

From the Pen of Our Pastor

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I am excited about the contents contained in the one hundred and second edition of the SSMBC "The Star Journal" Newsletter, which is also the sixth 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 must 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 June marks the beginning of our summer breather, breaks from school, vacations, and warm days and nights where we may grow more relaxed. We have several celebrations to observe this month. The first is the observance of our annual Vacation Bible School, which begins Monday, June 10th through Friday, June 14th. We are praying that we have a large participation. Our theme for the week is *World Changers: Leading Through Action*. Sis. Denille Johnson serves as the Director of our VBS.

I want to thank all who contributed to a glorious 63rd Church Anniversary. As a church, we continue to make great strides and have "come a long way" thanks be to God. It is fitting that we acknowledge that it is He who has ordered our steps and blessed us along the way. Let us never forget that the strength of our faith must be ever-present in every deed and thought. Not only do we represent the Southern Star Baptist Church, we also represent the God we serve. Let us never forget the power of our faith and, if necessary, recant Hebrews 11:1 NKJV, that "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen". For the Christians of this age, the Church remains a witness that affirms that Jesus fulfills promises and the hope of all men. Additionally, we had a wonderful Youth Day and I am thankful for the power of the Holy Spirit that ushered new members into the fellowship and body of the church. Let us continue to support our youth and watch them grow into a sizeable number. Moreover, let us not forget to honor our fathers as we celebrate Father's Day on June 16th.

We are blessed to have completed the sealing of the Parking Lot, and by this time, we pray that the striping has also been completed. We scheduled the work on days that were supposed to be dry, but the rains did come. I know that the Lord will see us through the completion of this project. God has blessed us by allowing our various projects to be complete; however, we must all contribute towards the goals and objectives as a unified church. We have more work to be done!! We are amid our fundraising efforts and saving for the next phase. As you can see, with the help of the Lord, we **can** get it done! If you have not completed providing your gifts for the Church Anniversary, please do so. Moreover, let's start saving for the third Annual Day, which is Homecoming and Family Day, which we celebrate in September. Remember, we are asking for \$100.00 per person beyond our 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! Listed below is our 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 (Sept.)	Men's Day (November)
\$75 women and \$75 men	\$100 per nuclear family	\$100 per person	\$75 men and \$75 women

The total contributions based on this formula, which again, is beyond your normal tithes and offerings is only \$350 if you are a single person or if you are a husband and wife, \$600. Additionally, this plan of giving will offer **\$35,000 + 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 scripture speaks 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. 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 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 southernstar@southernstarbapt.org or submit it to Sis. Vera Mitchell. This month's recipe is:

Super-Moist No-Bake Chocolate and Oatmeal Cookies

Ingredients

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2 cups white sugar ● ½ cup milk ● ½ cup butter ● 4 teaspoons cocoa powder 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ½ cup creamy peanut butter ● 2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract ● 2 cups quick cooking oats
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Directions

1. Stir sugar, milk, butter, and cocoa powder together in a saucepan over medium heat; bring to a boil and cook, stirring constantly, to dissolve sugar completely, 90 seconds to 2 minutes. Remove saucepan immediately from heat.
2. Stir peanut butter and vanilla extract into the milk mixture until smooth; add oats and stir to coat. Spoon the mixture onto a sheet of baking parchment and let sit until the mixture holds together, about 15 minutes.

Recipe obtained from <http://www.realsimple.com/food-recipes/browse-all-recipes/peach-crisp-0000000017215/index.html>



Happy "June" Birthdays to:

<i>Bro. Jake Simpson</i>	2
<i>Sis. Arnita Dukes</i>	4
<i>Sis. Willena Beattie</i>	8
<i>Sis. Kathy Briscoe</i>	11
<i>Sis. Dasha Mitchell</i>	12
<i>Sis. Ruthie Brasher</i>	13
<i>Sis. Rose Cunningham</i>	20
<i>Sis. Mattie Lismon</i>	22
<i>Sis. Irene Harrison</i>	23

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

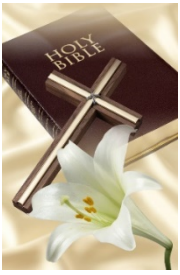
You may also participate in this mortgage liquidation through the envelope system. Please mark your contribution in the offering envelope next to **BF Mortgage**.

As of June 1, 2019, the BB&T Mortgage Balance is

\$239,927.87!!!!

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
A Calling to Fulfill

*"Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?'
Then said I, Here am I, send me." Isaiah 6:8*

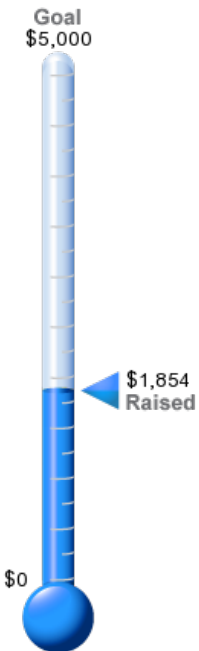
To be called of God seems to be too lofty or too grand for ordinary men and women with simple and meager backgrounds. Yet God called each of us before the foundation of the world for His purpose. He set His plans in motion for each of us from the times of our birth by equipping us with certain abilities and talents. Then He places the opportunities before us so we can bring to fruition what He has planned for us.

At Isaiah's call, he saw a vision of God and His glory, and immediately realized that he was unworthy and undone. He was especially ashamed of his lips and the things he had said. After he confessed, he accepted his purging. *(What a great pronouncement of the tongue! James 3 says the tongue is a fire; a world of iniquity; an unruly evil and is full of deadly poison.)*

We, too, say things that we shouldn't say and often say things that we should say, but not with the right attitude or approach. Remember, once something has been uttered, it cannot be taken back. An apology helps and softens, but does not erase. Jesus constantly reminded those in His presence that He was setting the example of how **the called** should act and minister.

A charge to keep I have, a God to glorify,
Who gave His Son my soul to save, and fit it for the sky.
To serve this present age, my calling to fulfill,
O may it all my powers engage, to do my Master's will.
Wesley & Mason

Parking Lot Update



To maintain our parking lot, we must have it re-sealed, cracks repaired, and re-striped. This will cost approximately \$5,000.00. To help with this effort, please place your contribution in your offering envelope and designate it to



PARKING LOT. There is no set amount.

Remember, it is not equal giving, but equal sacrifice!! God Bless!!
Rev. Dr. Barry C. Johnson, Sr.



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Southern Star Missionary Baptist Church Vacation Bible School

June 10-14, 2019

We're excited about the 2019 Southern Star Missionary Baptist Church Vacation Bible School!! **World Changers: Leading Through Action** is an understanding of Jesus' coming as the Savior of the world to save all people from sin. This VBS teaches us that Jesus came to eradicate the sin problem by providing to us both the perfect example of how to please God and the power to achieve it through the Holy Spirit. The Theme Scripture is Acts 1:6-8. Our Background Scriptures are Matthew 28:16-20

We will have a great time with lively songs, crafts, games, Bible stories, and food—all of the things that make Vacation Bible School so much fun for children and adults. Classes will range from the age of 3 to seasoned years of age. VBS is an inspirational and educational experience for your entire family. We are still in need of Teachers, Assistants, and workers!!!

Dinner will be served each night. Classes are held from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm. Graduation will be held on Friday night. To arrange for transportation or for additional registration information, please call the church at 776-2889.

Plan to join us for a great time at Vacation Bible School 2019

2019 VBS Registration Information

Registrant's Name		
Registrant's Age	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult	
Registrant's Grade		
Parent's Name (If registrant is a child)		
Address		
Home Phone/Cell Phone		
Please list any allergies		
Transportation Needed:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No





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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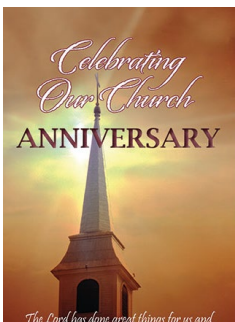
SSMBC 2019 Annual Day Financial Update



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



<u>Annual Day</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Women's Day	\$4,850.85
Church Anniversary	\$4,104.00
Homecoming and Family Day	\$510.50
Men's Day	\$376.60
TOTAL	\$9,841.95



Together, We Can ...

F.A.T.H.E.R.S.

"F" aithful.
"A" lways there.
"T" rustworthy.
"H" onoring.
"E" ver-loving.
"R" ighteous.
"S" upportive.
~Unknown~



GRANDFATHERS

*Grandfathers are fathers who are grand,
Restoring the sense that our most precious things
Are those that do not change much over time.
No love of childhood is more sublime,
Demanding little, giving on demand,
Far more inclined than most to grant the wings
Allowing us to reach enchanted lands.
Though grandfathers must serve as second fathers
Helping out with young and restless hearts,
Each has all the patience wisdom brings,
Remembering our passions more than others,
Soothing us with old and well-honed arts
By Turlough O'Carolan*

*Happy Father's Day
June 16, 2019*

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****Address Service Requested****



June 2019

	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	
	1	<p><i>World Changers: Leading Through Action</i> is an understanding of Jesus' coming as the Savior of the world to save all people from sin. This VBS teaches us that Jesus came to eradicate the sin problem by providing to us both the perfect example of how to please God and the power to achieve it through the Holy Spirit. <i>Acts 1:6-8.</i></p>						1
	2	3	4 11 AM – Primetimers Ministry 7 PM – Mass Choir Rehearsal	5 12 Noon - Bible Study 6:30 PM - Prayer Meeting 7 PM – Bible Study	6	7	8 11 AM – Male Chorus Rehearsal 12 PM – Dance Ministry Rehearsal 1 PM – Youth Choir Rehearsal	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 9 AM - Finance Ministry 11 AM – Male Chorus Rehearsal 12 PM – Missionary Ministry 12 PM – Dance Ministry Rehearsal 1 PM – Business & Professional Women 1 PM – Youth Choir Rehearsal 2 PM – Nurses Guild Ministry 3 PM – Senior and Youth Usher Ministry		
<h1 style="color: purple; font-family: cursive;">Vacation Bible School</h1>								
	16	17	18 11 AM – Primetimers Ministry 7 PM – Mass Choir Rehearsal	19 12 Noon - Bible Study 6:30 PM - Prayer Meeting 7 PM – Bible Study	20	21	22 11 AM – Male Chorus Rehearsal	
23 <u>Sunday School</u> <u>Breakfast</u> Building Fund Ministry <i>Youth Day</i>	24	25 7 PM – Mass Choir Rehearsal	26 12 Noon - Bible Study 6:30 PM - Prayer Meeting 7 PM – Bible Study	27 6:30 PM – Building Fund Ministry Meeting	28	29 11 AM – Male Chorus Rehearsal		
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