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From the Pen of Our Pastor

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

Southern Star has been blessed in these years since the beginning of my appointment from the Lord. One thing that we have not reached is a sound commitment to our personal financial stewardship. As we move away from a programmatic reliance on fundraising to the biblical mandate of personal giving, we must heed the words of Malachi in bringing the tithes to the church. Many people, who believe that tithing is impossible, learn that inefficient financial management leads to waste management. Is there inefficient financial management in your life? Good financial management leads to both personal and church growth. When we demonstrate the faith in our giving, we are blessed with more to give. Remember, God will bless more when we trust more and have obeyed more!

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:

Chicken & Noodle Casserole

Ingredients

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Heritage Farm™ Chicken Breasts • 6 ounces P\$ST...™ Egg Noodles • 1 can P\$ST...™ Cream of Mushroom Soup • 1 can P\$ST...™ Cream of Chicken Soup • 1 cup sour cream | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salt and black pepper to taste • 8 slices Heritage Farm™ Bacon • 1 cup P\$ST...™ Crumbled Saltine Crackers • 1/2 cup P\$ST...™ Butter |
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Preparation:

Poach chicken in a large pot of simmering water. Cook until chicken is no longer pink in the center, about 15-20 minutes. Remove from pot and set aside. Bring poaching water to a boil and cook pasta in it. Drain. Cut chicken into small pieces and mix with noodles. In a separate bowl, mix together mushroom soup, chicken soup and sour cream. Season with salt and pepper. Gently stir soup mixture into the chicken mixture. Place in a 2 quart baking dish. Melt butter in a small saucepan and remove from heat. Stir in crumbled crackers and top casserole with crackers. Cook bacon, let cool and crumble on top of casserole. Bake casserole at 350° F for 30 minutes, until heated through and browned on top.

Recipe obtained from <https://www.kroger.com/r/chicken-and-noodle-casserole-recipe/563a24ea84ae11668a1d2fff>



Happy "February" Birthdays to:

<i>Sis. Nikcoa Jackson</i>	3
<i>Sis. Janae Peoples</i>	3
<i>Sis. Wanda Woods</i>	3
<i>Sis. Geneva Howard</i>	4
<i>Bro. Clifford Burt</i>	7
<i>Sis. Doris Kirby</i>	8
<i>Sis. Shirley Jones</i>	10
<i>Sis. Judy Whiteside</i>	10
<i>Bro. James Binford</i>	11
<i>Sis. Jean Hardy</i>	11
<i>Sis. Joyce Thomas</i>	18
<i>Sis. Seretha Childers</i>	23
<i>Sis Leslie Brim</i>	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 February 1, 2020, the BB&T Mortgage Balance is
\$205,001.14!!!!

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

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



Tithing Chart



Responsible Tithers

	Annual Gross Salary	Responsible Annual Tithe
Member #1	\$100,00.00	\$10,000.00
Member #2	\$60,000.00	\$6,000.00
Member #3	\$40,000.00	\$4,000.00
Member #4	\$20,000.00	\$2,000.00

The Responsible Tither tithes **regularly**. If a Responsible Tither is absent, he/she ensures that any missed tithes are submitted upon return.

Irresponsible Tithers

	Annual Gross Salary	Irresponsible Annual Tithe
Member #1	\$100,00.00	\$5,760.00
Member #2	\$60,000.00	\$3,480.00
Member #3	\$40,000.00	\$2,310.00
Member #4	\$20,000.00	\$1,155.00

The Irresponsible Tither is convinced that he/she is a tither, but only pays tithes **occasionally**. For example, the Irresponsible Annual Tithe figures above are based on a member that tithes weekly and only attended church 30 out of 52 weeks. This member did **not** submit any missed tithes that occurred during their absence.

Members who gave \$300.00 for the year, regardless of Sundays attended. Average gift \$5.77 per 52 Sundays.

Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, "How have we robbed You?"

In tithes and offerings (Malachi 3:8). This is a trust issue between you and the Lord. As your Pastor, I can only teach and encourage you to follow the Lord's tithing commandments.

And as a spiritual blessing, He will open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows (Malachi 3:10).



J.L. Roberts 2020 Class Descriptions

Biblical Studies

1. **How the Bible Came to Be** **Rev. Bryon Cox - Highland Park Missionary Baptist Church**
This course will expose students to the origin, development, and important events, periods and personalities that led to the Bible in its present form.

Textbook: How We Got the Bible - Timothy Paul Jones, PhD.

2. **Effective Bible Reading** **Rev. Michael Smith - First Baptist Church Bardstown Ky.**
This course identifies the appropriate methods and approaches to Bible study that lead us to spiritual growth and Christian maturity. Areas that will be covered include what the Bible says, what the Bible means, the structure of the Bible and resources for personal study that will add meaning to reading the Bible.

Textbook: How to Study the Bible (What it Says. What It Means. What It Means to Me.) - Dr. David Jeremiah (e-booklet)

3. **Church History in Acts** **Rev. Toussaint Adams - Watson Memorial Church**
This course will focus on the development of the church after the ascension of Jesus Christ. Students will probe information about the descent of the Holy Spirit and the Day of Pentecost, and the spread of the Gospel from Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and throughout the known world. We will discuss the prominence of Peter and Paul.

Textbook: Acts 1-12 For You and Acts 13-28 For You - R. Albert Mohler, Jr.

4. **Women in the New Testament Life Lessons from Women in the Bible**
This course explores the lives of women in the Bible and challenges women today to apply what they learn. This Bible study is helpful to new believers who are beginning to study God's Word, as well as mature Christians who desire a deeper understanding of Scripture. Focus on women in various ages and stages of life and dive into the culture, families, and testimonies of these women. Learn from both their wisdom and mistakes.

Textbook: Life Lessons from Women in the Bible - Rhonda Harrington Kelley

Theology

5. **Doctrine of the Holy Spirit** **Rev. Nathaniel Bishop Jr. - Forest Baptist Church**
Students will study the person and work of the Holy Spirit. This study will include a thorough look at the corresponding doctrines that impact our understanding of the work of the Holy Spirit. The students will be able to clearly identify this doctrine of the church with a holistic understanding of salvation, with special emphasis on justification, redemption and sanctification.

Textbook: The Mystery of the Holy Spirit - R.C. Sproul

6. **Basic Christian Beliefs** **Rev. Ben Trowell – Greater Tabernacle M.B. Church**
This course will focus on questions regarding historical and contemporary Christian faith. Students will explore the beliefs and interpretations of the faith and will be guided to develop a satisfying personal Christian belief system and life-purpose statement.

Textbook: Fundamentals of Faith (13 Lessons to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ) – John MacArthur

Church Membership Development

7. **Women Embracing Grace: Transforming the Life of Women** **Sister Tanisha Hackett – Greater Salem Baptist Church**

The grace of God is one of the most important subjects in Scripture but probably the least understood. *Transforming Grace* emphasizes that grace is more than being "saved by grace." God's grace is intended to be a daily occurrence. Our relationship with God is based on the merit of Christ, not our own efforts to live out the Christian life.

Textbook: Transforming Grace (Living Confidently in God's Unfailing Love) – Jerry Bridges

8. **Making Disciples of Black Millennials** **Rev. H. Wayne Colbert – Kingdom Land Baptist Church**
With a unique mix of humor, illustrations, and research findings based on a nationwide study of black young adults, this practical resource equips church leaders with a profile of black millennials that will help churches continue to effectively attract and make disciples of this emerging generation of young adults. Drawing on the biblical narrative of Matthew 14, where Jesus invites Peter to come meet him on the water, this book includes specific ministry principles and programming proposals for use in the local congregation.

Textbook: Black Millennials & the Church – Joshua L. Mitchell

9. **Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts** **Rev. Robert Lyons – Lampton Baptist Church**
This course is designed to help students understand who God has uniquely made them to be. In addition, in this course, students will work through a spiritual gifts assessment that will help them to discover their spiritual gift(s). Discovering their spiritual gift(s) will prepare them to move into a meaningful area of service where they best fit into the body of Christ.

Textbook: Spiritual Gifts – Dr. Mary Stoddard

10. **Witnessing to Unchurched People** **Rev. David Sardon – Joshua Tabernacle M.B. Church**
This course is designed to teach strategies to reach un-churched people and identify the reasons people leave church. It utilizes the model of Jesus and the apostles and shares the biblical principle of belonging to a fellowship of believers with a spirit of restoration.

Textbook: The Unchurched Next Door – Thom S. Rainer

11. **The Role of a Deacon** **Rev. William Nelson – Greater St. Mark Baptist Church**
What does it mean to be a deacon in the black Baptist Church today? What personal qualities should a candidate for deacon possess? Is being a Deacon a service or an office functioning as the Board of Directors over the church? What does the ministry entail? What relationship should exist between pastor and deacons? What does Scripture say about the origins of the office of Deacon? Who is biblically responsible for the church? How has the historical context of being

Textbook: The Character and Commitment of A Deacon Study Guide – Pastor William Nelson

12. Developing a Mission-Minded Church **Rev. Gregory Smith – Hill Street M.B. Church**

While many pastors and ministry leaders desire to increase their congregation's participation in missions, many lacks the knowledge or management tools to do it effectively. This book will expand your vision and help give you the confidence to fully participate in Kingdom work. You will be equipped to: Make better ministry decisions with clarity and objectivity. Develop and define ministry vision, purpose, goals and results. Create standards of excellence that reflect God's high ideals. Discover God's special purpose for your church or missions' program. Increase awareness, inspire enthusiasm and encourage volunteer commitment. Foster a team environment of mutual respect, responsibility and accountability.

Textbook: Strategic Intent (Building an Effective Mission-Minded Church) - Eric Wilder

13. Music Ministry and Vocal Performance **Min. Ron Norfleet – Green Street Baptist Church**

This course is designed to cover the Biblical foundations for sacred music, worship elements, choir decorum, liturgical calendar, praise & worship music, and vocal techniques. A choral music pack with handouts will be available for purchase (five dollars (\$5.00)). Packets will be reserved for everyone that preregisters. Left over packets will be available on a first-come first-serve basis. The class will present the worship music at 6:30 on Thursday, March 19th; Attire: Your Church Choir Robe. This class is especially designed for Directors/Ministers of Worship & Music, choir directors, choir officers, and singers. "Now Let Us Sing!"



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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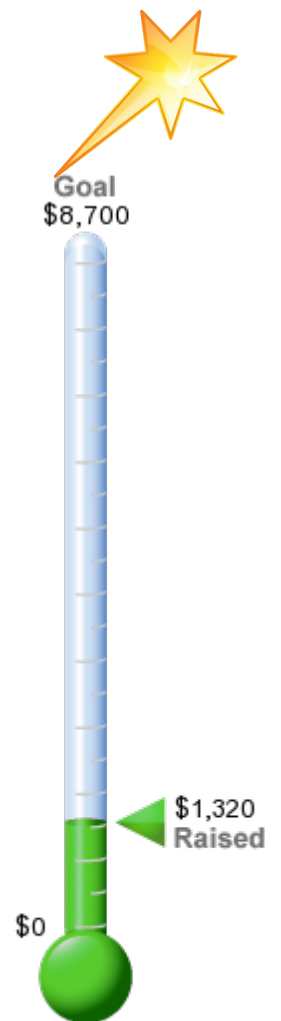
Furnace Update



We have to repair one of our furnaces at the C.E. Kirby Multipurpose Center. This repair cost was \$8,700.00. I want to thank ALL who have contributed to liquidate this debt. Southern Star, we are truly BLESSED!! To help with this effort, please place your contribution in your offering envelope and designate it to FURNACE. There is no set amount.

Remember, it is not equal giving, but equal sacrifice!!

Thank You!!
Pastor Barry C. Johnson



Concentrate On This Sentence

To get something you never had, you have to do something you never did. When God takes something from your grasp, He's not punishing you, but merely opening your hands to receive something better.

Concentrate on this sentence:

“The will of God will never take you where the Grace of God will not protect you.”

Something good will happen to you today; something that you have been waiting to hear.

Spread the word...

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****Address Correction Requested****



February 2020

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<p>Black History Month </p> <p><i>"We have a wonderful history behind us...."</i> -- Carter G. Woodson, founder of Black History Month</p>						<p>1</p> <p>12 Noon Church Meeting</p>
<p>2</p> <p><i>All Tithes Sunday</i></p>  <p>COMMUNION By His Stripes We Are Healed</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>11 AM – Primetimers Ministry 7 PM – Mass Choir and Women’s Day and Rehearsal</p>	<p>5</p> <p>12 Noon - Bible Study 6:30 PM - Prayer Meeting 7 PM – Bible Study</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7 PM – Hallmark Neighborhood Association Meeting</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>♥14♥</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9 AM – Finance Committee Meeting 11 AM – Male Chorus Rehearsal 12 PM – Missionary Ministry 12 PM – Dance Team Rehearsal 1 PM – Business & Professional Women 1 PM – Youth Choir Rehearsal 3 PM – Senior and Youth Usher Ministry 3 PM – Nurses Guild Ministry</p>
<p><i>Pastor’s Conference – Galt House Hotel</i></p>						
<p>16</p> <p>Usher Ministry Day 3:30 PM Mt. Hermon Baptist Church Rev. Stephen Smith, Pastor</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>11 AM – Primetimers Ministry 7 PM – Mass Choir and Women’s Day and Rehearsal</p>	<p>19</p> <p>12 Noon - Bible Study 6:30 PM - Prayer Meeting 7 PM – Bible Study</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>11 AM – Male Chorus Rehearsal 12 PM – Dance Team Rehearsal 1 PM – Youth Choir Rehearsal</p>
<p>23</p> <p>Sunday School Breakfast Mass Choir</p> <p><i>Youth Day</i></p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7 PM – Mass Choir and Women’s Day and Rehearsal</p>	<p>26</p> <p>12 Noon - Bible Study 6:30 PM - Prayer Meeting 7 PM – Bible Study</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6:30 PM – Building Fund Meeting</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>

Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all transgressions. Proverbs 10:12