

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.

This Quarter'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.

January 7th, 6:30-7:30 PM
Prayer Vigil
Held @ NPG
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SERVICE EACH SUNDAY
(in the Worship Center)

10:00 AM

Mask are required
Please continue to socially distance



Join us at npgbc.org or
on **FACEBOOK Live Tuesday**
6:30 PM Youth on ZOOM

Wednesday

6:30 PM Partims ZOOM

Wednesday, 7:00 PM Adult Faith Development
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2022

Pastor Appreciation Month

Pastor Dave and Sister Ann have labored tirelessly for 29 years at NPG. Let us show them how much we love and appreciate them during the month of January. If you would like to honor them with a card or love offering, you may do so at any time during the month.

You may also use the mail service. Please make all checks for Pastor Dave payable to Pastor Dave Wilcoxson.

2022 January
10:00 AM Order of Service
Call to Worship
Doxology
Prayer & Scripture
Song of Praise
Welcome
Song of Preparation

Morning Message
January 2nd Guest Speaker
Pastor Kenneth McMillan

January 9th Guest Speaker
Pastor John Menefee

January 16th Speaker
Minister Sue Young

January 23rd Speaker
Rev. Brandon Lee, I

January 30th Guest Speaker
Minister Guss Bodison, Jr.

Invitation To Discipleship
Benediction & Dismissal

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Stand By Faith

2021 4TH Quarter



The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps.
Proverbs 16:9 (ESV)

When the coronavirus became a pandemic, I had planned to minister every Sunday until it was a thing of the past. I don't think anyone believed that we would be celebrating our second New Year with COVID.

But my plans are not God's plans. I knew this, but it is something else to experience it. Nonetheless, it is good to be reminded of the truth of God's Word.

In this last newsletter of the year, I want to commend the church for hanging in there. You all have adjusted well to the new way we do church. God has shown us His favor in so many ways. Let's continue to do His will as we go into 2022.

The new year will be a year of preparation. The purpose of this designation is to keep us mindful of changes that will occur in the year 2023. More information will be given at a later date, but it will be designed to move the church forward with the Next New Generation (N2).

In 2021 our church theme was "Work Your Work." In 2022, it will be "Finish The Work." We don't know what the future will be, but we do know the One who does. So, let's keep trusting Him and finish what we started.

Pastor Dave

The Chairman, Joseph McElroy, Jr.

Praying and Working Together

*"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."
I Corinthians 12:27*



On December 25th we celebrated the coming of our LORD and Savior, Jesus Christ in the form of a man. In a few months we will remember Him for His death on the Cross. When He died He did not stay dead. He arose. He Lives!! He lives in us. Those who have trusted and accepted Him make up the body of Christ.

Times sometimes get rough but when the body of Christ comes together and prays as we work, we can move mountains. Together is defined as *into or in one gathering...into or in relationship, association, business, or agreement.*

Romans 12:12 tells us that we should *"be glad for all God is planning for you. Be patient in trouble, and always be prayerful."* Things will work together for good, but we must continue to pray and work together.

Eva and I miss all of you, and we pray that everyone will be able to come together soon. Stay safe! We love you guys!

CFO, Alvin Cearnal

Excelling in The Grace of Giving



As we begin the New Year, we are so thankful for the miracle of life. God sheltered and protected us throughout another turbulent year of the pandemic. However, once again you were faithful to give and God blessed. Let us be reminded to continue in the spirit of giving our offerings, our time

and our talents to please God. How we give to the Lord will determine how we receive **fruits** as a result of our giving. When God gave His only Son, He gave His best because of His love for us. This sets a model that our generosity should be sacrificial.

God's refusal to accept Israel's offerings of defective animal sacrifices in Malachi is an example of how offensive it was to God to give carelessly. We must continue to give in faith as we worship and reverence God with gratitude and thankfulness. In this **New Year 2022**, let's purpose in our hearts to excel in the grace of giving to please God in every way. Praying the New Year will provide love, health, peace and prosperity. **Happy New Year!!**

Outreach Ministry, Ronald Morgan, Living For Christ



Hi Church Family:

It's been a while since I've seen some of you and it seems like it will be a little while longer. Another year has passed, along with some of our families, friends and neighbors. So, while we are still here, I have a few questions to ask you. Do you know your purpose in life? If you get to where you're headed, where will you be? If you accomplish what you're trying to accomplish, what will you have? If not for CHRIST, then who? These are just a few questions we should be asking ourselves each day we wake up. Are we working for JESUS or ourselves?

Most people don't have a purpose in life. Take for an example a guy name Ernest Hemingway. He won a Pulitzer Prize and a Nobel Prize. He traveled the world as a big game hunter, bull fighter, and a sport fisherman etc... Here was a man who had done it all but after alcohol took hold of him, he drank himself through four marriages and finally ended up killing himself. No where did I find where GOD was in his life; what a wasted life. The apostle Paul who could say, *"One thing I do"* (Phil. 3:13). Paul told us his motivation was all wrapped up in the LORD JESUS CHRIST: *"That I may know HIM and the power of HIS resurrection, and the fellowship of HIS suffering, being conformed to HIS death"* (Phil. 3:10). Paul wanted to know JESUS personally and powerfully and passionately. JESUS said (Matt. 6:24) you can't serve two masters. And a double minded man is unstable (James 1:8). Paul concentrated on JESUS. He knew which things in life held him back from JESUS. He knew which things propelled him forward. It's not about what's in your wallet but who's in your life/heart. Work for JESUS, a sure thing. Until next time GO. Quotes from the Holy Bible (NKJV): The Adrian Rogers Legacy Bible.

GOD's foot soldier, **Morgan**

Faith Development & Discipleship Ministry, Jeff Brothers

Born To Die



During the holiday season, we celebrate the birth of the incarnate Son of God. From the beginning, the precious child we see in nativity scenes and re-enactments wasn't destined to be a celebrity, CEO or President. He came to die. He was born for the purpose of being a sacrificial offering.

He was both a sin offering, atoning for humanity's wickedness, and a peace offering, signifying the reconciliation of the relationship between God and humankind.

Like the Old Testament animal sacrifices, His blood was spilled on the soil of ancient Judea. Unlike those sacrifices, He passed from this life and, as our High Priest, brought the perfect offering of His sinless blood into the "greater, more perfect Tabernacle in heaven, which was not made by human hands" (Hebrews 9:11 NLT). His sacrifice, greater and more perfect than the naturally valuable offerings that humans make, is sufficient to redeem all who believe in Him "once for all time" (Hebrews 9:28 NLT).

Youth Ministry, Brandon Lee, Sr.

God Is With Us



As we close the chapter of 2021, even though it was challenging, we can rest assured that GOD was with us. The word with can be defined as to accompany. The word accompany means to go somewhere as a companion. Matthew 1:23 NKJV, tells us *"Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,"* which is translated, "God with us." GOD IS WITH US.

He has been with us every step of the way in 2021. He has accompanied us. HE has been our Companion. Despite the loss of loved ones, HE has been there to comfort us. Despite our many health issues, JESUS has been there to heal. GOD has definitely been with us in 2021. We look forward to Him being with us in 2022. Despite what we may encounter in the new year, please rest assured that Immanuel, God is going to accompany us, walk beside us and be with us!

Women's Enrichment, Bonita Tharpe

"When God Calls A Woman"



On December 19, 2021 Pastor Dave delivered a message to the ladies from the Book of Esther. The main point of the message for me is how God has equipped you and me for service.

Trusting that God will make up for what you lack is the first step to putting fear to rest. When God calls a woman, she not only has God's favor but His promised presence and provision. God wants you to be certain of His plan and purpose for your life. Whether you're called to serve within your church or in full time ministry, there's no need to fear. You can be confident that God will provide all you need.

As we approach the New Year, I'm not asking you to make a resolution but to trust God to empower and guide us beyond our imagination saying "yes" to whatever You have for me. Isaiah 41:9 reads *"I took you from the ends of the earth, from it farthest corner I called you. I said, 'You are my servant,' I have chosen you and have not rejected you."*

**Women's Enrichment
January 8th @ 10:00 AM**