

Springfield Chronicles

Springfield Baptist Church Newsletter

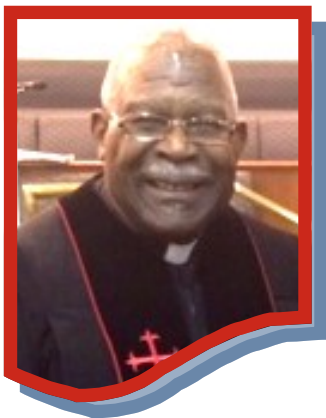
Christmas Edition 2017

*A
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Isaiah 9:6

Merry Christmas!



The True Meaning and Message of CHRISTMAS

We are approaching what is called, in the Christian calendar, the Advent season. Advent is celebrated during the four Sundays immediately preceding Christmas and is intended to commemorate the birth, the coming, or the arrival of Jesus. Originally, it was not intended to be the secular celebration that we have made it to become. It was a sacred occasion intended to celebrate a deeply religious event.

I have prepared four sermons to be preached in the month of December to emphasize the Advent theme specifically. I hope you will be present to witness these worship services and to hear these sermons. I hope this, not just because I am the one who will be preaching these sermons, but also because I honestly hope, believe, and pray that the sermons themselves will bring Jesus nearer to you and make Christmas more meaningful in your life. After all, Jesus paid a tremendous price to make it all possible, and the culmination of it all began with His birth.

The sermons that I shall preach will include the historical events, the contemporary circumstances, and the divine and human conditions which necessitate, precipitate, and surround our Savior's birth. However, while the history, the geography, and the divine orchestration of the season itself and all of the events attached to it are important to understanding Christmas correctly and appreciating Christmas properly, the most important fact about the entire situation and season is that when the fullness of time had come, God sent His Son into the world. All attempts by other means to reconcile man and God had come short of their purpose, and now God was making a final, personal, and sacrificial effort to make it happen.

Our Bible teaches us that this Son of God, called Jesus, was born of a woman and was born under a law which was condemning to man because of man's sinful nature. The law was intended to save man but, because of man's sinful nature and the nature of the law itself, the law ended up condemning him instead of saving him. The sacred scriptures also tell us that at the time of Jesus' birth, we were actually all slaves to this law.

Jesus came to correct or fulfill the law. He applied God's interpretation to the law, so that it would become redemptive rather than punitive. So Jesus did not destroy the law, but he clarified the law and made it better. In the process, He adopted us so that we would no longer be slaves to the law, but we would become sons and daughters of God. Consequently, we are no longer sinners bound by law, but we are now sinners saved by grace. We are no longer sons and daughters of the evil one, but we are sons and daughters of God. We are no longer slaves to sin, but we are now free heirs of grace.

All of this, properly understood, provides a clearer understanding that Christmas should not be just a season of festive celebration for personal pleasure, but it should also be a season that truly signifies our divine rescue from condemnation and our personal right to eternal salvation. Thank God. Hallelujah!

Have a happy, healthful, and healed Christmas.

Your Interim Pastor,
Dr. James D. Ballard



Right Hand of FELLOWSHIP

September 2017

Epiphanie Jackson

Symaya Payne

Evelyn Rivers

November 2017

Richard Dickerson

Angela McCrae

Cute "lone" Parker

Paletta Lee (*Rededication*)

Welcome

John 1:29 (ESV) "Behold, the
Lamb of God, who takes away
the sin of the world!"

Christmas Greetings My Brothers and Sisters!

Deacon Jimmy Gibson, SBC Deacon Board Chairman

Do Christians Really Need to Attend Church?

Ecclesiastes 4:7-12 (NCV): 7 Again I saw something here on earth that was useless: 8 I saw a man who had no family, no son or brother. He always worked hard but was never satisfied with what he had. He never asked himself, "For whom am I working so hard? Why don't I let myself enjoy life?" This also is very sad and useless. Friends and Family Give Strength 9 Two people are better than one, because they get more done by working together. 10 If one falls down, the other can help him up. But it is bad for the person who is alone and falls, because no one is there to help. 11 If two lie down together, they will be warm, but a person alone will not be warm. 12 An enemy might defeat one person, but two people together can defend themselves; a rope that is woven of three strings is hard to break.

John 17:20-23 (NCV): 20 I pray for these followers, but I am also praying for all those who will believe in me because of their teaching. 21 Father, I pray that they can be one. As you are in me and I am in you, I pray that they can also be one in us. Then the world will believe that you sent me. 22 I have given these people the glory that you gave me so that they can be one, just as you and I are one. 23 I will be in them and you will be in me so that they will be completely one. Then the world will know that you sent me and that you loved them just as much as you loved me.

Matthew 18:20 (NCV): 20 This is true because if two or three people come together in my name, I am there with them.

John 20:22-23 (NCV): 22 After he said this, he breathed on them and said, *Receive the Holy Spirit.* 23 *If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven. If you don't forgive them, they are not forgiven.*

Romans 12:3-8 (NCV): 3 Because God has given me a special gift, I have something to say to everyone among you. Do not think you are better than you are. You must decide what you really are by the amount of faith God has given you. 4 Each one of us has a body with many parts, and these parts all have different uses. 5 In the same way, we are many, but in Christ we are all one body. Each one is a part of that body, and each part belongs to all the other parts. 6 We all have different gifts, each of which came because of the grace God gave us. The person who has the gift of prophecy should use that gift in agreement with the faith. 7 Anyone who has the gift of serving should serve. Anyone who has the gift of teaching should teach. 8 Whoever has the gift of encouraging others should encourage. Whoever has the gift of giving to others should give freely. Anyone who has the gift of being a leader should try hard when he leads. Whoever has the gift of showing mercy to others should do so with joy.

1 Corinthians 12:4-31 (NCV): 4 There are different kinds of gifts, but they are all from the same Spirit. 5 There are different ways to serve but the same Lord to serve. 6 And there are different ways that God works through people but the same God. God works in all of us in everything we do. 7 Something from the Spirit can be seen in each person, for the common good. 8 The Spirit gives one person the ability to speak with wisdom, and the same Spirit gives another the ability to speak with knowledge. 9 The same Spirit gives faith to one person. And, to another, that one Spirit gives gifts of healing. 10 The Spirit gives to another person the power to do miracles, to another the ability to prophesy. And he gives to another the ability to know the difference between good and evil spirits. The Spirit gives one person the ability to speak in different kinds of languages and to another the ability to interpret those languages. 11 One Spirit, the same Spirit, does all these things, and the Spirit decides what to give each person. *The Body of Christ Works Together* 12 A person's body is one thing, but it has many parts. Though there are many parts to a body, all those parts make only one body. Christ is like that also. 13 Some of us are Jews, and some are Greeks. Some of us are slaves, and some are free. But we were all baptized into one body through one Spirit. And we were all made to share in the one Spirit.

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"A King is Born"

by Johnny Ray Moore

**Into this world,
A child was born,
He flourished here,
Through senseless scorn.**

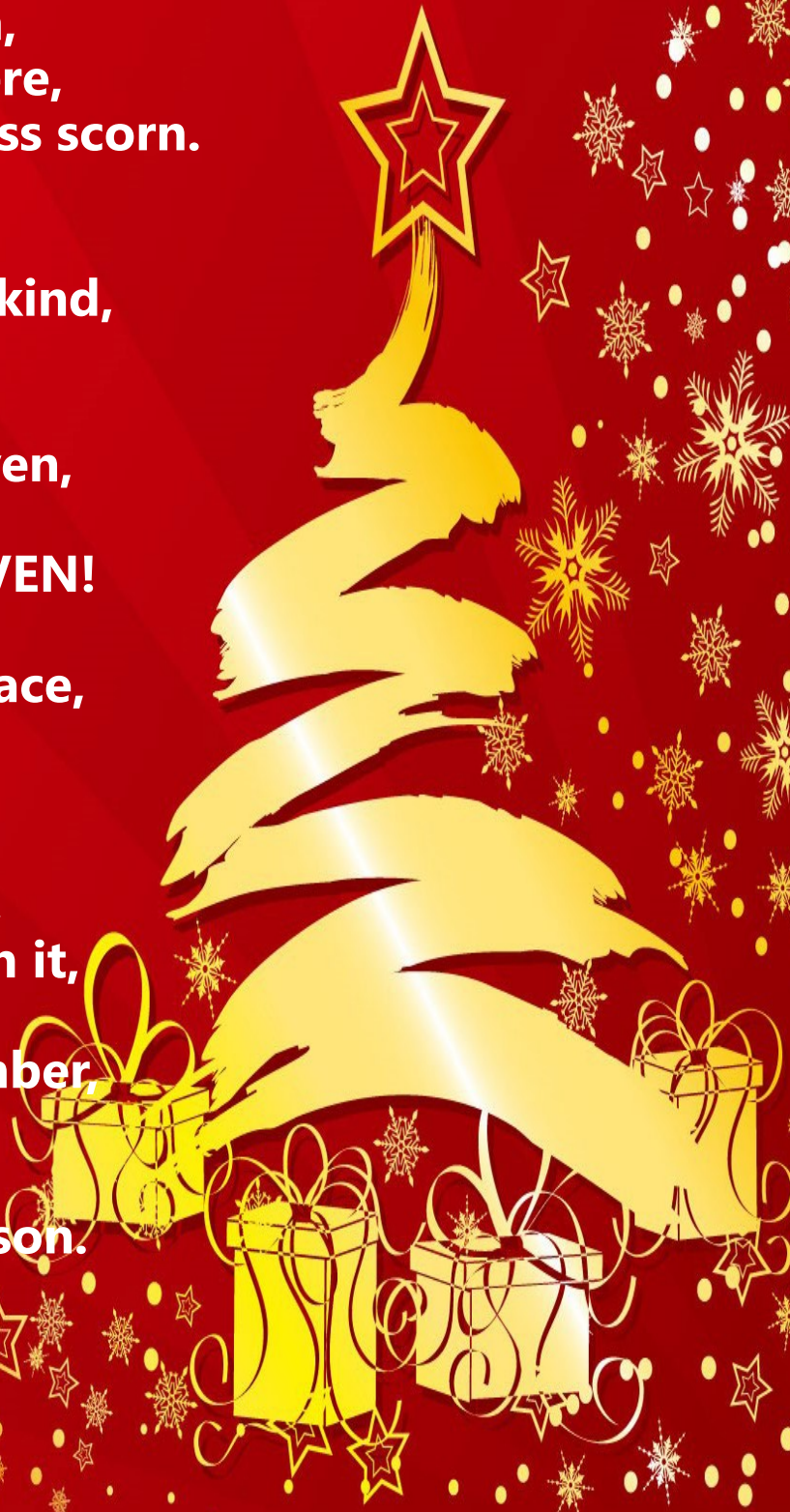
**A world of sin,
He had to bare,
Redeeming mankind,
Everywhere.**

**A sacred Lamb,
So pure and driven,
Because of Him,
Our sins, FORGIVEN!**

**A Counsellor,
The Prince of Peace,
A King, for sure,
To say the least.**

**No matter what,
Pollutes our day,
CHRIST will wash it,
All away.**

**And, let's remember,
He's the reason,
Why we have,
A Christmas Season.**



Seniors Ministry

Springfield Seniors Proclaim . . . "JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON"

We pray the joy of a very Merry Christmas to all. This is truly the season for us to proclaim the Savior who came to assure us of eternal life with Him. Let our hearts show the love He has and still is showing us. The following acronym spells the attributes of **Christ Jesus**:

Complete, compassionate and consistent
Holy, Holy, Holy
Righteous, reverent and real
Intense, illuminating and immutable
Superior, sensational and sure
Triumphant, transcendent, tremendous

Justifier, jubilant and joyful
Everlasting, exceptional and extraordinary
Superb, solid and supreme
Unequaled, uttermost and unique
Stupendous, spiritual and splendid

Senior Citizen Ministry



Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

Matthew 2: 1-2 KJV

S.W.A.T. Honors SBC Seniors Enjoying Their 90's

Our God's promises are truly fulfilled for those who live to please Him. His Word, *Psalm 90:10 states, "The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away."*

We have in our congregation as of this year of our Lord 2017, four among the flock, namely: Deacon Roman Green, Sister Alie Cobb, Sister Ethel Curtis and Sister Josephine Wilkins who have been blessed for another twenty years. Let's applaud and keep them in our prayers as they march with grace and mercy toward that awesome 100 year mark. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

The Senior Citizen Ministry visited and presented a token of love in the form of a rose to each of them. Dear beloved of Springfield Baptist, let's give honor where honor is due. God is good.



Dec. Roman Green



Sis. Alie Cobb



Sis. Ethel Curtis



Sis. Josephine Wilkins



IN EVERYTHING
give *Thanks*

1 Thes. 5:18



Economic Empowerment Ministry

A Look Back and What's to Come

As we look back on 2017, the Economic Empowerment Ministry facilitated discussions on a variety of topics that truly provided EMPOWERMENT to those who attended the events. Here is a recap of the sessions for 2017.

JANUARY – We kicked off the 4th Annual Savings Challenge. This effort simply sets \$2.74 a day as a savings target, which rounds up to \$20.00 per week. Saving this amount will give you ~\$1,000.00 in one year. What this represents is a *"steady plodding"* concept which is about doing something consistently for a long period of time. The scripture references for this challenge are: Proverbs 21:5 Steady plodding brings prosperity; hasty speculation brings poverty and Proverbs 21:20 The wise man saves for the future, but the foolish man spends whatever he gets. The 5th Annual Challenge will kick off January 1.

APRIL – Series 1 of Creating Financial Stability For Future Generations focused on Preserving Land Assets conducted by Sam Cooke the Executive Director of Forest Asset for the N.C. State University College of Natural Resources and VP for the Natural Resources Foundation Board. Sam will return in 2018 along with Attorney Mavis Gragg who specializes in Estate Planning, Estate Administration, and Heirs Property. Our own, Sherrod Gresham, also conducted a session on how coin collecting can be a very low risk hobby and investment tool. Scripture reference for this session was Proverbs 13:22 A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, but the sinner's wealth is laid up for the righteous.

MAY – The State Employees Credit Union came onsite and hosted "The Reality of Money" for our Youth. This activity showed our youth how to make financial decisions about paying for housing, transportation and other monthly expenses as they are "transformed" into young adults with jobs and other responsibilities to manage.

JULY - We hosted The B of C (Basics of Credit) Seminar. This seminar was conducted by Deborah Kennedy with WeTeC (We Teach Credit). Deborah provided a solid understanding of how the credit system works, and the institutions involved in credit reporting and credit scores. Additionally, attendees were taught how to evaluate credit offers. Scripture reference was: That in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge. 1 Corinthians 1:5

AUGUST - Kenneth McDonald who is the founder of www.prophetic-ministry.com presented "How To Make Money When You Don't Have A Job". Kenneth combined some of the most laugh-out-loud humor with powerful, fresh perspectives and unforgettable, personal words. He prays personally one-on-one to affect change in your spiritual and financial circumstances and it has been said that, "There is life in his words." Kenneth is also an expert internet marketer and shares his knowledge generously. He teaches a college class on several different ways to create an income using the internet and a computer. Scripture references were Ecclesiastes 2:24 There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God and Philippians 4:19 And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

OCTOBER – The last event for 2017 was the 2nd annual Business Expo. The day started with a workshop conducted by Katie Gales, Director of Entrepreneurship Initiatives at Wake Tech. Katie also has a coaching and training firm aimed at developing entrepreneurial skills as the life and leadership skills of the future. She shared an abundance of information about resources for entrepreneurs in Wake County that provides access to business loans, business development services, and networking opportunities. The Business Expo is designed to give Springfield Business owners more exposure and for our members to have knowledge of the businesses that are within our church. Scripture Reference: As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 1 Peter 4:10 (NKJV).

In 2018, we will continue with our class every Sunday which is a part of Sunday School. In this class, we use the book "Your Money Counts" as a guide and also involve other teaching methods such as videos and movies. This class provides a time for intimate discussion on Getting out of Debt, Discipline in Spending, Giving, Saving, Investing and Training our Children to make wise financial decisions. We will also be hosting "Open Forum" discussions via Small Group sessions though out the week for those who find it challenging to attend the Sunday School class and seminars. The schedule is being worked on so be on the lookout!!

The 2017 ministry team consisted of: Deacon Anthony Jenkins, Kandaree Dawkins, Michael Dawkins, Jackie Holloway, Jesse Holloway, Ferlino Carver, Tomeico Faison, Yvonne Stancil and Dylan Hinton. Please don't hesitate to reach out to any of us to inquire about joining the ministry, classes, seminars or reference material because we are servants here to help people learn how to . . .

"Handle Money God's Way!"

Children's Ministry

Preparing for Battle Against Sin & The Enemy

Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil . . . Ephesians 6:11-17

This year the children of Springfield have been working hard to stay ready for battle. The first sessions focused on learning what sin is in our lives and how it disturbs the relationship we have with Christ. After a clear understanding was gained, the teachers used God's word to show how we can prepare to fight as a soldier in battle. This even included making some of our own armor.



We visited a farm and saw how the soil needs fertile ground, nourishment, and water; the same as plants. It was not the most fun and exciting trip, but it was still one to admire God's creation.



In order to gain more knowledge concerning our African American history and the fights of actual soldiers as well as our ancestors and elders, we visited Washington, DC. This weekend tour included visits to not only the White House & Zoo, but also the Martin Luther King Monument & the new National Museum of African American History and Culture. The children, youth, and the adults will hold precious memories of their experience for a lifetime!

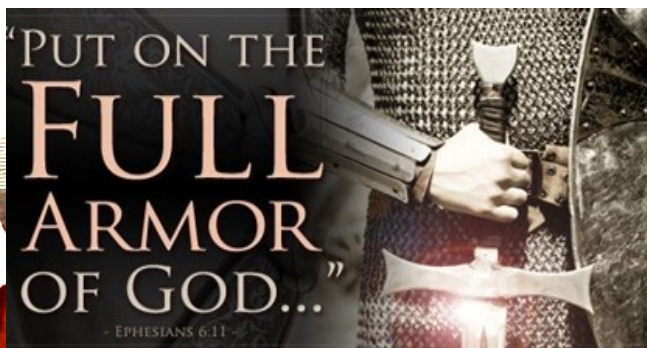


The Central Children's Home in Oxford, NC will again be the recipients of the proceeds of our Laundry Detergent drive. We pray for the children living there as well as the men, women and children that spend the night in the Raleigh Rescue Mission that we prepare lunches for each quarter and aim to show our Springfield children just how blessed they are.



Join Us!

**Tuesday Night: 7pm-8pm and
Saturdays before the 3rd Sunday: 11am-1pm**



Library Ministry

The Library Ministry invites you to enjoy a Christmas book or DVD from the Springfield Baptist Church Library.

Adult Christmas books and DVDs

Because of Bethlehem/ Max Lucado
In search of the real spirit of Christmas/ Dan Schaeffer
The heart of Christmas/ Max Lucado & Others
The Christmas angel project/ Melody Carlson
The Christmas box/ Richard Paul Evans
Christmas oranges/DVD
The fourth wise man/DVD
The greatest gift/Philip Van Doren Stern
Starry night/ Debbie Macomber
Christmas lamp/ Lori Copeland
The Christmas Shoppe/ Melody Carlson
Christmas at Rose Hill Farm/ Suzanne Woods Fisher
Best loved cookies & more/ Taste of Home
'Tis the season: over 100 kid-friendly cookies, bars, and candies to make throughout the holidays
Christmas for a dollar/DVD
The glory of Christmas/ Max Lucado & Others
The 12 days of Christmas cookbook
Christmas Child/ DVD
The Christmas candle/ DVD



Children and youth Christmas books and DVDs

Children Christmas classics/ 4 DVDS
The Nutcracker
The 12 dogs of Christmas/ DVD
A fruitcake Christmas/ DVD
Great joy/ Kate Dicamillo
Memories of the manger/ Michelle Medlock Adams
The story of Jesus/ Nodel
Listen to the silent night/ Dandi Mackall
The legend of the Christmas cookie/ dandi Mackall



The Library Ministry members: Carolyn Ellis, Cheryl Walker, Johnette Bynum, Dana Garland, and Carolyn Braxton thank all those who have donated materials to the library.

The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge; for the ears of the wise seek it out. Psalms 18:15 NIV



Crown Jewel



Sis. Mary Kelly

Mary has been a member of Springfield Baptist Church since August 2006. She had the privilege and honor of being under the leadership of Rev. Sanders. Mary stated, "I have learned more under his teaching/preaching than any other time in my life." She truly loves the Lord!

She is a member of the Bereavement Ministry/Griefshare and a member of the Voices of Springfield. She enjoys ministering in song and always has a smile for everyone. Her favorite scripture is Philippians 4:13 – I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.

Mary retired from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction after 30 years and she now looks forward to her second retirement from Wake County Public Schools (Department of Compensation Services) in December 2017.

She and her husband Clarence have two daughters, two sons-in-law and three adorable grandsons: Cameron, Kyle and Chase who are the "apples of her eye".

After retirement, she plans on volunteering at the church and their grandsons' schools. She also plans to help with family members that are sick and travel as often as she can.

She is truly blessed and wants to be a blessing to others.

*For unto you is born this day in the city of David
a Savior which is Christ the Lord.* Luke 2:11

BET: Believers Entering Training

Interview with ... **Alexis Jenee Smith**

Parents: Sis. Rhonda and Bro. Gregory Smith

Columnist: Jackie Perry



What are your hobbies? I love singing in the choir at church or in the comforts of my home. I also love reading wappad (a reading app) and store bought books.

Where do you attend school? Knightdale High School of Collaborative Design

What clubs, sports, and extracurricular activities are you involved in?

Knightdale High School Varsity Women's Basketball Team; Knightdale High School Student Ambassadors; Knightdale High School Link Crew Mentor; National Honor Society; Family Explorers Club Science Mentor; YMCA after school youth counselor and YMCA summer camp counselor.

What are your plans for college? I aspire to attend North Carolina State University where I would enroll in their Life Sciences First Year Program. This program would give me the opportunity to continue my focus of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math ("STEM"), and study Human Biology which will allow me to further explore the different biological science majors that are closely related to my career plans of becoming a Pediatric Physical Therapist.

What Ministries are you involved in at SBC? Youth Ministry and Youth Choir

What is your advice for other youth? Balancing school, extracurricular activities, a job, and applying for colleges can be quite demanding. Attending Sunday school frequently allows me to hash out my experiences from the week and receive well needed advice. Although, Sunday school only lasts an hour, in that time I am able to continue building my relationship with God by getting a deeper understanding of the Bible through prayer, connections with peers, and the scripture lessons. Min. Melvin Turner often empowers us to have a strong relationship with God. He says, "It is all about the RELATIONSHIP, not RELIGION". I learned that going to Sunday school is a step in the right direction, but it's up to me to determine whether God is my priority throughout the whole week. I advise the youth of Springfield Baptist Church to make having a relationship with God a lifestyle, and not just a one day occurrence.

faith it
till you make it

Happy Birthday!

DEACON ROMAN GREEN CELEBRATES 99 YEARS OF LIFE

On Sunday, November 19, 2017, family members gathered in the lounge at the North Pointe Assisted Living of Garner in celebration of the 99th Birthday of Springfield's most seasoned member and Deacon Emeritus, Roman Green. A good time was had by all as we joined in with conversation, laughter, song and took pictures to capture the special moment. Though Deacon Green's speech is limited, he was able to convey to us that he was thankful for this milestone birthday, for us sharing with him and exactly what songs he wanted us to help him sing. His number one request was "Oh, Happy Day", of which we did a short rendition. When we were finished, Deacon Green kept singing the words "Oh, Happy Day", so we pulled the song up on YouTube for his listening pleasure. He bobbed his head, waved his hand, smiled and sang along. It was a joyous sight to behold. We later sang "Happy Birthday" and he nodded his head and said "Thank You."

As time went along, we continued singing the songs of old, "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand, "Oh, How I Love Jesus", "Thank You, Thank You Lord", and "We Need A Word From You." We listened to the reading of Psalms 191 by his daughter, Deborah Green Badgett. In finishing up with our singing, Deacon Green's son-in-law, Earl Badgett, took the lead in "Jesus Cares" as the rest of us did the "Oooo's", while Deacon Green swayed, smiled and "Ooooo'd" with us.

His son, Chris Green, rendered the prayer and blessing of the birthday cake. We all enjoyed each other's company as we conversed over cake and remembered days gone by. Deacon Green so sweetly said we could end on that and thanked us again for coming by. We said our goodbyes and saw him off to the cafeteria where he was celebrated again by the visiting church there hosting a buffet dinner for the North Point residents.

Seated left to right: Louis Green (nephew), Dec. Green and Chris Green (son).

Standing: Veronica Scott (cousin), Dorothy Green (niece-in-law), Rose Broadnax (niece), Monica Patterson (niece), Deborah Green Badgett, (daughter), Jean Green (daughter-in-law) and Eloise M. Snow (cousin). Earl Badgett (son-in-law) took the photo.



Did You Know? Springfield was just 52 years old when Deacon Green was born. Deacon Green is a lifelong member of Springfield. Under the leadership of the late Rev. Moses W. Williams, Deacon Roman Green along with his father, Deacon Odie Green and Mr. James T. Hinton became the first ushers at Springfield as Sister Annie Seawell served as the instructor.

Christmas Word Search

For unto us a Child is born . . .

What did Isaiah know hundreds of years before it happened? This word search will give you the answer.

Directions: Hundreds of years before the first Christmas, the prophet Isaiah wrote about the birth of our Savior. Find the capitalized words

For to us a CHILD is BORN, to US a SON is GIVEN, and the GOVERNMENT shall be on his SHOULDERS. HE will be CALLED WONDERFUL COUNSELOR, MIGHTY GOD, EVERLASTING FATHER, PRINCE OF PEACE. Isaiah 9:6

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

December 31, 2017
10:00 pm

Watch Night Service (*Combined*)
SBC and St. Matthews Baptist Church
5410 Louisburg Rd, Raleigh, NC 27616

January 1, 2018



PLEASE JOIN US!

Word Search Answers

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New Multi-Purpose Facility

The Building Planning Committee greets you with the excitement of moving closer to sharing Springfield's display of love through the completion of a vision; a vision (facility) that will be erected by faith and trust in God. Our goal was to have the building completed this year, 2017; however, we have come to the end of another year without its completion. We know that our timeline may not be God's timeline, but His timeline is sure and always on time.

Construction on the new facility continues, just as your prayers, hope and support provide the foundation to build upon. The new facility is taking on a form of its own identity and originality. Imagine a facility that will house love, knowledge, caring, and sharing. Imagine a host of committed Springfield Volunteers creating a welcoming atmosphere, and eager to assist with loving hospitality. Imagine brokenness, hopelessness, and sadness being transformed to wholeness, hope, and joy.

The front of the building is graced with steel, standing straight and tall boasting truth and trust. Notice the striking bricks that have been strategically placed to boldly display strength and distinct beauty. Inside the building you will find endless pipes creating the sprinkler system; pipes that will bring safety and protection in case of a fire. Look closely in selected places in the building and you will see an artist's rendition of plumbing, waiting patiently to rush in fresh water and remove soiled water. A dazzling display of electrical wiring from all corners of the building, with different destinations and for different purposes are holding each other and dancing throughout the building. Numerous wall studs show distinction, shape and size of each room. Air ducts and transfer grilles are in place and anxiously waiting to move air throughout the building. A walking track suspended in air is waiting to assist with a warm walk in the winter and a cool walk in the summer.

We welcome an end to this year by giving thanks to God and trusting that the facility will be completed in time for Springfield to do God's will. Watch as the new facility blossoms into a masterpiece of art, and takes on life and works in its own uniqueness. If you have not done so, take time to appreciate and support this awesome journey and task God has trusted Springfield with.

We thank God for allowing Springfield to share in His work and covering Springfield with such love and awesome favor.

Springfield Building Planning Committee

*Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace,
good will toward men.*

Luke 2:14

Do Christians Really Need to Attend Church?

Deacon Jimmy Gibson, SBC Deacon Board Chairman

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14 The human body has many parts. 15 The foot might say, "Because I am not a hand, I am not part of the body." But saying this would not stop the foot from being a part of the body. 16 The ear might say, "Because I am not an eye, I am not part of the body." But saying this would not stop the ear from being a part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, it would not be able to hear. If the whole body were an ear, it would not be able to smell. 18 -19 If each part of the body were the same part, there would be no body. But truly God put all the parts, each one of them, in the body as he wanted them. 20 So then there are many parts, but only one body. 21 The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the foot, "I don't need you!" 22 No! Those parts of the body that seem to be the weaker are really necessary. 23 And the parts of the body we think are less deserving are the parts to which we give the most honor. We give special respect to the parts we want to hide. 24 The more respectable parts of our body need no special care. But God put the body together and gave more honor to the parts that need it 25 so our body would not be divided. God wanted the different parts to care the same for each other. 26 If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it. Or if one part of our body is honored, all the other parts share its honor. 27 Together you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of that body. 28 In the church God has given a place first to apostles, second to prophets, and third to teachers. Then God has given a place to those who do miracles, those who have gifts of healing, those who can help others, those who are able to govern, and those who can speak in different languages. 29 Not all are apostles. Not all are prophets. Not all are teachers. Not all do miracles. 30 Not all have gifts of healing. Not all speak in different languages. Not all interpret those languages. 31 But you should truly want to have the greater gifts.

Galatians 6:2 (NCV): 2 By helping each other with your troubles, you truly obey the law of Christ.

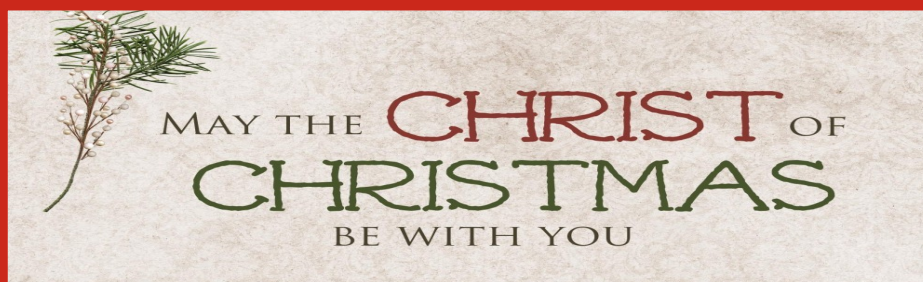
Ephesians 5:19 (NCV): 19 Speak to each other with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making music in your hearts to the Lord.

Colossians 3:16 (NCV): 16 Let the teaching of Christ live in you richly. Use all wisdom to teach and instruct each other by singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Ephesians 5:21 (NCV): 21 Yield to obey each other as you would to Christ.

Hebrews 10:24-25 (NCV): 24 Let us think about each other and help each other to show love and do good deeds. 25 You should not stay away from the church meetings, as some are doing, but you should meet together and encourage each other. Do this even more as you see the day coming.


Ephesians 4:4-6 (NCV): 4 There is one body and one Spirit, and God called you to have one hope. 5 There is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism. 6 There is one God and Father of everything. He rules everything and is everywhere and is in everything.



Shine

by Tomeico Faison

Do you know that on you, God has His hands?
Simply because you are His child and He has great plans
Especially designed for you to excel
To walk in greatness and come out of your shell
So all who know you will see His power
In spite of the attempts of the enemy to devour
Your greatness given by God who is divine
For you are much more than average,
You were made to *SHINE!*



Let your light so shine before
men, that they may see your
good works, and glorify your
Father which is in heaven.
Matthew 5:16 (KJV)

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