



2019 Winter Edition

Chronicles



Reverend Dr. Kevin Sturdiyant



"It's the most wonderful time of the year With the kids jingle belling and everyone telling you be of good cheer it's the most wonderful time of the year."

Those are the words to Andy Williams' famous Christmas song of the same name. I concur. I must admit I love the Christmas season. I love it so much that my kids laugh at me because I can be found singing Christmas songs and Christmas carols all year round. It's the most wonderful time of the year.

So wonderful, in fact, that this is the Advent season it is a season of hope, peace, joy, and love. The story of the birth of Christ is filled with hope because Jesus Christ in us is the hope of glory. (Colossians 1:27) The story of the birth of Christ is filled with peace because this child that is born unto us will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6) The story of the birth of Christ is also filled with joy. His birth brings for us glad tidings of great joy. (Luke 2:10) The story of the birth of Christ also demonstrates to us God's great love. God's love is so amazing that God decided to give us His very best to save our souls and redeem our lives. (John 3:16)

This Advent season is not about trees, gifts, toys or trinkets because none of those things can give us the hope, peace, joy and love that comes from Jesus Christ. So, let's not focus on the wrong things this Advent season. Let's focus on the gift that God gave to humanity in His Son Jesus Christ. How thankful we are for God's amazing gift. Christmas should be a constant reminder to us that God has a way of interrupting humanity in order to infuse us with His hope, peace, joy and love.

Don't let anyone or anything take away what Jesus came to give you in this Advent season – hope, peace, joy and love. God's gift is enough to make us unashamedly declare that this is the most wonderful time of the year.



Greetings my brothers & sisters of Springfield:

We thank our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for another blessed year of Him, showering us with His Love, Grace, and Mercy.

I have noticed that during this time of the year individuals for the most part seem to be more cheerful and kinder to one another. Homes and business are decorated in a show stopping fashion, with such a display of lights for a season, that will soon be over.



During this Christmas Season you will see many signs

that will display LOVE, JOY, & PEACE, but this truly comes with receiving the gift of JESUS in your heart.

LOVE: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16 NKJV

JOY: "Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people." Luke 2:10 NKJV

PEACE: "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." John 14:27 NKJV

For every soul that is weary, Christ is calling to give you His perfect Gift of Love & Redemption that He offers. You will never have to shop for the perfect gift, just receive Him and be set free. "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. John 8:36 NIV

We that are in Christ recognize that Christ is the reason for the season, and this season is all about Love. So let us prayerfully read what Paul said to the Corinthian church at that time, and what the Lord is saying to us today. "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing. Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away. When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known. And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love," I Corinthians 13:1-13 NKJV

If you are applying this, you will have a Most Blessed Merry CHRISTmas!

Deacon James A. Gibson II, in collaboration with Sis. Vicky Gibson



Mrs. Charlene Newkirk was recognized by the Christian Education Ministry for her dedication to serving the Sunday School in various capacities over the years.

September 2019 Saundra Cobey Sylvestor Cobey Ashley Montague Evette Pittman



October 2019 Samirah Patton Debbie Yarborough Brown Sonja Brown Dennis Dawson Lissie Lee Thurman Wade Gwendolyn Wade Jesse Sweeney – Rededication

Detrocco Coates David Freeman Roderick Lewis Helga Lewis Sheydan Lewis NunoLewis Robert Purcell Michelle Moore – Rededication Jasmine Moore – Rededication

November 2019



A grandmother, Sis. Charlene Newkirk, with a grateful heart submitted this article about her grandson and how he proved to his town that *Kindness Matters*. The full article is available at <u>https://www.mountdorabuzz.com/kindness-matters/archives/09-2019</u>. But here are a few highlights that makes this so noteworthy and timely for the days and time in which we live:



Pictured from left to right: Román Newkirk and Elaine Lobato

- He told his mom that "some people help others and do things for show and recognition, but it's the things you do when no one is watching that shows your heart and who you really are,"
- He was described by his mother as a "gentlemen in training"
- He said of the situation that "he's black, he was dressed in black, and he had dreads. He was so happy to know that someone would overlook the stereotypes about young, black men, see him for who he is, and trust him."
- "I feel that I showed concerned people that our generation isn't hopeless."
- He felt that he helped Lobato out of pure instinct and was taught that it was the right thing to do. He went on to say that Lobato reminded him of **his own grandmother** and would want someone to help her in that situation."
- When asked what he hoped others learned from his response and decision to be kind, he said, "...it is easy to do the right thing. Even if you don't get recognized, you should still feel like you made a difference in someone's life.

So we salute you and are appreciative of your efforts to be a "gentleman in training."

The Economic Empowerment Ministry invites you...

February 1, 2020 for the showing and discussion of the movie...





Réjoice

by Johnny Ray Moore

Another year is almost gone, We've worked through many days. The good, the bad, the trials of life, **Our GOD deserves the praise!** Some things were gained; some things were lost, The process helped us grow. The ups and downs that we endured, Were tests, if you didn't know. For some of us, we'll end the year, Adhering to His Word. His Word reveals His Promises. In case you have not heard. And, it's The Season, we believe, The time of CHRIST's birth. **Oh**, what a **BLESSING** for mankind, A GIFT to sinful Earth! "The LORD has done great things for us, And we are filled with joy." So, let's REJOICE and PRAISE His Name, **From now 'til EVERMORE!**



SHARE A PRAYER

Greetings, church. I've shared this poem down through the years of my life with children and my peers. I thank God for the author, Love M. Whitcomb Willis. This poem was published in 1859. I learned it in elementary school from a bible teacher who was assigned to the schools to teach the Ho-ly Bible. God bless you. Shared by Betty (Pleasant) Smith.

"Father, hear the prayer we offer; Not for ease that prayer shall be, But for strength that we may ever Live our lives courageously. Not forever in green pastures Do we ask our way to be? But the straight and rugged pathway May we tread rejoicingly. Not forever by still waters Would we idly quiet stay, But would smite the living fountains From the rocks along the way. Be our strength in hours of weakness; In our wanderings be our guide; Through endeavor, failure, danger Father, be thou at our side"

Amen.



Lord has. done Psalm 1263

Let's Give

My name is Montia Rhodes, and I've been a member of Springfield Baptist Church since 2015. On June 2nd of this year, I got into a terrible accident and was rushed to WakeMed ICU with life threatening injuries. I was in a coma for about a week, and shortly after they had to amputate my left leg above the knee. When I woke up, I couldn't remember what had happened. I just remembered being with Trae, my boyfriend of 5 years, at Pelicans Snowballs. Shortly after, my parents had to break the news to me that he was gone. I spent 2 ½ months in the hospital and I've been doing physical therapy since my discharge, getting stronger every day.

Shortly following discharge, the doctor who conducted my amputation told my parents and I that he didn't believe I'd be able to walk again. Six months later, on November 6th, which so happens to be Trae's birthday, I received my prosthetic. Despite that doctor's opinion, I've been learning to walk with the strength God's given me. I will still require intense therapy for a while. I plan on returning to school in the Spring (January) to UNC Charlotte to continue studying to be a nurse. My church family has been by my side from the day I was admitted by visiting me every chance they got and praying for me. I could not thank them enough for their love and support.

The leg that I've received is temporary, and



purposed for learning how to walk. Later, I will need a more complex leg with a computerized knee to consolidate for the trauma to my residual limb making it harder to walk in comparison to other amputees. The cost of my new leg is nearly \$50,000. Find out how you can help me with this effort by messaging me on my Facebook page.

I love you all, and I hope you take comfort in seeing me come to church even stronger each time.





The Miracle On I-95

My Testimony (The Miracle on I-95)

When the Lord pressed on my heart the desire to attend the 2020 Joyce Meyer Women's Conference way back in February, I had no idea what he may have been up to. If you have lived as long as I have you may have had times when you knew that you would have to have a miracle, and you prayed for one. However, not knowing it's going to take a miracle and getting one, is totally mind blowing!

We confidently began our journey with a "traveling grace" prayer and fully trusted God for safe passage. We did have a few issues to attend to on the trip but overall, we were fully blessed and inspired by the worship and teaching sessions.

Now to the miracle, while rolling back up I-95, I heard a loud boom! The right front tire on the bus I was driving blew out! My first thought was – that's not good! Next, I thought, do I go left or right? It felt to me like the Angels, Joyce had reminded us of, that were always with us, had lifted us over into the median and we stopped. Is everyone ok? Yes! Praise the Lord! I think we even sang a song of praise! We were so happy that God showed out and gave us a miracle on I-95!

Was I scared? I didn't have time to be scared – it was over so fast! God is so awesome! He had the whole thing under control all the time. I guarantee **HE** was not surprised when the tire blew! He knows everything and if we would only trust him with the good and the not so good, he is faithful to work it all for our good.

I just thank God for the spirit of the ladies that day! We were all given a second chance – Let's make the most of it! As you come in contact with each of us, a hug is definitely appreciated! Realizing how devastating it could have been for our church family...whew! Makes me want to love everybody, pray for everybody, and see Springfield grow even closer every day! To God Be the Glory!

Driver - Sylvia Dobbin

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Dear Springfield!



Please help us shine the spotlight as we congratulate our daughter and sister Jessica Dawes. Jessica attends Garner Magnet High School. She is in the 10 grade. In October, Jessica was inducted into the Beta Club. On November 22, 2019 Jessica was inducted into the National Achievers Society and has received several awards for her academic achievements. Jessica not only is excelling in her academics at Garner, but she shows leadership skills on the basketball court as a guard and team captain. She has also been very influential in reimplementing the Garner High School Gospel Choir. Around Springfield Jessica can be seen on the floor ushering, in the choir singing, or at bible study. Congratulations Jessica we are so proud of you! Continue to let your light shine!

Love,

William, Donna, Jalen, and Jaida





"Stay Thirsty, Stay Close to the Brook"

Thank you Dr. Sturdivant and SBC for the many gifts, support and your continued prayers. I will prayerful finish my 1st Semester at UNCW with A's & B's.

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Sister Siani Antoine is a senior at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She recently was selected as an intern for the WomenNC Commission on the Status of Women Leadership Training Program. WomenNC is an accredited NGO with the United Nations working to improve the life of women in North Carolina. Siani will complete research on the health of women in North Carolina, and will present her research in New York at the United Nation's Conference for the Commission of the Status of Women in March 2020.



On November 13, 2019, 2nd Lt. Jordan T. Whitaker completed Basic Officer Course 4-19 Delta Company, at The Basic School Quantico, Virginia. The mission of The Basic School is to train and educate newly commissioned or appointed officers in the high standards of professional knowledge, espirit-de-corps, and leadership to prepare them for duty company grade officers in the operating forces, with particular emphasis on the duties, responsibilities and warfighting skills of a rifle platoon commander. 2nd Lt. Jordan T. Whitaker received the MOS student Naval Aviator and is heading to Pensacola, Florida to attend flight school at NAS Pensacola. 2nd Lt . Jordan T. Whitaker is the son of Deacon Timothy and Andrea Whitaker.



The Clayton Kiwanis Club held its first annual bowling tournament at the Rainbow Lanes Family Fun Center in Clayton, NC on Monday, November 18, 2019. The Clayton Kiwanis Club is a civic organization that benefits children in the community from elementary through high school. As with most civic groups, this group is a non-profit entity that relies solely on fundraising events to support its efforts in the community.

The Clayton Kiwanis Club would like to thank the Springfield Baptist Church members who showed up in good numbers for their prayerful and monetary support and participation in the tournament. There were 7 teams participating and the top 3 teams were awarded trophies. Each of the top 3 teams had Springfield members in the mix. In addition, the Men's Ministry Group attended the tournament and provided spiritual support by opening and closing the event with prayer. Well, now we know that Springfield **'got bowlers'** too!!! @pastorsturdivant

Submitted by:

Grace Herring, Bernard Herring, Donald Moses, Michael Dawkins









On October 26, 2019, Ian and Xenia Weakly do it again...running to raise money to benefit kids attending summer camp. This time with South Mountain Christian Camp which is a Bible-centered ministry that spreads the Good News of Jesus.



Then on November 9th they participated in the Rotary District 7710's 8th Annual #GlobalRun4Water. This time supporting an amazing cause— the gift of water.

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SBC member Bro. Jasper Hall played on a basketball team representing Wake County in the Senior Games. They won the Gold Medal at the state playoffs.



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NEW FUND DESIGNATIONS ADDED

If you would like to contribute funds online to our Sunday School and/or Education & Scholarship ministries, you are now able to do so via the online giving portal.

To give to Sunday School, simply select the fund from the dropdown list. A contribution report will be read each month during the devotional period at the beginning of Sunday School.

To give to Education & Scholarship, first select "Special Day" and then "Education & Scholarship"

TEXT-TO-GIVE

Our dedicated phone number for Text-to-Give is: **919-584-9070**.

To get started with Text-to-Give, text an amount to the number above and add a fund name.

Example: \$100.00 Tithes

For a list of funds to designate monies to, text "Keywords" and a list will be sent to you.

CIRCLES OF CARE MINISTRY MISSION STATEMENT

Circles of Care ministry members will use their God given talents/gifts, to serve Springfield sisters, brothers, and Community individuals, who are unable to perform daily activities as a result of acute or chronic situations.

DID YOU KNOW ?

The Book of James

everyone is welcome Tuesdays 7:00pm

Wednesdays 12:00noon

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WHY THE 2020 CENSUS MATTERS

Older Americans have been more likely than other age groups to returned their U.S, census forms and make sure they were counted. As the 2020 census happen next March-experts say there will be challenges in getting older people to participate. Many older Americans are not comfortable with an online response and prefer to fill out a

paper census form. The stakes are high. In 2016, for example, more than 300 federally funded-programs relied on census data to distributed more than \$675 billions to states and localities. This includes funds for schools, roads and hospitals and also programs that older Americans like Medicare Part B.

How will the new census process work? Between March 12 and 20, the majority of households will receive a postcard invitation to respond online to the 2020 census. Those who don't answer will then receive the tradition paper form in the mail. If a household does not respond, the bureau will send a census taker to knock on that door to collect the household data.

What happens if I missed?

Simple: You won't be represented in the census for the next decade (10 years). If many in your area go uncounted, then federal money-or representation-that would rightly go to your communities or state will be distributed to another county or community.

What if I live in a rural community with a low population? Does it matter if I participate?

In 2016 alone, more than \$30 billion was distributed. These funds went toward things like home loans, business loans and waste disposal. These funds only come to your community if you and your neighbors are counted. This is especially true in areas with low population.

Is it about money?

No, the number of seats in the US House of representatives, and the electoral college votes that each state gets, are determine by census numbers, So, the political balance of power in America changes after each census. Census data will be used over the coming decade to decide where to place **parks**, **roads**, **and hospital**. It will determine funding for community projects that benefit people of all ages and color, including mass transit, which help many people remain in their homes longer.

Do you ever wonder why there are limited parks, bike routes and other recreational places in low income areas, people must fill out the census form in 2020? Your community needs your help. Its your duty to fill out the census form and make sure everyone in you home do the same. Pass the word, spread the good news, help your community. **Its your tax dollars.**

LOOKING TO MAKE A FEW EXTRA BUCKS? HELP WITH THE 2020 CENSUS COUNT

An application can be completed online at the Census bureau website in about 30 minutes. The website also includes wages, position, which is based on location. To get started, go to 2020census.gov/en/jobs.

Submitted by Wyoma Moses

SOUICE: https://www.aarp.org/politics-society/government-elections/info-2019/census-impact-older-americans.html



INDULGE WITH CAUTION

CAUTION (yellow light)

As we venture into the longest food partaking season of the year, proceed with caution! Moderation, which takes discipline & desire; along with motive are the keys to balanced eating. Understanding our food weaknesses is the first step to making better choices one bite at a time.

AVOID (red light)

Abstain from excessive sugar intake. I know it sounds impossible during this season, but here's the why and how moderation can be applied.

<u>Fact</u>: excessive sugar in the body weakens your immune system which means you are more susceptible to everything ranging from a common cold to disease in the body.

<u>Application</u>: try splitting dessert with at least one other person. Train your body by renewing your mind that a taste is enough. Remember, moderation is key.

BENEFITS (green light)



Our 2020 outcome can be:

• A healthier you will be a happier you

• A stronger Christian: a food consumption discipline can translate into spiritual growth. We might begin with food control but progress to tongue control. Don't despise small beginnings.

• A Witnessing Opportunity: once people observe our outward change; it opens a door to share our inward transformation.



Legacy of Love "Honoring Loved Ones Legacies" October 19, 2019



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Attention! Attention! Attention!



The Membership Ministry will be hosting our 2020 SBC

Ministry Empowerment Session

Growing Stronger In Ministries Through Christ

Colossians 3:23-24

"And whatever you do, do it heartily as to the Lord and not man"

January 11, 2020 10am-12:30pm

James A. Gibson Fellowship Hall

YOU ARE ALL INVITED TO COME OUT AND BE BLESSED WHILE LEARNING ABOUT THE MINISTRIES AT SBC



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SWAT at the African-American Cultural Museum

Mrs. Dorothy Griffis, Mrs. Shirley Bumper and Mrs. Mae Badger at the Bible Museum The Senior Citizens Ministry sponsored a trip to Washington, DC on September 5-6, 2019. The seniors visited the African American Museum, The Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial, and The Bible Museum. The fellowship was very good and everyone seemed to have enjoyed themselves. Special thanks to Rose Broadnax, Activity Coordinator, for all she did to help plan this event. We thank God for His protection as we traveled during Hurricane Dorian.

GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD!



Seniors With A Testimony

Do you want to learn how to Invest?

Springfield, the only guaranteed investment that exists is having a personal relationship with Christ. He loves us and wants us to be good and faithful stewards. As faithful stewards, he charges us to be responsible with all his gifts to us, including how we save and invest our financial resources.



God has allowed us to have the opportunity to learn how to make financial investments. So, regardless of your current level of investment knowledge, if you are curious about investing and want to learn more.

Contact the Economic Empowerment Ministry at <u>eem@springfieldbaptistchurch.com</u> or feel free to speak to any of our ministry leaders.



Sherrod Gresham, Anthony Jenkins, Jackie Holloway, Michael Dawkins, Vicky Jenkins, Yvonne Stancil, Joe Robinson, Kandaree Dawkins

Bereavement Summer Bowling Outing





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HOLIDAY TRADITIONS AROUND THE WORLD

Put the letter (from the right) in front of the number that corresponds to the correct tradition and place that celebrates this way.

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3. St. Lucia Day	C. Spain	- 16
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6. The Christmas Pickle	F. Venezuela	6 N
7. Tai Chiu	G. Wales	3
8. Caroling W/ A Dead Horse	H. Sweden	_ 24
9. Hide All Brooms	I. Israel	28
10. Christmas Eve – KFC	J. Ecuador	
11. Roller Skating to Mass	K. Africa	÷ N
12. Good Luck Spider Webs	L. Norway	្ត្រីប៉
13. Santa Claus Pub Crawl	M. Hong Kong	<u></u>
14. The Christmas Log	N. France	🚽 🚽
15. Night of the Radishes	O. India	± ∰
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18. Midnight Mass Service	R. San Francisco	월 정역
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Answers to "what Would Passa' Say" 1. talking; 2. talk; 3. bumped; 4. preacher; 5. slow; 6. talking; 7. tenor; 8. lyric; 9. kickstand; 10. hang; 11. lights; 12. trek; 13. anybody #13 should have read "somebody, _____, everybody give God the praise".



Silent Night O' Holy Night O' Come All Ye Faithful Away in A Manger The First Noel Someday At Christmas What Christmas Means To Me It's The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year

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December

Christmas Holiday—Church Office Closed

December 24th—December 26th

Watch Night Service

December 31st Watch Night Service @ 10:00pm

January

New Year's Holiday—Church Office Closed

January 1st

Ministry Empowerment Session

January 11th 10:00am—12noon

MLK Day—Church Office Closed

January 20th

Tea & Tulle w/ Tiffany

January 25th @ 1:00pm-3:00pm

February

Business Expo

February 1st 9:00am —3:00pm

Tea & Tulle w/ Tiffany

February 22nd @ 1:00pm—3:00pm



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Betsy



To our faithful readers Carolyn and church family



and church family The Newsletter Ministry would like to say



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Monica

Lakeisha







Jackie **A**

Tabitha

Xenia

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the LORD has done GREAT things US We are filled with Psalm 126:3

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