

## Pastor

Rev. Dr. Barry C. Johnson, Sr.

## Associate Minister

Rev. Darrell Farris

## Deacons

Bro. James Binford

Chairman

Bro. Calvin Augustine

Bro. Corey Binford

Bro. Jarvis Binford

Bro. Charles Brown

Bro. John Clemons

Bro. Walter Duncan, Sr.

Bro. Donald Norris

Bro. Hilret Taylor

Bro. Nelson Taylor

Bro. Andrew Young

## Ministries

### Primetimers

Sis. Rubenna Kirby

### Ushers

Bro. Nelson Taylor

### Missionary

Sis. Vera Mitchell

### Nurses Guild

Sis. Lisa Gilbreath

### Pastor's Aide

Bro. Jake Simpson

### Youth

### Male Chorus

Bro. Corey Binford

### Mass Choir

Sis. Charlotte Duncan

### Business & Professional Women

Sis. Cathy Shipp

### Trustees

Bro. Nelson Taylor

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**I am excited** about the contents contained in the one hundred and third edition of the SSMBC "The Star Journal" Newsletter, which is also the seventh 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.

I wish to thank Sis. Denille Johnson, our VBS Director, Sis. Alice Binford, our Sunday School Superintendent, and their staff, for their dedication and love exhibited during a successful Vacation Bible School. Each year, we keep getting better!! We also thank all who attended, learned, and fellowshiped each night. It is a tribute to the Glory of God. We must do our part, through prayer and a warrior's stance to reject the senseless violence that plagues our city, country, and our world.

This month of July is a continuation of the summer months that are slowly slipping away. On Saturday, July 13, 2019 at 12 noon, we will celebrate our Annual Pastor's Wife Appreciation Luncheon. On Friday, July 19, 2019 at 6:00 PM, we will host our Fish Fry Fellowship in the C. E. Kirby Multipurpose Center. Additionally, we are preparing for the Pastor's 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, which will be celebrated the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in July. Our guest speaker for the 11:00 AM Worship Service will be Reverend Joe Green and the Pure in Heart Baptist Church. Our guest church for the 3:30 PM Worship Service is Rev. Larry Houston and the Corinthian Baptist Church. Dinner will be served following the morning service.

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, that "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (NKJV). For the Christians of this age, the Church remains a witness that affirms that Jesus fulfills promises and the hope of all men.

Our next Annual Day will be Homecoming and Family Day, which will be celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in September. As we prepare for this day, which is the third of our four annual days, we wish to prepare ourselves for the next financial goals. Our financial goal for Family Day is that each person contributes \$100.00 beyond their normal tithes and offerings. Remember, you may make your contributions partially or in total each Sunday through your offering envelope. Remember, the plan of giving an extra gift on each of the four Annual Days is not obtrusive or financially painful. Moreover, we are saving for the next phase, which will be the two sets of main doors of the church. As you can see, with the help of the Lord, we can and will get it done! 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. 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](mailto:southernstar@southernstarbapt.org) or submit it to Sis. Vera Mitchell. This month's recipe is:

### *Charlie's Famous Chicken Salad with Grapes*

#### Ingredients

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 1/2 cups diced cooked chicken</li> <li>• 1 cup finely chopped celery</li> <li>• 1 cup seedless grapes, halved</li> <li>• 1 cup chopped walnuts or 1 cup pecans (optional)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 small minced onion</li> <li>• 1/2 teaspoon salt</li> <li>• 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce</li> <li>• 1/2 cup Miracle Whip</li> </ul> |
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#### Directions

1. Combine all ingredients; chill.
2. Serve with just about anything- crackers, chips, rolls, bread or bagel.

Recipe retrieved from <http://www.food.com/recipe/charlies-famous-chicken-salad-with-grapes-53508>



#### Happy "July" Birthdays to:

Sis. Wilena Willis	1
Sis. Charlotte Duncan	4
Sis. Vera Lewis	4
Sis. Cleaster Johnson	9
Sis. Linda Kirby	13
Bro. George Stockton	13
Sis. Mary Woolridge	17
Bro. Patrick Lester	20
Sis. Judy Nichols	24
Sis. Bertie Finch	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.*



## *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:

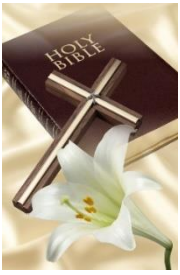
Sis. Janice Dukes	Rev. Dr. Barry & Denille Johnson	Sis. Margaret Hill	Bro. Nelson Taylor	Sis. Barbara Beasley
Sis. Michele Freeman		Sis. Vera Mitchell	Sis. Dorothy Mayes	Sis. Mattie Lismon

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

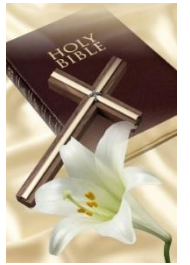
As of July 1, 2019, the BB&T Mortgage Balance is  
**\$235,755.64!!!!**

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

*“Persistence Pays Off”*

**Mark 10:46-52**

**P U S H** - When everything seems to go wrong ... just PUSH! When others don't react the way you think they should ... just PUSH! When your money is gone and bills are due ... just PUSH! When others don't understand ... just PUSH! - **Pray Until Something Happens!** (copied)

Often times when we are confronted with difficult decisions or are going through some type of conflict, it becomes so easy to just give up and throw in the towel. We try something else and that fails, too. The next thing we know, we are in a state of hopelessness or helplessness. I can mention the successes of two prominent Black men who attest to the fact that persistence pays: Tyler Perry and Steve Harvey.

In our featured scripture for this article, we have the story of Bartimaeus, a blind beggar who lived in Jericho. Bartimaeus had become sick and tired of his plight of being blind and having to beg to survive.

One day when Jesus was passing through Jericho; Bartimaeus cried out to Him for mercy. The locals tried their best to keep him quiet. The more they tried to quieten him; the louder and the more he cried out for Jesus, the Son of David, to have mercy on him.

Jesus **heard** his persistent cry and **commanded** that they bring Bartimaeus to Him. When Jesus asked "How can I help you?" Bartimaeus answered. "That I might receive my sight." Jesus gave Bartimaeus the sight that he had never had because of his faith and told him to go his way. But Bartimaeus didn't go. He received more than his physical sight. He was enlightened spiritually and became a disciple.

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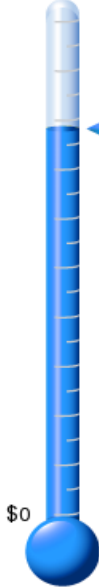
Recently, fathers everywhere were celebrated. See if you can identify these fathers from the Bible.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ was a priest whose two sons were unruly. (I Samuel 2:2-12)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ was the father of Samuel. (I Samuel 1:1-2)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ sacrificed his daughter. (Judges 11:34-40)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ took Isaac to a mountain to sacrifice him as God commanded. (Genesis 22:1-2)
5. \_\_\_\_\_ was the father of twins. (Genesis 25:20-24)
6. \_\_\_\_\_ lamented over his wayward son who tried to steal the kingdom. (II Samuel 18:33)
7. \_\_\_\_\_ acted as a father to his cousin who became a queen. (Esther 2:11)
8. \_\_\_\_\_ was Saul's father. (I Samuel 9:3)
9. \_\_\_\_\_ lost all his children in a windstorm. (Job 1:19)
10. \_\_\_\_\_ was the father of Methuselah. (Genesis 5:22)

Answers: Abraham, Jephthah, David, Mordecaj, Kish, Job, Isaac, Eli, Elkanah, Enoch



Goal  
\$3,900



# Parking Lot Update

To maintain our parking lot, we must have it re-sealed, cracks repaired, and re-striped. This cost \$3,900.00. 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.*



## Prayer for Our Pastor

Father, in the name of Jesus, we pray and confess that the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Rev. Dr. Barry C. Johnson, Sr. ... the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge. We pray that as Your Spirit rests upon Rev. Dr. Barry C. Johnson, Sr., You will make him of quick understanding because You, Lord, have anointed and qualified him to preach the Gospel to the meek, the poor, the wealthy, and the afflicted. You have sent Rev. Dr. Barry C. Johnson, Sr. to bind up and heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the physical and spiritual captives, and the opening of the prison and of the eyes to those who are bound.

Rev. Dr. Barry C. Johnson, Sr. shall be called the priest of the Lord. People will speak of him as a minister of God. He shall eat the wealth of the nations.

We pray and believe that no weapon that is formed against Rev. Dr. Barry C. Johnson, Sr. shall prosper and that any tongue that rises against him in judgment shall be known to be in the wrong. We pray that You prosper Rev. Dr. Barry C. Johnson, Sr. abundantly, Lord—physically, spiritually, and financially.

We confess that Rev. Dr. Barry C. Johnson, Sr. holds fast and follows the pattern of wholesome and sound teaching in all faith and love which is for us in Christ Jesus.

Rev. Dr. Barry C. Johnson, Sr. guards and keeps with greatest love the precious and excellently adapted Truth which has been entrusted to him by the Holy Spirit Who makes his home in the Southern Star Missionary Baptist Church.

Lord, we pray and believe that, each and every day, freedom of utterance is given to Rev. Dr. Barry C. Johnson, Sr., that he will open his mouth boldly and courageously as he ought to do to get the Gospel to the people. Thank You, Lord, for the added strength which comes superhumanly that You have given him.

We hereby confess that we shall stand behind Rev. Dr. Barry C. Johnson, Sr. and undergird him in prayer. We will not allow ourselves to judge him, but will continue to intercede for him and speak and pray blessings upon him in the name of Jesus. Thank You, Jesus, for the answers. Hallelujah! Amen!

**Taken from the book, *Prayers That Avail Much for Women* by Germaine Copeland.**

*Submitted by Sis. Denille Johnson*






# Southern Star Baptist Church

## Radio Ministry

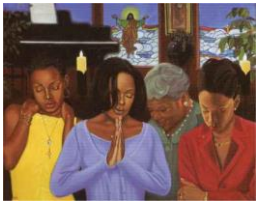


*Tune to WLLV 1240 AM every Saturday at 11:30 AM. We are looking for more sponsors. If you know of a business that would be interested in being a sponsor for our Radio Ministry, please submit the contact information to Sis. Vera Mitchell.*

*Thank you to the following sponsors:*

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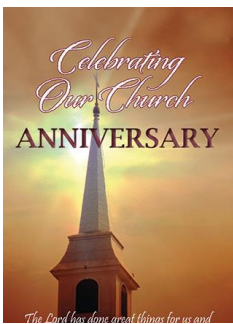
## SSMBC 2019 Annual Day Financial Update



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



<u>Annual Day</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Women's Day	\$4,860.85
Church Anniversary	\$4,366.00
Homecoming and Family Day	\$737.50
Men's Day	\$526.60
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,490.95</b>



*Together, We Can ...*

# Pastor's 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**July 21, 2019**

**Morning Worship Service-11 AM**

*Rev. Joe Greene and the*

*Pure in Heart Baptist Church*



**Afternoon Worship Service-3:30 PM**

*Rev. Larry Houston and the*

*Corinthian Baptist Church*



**Theme: "Celebrating God's Man for His people"**

*"And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding."*

*Jeremiah 3:15 (KJV)*

**Colors: Yellow, Gray, and White**



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**July 2019**

**Southern Star Missionary Baptist Church**

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 11 AM – Primetimers Ministry 7 PM – Mass Choir Rehearsal	<b>3</b> 12 Noon - Bible Study 6:30 PM - Prayer Meeting 7 PM – Bible Study		<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> <i>Baptism Communion</i>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 7 PM – Mass Choir Rehearsal	<b>10</b> 12 Noon - Bible Study 6:30 PM - Prayer Meeting 7 PM – Bible Study	<b>11</b> 7 PM - Deacon’s Meeting	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 12 Noon - Pastor’s Wife Appreciation Luncheon
<b>14</b> 3:30 PM – Worship at Sweet Leaf UPB	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 11 AM – Primetimers Ministry 7 PM – Mass Choir Rehearsal	<b>17</b> 12 Noon - Bible Study 6:30 PM - Prayer Meeting 7 PM – Bible Study	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 6 PM – Pastor’s Fish Fry Fellowship C. E. Kirby Multipurpose Center	<b>20</b> 9 AM - Finance Ministry 11 AM – Male Chorus Rehearsal 12 PM – Missionary Ministry 1 PM – Business & Professional Women 2 PM – Nurses Guild Ministry 3 PM – Senior and Youth Usher Ministry
<i>Central District Baptist Association Annual Session Oak Grove Baptist Church</i>						
<b>21</b> ✠ Pastor’s 9 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary ✠ 11 AM – Rev. Joe Greene & the Pure in Heart Baptist Church 3:30 PM – Rev. Larry Houston & the Corinthian Baptist Church <i>Nurses Guild, Pastor’s 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee</i>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 12 Noon - Bible Study 6:30 PM - Prayer Meeting 7 PM – Bible Study	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 11 AM – Male Chorus Rehearsal 12 PM – Dance Ministry Rehearsal 1 PM – Youth Choir Rehearsal
<b>28</b> <u>Sunday School Breakfast</u> Nurse’s Guild Ministry <i>Youth Day</i>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 7 PM – Mass Choir Rehearsal	<b>31</b> 12 Noon - Bible Study 6:30 PM - Prayer Meeting 7 PM – Bible Study	<b>✠ Pastor’s 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary ✠</b> <i>“Celebrating God’s Man for His people” Jeremiah 3:15 (KJV) Colors: Yellow, Gray, and White</i>		