

# The PROGRESS

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## The Pastor's Corner

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

Peace be unto you and from the Father above. Blessed is His holy name who allows us the privilege of another year, regardless to who we are. When I think of His mercy toward me, when I deserve so much less, I can't help but be grateful for divine love that sees my need. This church family has made the journey so wonderful, that even with the disappointments, it still has been a wonderful experience.



**Rev. Wayne Snodgrass**

Once again, my thanks to all of you who have blessed my life and been so much encouragement to me and my family, especially during this past year. In comparison to two years ago, the Cancer battle has been tough, but we have survived. Lady Evelyn has been quite a trooper through all of this. Our thanks especially to the Cancer Treatment Center of America, in Zion, IL, and the lessons we learned from M.D. Anderson Research Hospital in Houston, TX.

I pray that I will do better this year as pastor, and be deserving of the love that you shared toward me and my family. It has been a great quarter-century plus one, and we have learned on both sides. It has been a joy to see so many children be born, grow, graduate from high school and college, and some have children whom we have done baby dedications, and faced deaths. Many of you will never know the joy you have been in our lives. I thank you for the love shown to our mother, our son, grandchildren, and to many family members who have shared their gifts with this ministry. I trust you have appreciated the many ways I have tried to minister by my lifestyle. All I have is my integrity. I hope I will never do any-

thing to cause you to doubt your walk with the Lord.

This month is also Black History month. It is a time that we, of African-American heritage, should reflect and remember the struggle. Some say we spend too much time going over and over the past. We must remember. Children need to know that popcorn has not always been prepared in the microwave. I know that is a far-fetched example, but children need to know, the chastening rod was bitter. If we don't operate in excellence, we will move forward in mediocrity. We must not continue to cry and complain. Stand on it and aim for the stars. This is an election year. We must not be slothful in our responsibility for our historical future.

God's love is great toward us. It has been a long journey. As much as I regret it, the battle continues. There are so many who will not allow us to put our racial differences aside. Yet, with a steady beat, we march on until the victory is complete.

Thank you for your support in all we do. Pray for me and pray that we will continue to be, *"A church in the Word, making a difference in the World!"*

## Happy 26th Pastoral Anniversary



*February 1986 to February 2012*

## *Tithes and Offering Reports*

The 2011 tax season has begun and now is the time to request tithes and offering information. Members desiring a copy of their 2011 tithes and offering reports are reminded that reports are available by request only. Request should be made to the church accountant, Janice Crutcher or the church secretary, Rachel Moore at 534-8266. Married couples should specify if they desire a combined report or separate reports for each person. Avoid the rush, make your request now.



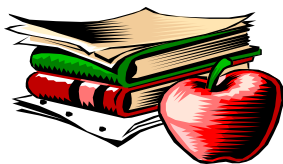
## *Visitation Ministry*

The Visitation Ministry will visit the sick and shut-in on Saturday, February 18, 2012. All persons interested in taking part in this ministry are asked to meet at the FCLC at 9:30 a.m. on the 18th. If you know of persons who may not be a part of our outreach and want to be visited by the Visitation Ministry please forward their name to Rev. Vera Bell, Visitation Minister Advisor at 852-6837.

## **CanSurvive Support Group Meeting**

The Cancer Support Group will meet on Saturday February 18, 2012 at 12:30, in the Family Christian Life Center. This is the monthly meeting scheduled for the group. Anyone affected by cancer in any aspect, as well as those that have a desire to offer support or become more aware of the topic, are encouraged to join us.

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



## *School Days*

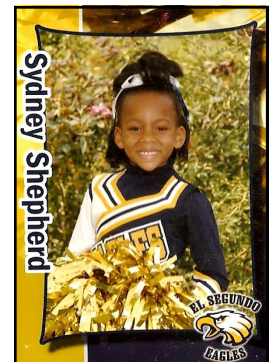
**Mya Hamilton**, a 7th grader at Meridianville Middle School, made the 'A/B' Honor Roll for the second nine weeks of the 2011-2012 school year. She is the daughter of Tonya Hamilton.

**De'Ayza Blake**, a 6th grader at Meridianville Middle School, made the 'A/B' Honor Roll for the

second nine weeks of the 2011-2012 school year. De'Ayza is a very outgoing 6th grader who loves helping others. This past nine she made the 'A/B' Honor Roll having made five A's and one B. De'Ayza loves her family and friends and wishes to make the 'A' Honor Roll for the next nine weeks. She is the daughter of Dimeccia Blake.

**Travion 'Trey' Crutcher**, a 6th grader at the Academy for Science and Foreign Languages (ASFL), made all A's and one B for the second nine weeks of the 2011-2012 school year. Trey is a member of the PUMBC's Youth/Young Adult Choir, Junior Brotherhood, and Junior Security Ministry. He is also a member of the Music Ministry and plays the drums for the P.U.P.P. Choir. He remains active in the community with Boy Scouts Troop 400, the 100 Black Men of America (Greater Huntsville Chapter) mentoring program, the Huntsville Community Drum Line and currently plays basketball with the Monrovia League. Trey is the son of Tracy Crutcher and Harold Blackmon. Congratulations Trey and keep up the great work! We're very proud of you!!

Congratulations to **Sydney Mikayla Shepherd** who had the opportunity to meet the legendary Betty White while filming the television show, "Hot in Cleveland". Sydney acts in one scene on the show, tentatively scheduled to air February 8 on TV Land. She has appeared on 'Hawthorne', 'Days of Our Lives', and 'Community'. Look for her role in the upcoming film, "A Beautiful Soul", starring gospel recording artist Deitrick Haddon. Sydney is a third grader at Paseo Elementary School in the Los Angeles area, where she had been on the 'A' Honor Roll for the 1st and 2nd nine weeks of the 2011-2012 school year, is a part of the student council, literature club, and beginning orchestra. She is the daughter of Derek and Sonya Shepherd, granddaughter of Elizabeth Leslie Derrick, great-granddaughter of Mother Lucy Leslie, and the niece of Keith Hamilton. You Rock Sydney!



**MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE  
WORLD  
PART 14**

*Submitted by Bro. James E. Smith*

This forever changing world keeps us constantly changing. New inventions govern how we communicate, work, entertain, and even worship. The Bible tells us not to conform to the things of this world. However, we give in too often because we value this world's riches more than the riches that God has promised.

Many of us have heard the phrase, 'To Be or Not To Be, That is The Question'. Let's pretend that it is asking us whether to be a Christian or not to be a Christian. Which part of the phrase would you respond to the most?

Not being a Christian causes us to be selfish, love conditionally, strive for material treasures, fame, and fortune.

To be a Christian we must deny self, love unconditionally, strive for God's will, and offer the world humility, meekness, and learn patience. Christians walk in the Spirit as well as dwelling in the Spirit. Walking in the Spirit means putting our faith into action.

Making a Difference in The World God's way, demands us to have Faith in God working for our Heavenly treasures instead of working for worldly Treasures.

**Volunteers Needed**

The Brotherhood is soliciting all members, 10 years and older, to volunteer their services for the Deferred Home Repair Program sponsored by the City of Huntsville Department of Community Development. Responsibilities will include simple home repair for low-income and disabled families in the Huntsville area.

If you are interested in participating please contact the Brotherhood President Alfred Mathews at 256-851-7630 or the Vice President, Greg Miley at 256-859-5453. The first home repair project is scheduled for March 3, 2012, the work site location will be announced at a later date. The citywide kick-off for the Home Repair Program will be held at Progressive Union in the FCLC at 7:00 a.m. on March 3, 2012. In case of inclement weather the kick-off will be held on March 10.

**TITUS II: CAUSE TO CELEBRATE**

On Friday, January 13, 2012, all roads led to 1811 Lydia Drive, Huntsville, Alabama as 26 members and special guests of the Titus II auxiliary converged on the home of Mother Georgia Snodgrass to help her celebrate her 88<sup>th</sup> birthday. The In-Door Picnic, designed to up-lift and fellowship with the Sick-and-Shut-In, proved to be just the vehicle for a grand and special celebration. There was plenty of food, drink, designer birthday cake, balloons, laughter, and gaiety for all in attendance.

Thank you Mother Snodgrass for opening your home and heart to allow a "Special-Beginning-of-the New-Year-Celebration" for one and all.

Sis. Sue Johnson, President  
Titus 2 Ministry

*(Article courtesy of Sister Izora Harrison, pictures courtesy of Sister Marie "Cookie" Hunter)*



Congratulations to Jerrod and Nancy Parker on the birth of their daughter, Laylah Jean Parker. Laylah came into world a little early on July 19, 2011, she weighed 1 pound, 12.1 ounces, and was 16 inches long.



Layah Parker

Congratulations to Eric and Kalydra V. (Patterson) Willis on the birth of their daughter, Laila Symone' Willis. Laila came into the world a bit early, on October 5, 2011, she weighed 2.3 pounds and was 12 inches long. Grandparents are Min. Walter and Janice Crutcher.



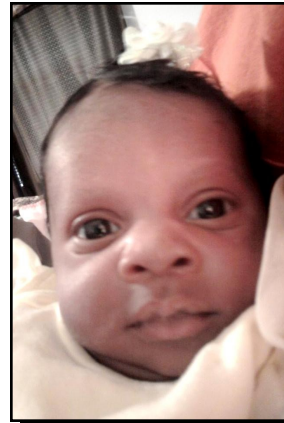
Laila Willis

Terence and Stephanie Jackson would like to announce the birth of their grandson, Ari'yel Isayah Habersham, born Christmas Eve, December 24, 2011. He weighed 7 pounds 3 ounces and was 19 inches long. The proud parents are Antwan Habersham (former Progressive Union member) and his wife, JaSonda Habersham of Dallas, Texas.



Ari'yel Habersham

Congratulations to Marshall and Carol Brown on the birth of their daughter, Kelly Jenise Brown, on January 6, 2012, 8:39 a.m. She weighed 4 pounds, 1 ounce, was 18 inches.



Kelly Brown

**PROGRESS DEADLINE**

*Articles for the March PROGRESS are due Sunday, February 26, 2012. Please place your article in the PROGRESS mailbox located in the FCLC or e-mail them to [progress@pumbchurch.org](mailto:progress@pumbchurch.org).*

<p><b>ATTENDANCE FOR JANUARY</b></p> <p><i>1st Sunday (9:00 a.m. only)</i> 380</p> <p><i>8:00 a.m. (2nd-4th Sundays)</i> 1060 <i>Weekly Average</i> 353</p> <p><i>8:00 a.m. (2nd-4th Sundays)</i> 876 <i>Weekly Average</i> 292</p> <p><i>Fourth Sunday Evening Worship</i> 106</p> <p><i>5th Sunday (10:00 a.m. only)</i> 523</p>
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# In Tune's 2012 Calendar

PROGRESSIVE UNION M.B. CHURCH YOUTH MINISTRY

## Volunteers & Chaperones Needed Pick a Month and PLEASE Sign Up!

- February -** Black History Spotlights (ages 5 to 18)
- March -** Children's Trip to the Birmingham Zoo (ages under 13)
- April -** Easter Activities (ages 2 to 18)
- May -** Mother & Son Banquet (all ages)
- June -** Youth Week (all ages)  
Youth Scholarship Banquet (ages 17 to 22)  
Vacation Bible School (all ages)
- July -** Youth Scavenger Hunt (ages 8 to 18)
- August -** Back-to-School Conference (all ages)
- September -** Academic Bowl (ages 13 to 18)
- October -** Youth Retreat (ages 13 to 18)
- November -** Outreach Activities (ages 8 to 18)
- December -** Christmas Activities (all ages)

*Point of Contact*  
*Wanda Rice*  
*256/651-6303*  
*wandarice@aol.com*

~Wednesday Bible Study~  
~Sunday School~  
~Outreach~



**In Tune**

**HOW CAN YOU NOT Vote?**



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## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS (110)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>
MARCELLA CHUNN .....	02/01
VINNET BRADSHAW .....	02/01
ROBERT RICE, SR. ....	02/01
TERRANCE KENDALL .....	02/01
AUSTIN MCGHEE .....	02/02
LINDA CARROLL .....	02/02
TRICIALYN GREEN .....	02/02
HOVET DIXON, JR. ....	02/02
GARY ROBINSON .....	02/02
BENJAMIN STANLEY .....	02/02
SHANARA DARBY .....	02/02
JAYDEN HOLMES .....	02/02
TAYLOR LEONARD .....	02/03
RONALD PETTWAY .....	02/03
SHANNON GILSTRAP .....	02/03
ERIC ROBERTSON .....	02/04
PAMELA RICHARDSON .....	02/05
FRIEDA SIMS .....	02/06
SYDNEY WILLIAMS .....	02/06
DANIEL NEWTON .....	02/07
RUBY BOLDEN .....	02/08
TIMOTHY HATTEN .....	02/08
LAMAR BRAXTON .....	02/08
LEANDRA BOYD .....	02/08
LORRENE DIXSON .....	02/09
RICKEY HAWKINS .....	02/09
PRENTISS AMERSON .....	02/10
RUTH JONES .....	02/10
MICHAEL KELSEY .....	02/10
ELLA KIRKSEY .....	02/10
DONALD MCDONALD .....	02/11
RONALD MCDONALD .....	02/11
REGINA MASTIN .....	02/11
CARYLON HARRIS .....	02/11
BRANDON JOHNSON .....	02/12
KAYLYN LINDSEY .....	02/12
ANTHONY SIMS .....	02/12
TERESA CRUTCHER .....	02/13
WILLIAM CLEMONS .....	02/13
JOSEPH SNOW .....	02/14
ALLISON FITZGERALD .....	02/14
MARY BAILEY .....	02/14
LAQUITA BELL .....	02/14
DMITRI NORWOOD, II .....	02/14
SAMON MALVEAUX .....	02/14
KEVIN LYLES .....	02/14
MYCAH JERAYE ROBINSON .....	02/15
LAWRENCE MATTHEWS .....	02/15
BRADARICK ANDERSON .....	02/15
LINDA RATLIFF .....	02/15
TOMEKA CRUTCHER .....	02/16
FREDDIE INGRAM .....	02/16
NADIA TURNER .....	02/17
ALONZO MCGHEE, II .....	02/17
CHERYL WILKERSON .....	02/17
DELOIS PALMER .....	02/18
JEREMY UPSHAW .....	02/18
OMEGA SANDERS .....	02/19
DANIELLE SMITH .....	02/19
LAQUITA CRAIG .....	02/19
ZARIA FITZGERALD .....	02/19
TIANA MOSELEY .....	02/19
DIONNA ROBINSON .....	02/20
VENITTA SLADE .....	02/21

DONALD JEFFERSON .....	02/21
BERTHA KING .....	02/21
ELIZA MARTIN .....	02/21
THOMAS WINNS .....	02/21
ERICA SOUTHERLAND-BROWN .....	02/22
KIMBERLY INGRAM .....	02/22
PEARLIE EAVES .....	02/22
QUAVIS BROWN .....	02/22
TRAVIS CHUNN .....	02/22
ISAIAH ARNOLD .....	02/22
JUSTIN MATTHEWS .....	02/23
PAIGE JORDAN .....	02/23
JOHN RICHARDSON .....	02/24
CHRISTINE MOSS .....	02/24
JAMES WILSON .....	02/24
KAREN HUGHES .....	02/24
ELMORE DOWNING .....	02/24
SHIRLEY HAMMOND .....	02/24
RODERICK MATTHEWS .....	02/24
JAMAR MCDONALD .....	02/24
LARRY DEJARNETT, JR. ....	02/25
DARRYL WRIGHT, JR. ....	02/26
MELODY FLETCHER .....	02/26
MICHAELA LANG .....	02/26
GEANGELA EWING .....	02/26
CHINA GREEN .....	02/27
CHERYL COATS .....	02/28
JAMES GRIFFIN .....	02/28
BERNETHA COLE .....	02/28
ALIEX ALEXANDER .....	02/28
SHARIKA ELLIS .....	02/28
BERNARD LAMPLEY .....	02/28
KENDYL WASHINGTON .....	02/28
ASHLEY DAVIS .....	02/28
GABRIELLE STIGGER .....	02/28

## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES (15)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>
MR. & MRS. JAMES POWELL .....	02/01
MR. & MRS. J. C. WINSTON .....	02/01
MR. & MRS. CALVIN REED .....	02/09
MR. & MRS. LEMUEL VAUGHN .....	02/11
MR. & MRS. KEVIN JACKSON .....	02/14
MR. & MRS. GERALD BAILEY .....	02/14
MR. & MRS. KIRA LEWIS .....	02/14
MR. & MRS. DAVID MCDONALD .....	02/14
MR. & MRS. DONELL HARRIS, SR. ....	02/14
MR. & MRS. JAMES MCGINNIS .....	02/19
MR. & MRS. WILLIE TURNER .....	02/20
MR. & MRS. STANFORD MENDENHALL .....	02/22
MR. & MRS. HOVET DIXON, JR. ....	02/23
MR. & MRS. LAWRENCE DAVIS .....	02/28
MR. & MRS. SHELVEE EASON .....	02/28

## NEW MEMBERS (3)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE JOINED</u>
JOSEPH WHITE, JR. ....	01/08
DAVID HAMILTON .....	01/15
MABLE BUTLER .....	01/28

## BAPTISMS (0)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE BAPTIZED</u>
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# February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1</i> Midday Bible Study 11:30 a.m. Titus II Meeting 12:30 p.m.  Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	<i>2</i>  Mass Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.  Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>  26th Pastor's Anniversary (Lady Evelyn Night)
<i>5</i> 26th Pastor's Anniversary 7:45 and 11:00 a.m. worship Services	<i>6</i> Sweet Hour of Prayer 7:00 a.m. Official Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Jr. Brotherhood 6:30 p.m.	<i>7</i> P.U.P.P. Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m.  Youth/Young Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.  Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	<i>8</i> Midday Bible Study 11:30 a.m.  Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m.  Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	<i>9</i> 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.	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>  Mothers/Deaconess Meeting 9:00 a.m.
<i>12</i>  Titus II Visitation 2:00 p.m.	<i>13</i> Sweet Hour of Prayer 7:00 a.m.  Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.  Jr. Brotherhood 6:30 p.m.	<i>14</i> Praise Team Rehearsal 5:30 p.m.  Voices of Praise Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.  Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	<i>15</i> Midday Bible Study 11:30 a.m.  Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m.  Church Conference 6:30 p.m.	<i>16</i> Praise Team Rehearsal 5:30 p.m. Voices of Praise Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Security Ministry Meeting 6:30 p.m.	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>  Visitation Ministry 9:30 a.m.  CanSurvive Support Meeting 12:30 p.m.
<i>19</i>	<i>20</i> Sweet Hour of Prayer 7:00 a.m.  Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.  Jr. Brotherhood 6:30 p.m.	<i>21</i> Praise Team Rehearsal 5:30 p.m.  Male Chorus Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.  Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	<i>22</i> Midday Bible Study 11:30 a.m.  Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m.  Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	<i>23</i> Praise Team Rehearsal 5:30 p.m.  Male Chorus Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.  Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>  Junior/Senior Usher Board Training 10:00 a.m.  Praise Dance Rehearsal 12:00 noon
<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> Sweet Hour of Prayer 7:00 a.m.  Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.  Jr. Brotherhood 6:30 p.m.	<i>28</i> Praise Team Rehearsal 5:30 p.m.  Mass Ensemble Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.  Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	<i>29</i> Midday Bible Study 11:30 a.m.  Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m.  Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	<i>Mar 1</i> Praise Team Rehearsal 5:30 p.m.  Mass Ensemble Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.  Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	<i>Mar 2</i>	<i>Mar 3</i>  Nurses Guild Meeting 9:00 a.m.