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From the Pen of Our Pastor

I am excited about the contents contained in the one hundred ninth edition of the SSMBC "The Star Journal" Newsletter, which is also the **first** newsletter of the new decade of 2020. 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 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.

Ministry teams please submit your dates for the 2020 year. If you have not submitted your dates, please do so immediately. Remember, submissions of dates and the **churches or speakers**, have to be approved by the pastor and will be based on the needs of the church and then a first-come, first-served basis. We will attempt to scale back some of our dates this year, however, several churches that have not been able to worship with us will be on our new schedule. As you are aware, we will attempt to honor all submissions. Ministries submitting multiple dates will be considered; however, you will not be allowed to monopolize dates; it is our mission to allow **all** ministries to have an opportunity to serve.

As we move into 2020, there is an immediate need to increase our giving. Several of our dedicated members have been called to be with the Lord, and this have left a financial void. Those who remain on the battlefield are obligated to fill this void by giving as the Lord requires. If all of our members would simply honor God in our tithes and offerings in the manner that we are biblically required, we would please heaven and find blessings through the worship of giving. We must strive to meet the Biblical standards of where our church should be. Far too many of the membership are relying on others to support the church. This is not only against the commandments of the Lord, but totally unfair. When the Contribution Statements of Giving are received, (which will be distributed on the **third and fourth Sundays** of this month), look at your contributions, look into your heart, and ask the Lord, if He is pleased with your efforts. We have several projects which must be addressed, and the overall maintenance of the church must be maintained. We must **all** do our part to follow the Lord's command in matters of our giving. Please note that if you are an officer, your giving must reflect your position. We will celebrate "All Tithes Sunday" on the first Sunday in February.

John 3:16 speaks of the love of God that created a special gift from Him to the world, a gift that was incorruptible and a gift that was everlasting. Jesus continues to be the greatest gift that we have received. I pray that we at Southern Star forever love, cherish, and honor the gift by reflecting the attributes of the special gift given by the Lord. 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.

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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:

Carrot and Pineapple Cake

Cake Ingredients:

2 cups granulated sugar	1 1/3 cups vegetable oil	3 extra-large eggs, at room temperature
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract	2 1/2 cups plus 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour, divided	2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
2 teaspoons baking soda	1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt	1 cup raisins
1 cup chopped walnuts	1 pound carrots, grated	1/2 cup diced fresh pineapple
2/3 cup buttermilk	1 cup chopped pecans	confectioners' sugar

Frosting Ingredients:

3/4 pound cream cheese, at room temperature	1/2 pound unsalted butter, at room temperature	1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract	1 pound confectioners' sugar, sifted
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For the decoration: 1/2 cup diced fresh pineapple

Preparation:

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Butter 2 (8-inch) round cake pans. Line with parchment paper, then butter and flour the pans.

For the cake: Beat the sugar, oil, and eggs together in the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with the paddle attachment until light yellow. Add the vanilla. In another bowl, sift together 2 1/2 cups flour, the cinnamon, baking soda, and salt. Add the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients. Toss the raisins and walnuts with 1 tablespoon of flour. Fold in the carrots and pineapple. Add to the batter and mix well. Divide the batter equally between the 2 pans. Bake for 55 to 60 minutes, or until a toothpick comes out clean. Allow the cakes to cool completely in the pans set over a wire rack.

For the frosting: Mix the cream cheese, butter and vanilla in the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with the paddle attachment until just combined. Add the sugar and mix until smooth. Place 1 layer, flat-side up, on a flat plate or cake pedestal. With a knife or offset spatula, spread the top with frosting. Place the second layer on top, rounded side up, and spread the frosting evenly on the top and sides of the cake. Decorate with diced pineapple.

Recipe obtained from <http://www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/ina-garten/carrot-and-pineapple-cake-recipe/index.html>



Happy "January" Birthdays to:

<i>Bro. Harry Brewer</i>	6
<i>Bro. Jerome Ingram</i>	12
<i>Bro. Harold Whiteside</i>	17
<i>Bro. Jerry Woolridge</i>	18
<i>Sis. Vera Mitchell</i>	26
<i>Sis. Margaret Hill</i>	30

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.



Remembering A Life

By Nordette Adams

I remember him in the misted vision of toddler years
and again in girlhood, the booming voice on TV,
someone grown-ups talked about, eyelids flapped wide.
Elders huddled "round the screen enraptured,
in fear for him, in awe.



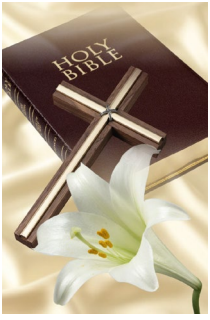
I remember him.
His words swept the land, singing our passion.
Dogs growled in streets. Men in sheets.
Police battering my people. (Water, a weapon.)
Yet my people would rejoice ... And mourn.

I remember him, a fearsome warrior crying peace,
a man--blemished by clay, the stain of sin as
any other, calling on the Rock--
Death's sickle on his coat tails,
yet he spied glory.

Shall we walk again and remember him,
not as the Madison Avenuers do,
but in solitude and hope
with acts of courage and compassion,
carving fresh paths of righteousness?

I remember.

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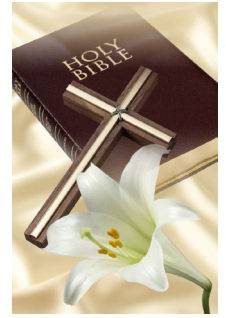
APPLYING THE SCRIPTURES

by

Sis. Rubenna Kirby

“If”

Genesis 4:3-7; Hebrews 11:4; I John 3:11-12



I was granted the honor of expounding on the Sunday school lesson regarding acceptable offerings. The listed scriptures were some of the references used by me to enhance the point of what is acceptable to God as gifts from us. These scriptures are the account of the offerings of Cain and Abel.

Abel's offering was accepted; Cain's was not. Abel, being a shepherd, offered the firstlings and best of the flock. It is suggested that Cain, a tiller of the soil, gave an offering without much forethought. When God confronted Cain, He found him in a bad mood and dejected.

All of the mentioned scriptures imply different reasons why Cain's offering was rejected. Theologians still don't know for sure. God told Cain **“If** thou doest well thou will be accepted.”

How does one “do well?” We know that God required obedience and time with Him from Adam and Eve. The Israelites offered animals and grains. He commands us to love Him with our whole being and to love our neighbor (each other) as we love ourselves. Offering involves more than monetary gifts. It involves righteous living. Just because we make an offering, whether it be tithe, time or talent, doesn't mean that it is acceptable unto God.

If is a conjunction (joining) word. The outcome of an action is dependent on a previous action. There are hundreds of ‘ifs’ in the Scriptures. To list a few...

If my people which are called by my name... II Chronicles 7:14

Therefore, **if** thou bring the gift to the altar... Matthew 5:23-24

But **if** ye forgive not men their trespasses...Matthew 6:15

If ye love me, keep my commandments. John 14:15

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you ...John 15:7

Therefore, **if** any man be in Christ.... II Corinthians 5:17

For **if** a man be a hearer of the word and not a doer...James 1:23

IF

if





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 **2020!!** 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, contact 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 January 1, 2020, the BB&T Mortgage Balance is **\$209,382.51!!!!**
Our original balance for this loan was \$607,500.00!!

**Pray for it † Plan for it † Practice it
It Will Happen!!!**

Commitment
to
God

I stand before thee, Lord.
I have nothing to offer.
There is only my life.
I lay it before thy throne.
Lord, Please,
Take my life,
Mold me,
And prepare me
For that life you have for me.
Let me give my all.
Let me.
Let you,
Always,
Say what is to be done with it.
Help me, Lord,
Take me,
Prepare me,
Use me!

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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 sponsor:

	<p>Ten Pin Strike & Spare</p> <p>200 Ten Pin Lane Louisville, KY 40207 Ph: (502) 896-1727 Fx: (502) 896-8782</p>	<p>Executive Strike & Spare</p> <p>911 Phillips Lane Louisville, KY 40209 Ph: (502) 368-1651 Fx: (502) 366-4988</p>	<p>Fern Valley Strike & Spare</p> <p>6220 Shepherdsville Rd. Louisville, KY 40228 Ph: (502) 968-2695 Fx: (502) 966-4254</p>	<p>Clarksville Strike & Spare</p> <p>511 Little League Blvd Ste 100 Clarksville, IN 47129 Ph: (812) 945-6625</p>
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SSMBC Annual Day Financial Update

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

<u>Annual Day</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Women's Day	\$5,076.00
Church Anniversary	\$4,632.00
Homecoming and Family Day	\$5,136.00
Men's Day	\$3,660.00
TOTAL	\$18, 504.00



Together, We Can ...



"Doors"



Look back and thank God.
Look forward and trust God.
Look around and serve God.
Look within and find God!

God closes doors no man can open and
God opens doors no man can close.

Without God our week would be:
Sinday, Mournday, Tearsday,
Wasteday, Thirstday, Fightday &
Shatterday.

Comments are closed.

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Southern Star Missionary Baptist Church

January 2020

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<p><i>For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)</i></p>			<p>1</p> 	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p> 	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>11 AM – Primetimers Ministry</p> <p>7 PM – Mass Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>8</p> <p>12 Noon - Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 PM - Prayer Meeting</p> <p>7 PM – Bible Study</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>11 AM – Male Chorus Rehearsal</p> <p>12 PM – Dance Ministry Rehearsal</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7 PM – Hallmark Neighborhood Association Meeting</p>	<p>14</p> <p>5:30 PM – Families in Transition</p> <p>7 PM – Mass Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>15</p> <p>12 Noon - Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 PM - Prayer Meeting</p> <p>7 PM – Bible Study</p>	<p>16</p> <p>5:30 PM – Families in Transition</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9 AM – Finance Committee</p> <p>11 AM – Male Chorus Rehearsal</p> <p>12 PM – Dance Ministry Rehearsal</p> <p>1 PM – Youth Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>1 PM – Business & Professional Women</p> <p>3 PM – Senior and Youth Usher Ministry</p> <p>3 PM – Nurses Guild Ministry</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> 	<p>21</p> <p>5:30 PM – Families in Transition</p> <p>11 AM – Primetimers Ministry</p>	<p>22</p> <p>12 Noon - Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 PM - Prayer Meeting</p> <p>7 PM – Bible Study</p>	<p>23</p> <p>5:30 PM – Families in Transition</p> <p>6:30 PM – Building Fund Ministry</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>11 AM – Male Chorus Rehearsal</p> <p>12 PM - Dance Ministry Rehearsal</p> <p>1 PM - Youth Choir Rehearsal</p>
<p>26</p> <p><i>Youth Sunday</i></p> <p>Sunday School Breakfast</p> <p>Sunday School</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7 PM – Mass Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>29</p> <p>12 Noon - Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 PM - Prayer Meeting</p> <p>7 PM – Bible Study</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	