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*From the Pen of Our Pastor*

**I am excited** about the contents contained in the ninety-ninth edition of the SSMBC "The Star Journal" Newsletter, which is also the third 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.

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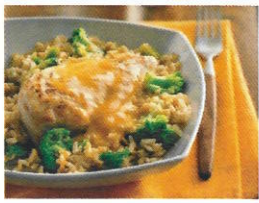
Our calendar has a schedule of events and services that are planned to honor God, our church family, and the contributions of women in general. We will celebrate our Annual Women's Day on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday. Please refer to your newsletter and the calendar of activities and programs that I know that you will enjoy. I am especially thrilled to be a part of the activities that will celebrate the contributions of women, especially those who have molded and guided us in our lives. As we are in the beginning phases of our construction, remember that our financial goals for Women's Day are that we are asking each woman *and* man to contribute \$75.00 *beyond* their normal tithes and offerings. Remember, you may make your contributions partially or in total each Sunday through your offering envelope. God will bless you in your efforts. Listed below is that 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, \$500.00. Additionally, this plan of giving will offer over **\$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, I wish to continue teaching our congregation and friends about the importance of being blessed from a financial perspective. God has a method of blessing us financially and we have to fulfill our portion of the plan. When the scriptures speak about giving it is not because it is some "get-rich-quick" scheme, but a method of being financially blessed for the rest of your life through the "windows of heaven." Learn to reduce the financial pressures and anxieties in your life by realizing that God's first plan of action in being blessed financially is the tithe. We experienced a serious attempt of the financial plan on "All Tithes Sunday." If you are in the position to continuing the program, please do not stop. Moreover, if you are in the process of working on your commitment, do not stop in your efforts to get it together. Remember, to be successful in this you must Plan for it, **Practice** it, and **Pray** for 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!" Because of the faith let us be willing to follow the vision of God. 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 Southern Star Baptist Church.

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



## 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 [southernstar@southernstarbapt.org](mailto:southernstar@southernstarbapt.org) or submit it to Sis. Vera Mitchell. This month's recipe is:

### **Gluten Free Skillet Chicken Divan**

#### **Ingredients**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 tablespoon butter or margarine</li> <li>• 4 boneless skinless chicken breasts (about 1 lb.)</li> <li>• Water called for on brown rice package for 1 cup uncooked rice</li> <li>• 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard</li> <li>• 1/4 teaspoon salt</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1/8 teaspoon pepper</li> <li>• 1 cup uncooked quick-cooking brown rice</li> <li>• 3 cups Green Giant® Valley Fresh Steamers™ frozen broccoli florets, thawed</li> <li>• 1/2 cup shredded Cheddar or American cheese (2 oz)</li> </ul>
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#### **Directions**

1. Melt butter in 10-inch nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add chicken; cook 1 to 2 minutes on each side or until browned.
2. Remove chicken from skillet. Add water, mustard, salt and pepper to skillet; stirring with wire whisk until blended. Heat to boiling. Stir in rice; return to boiling. Place chicken pieces and broccoli over rice. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer about 10 minutes or until most of liquid is absorbed and juice of chicken is clear when center of thickest part is cut (170°F).
3. Sprinkle with cheese; cover and let stand 5 minutes.

Recipe obtained from <http://www.bettycrocker.com/recipes/skillet-chicken-divan-gluten-free/ce7214ab-9be9-4b74-867e-6df09f1bd3b4>

*Recipe submitted by Sis Vera Mitchell*



**Happy "March"  
Birthdays to:**

<i>Bro. John Frazier</i>	1
<i>Bro. Johnny Stamps</i>	2
<i>Sis. Ty'neka Irvin</i>	6
<i>Sis. Keshia Carpenter</i>	7
<i>Sis. Yulonda Brown</i>	8
<i>Sis. Gail Ingram</i>	18
<i>Bro. Lee Willis</i>	20
<i>Sis Essie Anderson</i>	21
<i>Sis. Brittany Mitchell</i>	29

**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:

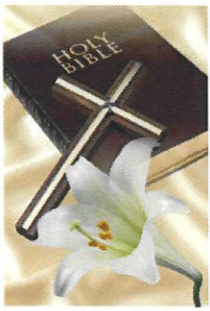
Sis. Janice Dukes	Rev. Dr. Barry & Denille Johnson	Sis. Margaret Hill	Bro. Nelson Taylor	Sis. Barbara Beasley
Sis. Michele Freeman		Sis. Vera Mitchell	Sis. Dorothy Mayes	Sis. Mattie Lismon

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

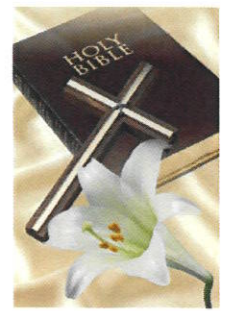
As of March 1, 2019, the BB&T Mortgage Balance is  
**\$252,481.62!!!!**

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**  
**“Lost”**  
**Matthew 7:13-14**

Before interstate highways, expressways, GPSes, and other travel aids, people traveling spent a lot of time either being lost or going through towns; circling courthouses; and making turns that would easily lead to dead ends.

My Grandpa would chuckle every time he told the story about a traveling salesman who went to a rural area to peddle his wares and couldn't find his way back to the main highway. The salesman confronted a little boy who was playing hooky from school and fishing at a pond near the road.

“Hey, Son. Catching any fish?”

“Nope”

“Could you tell me how to get to the main highway?”

“Yep. Go down this road and make all right turns at every road till you git to Broken Branch. If you see a red barn, you've went too far. Turn around and make a left turn at the first road.”

A few minutes later, the man was back.

“Boy, why aren't you in school?”

“Don't like it.”

“Could you tell me how to get to Broken Branch Road again?”

So the little boy did.

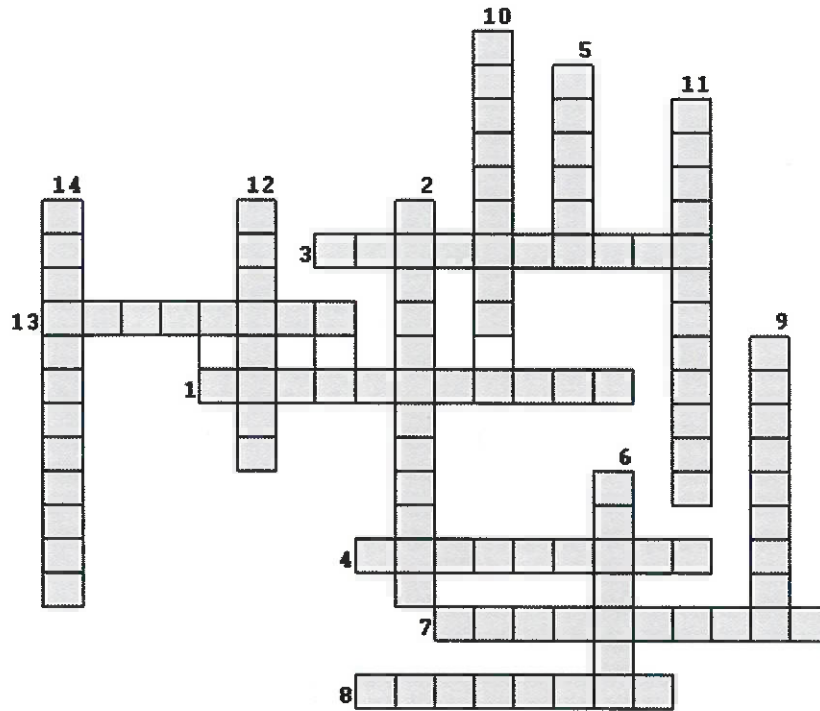
The third time he came back the salesman was ashamed and started to lecture the boy.

“Boy, if you don't go to school you will grow up not knowing a thing.”

“I know one thing. I ain't lost.”

The little boy gave a powerful answer. Of course, he was speaking of knowing how to get to his earthly house. But spiritually, the time is at hand when everyone should be assured of his/her salvation. Our Scripture reference tells us that there are two ways. The right one and the wrong one. Getting on the right road suggests more effort. Regularity in giving of your time, talent, and treasure. Studying God's Word to show yourself approved unto God; a workman that needeth not be ashamed; rightly dividing the word of truth. II Timothy 2:15

# Women's History Crossword Puzzle



## ACROSS

1. The status of a citizen with rights and duties
3. Feeling bad for someone else
4. Not having the basics that are needed to survive
7. Too old to be useful, fashionable or suitable
8. To give formal consent by signing
13. The absolute right to vote in political elections

## DOWN

2. Exhaust the strength or fertility of something so that it is in poor condition
5. The study of the duties and rights of citizens
6. Harsh ungracious manner of speaking
9. The capacity to endure continued subjection to something
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11. A person who seeks to promote human welfare
12. The state of being equal in some or all aspects
14. The act of saving or keep something

# 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.*



# Arise, Woman of God

Rise up, O woman of God  
In what He has given you,  
The things God has laid on your heart,  
Rise up, go forth, and do

Unlock what God has placed within,  
The potential you have inside  
The world is waiting for your release  
To expand your wings and fly

Arise in your God-given gifts  
For this is your finest hour  
Arise in the Lord's holy might,  
Ignited and empowered

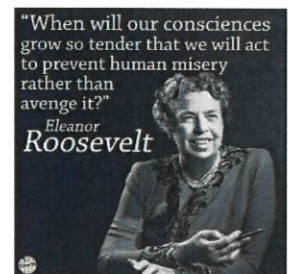
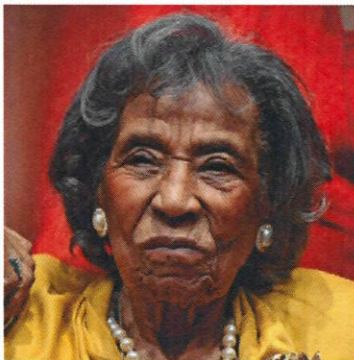
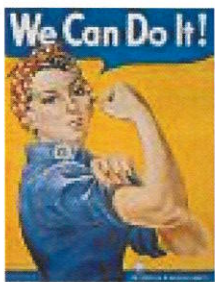
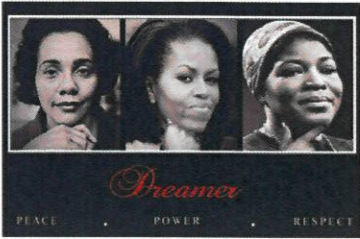
For God is calling you to come forth  
To impact this world for Him,  
Don't hold back or limit yourself  
Let His power arise within

And take His message to the world  
To those that have lost their way,  
For you can surely make a difference  
If you'd hear His voice and obey

You shall be strengthened in the Lord  
As you begin to arise,  
Conquering those doubts that pull you down  
And believe who you are in Christ

For you shall surely be transformed  
As, in you, God increases more  
And become a woman of true excellence  
Bringing honour to her Lord.

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# Southern Star Baptist Church

## Radio Ministry

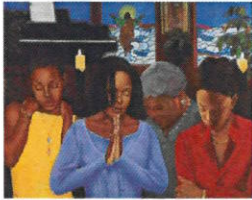


*Tune to WLLV 1240 AM every Saturday at 11:30 AM. We are looking for more sponsors. If you know of a business that would be interested in being a sponsor for our Radio Ministry, please submit the contact information to Sis. Vera Mitchell. Thank you to the following sponsors:*

	<p><b>Ten Pin Strike &amp; Spare</b></p> <p>200 Ten Pin Lane Louisville, KY 40207 Ph: (502) 896-1727 Fx: (502) 896-8782</p>	<p><b>Executive Strike &amp; Spare</b></p> <p>911 Phillips Lane Louisville, KY 40209 Ph: (502) 368-1651 Fx: (502) 366-4988</p>	<p><b>Fern Valley Strike &amp; Spare</b></p> <p>6220 Shepherdsville Rd. Louisville, KY 40228 Ph: (502) 968-2695 Fx: (502) 966-4254</p>	<p><b>Clarksville Strike &amp; Spare</b></p> <p>511 Little League Blvd Ste 100 Clarksville, IN 47129 Ph: (812) 945-6625</p>
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## SSMBC 2019 Annual Day

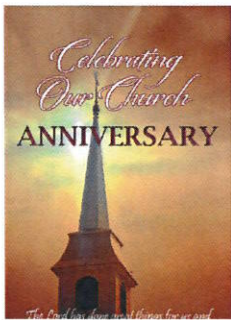
### Financial Update



As of February 28, 2019, we have raised the following amounts for our Annual Days:

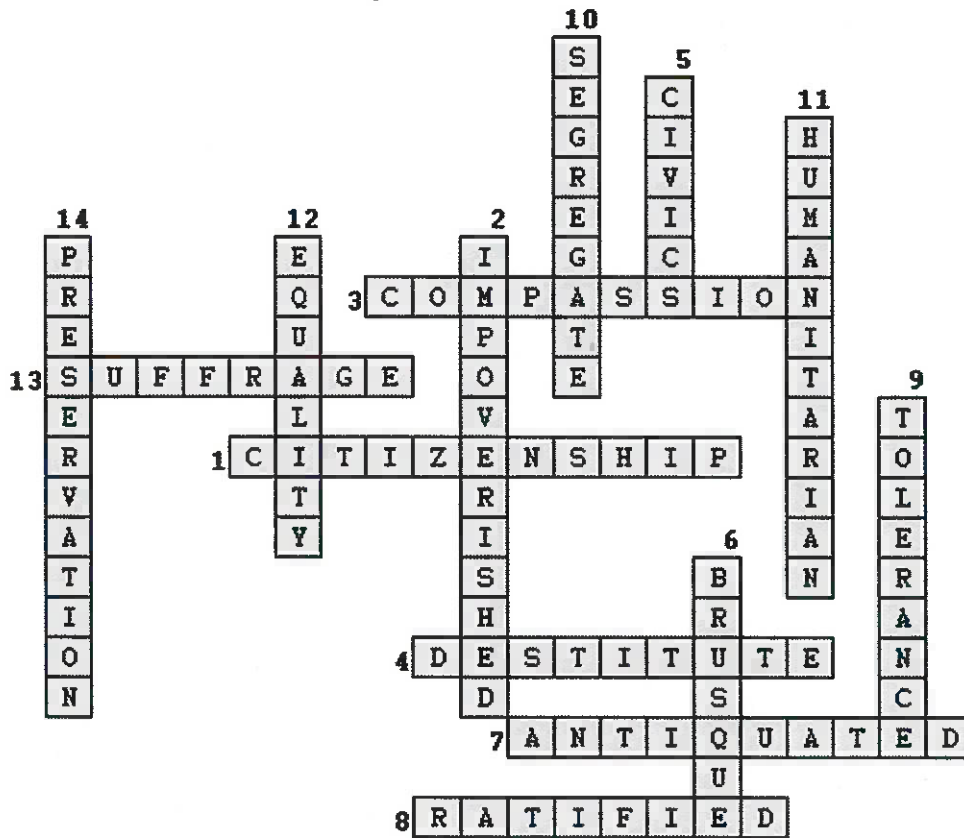


<u>Annual Day</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Women's Day	\$250.00
Church Anniversary	\$300.00
Homecoming and Family Day	\$300.00
Men's Day	\$250.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,100.00</b>



*Together, We Can ...*

# Women's History Crossword Puzzle Answers

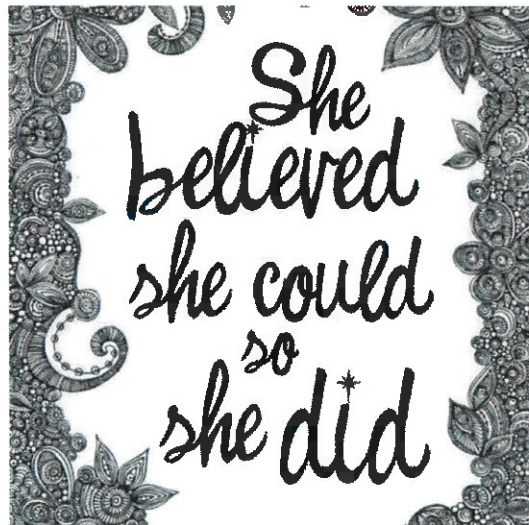


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***2019 Women's Day Celebration***

***March 31, 2019 11:00 AM***

***"Women of Spiritual Renewal"***

***II Corinthians 5:17***

***Color: Shades of Pink***

***Speaker: Rev. Angela French-Coles,  
Oak Grove Baptist Church***

***Women's Day Offering:  
\$75.00 Men and Women***



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# Southern Star Missionary Baptist Church

## March 2019



### Women's History Month



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<p>7 PM – Hallmark Neighborhood Association Meeting</p>	<p>7 PM – Women's Day and Mass Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>12 Noon - Bible Study 6:30 PM - Prayer Meeting 7 PM – Bible Study</p>	<p>6:30 PM – Building Fund Mortgage Ministry</p>	<p>3 PM – Senior and Youth Usher Ministry 3 PM – Nurses Guild Ministry</p>	<p>11 AM – Male Chorus Rehearsal 12 PM – Dance Team Rehearsal 1 PM – Youth Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>11 AM – Male Chorus Rehearsal 12 PM – Dance Team Rehearsal 1 PM – Youth Choir Rehearsal</p>
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### J.L. Roberts School of Religion 6 PM-8:30 PM

**31**  
Women's Day Celebration



### Women's Day Celebration

"Women of Spiritual Renewal"

II Corinthians 5:17

Colors: Shades of Pink

Rev. Angela French-Coles, Oak Grove Baptist Church

