

Happy Birthday

APRIL Birthdays

Monique Darling, 1st
Ashely Collier, 2nd
Harriett Walters, 2nd
Stefan Mauger, 5th
Joshua Chandler, 6th
Dequavios Rouse, 8th
Katherine Sylvester, 8th
Christian Billingslea, 9th
Shirley Johnson, 9th
Shirley Brown, 11th
Mary Hammonds, 13th
Detress Jenkins, 16th
Tahjae' Sellars, 17th
Kenneth Mosley, 18th
Ricardo Willis, 19th
Antionette Smith, 20th
Antwon King, 21st
Noelle Rogers, 21st
Cameron Basley, 22nd
Darryl Bentley, 23rd
Arlena BeeBee, 26th
Gloria Rickerson, 27th
Yvonne Parsons, 28th

APRIL Anniversaries

Darin & Roge'a Gaymon
April 7th
Kenneth & Jeanette Mosley
April 18th
Willie & Melva Hill
April 30th
Bruce & Sharon Lockett
April 30th



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

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. April'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	

SHUT-IN MEMBERS

Eddie Blow (Heritage Healthcare # D10)

Bible School Curriculum

The Gift of Faith

Unit II

Restorative Faith

APR 3 Luke 7:1-10

Healing Faith

APR 10 Luke 7:36-50

Saving Faith

APR 17 Luke 8:26-36

Spiritual Deliverance

APR 24 Luke 15:11-24

Reconciling 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"

Comings...

APR 2

9:00 AM-Deacons

12:00 NOON- Senior's Luncheon

APR 5th & 7th

6:30 PM— College & Career Choir Rehearsal

APR 8th - 10th

College & Career Weekend

APR 9th

9:00 AM— Women Enrichment—"After The Storm"- Speaker-Gladine Spies

APR 16th

10:00 AM— 1:00 PM Evangelism Outreach

APR 23rd

11:30 AM— Youth Encounter

APR 24th

1:30 PM— Senior Nursing Home

6:30 PM-Women Prison Ministry

APR 30

9:00 AM-Deacons

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Monthly Theme : **God's Grace**



Expanding Our Faith

"So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."
(Romans 10:17, NKJV)

During the month of March, I attended "African-American" Day, sponsored by the Georgia Baptist Mission Board (Formerly Georgia Baptist Convention of The Southern Baptist Convention). It was very informative as well as a source of inspiration. I took from the seminar several valuable ideas. Some of which I am praying about implementing, which I believe will enhance our ministry at New Piney Grove.

As many of you know, Christian Education is very important to me. God has placed in me a desire to have His people to be biblical enlightened. The ministry of our church is one of teaching the Word of God. In fact, Christian Education is the main core value of NPG. There are several sources available to our members (and others) which are designed to teach the Bible. Teaching sessions are done Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings.

But many fail to take advantage of what God has gifted me (and others) to do. One of the reasons is that when terms are used such as "Sunday School" and "Bible Study," it does not tell what is being done. The Georgia Baptist Mission Board (GBMB), called these training settings, times of "Faith Development."

The word development can be defined as an act of improving by expanding, enlarging or refining. What is done during the session is an attempt to expand knowledge of the Bible, thereby improving our walk with the LORD. So when you see new terms such as Sunday and Wednesday Faith Development, it really is nothing new; just a different way of saying what we do.

However, changing the name is not as important as changing the heart. A change of heart toward the Master, will create in us a love for learning His Word.

Pastor Dunc

Active or Inactive

Active and Inactive lists are posted at the Church's Official Bulletin Board.

Please review these lists. Any question or concerns should be directed to your deacon.

According to our Policies and Procedures an Inactive Membership status is determined by the following:

After 90 days of inactivity, members will be placed in an inactive status. Members, who have been placed in an **Inactive** Membership Status, will forfeit all rights and privileges of membership. After 90 days of Inactive Status, membership will be **terminated**. Inactive members can only be reinstated by contacting their deacon and after completing a 60 day observation period. Terminated members may be required to apply for membership in accordance with Article I, C of the By-Laws.



From The Chairman
Joseph McElroy, Jr.

NEXT
Deacon Meeting
Saturday
April 2nd
9:00 AM
See Deacon McElroy

Have Thine Own Way

Behold, like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand,....

Jeremiah 18:6b

The hymn writer, Adelaide Pollard, penned these words: *"Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way. Thou art the potter, I am the clay. Mould me and make me after thy will, while I am waiting, yielded and still."* (Words later updated.)

History says that Pollard wanted to do missionary work in Africa but lacked the funds. Instead she went to church. There she was inspired by an elderly woman who cried out for the Lord to have His way with our lives.

Perhaps you may have found yourself in a similar situation. You may not have had the funds to do what your heart desired, so you decided to come to church. God always has a ram waiting. A prayer may be offered up or a hymn sung. But whatever God decides to use, it touches the very depth of your heart.

The decision now is yours. Will you continue to search for the funds or will you yield to the Almighty God and allow Him to Have His Own Way?



From The CFO
Alvin Cearnal

Our God is Able

Do we hold on too tightly to our wallets during tough financial times? Do we worry about not having enough to cover the monthly expenses, feeling that you need to save all we can for the bills? If and when we come up short due to unexpected expenses, the first thought may come to mind is to hold back tithes and giving for the month and make it up the next month. After all, the church is the easiest place to cut back and the extra money not spent at church will cover the weekly/monthly expenses.

However, our giving to the Lord is the one place where we should never tighten our budgets. Satan loves to keep us from trusting God by giving. His threats are, "If you tithe, you won't have enough to pay this bill and that bill; OR "you won't have money to buy groceries to eat this week." (Matthew 6:33: "Seek Ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all things will be added unto you) We cannot afford to doubt God's Word on giving. We must say "NO" to Satan and not allow him to cut off our "window of Heaven's" blessings! Our God is able.....



Christian Education Ministry
Brandon Lee, Sr.

Doubting....

In the book of John 20:24-25 NLT it tells us that "One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), was not with the others when Jesus came. They told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he replied, "I won't believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side." Thomas doubted the resurrection of our risen Savior, he wanted proof before he believed.

Do we as the body of Christ doubt GOD. Could we fill our name in the blank instead of doubting Thomas, it maybe doubting Jim or doubting Susan? Doubt can be defined like this: to be uncertain about, unlikely, hesitate to believe. As Christians, sometimes doubt can paralyze us with fear. But we must realize that if GOD said it, it will come to pass.

Let's not live our lives in doubt like Thomas did. This one thing is for certain, JESUS died for sinners like you and me, but HE rose again with all power in HIS hands. I believe that, do you believe? Don't be like Thomas and doubt. Thank You LORD for removing doubt!!!



Youth Ministry
Joseph Brothers, Jr.

Write A Story

I wrote a story once. In it, I had a meeting with a group of folks. We all came together, none of us agreed, angry words were exchanged and everyone left in a huff. You see, I made some assumptions and based on those assumptions, I created an expectation of how things were going to go. They say life imitates art and in this case, that is an accurate statement. I have had this type of scenario repeat time and time again in my life. I come into a situation and prepare for the worst case. I figure if I expect the worse, then I will be prepared for it if it comes or pleasantly surprised when it doesn't.

What I have learned is that is not a biblical attitude. That is not faith, that is not reliance on the creator of the universe. Romans 8:28 tells us, "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who[a] have been called according to his purpose." That means I don't have to expect the worst, because God only has one mode, BEST. In all things, whether relationships, finances, school, work or anything else under the sun, my heavenly father is actively working for my good "What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?" (Rom 8:31)

I think I am gonna try to let God write my stories from now on.



Women's Enrichment
Ann Wilcoxson

Spring Into Action

Every wise woman buildeth her house: ...
Proverbs 14:1

The theme for March's Women Enrichment was *Spring Into Action*. Praise God for using Sister Shirley Gilbert to do just that. She used the topic "There's Hope For A Fool." We were challenged to take the "U" out of the word BUT and Believe Truth instead. As women we have the choice to be wise or foolish.

We are to note the change going on in our lives. We will not be what we were in the past.

She used five women in the Bible to make her points. Even though Tamar was mistreated by men she was described as more righteous than Judah. Rehab was a prostitute but used what she had to draw causing her entire family to be saved. Ruth was that virtuous woman as she was blessed with Boaz. Bathsheba was seen and summoned by the King. However, God saw her heart. How did she feel about her husband, being pregnant or her child's death? And lastly, Mary, Jesus's Mother, gives hopes for fools.

She ended with her testimony. WOW, our God is amazing!!!!

April's offers Sister Gladine Spies as our speaker. Our theme is "After the Storm."

See you

Saturday
April 9th, 9:00 AM
By the editor



Outreach Ministry
Ronald Morgan

April 16th
10:00 AM -1:00

Hi Church Family,

I wish you could have been at the Men's Prison on March 1st when the LORD used Dr. X, Minister Lee, Brother Grant, and Brother Morgan to administer the Word to the residents at Dooly State Prison. The HOLY SPIRIT just didn't show up but HE showed out. HE was able to draw three or more into the Kingdom of GOD. Thank you MASTER.

This was the first time satan sent one of his to tell me that King James was a homosexual so what Brother Grant and I spoke on was hash and pretty much untrue. I had to tell the young man what is said in the BIBLE in 1Cor. 6:9 *Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, [10] nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. [11] And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.*

So, it still was a great and blessed opportunity to share the WORD of GOD to a dying world and preaching to almost three hundred men. It is time for Christians to stop hiding under the bed and bowing to the world and stand up to what GOD's WORD say. We are the light and salt of this world not the darkness and salt free. To Brother Al Taylor, (who normally goes with us even though he is a member of another church) Kudos. Now, until next time go and seek those that are lost. GOD's foot soldier

Morgan

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