

Happy Birthday

December Birthdays

Brandi Aaron, 1st
 Darryl Easley, 2nd
 Christopher Mitchell, 4th
 Bree Thomas, 4th
 Arthur Corker, 6th
 Bobbie McDonald, 6th
 Danny Wells, 9th
 Joseph McNeil, 11th
 Micaela McKoy-Franklin, 12th
 Rose Taylor, 12th
 Deborah Dixon, 15th
 James Graham, 15th
 Ayesha Rogers, 16th
 Alvesta Brown, 16th
 Amzie Robinson, 16th
 Melva Butts Hill, 18th
 Stacey Monroe, 19th
 Stasia Roberson, 19th
 Betty Johnson, 20th
 Byron Clark, 21st
 Patrina Cearnal, 22nd
 Kalaya IEE, 23rd
 Barbara Barrow, 24th
 Kelvin Miller, Sr., 24th
 Sarah Montford, 26th
 Amber Clark, 27th
 Ian Corum, 28th
 Alaysia Permaul, 29th
 Cedrick Jackson, 29th
 Rose McElroy, 31st

December Anniversaries

Morris & Alvesta Brown,
 December 4th
 Joseph & Eva McElroy, Jr.,
 December 18th
 Robert & Rose McElroy,
 December 18th
 Walter & Sylvia Williams,
 December 24th



Outreach Ministry

December 21st
 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.

PRAYER CONCERNS MEMBERS

Kimberly Jenkins - Shamaya Austin
 Kenneth Mosley - Eddie Blow
 Annie Watson— Patricia Gilbert
 Paulette Hadley-Earnestine Bivins
 Deotha Thomas— Ayesha Rogers
 Tangie Blackman

SHUT-IN MEMBERS

Mozelle Rouse—Annie Jackson
 Catherine Chambliss

MILITARY MEMBERS

Felecia Patterson—Marquis Walker
 Jarell Morgan

FRIENDS & FAMILY

NONE

BEREAVEMENT

The Graham & Jackson Families
 Morris Brown & Family
 Stacey Monroe & Family



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. December'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.

2013 Watch Night Service CHRISTIAN HOPE

Our 2013 Watch Night Service will begin at 9:00 PM on Tuesday, December 31st. We will kick off our 2014 Yearly Theme which is entitled Christian Hope. We will have 8 messages centered around our theme.

We will also have 8 testimonies of Christian Hope. A period of 3 minutes will be allowed for each testimony. These testimonies are open to the church body of NPG. If you are interested please see Pastor Dave.

2014 NPGBC THE CHRISTIAN HOPE

JAN	Christ As King The Gospel Of Matthew
FEB	Christ As Servant The Gospel Of Mark
MAR	Christ As Son Of Man The Gospel Of Luke
APR	Christ As God The Gospel Of John
MAY	Acts Of the Apostles
JUN	Wisdom/Poetry
JUL	Major Prophets
AUG	Minor Prophets
SEP	Pastoral Epistles
OCT	Prison Epistles
NOV	General Epistles
DEC	Apocalyptic

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WELCOME

Pastor's Class 12/01/13-8:30 AM

Ronald B. Smith
 Nakeba Parker

New Member's Training

Camille M. Troupe
Youth Orientation

Watchcare Training

Baptism 12/22/2013

Bible School Curriculum Jesus and the Just Reign of God

Unit I Sending Jesus

Dec 1 Luke 1:26-40

Jesus' Birth Foretold

Dec 8 Luke 1:46-56

Mary's Song of Praise

Dec 15 Luke 1:57, 67-79

Zacharias's Prophecy

Dec 22 Luke 2:1-17

Jesus' Birth (Christmas)

Dec 29 Luke 2:25-38

Jesus Presented in the Temple

(See your teacher for a weekly study sheet)

GENDER STUDY

Men: Believer's Building

Women: Titus II Woman, Titus 2:3-5



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

The NEW Piney Press

Monthly Theme: *The Book of Esther*



"Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."

(Matthew 1:23, NKJV)

Do You Believe The Christmas Story?

Faith is at the heart of salvation and Christianity. Faith is belief in action. In other words, when we have faith in something we react to what we believe. The Christmas story is no different.

Believing in the Christmas story requires faith. We are asked to believe that a young virgin, without having sex with a male became pregnant by the Holy Spirit. This had never happened before, has not happened since and will never happen again.

We are also asked to believe that the child this virgin conceived was the Son of God, who saves us from our sin; T

hat He died, conquered death and rose again. He sits on the Right Hand of God and intercedes on our behalf. But it all starts with belief of the Christmas story.

While many professing Christians say they believe in the Christmas story, their action shows otherwise. We place more emphasis on Santa, reindeers and snowmen. We spend more time shopping than we do worshipping. We travel to far places on Christmas day, but will not come to church if it's on Christmas day.

Some will say, I teach my children and tell everyone about the real meaning of Christmas and that's good. But your actions speak....

Pastor Dave



From the Chairman
Harry J. Taylor, Sr.

Never judge a man's actions until you know his motive.

The boar has at least one virtue - he doesn't talk about other people.

Do not criticize unless you have made an effort to do a better job and succeeded.

Some people look for faults as if there was some kind of reward for each fault they found.

What will fault-finding people do in Heaven?

But may all who search for You, Lord, be filled with joy and gladness. May those who love Your salvation repeatedly shout, "The Lord is great!"
Psalm 40:16

As for me, I am poor and needy, but You, Lord, are thinking about me right now. You are my helper and my savior. Do not delay, O my God.
Psalm 40:17

Suspicion is like a pair of sunglasses - it makes all the world look dark.

A slanderer is a person who plays God.

Next Deacon Meeting
Saturday, 9:00 AM
December 7th

See Deacon Harry Taylor, Sr.



Youth Ministry
Joseph Brothers, Jr.

How Blessed Are You??

My sister has a friend that has a toddler who was coughing and throwing up. She and her husband took the child to the hospital for what they assumed would be a routine visit resulting in some over the counter meds and a prescription for bed rest. When the tests were done, the doctor told them that their child has an inoperable brain tumor and that she most likely would not leave the hospital. You are reading this newsletter several days after this writing and it is my prayer that things have changed for the better in their situation, but this situation gives me pause.

As we begin the "Holiday Season", and take a look at our lives even with the bills, things that need fixing, and relationships that need improving, what we will discover is that in spite of all those things, life is really pretty good for us! But for all of this blessing God has heaped on us, what has our response been? Where is our gratitude? Where is our praise? In all that He has done for us, what have we done for God lately? Not things we expect to be paid back for or acts others can recognize, I'm talking about being a Christian (Christ-Like) because God said so and that's all!

During THIS holiday season, pray for someone who doesn't know you're praying. Give to someone who can't return your gift (do it anonymously if possible). Go out of your way to bless someone who you don't particularly care for. Not because I said so, but because He did/does it for US!



Women's Enrichment
Ann Wilcoxson

Ladies, have you ever seen such beauty, poise and elegance on any runway? Our super models were absolutely stunning I must acknowledge that they were not all ladies. We had three handsome and dashing male models: Kelton Morgan, Ondre' Owens and our very own Pastor Dave (LOL). What fun!

On the serious side, our models shared with us that the clothes they wore did not define who they were. It's not about the outside, but the inside.

Therefore, we were also shown what NOT to wear, things that we need to clear out of our closet and please do not pass them on to anyone else, they will not fit! Totally get rid of jealousy, lust, pride, cheating and lying. Replace them with latest and greatest which will remain stylish, love, joy, peace and kindness. Adorn yourself in these fashions and you are sure to make the cover of the Christian Character Chronicle!

Our Fashion extravaganza was closed out by the dynamic Sister Shirley Gilbert. Again a Big Thanks to Sister Daphne Brothers and those great super models.

Ann Wilcoxson

NEXT SESSION— Saturday
December 21st
1:00 PM—3:00 PM

2013 Women's Prison Ministry

NOV-Brandon Lee

"Don't Ever Give Up" - Heb 12:1-2
Confessions 5
Year Total -94



From The CFO
Joseph McElroy, Jr.

But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Matthew 6:30-33 ESV

Putting Priorities in Order

In this fast paced materialistic society that we live in today, we often forget the Creator and Owner of everything. We are focused on material things and how to obtain more and more. Our first priority must be focused on **God**. He will not be second to anything or anyone. **God** knows our needs, put **Him** first and **He** will supply all of them. **God** will even give us the desires of our heart. He tells us in Psalm 37:4 ESV, "Delight yourself in the **LORD**, and **He** will give you the desires of your heart." We should trust and have faith in **God** and put **Him** first in everything. When **God** is our delight, our desires will align with **God's** desires. **God** desires and commands us to pay our tithes and give an offering. This is a way of saying to **God**, "I love you and I am putting my faith and trust in you to provide for me." Christmas is upon us, the time when we should be celebrating the birth of our Savior. But, some will be busy shopping; buying presents with **God's** tithes. Do you think **God** is happy about that? The answer is no! Some people will go into debt buying gifts and devote the next year paying for them with **God's** tithes. It saddens **God** because **He** is ready to supply our needs. I have been there and done both of these and the outcome was not good. Everyone is familiar with financial worries. If we put **God** first on our priority list, pay **Him** His tithes and present an offering, we will have fewer worries. What's your first priority?

Christian Education
What's Hidden In My Heart?

Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You.

Psalm 119:11

Oftentimes we repeat this Scripture prior to sharing the Word in Worship Service. This is a statement made by the Psalmist.

The NET translation reads like this: *In my heart I store up your words...* The Greek meaning of the word is to store up, conceal, hid or to treasure. Dictionary.com defines store as a supply or stock of something, especially one for future use; to deposit for keeping.

But, before we can hid something that something must be found. In order to find something we must look for it.. When we look for bargains we spend some time looking. Sometimes we will even go from store to store, mall to mall and even city to city trying to find that right price or item. Nothing is too much that we may be satisfied.

The same should be done when it comes to what we put in our heart. It may take going from Scripture to Scripture, from dictionary to Concordance or from Version to Version to get that nugget to put in your heart.

We must find the Word. To find the Word we must look for the Word. To look for the Word we must know the Word. To know the Word we must love the Word. To love the Word we must obey the Word.

Consider investing the same effort, if not more in looking in the Word for those Spiritual Bargains. It is those stored up words that will keep you in those trying times.

The Message Translation reads: *I've banked your promises in the vault of my heart, so I won't sin myself bankrupt.* Come to Sunday Bible School or Wednesday Bible Training as we store up (hide) the Word.

SENIORSAINTS MINISTRY

The end of the Year 2013 is rapidly approaching, which reminds us that we are getting older. We are also reminded that God's blessings have sustained us throughout the year. Growing older can be challenging when faced with physical limitations and/or illnesses. Aging is inevitable, and it doesn't help that society teaches us to fear aging. Reacting to life with faith or fear depends on our focus. "Even though our outward man perishes, the inward man is renewed day by day."**(2 Corin 4:16)** Growing older is a continuation of the journey to strengthen our relationship with God as we go through life experiences. Aging can be a wonderful thing when our hope is in the Lord, our God. Despite the aches, pains, and limitations of advancing age, God can use us to further His plan if we are willing and devoted.

On the 2nd, 4th, 5th Tuesday mornings of each month, Senior Saints are busy at the Storehouse Ministry lifting boxes, shuffling paperwork, handing out food and personal items, and serving as counselors to pray with storehouse guests. Many receive the message of salvation. Gladys McCoy was invited to give a testimonial of volunteer services at the Mid-State Annual Celebration Meeting at Pine Forest Baptist Church on October 20, 2013. She represented us very well! More volunteers are welcomed.

Senior Saints Meeting: Thursday, December 5th at 11:00 a.m. The Christmas Fellowship is December 15th at O'Charleys - 1:00p.m. You are responsible for your meal. Have a blessed Christmas!!

Patrina Cearnal