

**APRIL Birthdays**

- Ashely Collier Shealey, 2nd
- Harriett Walters, 2nd
- Brayden Lee, 5th
- Joshua Chandler, 6th
- Dequavios Rouse, 8th
- Katherine Sylvester, 8th
- Christian Billingslea, 9th
- Shirley Johnson, 9th
- Jasmine Simpson, 9th
- Shirley Brown, 11th
- Mary Hammonds, 13th
- Deïress Jenkins, 16th
- Tahjae' Sellars, 17th
- Kenneth Mosley, 18th
- Ricardo Willis, 19th
- Antionette Smith, 20th
- Antwon King, 21st
- Noelle Rogers, 21st
- Cameron Basley, 22nd
- Kierra Golden, 22nd
- Darryl Bentley, 23rd
- LaShonia Childs, 23rd
- Kamaliah Griswold, 25th
- Arlena BeeBee, 26th
- James Owens, 27th
- Gloria Rickerson, 27th
- Yvonne Parsons, 28th

**Anniversaries**

**Anniversaries are no longer listed in the Piney Press.**

**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 pray; as we receive great power and watch God move in our church.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Patricia Gilbert	Brenda Clark
Eddie Blow, Jr.	Shamaya Austin
Brenda Sherman	Barbara Brown
Kenneth Mosley	Earnestine Bivins
Katherine Hall	Yvonne Parsons



*Communion is available for homebound members. The member must contact your assigned deacon.*

**Bible School Curriculum**

**Acknowledging God**

Unit II All Glory and Honor

APR 1 Luke 24:1-12, 30-35

He Has Risen (Easter)

APR 8 John 21:1-14

Appearance of the Risen Lord

APR 15 John 21:15-25

Follow Me

APR 22 Revelation 4:1-6, 8-11

The Lord God Almighty

APR 29 Revelation 5:6-14

Blessing, Glory, and Honor Forever

(Weekly introductory online; hard copy see office)

**GENDER STUDY Men: TBA**

**Women: Meet Me At the Well**

## FAITH DEVELOPMENT ORIENTATION

Pastor's Class—April 1, 2018

Orientation Class -8:30 AM

Youth Orientation—8:30 AM

Baptism

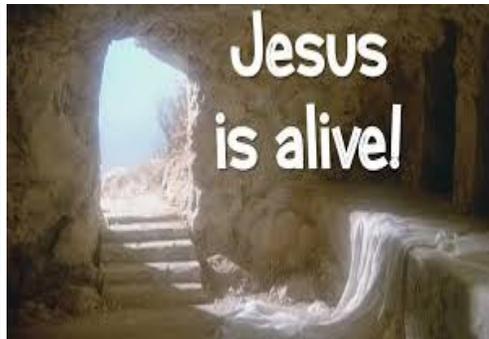
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*Welcome*  
*To the Family*



**Elesha Coons**

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**March 30th-7:00 PM**  
**Good Friday Service**

**RESURRECTION DAY**

**April 1st-7:00 AM**  
**Sunrise Service**

**April 1st-8:00 AM**  
**Breakfast Snack**

**April 1st-8:30 AM**  
**Faith Development**

**April 1st-10:00 AM**  
**Morning Worship**



*yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes*  
 (James 4:14 ESV)

## Dealing With Unexpected Changes

My daddy instilled in me many great attributes, designed to make me successful in life. Through my daddy's example of work ethics, I learned enough about electricity and plumbing to do-it-myself. This has saved me a lot of money over the years. Daddy also taught me the value of being on time; it was a hard lesson to learn.

Because of my daddy's training, I have always been an organizer and a planner. I like to have things mapped out well in advance of events. I've lived most of my life this way. It has paid many dividends and allowed me to be successful in all areas of my life, including ministry.

But lately, my "Father" has been teaching me a more valuable lesson about life. And that is that everything cannot be planned for; life changes. My Father has been showing me how to deal with unexpected changes. It is a difficult lesson to learn. My daddy left me going fishing, because I was 2 minutes late. It hurt emotionally, but I learned from it. I was never late again.

My "Father" allowed me to go through unexpected changes; they too hurt, emotionally, physically and spiritually. But I am learning from them because they have resulted in a more patient, content and calmer me.

The key to dealing with unexpected changes is be adaptable, knowing that God (My Father) is Sovereign and in control.

*Pastor Dume*



**From The Chairman Joseph McElroy, Jr.  
In Perfect Harmony**

*The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.. Psalm 19:1 (ESV)*

**Sticking Together**

Since the heavens have declared the glory of God and the sky proclaimed His handiwork, we have all the tools needed to work together In Perfect Harmony. As our 145th Church Anniversary approaches, I know they had to work together to exist. Even when someone hit a soar note, the people rejoiced. They needed each other to move forward and do God's work.

145 years is a long time. Thank God that we are "Sticking Together." Reminiscing about what our forefathers must have gone through, gives me a greater appreciation of today. It makes it easier to work with others and continue to do God's work. Sunday, May 27th will be our celebration date, mark your calendars.

NPG rocks and moves **IN PERFECT HARMONY!!!**



**CFO Alvin Cearnal**

**Seeking A New Position**

God has riches in heaven that need looking after. Applications are available immediately for those interested and qualified. If we examine our past experiences, can God trust us with them? If we have been wise in handling our kingdom financial affairs, we can answer "Yes" and apply for an interview. If the answer is "Not Quite" or "No", it's never too late to make a change or move forward. Take what God has blessed you with (whether large or small) and begin to make better investments into the Kingdom of God. (Luke 16:11 "Therefore if you have not been faithful in the use of earthly wealth, who will entrust the true riches to you.")



**Faith Development & Discipleship Ministry  
Jeff Brothers**

There's something about pressing your way through. Whether it's a difficult circumstance, a rough patch in a relationship or just the thoughts in our own minds that hinder us from fulfilling purpose, perseverance helps us to endure. The great thing about perseverance/patience is that the more we choose to exercise it, the stronger we become in it. This is God's work.

Solomon wrote that the race is not given to the swift (Ecclesiastes 9:11). Jesus said "the one who endures to the end will be saved" (Matthew 24:13). Remember that the next time you find yourself seemingly stuck in the middle. Let patience have its perfect work (James 1:4).



**Youth Ministry Brandon Lee, Sr.**

**YOUTH CHALLENGE**

**Be Safe!!!**

When I was growing up this was a saying that was spread across social circles and also parents, to "be safe." Why would my mother tell me to be safe. Why would my best friend tell me to be safe. I have come to this conclusion that in the world that we live in today, we have to continuously be safe. In the world we live in today we have both school and church shootings! We have people leaving bombs on front porches! Is it possible to live safe in 2018?

2 Thessalonians 3:3 NLT states, *But the Lord is faithful; he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one. God is our protector and HE will keep us.* Even though uncomfortable situations may arise beyond our control, but let us rest assured that JESUS will protect us, HE will keep us safe. We can't live in fear each day of what the day may bring. Let us stand on GOD's Word, that HE will keep us safe.



**Women's Enrichment Ann Wilcoxson**

Women's Enrichment: March 10, 2018

Title: "The Struggle" / Speaker: Sister Londa Miller

Every Christian knows the feeling. You know you need to pray, but you struggle for words or you are so weighed down that you cannot speak. The good news is Jesus never gets tired of us He knows our shame, vulnerability and struggles.

On our own, we could never overcome our problems, but with His presence in our lives we have the hope and faith needed to move forward. So don't let the fact that you don't know how to pray as you should discourage you from praying, don't let the fact that prayer isn't easy discourage you from praying, and don't let the fact that your prayers don't seem to be answered keep you from praying. Every woman is left empowered by Romans 8:26-27, which encourages us with this truth that the Holy Spirit, Who dwells in us, tenderly takes our prayers and directs them according to God's will before His throne. We may not always pray in accordance with the will of God, but the Spirit does. And God answers.

**Bonita Tharpe**

Next session, **Saturday, April 14th, 9:00 AM (at NPG)**



**Outreach Ministry Ronald Morgan**

Hi Church Family,

This month as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the tomb on the third day after he was crucified, let us not be hypocritical and condemn others because they sin differently from us. We all need Jesus, bottom line!

I challenge my NPG Family to approach and talk to a complete stranger this month and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Share with them the true meaning of Easter, the Outreach Ministry has tons of free literature we would be happy to give you, so you can share with others. We owe Him that and so much more, let us thank Him for our Journey thus far, because He has brought us a long way.

Brother Grace there will be an Evangelism/Outreach Ministry Meeting on the 21st of April. All those who are in the Ministries: Men and Women Prison Ministry, Food Bank Ministry, Door to Door Ministry and all who want to be a member please arrive at 10:00. Food will be provided. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter. Please come with fresh ideas on how we can make NPGBC Evangelism/Outreach Ministries better and satan free.

**GOD's Foot Soldier, Morgan**

Next Session: **April 21st, 9:00 AM -1:00 PM** **Food Bank** 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4th & 5th Tuesdays—8:30 AM (Counselors needed)