

# Church News Network

## *Kingdom Citizens Embracing Spiritual Fellowship*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | JEHOVAH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH | MARCH 2024

**THOUGHT:** Kingdom Citizens know we must learn to identify and follow spiritual leadership. We must learn principles of good fellowship, practice them, and pass them on to our children.

**KEY WORDS / PHRASES:** Fellowship, Unity, Agreement, Resurrection

March 3 – Staying on the Right Road (Psalm 119:9-16)

March 10 – Obeying Spiritual Leadership (Hebrews 13:17-19)

March 17 – Fellowship Principles for our Youth (Ephesians 6:1-3)

March 24 – “Shout Hosanna!” (Palm Sunday)

(Matthew 21:6-11)

March 31 - Trust and Believe (Resurrection Sunday)

(John 11:21-27)

**Hymn - He Leadeth Me #209**

## LENTEN SERVICES

2024 Theme *The Christ of Easter gives us hope for a better tomorrow.*

**February 14, 2024 - March 27, 2024**

 <p>Wednesday, February 14th Isalah 53 Pastor Simmons</p>	 <p>Wednesday, February 21st Psalm 22 Min. Diana Hillard</p>	 <p>Wednesday, February 28th Zech 11:12-13 Min. Larry Milligan</p>	 <p>Wednesday, March 6th John 12:1-8 Min. Hamilton</p>
 <p>Wednesday, March 13th Matt 21:1-11 Min. Hallie G. Wilson</p>	 <p>Wednesday, March 20th John 19:8-16 Dr. Maria Newton-Tabon</p>	 <p>Wednesday, March 27th Matt 26:36-46 Pastor Nate Brock</p>	

## Church Events

- March 4th - 7pm on Zoom  
ID: 847-4190-5620  
PW: 8035  
Or call by phone 360-209-5623

- **Mar 23<sup>rd</sup> - 9:00am**  
Sumter Baptist M & E  
Association Women's Ministry  
Spring Meeting

- **Mar 29<sup>th</sup> - Good Friday**  
Church Office Closed

- **Mar 31<sup>st</sup> - 6:00am**  
Easter Sunrise Service

- **Mar 31<sup>st</sup> - 5:00pm**  
Sumter Baptist M&E  
Association 5th Sunday Service  
@ Corinth Baptist Church



### SUMTER COUNTY

## RELAY FOR LIFE 2024

Relay For Life is a community-based fundraising event for the American Cancer Society. Each year, more than 5,000 Relay For Life events take place in over twenty countries. Community teams include businesses, schools, churches, medical facilities, first responders and an array of individuals!



**RELAY WALK EVENT**



**FRIDAY**  
April 19, 2024



**START AT**  
05:00pm - 9:00pm



**DONALD L. CROLEY MEMORIAL STADIUM**  
4355 PEACH ORCHARD ROAD  
DALZELL, SC 29040

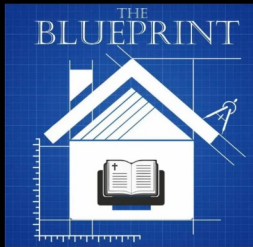


*Sneaker  
Ball*

The BluePrint: A New Generation Fellowship  
**Carolyn Burns Awards Ceremony**

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2024

6:00 - 8:00 PM



MH NEWTON FAMILY LIFE CENTER  
415 MANNING AVE., SUMTER SC

*Featuring*

**anton  
MILTON**



Guest: Sumter Community Gospel Choir

**THE BLUEPRINT: A NEW GENERATION FELLOWSHIP**

415 Manning Avenue, Sumter SC 29150

***20th Anniversary Celebration***

THEME: FROM CAPPING AND CLOUT TO  
CONVICTION... IT'S TIME TO TRANSFORM

**Guest Infuser**

Sunday, March 17, 2024  
8:30am @ The MHN Family Life Center  
Pastor Jeffery L. Williams  
Golden View Baptist Church  
Fountain Inn, South Carolina



## JMBC Health Corner

March is National Kidney Awareness Month. The kidneys are essential organs which are bean shaped and located in the back of the abdomen. They filter blood, make urine, produce red blood cell which carries oxygen throughout the body. These bean shaped organs aids in the absorption of calcium, and regulate hormones (aldosterone).

Waste builds up in the blood when kidneys are not functioning properly. This causes the system to weaken which lead to problems like anemia, high blood pressure, painful kidney stones, infections, and nerve damage. Did you know that Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) affects more than 1 in 7 American adults, and is the 9<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in the United States. Persons with hypertension, diabetes, and/or a family history have increased prevalence of contracting Chronic Kidney Disease.

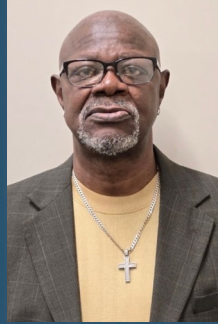
The National Kidney Foundation recommends each person take active measures to prevent and promote keeping the kidneys healthy. The first step is to manage your blood pressure, reduce stress, make healthy food and drink choices. Know your numbers. When you go for your follow-up MD visits, ask your MD about your kidney function. Take an active role in your health by talking to your MD about your kidney health today.

## Veteran of the Month



Veteran Johnny Wigfall served our Country in the US Army. He is a Vietnam War Veteran who served from 1972 to 1974. He is a member of JMBC and serves as a Deacon and yard monitor. He loves serving God and enjoys Worship Arts and the Drama Ministries. After he was medically retired from the Hammet Shop on Pawley's Island, he moved to Sumter in 2007. He has been married to his beautiful wife, Mary G. Wigfall for 50 years and they have 5 children and 9 grandchildren. Thank you for your service.

## Welcome Our New Members!



Kenneth  
Witherspoon  
2/11/2024



Niyanna K.  
Cruse  
2/18/2024



Nariah  
Cruse  
2/18/2024

## Happy Birthday!

Erin Brevard  
Audrey Perkins  
Thomasina Wilson  
Quantasia Jones  
Warren Wheeler  
Regina Knight  
Carolyn McGowan  
Daleah Dixon  
Nathaniel Copeland  
Edith Maybell  
Patricia Cocklin  
Olander Mack  
Sylvester Owens  
Marietta Rogers  
Autumn Skinner  
Dontae Howell  
Saymon James  
Dorian Brunson  
Margie Burgess  
Carolyn House  
Jerry Jackson, Sr.  
Ada Witherspoon  
Brian Witherspoon  
Tyrone Davis  
Javon Conyers  
Rebecca Pringle  
Teresa Harvard  
Robert Lewis

Kurt Lewis  
Shanatta Winn  
Neomia McFadden  
Zanaiah Hickmon  
Eniya Frink  
Jerryl McQuillen  
Zoey Sims  
Willie Washington  
Kathy Sinkler  
Za'Marieth Hickmon  
Lynn Thompson  
Eartha L. Beckham  
Lloyd Akers III  
Cleo Bethune  
Jerry Canty  
Mable Levine  
Aubrey McFadden  
Chaquettq Bowden  
Terry Law  
Ruth McClary-Sigler  
Andrew Tiller  
Carolyn Smith  
Ollie Gailliard  
Nicole Rose  
Thelma Sumter  
Lakisha Brown  
Steven Hodge, Sr.  
Natalie Sarvis  
Katherine White

## 10 Ways To Prepare Your Heart for Easter

### 1. Know What Scripture Says

Jesus' knowledge of Scripture readied Him for the upcoming events in His life. Luke 18:31 states how, "Jesus took the Twelve aside and told them, 'We are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled.'"

### 2. Follow God's Leading

Mark 10:32 describes the processional to Jerusalem as Jesus leading the way, accompanied by astonished disciples and a crowd of followers afraid of what was going to take place there.

### 3. Clean House

When Jesus reached Jerusalem, He did some Spring Cleaning. Scripture states, "Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there" (Matthew 21:12) Jesus took time to clean out His temple by taking the opportunity to rid it of all that was not honoring to God.

### 4. Be Approachable

After Jesus cleaned-up the temple, instead of withdrawing, Matthew 21:14 describes how "the blind and lame came to Him at the temple, and He healed them." It's easy in today's culture to not be accessible to those around you. Is there a neighbor or someone at church who has been trying to connect with you, but you're not ever available?

### 5. Encourage Spiritual Growth In Others

As Jesus did in the days leading up to His crucifixion and resurrection, He made the most of teachable moments, like encouraging His disciples' faith through practical demonstrations. After the disciples witnessed the withering of a fig tree, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, 'Go throw yourself into the sea,' and it will be done. If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask in prayer" (Matthew 21: 21,22)

### 6. Be Open to Conversation

In the days leading up to His death, Jesus spent time teaching. Matthew 21:23 states He "entered the temple courts, and, while He was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to Him." Of course they came to question His authority but still Jesus did not let it hinder Him from interacting with them.

### 7. Make Time for Fellowship

The evening before being arrested, Jesus shared a Passover meal with those closest to Him. During this last supper with His disciples, He taught them how to remember Him through drinking of the cup and breaking of the bread (Luke 22:7-22).

### 8. Devote Yourself to Prayer

After dinner and hymn singing, Jesus headed out to pray. Spending time in prayer was a priority for Jesus. Luke 22:39 states "Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives." Despite all that was conspiring and happening around Him, Jesus did not let the surrounding activities keep Him from spending time in prayer.

### 9. Submit to God's Will

Scripture reveals how during His time of prayer, Jesus agonized with what God was asking Him to do. Luke 22:44 states "And being in anguish, He prayed more earnestly, and His sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground." Is there something God has been asking you to do but you've been hoping He'll change His mind or give you another option? Follow Jesus' example to trust God's will for your life more than your own feelings.

### 10. Choose Obedience

For many individuals, the days leading up to Easter is a time of giving up things. Yet when looking at Scripture, there is something even more pleasing to God than sacrifice as stated in 1 Samuel 15:22, "To obey is better than sacrifice."



### Free! Strengthening Families Program (6-11)

**LEARN HOW TO:**  
Listen more and yell less.  
Prevent behavior problems.  
Improve your relationship with your kids.  
Build stronger relationships in family.  
Better manage stress.

**Join us!** Parents and children (age 6-11) are invited to participate in a series of 14 interactive sessions filled with family learning activities.

**When:** The 14-session Strengthening Families Program (SFP) will be held in the spring, summer and fall during the year of 2024. Sessions start at 6:00 PM at a location in the counties listed below.

**Where:** At a location to be determined in the counties listed. Serving families in: Lee, Florence, Sumter, Williamsburg, and Darlington Counties.

County	Site Coordinator	Phone	Program Manager	Phone
Darlington	Beshunda Ervin, Site Coordinator	843-639-3001	Mamie Cannon McKay	843-206-4315
Darlington	Tomeka Self, Site Coordinator	843-307-9061	Sr. Program Manager	
Florence	Danielle Boyd, Site Coordinator	803-498-0168		
Lee	Diana Williams, Site Coordinator	803-428-7869		
Sumter	Josephine Hardy, Site Coordinator	803-565-4111	Bessie L. Sanders-Gordon	803-840-8427
Williamsburg	Ciana Scott, Site Coordinator	843-230-0532	Program Manager	
Williamsburg	Lakeshia Smith, Site Coordinator	843-601-8889		

OR Lee County First Steps Office: 803-484-5110 ⇔ Elder Alexis D. Pipkins, Sr., Executive Director  
Email: [lee1ststeps@gmail.com](mailto:lee1ststeps@gmail.com)  
Website: <https://lee1ststeps.wixsite.com/lcfs>  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=lee%20county%20first%20steps>

**Registration:** Begins NOW and closes after enrollment of the first 12 families for each cycle, per site listed.

**SFP Graduation:** SFP graduates will be provided a graduation ceremony, a certificate of completion, and a graduation bonus including other gifts.

**Other Benefits:** FREE Meals each session attended  
FREE Gift cards (valued over \$400) for just attending  
PLUS, additional gifts cards and prizes.

**REFERRAL FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
How many children do you have? \_\_\_\_ Please list name & age of each child \_\_\_\_\_  
\* Do you or your child have any special needs? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ \* Do you have any allergies or food restrictions? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_  
\* Use back of this form if necessary

Person making this referral: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Agency / Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Referral Link: <https://childrenstrustofsc.wufoo.com/forms/skz0kb16ug996/>

▲ SFP is a program of Children's Trust of South Carolina, funded in partnership by the Department of Social Services and the Duke Endowment ▲01/10/24

JACQUELINE L. JENKINS MINISTRIES DEBUTS

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MARCH 29 2024 @ 6:30 PM

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609 MANNING AVENUE  
SUMTER SOUTH CAROLINA

FREE ADMISSION

*Join Us!!*