

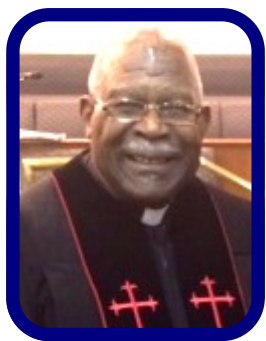
# *Springfield Chronicles*

Springfield Baptist Church Newsletter  
Holiday Edition 2018



*Merry Christmas!*





Reverend Dr. James D. Ballard  
SBC Interim Pastor

# IS IT NEW OR NOT?

*Please enjoy this BLESSED, GRACE FILLED,  
CHRIST-CENTERED CHRISTMAS,  
and let the JOY of CHRIST fill your heart!!!*

The theme of this publication, "Jesus makes all things new," is based on II Corinthians 5:17. That passage states, "Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new." However, in Ecclesiastes 1:9 we read, "The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done; and there is no new thing under the sun." Yet, in Revelation 21:5, we are told, "And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold I make all things new." These two concepts expressed in these several passages of sacred scripture appear to contradict each other. However, it only appears that way. They are not contradictory at all.

When the writer of Ecclesiastes speaks of "no new thing under the sun," it is obvious that he means that nothing can be created that has not already been created. Things may be reconstructed, but they will become only a rearrangement of what God has already made. It will not be a new thing. It will have only been given a new appearance.

On the other hand, when Jesus says, "Behold I make all things new," or when the Apostle Paul says, "Old things are passed away, and behold all things are become new," they both speak not of creating new things but of converting old souls into new souls. They do not imply the making of something that has never been, (God made us that way in the beginning, before "the fall"), but they simply suggest the restoration and renewal of something that already is.

This means at least two things. Firstly, it means that the old creature has become a new being. Secondly, it means that life takes on a new perspective by the new being and the new being takes on new ways of relating to the new perspective of life. In other words, once saved by Christ, the creature takes on new ways and the things the new creature encounters take on new meanings.

As a result of this, don't consider Christmas this year in the same old way that the world has always considered it. Rather, see it in the manner in which it was rightfully intended to be seen. See it in the way that Christ was born to cause us to see it – not as a time of empty frivolity and meaningless festivities, but as a time of real rejoicing and genuine thanksgiving for the coming of Christ. His coming condemns all the old that is stained with sin and creates the new that is sanctified and made sacred by his coming.

Before Christ came the world was filled with sin and without hope. Since He came, the world is still filled with sin. The difference, though, is that now the world has hope. Jesus came and He brought that hope with Him. That is what Christmas is all about, because it is all about Christ and that is what Christ is all about – salvation, hope, love, joy, and peace. Therefore, may the love of Christ fill your hearts. May the Spirit of Christ fill your minds. May the Will of Christ direct your way. May the peace of Christ attend your path. May the glory of Christ surround your life.





Reverend Dr. Kevin D. Sturdivant  
SBC Pastor Elect

# *Seasons Greetings Springfield!*

Seasons Greetings Springfield. As we celebrate the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, I know that you, like I, certainly have much to thank God for. Of the many things I am grateful for this season, including my family, friends, life, health, and strength, I am especially grateful for the opportunity to share with you in ministry. Tiffany, Khara, Joshua, Kristofer, and I are eagerly anticipating becoming a part of the friendly church in the curve soon.

As we approach the new year and this new season, I solicit your prayers for my family and I as we begin this journey with you. In 2 Thessalonians 3, Paul asks the church to pray for him knowing that God is faithful to strengthen and protect. I ask for your prayers that God would knit our hearts together in love and ministry and that God be glorified by our efforts. While you are praying for us, we will be praying for you. My prayers are filled with requests that God increase our understanding, multiply our patience, and give us power to carry out the full mission and ministry of Jesus Christ.

I believe that the hand of God has chosen and prepared me to serve as your pastor. Though I realize this is a daunting task, I am thankful to God for the chance to learn and grow with members like you. Springfield is a dynamic church with a rich tradition of serving God for more than 150 years and I know that God is not through with her yet. I am excited to be part of this leg of the journey and believe the words of 1 Corinthians 2:9 aptly describe Springfield, "eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for those who love Him."

Of all the things we're thankful for this season, we are most thankful for God's perfect gift of grace to us – our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Let's commit in this season and in every season to share God's greatest gift, His Son, with the world.

With Expectation,  
Reverend Dr. Kevin D. Sturdivant

# *A word from the Chairman . . .*

Greeting to My Fellow Springfield Congregates,

I greet you once more, in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As I reflect on approaching the end of 2018, this year seemed to have gone by so fast.

What has really been encouraging to me is how I have seen the move of God's favor on Springfield in so many ways. I have seen it through the different ministry efforts, and seeing the application of what we were taught by our beloved Rev. Daniel Sanders.

We also thank God for directing Dr. Ballard to us, as our Intrim Pastor. Dr. Ballard has been used by God, not only our healing process, but also in preparing us through the Preached Word for our new Pastor Elect, Dr. Kevin D. Sturdivant.

Dr. Sturdivant comes to us on the eve of a new year as our speaker for the Watch Night Service. He will become the 13th Pastor of Springfield Baptist Church.

This is an exciting prayerful time for the church, but we must always keep in mind that we must continue to do as recorded in 1 Thessalonians 5:17- ***Pray without ceasing.*** Prayer will be needed continually for Pastor Elect Sturdivant and for the church.

Being assured that Dr. Sturdivant is the shepherd that the Lord has brought to this branch of Zion. We look forward to his arrival with the confidence of knowing that he comes with the same promise that was given to Joshua. ***"As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you."*** Joshua 1:5

The Lord has so many great blessings in store for Springfield — just look at what He has already done! I believe that Springfield was chosen by God, to share our testimonies with others, that they may be encouraged, through what has been done for us.

I will conclude with this observation, Springfield has been so blessed with such a rich history of 152 years. It is my belief, that the Lord would have the future of Springfield, concerning it's congregates, to mirror the scripture that is recorded in Philippians 1:27— ***"Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel,"***

We pray you have a most Blessed Merry Christmas!

Dec. James A. Gibson II  
Deacon's Ministry Chairman





# Right Hand of Fellowship

## August

Maurice Givens Jr.  
*(Rededication)*

## September

Akeem Mitchell  
Samir Mitchell  
Rogene Newkirk, II  
*(Rededication)*

## October

Christi Raynor  
Kelvin Raynor  
Morgan Davis  
Jaida Dawes

**Beloved if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.**

**1 John 4:11**



# "Moving Forward; All Things New"

by Johnny Ray Moore

In this world of ups and downs,  
The Love of GOD is still abound.  
In Him, there is a place, I'm told,  
Where we can rest our weary souls.  
Moving forward; all things new,  
We do thank GOD as we pursue.  
Day in, day out, in Him, we trust.  
Because, we're Christians; and, we must.  
A BABE was born on Christmas Day,  
Was sent to wash our sins away.  
He proved to be the One we need,  
Now, we should love Him and take heed.  
All former things will pass away,  
He'll comfort us, if we just pray.  
Why don't we focus and stay strong?  
CHRIST will return; it won't be long.  
So, forward, now; all things anew,  
It's what The LORD would have us do.  
A race that's not just for the swift,  
We all must work and use our gifts.  
And, on That Day, before His Throne,  
He'll lead us to our sacred home.  
And there, we'll praise Him, endlessly,  
It's where we'll spend eternity.

# WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The month of October was a two fold blessing. Fellowship began with smiling faces and eager energy. Within the first 30 minutes, it was smiling faces with a well earned "glow". Group exercise was brought back by popular demand. This time it was Zumba by Z-Fitness! The worship music played, as we learned our moves together. His presence was evident when we started singing the worship music, while we were breathing hard and working it out. Fun for all the ladies. We would love for you to join us next time! Be on the lookout in 2019.



In an effort to support those with breast cancer, we gathered all things pink to prepare care packages for those recently diagnosed. As a team we were able to include socks, scarves and more within the pretty packs. Those items were given to the "Pretty in Pink" Foundation with love from SBC. The Women's Ministry will have future functions to help support this organization that provides uninsured and under-insured breast cancer patients in N.C. with financial assistance for quality, life-saving medical treatment.



We enjoyed delicious pink cupcakes and awareness resource handouts (L). Many gathered for our annual Breast Cancer Awareness photo (R). Take a peek at those beautiful ladies!



November was the perfect time to reflect on thankfulness. We thought journals would be a nice way start. The hot chocolate and warm cider brought about a relaxed comfy feeling. From the beginning of our fellowship the Holy Spirit was welcomed. At that point it was quite easy to open up about those things for which we were thankful. The ability to personalize our journals by coloring in the pretty pictures actually enhanced our ability to be vulnerable and share. It was also nice to have our own personalized trail mix to nibble on as everyone began to pull out their own "crafty flare." All in all, it was a blessing to color, giggle and share a snack with girlfriends. Simple environments like that bring about fellowship in its purest form. We plan to meet again in 2019 to share some of what we have journaled. How about you join us next time on the playground... umm in the Springfield Community Center.



SBC  
WOMEN'S  
MINISTRY



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

***On the move and learning in 2018 . . .***

## ***MAY TRIP TO THE FARM IN CONETOE, NC***

***We learned how the farm helps the community!***



## ***BIBLE STUDY EVERY TUESDAY!***



## ***OCTOBER SLEEPOVER AT CHURCH!***

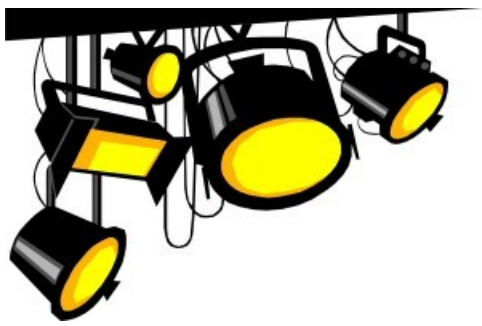
Wholesome fun and a special guest:  
Bro. Johnny Moore,  
Children's Book Author



## ***TRIP TO FORT MILL, SC***

We saw 'THE REAL CHRISTMAS STORY  
by NarroWay Productions.  
A wonderful presentation of the  
Gospel of Jesus Christ!





# Ministry SPOTLIGHT

## Ministers & Deacons Wives Ministry

In keeping with the charge given to our husbands, we are committed to support our husbands in the office to which they have been called and charged and the Pastor in his vision for the Church. We are to fulfill the duties of teaching and enhancing the spiritual lives of the young ladies in the Church and Community, working to fulfill, 1Timothy 3:11: *"Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things."*

### ~ OFFICERS ~

Sister Debra Sanders, Chairperson  
Sister Patricia White, Vice-Chairperson  
Sister Brenda Bryant, Secretary

Delores Cooper, Elaine Smith, Marie Evans, Vicky Gibson  
Annette Bryant, Margie Gibson, Cassandra Gibson, Donna Dawes  
Jamie Davis, Gidget Roberson, Ella Roberson, Dorothy Griffis, Linda Milner  
Charlene Newkirk, Margo Newkirk, Eursula Joyner, Lavon Shannon, Beverly Vance  
Deborah Perry, Andrea Whitaker, Sylvia Dobbin, Patricia Holiday, Rosemary King  
Sharon Clarke, Cheryl Davis, Min. Teresa Turner, Rev. Angela Leach

This ministry is not one that members can join, volunteer, or be assigned to as other ministries. We are here to support the church and the ladies of the church. We are active participants in SBC's Ministers and Deacons Family Ministry. We visit the sick with our husbands and also as a group. We meet the Wednesday before the first Sunday of each month or as needed.

We are responsible for the preparation of the communion linen and dressing the communion table. The Ministers and Deacons Wives in past years were responsible for assisting the Pastor, making sure items needed for baptism were in place and taken to the cleaners after baptism. We were also responsible for cleaning the gloves that are worn by the Pastor, Deacons and Ministers.

As a Ministry, we host two annual outside events. Each October, we provide and serve hot meals to the families in the ICU/Critical Care Unit at WakeMed Hospital. We also minister and have prayer with the families and friends of the patients. In the spring of the year and for the Christmas holiday season, we put together nutritional snack bags and bottled water and deliver to WakeMed for the families in the ICU/Critical Care Unit. We report back to the church any prayer request or praise reports we receive. The holiday delivery is part of our Annual Holiday Fellowship where we get together (restaurant, Community Center, Wives' home) and have fun and fellowship, eating, gifting, and giving thanks!!!

For our "young ladies" of Springfield, and the community, we held an Etiquette Workshop. They were taught proper table etiquette, verbal communication skills, how to dress, and how to carry themselves as a Christian. We participated in the Empowerment Session here at Springfield, getting to learn about other ministries as well as telling others about ours.

It is our prayer that God is pleased with the service that we render and that He continues to bless and keep us as we journey on in Jesus name.





# *Crown Jewels*

Sis. Ada Horton joined Springfield Baptist Church in 2005 and has grown tremendously over the years. She has always liked helping people so she joined the Compassionate Ministry at the church and also sings with the Voices of Springfield which is her passion.

Sis Ada's favorite scripture is Revelation 21:4, "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away."



Sis. Ada Horton

She is a retired nurse. Her first retirement was in 2000 from the State of North Carolina. One month later she returned back to work and retired again in 2012. This was a total of 40 years working with the mentally ill. Since retirement she keeps busy volunteering to deliver "Meals on Wheels" once a month, visiting the nursing home once a week (when she's not babysitting), traveling and baking cakes.

She has 3 children - twin sons, Craig and Greg, one daughter, Brenda, nine grandchildren and 5 great grands.

Sis. Ada states that she literally would not be here if it wasn't for the Lord on her side and there are no words to thank Him enough. She says that He keeps on blessing over and over again!! THANK YOU LORD!



# WELL DONE!



Karina Adams is a kindergarten student at Cleveland Elementary School and a recent pre-k graduate of Kids-R-Kids Learning Academy in Clayton. Karina is an enthusiastic learner and received the "Perfect Attendance Award" and the "Star Student Award" in November 2018. Her academic performance and bright personality have earned her an exceptional honor through the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. UNC's Academic All-Stars Program recognizes elementary students throughout the state who exhibit exceptional aptitude and character. Nominated by her teacher, Karina received special public recognition and a certificate of achievement at the November 16, 2018 UNC Men's Basketball Game. Other elementary students were also recognized as Academic All-Stars along with Karina. Outside of school, Karina enjoys singing in the SBC Children's Choir, attending Bible study, spending time with her family, reading, and painting. When she grows up, Karina says she would like to become a math teacher. She is the granddaughter of Vanessa Adams.

***Congratulations, Karina!***

The SBC Usher Ministry is very happy to share and congratulate member Sis. Wyoma Moses who was recently voted to serve as Assistant Parliamentarian for the Ushers Auxiliary of the General Baptist State Convention (GBSC). New officers were voted in on October 6, 2018 at New Bethel Baptist Church in High Point.

We are so very proud of our Sister. Her enthusiasm and her faithfulness to the ministry has really been encouraging and a blessing to us all. We'd like to say *well done Wyoma!*



*Sis. Wyoma Moses (far right)  
with other newly elected officers*



# WELL DONE!

*2nd Lieutenant Jordan Timothy Whitaker*



On August 11, 2018, SBC's own Jordan Timothy Whitaker graduated from Officer Candidate School (OCS), receiving his commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps. This is a very rigorous and competitive program, and he was 1 of only 2 minorities within his platoon to complete the 10 week training course. Jordan's Pinning Ceremony was held at the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Quantico, VA, where he decided to receive his first salute at the historical site dedicated to the first Black Marines who began their basic training on August 26, 1942 on Montford Point, a small section of land on Camp Lejeune, NC.

Jordan is currently attending The Basic School (TBS) for Marine Officers where he will graduate in the Spring of 2019. Please continue to pray for Jordan as God orders his steps on this journey. He is the son of Deacon Timothy and Andrea Whitaker.

*Congratulations Jordan!*



# WELL DONE!

## Run/Walk with an Olympian

Submitted By: Ian Weakly  
[www.Allstarzmgmt.com](http://www.Allstarzmgmt.com)

SBC's Ian Weakly is still raising the bar. An Olympian sprinter (Sydney 2000), Ian recently participated in two fundraiser events. *(Contact Ian for more info)*

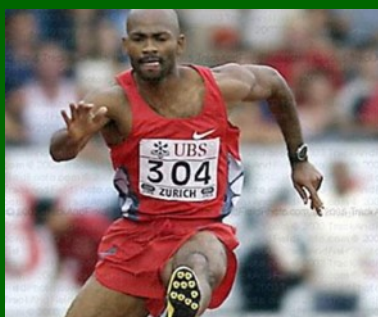
- Saturday, November 3, 2018: South Mountain Trail 5kRun/Walk in Bostic, NC to benefit kids attending summer camp at South Mountain Christian Camp. The aim of the camp is to utilize the Bible-centered ministry to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. Through well-planned programming, teaching, sharing in fellowship and healthy physical activities; the hope is to help campers respond in faith to the call of God on their lives and then nurture their faith and fellowship in Christ Jesus so that they may mature into responsible citizens of God's Kingdom.
- Saturday, November 10, 2018: Globalrun4water 5k Run Walk at WakeMed Soccer Park in Cary, NC. The mission is to help needy people in the world have clean drinking water because safe water helps to liberate people so they can live healthier, fuller, and more productive lives.

Over the 6 years of this race, we have raised over \$61,000. Using these proceeds in combination with matching funds from District 7710 and The Rotary Foundation, we have been able to provide clean water, hygiene training, and in some cases modern sanitation facilities to villages and schools in Bolivia, the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, India, Lebanon, Peru, Tanzania, and Uganda.

Clean water, hygiene training, and adequate sanitation facilities are much needed components for disease prevention, good health, and quality of life that the residents of these communities lacked due to their extreme poverty.



Ian and daughter Xenia



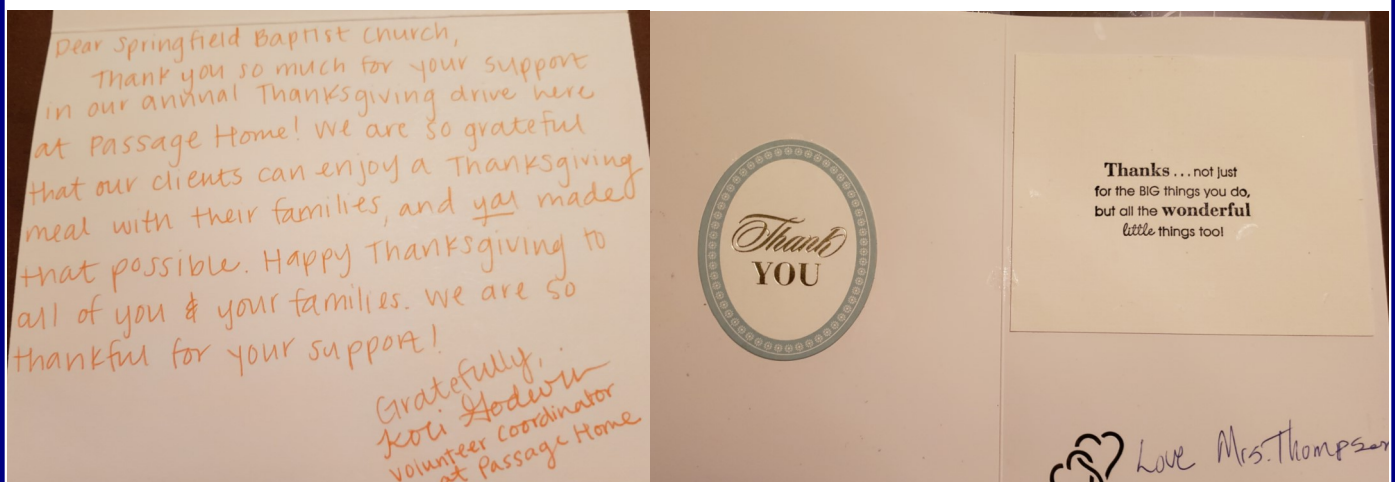
Ian Weakly—Olympian Sprinter (2000)



Ian and wife Lisa

# WELL DONE!

The Missionary Ministry received many smiles and "Thank-You" for their donation of Thanksgiving baskets to Passage Home. Their contributions helped to provide Thanksgiving dinners for many families in need. Passage Home's mission statement is to break the cycle of poverty for the communities served in Wake County by connecting families and neighborhoods to resources and opportunities. Visit [passagehome.org](http://passagehome.org) for more info  
(Pictured below: Passage Home volunteers and thank you cards)



# CHILDREN'S WORD SEARCH

## The "Real Christmas"



There are lots of things around at Christmas time and not all of them are about Jesus!

Put a circle around the 10 words that really are about Jesus' birth, and then find them in the wordsearch below. Have fun!

Father Christmas	turkey	angel
manger	pudding	star
crackers	Mary	Jesus
snowman	Bethlehem	baby
inn	stockings	tinsel
		cards
		festive

s	h	e	p	h	e	r	d	s	e
q	b	w	m	a	n	g	e	r	r
y	e	s	u	i	o	m	p	j	t
a	t	t	s	d	f	a	g	o	h
j	h	a	k	l	z	r	x	s	c
v	l	r	b	n	m	y	q	e	w
r	e	t	j	e	s	u	s	p	y
s	h	a	n	g	e	l	d	h	f
g	e	h	j	k	b	a	b	y	l
z	m	x	i	n	n	c	v	b	n




## *How Much Does It Cost (NOT TO) ?*

How much does it cost? This is a question many of us ask in various settings throughout our days and weeks. Being in sales for almost 22 years I get this question daily.

The initial cost can sometimes give us "Sticker Shock", thus halting our pursuit of that item or solution. What happens when we examine the long term benefits and ask ourselves, how much will it cost if I don't do this. So let's start examining these "Not To" costs beginning when we first starting making decisions.

- How much does it cost (not to) pay attention in class?
- How much does it cost (not to) wisely choose your friends?
- How much does it cost (not to) say no or simply walk away?
- How much does it cost (not to) continue learning?
- How much does it cost (not to) be prepared?
- How much does it cost (not to) give?
- How much does it cost (not to) have Life Insurance? Now with this one and the next remove yourself from the discussion because you won't be here. Think of your children and grandchildren.
- How much does it cost (not to) have a trust or will?
- How much does it cost (not to) accept Jesus Christ as your savior? Some of the other choices you may be able to recover from; however, this one you will not.

Submitted by: Deacon Anthony Jenkins



*"Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol him,  
all peoples! For great is his steadfast love  
toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord  
endures forever. Praise the Lord!"*

*- Psalm 117*



# Upcoming EVENTS

## For More Information:

Website: [springfieldbaptistchurch.com](http://springfieldbaptistchurch.com)

Contact: Ministry Members

Phone: 919-772-8078

Sunday, December 16, 2018  
8:30 a.m.

Sunday School Christmas Program  
Gibson Fellowship Hall

December 24-26, 2018

SBC Closed in observance of the  
Christmas Holiday

Saturday, December 29, 2018  
8:00 a.m.

Wake Missionary Baptist Association  
Gibson Fellowship Hall

Saturday, December 29, 2018  
10:00 a.m.

Children's Choir Rehearsal  
SBC Community Center

Monday, December 31, 2018  
10:00 p.m.

Watch Night Service

## Happy New Year 2019!

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

SBC Closed in Observance of New Year's Day

Friday, January 4, 2019

January 4th - Church Conference @ 7:00 p.m.

Monday, January 21, 2019

SBC Closed in Observance of MLK, Jr. Day

Sunday, January 27, 2019  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

## SBC Annual Family Day

# Please Join Us!

# AUDIO-VISUAL MINISTRY

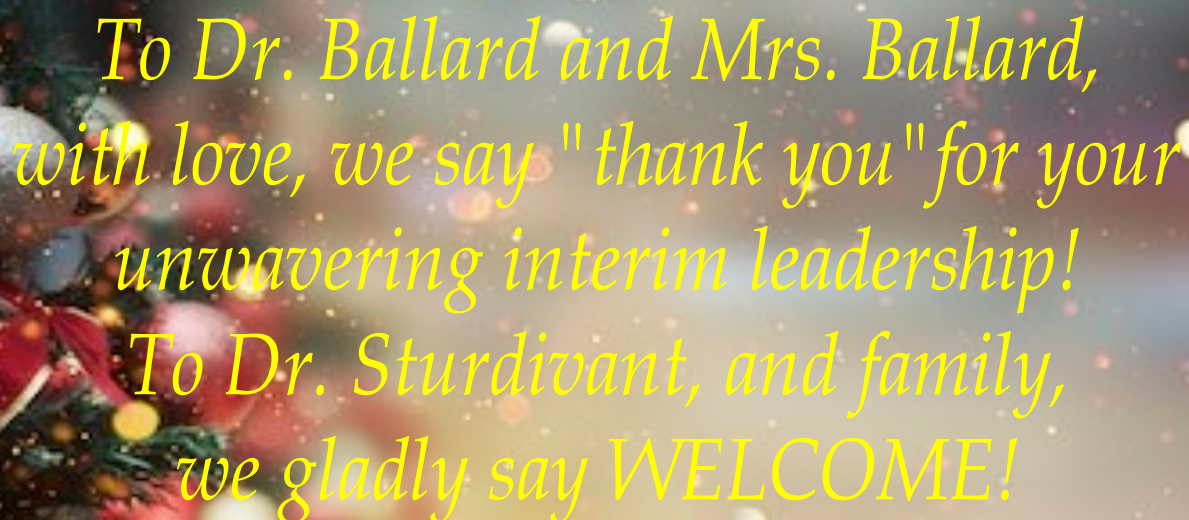
## A/V Ministry is doing a new thing!

Look out for something new! The Audio-Visual Ministry will soon start displaying the upcoming week's announcements on the BIG screen. Announcements will continue to be made during worship service at the normal time but will no longer be made from the podium. The A/V Team will debut its new announcement medium on the:

### *Springfield Spotlight*

Continue to hold onto your bulletins as announcements will still be listed there. The Springfield Spotlight will also be accessible from the SBC webpage ([www.springfieldbaptistchurch.com](http://www.springfieldbaptistchurch.com)). Please stay alert for other **"new things"** coming.

*Behold SBC . . .  
"Jesus makes all things new!"*



*To Dr. Ballard and Mrs. Ballard,  
with love, we say "thank you" for your  
unwavering interim leadership!  
To Dr. Sturdivant, and family,  
we gladly say WELCOME!*



# ***Springfield Chronicles***

Monica Neal, Chairman

Betsy Bell, Carolyn Dobbin, Tomeico Faison, Sandra Garris, Johnny Moore, Jackie Ray

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*And he who was seated on the throne said,  
"Behold, I am making all things new."*

*Revelation 21:5*

## Television Broadcast

Sunday: 5:00 PM

WARZ-TV — Cable TV 5

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Sunday: 7:00 PM

WAUG-TV Digital Channel  
1231

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Monday: 8:00 PM

Digital Channel 102

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Tuesday: 8:00 AM

WLFL — CW22

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