

**MARCH Birthdays**

Walter Williams, 1st  
Earnestine Bivins, 2nd  
Stephanie McNeil, 6th  
Beatrice Montford, 6th  
Jackie Cox, 7th  
Wendell Kerr, II, 7th  
Dave Wilcoxson, 8th  
Steve Balkcom, 10th  
Anthony Clark, 10th  
Betty Gilmore, 11th  
Walter Johnson, 11th  
Ann Wilcoxson, 13th  
Jadyn Wright, 15th  
Alicia Austin, 17th  
Fred Rouse, II, 18th  
Ernest Hobes, Jr., 19th  
Jeanette Mosley, 20th  
John Montford, 22nd  
Althea Collier, 23rd  
Sheila Walker, 23rd  
Ronald Morgan, 24th  
Lamarlon Rouse, 27th  
Ella T. Tatum, 29th

**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 be asked to fast on Wednesdays. March'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 I Follow in My Ways

**MAR 4** Genesis 22:1-14

The Lord Will Provide

**MAR 11** II Chronicles 6:12-21

A Prayer of Dedication

**MAR 18** II Chronicles 7:1-9

Worshipping in God's Temple

**MAR 25** II Chronicles 7:12-22

Seeking His Face

(Weekly introductory online; hard copy see office)

**GENDER STUDY Men:** TBA

**Women:** Meet Me At the Well

## FAITH DEVELOPMENT ORIENTATION

Pastor's Class—March 4, 2018

**Elesha Coons**

Orientation Class -8:30 AM

Youth Orientation—8:30 AM

Baptism

03/25/18

**OFFICIAL NOTICE**

In accordance Article I, Section D 5 of our Church's Bi-Laws: The following have been removed from NPG Church Roster:

**Juquetta Milner  
Miranda Whitehead  
Roshanda Gilbert**

**Joined Another Church**

**Erika Jones Thomas  
Adrianna Thomas  
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## Early Sunday Morning March 11th

Spring forward



Don't forget to set clocks ahead one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday.

## BE REMINDED

**NO food or drink allowed in the sanctuary.**

**This includes juice, milk and formula.**

**Feeding areas have been set up for those needing to feed infants.**

**Clear water is only allowed for a medical condition.**



*"So Moses' father-in-law said to him, "The thing that you do is not good. Both you and these people who are with you will surely wear yourselves out. For this thing is too much for you; you are not able to perform it by yourself (Exodus 18:17-18)"*

## Small Matters

Jethro's Counsel was the title of the last sermon I preached on the Second Sunday in February. The purpose of the message was to give the leaders of our church insight on shared responsibility. At the heart of the message was training. Jethro counselled Moses to train leaders, in "people" ministry so, that Moses would not "wear himself out."

Our church has many great leaders who are qualified to help with "people" ministry. It is also called "Pastoral Care" ministry. This does not mean that the pastor does everything. Nor, is it a group of individuals who take care of the pastor "personal needs." The essence to this ministry can be summed up in Jethro's instruction to Moses:

*And let them judge the people at all times. Then it will be that every great matter they shall bring to you, but every **small matter** they themselves shall judge. So it will be easier for you, for they will bear the burden with you (Exodus 18:22).*

There are many concerns in the church which should be handled at the ministry leadership level; not the pastoral level. Leaders are entrusted with the responsibility to make decisions. So, leaders, if you hear me say "SMALL MATTER," it should never have been brought to me. Deal With It!

*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)*

**I Am Amazed**

I never cease to be amazed at the “**amazedness**” of God. He created and strategically placed each of His creations. Looking at the sky I see the sun, moon and stars. None of them overlap but each has its own space as God designed.

In the same sense, God did the same with human beings. In our church family He sent many members. He placed each one of us in our respective place and uses us accordingly. I say thank you to each of you who allow God to use you as He designed you.

Yes the 25 Year Pastoral Celebration has passed but our church still moves **IN PERFECT HARMONY!!!**



**CFO Alvin Cearnal**

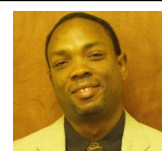
**Two Reasons Why We Should Tithe Faithfully**

1. Tithe because it is God’s command. In Malachi 3:10, God says, *"bring the whole tithe into the storehouse."* The storehouse refers to the place where you worship. The tithe is to be given to your home church, the place where you are spiritually fed. When you give to support charities and other ministries, you should be giving out of your offerings. The whole tithe belongs to the local church.

2. Tithing proves God's Word is true. God says, if you will put Him to the test in tithes and offerings, eventually you will see great blessings overtake your life, even to the point that you will see God open the windows of blessings upon you and your family.

*God is my strength and power: and he maketh my way perfect 2 Samuel 22:33*

**Felecia Raushan**



**Faith Development & Discipleship Ministry  
Jeff Brothers**

Forgiveness is kind of a big deal. There was a lively discussion about forgiveness at one of our Wednesday night Faith Development Sessions. Many comments and viewpoints were shared. Bottom line, Jesus gave His life to purchase our pardon. Therefore, God commands and expects us to “forgive our debtors”.

Lastly, we won’t be forgiven if we don’t also forgive. We must learn to “let it go.” We must pray that the LORD would deal with our hearts so that we would not hold on to the offense. We must have the faith and the courage to send the pain of it away. When we do, there’s a freedom and a liberty on the other side that is supernatural.



**Youth Ministry Brandon Lee, Sr.**

**YOUTH CHALLENGE**

**What A Friend**

*What a friend we have in Jesus all our sins and griefs to bear. What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer.* It is awesome to know that we have a friend in JESUS CHRIST.

Every situation and every burden we can take it to GOD in prayer. Prayer can be defined as *a solemn request for help or expression of thanks addressed to God.* Just like you communicate with your friend daily, in the same way you can communicate with GOD in the same fashion.

Proverbs 18:24 NLT states, There are “friends” who destroy each other, but a real friend sticks closer than a brother. Are you a good friend?



**Women’s Enrichment Ann Wilcoxson**

**Women’s Enrichment February 10, 2018**

**“Feel My Heartbeat”**

Scripture Reference: Psalm 26:2 *“Test me, Lord, and try me; examine my heart and mind”*

While it's wonderful to love another person, or to be in love for the first time, these things are simply reflections or imitations of God's love for us. After all, the Bible says that God is love. Women’s Enrichment was about us inviting God to personally “feel my heartbeat” with a group question and answer session. We shared that living out God's amazing, giving love will be our strongest testimony to a loveless world. If we will only do so, others will learn of God's great love.

**Bonita Tharpe**

Next session, **Saturday, March 10, 9:00 AM (at NPG)**



**Outreach Ministry Ronald Morgan**

**Carrying On The Work**

The Evangelism Outreach Ministry continues to move forward on a mission to win souls for Christ. We depend solely on God and operate in faith as we minister God's Word of salvation to the lost. Our life in Christ is a miracle. Christ in us, the hope of glory, paved the way for us to receive our miracle of salvation.

It is our desire to share this wonderful gift with others so they can also have the same miracle working power in their lives. We look forward to many other "foot soldiers" coming aboard the Outreach Ministry Team in order that more people can be reached with the message of faith. We must accomplish what God has called us to do while the door is still open to bring the message of faith to a dying world. Let's be a vital part of changing lives -- today! Welcome to the Team: Arthur Corker. Outreach and Storehouse Ministry: Eight(8) souls committed to Christ, to date.

**Patriona Cearnal**

Next Session: **March 17th, 9:00 AM -1:00 PM** **Food Bank**, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays—8:30 AM (Counselors needed)