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Trustees

Bro. Nelson Taylor

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February 2019 Calendar

From the Pen of Our Pastor

I am excited about the contents contained in the ninety eighth edition of the SSMBC "The Star Journal" Newsletter, which is also the second 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. 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.

Southern Star has been blessed in these years since the beginning of my appointment from the Lord. One thing that we have not reached is a sound commitment to our personal financial stewardship. As we move away from a programmatic reliance on fundraising to the biblical mandate of personal giving, we must heed the words of Malachi in bringing the tithes to the church. Many people, who believe that tithing is impossible, learn that inefficient financial management leads to waste management. Is there inefficient financial management in your life? Good financial management leads to both personal and church growth. When we demonstrate the faith in our giving, we are blessed with more to give. Remember, God will bless more when we trust more and have obeyed more!

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	\$100.00 per nuclear family	\$100.00 per person	\$75.00 men and \$75.00 women

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:

Chewy Chocolate Chip Oatmeal Cookies

INGREDIENTS:

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 cup butter, softened | 1/2 teaspoon baking soda |
| 1 cup packed light brown sugar | 1 teaspoon salt |
| 1/2 cup white sugar | 3 cups quick-cooking oats |
| 2 eggs | 1 cup chopped walnuts |
| 2 teaspoons vanilla extract | 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips |
| 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour | |

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C). In a large bowl, cream together the butter, brown sugar, and white sugar until smooth. Beat in eggs one at a time, then stir in vanilla. Combine the flour, baking soda, and salt; stir into the creamed mixture until just blended. Mix in the quick oats, walnuts, and chocolate chips. Drop by heaping spoonfuls onto ungreased baking sheets. Bake for 12 minutes in the preheated oven. Allow cookies to cool on baking sheet for 5 minutes before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely.

Recipe obtained from <http://allrecipes.com/Recipe/Chewy-Chocolate-Chip-Oatmeal-Cookies/Detail.aspx>



**Happy "February"
Birthdays to:**

Sis. Nikcoa Jackson	3
Sis. Janae Peoples	3
Sis. Wanda Woods	3
Sis. Geneva Howard	4
Bro. Clifford Burt	7
Sis. Doris Kirby	8
Sis. Shirley Jones	10
Sis. Judy Whiteside	10
Bro. James Binford	11
Sis. Jean Hardy	11
Sis. Joyce Thomas	18
Sis. Seretha Childers	23
Sis Leslie Brim	28

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. 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:

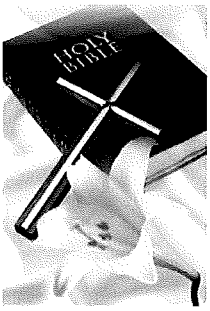
Sis. Janice Dukes	Rev. Dr. Barry & Denille Johnson	Sis. Margaret Hill	Bro. Nelson Taylor	Sis. Barbara Beasley
Sis. Michele Freeman		Sis. Vera Mitchell	Sis. Dorothy Mayes	Sis. Mattie Lismon

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 February 1, 2019, the BB&T Mortgage Balance is
\$256, 583.40!!!!

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
“Commandments”

If the question were asked “How many commandments are there?” Most would readily answer ‘ten’.

That’s our mindset and what we have been taught as long as we’ve been in church. Actually, the correct answer is ‘hundreds’. I want to share 40 with you. 10 from each of the four gospels.

Matthew

- 3:15 –On His Baptism
- 4:10-Rebuking Satan
- 4:17- The need to repent
- 4:19 –Calling His disciples
- 5:16-Letting others see the best in you
- 5:24-Making your gifts acceptable
- 5:44-Love in spite of
- 11:28-30 – The Way
- 13:18-23- Affect of His Word on your life
- 15:4- Honoring parents

Luke

- 4:35- Rebuking spirit of unclean devil
- 5:4- Obedience produces abundance
- 5:10-Commissioning of Peter, James, John
- 5:13-Healing a leper
- 5:27- Calling Matthew
- 6:10-Healing a withered hand
- 6:37- On judging others
- 7:13-14-Consoling the widow of Nain
- 8:54-Raising s ruler’s daughter
- 9:3-5- Sending out the 12

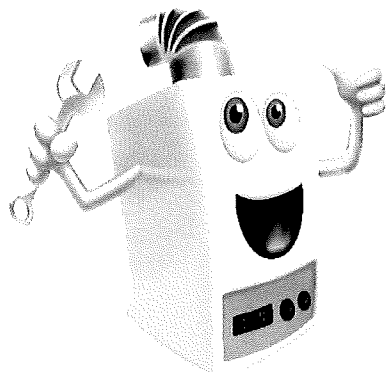
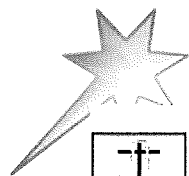
Mark

- 3:3-5 - Obedience
- 4:39- Rebuking the wind and the sea
- 5:8- Confronting Legion
- 5:41- Raising Dorcas
- 6:37- 5000 fed
- 7:14-15- What defiles
- 8:33- A rebuking of Peter
- 9:39- Not for you to judge
- 10:14-15- In defense of children
- 11:25-26- Necessity to forgive

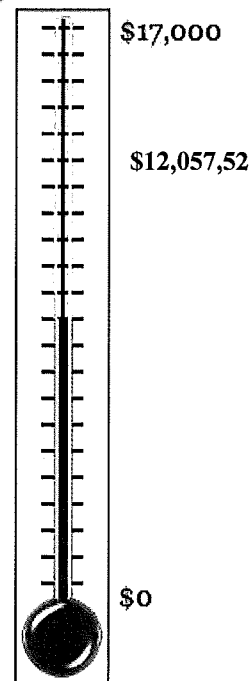
John

- 1:39- calling Andrew and Peter
- 2:7- First public miracle
- 4:7-Setting for Model of Witnessing
- 5:8- Healing at Bethesda
- 6:27- Jesus is True Bread
- 7:24 –Righteous judgment
- 9:7- Healing of man born blind
- 11:43-44- Raising of Lazarus
- 12:7-8- Mary anoints Jesus’ feet
- 14:1-4- Jesus’ reassurance

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!!



Rev. Dr. Barry C. Johnson, Sr.



Toxic Thoughts

Toxic Thoughts are like poison. But the good news is, you can break the cycle. You can reverse the effects of toxic thoughts. Once that cycle of toxic thinking has been broken, your thoughts can actually start to improve every area of your life: your relationships, your health and even your success.

A thought may seem harmless. But if it becomes toxic, even just a thought can become physically, emotionally, or even spiritually dangerous.

Written by Dr. Caroline Leaf

UPON THIS ROCK'S 35TH ANNUAL PASSION PLAY

“THE ENCOUNTER”

Saturday, April 20, 2019

11:00 a.m.

Pike's Performing Arts Center

Indianapolis, Indiana

\$ 55.00

\$20.00 non-refundable deposit due by 2/10. Balance by 4/7. If for some reason you are unable to go; get someone to go in your place or help the youth to go.



See Peter walk on water

Southern Star Missionary Baptist Church

2304 Algonquin Parkway –Louisville, KY

See or call Tina Allen 502- 447-5129

Leaving 7:30 a.m.

Rubenna Kirby 502- 456- 4547

Returning by 6:30 p.m.

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:

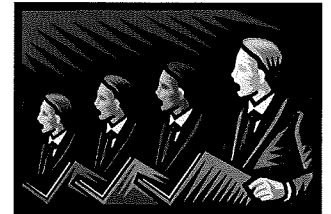
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SSMBC Annual Day Financial Update

As of January 31, 2019, we have raised the following amounts for our Annual Days:



<u>Annual Day</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Women's Day	\$75.00
Church Anniversary	\$100.00
Homecoming and Family Day	\$100.00
Men's Day	\$75.00
TOTAL	\$350.00



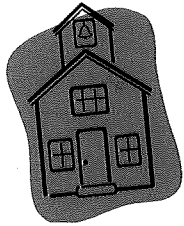
Together, We Can ...

Mary Had a Little Lamb

Think carefully about what you will be reading...



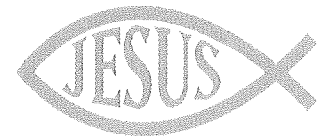
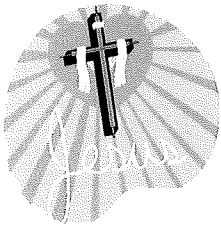
Mary, had a Little Lamb,
His fleece was white as snow.
And everywhere that Mary went,
The Lamb was sure to go.



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.

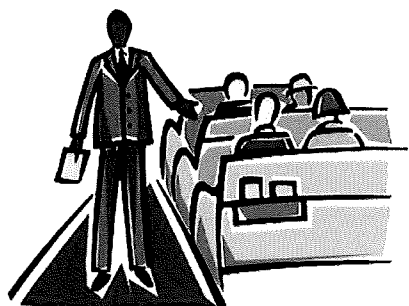


What must we do to stop the crime,
That's in our schools today?
Let's let The Lamb come back to school,
And teach our kids to pray!



Author Unknown

Submitted by Sis. Denille Johnson



USHERS

Ushers Annual Day Celebration

February 17, 2019

*3:30 PM Harrods Creek
Baptist Church*

Rev. Kirk Bush, Pastor

“Your Usher”

Leading us to our seats,
watching the congregation,
Caring for the flock from
the back of the sanctuary,
From the aisles, sharing the joy of
worship

The community of believers
one bulletin, one smile,
one greeting, one handshake at a
time.

Written by Raymond Foss

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