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## From the Pen of Our Pastor

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

August is a month that we will have a respite from the month of July, which saw Southern Star honor our First Lady, Sis. Denille Johnson, celebrate the Pastor's 9<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary, as well as the normal events that are part of the life of Southern Star. We are in the final stages of planning for our Homecoming and Family Day, which will be celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in September. All are welcome to attend the next meeting, which is **Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>**. I am asking several individuals to lead selected sub-committees. We are looking forward to a great day of fellowship, food, fun, and funds! We will again honor the family that has the largest contingent at the service on that Sunday. Let's have fun with this contest!

The calendar has a schedule of events and services that are planned to honor God, our church family, and the dedication of the many individual Christians who are committed to the Lord. Please refer to your newsletter and the calendar of activities and programs that I know that you will enjoy. Listed below is our 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 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, the success of this effort is twofold: one is obviously needed to finance some of the projects, which are needed at the church, and the second, and most important, is the spiritual component. We must bring all of the tithes and *offerings* to the storehouse so that there may be meat in My house (Malachi 3:10). Additionally, the success of this project is based on the entire church pulling in one, unified direction. I am convinced that the Lord will bless us for our efforts.

Again, I wish to continue teaching our congregation and friends about the importance of being blessed from a financial perspective. I wish to encourage you to trust God in these efforts and since you are in the position to continue the program, please do not stop. Remember, to be successful in this you must **Pray** for it, **Plan** for it, **Practice** 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!" 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:

### **LOW - CAL BARBEQUE - BAKED CHICKEN**

- 2 tsp. vegetable oil
- 1/2 c. onion, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/2 c. catsup
- 1/4 c. cider vinegar
- 2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 3 tbsp. brown sugar
- 2 tsp. chili powder
- 1 tsp. cumin
- Dash cayenne pepper
- 1 (2 1/2 lb.) chicken parts, skinned

#### **Preparation:**

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Heat oil in a small saucepan. Add onion and cook over medium heat until softened, about 3 minutes. Add garlic and cook 1 minute longer. Add next 7 ingredients. Simmer, stirring occasionally, 10 minutes. Arrange chicken in baking dish just large enough to hold pieces in single layer. Pour barbeque sauce over chicken and bake uncovered until chicken is tender, about 30-45 minutes.

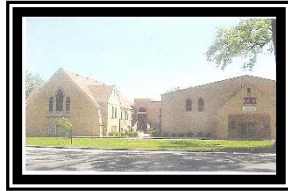
**Recipe Source:** <http://www.cooks.com/rec/view/0,1733,154162-236206,00.html>



**Happy "August" Birthdays to:**

Bro. James Mitchell	2
Sis. Tina Allen	11
Sis. Mary Cooper	23
Sis. Tina Anderson	25
Sis. Marvinna Marshall	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

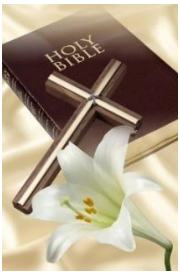
You may also participate in this mortgage liquidation through the envelope system.

Please mark your contribution in the offering envelope next to **BF Mortgage**.

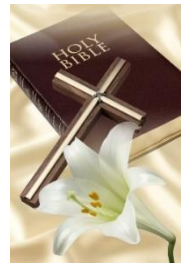
As of August 1, 2019, the BB&T Mortgage Balance is  
**\$231,537.02!!!!**

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

"Anns and Andies"

*Isaiah 64:5-6; Matthew 5:20; Romans 10:2*

A lot of young people and old alike have owned or collected the Raggedy Ann and Raggedy Andy dolls. I never owned one nor did I care to for they were gross and scary. Ann with her red on red yarn hair and Andy with his high-water pants and buttons were too much for me; not to mention their weird facial features.

Why mention them? It's my way of introducing this narrative on the raggedy righteousness that we have entangled in our praise and worship. Righteousness denotes the possession of the Christian virtues of faith, hope, and charity, and a conformity of life with the divine law.

Isaiah says that we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousness's are as filthy rags. Matthew's gospel compared us to the scribes and Pharisees who established their own righteousness. But Christ says except our righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, we cannot enter the kingdom of heaven.

What's wrong with our righteousness? First of all, it's ours. We pick and choose what we think is right for us. Our sinful nature made us this way since the fall of man. We are biased and will always choose what favors us and makes us look good. It is our life's mission and work to get back to the right relationship with God. The Way has been made. All we have to do is ask... "What would Jesus do?" (WWJD)

## Moses

Moses was a very important contributor to our Bible. He is known as the "law giver." He is credited for writing the first five books. See if you can identify the persons who touched his life.

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|----------------------------------------|-------------|
| 1. Father in-law (Exodus 18:1)         | a. Eleazar  |
| 2. Wife {Exodus 18:2}                  | b. Pharaoh  |
| 3. Son (Exodus 18:3)                   | c. Moab     |
| 4. Sister (Exodus 15:20)               | d. Jethro   |
| 5. Brother (Exodus 4:14)               | e. Gershom  |
| 6. King (Exodus 6:11)                  | f. Aaron    |
| 7. Nephew (Exodus 6:25)                | g. Joshua   |
| 8. Held up Moses's hands Exodus 17:12} | h. Hur      |
| 9. Successor (Deuteronomy 31:14)       | i. Miriam   |
| 10. Death place (Deuteronomy 34:5)     | j. Zipporah |

Answers: 3.e; 10.c ;5. f; 2.j; 6.b; 8.h; 4.i; 7.a; 9.g; 1.d.



# 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.*



## *Do I have to share?*

*Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4:32*

Have you ever observed a chocolate fountain? Thick, gooey, liquid treasure bubbles up and overflows, trickling down, layer, spilling pools of chocolate into the basin below.

Have you wondered what it would be like to stand beneath the fountain, allowing the chocolaty liquid to cover you, opening your mouth to catch it and drinking to our heart's content?

As we imagine chocolate raining down on us, we can remember the undeserved, freely flowing grace that God poured down over us in Christ, even in the midst of our sin. "The grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus" (1 Timothy 1:14). God's abundant grace and forgiveness lavished on us overflows, spilling onto others too. They taste and smell and see God's grace through us.

Living a chocolate life, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we can share His rich, indulgent grace with others.

Wait a minute... Share? Do I have to *share*? Hearing that word in the same sentence as "chocolate" may make us a little queasy. Sharing may mean we get less than we want. And when it comes to chocolate, we want it all, don't we?

What a relief to learn that sharing grace is very different than sharing chocolate. Enabled by the Spirit as we share the same free-flowing favor God gives us in Christ, grace continues to pour down over us too.

Remembering that God has forgiven us so much more, we may ask if we should forgive even if someone doesn't deserve it. Are we willing to put someone else's needs first, though she acts selfishly? Do we have a spirit of giving, though he may give nothing in return? Do we serve to give others riches or sweeter lives, even if they brought bitterness to ours?

On our own, pouring out God's grace onto others would be impossible. But because His forgiving power is at work in us, we are able to be kind and tenderhearted, sharing His forgiveness and grace with everyone around us. It overflows to those who have betrayed us, mistreated us, or hurt us, even those who don't seek or derive our forgiveness.

People experience the delicious taste of God's grace in Christ through us. When we share God's undeserved grace with them, we leave behind its sweet aroma and rich flavor. When they smell and see God's grace overflowing in us, they say, "Mmm. I'll have what she's having."

*Taken from "A Chocolate Life" by Deb Burma  
three13christiangifts.org*

*Lord, as Your grace overflows for me, empower me to share the same undeserved forgiveness and favor with the world around me. May others see Christ in me. In His name. Amen.*

# Children Learn What They Live

By Dorothy Law Nolte, Ph.D.

If children live with criticism,  
they learn to condemn.

If children live with hostility,  
they learn to fight.

If children live with fear,  
they learn to be apprehensive.

If children live with pity,  
they learn to feel sorry for themselves.

If children live with ridicule,  
they learn to feel shy.

If children live with jealousy,  
they learn to feel envy.

If children live with shame,  
they learn to feel guilty.

If children live with encouragement,  
they learn confidence.

If children live with tolerance,  
they learn patience.

If children live with praise,  
they learn appreciation.

If children live with acceptance,  
they learn to love.

If children live with approval,  
they learn to like themselves.

If children live with recognition,  
they learn it is good to have a goal.

If children live with sharing,  
they learn generosity.

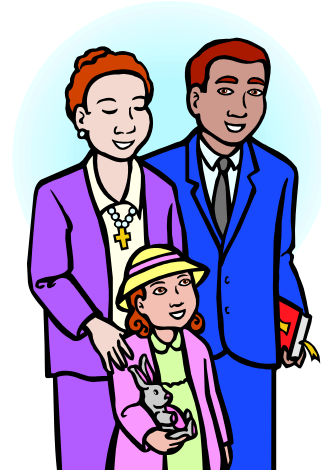
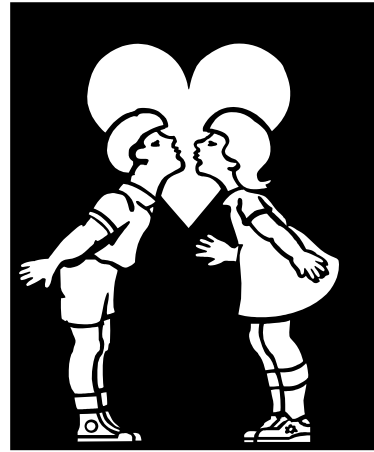
If children live with honesty,  
they learn truthfulness.

If children live with fairness,  
they learn justice.

If children live with kindness and consideration,  
they learn respect.

If children live with security,  
they learn to have faith in themselves and in those about them.

If children live with friendliness,  
they learn the world is a nice place in which to live.



# The 7 Ups

## 1. Wake Up!!

Decide to have a good day.

*"Today is the day the Lord hath made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it."*

*Psalms 118:24*

## 2. Dress Up!!

The best way to dress up is to put on a smile.  
A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your  
looks.

*"The Lord does not look at the things man looks at.  
Man looks at outward appearance;  
but the Lord looks at the heart."*

*I Samuel 16:7*

## 3. Shut Up!!

Say nice things and learn to listen.

*"Listen to advice and accept instruction,  
and in the end you will be wise."*

*Proverbs 19:20*

## 4. Stand Up!!

For what you believe in.

Stand for something or you will fall for anything.

*"Let us not be weary in doing good; for at the  
proper time,  
we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*

*Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good..."*

*Galatians 6:9-10*

## 5. Look Up!!

To the Lord.

*"I can do everything through Christ who  
strengthens me."*

*Philippians 4:13*

## 6. Reach Up!!

For something higher.

*"...keep seeking the things above, where Christ is,  
seated at the right hand of God."*

*Colossians 3:1*

## 7. Lift Up!!

Your Prayers.

*"Do not worry about anything;  
instead PRAY ABOUT EVERYTHING."*

*Philippians 4:6*

*Submitted by Sis. Rubenna Kirby*

# Back to School

## For the Students

### My Promise

Each day I'll do my best,  
And I won't do any less.

My work will always please me,  
And I won't accept a mess.

I'll color very carefully,  
My writing will be neat.

And I simply won't be happy  
'Til my papers are complete.

I'll always do my homework,  
And I'll try on every test.

And I won't forget my promise--  
To do my very best!



## For the Parents

### Read To Me

By Jane Yolen

Read to me riddles and read to me rhymes,  
Read to me stories of magical times.

Read to me tales about castles and kings.

Read to me stories of fabulous things.

Read to me pirates and read to me knights,  
Read to me dragons and dragon-book fights.

Read to me spaceships and cowboys and then,  
When you are finished -- please read them  
again.

<http://www.kinderkorner.com/back2.html>





# Southern Star Baptist Church



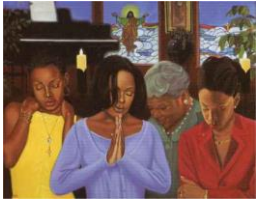
## Radio Ministry

*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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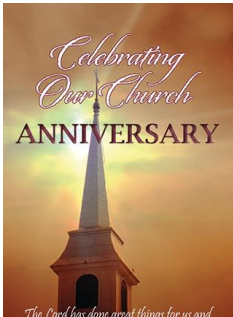
## SSMBC 2019 Annual Day Financial Update



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



<u>Annual Day</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Women's Day	\$4,868.85
Church Anniversary	\$4,470.00
Homecoming and Family Day	\$742.50
Men's Day	\$546.60
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,627.95</b>



*Together, We Can ...*

# Annual Homecoming & Family Day September 1, 2019



Our annual Homecoming and Family Day activities will begin at 9:30 AM with our knowledge enhancing Sunday School followed by our spiritual uplifting Morning Worship Service at 11:00 AM. Immediately following, we will indulge ourselves with food, fellowship, and outdoor activities. If you would like to be a part of our Family Day Team, contact Sis. Vera Mitchell at 776-2889.



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# August 2019

## Southern Star Missionary Baptist Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p><i>Therefore I remind you to up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. 2 Timothy 1: 6-7(NKJV)</i></p>			1	2	3
4 <i>Communion</i>	5	6 11 AM – Primetimers Ministry 11 AM – Deacons Wives and Widows Council Meeting 5:30-7:30 - Families in Transition 7 PM – Mass Choir Rehearsal	7 12 Noon - Bible Study 6:30 PM - Prayer Meeting 7 PM – Bible Study	8	9	10 11 AM – Male Chorus Rehearsal  12 PM Central District Baptist Association Meeting
11 3:30 PM – Primetimers Ministry Annual Day Celebration West End Baptist Church Rev. Dartanya Hill	12 6:30 PM - Family Day Committee Meeting	13 5:30-7:30 - Families in Transition 7 PM – Mass Choir Rehearsal	14 12 Noon - Bible Study 6:30 PM - Prayer Meeting 7 PM – Bible Study  1 <sup>st</sup> Day of School	15 5:30-8:30 - Families in Transition	16	17 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
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25 <i>Sunday School Breakfast</i> Ushers Ministry  <i>Youth Day</i>	26	27 7 PM – Mass Choir Rehearsal	28 12 Noon - Bible Study 6:30 PM - Prayer Meeting 7 PM – Bible Study	29	30	31