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*From the Pen of Our Pastor*

**I am excited** about the contents contained in the one hundredth edition of the SSMBC "The Star Journal" Newsletter, which is also the fourth 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. We encourage you to provide church and community news that will be beneficial to our membership and friends. 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.

This month of April marks the celebration of Evangelism Month at the Southern Star Missionary Baptist Church. This month marks the physical observance of the Great Commission, which for contemporary Christians, is one of the most significant passages in the Holy Bible. First, it's the last recorded personal instruction given by Jesus to His disciples. Second, it's a special calling from Jesus Christ to all His followers to take specific action while on this earth. The Great Commission: *And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.* (Matthew 28:18-20) The Great Commission is the end of a Gospel and the beginning of faith in action for all Christians. This command from Jesus is significant because it's a personal instruction for Christians to have a profound faith in Jesus Christ as indicated in verse 18. "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth." This is an incredibly powerful statement which demands faith in Jesus Christ, validating His power in the lives of Christians and their commitment to Him. This verse acts as a clear claim to Christ's omnipotence, and therefore His deity. If Christians do not believe this statement, complete faith does not exist. Jesus is very clear about His authority in the world -- it is complete and total from the beginning of time itself (John 1:1-3). It is our goal that each family will be responsible for the recruitment of one family to the Southern Star Missionary Baptist Church during the month of April. Although evangelism occurs each day, and several members are dedicated to the glorious work that this task affords, we wish to make a special emphasis of allowing this month to be a celebration of all our evangelism efforts.

I wish to thank our membership for your contributions as we celebrated a successful Women's History Month. I thank God for Reverend Angela French-Coles for the powerful message of the day! This month's calendar has a schedule of events and services that are planned to honor God and our church family. In addition, as we prepare for our Church Anniversary, which is the second of our four annual days, we wish to prepare ourselves for the next financial goal. Our financial goal for the Church Anniversary, which will be celebrated on the third Sunday in May, is that we are asking each nuclear family to contribute \$100.00 beyond their normal tithes and offerings. Remember, you may make your contributions partially or in total each Sunday through your offering envelope. I will have additional information concerning this effort in upcoming missives. God will bless you in your efforts!

As we are saving funds for the next phase of our remodeling, remember to begin planning for the gifts for the Church Anniversary. 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, \$600.00. 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.

God has a method of blessing us financially and we must 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." 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 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, 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 [southernstar@southernstarbapt.org](mailto:southernstar@southernstarbapt.org) or submit it to Sis. Vera Mitchell. This month's recipe is:

### **Banana Pudding**

#### Ingredients

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 cups milk</li> <li>• 2 vanilla beans, split lengthwise</li> <li>• 3/4 cup sugar</li> <li>• 2 tablespoons plus 1 teaspoon cornstarch</li> <li>• Pinch of salt</li> <li>• 6 large egg yolks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut up</li> <li>• 12 ounces vanilla wafers</li> <li>• 5 ripe bananas, peeled and cut into 1/4-inch thick rounds</li> <li>• 1 cup heavy cream</li> <li>• 2 tablespoons confectioner's sugar</li> </ul>
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#### **Directions:**

Bring the milk and vanilla beans to a simmer in a medium saucepan over low heat. Using tongs, remove the beans from the milk. Using the tip of a small sharp knife, scrape the tiny seeds from each bean back into the milk.

Whisk the sugar, cornstarch and salt in a medium bowl. Add the egg yolks and whisk well. Gradually whisk in about half of the hot milk, then pour the yolk mixture into the saucepan. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until the pudding comes to a full boil. Remove from the heat and whisk in the butter until melted. Transfer to a medium bowl. Cover the pudding with a piece of plastic wrap pressed directly onto the surface and pierce a few holes in the wrap with the tip of a knife. Let stand until tepid, about 30 minutes.

Spoon about 1 cup of the pudding into a 2- to 2 1/2-quart glass bowl. Layer the cookies, bananas and pudding in the bowl, ending with the pudding. Cover tightly and refrigerate until chilled, at least 4 hours or overnight.

Whip the cream and confectioners' sugar in a chilled medium bowl until stiff. Spread the whipped cream over the pudding. Serve chilled, spooned into bowls. Serves 8.

Recipe retrieved from [http://www.oprah.com/food/Banana-Pudding\\_1#ixzz1qdZCCSkO](http://www.oprah.com/food/Banana-Pudding_1#ixzz1qdZCCSkO)



### **Happy "April" Birthdays to:**

Sis. Marie Bradford	1
Bro. Ja'kory Freeman	2
Sis. Kimberly Singleton	3
Sis. Sylvia Osburn	6
Sis. Willa Stockton	6
Sis. Tina Francis Crimes	11
Sis. Jazanae Tolbert	12
Sis. Lisa Gilbreath	18
Sis. Addie Smith	21

**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:

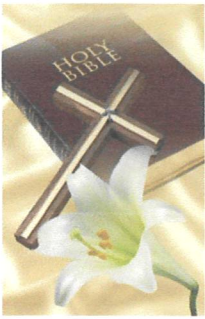
Sis. Janice Dukes	Rev. Dr. Barry & Denille Johnson	Sis. Margaret Hill	Bro. Nelson Taylor	Sis. Barbara Beasley
Sis. Michele Freeman		Sis. Vera Mitchell	Sis. Dorothy Mayes	Sis. Mattie Lismon

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

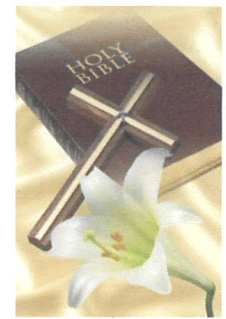
As of April 1, 2019, the BB&T Mortgage Balance is  
**\$248,254.75!!!!**

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**

**“Preparing for the Encounter”**

**Matthew 26:36-46**

After the Last Supper, Jesus and His disciples went to Gethsemane. Once among the trees, Jesus told them to sit down, but He took Peter, James, and John a little farther to a place where they could pray.

Suddenly Jesus began to give way to His grief and distress of heart, telling His friends that His sadness was almost overwhelming. Asking them to wait where they were, He went farther into the grove and fell on His face in prayer. It was a plea of two parts: to be delivered from what He must endure and for God’s will to be done.

After praying for some time, Jesus arose and returned to His disciples finding them sound asleep. He was disappointed that Peter had not been able to stay awake. When Jesus returned to His prayer vigil, He was heard to say to His father: “If this cup of suffering cannot be taken away... Your will be done.” After a while, He returned to His disciples again and found them sleeping. He did not awake them, but returned to pray a third time, only to return and urge His disciples to wake up because His betrayer was near and the dreaded time had arrived. The disciples were still unaware of what the depth of this ‘Encounter’ would mean for mankind.

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## *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.**





WLLV  
1240 AM



2.16.2019

**Southern Star  
Missionary Baptist Church**

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**quarterly newsletter**

Youth Choir 2019

**choir co-director  
& newsletter editor:**  
Teresa D. Goins

**photographer:**  
Madison Goins (and friends)

**MAR.2019**

YEAR #2 - EDITION #4

JAN-MAR



**The Star** youth choir  
Southern Star Missionary Baptist Church

**youth choir on the radio!**



-- notes from youth choir co-director Teresa Goins

On February 16th, *The Star* Youth Choir was on the radio! On WLLV 1240 AM, the choir accompanied our pastor during his weekly Saturday morning hour on the air. There were 17 choir members present, and it was an exciting time! The choir answered questions from the radio listeners and from Dr. Johnson. Some of the questions were: "How does your dedication to choir help you in your daily Christian walk?" ... "What do you (*the youngest vs. the oldest members*) enjoy most about choir?" ... "Does it make you nervous to sing in front of the congregation on Youth Sunday?" ... "How do you (*the members from Frankfort*) recruit new members?" ... "What is your favorite Youth Choir song?" There were various poignant answers as to how the devotion of some to the Youth Choir has helped to build an inner boldness to overcome stage fright, to invite others to church (and choir), and to even combat school bullying! Southern Star can be extremely proud of the way her young people presented themselves to the radio audience. Thank you, Lord, for such a COOL opportunity!

**Youth Choir  
Monthly Schedule**

Rehearsals  
Every 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 1pm

Performances  
Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

Exceptions

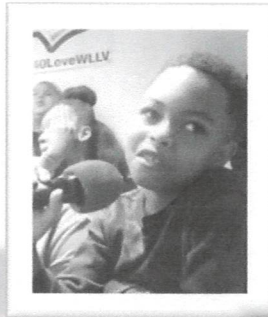
There may be exceptions. Notice of all rehearsals and performances will be provided by phone.



Let  
Your Light  
Shine

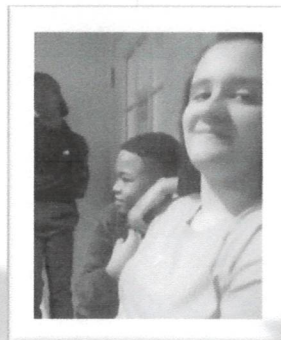
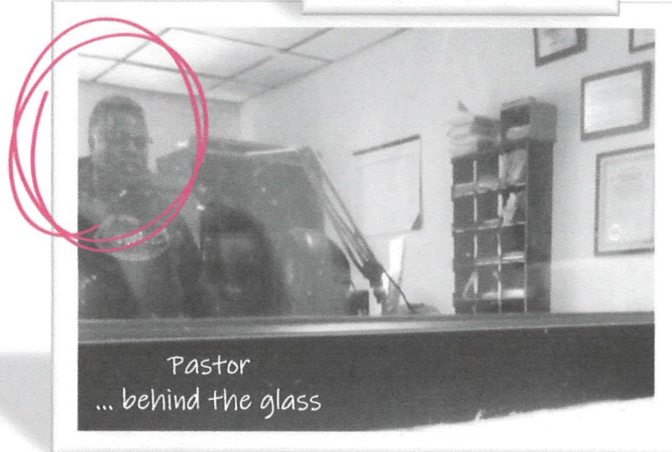
MATTHEW 5:16

# our shining Stars

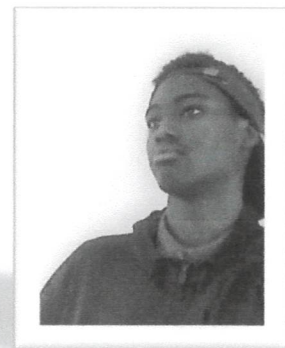


... let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16



XOXO



Check out our slideshows on the church website at <http://www.southernstarmissionarybaptistchurch.com>

*Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything.*

- Plato -






# 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 align="center"><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 align="center"><b>Executive Strike &amp; Spare</b></p> <p>911 Phillips Lane Louisville, KY 40209 Ph: (502) 368-1651 Fx: (502) 366-4988</p>	<p align="center"><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 align="center"><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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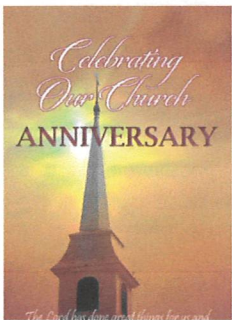
## SSMBC 2019 Annual Day Financial Update



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



<u>Annual Day</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Women's Day	4,135.75
Church Anniversary	\$451.50
Homecoming and Family Day	\$400.50
Men's Day	\$326.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,314.25</b>



*Together, We Can ...*

# EASTER STORY COOKIES

To be made the evening before Easter. Preheat oven to 300° (this is important-don't wait until you're half done with the recipe). You need:

1c. whole pecans  
pinch salt  
wooden spoon

1 tsp. vinegar  
1c. sugar  
tape

3 egg whites  
zipper baggie  
Bible



Place pecans in zipper baggie and let children beat them with the wooden spoon to break into small pieces. Explain that after Jesus was arrested, He was beaten by the Roman soldiers.

***Read John 19:1-3***

Let each child smell the vinegar. Put 1 tsp. vinegar into mixing bowl. Explain that when Jesus was thirsty on the cross, he was given vinegar to drink.

***Read John 19:28-30***

Add egg whites to vinegar. Eggs represent life. Explain that Jesus gave His life to give us life.

***Read John 10:10 -11***

Sprinkle a little salt into each child's hand. Let them taste it and brush the rest into the bowl. Explain that this represents the salty tears shed by Jesus' followers, and the bitterness of our own sin.

***Read Luke 23:27***

So far, the ingredients are not very appetizing. Add 1c. sugar. Explain that the sweetest part of the story is that Jesus died because He loves us. He wants us to know and belong to Him.

***Read Psalm 34:8 and John 3:16***

Beat with a mixer on high speed for 12 to 15 minutes until stiff peaks are formed. Explain that the color white represents the purity in God's eyes of those whose sins have been cleansed by Jesus.

***Read Isaiah 1:18 and John 3:1-3***

Fold in broken nuts. Drop by teaspoons onto wax paper covered cookie sheet. Explain that each mound represents the rocky tomb here Jesus' body was laid.

***Read Matthew 27:57-60***

Put the cookie sheet in the oven, close the door and turn the oven OFF. Give each child a piece of tape and seal the oven door. Explain that Jesus' tomb was sealed.

***Read Matthew 27:65-66***

GO TO BED! Explain that they may feel sad to leave the cookies in the oven overnight. Jesus' followers were in despair when the tomb was sealed.

***Read John 16:20 and 22***

On Easter morning, open the oven and give everyone a cookie. Notice the cracked surface and take a bite. The cookies are hollow! On the first Easter Jesus' followers were amazed to find the tomb open and empty.

***Read Matthew 28:1-9***

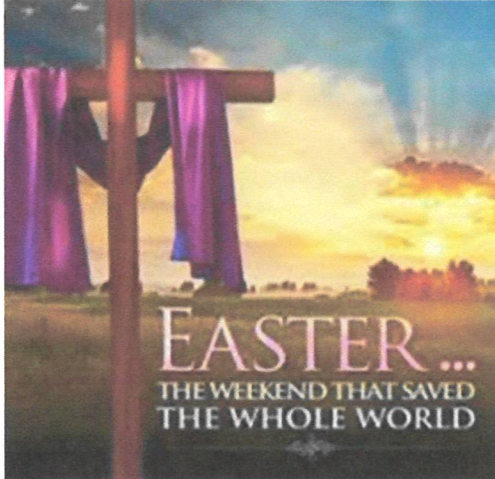
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*April 14, 2019 – Palm Sunday*

*April 21, 2019 – Easter*



***Come and worship with us!!***  
***Sunday School ~ 9:30 AM***  
***Sunday Worship ~ 11:00 AM***  
***Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible***  
***Study ~***  
***12 Noon and 6:30 PM***

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# Southern Star Missionary Baptist Church

April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 11 AM - Primetimers Ministry	<b>2</b> 12 Noon - Bible Study 6:30 PM - Prayer Meeting 7 PM - Bible Study	<b>3</b> 12 Noon - Bible Study 7 PM - Revival 1st Baptist Bardstown	<b>4</b> 7 PM - Revival 1st Baptist Bardstown	<b>5</b> 7 PM - Revival 1st Baptist Bardstown Bus Leaves 6 PM	<b>6</b> 9 AM - Deacon's Meeting 9-4 - Families In Transition 11 AM - Male Chorus Rehearsal 12 PM - Dance Ministry Rehearsal
<b>7</b> 	<b>8</b> 7 PM - Hallmark Neighborhood Assoc. Meeting	<b>9</b> 7 PM - Mass Choir Rehearsal	<b>10</b> 12 Noon - Bible Study 7 PM - Revival 1st Baptist Bardstown	<b>11</b> 7 PM - Revival 1st Baptist Bardstown	<b>12</b> 7 PM - Revival 1st Baptist Bardstown Bus Leaves 6 PM	<b>13</b> 9 AM - Deacon's Meeting 9-4 - Families In Transition 11 AM - Male Chorus Rehearsal 12 PM - Dance Ministry Rehearsal
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<b>28</b> Youth Day Sunday School Breakfast Youth Ministry	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		<b>Evangelism Month</b> But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear. 1 Peter 3:15 (KJV)		