

## APRIL Birthdays

Monique Darling, 1st  
Harriett Walters, 2nd  
Wallace Montford, 3rd  
Stefan Mauger, 5th  
Dequavios Rouse, 8th  
Katherine Sylvester, 8th  
Christian Billingslea, 9th  
Shirley Johnson, 9th  
Shirley Brown, 11th  
Mary Hammonds, 13th  
Detress Jenkins, 16th  
Jasmine Fuller, 17th  
Kenneth Mosley, 18th  
Antionette Smith, 20th  
Antwon King, 21st  
Cameron Basley, 22nd  
Kierra Tharpe, 22nd  
Darryl Bentley, 23rd  
Arlena BeeBee, 26th  
Gloria Rickerson, 27th  
Yvonne Parsons, 28th

## APRIL Anniversaries

**Darin & Gee Gaymon**  
April 7th  
**Kenneth & Jeanette Mosley**  
April 18th  
**Willie & Melva Hill**  
April 30th

## PRAYER CONCERNS MEMBERS

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

### SHUT-IN MEMBERS

Mozelle Rouse—Annie Jackson  
Catherine Chambliss

### MILITARY MEMBERS

Felecia Patterson—Marquis Walker  
Jarell Morgan



## 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. 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 you must also pray; the two together will give us great power as we watch God move in our church.



## Outreach Ministry

April 19th

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.

**The Evangelism Workshop scheduled for April 18th-19th has been cancelled.**

**It will be rescheduled at a later date.**

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## Wednesday ACES Study

Beginning Wednesday April 2nd, Pastor Dave will be leading a new series of Bible Study, entitled: *The Life and Writings of the Apostle John – An Expository Study of: The Gospel of John, The Epistles of John (1st, 2nd & 3rd John) and the Book of Revelation.* A study resource book will be available. See Pastor's administrative assistant.

## Bible School Curriculum

*Jesus's Fulfillment of Scripture*

### Unit II

**What the Prophets Foretold**

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

*The Entrance of the King*

**APR 6** Isa. 56:6-7; Jer. 7:9-11

& Mark 11:15-19

*The Cleansing of the Temple*

**APR 13** Jer 23:5-6; Zech. 6:9-15

& John 19:1-5

*The Suffering of the King*

**APR 20** Hos. 6:1-3; Luke 24:1-12

*The Resurrection of the King*

**APR 27** Isa. 53:5-8; Luke 24:25-27, 44-47

*From Suffering to Glory*

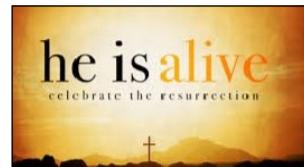
(Weekly study sheet available on line.

For a hard copy see Administrative Office.)

### GENDER STUDY

**Men: Believer's Building**

**Women: To Be Announced**



**Friday**

**April 18th, 7:00 PM**

**Good Friday Service**

**Resurrection Sunday**

**April 20th, 6:45 AM**

**Sunrise Service**

**8:30 AM**

**Sunday Bible School**

**10:00 AM**

**Morning Worship**



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

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## WELCOME

### NEW MEMBERS



**Jordan Walker (03/02/14)**



**LaToya Stallings (03/02/14)**



**Nicholas Davis (03/02/14)**

Pastor's Class 04/06/14-8:30 AM

**Kenya Chambliss  
Bruce & Sharon Lockett  
Tobijah & Rhonda Ming**

New Member's Training

Youth Orientation

Watchcare Training

Baptism 04/20/14

**Recommittal Baptism Service**

If you wish to recommit yourself and be baptized, see Pastor.

# The NEW Piney Press

Monthly Theme: **Christ As God-The Gospel of John**



*Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.. (Matthew 5:48 KJV)*

## **Setting The Bar**

The term "setting the bar" is a phrase designed to motivate athletes to a higher level of performance. From my understanding it was started by an Olympic high jumper coach who was training a jumper to break the world's record.

I am not sure of the exact dimensions, but let's just say the record was 7 feet. The jumper had never reached that height; his best was 6 feet, 10 inches.

But the coach set the bar at 8 feet. This was far above the jumpers ability to obtain, but by attempting to jump 8 feet time after time, he set a new world's record at 7 feet, 3 inches.

Jesus set the bar for us when He used the word "perfect." While perfection is far beyond our ability to obtain, when we consistently strive to be perfect as Jesus, our coach has commanded, we will achieve heights, higher than we did before.

Jesus knows our ability, but He also knows our potential. We should never be content with our Christian walk. We will never reach our potential if we do not attempt to reach what seems to be unreachable goals.

The idea conveyed in Matthew 5:48 is one of holiness. That is, being set apart from others. Christians should live a life that is set apart from non-Christians. But if we have the "I can't do it" attitude we become just like those we are called to witness to.

I remember a saying that my high school football coach said after I was cut from the team. "Nothing beats a failure, but a try." Are you trying to live holy but fail" or are you just not trying?

*Pastor Dave*



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

In life we all need a word of encouragement. It is not for us to try and master mind what may be wrong with a person who needs words of encouragement. We are the cheerleader who supports the team even when the team and coach are having a bad day. If a person is in a hole they don't need you to throw dirt on them they need you to throw them a rope? Many of us are like the lawn and need encouragement.

"A lesson from the lawn." Imagine a blade of grass decided it had had enough and was done with having its head snapped off every weekend and its seeds – its future – cut off in their prime. Who could blame it?

Yet, what does that ol' blade of grass do? It doesn't say: "I give up! I'm getting nowhere!" It just keeps on growing. It continually takes in the energy from the sunlight and magically converts carbon dioxide from the air into food to make more leaves and more seed. A blade of grass is resilient. You too, can learn to be as resilient as the grass. You may be cut down on a regular basis, yet your strength is in standing up, dusting yourself off, and starting all over again. Even when grass is covered in concrete, it finds a way to grow up through the cracks. And, so must you. Take a "leaf" out of the grass' book. Connect with your own resilience and keep on growing.

**Men's Health:** A friend shared with me that he had a TIA. (Transient Ischemic Attack) is often labeled "mini-stroke, he stated that he waited two days before going to doctor and was in the hospital for three days. Stroke — and TIA — are medical emergencies; dial 9-1-1

**F.A.S.T.:** an easy way to remember sudden signs & symptoms of stroke: Face Drooping, Arm Weakness, Speech Difficulty: **CALL 911.**

**Deacon Meeting, SAT, 4/05/14  
9:00 AM-See Deacon Taylor**



**Youth Ministry  
Joseph Brothers, Jr.**

**Where are Your Kids?**

In decades past, the evening news would often begin with a public service announcement that said, "It's 10:00 PM. Do you know where your children are?" The ominous question hinted that if you did not know where your children were, chances were they were not safe. There are still dangers waiting for our kids in the streets, but this question has become valid in our own homes. Most kids today have a laptop, a tablet, or a cell-phone. These devices are amazing in the amount of information they put at the user's fingertips. They are also terrifying for the very same reason!

Imagine, you are watching TV and your child is texting on the next couch over, you don't know it, but they are deep in a world of pornography, or cursing like a sailor, or bullying a classmate, or being bullied online.

We are not to be our kid's BFF (Best Friend Forever) or Bestie or any of the other cutesy words adults are using to avoid their responsibility. God calls for us to "...train them up in the way that they should go." Get in your kid's business. Get their Facebook or Instagram password. Insist on them "Friending" you so you can see what they are posting and what they are reading. There are a great many high tech things you can do as well and we are preparing some training for you in the near future, but for now, be an adult and not a "bestie"! Your kid's life could be hanging in the balance.



**Women's Enrichment  
Ann Wilcoxson**

Mrs. Ann was on vacation. But, a reporter was at March's Women Enrichment and sends this report.

As you entered the space that had been set aside and reserved for the hour, such a divine atmosphere was experienced. The tables were dressed in pink attire, tailored with vases dressed in pink shades. On the tablecloths rested white pearls and tea candles that burned with a relaxing aroma. It was a place made ready to meet the King.

After worshipping and sharing we were graced with a Word from the King. Our speaker, Kalaya Lee, brought a message entitled "A Spiritual Detox Diet." Dr. Kay said that a detox will eliminate harmful toxins in the body. These toxins fight the body to keep it from doing what it was designed to do.

There are three steps to detoxing and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. These steps are appropriate for the spiritual man as well as the physical man. First you must fast (eliminate things that hinder our victory in Christ), then flush (drink almost a gallon of water a day) and then fill back up with healthy choices.

This must be followed by keeping the house clean. I Corinthians 6 tells us that the Christian body has been purchased and are only on loan to us. The least we can do for God is to keep it clean.

Our spiritual food was followed by physical food. Chicken, Tuna and Pasta Salads were accompanied with crackers. Pound cake, brownies and donuts along with punch finished off the meal.

Hats off to Shelia Ann Rouse, who once again allowed the Holy Spirit to direct her as she lead our monthly session.

**NEXT SESSION  
Saturday, April 12th, 9:00 AM  
2013 Women's Prison Ministry**

MAR-Roge'a Gaymon  
"Probable Cause"  
Hebrew 11:1; Romans 4:20-21  
MAR Confessions 8- Total 2014 24



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

*The earth is the LORD'S and everything in it, the world and all who live in it.*

(Psalm 24:1 NIV)

**Surrender**

God commands us to give back (tithe) a portion of that which He has so graciously given. But, we treat God's blessing as if everything is ours. When we get it in our hearts, and see ourselves as God's stewards, it will give us a whole new perspective on how we handle the blessings God has placed in our possession.

Some may say they don't have enough; be thankful for what He has blessed you with, be good stewards and tithe. Luke 16:10-11 ESV reads, "*One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. 11. If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?*"

Trust God to provide for all of your needs. If we trust God to give us an eternal resting place with Him in heaven, why can't we trust Him to provide our daily needs on earth?

God loves you and wants to bless you. Are you missing a blessing today by not being a faithful steward? Give back to God.

**Be a Faithful Steward Today**

**Christian Education**

**Home Cooked Meals**

*Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. II Tim 2:15*

Growing up fast food was a no, no. Especially when there were so many people to feed. Even the .99 cent specials were out of reach. Meals had to be prepared in the kitchen. It took much preparation and study. Today things are so different. Many families have two parents, who both work outside of the home and even those with one parent who work find themselves at the fast food restaurant on the way home for a quick meal.

Every week a meal is prepared for the members of New Piney Grove. We do not serve any fast food. Pastor Dave requires all teachers to be trained before they start feeding the flock. Classes and workshops are set up to expose the teachers to Spiritual Training to ensure that a nutritious meal is planned and prepared.

Home cooked meals tend to have more vitamins and nutrients needed from our food chart. In other words you won't just get meat, you will get vegetables, fruit and occasionally some sweets also.

Are you craving a home cooked meal? Join us for Wednesday Bible Training at 6:30 PM. Or perhaps you want breakfast, no problem. It is served on Sunday morning at 8:30 AM and is followed by a midmorning early lunch at 10:00 AM. You will be on you way no later than 12:15 PM.

**SENIOR SAINTS MINISTRY**

**Because He Is Risen  
I Corinthians 15:20-23**

Jesus is alive He was resurrected from the dead and lives in heaven, interceding on our behalf. Because He is risen, we can have confidence that...

1. Our sins are forgiven. Jesus came into this world to give His life as a ransom for many (Matthew 20:28). Through His death on the cross, the debt for our iniquities has been paid completely. We are a forgiven people.
2. The Lord is actively involved in our lives. Jesus made many promises to His followers of all generations. He pledged that those who abide in Him and do His will would bear much fruit for God's Kingdom, enjoy spiritual blessings and have guidance from the indwelling Holy Spirit who is ever present, Matthew 5:1-12 & John 15:5.

Jesus gave His Word that He would prepare a place for us in heaven and return one day to bring us to our everlasting home. Then we will live with Him forever. We can face each day secure in the knowledge of these truths.

Because Jesus has accomplished all this for us, He deserves our steadfast allegiance. We must stand firm and not compromise when the world tries to draw us away. Honor our risen Savior by following Him wholeheartly (I Corinthians 15:58). His resurrection is cause for our celebration.

**Mary Kates**