebrews 10:24 says *...not neglecting to meet together.*

As the reunion is planned, plans are made for the meeting place, what we will eat and how long we will stay. Some families meet every year and others at various times. Some meet one day and others for three days. Some reunions are held in what is called the family hometown and others move from one city to another. Each family is different. Times and places will be determined by those planning the reunion.

The Family of New Piney Grove is no different. Our reunions are held weekly.

***It's family reunion time for all members of New Piney Grove Baptist Church. Our reunion will be on Sunday at 8:30 AM for Sunday Bible School and on Wednesday at 7:00 PM for Wednesday Bible Training.***

## SENIORSAINTS MINISTRY

We as Senior Saints don't have to go into retirement because we get a little age on us and we have attended church for a long time; we have not finished our job. We are blessed and God have something for us to do. We are to bless others with what God has given us.

But do we have a pure heart as the Father gave us? Genesis 5:27 says *So all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred and sixty-nine years; and he died.* There is nothing else we know about him. 969 is a long time and we don't see that he walked with God or disobeyed Him. We always say we've been a Saint for God a long time, but how many disciples have we made? That is why we are saints; we are to pass something on to someone else. We are never to retire in God's work. Are we afraid to pass on what God has blessed us with or did we get saved for a free ride to heaven?

Matthew 5:8 says *Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.* This is a present and future fulfillment. Are we close to Him like we look in a mirror, dimly, but then see face to face? Do we know Him and can we see His face? Then there is something you can do when you get old in age.

We have to carry on the work of the Father. He gave us favor because we are blessed. Therefore be thankful and give back what He gave you. Are you clean? Yes we make mistakes but we don't stay down because we can be cleansed.

Just because we are getting up in age, do we be like Methuselah; we live all those years and die. The Father loves us. Be Blessed!!!

**Fred Rouse**