

Happy Birthday

November Birthdays

Wendell Kerr, III, 3rd
 Talecia McDonald, 4th
 Miracle Walden, 4th
 Londa Walker, 7th
 R. Vernice Thomas, 8th
 Rhudene Graham, 9th
 Dorian Gunter, 10th
 Joshua McNeil, 10th
 Otisha Farrar, 13th
 Gregory Jones, 13th
 Angelo Cubia, 15th
 Kierra Golden, 16th
 Landon Rogers, 16th
 Chimindia Rouse, 16th
 Eugene Jenkins, 17th
 Jordan Walker, 17th
 Montell Bryant, 18th
 Ambria Morris, 18th
 Blanche Morris, 18th
 Jimmie Starr, Jr., 18th
 Kenneth Young, 25th
 Valerie Bullock, 26th
 Daphne Brothers, 29th
 Vera Tharpe, 30th

November Anniversaries

NONE
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Outreach Ministry

November 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

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
 Cynthia Simmons -Earnestine Bivins
 Deotha Thomas— Ayesha Rogers
 Paulette Hadley

SHUT-IN MEMBERS

Mozelle Rouse—Annie Jackson
 Catherine Chambliss

MILITARY MEMBERS

Felecia Patterson—Marquis Walker
 Jarell Morgan

FRIENDS & FAMILY

NONE

BEREAVEMENT

Felecia Patterson (death of sister)
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Thanks Giving Day

This is the season when the temperature begins to drop as our electric bills go down, Pecans begin to fall and trees begin to change color all over town.

This is a time when we can appreciate and remember where God has brought us from, Through many trials, tribulations, problems and issues we have come.

It started years ago as the Pilgrims packed, boarded the ship & set out, Headed to a land they hoped and thought was more promising without a doubt.

They were seeking a land where they could have religious freedom and serve, They looked for a land of plenty about which many times they had heard.

In the beginning they were only rationed five kernels of corn as times were hard, They listened as God showed them how the land was to be cleared and set apart.

They gave thanks and showed their appreciation in December of the first year,

They sang, prayed and praised as

the Indians joined brining turkeys and deer. That was the beginning to the great Thanksgiving Day Celebration in our country, President Lincoln moved the day to the last Thursday of November in 1863.

As Christians we learn in the Bible how sacrifices of appreciation should be, The Israelites sang a song of thanksgiving as they crossed the Red Sea.

We are told that in everything give thanks in the New Testament, Gratitude is in order and should be given for the ultimate Sacrifice He has sent.

Be grateful for the food that has been prepared for our bodies to grow, As we taste juicy deep-fried turkey we want more and more.

Enjoy each bite and eat your share as any good Saint would, All food was made by Him and He declared it to be very good. These are the reasons that we can really celebrate, You see He died and rose that we can have access to that Great Pearly Gate.

Kairos Prison Ministries

The New Piney Grove Men's Prison Ministry team will be ministering at Dooly State Prison from November 7th-10th for the Kairos Weekend. Kairos International is Christian based and addresses the spiritual needs of incarcerated men, women, youth and their families, hoping to change hearts, transform lives and impact the world. We solicit your prayers for the success of this weekend. Also for those of you that desire to assist; you may help the team by donating baked cookies, two liter sodas, and also monetary donations are welcomed. Thanks again New Piney Grove for making this weekend a success!!! TO JESUS BE THE GLORY!!!

Brandon M. Lee

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WELCOME

Pastor's Class 10/06/13-8:30 AM

Brandon E. Williams
 Agnus "Nate" Friend
 Alicia D. Friend

New Member's Training

Youth Orientation

Javontae M. Booker

Watchcare Training

Baptism 11/24/2013

Bible School Curriculum

First Things

Unit III First Freedom
NOV 3 Exodus 3:7-17

Preparation for Deliverance

NOV 10 Exodus 12:1-14

Beginning of Passover

NOV 17 Exodus 14:21-30

Beginning of Freedom

NOV 24 Exodus 40:16-21, 29-30, 34, 38

Beginning of the Tabernacle

(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 Nehemiah**



The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; he knows those who take refuge in him (Nahum 1:7 ESV)

“The Lord’s Been Good To Me”

November will forever be a special month for me. Although the official installation took place in January 1993, it was twenty-one years ago in November of 1992 that I was granted the privileged to become the lead servant of the New Piney Grove Church Family.

As I reflect back over the years, I can only come to one conclusion which are the words of one of my favorite songs... “The Lord, Been Good To Me.” To God be all the honor and glory.

Nevertheless, I must also thank all the wonderful people who have displayed their love and support over the years. It is because of you that I have been blessed, emotionally, physically and spiritually. I needed you then and I need you now.

Before coming to NPG I had within me a gift with no place to use it or develop it. I needed to study and teach. Our church provide me that opportunity, because the people had a strong desire to learn and to be taught.

A lots have changed over the years, but one thing has not. I still need to teach and study. And my prayer is that our church family still has a strong desire to learn and be taught.

Pastor Dale



From the Chairman
Harry J. Taylor, Sr.

Suspicion is like a pair of sunglasses - it makes all the world look dark. A slanderer is a person who plays God. Don't mind the complaints as long as your criticism is constructive. Open-minded or empty-headed - it depends on whether you are defining yourself or someone else. It is easy to shoot a skylark; it's not so easy to produce a song.

Psalm 42:4 *My heart is breaking as I remember how it used to be: I walked among the crowds of worshipers, leading a great procession to Your house O God, singing for joy and giving thanks - it was the sound of a great celebration!*

Psalm 42:5, 6 *Why am I discouraged? Why so sad? I will put my hope in You, God! I will praise You again - my Savior and my God! Now I am deeply discouraged, but I will remember Your kindness - from Mount Hermon, the source of the Jordan, from the land of Mount Mizar.*

**Next Deacon Meeting
Saturday, 8:30 AM
November 2nd
Deacon Training**

See Deacon Harry Taylor, Sr.



**Youth Ministry
Joseph Brothers, Jr.**

Line in the Sand

Where do I draw the line when it comes to stumbling blocks? I mean, just because you have a problem with my PERSONAL choices, doesn't make it an issue for me, right? Well, let's see! Romans 12:18 says, "...if possible, so far as it depends on YOU, live peaceably with all people". What is does not say is, "if your brother is being reasonable..." it doesn't say, "if you agree with your brother..." It says regardless of the other person's position, we are to do everything that WE can to live peaceably. I agree with you; that is a bit extreme right?! I mean, I have my life to live and you have yours right? Well, that position assumes my rights and choices are somehow more important than living in peace with you. That position says, "I want to win the argument sometimes!" Paul told the Philippians, "... with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves..." what kind of Church would we have if all Christians incorporated that Scripture into their daily lives. In 2 Cor 6:3 Paul told the Corinthians, "...we give no opportunity for stumbling to anyone, so that the ministry will not be blamed..." His focus wasn't his rights, it was the effect on God's ministry. He went on to say that as servants of God, we are willing to endure many things to remove stumbling blocks including distresses, beatings, imprisonments, riots, hard work, and hunger. I have yet to endure beatings, imprisonment or hunger, so I have decided to move the line between what I am willing to do to remove stumbling blocks in other's path. Not because they are right or I am wrong, but because God is teaching me to love Him and them more completely!



**Women's
Enrichment
Ann Wilcoxson**

How glorious, wonderful and exquisite was the "Rainbow Tea!" Thanks to Sister Daphne Brothers for allowing God to use her in bringing together some of Macon Georgia's finest chefs, who are well-qualified to star in their very own cooking show. Oh, by the way, they are all from NPG!

We were also blessed by those who shared the "Rainbow colors." They touched our hearts with laughter and with tears. We were ministered to by the great Christian comedienne Lisa Mills. If you were present you surely know now that Christians can have good clean fun. The Bible tells us that "a merry heart does good like medicine..." (Proverbs 17:22 NKJV). Yet, on the serious side, she encouraged us to come out of our comfort zone and reach out to others who may look different from us, with the love of Jesus as we are all created in the image of God.

I am grateful for what was shared and what we learned at the Rainbow Tea. Thank you for your attendance and bringing guest. We had a packed out house. Praise God! Let's do the same at our next Women Enrichment.

Ann Wilcoxson

**NEXT SESSION- Saturday
10:00 AM—November 9th**

2013 Women's Prison Ministry
OCT-Karios Training
Year Total -89



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

The following article was published in the November, 2011 issue of the Piney Press. I feel it should be published again because some members have gotten comfortable with their giving even though they are not tithing. This is evident by our offering, which has decreased. As you read the article pray and ask **God** to put it in your heart to sacrifice for the building of **His** kingdom.

Remember, **God** gave the ultimate sacrifice for us. (John 3: 16) While Jesus was in the Temple, he watched the rich people dropping their gifts in the collection box. Then a poor widow came by and dropped in two small coins.

"I tell you the truth," Jesus said, "this poor widow has given more than all the rest of them. For they have given a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is has given everything she has." (Luke 21: 1-4 NLT)

Generous and Sacrificial Giving

Jesus appreciated the generosity and sacrifice of the poor widow. Giving matters to the **Lord, He** is pleased when someone gives generously and sacrificially. The poor widow made a true sacrifice in her giving to the work of the **Lord**. Just as **Jesus** was watching the gifts being put in the collection box then, **He** is watching us each time we give.

Generosity begins when we go above the 10% that **God** commands us to give. Sacrificing begins when we give beyond what we thought we could afford to give. When we give generously or sacrificially, **God** is pleased with us, it shows our faith and dependence on **Him**. Also, **He** is pleased because it helps to carry on **His** work. When **God** is pleased with us, **He** blesses us. Is **God** pleased with your giving?

**Christian Education
Witnessing**

For you will be a witness for him to everyone of what you have seen and heard.

Acts 22:15

When a session of court is held, there usually are two sides. There is a defense team and the prosecuting team. The prosecutor brings charges against the defense and is out to prove that the defendant is guilty as charged.

The prosecutor tries to establish proof within a certain perimeter to show guilt without a reasonable doubt. While at the same time, the defense tries to show that there is a reasonable doubt. The defense do not have to prove that they are not guilty.

If you were called to the witness stand today, which side would you be on. Have you attended enough sessions of Christian Education to be accused of "studying to show yourself approved." Have you been to Christian Education sessions and learned some Scripture. Can you "defend the faith" according to the Word of God? I Peter 3:15 says, *But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.* Can you truly say: Thy word I have hid in mine heart, ...Can you be a witness for the prosecutor?

Or will the defense be able to establish that you are not guilty by reasonable doubt. Doubt was created because you did not attend any Christian Educational Training sessions. Therefore, you are NOT GUILTY and cannot be a witness.

SENIORS SAINTS MINISTRY

- S**-Set apart for God's service
- E**-Engaged in spiritual Warfare
- N**-Never Give Up
- I**-Increasing in His Wisdom and Knowledge
- O**-Only in Him is our strength Renewed
- R**-Rising early to seek His Will
- S**-Saved to serve actively not to sit passively

If you are 55 and older, please come and join us in serving our Lord, Jesus Christ. I am reminded of a statement made by a dear sister after a noonday Prayer Meeting. She stated that she would rather "wearout" working for Jesus than to "rust out" doing nothing. Let us adopt this same attitude. Let's wearout working for Jesus. By the way the benefits are eternal.

Gladys McCoy



**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. November'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.