

The background of the entire page is a photograph of three wooden crosses standing on a grassy hill. The sky is a vibrant mix of purple, pink, and blue, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The crosses are silhouetted against the bright sky.

The CROSS

There is no greater love . . .

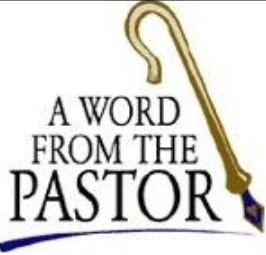
John 15:13 NLT

Springfield Chronicles

Springfield Baptist Church Newsletter

Spring Edition

2019



Reverend Dr. Kevin Sturdivant

After reading the topic for this quarter Chronicles, "The Cross – No greater love," my mind raced to the song first recorded in 1993 by the Georgia Mass Choir. The song was written by David Allen and has perhaps one of the most famous refrains in Gospel music history. The song says,

*Jesus went
To Calvary
To save a wretch
Like you and me
That's love, that's love.*

*They hung Him high,
They stretched Him wide,
He hung His head,
For me He died
That's love, that's love.*

*But that's not how
The story ends,
Three days later,
He rose again
That's love, that's love.*

What makes the refrain so powerful is that it is a simple restatement of the Gospel. It characterizes the life and labor of our Lord Jesus Christ. The song also reminds us of the reason why Jesus did what He did. It constantly recalls the standard of Jesus' plan. It constantly restates the purpose of His ministry.

The theme for this quarter's Springfield Chronicles can be traced back to the Gospel of John. Beginning in John 13, Jesus gives what some would describe as His farewell address. Jesus washes the disciples' feet, predicts His betrayal, explains that He is the only way to the Father, promises the Holy Spirit, and explains His love for His disciples. In John 15:13, Jesus says there is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. (NIV) Bible expositor Adam Clarke said it this way, "No man can carry his love for his friend farther than this: for, when he gives up his life, he gives up all that he has."

That, my friends, is the story of the cross. That's the love that Jesus demonstrated for us at Calvary. That is what we celebrate during this Resurrection Season. We celebrate His unyielding, unstoppable love as demonstrated to us through the sacrifice of the cross.

Upon our first look at that verse, we can exclaim with great gladness what the Lord has done for us. But a deeper look at the text reveals more than just a simple explanation of what Jesus did for us. Remember, this is Jesus' farewell address to His disciples. In essence, Jesus is setting an example for his disciples to mimic and follow. Jesus will lay down his life for His disciples to show them that they must too be willing to lay down their lives to follow Him.

What ways are we willing to lay down our lives to follow Jesus? In what ways have you shown love for the one who showed the ultimate sacrifice of love to you? Resurrection is not just celebrating what Jesus did for us by showing up to church on Easter Sunday morning. It's also committing to respond to that love by sharing and showing that love to other people. Let's not allow the love to stop with us. Since the cross is the greatest example of love – let's show His love to the world so that the world may know the Love of Jesus Christ.



NOVEMBER 2018

Willie McClinton

Laila Powell

Rededication

John Sanders

Tracie Sanders

DECEMBER 2018

Kevin Hardison

Kindred Newkirk

FEBRUARY 2019

Isaac Jenkins

Vicky Jenkins

Almarie Mack

Carrington Mack

Kara Mack

Kennedy Mack

Madison Mack

Tony Mack Sr.

Welcome

Greetings

My Brothers & Sisters,

I once more greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. God has been so good Springfield. We were without a full time Pastor for 2 years and 3 months, but the Lord kept a watch over His people and blessed us in ways that should never be forgotten. We will always be grateful for the men God sent by this church: Rev. Daniel Sanders for over 36 years and Dr. James D. Ballard. God used Dr. Ballard to remind us that even in the darkest times, *"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."* Isaiah 41:10

Always know that in life we will face difficult days, but Jesus said in John 16:33 *"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."* I am reminding all of us of this, because knowing God's Word brings peace. However, when you activate what you have learned, in your life, it changes hearts and minds.

I believe that God has used this church for such a time as this. When you truly believe in the power of prayer you will reap the benefits of Matthew 7:7 *"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."* Then you will have a testimony that is demonstrated through your faith.

As your Chairman, I want to personally thank the Church Staff, Deacons, Associate Ministers, all Ministry Leaders and this great congregation for your prayers. Believing Galatians 6:9, *"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."* that made the difference. We have shown that being a people of faith, does allow us to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.



Jesus, Friend of Sinners
John 15:13-17

So let us not forget what the Lord has done for us. Believe it or not, there is an awesome power in remembering what the Lord has brought you through. In fact I believe that power is shown in 1 Samuel 30:6 *“David was greatly distressed because the men were talking of stoning him; each one was bitter in spirit because of his sons and daughters. But David found strength in the Lord his God.”* When you take a walk down memory lane, depending on your spiritual eyes, you will experience what David did, finding your strength in the Lord your God.

As we move forward, we welcome our new Pastor Dr. Kevin D. Sturdivant, and we await what the Lord has in store for Springfield as we continue on our journey for Christ.

We love you,

Deacon James A. Gibson II

Chairman of Deacon’s Ministry



Springfield Baptist Church Drama Ministry
Presents:
“From The Cross, To The Grave, To The Sky”
April 13th @ 4PM
Doors Open @ 3PM

Springfield Baptist Church
4309 Auburn-Knightdale Rd
Raleigh, NC 27610
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Kevin D. Sturdivant

“That Day Upon The Cross”

By Johnny Ray Moore

poet & children's author

**I'm sure there is no greater love,
Than what CHRIST gave for man.
He suffered gravely on The Cross,
In time, we'll understand.
He hung there on that rugged cross,
Until His final hour.
So many heartfelt hymns are sung,
Of His pending power.
Oh yes, CHRIST could have saved Himself,
Instead, He died for us.
A sad and shameful, brutal death,
Endured without a fuss.
But if He had not died for us,
No doubt, we would be doomed.
This world would be a tragic place,
Engulfed by endless gloom.
The sinful ways of wretched man,
Somehow, would seem all right.
Destruction would be commonplace,
At morning, noon and night.
No matter what we do or think,
No greater love is known.
And, to this day, I do declare,
His Love has grown and grown.
So, if you still are filled with doubt,
Or, even feeling lost.
Remember! JESUS paid it all**



Let's Give *Him* *the* Praise!

“Some of the best feasting happens in the valley.”

Rev. Dr. Kevin Sturdivant

Let's see how this holds true in the lives of God's people....



Testimony: Shelia Ham

While attending service on Sept 18, 2016, I suffered a brain aneurysm. I am so thankful to God to even be able to write this testimony. Statistically 40 to 45% of ruptured aneurysm are fatal. 15% of patients die before reaching the hospital. 66% of those who do survive suffer some permanent neurological deficit. Although it was the most difficult thing that I have had to endure, it was also the best thing that could have happened to me. It was during my recovery, that I truly learned how to lean and depend on the Lord. To God be the glory and his greatness is unsearchable.



Testimony: Elaine Winborne-Jones

Because of God's Grace I am alive and well today. I want you to know God is a healer, and a provider. I was diagnosed with breast cancer August 2017. God healed my body and He supplied all of our needs. Throughout my journey I stood on the Word. In preparation for my journey my daughter and I wrote scriptures and ironed them inside my clothes. I stood on the Word, God's promises, and I am here today. Make sure to have a relationship with God before the battle comes. He didn't promise it would be easy, but He does promise to always be there with you. He promise to never forsake you. Remember there is no testimony without a test. With God on your side you are guaranteed to pass the test. To God be the glory. Won't He do It—Yes He will!

Crown Jewels

Sister Ida Luvenia Jerald is a native of North Carolina. She moved away as a young woman and returned to North Carolina in 2015. She then joined Springfield Baptist Church in 2016. It has only been three years that she has been a part of "the friendly church in the curve" known as SBC. When she talks with anyone about SBC, she has a big smile on her face. She says, "In my 86 years, I have never encountered a church as friendly as SBC." After being a member of Springfield for only 15 months, Sister Ida says some of the members gave her a surprise birthday party with gifts and cards over \$600.00. She loves the young people of SBC. She is always surprised by how many young people come up to her and speak calling her by name. She knows it's only because of God as Job 8:7b "Your latter years will be very great."

She has been a part of the drama ministry, the singles ministry and currently serves on the Women's Ministry. She is also a part of the Sunday School. Every Thursday morning she attends church services at the Tower Nursing and Rehabilitation Center where she sings with the Ever Ready choir former by the late Rev. Rudolph Britton.

Before returning to N.C, she was very active in her church, Janes Memorial United Methodist. She was a Spiritual Growth Coordinator for the United Methodist Women's Ministry for many years and also chaired the nurse's unit for over 20 years.

Sister Ida was married to the late Holiday Jerald and she has no children. She lived in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for 58 years. She is a retired R.N. and she worked for various hospitals. Her passion was working with labor and delivery patients. She retired from the City Government in the Department of Public Health in 1987. She then worked for the Youth Services, Inc. as a health and parenting instructor for teen mothers for 10 years. Next, she worked for the Department of Public Health for ten years.

She loves traveling and exercising, she says, "I am where I am because of whose I am. I give Him all of the honor, glory and praise because it belongs to Him."

Sister Ida's favorite scripture is Psalm 34, "I will bless the Lord at all times His praises shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make it's boast in the Lord. The humble shall hear it and rejoice." Her favorite song is "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms."



Sister Ida Luvenia Jerald

#runianrun Ian Weakley has done yet another "run raiser". This time, on February 16th he traveled to Hickory Cove Bible Camp located on beautiful Lake Hickory. It was their 6th Annual Race to the Cove 5K Trail Run/Walk. All proceeds from this "run raiser" benefit Hickory Cove in support of its mission to be a place where God continues to change children's lives.



The season starts soon.

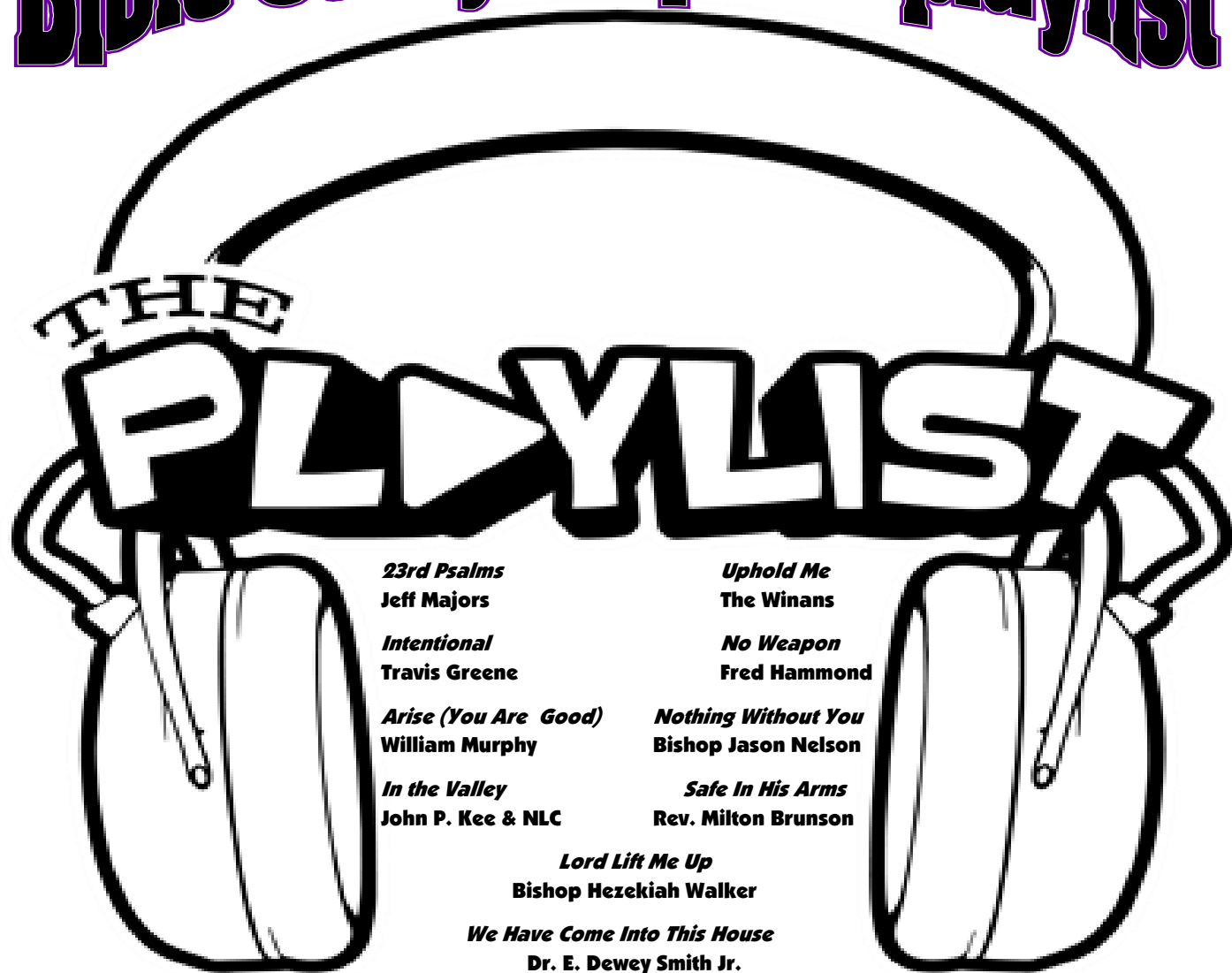
Check the Springfield website for details and to sign-up!



Lincoln Christopher Battle was born July 29, 2004 to Christopher Lincoln and Paulette Denise Battle has made history in his own right! In the words of Lori R. Wiggins (The News and Observer) "When sports and family lineage combine, legacies are built. The NFL has the Mannings, the NBA has the Curry's and boxing has the Ali's! In Southeast Raleigh the Battle Family is building it's own legacy!" Winning over 50 tournaments starting at the age of (7) where he became State Champion has become the first recipient to reach National and International rankings as a Junior member of the Ebony Racquet Club (The Oldest Black Tennis Club in N.C.). In 2017 Lincoln stayed poised to win the USTA Southern Junior Championships (ranking him the best junior tennis player in the south in his respective age division). In 2018 Lincoln played his 2nd year in the Junior Orange Bowl (The Largest Junior International Tournament in the World) and won the 2018 Icy Hot Junior Championship in Singles and Doubles (Chattanooga Tennessee)!

Submitted by Christopher and Paulette Battle

Bible Study inspired playlist



23rd Psalms
Jeff Majors

Intentional
Travis Greene

Arise (You Are Good)
William Murphy

In the Valley
John P. Kee & NLC

Uphold Me
The Winans

No Weapon
Fred Hammond

Nothing Without You
Bishop Jason Nelson

Safe In His Arms
Rev. Milton Brunson

Lord Lift Me Up
Bishop Hezekiah Walker

We Have Come Into This House
Dr. E. Dewey Smith Jr.

How I Got Over
Rev. Shirley Caesar at March Anniversary

The current study for Bible Study is the 23rd Psalms.

B **I** **B** **L** **E**



T **U** **D** **Y**

Don't let the familiarity (of this Psalm) rob you of...

Tuesdays 7:00pm

Wednesdays 12noon

YOU MAKE US PROUD

I am happy to announce that Shemeka Thorpe, a member of SBC, a student at UNC-Greensboro was recently the 3rd person in the last 6 years to defend and pass without revisions to the comprehensive exam in her program for Public Health.

Submitted by Shelia Thorpe, mother



#teamhowell a big shout out to the Howells for appearing on Family Feud—we see you!!



MOM AND DAD LOVE
YOU AND ARE PROUD AND
GRATEFUL FOR YOU.



**ATTENTION! ATTENTION!
ATTENTION!**



THE COMPASSIONATE MINISTRY IS HONORING OUR SENIORS & OTHER
SENIORS IN THE COMMUNITY

**APRIL 27, 2019 @ 2:00 P.M.
JAMES A. GIBSON FELLOWSHIP HALL**

SPRINGFIELD SENIORS YOU WILL BE BLESSED WITH SPIRITUAL & PHYSICAL
FOOD & GIFTS.

YOU ARE ALL INVITED TO COME OUT AND CELEBRATE WITH US!
THIS EVENT WILL BE A GREAT SURPRISE TO ALL!

SBC Economic Empowerment Ministry

Annual Saving Challenge

Springfield and Friends, this is the sixth year we have challenged you to save by using the **“Steady Plodding” principle in Proverbs 21:5**. Steady plodding is about doing something consistently for a long period of time.

By now you could have \$5,000.00 to use for emergencies or pay cash for things you would typically go into debt for.

We are asking you to target saving **\$2.74 a Day** which rounds up to **\$20 a Week**
which = **\$1,040.00 a year**.

Proverbs 21:20 states “The wise man saves for the future, but the foolish man spends whatever he gets.”

Saving for the future helps you to:

- Have Cash for Major Purchases
- Supplement your Retirement
- Have 6 to 12 months of Living Expenses if you experience sickness or loss of job
- Create Education/College Funds
- Pay Cash for Vacations
- Increase Giving to the Lords Work

Let us know if you are committed to the challenge by emailing us a **YES** and your **NAME** to EEM@springfieldbaptistchurch.com.

Also, please send other savings’ strategies that have worked for you that we can share.



CALLING ALL SPRINGFIELD "ORATORS"

SIGN UP NOW

FOR THE ANNUAL JAMES F. WERTZ ORATORICAL CONTEST

The contest is open to all students entering grades 6 to 12 as of July 1, 2019. If your child fits in this category, consider having him/her enter the contest to represent us as a contestant for the Wake Missionary Baptist Association.

Springfield was blessed to be 1st prize winner of our Association for several years!

LET'S CONTINUE THE TREND THIS YEAR!!!!

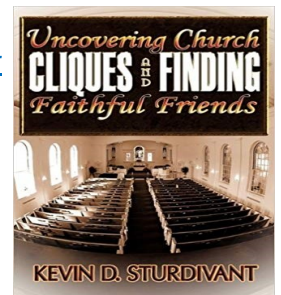
***Students: Take this opportunity to
Lift Your Voice And Witness through Your Own Written & Spoken Words***

Please contact Mrs. Rosemary King @ 919-772-4675 or rosemaryaka@hotmail.com to sign up and get detailed information



To close out 2018, the Library Ministry had a Christmas fellowship at Carolina Barbecue in Garner, NC in December. During February, we displayed books about the contributions of African Americans. This display included stories about the exploits of Black soldiers in World Wars I and II.

New to our shelves are two copies of Rev. Sturdivant's book, [Uncovering Church Cliques and Finding Faithful Friends](#). We invite you to come to the library and check out a copy and read what the pastor has to say about church cliques. The check out period is two weeks.



Please visit the library which is located upstairs in the Fellowship Hall. The Library Ministry members are available to help you on Tuesdays 6-7 PM and Saturdays 10-12. If you have questions regarding the library, please see one of the Library Ministry members: Carolyn Ellis, Cheryl Walker, Johnette Bynum, Dana Garland, Marie Dunston, Carolyn Braxton.

Springfield Baptist Church
Circles of Care Ministry
"Serving Others"

Are you Called to Care? We Need YOU!



The Circles of Care Ministry provides assistance with daily tasks as well as emotional and spiritual support for a "FRIEND" living with a serious illness.

- **Come to a Circles of Care Informational Session**
- **1x month - Saturday before 1st Sunday at 10:30 AM Classroom 12**
- **Volunteer as a giver of care using your God given gifts**
 - ✓ *Pray, Read a Scripture, Sing a Song*
 - ✓ *Spiritual Conversationalist*
 - ✓ *Light Housekeeping, Inside Chores*
 - ✓ *Gardening, Outside Chores*
 - ✓ *Holy Handy-Person*
- **Join "Circles of Care Ministry" TODAY**

Scripture 1 Peter 4:10

As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

Please contact: Sister Cassandra Gibson
at COC@springfieldbaptistchurch.com



The site is one of the state's largest antebellum plantation complexes. The Stagville plantation was home to almost 900 enslaved African-Americans in 1860.



The children & youth of Springfield celebrated Black History Month by taking a trip back into our past. It was cold & rainy but the spirits of our ancestors still could be felt throughout plantation. We visited Historic Stagville located in Durham, NC. The Children's Ministry plans cultural and educational outings for our children each year.



There is NO Greater Love - John 15:13

N A A Y T P M E B S J B E Q X
Y E Q L L S C Z I W E C S M A
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ALIVE
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SIN
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BELIEVE
CRUCIFY
FORGIVEN
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PRAYER
SON
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BREAD
DIED
HEAVEN
NAILS
SACRIFICE
STONE

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Please plan for your children to join the Children's Day celebration by participating in the Children's Day Choir.

Children's Day

APRIL 7, 2019



Children's Day attire

Girls: White Dresses

Boys: White Shirt and Dark Pants.

Children's Day Choir rehearsal dates

Monday, March 25 & April 1 at 7:00pm

Thursday, March 28 & April 4 at 7:00pm

Children Celebration White Deer Park

Saturday April 6th 12:00pm – 3:00pm

2019 Upcoming Children's Ministry Events

- March 16, 2019 - Saturday, Fellowship
- April 6 - 7, 2019 - Children's Day 2019
- May 25, 2019 - Outing to Charlotte
- June 15, 2019 – Saturday Fellowship
- July 20, 2019 – Saturday Fellowship
- October 19, 2019 – Outing to Greensboro
- November 16, 2019 – Saturday Fellowship
- December 7, 2019 – Christmas Caroling

Join us for Children's Ministry Bible Study

Tuesday Nights 7pm -8pm



May
4th & 5th

Theme: Using the Power of God to become the Women He intended:
Purpose. Strength. Courage.

Isaiah 40:26

Colors: Spring Yellow and White

Speaker: To Be Announced Soon

SBC welcomes

Jacqueline L. Jackson

to worship with us on Women's Day 2019. She is the author of 'Loving You, Thinking of You, Don't Forget to Pray: Letters to My Son in Prison'

Jacqueline L. Jackson is the wife of civil rights leader Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, Sr. and the mother of five children. She is a committed public servant through the Rainbow PUSH Coalition, a supporter of equality for women, and an advocate for strong family bonds and relationships



Mrs. Jacqueline L. Jackson

Raleigh's Mark on the Nation as It Celebrates the Late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

As April 4, 2019 approaches, the Nation and the World will commemorate the 51st Anniversary of one of most solemn moment in history. The assassination of the most revered, profound, courageous, God-lead crusaders for justice and equality that the world has ever known, the Late Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. His valiant stand to establish freedom, justice, equality, fair education and the likes for all people will be a trademark by which Dr. King will forever be remembered.

Raleigh raised the bar by which this great man could be celebrated year round. Under the guidance and strategic planning of the Triangle Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee with support from the City of Raleigh and the Community, a memorial garden was erected in its namesake's honor as well as that of the Civil Rights Movement. The park was dedicated in 1995 with various local and national dignities in attendance, including Congressman David Price, then City Councilman Ralph Campbell, Jr. and with the *"Mother of the Civil Rights Movement,"* Mrs. Rosa Parks, serving as the keynote speaker.

The Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Gardens, which stands at the intersection of Martin Luther King Boulevard and Rock Quarry Road, was the first of its kind in the entire United States. This City Park features a life-sized 6' 2" bronze Statue of

Dr. King, a granite water fountain, a liberty bell and a memorial wall. In 2017, a shelter, equipped with tables and chairs, restroom facilities and additional parking, was added to provide extra amenities for visitors to the park.

Many have questioned why Dr. King's statue wasn't placed on a pedestal or build larger. The answer is because he walked amongst the people and not above them. The MLK Committee wanted visitors to have the experience of standing beside Dr.



King. The ever flowing waterfall is a perpetual feature that symbolizes the meaning behind Dr. King's famous quote *"Until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream."* Engraved on the liberty bell are the words, *"Let Freedom Ring."* The King Memorial Wall was built with bricks obtained through a fundraising effort by which various individuals, organizations, businesses and churches donated funds to have a brick etched with their names or those of fallen loved ones.

Springfield Missionary Baptist Church has such a brick within the Memorial Wall. As fate would have it, this brick is located in close proximity to that of Mrs. Rosa Parks', which she laid herself as part of the dedication ceremonies. Take time to visit this historic site in the near future and view these bricks as well as the other park attractions for yourself.

Writer's Note: What an honor it was for me to have the occasion to meet and greet Mrs. Parks, for the second time, at the 1995 Park Dedication. It was a joy to listen as she addressed the crowd in her gentle soft-spoken voice as well as to witness her placing her brick in the Memorial Wall. I, also had the privilege to attend the 2017 dedication of the Shelter with the opportunity to share my photos of the original dedication ceremonies with many of the attendees. Several current and past City Officials were amazed as many had never seen pictures from that event.



Pictured from left to right: Mr. Ralph Campbell, Jr and Mrs. Rosa Parks

Submitted by Sis. Veronica Scott



: phrases Pastor Sturdivant *might* say..

I'm done

I got Bible

The Bible bears me out

Be seated if you can

Talk back to me if you can

Let me back up rewind it and say it again

Look at the text - it's in the text

Put a pin there I'm coming back

Put the car in park and praise God

Y'all making me work too hard

Sit down the person behind you can't see

Introduce your right hand to your left hand

Somebody-Anybody-Everybody ought to praise Him

What is **YOUR** favorite Pastor Sturdivant CatchPhrase?



June 17—June 21

2019



Monday, April 1: *Children's Day Rehearsal* 7:00pm

Thursday, April 4: *Children's Day Rehearsal* 7:00pm

Friday, April 5: *Church Conference* 7:00pm

Saturday, April 6: *Annual Prayer Seminar* 8:00pm

Saturday, April 6 *Children's Day Picnic* White Deer Park 12:00pm

Sunday, April 7: *Children's Day* 10:00am

Monday, April 8: *Drama Ministry Rehearsal* 7:00pm

Friday, April 12: *Drama Ministry Dress Rehearsal* 7:00pm

Saturday, April 13: *Easter Production* 4:00pm

Friday, April 19 *Church Office closed—Good Friday Holiday*

Sunday, April 21: *Easter Sunday* 10:00am

Saturday, April 27: *Annual Senior Citizen's Dinner* 2:00pm

*Greater love has no one
than this, that he lay down
his life for his friends.
John 15:13*

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Monday: 8:00 PM

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RTN22

Tuesday: 8:00 AM

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