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From the Pen of Our Pastor

I am excited about the contents contained in the one hundred and eighth edition of the SSMBC "The Star Journal" Newsletter. 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. 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. 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.

November was another blessed month thanks to the greatness of the Lord. God allowed us to have a wonderful and high-spirited Men's Day. Again, we were blessed by Reverend Michael Smith of First Baptist Church-Bardstown, and the great Men's Day Choir of Southern Star. As we enter December, it is a time to reflect on how we have arrived at the end of the year because Southern Star has been blessed this year. We have witnessed several areas of growth. However, one of the greatest areas of growth that is happening at Southern Star is the growth of our collective spirituality. A church that is able to grow spiritually will also grow financially and numerically. Our greatest blessing is being able to be a blessing to others and we have certainly grown in this area. Additionally, let's continue to contribute towards the furnace project. We are doing well, however, we do not want the excitement to wane.

On the second Sunday at 5:00 P.M., we celebrate the Mass Choir's Annual Day, "An Evening of the Music of John P. Kee" as performed by the Southern Star Mass Choir. Please provide your support for the Mass Choir. Christmas will be celebrated on the Wednesday following the 4th Sunday; therefore, our normal monthly worship and meeting schedule may slightly change. Please notice these adjustments in the calendar. Additionally, we will celebrate Watch Night Service at 7:00 P.M. on the 31st. This will be the first time we have moved from the late-night meeting, however, because of safety issues, we will have our service at an earlier time.

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 \$350.00 if you are a single person or if you are a husband and wife family, \$600.00. Additionally, this plan of giving will offer **\$35,000.00 + 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.

I wish to encourage you to trust God in these efforts. 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 or submit it to Sis. Vera Mitchell. This month's recipe is:

Deep Dish Pizza

FOR THE PIZZA DOUGH

- 3/4 c. lukewarm water
- 1 tbsp. granulated sugar
- 1 packet (2 1/4 tsp.) active dry yeast
- 2 c. all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 tsp. kosher salt
- 2 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil

FOR THE PIZZA

- Cooking spray
- 2 tbsp. cornmeal
- 2 c. shredded mozzarella
- 1 (32-oz.) jar marinara
- 1 tsp. Italian seasoning
- 1/4 c. freshly grated Parmesan

1. Grease a large bowl with cooking spray and set aside. In a small bowl lukewarm water. Add sugar and stir to dissolve, then sprinkle over yeast and let sit until frothy, about 8 minutes.
2. In another large bowl, add flour, salt, and oil. Pour in yeast mixture, then mix with a wooden spoon until everything is combined and a shaggy dough begins to form. Knead against sides of bowl until dough starts to come together, then turn onto your work surface and knead, adding a pinch of flour if needed, until it feels elastic and only slightly tacky, 5 minutes.
3. Form into a tight ball, place into your oiled bowl, and cover with a clean dish towel. Let rise in a warm spot in your kitchen until doubled in size, about an hour and a half.
4. Preheat oven to 450° and grease a large skillet with cooking spray. Sprinkle cornmeal all over bottom of skillet.
5. On a lightly floured surface, gently flatten dough and roll with a rolling pin (or stretch with your hands) until about 12" in diameter. Press dough into prepared skillet and up the sides. Sprinkle cheese on top of crust, then cover with marinara and sprinkle with Italian seasoning and Parmesan.
6. Bake until crust is golden and sauce is bubbly, 20 minutes.

Recipe provided by <https://www.delish.com/cooking/recipe-ideas/a25561571/deep-dish-pizza-recipe/>



Happy "December" Birthdays to:

Sis. Marie Kirby	1
Sis. Shana Beasley	2
Sis. Mae Marshall	5
Sis. JoAnn Graves	6
Sis. Bryana Gilbreath	7
Bro. Aarion Smith	14
Bro. Olia Kirby	18
Sis. Sharon Hayden	21
Bro. Deion Walls	21
Sis. Alice Binford	22
Sis. Delores Sullivan	22
Sis. Libby Bell	25
Sis. Denille Johnson	27
Sis. Jeanette Barnes	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 December 1, 2019, the BB&T Mortgage Balance is
\$214,581.03!!!!

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

"Going Home a Different Way"

Matthew 2; Luke 2

This narrative was written by me several years ago, and from time to time, I will go back and share it again, especially this time of year as we approach the observances of the birth of Christ.

Matthew's account tells of the Magi coming from the east after having seen a special star compelling them to follow it to where the King of the Jews had been born. They followed the star to the evil King Herod in Jerusalem and inquired of him as to where the Babe was. Herod, being jealous and feeling threatened, demanded that the priests and scribes tell him where the Babe was. They were told, Herod and the Magi, that the Babe was in Bethlehem as foretold by the prophets. Herod told the Magi to come back and tell him exactly where this new King was so he could go worship Him, also.

The Magi went to Bethlehem and found the Baby Jesus in the place where the star led them and presented Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. An angel appeared to them in a dream and warned them of Herod's evil plot to kill the Babe, so they returned to the east a different way.

Joseph, also being warned in a dream by an angel of impending danger, took the Baby Jesus and His mother, Mary, to Egypt instead of returning to Nazareth. They dwelt in Egypt until after the death of Herod.

In Luke's gospel account, we read of lowly shepherds tending their flocks by night and of their glorious encounter in the field with a host of heavenly angels proclaiming that a Savior had been born in Bethlehem bringing tidings of great joy to all people.

The shepherds were afraid and cautious, but compelled to go find this Savior for themselves. They found the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes in a manger just as the angelic host had said. The shepherds became evangelistic and told everyone they met about the Christ Child. Their fear turned into praise as they returned to their flocks.

What is the lesson for us? Every time we assemble together to worship this same Savior, we should leave the assembly a little stronger in our belief and our praise a little purer. The way we go home geographically is not important.

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 upon 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 richer 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 deserve 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."

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.

www.TomorrowsWorld.org

Submitted by Sis. Virginia Best

Psalm 105:4



Seek the Lord
and His Strength:
Seek His Face Continually. Psalm 105:4

if the if you see 72 in 20

I have never seen anything like this and I wanted you to be sure and see it. Look at the lines the artist used to draw this picture of Christ. It is of scenes from Christ's life ... His birth, His death on the cross, the angel blowing the trumpet, The Garden, etc. Each time you look you may see something different. Very interesting!!!!

Submitted by Sis. Pearl Allen


Southern Star Baptist Church

Radio Ministry

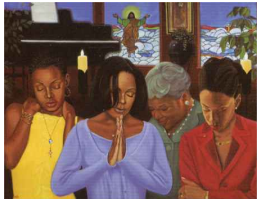


Tune to WLLV 1240 AM every Saturday at 11:30 AM. We are looking for more sponsors. If you know of a business that would be interested in being a sponsor for our Radio Ministry, please submit the contact information to Sis. Vera Mitchell.

Thank you to the following sponsors:

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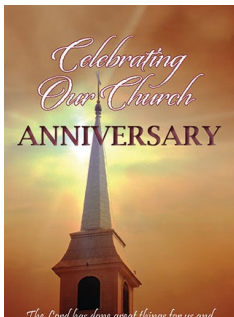
SSMBC 2019 Annual Day Financial Update



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



<u>Annual Day</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Women's Day	\$5,046.00
Church Anniversary	\$4,602.00
Homecoming and Family Day	\$5,111.00
Men's Day	\$3,345.00
TOTAL	\$18,104.00



Together, We Can ...



**Southern Star
Missionary Baptist Church**

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Youth Choir 2019

**choir director
& newsletter editor:**
Teresa D. Goins

youth photographer:
Madison Goins (*and friends*)

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The Star youth choir
Southern Star Missionary Baptist Church

Autographs, anyone?



-- notes from youth choir director Teresa Goins

Thanks to Pastor, on Saturday, November 16th, **The Star Youth Choir** met at the TNT Studio in Louisville to record music for a Vacation Bible School CD!!! Eight choir members participated in the session, which consisted of the recording of four songs composed by Dr. Johnson for the R.H. Boyd Publishing Company in Nashville. Upon arrival at the studio, the kids gathered in a soundproof room, where they were suited with headphones and two strategically-placed microphones on the floor in front of them. With Dr. Johnson engineering behind the glass (in the control room) and Ms. Denille directing (in the room with the kids), the recording began! For each section of each song, the kids did a 'practice run,' then two or three more takes, until Dr. Johnson was satisfied with the results. It was an experience we will never forget! The finished CD will be used in the summer of 2020 by churches all over the United States and in the Bahamas, England, and Africa. There are **Super-Stars** in our midst – if you want an autograph, just ask!

**Youth Choir
Monthly Schedule**

Rehearsals
Every 3rd and 4th Saturday at 1pm

Performances
Every 4th Sunday



Exceptions

There may be exceptions. Notice of all rehearsals and performances will be provided by phone.



If you look for Me at Christmas,
You won't need a special star.
I'm no longer just in Bethlehem,
I'm right there where you are!

-- author unknown

our Shining Stars

... AT THE STUDIO!



Sister Denille:
"Keep your pitch ..."



Singing for the Lord!

youth choir
at the
STUDIO!



The next All-Girl Band sensation!



Afterward at Gatti-town ...



In the Control Room!



More at Gatti-town ...

Check out our slideshows on the church website at

<http://www.southernstarmissionarybaptistchurch.com>

(click on MINISTRIES, then YOUTH CHOIR)

*"The time draws near the birth of Christ: The moon is hid; the night is still;
the Christmas bells from hill to hill ... answer each other in the midst."*

- Alfred, Lord Tennyson (British poet 1809-1892) -

Prayer of Joy at the Birth of Jesus

Let the just rejoice,
for their Justifier is born.

Let the sick and infirm rejoice,
for their Savior is born.

Let captives rejoice,
for their Redeemer is born.

Let slaves rejoice,
for their Master is born.

Let free people rejoice,
for their Liberator is born.

Let all Christians rejoice,
for Jesus Christ is born.

-St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430)



*On behalf of
Southern Star Missionary
Baptist Church,*

*We pray that you have a
Merry Christmas*

and a

*Prosperous
New Year!!!!*

God Bless You!!!!

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****Address Correction Requested****

December 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>
1  <p>COMMUNION By His Stripes We Are Healed</p>	2	3 11 AM – Primetimers Ministry 7 PM – Mass Choir Rehearsal	4 12 Noon - Bible Study 6:30 PM - Prayer Meeting 7 PM – Bible Study	5 9 AM - Central District Adjourned Session at Lampton Baptist Church	6	7 11 AM – Male Chorus Rehearsal 12 PM - Mass Choir Concert Rehearsal
8 <i>5 PM - Mass Choir Concert featuring John P. Kee</i>	9 7 PM – Hallmark Neighborhood Association Meeting	10 7 PM – Mass Choir Rehearsal	11 12 Noon - Bible Study 6:30 PM - Prayer Meeting 7 PM – Bible Study	12	13	14 9 AM – Families in Transition 11 AM – Male Chorus Rehearsal 12 PM – Dance Ministry Rehearsal
15	16	17 11 AM – Primetimers Ministry 7 PM – Mass Choir Rehearsal	18 12 Noon - Bible Study 6:30 PM - Prayer Meeting 7 PM – Bible Study	19	20	21 9 AM – Finance Committee 9 AM – Families in Transition 11 AM – Male Chorus Rehearsal 12 PM – Dance Ministry Rehearsal 1 PM – Youth Choir Rehearsal 1 PM – Business & Professional Women 3 PM – Senior and Youth Usher Ministry 3 PM – Nurses Guild Ministry
22 Sunday School Breakfast Missionary Ministry and Primetimers Ministry <i>Youth Day</i>	23	24	25  <p>Merry Christmas</p>	26	27	28 11 AM – Male Chorus Rehearsal
29	30	31 7 PM - Watch Night Service		<i>Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.</i> <i>Luke 2:14 (KJV)</i>		