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## From the Pen of Our Pastor

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

There are several highlights that we will celebrate during the month of September. Today, we will celebrate the Holy Spirit in our Communion. Also, at 3:30 PM, Sweet Leaf Primitive Baptist Church and Pastor Antwan Cosby will be the guests of our Male Chorus Ministry as we celebrate their Annual Day. We are in the final preparations for our Annual City-Wide Revival, which will be held October 27, 28, and 29<sup>th</sup>, at Southern Star. All services begin at 7:00 P.M. We will celebrate Men's Day on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in November. Men's Day Choir Rehearsal will begin in October. We are asking all men to join with us. Please refer to your calendar for times of these events.

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:

### *Cinnamon Coffee Cake*

- 16 tbsp. unsalted butter, melted, plus more for the pan
- 3 ¾ cups flour, plus more for pan
- 1 ¼ cups plus 2 tsp. sugar
- 6 tbsp. plus 1 ½ sp. packed light brown sugar
- 2 tbsp. plus ½ tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1 ½ tsp. cinnamon extract
- 1 ¼ tsp. kosher salt
- 1/3 cup finely chopped pecans
- 2 ½ tsp. baking powder
- 1 cup milk
- 6 tbsp. sour cream
- 2 ¼ tsp. vanilla extract
- 2 eggs

### **Preparation:**

1. Heat oven to 325°. Grease an 8" x 8" baking pan with a little butter and sprinkle with a little flour; set aside. Make topping: In a bowl, mix 8 tbsp. melted butter, 1/4 cup sugar, 6 tbsp. brown sugar, 2 tbsp. ground cinnamon, and 1/2 tsp. salt until smooth. Add 1 1/2 cups flour; mix with a fork until crumbly; chill. Make filling: In a bowl, mix remaining brown sugar, 2 tsp. sugar, 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon, and pecans; set filling aside.
2. Make cake batter: In another bowl, whisk together remaining flour, sugar, salt, and baking powder; set aside. In a large measuring cup, whisk together remaining butter, milk, sour cream, vanilla, cinnamon extract, and eggs until smooth. Pour wet ingredients over dry ingredients; whisk to combine. Pour half the batter into prepared baking pan. Sprinkle filling over top; pour remaining batter over it. Break up reserved topping with fingers; sprinkle over top; bake until a toothpick inserted into middle of cake comes out clean, about 1 hour 15 minutes. Let cool before serving.

**Recipe Source:** <https://www.saveur.com/article/Recipes/Cinnamon-Coffee-Cake/>



**Happy "September" Birthdays to:**

Sis. Dorothy Mayes	5
Sis. Barbara Osborne	8
Sis. Elexis Singleton	18
Bro. Cornell Marshall	19
Bro. Demetrius Bradford	20
Bro. Charles Brown	20
Sis. Jean Anderson	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!!**

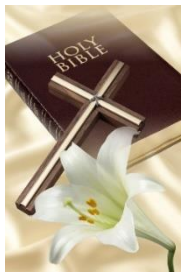
If you are interested in joining a team, see Sis. Janice Dukes or one of the following team captains:

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

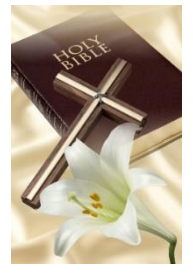
You may also participate in this mortgage liquidation through the envelope system. Please mark your contribution in the offering envelope next to **BF Mortgage**.

As of September 1, 2019, the BB&T Mortgage Balance is  
**\$227,331.57!!!!**

Our original balance for this loan was \$607,500.00!!



# APPLYING THE SCRIPTURES



By  
**Sis. Rubenna Kirby**  
**“Swift Transitions”**

It’s amazing how the hymns penned so long ago have such relevant meanings today. “Hold to God’s Unchanging Hand” by Jennie Wilson is one example. Every day affords a new situation to think about and to deal with. Before one thing can be settled, another crops up.

The mentioned song begins with the line *‘Time is filled with swift transition, Naught of earth unmoved can stand. Build your hopes on things eternal, Hold to God’s unchanging hand.’* These words amply sum up what is happening in the world today. People are troubled and are not aware of right places to turn for help. Consequently, wrong choices are made, and problems are compounded.

If we read our Bibles, especially Mathew 24 and 25; Luke 21; we will know that things are not subject to get much better.

We who are a tiny bit stronger must help bear the infirmities of the weaker so say the Scriptures. (Romans 15:1) Let us get more excited about church and invite others to come with us. Let us fill the Sunday school and Bible study groups.

The line of the song states the problem. It also gives the answer. God is the one Constant. The Answer.

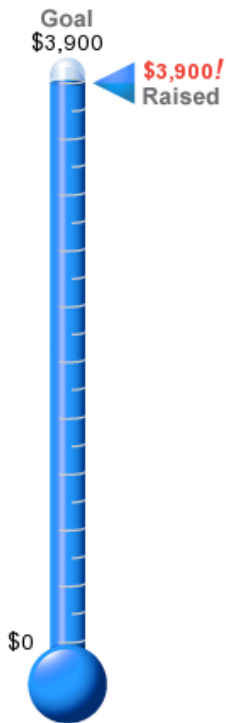


By  
**Sis. Rubenna Kirby**  
**“Being on One Accord”**  
**Genesis 11**

There is power in being on one accord when you are faced with a project. This was proven by the descendants of Noah on the plain of Shinar. They were of one language and of one mind. The leaders decided to build a city with a tower that would reach into the heavens. Their city and tower would be so grand and magnificent that it would earn them recognition among all others. They would not have to go any farther and be scattered over the earth. This would be their eternal city.

Their project got the attention of the Lord. He came down to visit their city and was very impressed. He said, *“Behold, the people is one, and they all have one language; and this they began to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.”* So, the Godhead confounded their language and the people quit the project and scattered. The place was called Babel, meaning “confusion.”

You might ask the question of why would God do this. First of all, they were in a covenant with God to go forth; multiply; and replenish the earth. (This was after the Flood) Secondly, their decision to ignore the covenant and build a place to glorify themselves was a reproach unto God. God could have wiped them out once again, but He, being merciful, scattered them and allowed them another chance to get it right. Remember, we are made in the image and likeness of God. This means we have great potential, even to be little gods. God, being all knowing, knows this. He said, *“Thou shall have no other gods before Me.”* All we say and do should be for His glory and in His will.



# Parking Lot Update

**WE DID IT AGAIN!!!!**

The Parking Lot Project is  
complete!!!  
God Bless!!



*Rev. Dr. Barry C. Johnson, Sr.*



## HANDY LITTLE CHART - GOD HAS A POSITIVE ANSWER:

<u>YOU SAY</u>	<u>GOD SAYS</u>	<u>BIBLE VERSES</u>
You say: 'It's impossible'	God says: All things are possible	Luke 18:2
You say: 'I'm too tired'	God says: I will give you rest	Matthew 11:28-30
You say: 'Nobody really loves me'	God says: I love you	John 3:16 & John 3:34
You say: 'I can't go on'	God says: My grace is sufficient	II Corinthians 12:9 & Psalm 91:15
You say: 'I can't figure things out'	God says: I will direct your steps	Proverbs 3:5-6
You say: 'I can't do it'	God says: You can do all things	Philippians 4:13
You say: 'I'm not able'	God says: I am able	II Corinthians 9:8
You say: 'It's not worth it'	God says: It will be worth it	Roman 8:28
You say: 'I can't forgive myself'	God says: I Forgive you	I John 1:9 & Romans 8:1
You say: 'I can't manage'	God says: I will supply all your needs	Philippians 4:19
You say: 'I'm afraid'	God says: I have not given you a spirit of fear	II Timothy 1:7
You say: 'I'm always worried and frustrated'	God says: Cast all your cares on ME	I Peter 5:7
You say: 'I'm not smart enough'	God says: I give you wisdom	I Corinthians 1:30)
You say: 'I feel all alone'	God says: I will never leave you or forsake you	Hebrews 13:5)

God determines who walks into your life... it's up to you to decide who you let walk away, who you let stay, and who you refuse to let go. Father, God, bless all my friends in whatever it is that you know they may need this day! And may their lives be full of your peace, prosperity and power as they seek to have a closer relationship with you. Amen.



**A**

*Although things are not perfect*

*Because of trial or pain*

*Continue in thanksgiving*

**B**

*Do not begin to blame*

*Even when the times are hard*

**C**

*Fierce winds are bound to blow*

*God is forever stable*

*Hold on to what you know*

**'s**

*Imagine life without His love*

*Joy would cease to be*

*Keep thanking Him for all the things*

*Love imparts to thee*

*Move out of "Camp Complaining"*



**O**

*No weapon that is known*

*On earth can yield the power*

**f**

*Praise can do alone*

*Quit looking at the future*

*Redeem the time at hand*

*Start every day with worship*

*To "thank" is a command*

**F**

*Until we see Him coming*

*Victorious is the sky*

*We'll run the race with gratitude*

**a**

*'Xalting God most high*

*Yes, there'll be good times and yes some will be bad, but...*

**i**

*Zion waits in glory...where none are ever sad!!!*

**t**

*"I am too blessed to be stressed!" The shortest distance between a problem and a solution is the distance between the knees and the floor. The one who kneels to the Lord can stand up to anything. Love and peace be with you forever, Amen.*

**h**

*-Author Unknown*

*Submitted by Sis. Denille Johnson*

# A Smile to Get Your Day Started

Dear God,

I'm writing to say I'm sorry  
For being angry yesterday  
When you seemed to ignore my prayer  
And things didn't go my way

First, my car broke down  
I was very late for work  
But I missed that awful accident  
Was that your handiwork?

I found a house I loved  
But others got there first  
I was angry, then relieved  
When I heard the pipes had burst!

Yesterday, I found the perfect dress  
But the color was too pale  
Today, I found the dress in red  
Would you believe, it was on sale!

I know you're watching over me  
And I'm feeling truly blest  
For no matter what I pray for  
You always know what's best!

I have this circle of E-mail friends,  
Who mean the world to me;  
Some days I "send" and "send,"  
At other times, I let them be.

When I see each name download,  
And view the message they've sent;  
I know they've thought of me that day,  
And "well wishes" were their intent.

I am so blessed to have these friends,  
With whom I've grown so close;  
So this little poem I dedicate to them,  
Because to me they are the "Most"!

So to you, my friends, I would like to say,  
Thank you for being a part;  
Of all my daily contacts,  
This comes right from my heart.

God bless you all is my prayer today,  
I'm honored to call you "friend";  
I pray the Lord will keep you safe,  
Until we write again.

God Bless You!!!



*Author Unknown*


# Southern Star Baptist Church

## Radio Ministry

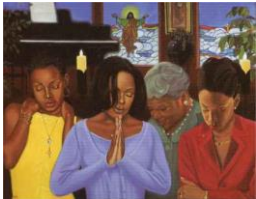


*Tune to WLLV 1240 AM every Saturday at 11:30 AM. We are looking for more sponsors. If you know of a business that would be interested in being a sponsor for our Radio Ministry, please submit the contact information to Sis. Vera Mitchell.*

*Thank you to the following sponsors:*

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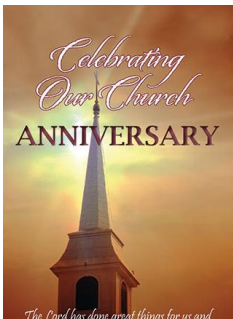
## SSMBC 2019 Annual Day Financial Update



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



<u>Annual Day</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Women's Day	\$4,876.85
Church Anniversary	\$4,471.00
Homecoming and Family Day	\$1,549.50
Men's Day	\$641.60
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,538.95</b>



*Together, We Can ...*



# National Grandparents Day

The impetus for a National Grandparents Day originated with *Marian McQuade*, a housewife in Fayette County, West Virginia. Her primary motivation was to champion the cause of lonely elderly in nursing homes. She also hoped to persuade grandchildren to tap the wisdom and heritage their grandparents could provide. President Jimmy Carter, in 1978, proclaimed that **National Grandparents Day** would be celebrated every year on the **first Sunday after Labor Day**.

**When is Grandparents Day?**  
**In 2019, Grandparents Day falls on Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>**

## *Southern Star Missionary Baptist Church*

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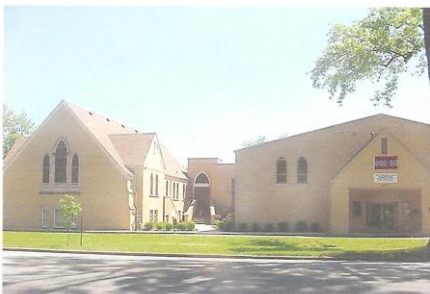
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# Southern Star Missionary Baptist Church

## September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>Homecoming &amp; Family Day</b>	<b>2</b>  <b>Labor Day</b>	<b>3</b> 11 AM – Primetimers Ministry 5:30 PM – Families in Transition	<b>4</b> 12 Noon - Bible Study 6:30 PM - Prayer Meeting 7 PM – Bible Study	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 11 AM – Male Chorus Rehearsal
<b>8</b> <b>Communion</b> 3:30 PM – Male Chorus Annual Celebration Sweet Leaf Primitive Baptist Church	<b>9</b> 7 PM – Hallmark Neighborhood Assoc.	<b>10</b> 5:30 PM – Families in Transition 7 PM – Mass Choir Rehearsal	<b>11</b> 12 Noon - Bible Study 6:30 PM - Prayer Meeting 7 PM – Bible Study	<b>12</b> 5:30 PM – Families in Transition	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 11 AM – Male Chorus Rehearsal 12 PM – Dance Ministry Rehearsal 1 PM – Youth Choir Rehearsal
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 5:30 PM – Families in Transition 7 PM – Mass Choir Rehearsal	<b>18</b> 12 Noon - Bible Study 6:30 PM - Prayer Meeting 7 PM – Bible Study	<b>19</b> 5:30 PM – Families in Transition 6:30 PM - Building Fund Meeting	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 9 AM - Finance Ministry 11 AM – Male Chorus Rehearsal 12 PM – Missionary Ministry 12 PM – Dance Ministry Rehearsal 1 PM – Business & Professional Women 2 PM – Nurses Guild Ministry 3 PM – Senior and Youth Usher Ministry
<b>22</b> <b>Sunday School Breakfast</b> Male Chorus Ministry <b>Youth Sunday</b> 4 PM We Worship at Shiloh Baptist Church	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 7 PM – Mass Choir Rehearsal	<b>25</b> 12 Noon - Bible Study 6:30 PM - Prayer Meeting 7 PM – Bible Study	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 11 AM – Male Chorus Rehearsal 12 PM – Dance Ministry Rehearsal 1 PM – Youth Choir Rehearsal
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<p><i>Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.</i></p> <p><i>1 Corinthians 15:58 (KJV)</i></p>				