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From the Pen of Our Pastor

I am excited about the contents contained in the ninety seventh edition of the SSMBC "The Star Journal" Newsletter, which is also the first newsletter of 2019. As we develop and infuse this missive, I pray that we find opportunities for our membership to submit entries and ideas that will be useful and informative. Southern Star, this is your newsletter and you will find categories from health tips to recipes that reflect the creativity and intelligence of our membership. Remember, we have to follow journalistic and citation rules in our newsletter, therefore, if you wish to submit an inspirational message that you have gleaned from a magazine or from the internet, we must honor rules of citing the original sources. We are pleased to provide a chronicle of our programming that has been dedicated to God and to the glory of His kingdom. We have been called to make a difference in the lives of those with whom we share this beautiful world that is a reflection of the majesty of God.

Ministry teams please submit your dates for the 2019 year. If you have not submitted your dates, please do so immediately. Remember, submissions of dates and the *churches or speakers*, have to be approved by the pastor and will be based on the needs of the church and then a first-come-first-served basis. We will attempt to scale back some of our dates this year, however, several churches that have not been able to worship with us will be on our new schedule. As you are aware, we will attempt to honor all submissions. Ministries submitting multiple dates will be considered; however, you will not be allowed to monopolize dates; it is our mission to allow all ministries to have an opportunity to serve.

As we move into 2019, there is an immediate need to increase our giving. If all of our members would simply honor God in our tithes and offerings in the manner that we are biblically required, we would please heaven and find blessings through the worship of giving. We must strive to meet the Biblical standards of where our church should be. Far too many of the membership are relying on others to support the church. This is not only against the commandments of the Lord, but totally unfair. When the Contribution Statements of Giving are received, (which will be distributed on the second and third Sundays of this month), look at your contributions, look into your heart, and ask the Lord, if He is pleased with your efforts. We have several projects which must be addressed, and the overall maintenance of the church must be maintained. We must all do our part to follow the Lord's command in matters of our giving. Please note that if you are an officer, your giving must reflect your position. We will celebrate "All Tithes Sunday" on the first Sunday in February.

John 3:16 speaks of the love of God that created a special gift from Him to the world, a gift that was incorruptible and a gift that was everlasting. Jesus continues to be the greatest gift that we have received. I pray that we at Southern Star forever love, cherish, and honor the gift by reflecting the attributes of the special gift given by the Lord. The calendar has a schedule of events and services that are planned to honor God, our church family, and the dedication of the many individual Christians who are committed to the Lord. Please refer to your newsletter and the calendar of activities and programs that I know that you will enjoy. Listed below is our yearly Plan of Giving that will occur on each of the four Annual Days. Again, our gifts will follow this format:

Women's Day (March)	Church Anniversary (May)	Family Day (September)	Men's Day (November)
\$75.00 women and \$75.00 men	\$100 per nuclear family	\$100 per person	\$75.00 women and \$75.00 men

The total contributions based on this formula, which again, is beyond your normal tithes and offerings is only \$350.00 if you are a single person or if you are a husband and wife family, \$600.00. Additionally, this plan of giving will offer \$35,000.00 + per year, above our tithes and offerings, based upon the commitment of 100 members of the Southern Star Family. If we pull together, not waiting for someone else to "do it", we will be able to complete many projects that are needed at our church. We can do this in Jesus' name, not just the present, but for years to come. Again, the success of this effort is twofold: one is obviously needed to finance some of the projects, which are needed at the church, and the second, and most important, is the spiritual component. We must bring all of the tithes and *offerings* to the storehouse so that there may be meat in My house (Malachi 3:10). Additionally, the success of this project is based on the entire church pulling in one, unified direction. I am convinced that the Lord will bless us for our efforts.

I wish to encourage you to trust God in these efforts. Remember, to be successful in this you must Pray for it, Plan for it, Practice it, and it will happen for you Permanently. Continue to keep the church and her members in your daily prayers. We know that God hears and answers prayers. We must never forget that "God is good all the time and all the time, God is good!" For such a time as this, we have been chosen as instruments of God's plan for the procurement and elevation of this church and community. I ask that you join me as we move into such a time as this at the Southern Star Missionary Baptist Church.

Your loving Pastor,
Rev. Dr. Barry C. Johnson, Sr.



The Star Café
Recipe of the Month

Every month we will feature a recipe. If you have a recipe or two that you would like to share and want to feature in the SSMBC "The Star Journal", please submit it through email at SouthernStarBapt@bellsouth.net or submit it to Sis. Vera Mitchell. This month's recipe is:

Pecan Breaded Chicken Breasts

Ingredients:

4 skinless, boneless chicken breasts	1 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons real maple syrup	2 tablespoons butter
1 cup chopped pecans	1 tablespoon vegetable oil
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour	

Preparation:

1. On waxed paper, combine pecans, flour, and salt.
2. Brush chicken breasts all over with maple syrup. Coat chicken breasts completely with nut mixture.
3. In a large skillet over medium heat, melt butter and stir in the vegetable oil. Add chicken and cook for 12 to 15 minutes until chicken is browned on all sides and tender.

Recipe obtained from <http://allrecipes.com/Recipe/Pecan-Breaded-Chicken-Breasts/Detail.aspx?ms=1&prop25=102214721&prop26=DailyDish&prop27=2013-01-02&prop28=DailyRecipe&prop29=FullRecipeLink&me=1>



Happy "January" Birthdays to:

Bro. Harry Brewer	6
Bro. Jerome Ingram	12
Bro. Harold Whiteside	17
Bro. Jerry Woolridge	18
Bro. Walter Duncan, Sr.	24
Sis. Vera Mitchell	26
Sis. Margaret Hill	30

If your birthday is not included, please make sure that you have completed a pink Membership Update Form and return it to Sis. Vera Mitchell.



Southern Star Building Fund
Mortgage Ministry

The Southern Star Building Fund Mortgage Ministry has a plan to decrease the BB&T Mortgage and support the Church Beautification Project in **2019!!**

If we follow the **10-20-10 plan**, we will do this!!!

- Have **10 teams**,
- with at least **20 people per team**,
- paying at least **\$10/month or \$120 per year!!**

If you are interested in joining a team, see Sis. Janice Dukes or one of the following team captains:

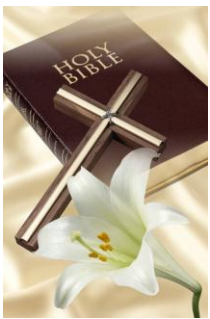
Sis. Janice Dukes	Rev. Dr. Barry & Denille Johnson	Sis. Margaret Hill	Bro. Nelson Taylor	Sis. Barbara Beasley
Sis. Michele Freeman		Sis. Vera Mitchell	Sis. Dorothy Mayes	Sis. Mattie Lismon

You may also participate in this mortgage liquidation through the envelope system. Please mark your contribution in the offering envelope next to **BF Mortgage**.

As of December 1, 2018, the BB&T Mortgage Balance is
\$260,666.49!!!!

Our original balance for this loan was \$607,500.00!!

Pray for it † Plan for it † Practice it
It Will Happen!!!



APPLYING THE SCRIPTURES



by

Sis. Rubenna Kirby

"Show Thyself Approved"

II Timothy 2:15

This is the first time that I can remember not hearing anything about New Year's resolutions. I suppose most have concluded that they are a waste of effort and time. Most are null within the first few days.

However, the selected Scripture is a command for us to search and study the Scriptures to be able to rightly divide the word of truth. Everyone is not going to be saved. But everyone has the opportunity to be saved (Matthew 10:32-33; Luke 12:8-9) A resolve to search the Scriptures diligently would still be in order.

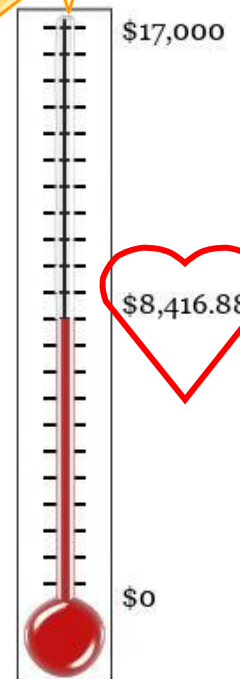
We are living in times now where we will hear of wars and rumored wars; disasters here and there; strange doctrines; mini-gods who will claim to have the answers. We are not to believe them. The Bible tells us that these things will be and if it were possible would fool the elect. Thank you God for our sealing! (Revelation 7) However, we still have to go through to get to.

Resolve to come to church regularly and faithfully; attend Sunday school; Bible study; prayer meetings. (Another command- Hebrews 10:25)

Furnace Update



We had to replace one of our furnaces. This replacement cost was \$17,000.00. The furnace was installed on October 31, 2018 and November 1, 2018. I wish to thank ALL who have contributed to liquidate this debt. Southern Star, we are truly BLESSED!! To help with this effort, please place your contribution in your offering envelope and designate it to FURNACE. There is no set amount. Remember, it is not equal giving, but equal sacrifice!! God Bless!!



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Southern Star Baptist Church

Radio Ministry



Tune to WLLV 1240 AM every Saturday at 11:30 AM. We are looking for more sponsors. If you know of a business that would be interested in being a sponsor for our Radio Ministry, please submit the contact information to Sis. Vera Mitchell. Thank you to the following sponsors:

	<p>Ten Pin Strike & Spare</p> <p>200 Ten Pin Lane Louisville, KY 40207 Ph: (502) 896-1727 Fx: (502) 896-8782</p>	<p>Executive Strike & Spare</p> <p>911 Phillips Lane Louisville, KY 40209 Ph: (502) 368-1651 Fx: (502) 366-4988</p>	<p>Fern Valley Strike & Spare</p> <p>6220 Shepherdsville Rd. Louisville, KY 40228 Ph: (502) 968-2695 Fx: (502) 966-4254</p>	<p>Clarksville Strike & Spare</p> <p>511 Little League Blvd Ste 100 Clarksville, IN 47129 Ph: (812) 945-6625</p>
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SSMBC Annual Day Financial Update

As of December 31, 2018, we have raised the following amounts for our Annual Days:

<u>Annual Day</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Women's Day	\$5,127.45
Church Anniversary	\$5,069.28
Homecoming and Family Day	\$4,788.53
Men's Day	\$3,642.45
TOTAL	\$18, 627.71



Together, We Can ...

Mary Had a Little Lamb

Think carefully about what you will be reading...



Mary, had a Little Lamb,
His fleece was white as snow.
And everywhere that Mary went,
The Lamb was sure to go.



He followed her to school each day,
T'wasn't even in the rule.
It made the children laugh and play,
To have The Lamb at school.



And then the rules all changed one day,
Illegal it became;
To bring The Lamb of God to school,
Or even speak His name!



Every day got worse and worse,
And days turned into years.
Instead of hearing children laugh,
We heard gun shots and tears.



What must we do to stop the crime,
That's in our schools today?
Let's let The Lamb come back to school,
And teach our kids to pray!



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Submitted by Sis. Denille Johnson



Remembering A Life

By Nordette Adams



I remember him in the misted vision of toddler years
and again in girlhood, the booming voice on TV,
someone grown-ups talked about, eyelids flapped wide.
Elders huddled 'round the screen enraptured,
in fear for him, in awe.

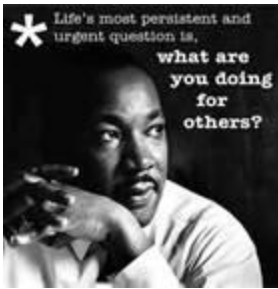
I remember him.
His words swept the land, singing our passion.
Dogs growled in streets. Men in sheets.
Police battering my people. (Water, a weapon.)
Yet my people would rejoice ... And mourn.

I remember him, a fearsome warrior crying peace,
a man--blemished by clay, the stain of sin as
any other, calling on the Rock--
Death's sickle on his coat tails,
yet he spied glory.

Shall we walk again and remember him,
not as the Madison Avenuers do,
but in solitude and hope
with acts of courage and compassion,
with lives of greater scope
carving fresh paths of righteousness?

I remember.

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