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Bro. Nelson Taylor

Bro. Andrew Young

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Primetimers

Sis. Rubenna Kirby

Ushers

Bro. Nelson Taylor

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Sis. Vera Mitchell

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Sis. Lisa Gilbreath

Pastor's Aide

Bro. Jake Simpson

Youth

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Mass Choir

Sis. Charlotte Duncan

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Sis. Cathy Shipp

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Bro. Nelson Taylor

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From the Pen of Our Pastor

I am excited about the contents contained in the one hundred and first edition of the SSMBC "The Star Journal" Newsletter, which is also the fifth 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 May marks the celebration of the 63rd Anniversary of the Southern Star Missionary Baptist Church. Our anniversary will be celebrated on the 3rd Sunday. The theme of the celebration is "*Silver and Gold have I none, but what I give to you...*" - Acts 3:6. Our special guests for our 3:30 PM Worship Service will be the Reverend William G. Nelson and the Greater St. Mark Baptist Church. Dinner will be served following the morning worship service. As a church, we continue to make great strides while traveling through this earthly journey, as we strive towards the impending coming of the Kingdom. Another year that God has provided continues to bring life, love, and spiritual closeness to Him that is able. Additionally, Vacation Bible School will be held June 10th thru June 14th.

I wish to honor all mothers and women who have served in that capacity in some manner or another. We have come this far by faith and on many occasions, it was a mother, grandmother, or "motherly figure" who strived for our best interests. I am grateful to God that I was blessed to have the experiences a strong and forceful example in my life. Although my momma' is in heaven, I wish to bless the women, especially in Southern Star, who continue to shower me with matriarchal love and care. On this day, Mothers of Southern Star, we salute you!

This month also serves as a witness to the power of faith and the blessings of God because of our faith. Recall, the initial verse of this chapter, Hebrews 11:1, is that "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (NKJV). We celebrate this day because we exercised our faith and "Stood on His Promises." By faith we see and understand where God has brought us from. Now as we celebrate this anniversary, we also celebrate the strength of our faith and our dependence on the Lord.

This month's calendar has a schedule of events and services that are planned to honor God and our church family. As we prepare for our Church Anniversary, which is the second of our four annual days, we wish to prepare ourselves for the financial goal of the event. 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!

I am encouraging all to give the amounts requested for the Church Anniversary. 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 must 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. We experienced a serious attempt of the financial plan on "All Tithes Sunday." 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:

Peach Crisp

Ingredients

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 pounds peaches (about 12), each cut into 8 wedges • 1/3 cup granulated sugar • ¾ cup plus 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour • 1 ¼ cups light brown sugar | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ¼ teaspoon kosher salt • ¾ cup (1 ½ sticks) unsalted butter, chilled and cut into small pieces • 2 cups rolled oats • 1 cup almonds, roughly chopped |
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Directions

1. Heat oven to 350° F. In a large bowl, toss the peaches, granulated sugar, and 1 tablespoon of the flour. Transfer to a shallow 3-quart baking dish.
2. In a separate bowl, combine the brown sugar, salt, and the remaining ¾ cup of flour. Using your fingers, incorporate the butter until coarse crumbs form. Mix in the oats and almonds.
3. Squeeze the topping into marble-size clumps and sprinkle on the peaches. Bake until the top is golden and the fruit is tender, 45 to 55 minutes.

Recipe obtained from <http://www.realsimple.com/food-recipes/browse-all-recipes/peach-crisp-00000000017215/index.html>



Happy "May" Birthdays to:

Sis. Jacqueline Lester	2
Sis. Cathy Shipp	6
Bro. Danniko Brasher	7
Sis. Kashia Carpenter	9
Bro. Nelson Taylor, Sr.	9
Sis. Vera Hayden	10
Deacon Andrew Young	12
Bro. Torre Whiteside	16
Sis. Ethel Hayes	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:

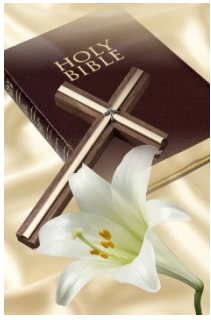
Sis. Janice Dukes	Rev. Dr. Barry & Denille Johnson	Sis. Margaret Hill	Bro. Nelson Taylor	Sis. Barbara Beasley
Sis. Michele Freeman		Sis. Vera Mitchell	Sis. Dorothy Mayes	Sis. Mattie Lismon

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

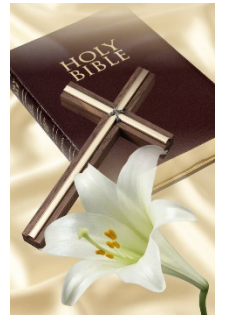
As of May 1, 2019, the BB&T Mortgage Balance is
\$244,115.63!!!!

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

Hiding Place

Psalm 32; Matthew 11:28-29

Have you ever felt overwhelmed? With all that is going on in the world and in our lives up close and personal; don't you wish you could shut it all out or just go somewhere and hide for a season?

David, the great psalmist, often cried unto God, his Source, to hide him in His pavilion of mercy when his trials and enemies were about to overtake him. David's deliverance came when he acknowledged his sins and took responsibility for his own actions instead of blaming others.

Like David, we too, have a Source. His name is Jesus Christ. Like David had a personal relationship with God, we must have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. David found help for the future: *"Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance"* Psalm 32: 7. David found a place for instruction. *"I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go"* Psalm 32:8.

Jesus invites us to *"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; ...and ye shall find rest unto your souls"* Matthew 11.28-29. *1 Peter 5:6-7 says "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time: casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you."*

An Excerpt from "Heart of a Mother"

by Paula J. Fox

Mothers are also a lot LIKE flowers in many ways...each one has her own unique beauty and each is designed by God to bloom where she is planted. As the heart of a Mother grows and blossoms in beauty and grace, she spreads her fragrance of LOVE not only in her home, but throughout her world. Walk with me now through this enchanting garden as we examine how the different qualities and characteristics of each of these flowers remind us of the BEAUTY of a Mother's love.

Baby's Breath

Our first flower reminds us of the very beginning of a woman's life as a Mother...the moment when she takes her first child into her arms and smells the fragrance of that sweet Baby's Breath. Her heart will never be the same again.

Lilac

The Lilac represents the fragrance of a Mother's sacrifice...the lovely scent of forgiveness that results when a flower is crushed and gives back to the very one that crushed it. It reminds us of the beauty that surrounds a Mother who is always willing to forgive her children's faults and offer them compassion, mercy and unconditional love.

Hydrangea

The Hydrangea has a wonderful quality of being able to change color from shades of pink to blue. Initially it was thought that this flower was like a chameleon, changing color to match its surroundings, but experiments proved that the color is actually determined by the roots of the plant and the kind of soil it is planted in. This illustrates the Mother who gives her children a rich foundation of love and deep roots of character and strength.

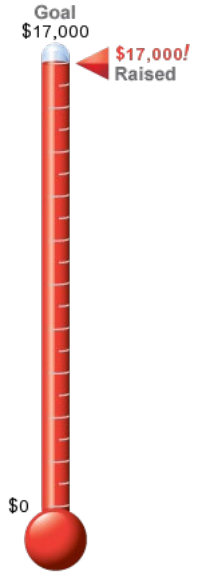


Submitted by Sis. Mary C. Woolridge

Furnace Update



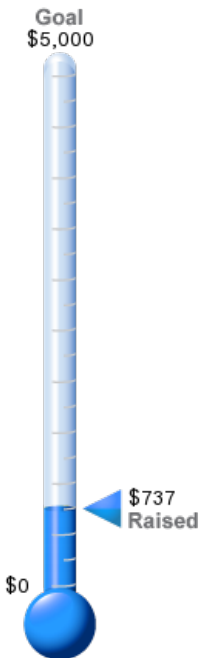
We had to replace one of our furnaces. This replacement cost was \$17,000.00. The furnace was installed on October 31, 2018 and November 1, 2018. I wish to thank ALL who have contributed to liquidate this debt. Southern Star, we are truly BLESSED!!



This is PAID IN FULL!!!

Thank you to Bro. George and Sis. Willa Stockton

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.





Tithing Chart



Responsible Tithers

	Annual Gross Salary	Responsible Annual Tithe
Member #1	\$100,00.00	\$10,000.00
Member #2	\$60,000.00	\$6,000.00
Member #3	\$40,000.00	\$4,000.00
Member #4	\$20,000.00	\$2,000.00

The Responsible Tither tithes **regularly**. If a Responsible Tither is absent, he/she ensures that any missed tithes are submitted upon return.

Irresponsible Tithers

	Annual Gross Salary	Irresponsible Annual Tithe
Member #1	\$100,00.00	\$5,760.00
Member #2	\$60,000.00	\$3,480.00
Member #3	\$40,000.00	\$2,310.00
Member #4	\$20,000.00	\$1,155.00

The Irresponsible Tither is convinced that he/she is a tither, but only pays tithes **occasionally**. For example, the Irresponsible Annual Tithe figures above are based on a member that tithes weekly and only attended church 30 out of 52 weeks. This member did **not** submit any missed tithes that occurred during their absence.

Members who gave \$300.00 for the year, regardless of Sundays attended. Average gift \$5.77 per 52 Sundays.

Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, “How have we robbed You?” In tithes and offerings (Malachi 3:8). This is a trust issue between you and the Lord. As your Pastor, I can only teach and encourage you to follow the Lord’s tithing commandments. And as a spiritual blessing, He will open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows (Malachi 3:10).

Written by
Rev. Dr. Barry C. Johnson, Sr.



The Old Paths!

I wish the old paths were before us instead of behind us.

Amen!

I liked the old paths, when
Moms were at home.
Dads were at work.
Brothers went into the army.
And sisters got married **BEFORE** having children!

Crime did not pay;
Hard work did;
And people knew the difference.

Moms could cook;
Dads would work;
Children would behave.

Husbands were loving;
Wives were supportive;
And children were polite.

Women wore the jewelry;
And Men wore the pants.
Women looked like ladies;
Men looked like gentlemen;
And children looked decent.

People loved the truth,
And hated a lie;
They came to church to get **IN**,
Not to get **OUT**!

Hymns sounded Godly;
Sermons sounded helpful;
Rejoicing sounded normal;
And crying sounded sincere.

Cursing was wicked;
Drugs were for illness;
And divorce was unthinkable.

The flag was honored;
America was beautiful;
And God was welcome!

We read the Bible in public;
Prayed in school;
And preached from house to house
To be called an American was worth dying for;
To be called a Christian was worth living for;

To be called a traitor was a shame!

Preachers preached because they had a message;
And Christians rejoiced because they had the
VICTORY!

Preachers preached from the Bible;
Singers sang from the heart;
And sinners turned to the Lord to be **SAVED!**

A new birth meant a new life;
Salvation meant a changed life;
Following Christ led to eternal life.

Being a preacher meant you proclaimed the word
of God;

Being an officer meant you would serve the Lord;
Being a Christian meant you would live for
Jesus;

And being a sinner meant someone was praying
for you!

Laws were based on the Bible;
Homes read the Bible;
And churches taught the Bible.

God was worshipped;
Christ was exalted;
And the Holy Spirit was respected.

Church was where you found Christians
on the Lord's day, rather than in the garden,
on the creek bank, on the golf course,
Or being entertained somewhere else.

I still like the old paths the best!



**May Your
Life Be**

Blessed

God Bless You!




Southern Star Baptist Church

Radio Ministry

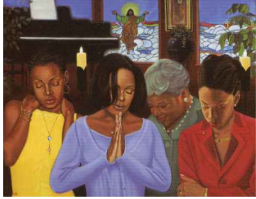


Tune to WLLV 1240 AM every Saturday at 11:30 AM. We are looking for more sponsors. If you know of a business that would be interested in being a sponsor for our Radio Ministry, please submit the contact information to Sis. Vera Mitchell.

Thank you to the following sponsors:

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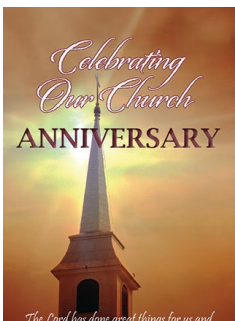
SSMBC 2019 Annual Day Financial Update



As of April 30, 2019, we have raised the following amounts for our Annual Days:



<u>Annual Day</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Women's Day	4,805.85
Church Anniversary	\$601.60
Homecoming and Family Day	\$400.50
Men's Day	\$376.60
TOTAL	\$6,184.55



Together, We Can ...

63rd Church Anniversary



May 19, 2019



“Silver and Gold have I none, but what I give to you...”

Acts 3:6



Colors: Silver and/or Gold
Offering: \$100 per Nuclear Family
3:30 PM Worship Service Special Guests
Greater St. Mark Baptist Church
Rev. William G. Nelson, Pastor



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Southern Star Missionary Baptist Church

May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
63rd Church Anniversary “Silver and Gold have I none, but what I give to you...” Acts 3:6			1 12 Noon - Bible Study 6:30 PM - Prayer Meeting 7 PM – Bible Study	2	3	4
5 	6	7 11 AM – Primetimers Ministry	8 12 Noon - Bible Study 6:30 PM - Prayer Meeting 7 PM – Bible Study	9	10	11 11 AM – Male Chorus Rehearsal 12 PM – Dance Ministry Rehearsal
12 	13 7 PM – Hallmark Neighborhood Assoc. Meeting	14 6 PM – VBS Teacher’s Meeting 7 PM –Mass Choir Rehearsal	15 12 Noon - Bible Study 6:30 PM - Prayer Meeting 7 PM – Bible Study	16	17	18 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
19 63 rd Church Anniversary 3:30 PM-Greater St. Mark Baptist Church	20	21 Election Day 11 AM – Primetimers Ministry 7 PM –Mass Choir Rehearsal	22 12 Noon - Bible Study 6:30 PM - Prayer Meeting 7 PM – Bible Study	23 6:30 PM – Building Fund Meeting	24	25 11 AM – Male Chorus Rehearsal 12 PM – Dance Ministry Rehearsal 1 PM – Youth Choir Rehearsal
26 Youth Day Sunday School Breakfast Culinary Ministry	27 	28	29	30	31	