

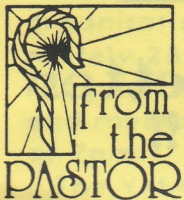


# Bethlehem TODAY

Bethlehem Baptist Church  
Simpsonville, S.C.

Founded in 1867  
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HAPPY EASTER!!



I greet each of you in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. It is indeed a tremendous pleasure to address you, in this our inaugural newsletter. I am excited about this effort, and feel it will help our Church family in innumerable ways.

Not long after I came to Bethlehem Deacon Robert Durham mentioned to me the idea of a church newsletter. I responded to him that I would give it prayerful consideration. As our Church family began to grow, I saw that we needed to become more familiar with our new members and they with us. I presented the idea of a quarterly newsletter with Sis. Yvette Pressley as Editor to the Board of Deacons. The Board supported the idea of a newsletter unanimously.

A newsletter will achieve several objectives for the Church family:  
1) It will help us get to know each other better. We are a family and families know each other by name and something about each other. As churches grow, they have to guard against making members feel like they are just a "name and number". Each member of the church is important and we value each member.

2) A newsletter will give everyone a chance to let people know about the good things happening in our lives. When a child does well whether its making the honor roll or all conference in basketball, we all should

know. We can then encourage that child and give God the praise for blessing us. A few words of encouragement from someone outside a child's immediate family will go a long way. Not only our children will be highlighted, but in a time of broken homes and resulting broken lives, marriages, anniversaries, promotions, graduations, updates on our college students, are all positive events that we should recognize. Many times the pastor cannot recognize everything and everyone from the pulpit. The newsletter is a way for every family to be recognized. Everyone has the opportunity to submit articles.

3) The newsletter is another avenue for members to use their gifts and talents. I want to see every member become involved in the church in one form or another. We don't want people to say they don't get the chance to do anything at Bethlehem.

4) With the newsletter, accurate information can be given to every member. Word of mouth sometimes can distort information and cause unnecessary confusion. As we start to break new ground in future projects, everyone will always be informed.

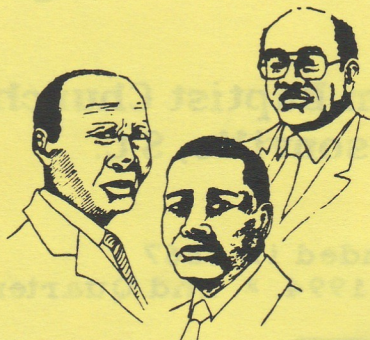
I would like to thank Sis. Pressley and her entire staff for their efforts in bringing this newsletter together. Most of all I thank God for the love, unity, and dedication of the Bethlehem Church Family. Let us strive to make our Church what God would have it to be. If we do that, we can take Christian pride and joy in it. With your continued prayers and support, we will be successful.

May the Lord Bless you & keep you  
May the Lord cause His face to shine  
upon you and be gracious to you;  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon  
you and give you peace.

-- Numbers 6:24-26  
With Pastoral Love,  
Rev. Phillip Baldwin



## Deacon's Corner



Pastor Baldwin and our Board of Deacons continue to work in Christian harmony as a group of God-elect men striving for the betterment of our Church family.

Since Pastor Baldwin has become our shepherd at Bethlehem, 3 new Deacons have been ordained: Dea. Robert Durham, Dea. James Brown, & Dea. Clyde Moore.

Other members include:  
Dea. Heyward Smith  
- Chairman  
Dea. Harold Sullivan  
- Vice-Chairman  
Dea. James Bailey  
Dea. Toy Lee Kilgore  
Dea. Walter Bailey  
Dea. Carlton Griffin

The Deacon Board is dedicated to serving our members and carrying out God's mandates of mission and witnessing.

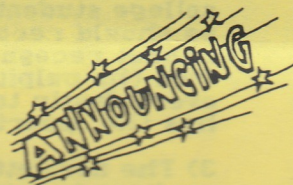
- Dea. Robert Durham

## AN EASTER MEDITATION

In the glorious Easter Story  
A troubled world can find  
Blessed reassurance  
And enduring peace of mind-  
For our Savior's Resurrection  
Was God's way of telling men  
That in Christ we are eternal  
And in Him we live again-  
And to know life is unending  
And God's love is endless, too,  
Makes our daily tasks and burdens  
So much easier to do,  
And our earthly trials and problems  
Are but guideposts on the way  
To the love and life eternal  
That God promised Easter Day.  
- Helen Steiner Rice



## The Name Our Newsletter Contest WINNER !!



MARGARET GRIFFIN

The competition was stiff and the decision was hard, but a winner of the "Name Our News-letter" contest was finally chosen. Congratulations to Sis. Margaret Griffin on her winning entry "Bethlehem Today".

According to Sis. Griffin, "Bethlehem Today" reflects the wonderful and exciting new start that our church is experiencing. "We want our newsletter to be a representation of our growth here at Bethlehem. Most importantly, we want to continue this growth so that we can be the church that Christ comes looking for when he returns", commented Sis. Griffin. The idea of "Bethlehem Today" also came from a 3M company newsletter where Sis. Griffin is employed as a Quality Control Supervisor.

Sis. Griffin is married to Dea. Carlton Griffin and they have 4 children: Carlton Jr, Sophia, Raymond, & Brian. Sis. Griffin is also no stranger to working in the church, she is an active member of the Senior Missionary and Gospel Choir. Congratulations Again!!!



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## AUXILIARIES

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### YMA Young Matrons Auxiliary



The YMA was organized 30 years ago to provide missionary services to the community. Our organization has approximately 28 members ranging from ages 21-45 and meets every 2nd Tues. at 7pm.

The YMA's have been busy during this first quarter, participating in such association events as the Leadership Development Workshop and the Post Valentine Tea. On the homefront, our local auxiliary is organizing such ongoing activities as a soup kitchen, clothing drop box, and the Y-Teens. The Y-Teens includes young ladies from 8 to 18 and is led by our first lady, Sis Wynell Baldwin. We also enjoyed great success on our 1994 Black History Program.

We will be sponsoring a Mothers brunch (listen for further details) here at Bethlehem, as well as, participating in the Spring Workshop (May), and State Convention (June) with the association.

We are always interested in new energetic members and if you wish to help support the mission of this group, please contact one of the following officers:  
Sis. Bettie Smith (pres.)  
Sis. Wanda Seawright (V-pres.) or Sis. Melinda Smith (sec.)

- Pamela Crawford

### Greetings from the Christ Crusaders!

We are a group of Christians from age 18 and up who believe in the holy word of God. We, as members of Christ Crusaders, believe that God has a plan and purpose for each of our lives. We know that a large part of this purpose involves being of service to others.

It is our desire to be more Christ like and accept as our mission directing others to Christ. We also believe in ministering to the total person and endeavor to meet as many need as possible. Some of these needs include witnessing, food drives, shelter, clothing drives, and financial support.

As we start the new year, we welcome you to come and be a part of our fellowship every 2nd Sunday at 9am. Some future activities include: prison ministry, can food drives, a soup kitchen, & workshops to strengthen our Christian ministry. COME JOIN US!  
Pres - Sis. Bobbie Sullivan  
V-Pres. - Sis. Sherry Seawright

- Sherry Seawright

### Senior Missionary



With reaching out to the unsaved and leading souls to Christ as its main mission, the Senior Missionary is indeed a blessing to our church.

Every fourth Sunday at 12pm, the Senior Missionaries meet. During this time, bible study is held along with discussions and plans of how better to meet the needs of the sick and needy of our church family and community.

Sis. Odessa Smith serves as president and Sis. Pearlle Moore as vice-president.

- Yvette Pressley



## Ushers



The Ushers at Bethlehem are probably the best in the country, or even the nation! One probably does not realize the duties an Usher must perform so that everyone in the congregation will be comfortable. The Ushers get water for the Pastor, pass out programs & envelopes, control the heating & cooling system, attend to children when needed, are alert to the congregation's needs, and most of all, make you feel like you are welcome in the house of the Lord. These are only a few of the duties of an Usher. Yet, their duties do not end when the services are over, they remain to clean up the pews when everyone leaves. So as you can see, being as Usher is more than just standing at the door, it's an attitude and a ministry. Now that you know the duties of an Usher, let's meet them: Senior President:

Sis. Shirley Redmond  
Senior Vice-President:

Bro. Perry Smith  
Jr. President:

Sis. Gina Webb  
Jr. Vice-President:

Bro. Brian Griffin  
- Gina Webb

## Brotherhood



Bethlehem has a very dynamic senior Brotherhood with Pastor Baldwin challenging & motivating us to greater heights in the gospel of Jesus Christ. The Brotherhood tries to adhere to the Great Commission given in Matt. 28:19,20 - "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

The Brotherhood meets every 3rd Sunday morning at 8am with a fellowship breakfast followed by a teaching & learning session.

The Brotherhood, along with Pastor Baldwin, participated in the 136th session of the S.C. State Baptist Brotherhood held at Springfield Baptist Church on Feb. 21 & 22. Dr. B.T. Sears was the speaker at this event.

Bro. Arthur Duckett serves as president & Bro. Winfred Pressley as Vice-pres. of the Brotherhood.

We, as christian men, are dedicated to reclaiming our young African-American men.

- Dea. Robert Durham



## Pastor's Aid

Supporting the needs of our Pastor and developing special programs are the primary goals of the Pastor's Aid auxiliary.

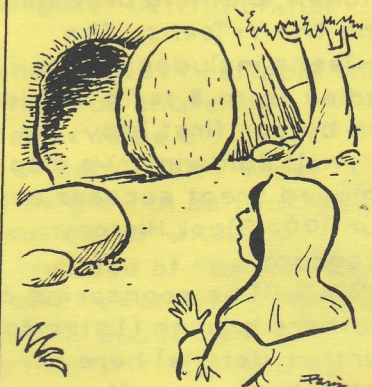
Currently, 15 of our members make up this very important auxiliary that meets every first Sunday immediately after church.

Past president of the Pastor's Aid was Sis. Lugenia Stewart (deceased) and Vice-pres. is Sis. Odessa Smith. A new president has not been named.

The latest project for the Pastor's Aid was organizing the 1st Anniversary celebration for Pastor Baldwin on March 20, 1994.

- Yvette Pressley

### KNOW YOUR BIBLE



#### First Appearance

According to Mark, to whom did Jesus appear first after His resurrection?

Mary Magdalene (see Mark 16:9)



## Junior Brotherhood



The Jr. Brotherhood was formed under the direction of the Sr. Brotherhood. This group was organized for youth boys between the ages of 7-19. The purpose of this organization is to reach out to our junior brothers. We want to teach our youth boys, who are the leaders of our future, the duties and responsibilities that exist while on their christian journey.

We want to establish a "big-brother" type relationship with the youth males of Bethlehem. There is plenty of work to be done--spiritually, mentally, and physically--and with the Brotherhood reaching out to the Jr. Brotherhood, we hope to accomplish many goals with out young future leaders.

Some of the past activities with the Jr. Brotherhood involved a rap session in October; discussing future goals and activities, a trip to S.C. State College football game in November and a trip to Cedar Grove Baptist Church for a Career Day Workshop in February.

The first meeting was held in January to elect officers and discuss future events. Currently there are 12 members of the Jr. Brotherhood. During our meeting because of the number of attendants, only one officer, Lester Lee Smith, Jr. (president), was elected. Other officers will be elected at a later date.

All we need are a "few good men" (youths) that are willing to make the difference at Bethlehem. If you are willing to make a difference, we encourage you to join this organization. There is alot of work to be done by the Jr. Brotherhood!!

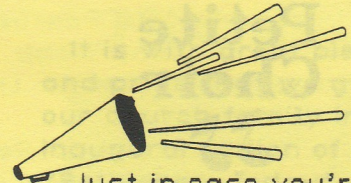
- Angela Drummond

## KIDZ of the KING



## Y-Teens

Give me a "Y"  
Give me a "T"  
Give me a "E"  
Give me a "E"  
Give me a "N"  
Give me a "S"



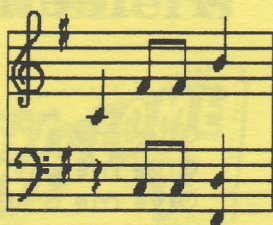
Just in case you're wondering what all the cheering is about- The Y-TEENS are Back!

The Y-Teens consist of young ladies between the ages of 8-18. This organization is a training ground in preparing young ladies to be missionaries and to grow stronger in the Lord.

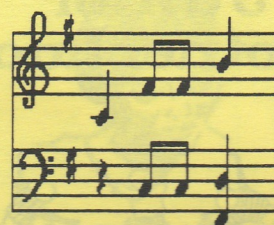
On March 19, the Y-Teens participated in a workshop conducted by Bertha Samuels, a retired guidance counselor for the Spartanburg School District. Mrs. Samuels urged the Y-Teens to get to know Jesus on a personal level by studying the bible and accepting and believing the fact that each one of them is 'GOD'S MIRACLE'.

The Y-Teens are an extension of the YMA's and are currently under the direction of Sis. Wynell Baldwin and 8 adult advisors. Y-Teens meetings are held every 1st or 3rd Saturday at 3pm at the Church. We'd love to have you!!





## CHOIRS



### Petite Choir



The Petite Choir was organized in 1967 by Sis. Jessie Durham and Sis. Geneva Brown, with a small group from ages 2-12.

Today we have 30 members. Our officers are:

President:

Lester Smith, Jr.

Vice-president:

Teela Webb

Secretary:

LaTrese Davis

Asst. Secretary:

Tameeca Smith

Treasurer:

Eric McGrier

Chaplin:

Monique Barksdale

The Petites are excited about our upcoming anniversary, which will be June 26 at 5:00. We always welcome new members.

- Donald Holden

### Youth Choir

You're in for a treat on third Sundays here at Bethlehem. For this is the Sunday in which our Youth Choir lifts their voices and sing praises to our Lord.

The Youth Choir has been together for many years, under the direction of Bro. Dean Redmond and Sis. Kem Mattison. The Youth Choir practices on first and third Saturdays every month. We invite you to come join us on third Sundays as we sing praises to His name.

- LaTonya Davis

### Young Adult Choir

Greetings from the Bethlehem Young Adult Choir. "Where the Lord leads us, we'll follow."

The Young Adult Choir was organized 14 years ago under the guidance of Dea. Clyde Moore, as our advisor & Mr. Tony Griffin as our director.

The choir now consists of 30 members. We have had new members to join and some members to leave,

but through it all we have been blessed.

The Young Adult Choir is a choir on the move. When we're not singing at Bethlehem on second, fourth, and fifth Sundays, you can usually find us busy going about our Father's business, proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ in our music ministry, far and near.

You can find us at neighboring or out-of-town churches, prisons, nursing homes, and workshops. Our latest venture, a block ministry, will be held Saturday, April 16th. This venture will take place at Sanctified Hill in Fountain Inn at 5pm. We hope that through this block ministry, we can win souls for Christ. For further information, see one of our members.

We, the Bethlehem Young Adults, strongly believe we have to live the life that we sing about in our songs, because we know it's to Christ we belong and where He sends us, we'll go!!

Pres. - Sis. Lois Davis

Vice Pres-Sis. Joan Holden

- Donna Shaw



## Gospel Choir

The Bethlehem Gospel Choir was the brain storm of Sis. Jessie Durham. At the time the church only had one choir. She talked with several members of the church who agreed with her that another choir was needed.

On a 5th Sunday in August, 1967, with Dea. John L. Redmond presiding, the Gospel Choir was organized.

Through the years, the Gospel Choir has traveled to many different churches proclaiming the name of our Lord through songs. We have appeared on the Gospel Hour TV program hosted by Fred Jenkins. We have also sang with the Gospel Caravan. Our faith in God has sustained us and kept us together for 27 years. We give God the praise.

Our officers are:

President:

Sis. Jessie Durham

Vice-president:

Sis. Margaret Griffin

Secretary:

Sis. Maggie Jones

Asst. Secretary:

Sis. Bettie Smith

Treasurer:

Sis. Versalle Jones

Chaplin:

Sis. Pearlle Moore

Musicians:

Sis. Meco Stewart

Sis. Yvette Pressley

We, the Bethlehem Gospel Choir, welcome new members. We have rehearsal every 2nd and 4th Saturday at 10am. We are preparing to present a concert on April 17 at 4pm, please come out to support us.

- Joyce Robinson



## Senior Choir

First Sundays are always extra special here at Bethlehem Baptist Church. This is when our hearts rejoice at the singing of the Lord's praises by the Senior Choir. Whether it's "Hallelujah Anyhow", "Great Day" or some other favorite, the Senior Choir is sure to lift everyone's spirits.

The Senior Choir, now under the direction of Sis. Deloris Barksdale, has been in existence for MANY years. Dea. Walter Bailey serves as president, while Sis. Odessa Smith is the choir's treasurer. The choir also consists of seven other dedicated members.

Thank you Senior Choir for making every 1st Sunday a "Great Day".

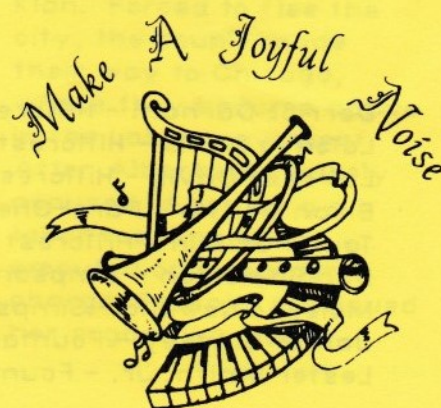
- Yvette Pressley

## Greetings from the Bethlehem Male Chorus

It is with great pleasure and pride that we greet our church family in the inaugural edition of "Bethlehem Today". Under the leadership of president Clyde Moore, the Male Chorus has grown more than fifteen strong (all of whom cherish the opportunity to sing the Lord's praise).

Directed by Bro. Dean Redmond, the Male Chorus has come full circle. We look forward to every 3rd and 5th Sunday as we rejoice in the Lord. We would like to thank all of our brothers and sisters in Christ who came out and helped us celebrate our 2nd anniversary on March 27, as we lifted the name of the Lord in spiritual bliss.

- Winfred Pressley







## Sunday School



Sunday School is where you learn and grow in Jesus and is the best way to begin the worship experience on Sundays. Sis. Pearlie Moore has been our Superintendent for five years. She was the first woman Superintendent at Bethlehem. We have about 80 people in Sunday School, our goal for this year is 200. Sunday School begins at 10:00am every Sunday. See You in Sunday School!!

- Cynthia Durham

Superintendent - Sis. Pearlie Moore

Secretary - Sis. Gina Webb

Assistant Secretary - Sis. LaTonya Davis

Class #1 Men - Bro. Dean Redmond  
Bro. Harold Sullivan

Class #2 Women - Sis. Versalle Jones  
Sis. Jackie Griffin

Class #3 Young Adult - Sis. Bobbie Sullivan  
Sis. Cathy Alston

Class #4 Youth - Sis. Wanda Seawright  
Bro. Lester Smith, Sr.

Class #5 Intermediate - Sis. Melinda Smith  
Sis. Flora Smith

Class #6 Juniors - Bro. Perry Smith  
Bro. Arthur Duckett

Class #7 Primary - Sis. Bettie Smith  
Sis. Joan Holden

Class #8 Beginners - Sis. Shirley Redmond  
Sis. Lois Davis

## Youth in Action

The Youth here at Bethlehem are very active not only in Church, and academics, but also in athletics. Part of becoming a well rounded person is to be active in both the mental and physical aspect of things. You can not only see the youth here at Bethlehem singing on the choir or ushering at the door, but also playing sports on the field or on the court. Maybe the next time you are looking for a sporting event to attend or feel like giving a youngster some encouragement, go see them do something positive and fun. Here is a list of youth and their athletic involvements.

- Gina Webb

- Shunda Hamer

Derrick Durham - Hillcrest C-Team Basketball

LaTonya Davis - Hillcrest Girl's C-Team Basketball

LaTreeze Davis - Hillcrest Girl's C-Team Basketball

Brian Griffin - Para-Chem Basketball Team

Taurik Griffin - Hillcrest Junior Varsity Basketball

Donald Holden - Simpsonville Recreational Soccer

Moisehe Newallo - Simpsonville Recreational Soccer

Jamar Lindsey - Fountain Inn Recreational Center Basketball, Football & Baseball

Lester Smith, Jr. - Fountain Inn Recreational Center Basketball, Football & Baseball





# Honor Roll



## KINDERGARTEN

Monique Barksdale  
K-5 Kindergarten  
"Terrific Kid Award"  
February 25, 1994

Shalonda Smith  
Pocketful Of Miracles  
"Outstanding Student"

## 1st GRADE

Jerrica Alston  
Cornerstone Christian  
Academy

Nicole Smith  
Bryson Elementary School

## 2nd GRADE

Troyoun O. Maxie  
East Georgia Road  
Christian School  
'B+' Honor Roll

Eric McGrier  
Bryson Elementary School

## 3rd GRADE

Donald Holden  
Plain Elementary School  
'A' Honor Roll

Moisehe Newallo  
Plain Elementary School  
'A-B' Honor Roll

Teela Webb  
Simpsonville Elementary  
School

Tameca Smith  
Greenbriar Elementary  
School  
'A-B' Honor Roll

## 4th GRADE

Lester Smith Jr.  
Bryson Elementary School

## 5th GRADE

Herrandus Frederick Hill  
Mauldin Elementary School

Jamar Lindsey  
Bryson Elementary  
"Student Of The Week"

Andrianne Griffin  
Morton Elementary School  
'A-B' Honor Roll

## 6th GRADE

Tekeemar Jackson  
Bryson Middle School  
'A' Honor Roll

## 10th GRADE

Gina Webb  
Hillcrest High School

## 12th GRADE

Kristie Webb  
J. L. Mann High School

## DIDN'T MAKE THE HONOR ROLL BUT CAME REALLY CLOSE???

We know and we want you to know that we're all still very proud of you.

Whatever the situation - heavy class load, tough subjects, etc.... - we just encourage you to do your best!

That's HONORABLE !!!!



## Black History



### DID YOU KNOW?

Lucy Parsons, born a slave in Texas, became active in Chicago's labor movement.

Parsons and her husband, Albert Parsons, a white former confederate soldier, edited a Waco, Texas, paper that challenged the Klu Klux Klan. Forced to flee the city, the couple made their way to Chicago, where they became active in the Labor movement. After Albert was falsely accused of bombing a labor meeting and executed on a murder charge, Parsons continued her organizing alone.



## FOR YOUR HEALTH



### Reduce Your Cancer Risk

1. Avoid Obesity (may reduce risk of uterine, breast, gall bladder, colon cancers)
  2. Cut Down On Total Fat Intake (may reduce risk of breast, & prostate cancers)
  3. Include A Variety of Vegetables And Fruits In Daily Diet (may reduce risk of cholesterol, stomach, esophagus, larynx, & lung cancers)
  4. Eat More High-Fiber Foods Such As Whole Grain Cereals, Vegetables, And Fruits (may reduce risk of liver, oral cancers)
  5. Go Easy On Alcohol, If You Do Drink (may reduce risk of liver, oral cancers)
  6. Eat Less Smoked, Salted, And Nitrite-Cured Foods (may reduce risk of esophagus, stomach cancers)
- Joyce Robinson, RNC



## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Springtime is in the air .... the days are longer, the birds are singing, the baseball season is back and it is time to dust off the old barbecue grill. But before we get too excited about the opening of a new season we need to insure that we have completely closed the books on 1993 .... the tax books, that is, by April 15.

There were a number of changes in the federal tax codes for the filing of federal taxes for 1993. Fortunately or unfortunately, depending on your point of view, time will not permit me to go over them all, but I will talk about a few of the most common tax terms and try to explain how they affect your pocketbook.

First, starting with tax breaks, are the personal and dependent exemptions. Exemptions mean money that is exempted or not included as income in determining your tax liability. Each person is

entitled one exemption unless they are claimed as a dependent in somebody else's federal income tax return. You claim an exemption for yourself and your dependents. Dependents being anyone you support financially. For 1993 each exemption is worth \$2,350.

Next are income tax deductions that are over and above the exemptions. There are two types of deductions. One is called "itemizing", that is, by listing one by one the different deductions, such as medical expenses, mortgage interest, donations to charities, property taxes and some miscellaneous expenses that can legally be deducted from income. The second is called the standard deductions, which is basically an average of what the IRS thinks most people spend on their "itemized" deductions. The standard deductions for 1993 are \$6,200 for a married couple and \$3,700 for a single tax payer. If you are 65 or older you get an additional deduction of \$900 if you are single and \$1,400 for a married couple. When you take a deduction, you subtract it from your income. Because you are in effect reducing your income you do not get a dollar for dollar reduction in the amount of tax you owe. For example, if you are in the 15 percent tax bracket a \$7,000 deduction would

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reduce your taxes by \$1,050 (\$7,000 multiplied by .15 = \$1,050).

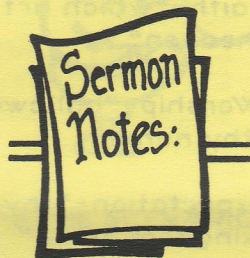
Our tax system is a progressive tax system. All that means is that the government does not tax all of our income at the same rate. As our income rises so does the amount of taxes that we owe on that income. For example, if you are single the first \$22,100 of income earned is taxed at 15 percent but income between \$22,101 and \$53,500 is taxed at 28 percent. For a married couple the first \$36,900 of income is taxed at 15 percent and income between \$36,901 and \$89,150 is taxed at 28 percent.

Lastly I would like to touch on tax credits. Credits are dollar for dollar reductions to the tax you owe and are more valuable to you. You may claim the earned income credit if you have income of less than \$23,050 and have a dependent child. The credit for dependent care expenses can be claimed if you have income of \$10,000 or less and paid someone to care for a dependent child under 13. Credit for the elderly and permanently disabled is available if you are 65 or older or if you are retired and permanently and totally disabled.

I hope this short course in income taxes has been of some help, but please remember that I have had to simplify my examples

and you will need to check the tax code or with your tax advisor for your tax situation. We as Christians have a responsibility to support our government by paying our fair share of taxes, this means taking all legal tax deductions and credits that we are allowed to reduce our tax liability. We must be willing to "render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's" (Matthew 22:21).

-Derrick J. Brown



## SERMON TRIVIA

Before you read this poem, you must put on your thinking cap! See if you can remember the Sunday that each BOLD TYPED sermon was preached and the scripture reference for each.

Caution: #6 is tricky!

**"HOW TO GET OFF TO A GOOD START"**

Our church went through some changes in '92 and part of '93.

The church members wondered,  
"Who'll guide us?"

As we listened attentively,  
A decision was finally made,

With much prayer in everyone's heart, and the next sermon we heard was **"HOW TO GET OFF TO A GOOD START."** The idea of a newsletter was mentioned so that everyone could tell their story; anniversaries, and other good news, but ultimately **"GIVING GOD ALL THE GLORY"**

**"Is there one who'll take on the responsibility?"**

The question was asked, Sister Pressley volunteered and then happily took on the task.

She set out dutifully **"LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN"**

and many willing workers the Lord did send.

We hope this first edition of our newsletter has been worth the wait.

We ask that you pray for us as we walk **"THE STREET CALLED STRAIGHT."**

Continue to love one another as God would have us to do.

And always bear this in mind, **"CHRIST MAKES ALL THINGS NEW."**

There's no doubt in our minds, and no fear in our hearts.

Everyone knows, **"WE'VE GOT TO DO OUR PART."**

Yes Indeed! We're off to a good start!

-Donna Shaw

-Yvette Pressley



## TOP 10



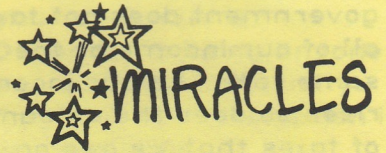
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Kirk Franklin/Family  
(GospoCentric)
  2. It Remains To Be Seen  
Mississippi Mass  
(Malaco)
  3. Stand Still  
Shirley Caesar  
(Word)
  4. "Live" In Memphis  
Canton Spirituals  
(Blackberry)
  5. Trust In The Lord  
Rev. James Moore  
(Malaco)
  6. Through God's Eyes  
Rev. Brunson &  
Thompson Comm.  
(Word)
  7. Live In Toronto  
Hezekiah Walker &  
Love Fellowship  
(Benson)
  8. All The Bases  
O'Landa Draper &  
Associates  
(Word)
  9. Live  
Dottie Peoples  
(AIR)
  10. Lily In The Valley  
John P. Kee/VIP  
(StarSong)
- Source: SCORE Magazine  
Mar/Apr 1994

## Ten Elements in the LORD'S PRAYER



1. A personal relationship  
with God—"Our Father"
  2. Faith—"which art in  
heaven"
  3. Worship—"hallowed be  
thy name"
  4. Expectation—"thy  
kingdom come"
  5. Submission—"thy will  
be done in earth, as it  
is in heaven"
  6. Petition—"give us this  
day our daily bread"
  7. Confession—"and  
forgive us our debts"
  8. Compassion—"as we  
forgive our debtors"
  9. Dependence—"and lead  
us not into temptation  
but deliver us from  
evil"
  10. Acknowledgement—"for  
thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the  
glory forever"
- Wanda Seawright

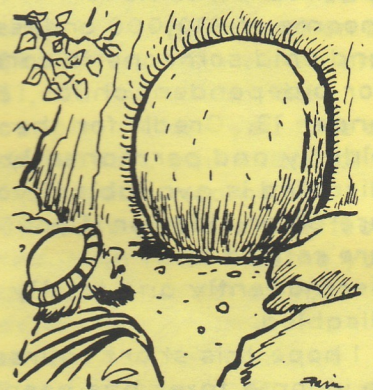
## Thank You God for Little Things



Thank You, God, for little  
things  
that often come our way-  
The things we take for  
granted  
but don't mention when we  
pray-  
The unexpected courtesy,  
the thoughtful, kindly  
deed-  
A hand reached out to help  
us  
in the time of sudden  
need-  
Oh make us more aware,  
dear God,  
of little daily graces  
That come to us with sweet  
surprise  
from never-dreamed-of  
places.

-Helen Steiner Rice

### KNOW YOUR BIBLE



#### Burial of Jesus

Who claimed the body of Jesus and  
placed it in his own tomb for burial?

Joseph of Arimathea (see John 19:38)



## NEW ARRIVALS



Little Miss Carrera Makins entered the world on Dec. 30, 1993 weighing 8 lbs. and measuring 18 1/2 inches. Carrera is the granddaughter of Ms. Carolyn Makins and the daughter of Turrell and Laura Makins of Goldsboro, NC.

## MEMBERS ON THE MOVE



Congratulations are in order for Jamaica Brown. On February 21, Jamaica was promoted to winder operator at 3M in Greenville. Jamaica has received several awards in the past which have enhanced her technical status in her position.

Also on February 9, Jamaica was appointed to a special task force, Design Team, created to improve communication guidelines on the job. KEEP IT UP JAMAICA!!!

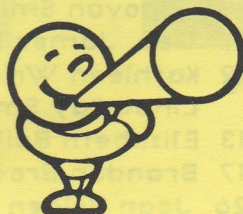
Also Congratulations to:

Albert Mattison  
Millionaire's Club  
State Farm Insurance

Jamar Lindsey  
All Star Team

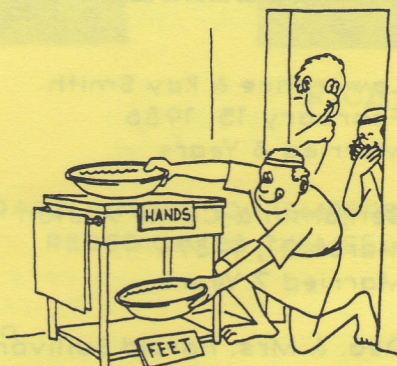


## WATCH OUT!!!!



HERE'S THE SCENARIO:

You're in a hurry and you park in the fire lane in front of the cleaners or grocery store. WATCH OUT! Simpsonville Police are now charging \$75.00 for this violation. What's The Hurry?



A PRACTICAL JOKE IN BIBLE TIMES.

## Answers to Sermon Trivia

(Sermon, Date, Scripture)

"How To Get Off To  
A Good Start"  
3/27/93  
Genesis 1:1-5

"Give God The Glory"  
7/25/93  
Acts 12:20-24

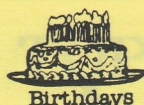
"Looking For A Few  
Good Men"  
Genesis 18:20-22 & 32

"The Street Called  
Straight"  
8/8/93  
Acts 9:10-11

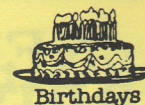
"Christ Makes All  
Things New"  
1/2/94  
Rev. 21:5-8

"We've Got To Do  
Our Part"  
(Fifth Sunday Fellowship  
at Mt. Zion Baptist Church)  
5/30/93  
John 11:39-44





## BIRTHDAYS



### JANUARY

1-3 David Donald  
Dea. Walter Bailey  
1-4 Carolyn Makins  
1-5 Kim Turner  
1-8 Lester Lee Smith Jr.  
1-6 Tessie Kennedy  
1-11 Lester Smith  
1-12 Jamar Lindsey  
Ginny Duckett  
1-14 Hayward Smith Jr.  
Cynthia Durham  
1-15 Angela Drummond  
Sonya Sullivan  
1-17 Katrina Smith  
1-26 Jeanette L. Maxie  
1-30 Jacqueline Spurgeon  
1-31 Donald Holden  
1-31 Margaret Durham

### FEBRUARY

2-1 Dea. Harold Sullivan  
2-2 Sally Webb  
2-6 Donna Shaw  
2-12 Mamie Smith  
2-13 Derrick Durham  
2-14 Marshay Smith  
2-15 Micca Rollison

Arlen & Pamela Crawford  
January 6, 1990  
Married 4 Years

Dea. James & Geneva  
Brown January 14, 1956  
38 years

Blane & Glenis Sherer  
January 3, 1987  
7 years

Lester & Flora Smith  
June 18, 1983  
Married 11 Years

2-17 Monique Barksdale  
Albert Mattison  
2-19 Tracy Robinson  
2-26 Shalonda Smith  
2-21 Corrie Davis  
2-22 Bobbie Sullivan  
2-27 Geneva Brown  
Lois Davis

### MARCH

3-10 Malinda Smith  
Donovan Smith  
3-11 Dea. James Brown  
3-12 Kathleen Wright  
Linda Kay Smith  
3-13 Elizabeth Bailey  
3-17 Brandon Brown  
3-26 Joan Holden

### APRIL

4-3 Kem Mattison  
4-4 Gloria Smith  
4-5 Flora Smith  
4-8 Bessie Kilgore  
4-25 Dea. Carlton Griffin  
Shirley Redmond

## ANNIVER- SARIES

Lawerence & Kay Smith  
February 15, 1986  
Married 8 Years

Benjamin & Cathy Alston  
March 21, 1987  
Married 7 Years

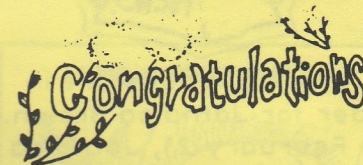
Dea. & Mrs. Harold Sullivan  
April 1  
Married 30 Years

### MAY

5-1 Katherine Barksdale  
Bessie Hill  
5-3 Tameca Smith  
5-9 Sherry Seawright  
Jamaica Brown  
James Hamilton Jr.  
5-10 Rashanna Barksdale  
Rashun Barksdale  
5-14 Rev. Cleo Smith  
5-18 Tony Griffin  
5-22 Winfred Pressley  
5-23 Arie Hill  
Wanda Seawright  
5-25 Maggie Jones  
Dea. Clyde Moore  
5-27 Dea. Toy Lee Kilgore  
5-29 Dean Spurgeon

### JUNE

6-1 Tracy Sullivan  
6-4 Pearlle Moore  
6-5 Dea. James Bailey  
6-20 Jessie Durham  
6-23 Fadell B. Durham



Timothy and Angela  
Drummond  
June 4, 1988  
Married 6 Years

Derrick & Jamaica Brown  
June 8, 1985  
Married 9 Years

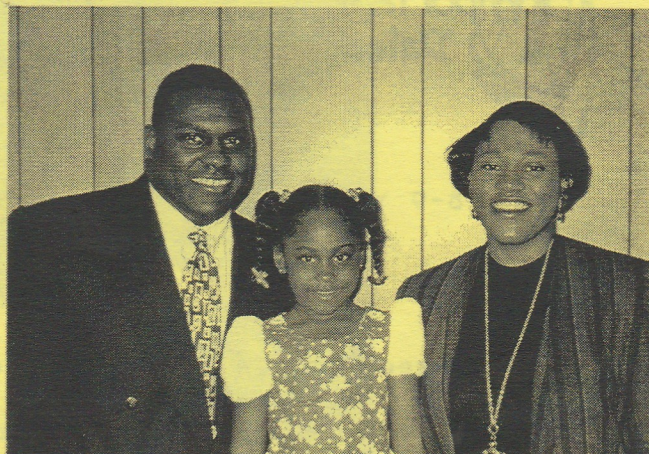
Rev. Cleo & Queen Smith  
July 1, 1960  
Married 34 Years



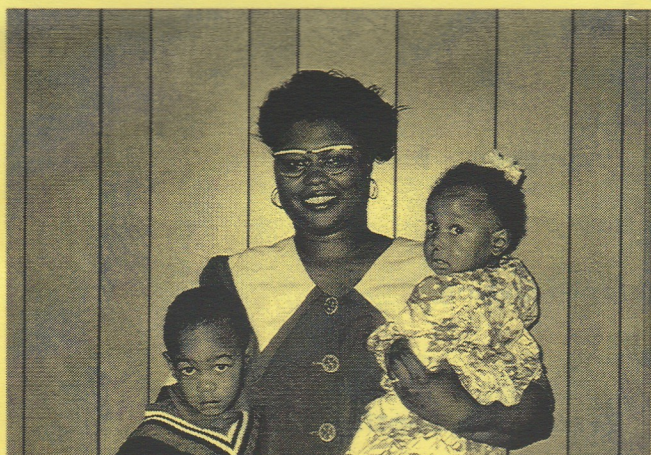
# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



**SHENICE PENN**



**DUNNEL & LaRITA BROOKS**  
Danielle



**SANDRA BOOKER**  
Wesley & Kayla



**RICHARD & TRACY ROBINSON**

CONGRATULATIONS TO MEMBERS WHO HAVE  
REDEDICATED THEMSELVES

- |                    |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Dennis Ferguson | 4. Cynthia Redmond |
| 2. Pamela Lindsey  | 5. Hattie Sexton   |
| 3. Rico Lindsey    | 6.                 |



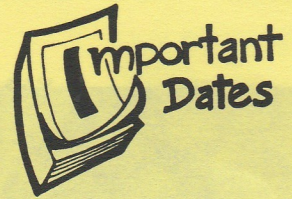
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# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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## APRIL



3 - Easter

8-9 Youth Department Musical Workshop "Celebration in Christ"

Friday: Registration 6pm-9pm Rehearsal 7pm-9pm

Saturday: Workshop 9:30am-2pm Concert begins at 6pm

Donation: \$2 youth/\$3 adults

10 - Reedy River Association Ushers Union Fellowship Program - 4:00pm

17 - Brotherhood Breakfast Meeting

Gospel Choir in Concert - 4:00pm

23 - Semi-Annual Conference - 7:00pm

## MAY

1 - Initial Sermon for Sis. Jackie Spurgeon - 5:00pm

8 - Women's Day

15 - Brotherhood Breakfast Meeting

28 - Union Meeting

29 - 5th Sunday Fellowship Service - Reedy Fork Baptist Church

## JUNE

5 - Usher's Anniversary

6-10 Vacation Bible School

12 - Children's Day/Graduation Day

19 - Brotherhood Breakfast Meeting

26 - Petite Choir Anniversary - 5:00pm



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# Hope you enjoyed our 1st Edition of BETHLEHEM TODAY



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We welcome your comments, suggestions or any feedback. Just let us know or leave in the drop box. See 'ya next quarter!!





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