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## The Pastor's Corner

**Rev. Wayne P. Snodgrass, D. Min.**

I found this meditation by Christine Robinson. It says in part:  
*Like the harried inn-keeper, may we find ways to help others.*

*Like the lumbering beasts, may we be silent witnesses to the unfathomable glory of life.*

*Like the shepherds on the hill, may we know that we need never be afraid.*

*Like the journeying wise, may we always have the courage to follow our stars.*

*Like the angels, may we cry peace to a troubled world.*



**Rev. Wayne Snodgrass**

We've made it to the end of another year. As we approach a New Year, may we take the lessons learned from this past year and stand on them as the platforms to newer and better direction. For me, having reached the plateau of the one-year mark of the passing of Lady Evelyn, we truly believe that God is beginning to turn things around for me. As the songwriter says, "It won't always be like this. The Lord will perfect that concerning me. Sooner or later, it'll turn in my favor..." All is well as I thank you for your continued prayers.

I would like to take this time and thank some persons who have served to help our church family have a great year. I would like to thank all of those who served in the leadership and administration of our music department, our Cancer Support Ministry, Security Ministry, Ushers, Nurses, Youth, Missionary Department, and all of its components. The Audio-Video Ministry have served to help with sound, and video, production—CDs and DVDs, each week. We appreciate the efforts of your service. I want to lift

up the Progress production staff, who insures the monthly newsletter is sent from here to the various places around the globe, the Benevolence Committee working to help the less fortunate of our community, and Rev. Jones who does the weekly church sign. All of you are a blessing to the special ministries of the church.

Let me say I pray that the blessings of this season will be upon all of you. God has brought us through another year and all of you have played a part in some way. Either you helped, or you prayed for our success. In either situation, I am grateful for your encouragement. During this holiday season, celebrate the goodness of God in our lives as we continue to be, "A church in the word, making a difference in the world!"



Blessings To You  
And A Wish For A  
Very Merry Christmas  
And A  
Happy New Year

*an*  
**InTune  
Christmas**



InTune's 2013 Christmas Play

*Wise Men Still Seek Him*

Sunday, December 22, 2013, 6:00 PM

Progressive Union M.B. Church Sanctuary



# Celebration of Life

A celebration of life for Timothy Doran James was held on Tuesday, November 19, 2013 at Progressive Union Church. Rev. Wayne Snodgrass officiated at the services. Within Progressive Union Timothy is survived by his mother, Sis. Anne Whitaker and his step-father, Bro. Samuel Whitaker.



## *Deployed Military Addresses*

Presently we have two military servicemen (LTC Paul Curry and MSgt Theodore Cook, Jr) serving in Afghanistan, we do not have current addresses for them but we ask that you pray for them and all service persons.

We welcome addresses and will be glad to publish them, contact the church secretary at 256-534-8266 or e-mail the PROGRESS staff at [progress@pumbchurch.org](mailto:progress@pumbchurch.org).

## **Titus Group Visitation**

The Titus II group will visit the Whitesburg Manor Health Care Center on Sunday, December 8, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. The visit is a monthly visit for the group, normally held on each second Sunday in the month. If you are interested in becoming a part of the visitation or need additional information please contact Sister Sue Johnson, president of the group at 256-722-9882.

Additionally the Titus II group monthly meeting is held on the first Wednesday of each month immediately following midday Bible study, approximately 12:30 p.m.

## **Visitation Ministry**

The Visitation Ministry will visit the sick and shut in on Saturday, December 14. The group will meet at the FCLC and departure at 9:30 a.m., please join them and on time so we can get prayed up before we depart. For additional information contact Rev. Vera Bell at 852-6837.

## CanSurvive Support Group Meeting

The Cancer Support Group will meet on Saturday December 14 at 12:30, in the Family Christian Life Center. This is the monthly meeting scheduled for the group.

Please come out and join us as we focus on increasing awareness of important topics and resources available to those affected by cancer –from prevention through survivorship.

For additional information or assistance please contact Sister Rosalynn Alexander, 256-776-9925.

## *Watch Night Services*

The annual Watch night services, to usher in the new year, will be held on Tuesday, December 31, 2013, beginning at 10:00 p.m. Plan to attend and bring in the new year praising the Lord.

## **Making a Difference in the World (Part 36)**

Submitted by James E. Smith

Progressive Union proclaims to be “A Church in the Word”. We learn from II Timothy 2:15 to study to show ourselves approve. Do we know what it means to be a Church in the Word? Before we entertain this subject let us ask ourselves if we know what is meant by the phrase: “in the Word”.

In English class we learn that a word is a group letters represents an action, a physical description, or a name of an object. Our Bible describes it different. In the book of Genesis we learn it in a more spiritual sense as well as a physical being.

Also we learn that the spiritual description is defined as Love. We are to take heed and learn of this Love. (Matt. 11:29) After learning we are to put this Love into action.

In putting this Love into action we experience pain and suffering. (1Peter 2:20) Yet we are told that this is worth the while because the most ultimate form of Love suffered and died for our salvation. We must be doers of God’s Word. (James 1:22)

Many have been lead to seek God and his Love for a blessing which may not be necessarily spiritual but physical. If we learn of this Love and put it into action as a Christian and as a Church we can start

“Making a Difference in the World”.

# alzheimer's association™

To bring recognition to dementia and Alzheimer's disease, Progressive Union held Praise in Purple Sunday on November 24. Member Sister Willie Hunt setup a display to provide information on these diseases during the month of November. On Sunday, November 24, Michelle Cain, the Diversity Outreach Coordinator with the North Alabama Alzheimer's Association, spoke at both the 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. service to muster up support and awareness of the disease. Additionally Sis. Hunter shared with the congregation concerning her mother who is suffering with vascular dementia. Pastor Snodgrass has expressed his desire for a Alzheimer's Support group to be established, if you are interested in becoming a part of the group or need additional information please contact Sis. Willie Hunt or Pastor Snodgrass.



Michelle Cain and Willie Hunt



Michelle Cain and Rev. Marticia Banks-Booker

## 30th Beautillion Ball

Each year the Fun-Set Social & Charity Club host a Beautillion Ball for young African American male high school juniors and seniors. During the ball season the young men are exposed to a host of educational seminars and are given the opportunity to compete for scholarships by completing an essay or an academic scholarship. This year's event was held at the Von Braun Center North Hall on Saturday, November 16, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Progressive Union was well represented. Participating from our church was Roderick Sims, II, who was a Beau, Leandra

Boyd, Sierra McGinnis and Brielle Wilkerson, who were all Belles (escorts for the Beaux), and Mayah Robinson, who song at the event.



Progressive Union Beautillion Ball participants: Beau Roderick Sims, II, (on the back row, left to right) Belle Leandra Boyd, Singer Mayah Robinson, and Belle Sierra McGinnis.



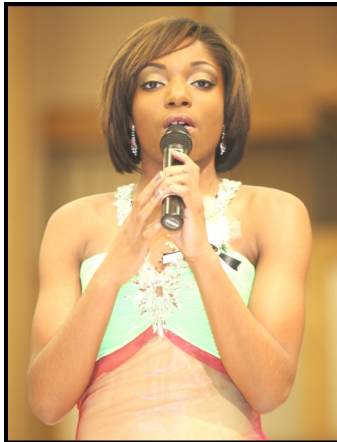
Beau Roderick Sims, II and Belle Shakira Stewart.

## Beautillion Ball Singer

Mayah J. Robinson, a Senior at Buckhorn High School, serenaded the Beaux at the 30th Beautillion Ball event on Saturday, November 16, 2013 at the Von Braun Center. Mayah made history as being one



of the youngest singers during the history of the Beautillion Ball. Mayah is the daughter of Mycah and Deanna Robinson and the god-daughter of Lawrence and Dorothy Matthews.



immediate family, local long-term like-family, friends and neighbors, and representatives of the various entities that have been important to me over a lifetime, in particular, my career (former co-workers), my church (members of Titus II and other close laborers in the fields over the years), and my sorority (primarily the 60+ divas, and the Delta Inc. Board). The intent was to not exclude anyone as all surely would be welcome, but with just a few days to plan and/or notify, the task otherwise appeared to be daunting.

As fate would have it, the celebration was a true blessing. All enjoyed the fare. It was suggested that gifts be gifts cards in increments of \$15 or more from local stores to be donated to the annual Progressive Union M. B. Church Angel Tree Project designed to help seniors and church families in need for Christmas. Guests brought beautiful birthday cards and fifty one \$15 gift cards, four \$20 gift cards, ten \$25 gift cards, three \$30 cards, one \$35, on one \$50 gift card, two \$15 cash donations, and six \$20 cash donations. The total gift donation was \$1,420.00

So how can I say “Thanks” for the things You have done for me...the voices of a million angels cannot express my gratitude. All that I am or ever hope to be, I owe it all to Thee. To God be the Glory for things that He has done.

NOTE: I would like to especially thank my family, devoted friends ad hard working hostesses: Cheryl Coats, Kathryn, Flora Ector, and Hazel Ervin; Brenda Gurley, Harrison Center, Director, Chef Shirley and other Center staff, Jo Miley and A Taste of Heaven for their wonderful signature tea and mango peach punch; and Gregory Miley for my ram-in-bush photographer and all around great guy. Thank you to each of you who cam to the Celebration and for your very generous Angel Tree gift donations.

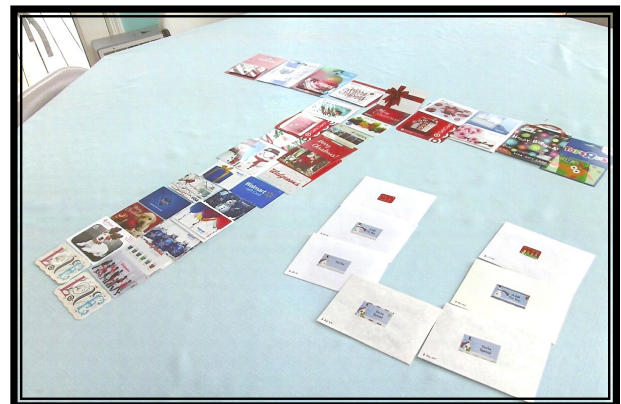
## Congratulations Graduate

Latisha Nicole Wilson will graduate from Alabama State University (ASU) on Friday, December 13, 2013, 3:00 p.m., at the Dunn-Oliver Acadome on the ASU campus. Latisha will graduate Cum Laude with a B.S. degree in Rehabilitation Services. This is ASU’s 288th Commencement Exercises. She stated that her driving force is her son Jalen. Latisha is the daughter of Vincent and Felicia Wilson, Sr., the sister of Vincent, Jr., and the granddaughter of Lillie Wilson and the late Burnice Wilson. She is a former Progressive Union member. Congratulations Latisha on a job well done.

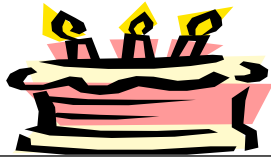
## “T” IS FOR TESTIMONY AND THANKS

Submitted by Sister Izora Harrison

As November 15, 2013 recently approached, the thought occurred that I might actually live to see the Psalm 90:10 promise: “The days of our years are threescore years and ten...” The realization caused me to reflect on my Creator (who knew me even before I was knit in my mother’s womb), and how He has sustained me for seven decades of life experiences and involvements. As one who usually spends my birthday with a quiet family dinner or brief get-a-way, somehow this time and this date seemed to call for a special “Celebration of Thanksgiving”. For guests, it seemed reasonable to narrow the focus to



Gift Cards and Cash Donations



## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS (114)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>
KRISTENE BELL.....	12/01
SHIRLEY PRIDE.....	12/01
DARIUS ROBINSON.....	12/02
JUDSON ALEXANDER.....	12/03
RODERICK HUMPHREY.....	12/03
LINDA KAGHA.....	12/03
VANESSEA BUSH.....	12/04
SHENITHA PETTWAY.....	12/04
AUDRIANNA DAVIS.....	12/04
JESSICA SHOULDERS.....	12/04
GLENA THOMAS.....	12/04
JAYLEN NELSON.....	12/04
KORTNEY HALE.....	12/05
GERALDINE BUCKLEY.....	12/05
JAMES LIPSCOMB.....	12/05
MYCHELLE LEONARD.....	12/06
PAUL BANKS, JR.....	12/06
MARGARET LIGHTFOOT.....	12/06
SHERRI TAYLOR.....	12/06
TREMEKA COOPER.....	12/06
SHELLIE MCDONALD.....	12/07
YVONNE LEE-JOHNSON.....	12/07
MARTEZ COACHMAN.....	12/07
JEFFERY RAINEY.....	12/07
SANGERNETTA BURNS.....	12/08
WENDELL THOMPSON.....	12/08
MARGARET GILLIAM.....	12/08
MASHELLE SIMS.....	12/09
ODELL EASON.....	12/09
THOMASINA WATFORD.....	12/09
KIMBERLY BROOKS.....	12/09
MARCUS LACEY.....	12/09
RANDALL LEFTWICH.....	12/09
LARRY DEJARNETT, SR.....	12/10
CHARLENE MANUEL.....	12/10
TRACY MARTIN.....	12/10
OLYMPIA HAMMOND.....	12/10
JACQUELINE JOHNSON.....	12/10
MICHAEL LANG, JR.....	12/10
CRYSTAL CARTER DAVIS.....	12/11
JUSTIN WATTERS.....	12/11
JEFFREY SUMMERHILL.....	12/11
ARYAS LEWIS.....	12/11
WILLIE HUNT.....	12/11
KYNNEDIE EDWARDS.....	12/11
EVELYN REESE.....	12/12
WALTER ROOKS.....	12/12
KARONDA WRIGHT.....	12/12
MARTHA APPLETON.....	12/12
TRE SIMS.....	12/12
TANYEL FULLER.....	12/12
ARIEL FIELDS.....	12/13
SHELBY WRIGHT.....	12/13
JA'NES WYCKOFF.....	12/13
JARNIQUA HUGHES.....	12/14
RUTH CRUTCHER.....	12/14
CHARLES PHILLIPS.....	12/14
JOHN FOSTER.....	12/14
ESTRELITA WAINWRIGHT.....	12/15
DIANE JOHNSON.....	12/15
JERRICA FRIERSON.....	12/15
BETTY FOSTER.....	12/15
TAMARICK JOHNSON.....	12/15
DEIDRA EWING.....	12/15
MORGAN THOMPSON.....	12/16
JERMAINE WITCHARD.....	12/16
JAMARION WILLIE.....	12/16
CARL BASKIN.....	12/17
ASHLEY GIBBS.....	12/17
WILLIAM ROBINSON.....	12/17
DEYSHAWN FOSTER.....	12/17
ANDRE HORTON.....	12/18
KEVIN HARRIS.....	12/19
LATASIA JACKSON.....	12/19
MARK ANTHONY MCADORY.....	12/19
LUCINDA MCGILL.....	12/19
FRANK SILLMON.....	12/19
KENDALL ELLIOTT.....	12/19
DORIS EAST.....	12/20
MARIE (COOKIE) HUNTER.....	12/20
MARY MOORE.....	12/20
DAVID HAMILTON.....	12/20
TERENCE JACKSON.....	12/21
JOY MALDONADO.....	12/21
ADRIAN TIGGS.....	12/22
MINNIE EVERARD.....	12/22
KEVIN MILLER.....	12/23
TARSHALYN SANDERS.....	12/23
MARCELLA LARRY.....	12/23
PARYIS TEAGUE.....	12/23
MITCHELLE BROOKS.....	12/25
JAMES DAVIS.....	12/25
DEVAN MILAN JOHNSON.....	12/25
RAFAEL COX.....	12/25
DAVID THOMAS.....	12/25
LATOIA LINEBARGER.....	12/26
MACKENZIE ERVIN.....	12/27
DEBORAH BEDFORD.....	12/27
JOSEPH HAWKINS.....	12/27
DARRELL HILL.....	12/28
LEE PHILLIPS.....	12/28
INGRID HAYES.....	12/28

TERRENCE BURROUGHS.....	12/28
DEL VIA HUGHES.....	12/29
BERTRAND (BJ) JAMES.....	12/29
KIARA ELLIS.....	12/29
ELIZABETH DERRICK.....	12/30
KATRINA WALKER.....	12/30
DEMARIUS ANDERSON.....	12/30
CORNELIA JOE, II.....	12/30
JOSHUA SANDERS.....	12/30
CORTNEY MORGAN.....	12/30
HATTIE CAMERON.....	12/31
CHRISTIAN HAMPTON.....	12/31

## PROGRESS DEADLINE

*Articles for the January 2014 PROGRESS are due Sunday, December 22, 2013. Please place your articles in the PROGRESS mailbox located in the FCLC or e-mail them to [progress@pumbchurch.org](mailto:progress@pumbchurch.org).*

### DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES (25)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>
MR. & MRS. TERRIELL MARBURY.....	12/02
MR. & MRS. DONALD MCDONALD.....	12/03
MR. & MRS. ROCKET FURLOW.....	12/05
MR. & MRS. DERRICK JACKSON.....	12/09
MR. & MRS. TOMMY PATRICK.....	12/10
MR. & MRS. MICHAEL HYTER.....	12/13
MR. & MRS. JOSEPH CRUM.....	12/17
MR. & MRS. ROBERT RICE, SR.....	12/18
MR. & MRS. WALTER BURNS.....	12/20
MIN. & MRS. WALTER CRUTCHER.....	12/22
MR. & MRS. CHRIS HARRIS.....	12/22
MR. & MRS. JESSE HOWZE.....	12/23
MR. & MRS. ROBERT DUBOSE.....	12/23
MR. & MRS. BERTRAND JAMES, SR.....	12/24
MR. & MRS. STEVE MARSH.....	12/25
MR. & MRS. SAMUEL WHITAKER.....	12/27
MR. & MRS. JERMAINE WITCHARD.....	12/27
MR. & MRS. CLIFFORD HUGHES.....	12/28
MR. & MRS. STEVE WATFORD.....	12/28
MR. & MRS. FRANKY SMITH.....	12/30
MR. & MRS. EUGENE DICKERSON.....	12/31
MR. & MRS. DONALD JOHNSON.....	12/31
MR. & MRS. DAVID LEAK.....	12/31
MR. & MRS. JAMES SLAUGHTER.....	12/31
MR. & MRS. MICHAEL BROWN.....	12/31

### ATTENDANCE FOR NOVEMBER

**8:00 a.m.**

Total: 1297

Average per Sunday: 324

**11:00 a.m.**

Total: 1126

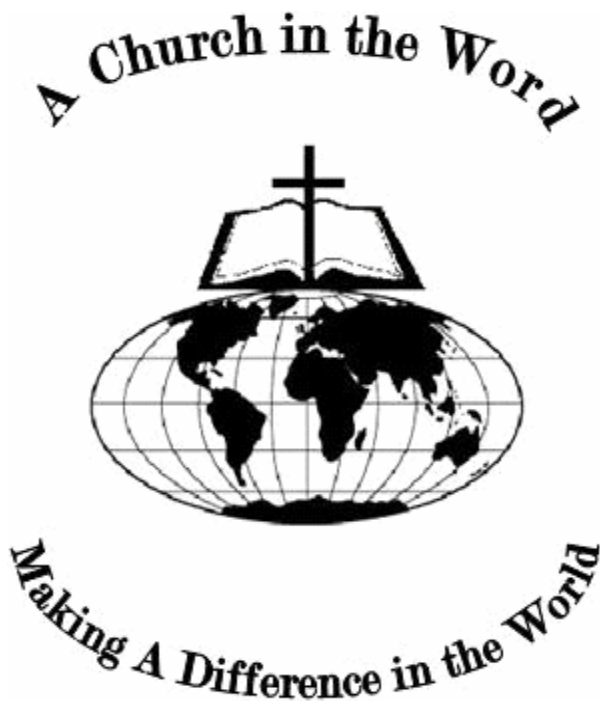
Average per Sunday: 281

### NEW MEMBERS (2)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE JOINED</u>
JOE ALLEN (REJOINED).....	11/03
OLLIE CRUTCHER (REJOINED).....	11/10

### BAPTISMS (3)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE BAPTIZED</u>
PAMELA HARDIN.....	11/10
CHRISHAWN WILLINGHAM.....	11/10
CHRISTIAN WILLINGHAM.....	11/10



# December 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Sweet Hour of Prayer 7:00 a.m. Official Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. Junior Brotherhood Meeting 6:30 p.m. Mass Choir Rehearsal for Christmas Play 6:30 p.m.	3 P.U.P.P. Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Youth/Young Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Ushers/Greeters Meeting 6:30 p.m.	4 Midday Bible Study 11:30 a.m. Titus II Meeting 12:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m. Evening Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	5 P.U.P.P. Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Youth/Young Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	6 Women's Ministry Deck the Halls 6:00 p.m.	7 Nurses Guild Meeting 9:00 a.m.
8 Titus II Group Whitesburg Manor Visitation 2:00 p.m.	9 Sweet Hour of Prayer 7:00 a.m. Junior Brotherhood Meeting 6:30 p.m. Mass Choir Rehearsal for Christmas Play 6:30 p.m.	10 Voices of Praise Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	11 Midday Bible Study 11:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m. Evening Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	12 Voices of Praise Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	13	14 Warriors Helping Warriors Meeting 8:30 a.m. Mothers/Deaconess Meeting 10:00 a.m. Visitation Ministry 9:30 a.m. CanSurvive Meeting 12:30 p.m.
15 New Members Luncheon (Following 11:00 a.m. services)	16 Sweet Hour of Prayer 7:00 a.m. Junior Brotherhood Meeting 6:30 p.m. Area Wide Choir Rehearsal for MLK Program 7:00 p.m. (1st M.B. Church)	17 Male Chorus Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	18 Midday Bible Study 11:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m. Evening Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	19 Male Chorus Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Security Ministry Meeting 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	20 In Tune Youth Ministry Christmas Party 7:00 p.m.	21 In Tune Youth Ministry Toy Give-Away 8:00 a.m. Junior/Senior Ushers Training 10:00 a.m. Praise Dance Rehearsal 12:00 noon
22 In Tune's 2013 Christmas Play 6:00 p.m.	23 Sweet Hour of Prayer 7:00 a.m. Mass Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Junior/Senior Brotherhood Meeting 6:30 p.m.	24	25 <i>Christmas Day</i> 	26 Mass Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.	27	28
29 5th Sunday Combined Worship Services 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 8:30 a.m.	30 Mass Ensemble Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.	31 Watch night Services 10:00 p.m.	Jan 1 New Year's Day	Jan 2 Mass Ensemble Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.	Jan 3	Jan 4 Nurses Guild Meeting 9:00 a.m.