

The PROGRESS

Celebrating the 25th year anniversary of our Pastor and the PROGRESS

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The Pastor's Corner

Rev. Wayne P. Snodgrass, D. Min.

"I'm pressing on, the upward way..."

Let me take the opportunity to wish all of you new direction, new blessings, and most of all, an exciting New Year! Anyone reading this has been allowed by the grace of God to see another year. To you I say, a fresh anointing is coming your way. Now that we are here, what is going to be significant about our lives this year that is different, and better, than last? It is all in God's hand, but I trust his blessing in our lives to direct what is best.

Things are looking up for all of us. Lady Evelyn is doing well in her recovery from Uterine Cancer. I've said many times, I had no idea 12 months ago we would face one of the most devastating times in our lives. Just the same, she, and I, experienced the best in people during this trial. I have asked Sister Rosalyn Alexander, to lead a support group that we will start to help others who have to face difficulties with cancer, and other diseases.

I want to encourage the youth of our church to do well. I pray God's blessings on our Seniors who will be graduating this year. Do your best. Before you lies a world filled with possibilities. It is important that you be equipped to handle the task. I am so proud of the youth of our church and truly desire the best for them in every situation. Be careful that the



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decisions you make are well thought out. There are some decisions that have life-changing consequences for others beside you.

I pray the blessings of God upon the new leadership for each auxiliary. Be diligent and use wisdom as you lead those God has entrusted to you. I hope each of you will make every effort to help your auxiliary grow. It is not our intent to focus on numbers, but growth is a sign of success. There is no secret to good church leadership. Trust in the Lord with all of your heart, and do not depend on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him and He will direct your paths.

As I begin this 26th year of pastoral experience at Progressive Union, I look forward to a great year. The Appreciation scheduled for next month, is an indicator of your willingness to help me grow as an individual, and as a pastor. I need you to help me keep Progressive Union, *"A church in the Word, making a difference in the world!"*

PROGRESS Deadline

The deadline for the February 2011 issue of the PROGRESS, is Sunday, January 23, 2011. Please place your articles in the PROGRESS mailbox located in the foyer of the FCLC or e-mail them to: progress@pumbchurch.org.

ATTENDANCE FOR DECEMBER

8:00 a.m.

1064

(Average per Sunday 266)

11:00 a.m.

801

(Average per Sunday 200)

25th Pastoral Anniversary



Rev. Wayne and Lady Evelyn Snodgrass

The Progressive Union Missionary Baptist Church joyfully invites everyone to the 25th Pastoral Anniversary celebration for our Pastor, Rev. Dr. Wayne Parker Snodgrass and his family. We encourage the church to ‘Save the Dates’ listed below and participate fully in all the events.

We will kick off our 25th Pastoral Celebration on Saturday, January 29, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. at Progressive Union Missionary Baptist Church. As part of the celebration of the past 25 years, we wanted to take a look back, pause and reflect and reminisce. And so on January 29, we will officially open (*for a limited showing*) “What A Pastor Looks Like”. We hope to have on exhibit articles in every media form chronicling Pastor Snodgrass’ 25 years of ministry at Progressive Union. We want this to be something everyone could be a part of and without your inputs this will not happen. If you have pictures, newspaper articles, programs, videos, audios or anything that can be displayed, please loan these items to the exhibit. Your memorabilia will be returned when the event is closed. There will be many ways to be involved, so stop by the table in the vestibule at the end of each service for details or see Jo Miley.

The celebration will continue on Friday, February 4, 2011 with a banquet at 7:00 p.m. at J’s Special Occasion Event Center, 5080 Meridian Street, *Huntsville, Alabama*. Dr. Julius Scruggs, pastor of the First M. B. Church in Huntsville and the President of the

National Baptist Convention USA, will be the speaker. Several musical guests will perform. Tickets are available for \$25 each for adults and \$15 each for children 10 and under. Tickets can be purchased after 8 and 11 a.m. services on Sundays and from the church secretary or accountant during the weekdays. For additional information contact Angela McGinnis at 256-665-8485 or Charlie Jenkins at 256-694-0183.

Lady Evelyn Night, honoring our First Lady, will follow on Saturday, February 5, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. with a concert featuring the First Seventh Day Adventist Church choir. Sister Carrie Oates will give special words of inspiration.

Our celebration will culminate on Sunday, February 6, at the 8:00 am and 11:00 a.m. worship services. Dr. Carroll A. Baltimore, President of the Progressive National Convention, will be the speaker. Song service will be rendered by the Mass Choir. Following the 11:00 a.m. services dinner will be served in the FCLC.

Commemorative anniversary program books will be given out and will feature well wishes and ads from members and the community. The proceeds from the ads sold for this book will be donated to a charity in Progressive Union’s name per the pastor’s request.

Ads will be sold until January 15. Ad prices are as follows:

¼ page ad - \$25.00

½ page ad - \$50.00

Full page ad - \$100.00 (Black and white)

Full page ad - \$125.00 (Color)

Please see the chairperson – Angela McGinnis to submit ads or they can be submitted directly to the church accountant – Janice Crutcher.

Let’s make this a celebration worthy of our leader’s 25 year commitment to the church!!!!

Titus II Bids Farewell to Sis. Ruby Bolden

Submitted by Sister Izora Harrison

On Wednesday, December 1, 2010, Titus II bid farewell to longtime member and Progressive Union Icon, Sis. Ruby Bolden. At its last official meeting for the year, the group hosted a luncheon honoring Sis. Bolden for her dedicated years of service to the church, the community, and to the group. As Chaplain of the group for at least the last four years, Sis Bolden launched the affair with her usual signature method of beginning a prayer with a song. Great food, fun, and

fellowship were enjoyed by all. Members recalled special occasions and organizational meetings that had been initiated and/or implemented by and with the Ruby-golden-touch. The group presented Sis. Bolden with the perfect keepsake gift: an engraved snow globe that included little crystal snowflakes, an open bible page with the poem, "I Said A Prayer For You Today", and played "Amazing Grace" as it revolved. All will sorely miss Sis. Bolden and the Bolden family as they move to their new home in Atlanta.

OUT-REACH, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

Submitted by Sister Izora Harrison



The Titus II Group

The Progressive Union Titus II group was blessed in 2010 with many opportunities to be of service to members of the congregation as well as to the community. Each Second Sunday of the month saw the group witnessing to and fellow-shiping with the residents of the Whitesburg Manor Nursing Home: a half-hour filled with songs, devotion - including scripture and a prayer, words of inspiration, occasional poems or humorous readings, token gifts of love, and always lots of smiles and handshakes all around. On a quarterly basis, the group bought gifts to serve as bingo prizes for the residents of Brookshire Health Care Center and special gifts for adopted rehab, hospitalized, and home-bound members. Additionally, the fourth Thursday of each quarter was spent in an effort of out-reach, fellowship and fun with residents of The Seventh-Day Adventist Towers on Venona Avenue. From 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., each occasion included a themed luncheon, games, prizes, singing, special gifts, and lots of love and good cheer. Deployed members of the church were blessed with a little bit of home wrapped up in wonderful and personalized gift packages. On a weekly basis, church members listed on the Sunday Bulletin Bereaved and Sick Lists were remembered by the group with inspirational greeting cards-of-encouragement. In addition, all four ladies bathrooms in the sanctuary were maintained throughout the year with such needed sundries as Kleenex, lotion, sanitizers, and air fresheners. The Titus group is grateful to contribute to and hopefully be a meaningful part of the Progressive Union family. (Note: In 2011, on the fourth Thursday of each quarter from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., the group will sponsor an In-Door Picnic at the home of anyone



Sister Ruby Bolden at her going away luncheon



Keepsake given to Sister Ruby Bolden

who has suffered a long term illness or event and is basically home-bound. If you know a member of the church or a person in such need within the community that would benefit from or like to be a recipient of this fellowship and out-reach, please contact the President (Sis. Izora Harrison, 256-852-1944) or any Titus II member.) The group is advised by Deacon John Marion.

Titus II Group Visitation

The Titus II group will visit the Whitesburg Manor Health Care Center on Sunday, January 19, 2011 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 Izora Harrison, 256-852-1944. 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.

Swope-Whitman Fellowship Hall. With the exception of the associate ministers, the Boldens were active or in some way touched all the ministries in our church. We will all miss them and pray that God will bless as they move to a new city and a new church home.

TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY GRAD

Bertrand Fernandez James, Jr., (BJ) completed his Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering at Tuskegee University in December 2010. Tuskegee does not have a fall graduation ceremony, BJ will march in the Spring of 2011. He accepted a job with Union Pacific as an Engineering Associate-Electrical (Signal) in Omaha, Nebraska starting January 25, 2011. His future plans are to pursue a Masters degree in electrical engineering.



While at Tuskegee he was a Student Engineering Trainee with the Software Engineering Directorate (SED), Redstone Arsenal, Alabama (Summer 2008, 2009), Engineering Technician with PEO Missiles and Space, Precision Fires, Redstone Arsenal (Summer 2007, May 2008). A member of the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE), and an active member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated, Gamma Epsilon chapter.

BJ is the son of Bertrand and Rita James, Sr., the brother of Nicholas, and the father of Camden Fernandez James, born on November 4, 2010. BJs parents are extremely proud of his accomplishments and the young man he has become. They pray for God to continue to lead, guide, and direct his path.

SPECIAL HONORS RECOGNITION

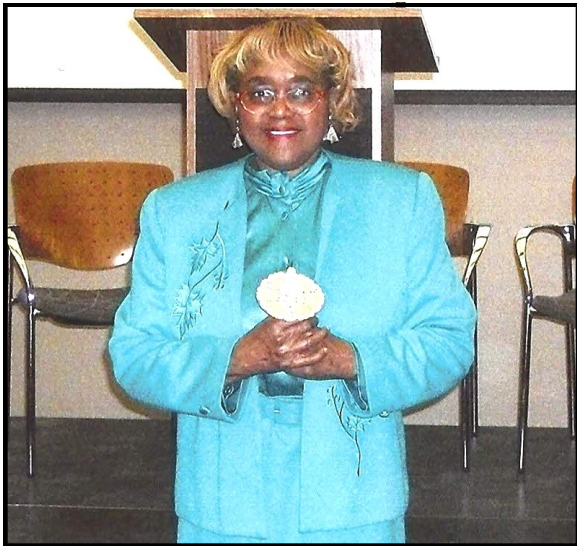
Reva T. Dailey was formally inducted into Phi Theta Kappa, Sigma Lambda chapter of the National Honor Society at Calhoun Community College, Research Park, Huntsville, Alabama. Requirements for induction are a grade point average of 3.55 and completion of at least 12 semesters creditable hours toward a two year degree. Congratulations Reva on your academic achievement.

A Fond Farewell



Deacon Eddie and Mother Ruby Bolden

The church family said good-bye to Deacon Eddie and Mother Ruby Bolden the early part of December. The Boldens moved to Atlanta to be close to two of their three sons and their families. The Boldens were very active in the ministries at Progressive Union and instrumental in the church's growth from the earlier days when we were housed in what is now the



Reva Dailey

Fall Commencement

Michelle Cook, Yolonda Green, Reginald Foster and Rev. Charles Williams all graduated from Alabama A&M University (AAMU) on Friday, December 10, 2010. Michelle and Yolonda received Bachelor of Science degrees and Reginald and Rev. Williams received Master of Science degrees. Congratulations to all of these graduates and best wishes in all of their future endeavors.

Tithes and Offering Reports



The 2010 tax season has begun and now is the time to request tithes and offering information. Members desiring a copy of their 2010 tithes and offering donations are reminded that reports are available by request only. Starting January 10 request should be made to the church accountant, Janice Crutcher or the church secretary, 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, January 15, 2011. Persons interested in taking part are asked to meet at the FCLC on the morning of the 15th at 9:30 a.m. For additional information contact Rev. Vera Bell at 852-6837.

Greater Huntsville Interdenominational Ministerial Fellowship (GHIMF) Martin Luther King JR/Emancipation Proclamation Celebration

The GHIMF annual event will be held on Friday January 14, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., at Progressive Union M. B. Church. Guest speaker will be Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie, presiding prelate of the 13th Episcopal District of the A.M.E. Church. Please join area-wide pastors and congregations from throughout North Alabama in worship and celebration as we all come together to help fulfill the dream of Dr. King in our city and valley! The GHIMF is inviting your Church Choirs to participate: Sanctuary, Male Chorus, Praise Teams, Young Adult, Senior Choir. In preparation for the GHIMF MLK Emancipation Proclamation services to be held on Friday, January 14, 2011 at Progressive Union, the following rehearsals are scheduled for persons interested in singing with the Area Wide Choir:

Tuesday, January 4, 2011, 7:00 p.m., First M. B. Church
3509 Blue Springs Rd., Huntsville, AL 35810
Phone 256-852-4318

Friday, January 7, 2011, 6:30 p.m., Union Chapel M. B. Church
315 Winchester Road, Huntsville, AL 35811
Phone 256-852-1150

Tuesday, January 11, 2011, 7:00 p.m., St. Bartley P. B. Church
3020 Belafonte Ave., Huntsville, AL 35816
Phone 256-536-6266

Un-Deck the Halls

The Women's Ministry (Sisters Connecting to Sisters) invites everyone to take part in the annual 'UnDeck The Halls' on Saturday, January 8, at 10:00

a.m. This annual event is held to take down the Christmas decorations in the sanctuary and store them for the next Christmas season.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE (PART 3)

Submitted by James E. Smith

From this experience I feel that we need to get more involved in 'Making a Difference in the World'. As parents and grandparents let's get more involved in our children spiritual and academic lives. The World is depending on them.

The Pastor, Lineise Arnold, Lloyd and Patricia Coleman, and I participated in Operation Hungry. This is an outreach ministry for own homeless and misfortune community. Several times a year they are feed. The Salvation Army, Rescue Mission, and others of misfortune are those target in this effort. This year it was hosted by Saint Bartley Church. Let's don't forget these individuals and become more involved in 'Making a Difference in the World.

On December 11th the last trip for the year of the AIMS ministry was made. Saint Bartley and PU's Titus group sent gifts and gift cards for the six families that were scheduled for visitation on this trip. These families truly appreciate knowing that they aren't forgotten and that others care. This is another ministry where you can get onboard and help PU 'Make a Difference in the World.

Deployed Military Addresses

Below is the mailing address of two deployed member. Regular mail (now called snail mail) will BOOST their morale and uplift their spirits when they hear their names called out loud during "Mail Call". Please continue to pray for these soldiers listed below and all of our military personnel that are deployed.

SFC Theodore D. Cook
DDOC TF Rakkasan
APO AE 09354

Paul Curry
HHC, 525 BfSB
FOB Spin Boldak
APO AE 09355

We welcome other 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.

The Year 2010 in Review

Progressive Union was blessed with another great year and we thank God for the many blessings. As we look back on 2010 we do so with much anticipation to the blessings the Lord has in store for us in the year 2011.

Our review of last year is a census count of events that occurred. We were blessed with another great year and look forward to what the Lord has in store for this church in 2011.

8:00 a.m. worship attendance: 15,997
(Average per Sunday: 308)

11:00 a.m. worship attendance: 14,476
(Average per Sunday: 278)

Annual Vacation Bible School (5 nights): 730

Annual Church Revival: 802

New Members: 59 **Baptisms:** 12

Deaths: 7

Reverend Robert Lee Tibbs
February 4, 2010
Sister Elaine Marie Humphrey
February 21, 2010
Sister Willie Louise White
March 8, 2010
Sister Bertha Langford Sullivan
April 2, 2010
Brother Jerome Melvin
June 24, 2010
Sister Sharon Rumbert
July 18, 2010
Brother Samuel Leslie, Jr.
September 15, 2010

Births: 4

(Girls-2/Boys-2)

Marriages: 4

Education

The following diplomas and degrees were earned:
PhD Degrees: 2
Masters Degrees: 6
Bachelors Degrees: 11
Two Year College Degrees: 2
High School Diplomas: 19
Middle School: 1
Elementary School: 5
K5: 4



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS (91)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>
HOLLIS MARTIN	01/01
COREY FUQUA	01/01
ANDREA LAMPLEY	01/02
RAYNARD SNOW, JR	01/02
SHANESE MANUEL	01/02
MARY DEJARNETT	01/03
NAPOLEON LUTER	01/03
PATRICE GREER	01/03
JAMES HOLMES	01/03
LEMUEL VAUGHN	01/03
DANESIA DIXON	01/03
RICKY COLE	01/03
JAMARCUS JONES	01/04
CORTEZ WILEY	01/04
KENTORY EVANS	01/04
NEIL THOMPSON	01/04
ILISA DONALDSON PATTERSON	01/05
MICHELLE BENNETT	01/05
BARAKA D. TRUSS	01/05
NANCY PARKER	01/05
NEKIA WILSON	01/05
LIZA MILLER	01/05
BONNIE NEWTON	01/06
DONNA RANSOM	01/06
KYRSTIN STANLEY	01/06
ANTHONY JACKSON, II	01/06
BRITNI PHILLIPS	01/06
ARETHA HARRIS	01/06
REV. VERA BELL	01/07
PEARL HUNTER	01/07
DEBORAH HILL	01/07
TYRELL WOODS	01/07
BRIAN GIBBS	01/07
VERRA WILLIAMS	01/08
SHELIA PIKE	01/08
MARY CURRY	01/09
ANDREW PRIDE	01/09
MARILYN VAUGHN	01/09
GERALDINE BROWN	01/10
IANTHIA BRIDGES	01/10
TRACY KENDALL, II	01/10
TIFFANY DONALDSON	01/11
TERRIELL MARBURY	01/11
RODRICK CRUTCHER	01/11
DEBORAH MACLIN	01/12
LAWANDA BURRESS	01/12
JENNIFER JOE	01/13
TERRENCE WILSON	01/14
DENEISE HYTER	01/14
LINEISE ARNOLD	01/14
BRENDA MATTHEWS	01/14
SYDNEY GREENE	01/14
PATRICIA STALLWORTH	01/15
TONYA WOOD	01/15
CAROLYN DAVIS	01/16
FRANKY SMITH	01/16
LASONJA GREENE	01/18
SHANIKA ZEIGLER	01/18
YOBRONDA BATTLES	01/18

ROY HAMILTON	01/19
ELTON AKINS	01/19
DAMON CARTER	01/20
JESSIE ADAMS	01/20
JIMMIE WATTERS	01/21
REV. BRENDA FURLOW	01/21
MATISHA GAILLARD	01/21
KENZI HAWKINS	01/21
BEVERLY REDRICK	01/22
JULIA DAVIS	01/23
ANTHONY LESLIE	01/23
DANTE MCDOWELL	01/23
TYLER TATE	01/23
TANYA DAVIS	01/23
KRISTEN MASON	01/24
MARIAN HAIRSTON	01/24
BARBARA WILLIAMS	01/25
CARRINGTON DEJARNETT	01/25
DEMETRICE BRYANT	01/25
MIN. CRAIG MILNER	01/26
MIA JEFFERSON	01/26
NATHANIEL PARKER	01/27
SHONDRA BRYANT	01/27
JESSIE FOWLER	01/27
KEISHANA BROWN	01/27
CARLTON BROOKS	01/28
CYNTHIA MASSEY	01/28
BRENDA LEWIS	01/28
FREDERICK WINDHAM	01/28
DEDRIA SMITH	01/29
DIANNE ANTHONY	01/30
HARVEY ANDERSON	01/31

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES (7)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>
MR. & MRS. KENDAL CUNNINGHAM	01/02
MR. & MRS. BRADERICK ANDERSON	01/03
REV. & MRS. M. T. HICKS	01/24
MR. & MRS. ANDRE CARTER	01/26
MR. & MRS. ARTHUR BRACKETT	01/26
MR. & MRS. DAMON CARTER	01/27
MR. & MRS. ELMORE DOWNING	01/31

NEW MEMBERS (3)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE JOINED</u>
ASHA GORE	12/12
DERRICK PATTERSON	12/12
GLENA THOMAS	12/19

BAPTISMS (0)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE BAPTIZED</u>
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January 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <i>Happy New Year</i>
2	3 All Activities Canceled. FCLC Closed	4 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. Ushers/Greeters Meeting 6:30 p.m.	5 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.	6 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.	7	8 Mothers/Deaconess Meeting 10:00 a.m. Un-Deck the Halls 10:00 a.m.
9 Titus II Group Whitesburg Manor Visitation 2:00 p.m.	10 Sweet Hour of Prayer 7:00 a.m. Jr. Brotherhood 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	11 Praise Team 5:30 p.m. Voices of Praise Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	12 Midday Bible Study 11:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m. Evening Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	13 Praise Team 5:30 p.m. Voices of Praise Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	14 <i>GHIMF MLK/Emancipation Proclamation Services 7:00 p.m. (See page 5 for details)</i>	15 Visitation Ministry 9:30 a.m.
16	17 Sweet Hour of Prayer 7:00 a.m. Jr. Brotherhood 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	18 Praise Team 5:30 p.m. Male Chorus Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	19 Midday Bible Study 11:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m. Evening Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	20 Praise Team 5:30 p.m. Security Ministry Meeting 6:30 p.m. Male Chorus Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	21	22 <i>Junior and Senior Ushers Training 10:00 a.m.</i>
23	24 Sweet Hour of Prayer 7:00 a.m. Music Council Meeting 6:30 p.m. Junior and Senior Brotherhood 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	25 Praise Team 5:30 p.m. Mass Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	26 Midday Bible Study 11:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m. Evening Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	27 Praise Team 5:30 p.m. Mass Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	28	29 <i>Pastor's Anniversary Museum Opening 4:00 p.m.</i>
30	31 Sweet Hour of Prayer 7:00 a.m. Jr. Brotherhood 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	<i>Feb 1</i> Praise Team 5:30 p.m. Mass Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	<i>Feb 2</i> 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.	<i>Feb 3</i> Praise Team 5:30 p.m. Mass Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	<i>Feb 4</i> <i>Pastor's Anniversary Banquet 7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Feb 5</i> Nurses Guild Meeting 9:00 a.m. <i>Pastor's Anniversary 'Lady Evelyn's Night' 6:00 p.m.</i>