

# *SOJOURNER NEWSLETTER*

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## WORDS FROM THE EDITOR

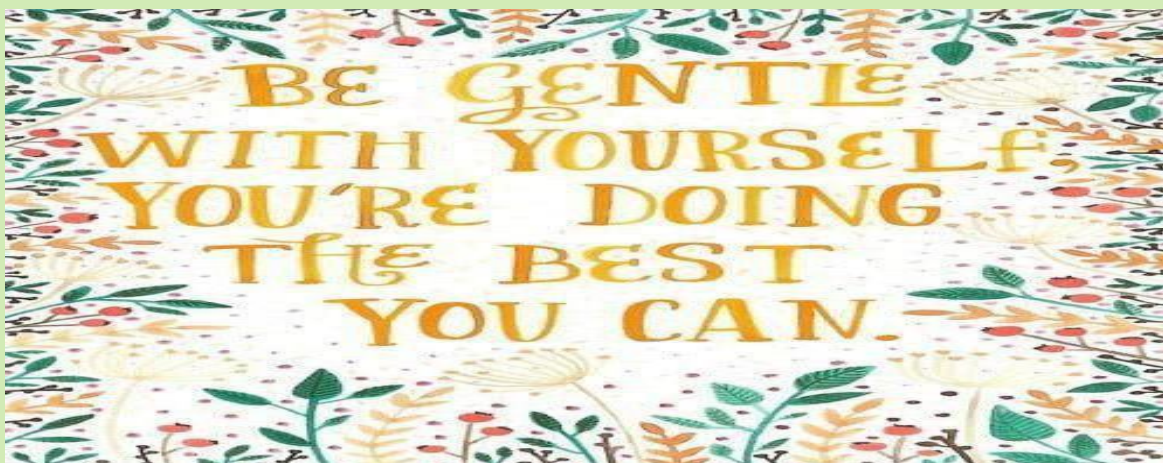
Sis Anna Marie Baity

South East Atlanta SDB Church

**Giving honor to God who is faithful at all times. Though many of us are facing various challenges and struggles, we must never give up on God, because He surely will never give up on us. (Deuteronomy 31:6 – “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; He will never leave you or forsake you.”) Promised words that are echoed again in Hebrews 13:5.**

It has been sometime since the last Sojourner Newsletter was released. As some may know I have been ill and am still in recovery mode. All praises to God for all He has done, is doing, and will be doing. I pray that this newsletter will continue to unify us as one body in Christ, soldiers in the Army of the Lord as we share with each other the blessings, events, pictures, and other news happenings within our respective churches. And as soldiers let us suit up daily with the ***‘belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the sandals of the gospel of peace, the helmet of salvation, the shield of faith, and the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God.*** (Ephesians 6:14-17)

Additionally, please remember to encourage and pray often for each other, our children, teens, youth, young adults, pastors, leaders, missionaries, marriages, and whatever the Holy Spirit places on your heart during these crucial and evil times because our Adversary and his crew is working overtime seeking to deceive, kill, disrupt, and destroy.

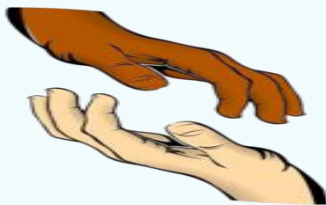


# ***PASTOR'S APPRECIATION MONTH***

*Jeremiah 3:15 "And I will give you shepherds according to My heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding."(NKJV)*

*IT IS A PLEASURE AND HONOR TO RECOGNIZE THE PASTORS WITHIN THE SOUTH ATLANTA ASSOCIATION. THANK YOU FOR DOING AN AWESOME JOB. THANK YOU FOR BEING AVAILABLE 24 HOURS. THANK YOU FOR MAKING TRUTH KNOWN IN A WAY THAT BRINGS GLORY TO GOD AND ENCOURAGES US TO RISE TO NEW HEIGHTS WITHIN OUR WALK. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE, LOVE AND HUMILITY. AND FOR BEING A GOOD LISTENER. TRULY WE ARE BLESSED TO BE UNDER SUCH A GREAT LEADERSHIP TEAM THAT SHEPHERD'S OUR CHURCHES INDIVIDUALLY, YET COLLECTIVELY AS ONE BODY IN CHRIST.*

***YOU ARE APPRECIATED!***







# South Atlantic Association Nov 11-13, 2022

ROYAL PALM BEACH CULTURAL CENTER

151 Civic Center Way, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411



Friday, Nov 11 - Registration (6:00pm)  
SALT Graduation (7:00pm)

Saturday, Nov 12 - Worship & Children's Church (10:00am)  
Sabbath School (11:45am)  
Lunch (1:00pm)  
SDB Leaders + New SAA President (3:00pm)  
Evangelistic Praise in the Park (6:00pm)  
Fun & Games (7:30pm)

Sunday, Nov 13 - Business Session (9:30am-12 noon)

**Dear SAA Member Churches,**

Greetings in the mighty name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In a continued effort to keep our member churches informed, the 2022 SAA Executive Committee shares the following concerning the SAA session for 2022.

**1. REGISTRATION - THE DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS**

**OCTOBER 16, 2022.** There is an online registration form for all to use. (One per person) the link to the registration form is:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScq\\_bcq8fXsiui6U9TWcLstcq0TIocq53MSqyhvFZk08GexYg/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0&usp=mail\\_form\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScq_bcq8fXsiui6U9TWcLstcq0TIocq53MSqyhvFZk08GexYg/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0&usp=mail_form_link)

**Program highlights for the weekend:**

- **Friday Evening** - SAA Salt graduation
- **Sabbath** - Morning Worship, Sabbath School, Conference Leaders Presentations, Introduction of new President, Evangelistic Praise Session, Games, and more.
- **Sunday** - Business Session

**2. HOTEL ACCOMMODATION (The Royal Inn) - THE DEADLINE FOR BOOKING YOUR ROOM IS OCTOBER 16, 2022.**

Each person must, call (561) 793-3000 and make their own arrangements. The INN's Address: 675 Royal Palm Beach Blvd, FL 33411.

All rooms include a Microwave/refrigerator/internet access/tv/free parking/pet-friendly room at a fee/ roll away bed/ accessible rooms. NO BREAKFAST served.

**3. MASS CHOIR FOR SABBATH** - The Choir will comprise mainly members from South Florida but interested churches/individuals from across the Association can participate. The choir will be singing the theme song (Daystar) on Sabbath. **Churches are encouraged to practice the song exactly as the video** - <https://youtu.be/GaJpO2IVCA>, and make preparations to join with other churches Friday evening, after the graduation, for a rehearsal. Words of the song are also attached.

Please contact Sister Christine Francis, (954) 294 8065, with questions/concerns.

**4. EVANGELISTIC PRAISE SESSION (In the Park)** - There will be an evangelistic praise session Sabbath evening. One item is being requested from each church (a poem, song, drama, etc.). The Evangelism Committee of each church is being asked to lead the church in deciding on its item and communicate the same to the Association's Outreach Committee.

**Churches, especially in South Florida, are encouraged to invite non-Christians to this praise session.**

**5. CHURCH REPORT - All churches are being asked to submit their church report by Oct 29.** The standard form to be used was sent to all churches.



Ready! Set! Go!

These were the words I heard prior to my experiencing a monumental loss. You see we were at our church's picnic on the Labor Day weekend. My team was challenging another team and the usual verbal rivalry was being tossed back and forth.

The games leader instructed us to hold the rope loosely as we were already pulling well before it was time to blow the whistle to start. I was so caught up in the ribbing that I failed to realize that I was being given my queue to tighten my hold on the rope. I tightened my hold on the "Go" but I realized it was too late as I felt myself being pulled all the way over the midway line and into my competitors' side.

I was not ready when the command "Ready" was given. I was distracted by the other things that were happening around me. Has that ever happened to you? How about in the spirit realm?

Our Lord instructed us in Luke 12:40

"Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

Let us ensure that we are not distracted by the things of life around us, so that we are kept off guard. Let us strive to keep our focus on the Lord so that even when He comes at a time we do not expect, He will find us ready and working in the tasks He has set for us.

*BY DEACONESS GAYE DAILEY*



### Deep South Camp (DSC) Update

Following two consecutive years of online zoom camp due to our present pandemic situation, the DSC committee met several times throughout the year 2022 to plan and pray for the opportunity to return to face-to-face camp. Despite the lack of interest by both campers and parents, the committee pushed on.

We are happy to report that on July 4th 16 campers and 9 counselors met at Camp Sonlight in Summerfield, Florida for a week of fun and spirit-filled camp experience. We had a blast, in the words of both campers and counselors. Campers came from Edgewater SDB, Ft. Lauderdale SDB, Union station, SEA, Agape of the South, and WPB SDB. The workers came from said churches. We deeply missed the participation of many of our SDB churches and pray that next year will be even better.

#### DSC Committee:

Pastor Keith McCall (Director)  
Sister Lauren Kinlocke-Philibert  
Sister C Wilmot  
Sister Anna Marie Baity

Pastor Michael Spearl  
Brother Marcus Williams  
Sister Linda Estime  
Sis Laura Robinson



## Outreach Committee Update

The SAA Outreach Committee remains excited about the cooperative effort of members to promote objectives as follows:

1. Reach out to local communities with the Gospel
  2. Promote SDB churches of the South Atlantic Association
  3. Promote outreach initiatives at each location and collectively as discussed by the SAA Outreach Committee
  4. Partner with the Egyptian SDB church under the SDB Missionary Society
- The committee shares outreach ideas between various locations and has taken action such as: a bike blessing, Sabbath school in the part, disc golf outreach, revivals, health fairs and general acts of kindness. We encourage each member church to share outreach initiatives at your location with the committee. A key goal is to work cooperatively with West Palm Beach SDB to plan outreach activities leading up to the November Association meeting.
  - An action was taken to develop a series of short promotional videos that can be used by SAA member churches to share the gospel and promote SDB's. We ask that member churches submit photos and video clips of outreach activities so that we can build a library of promotional videos for distribution. Please send video clips/photos to: [barrydailey@gmail.com](mailto:barrydailey@gmail.com)
  - We have started a partnership with the Egypt SDB Church. Monthly meetings are being held to pray and discuss how we can support their ministry. As an Association, we are supporting Egypt by paying the facility rental of \$100 US/month for 1 year. We have also raised \$1400 to start a bakery which will generate funds to help the church become self-sufficient. The Outreach Committee encourages each member church to adopt an international SDB church through the Missionary Society. This is a tangible way to spread the gospel globally.
  - Although it is outside our scope, it is the consensus of the committee that the issue of abortion be addressed by our Association where member churches take time to speak to their congregants on the biblical perspective of abortion. This subject has been raised to the President for review with the executive.

### SAA Outreach Committee:

Bro. Hugh Bando  
Sis. Rose Muschette  
Sis Kay Samuels

Ps. Perry Cain  
Sis. Alethia Fearon  
Sis. Yvonne Shaw Davis

Sis. Brenda Johnson  
Ps. Harold Smith  
Ps. Barry Dailey (Ch)

## South Atlantic Leadership Training (SALT) Update

The South Atlantic Leadership Training (SALT) for 2022 started in January and is expected to end in October, with graduation being planned for November 11, at the South Atlantic Association gathering.

SALT is a two-year leadership development program, but individuals can opt-out after the Primary (first) year and receive a certificate. Students who wish to proceed to the Advance Program (Year 2) will enroll in 2023. Then a new cycle will start, with the Primary year in January 2024.

The original plan was for modules to be in-person once per month, for eight months but due to COVID-19 monthly sessions have been on ZOOM, with the exception of one in-person gathering August 28, at the Daytona Beach SDB Church, Daytona Beach.

**Completed modules are:** (1) Growing Toward Spiritual Maturity, (2) New Testament Survey, (3) Biblical Beliefs, (4) Principles of Biblical Interpretation, (5) SDB History, and (6) SDB Polity & Parliamentary Procedures. **Instructors have been** Pastors Nate Crandall, Carl Greene, Nick Kersten, John Pethtel, Luis Lovelace, Garfield Miller, Jasmine Lynch, Andrew Samuels, and Janet Thorngate. There are two remaining modules for September and October: Leadership and Stewardship.

The 2022 program started with 30 students, now with the expectation that 20 will graduate. Generally, students indicate that the program is beneficial, but some are having challenges completing assignments. Please help us pray that students will manage their workloads towards graduating.

*"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."* **2 Tim. 2:15**

### **SALT Executive Committee:**

Pastor Garfield Miller (Chairman)

Pastor Andrew Samuels (Dean)

Pastor Jasmine Lynch (Secretary)





# 40 Days of Prayer Remembrance

*A 2021 Devotional Guide for Church Revitalization & Spiritual Growth*

## Day 1

### Avoid the Tragedy of Unbelief

**Read Matthew 13:53-58** *“And He did not do many miracles there because of their unbelief.” Matt. 13:58 (HCSB)*

This is one of the saddest verses in the Bible. It is the account of Jesus going to His hometown to teach. When people heard Him, they were astonished. However, their astonishment did not lead them to respond to His teaching in obedience and faith. Their lives could have been radically changed for the better. Their community could have been radically changed. However, no positive changes occurred in the people or the town of Nazareth. Why? The Scripture gives the reason, “Because of their unbelief.”

Unbelief shuts the door on the transformational power of Jesus. Faith opens the floodgates to that same transformational power. In contrast to this passage of Scripture are countless others where Jesus worked miracles in response to the faith present in the lives of people. (Read Matthew 9:2; 9:22; 15:28; Mark 10:52; Luke 8:48)

When Jesus looks at your life what does He find? An attitude of faith? or unbelief? Do you believe Jesus can do a work of renewal and revitalization in your church? Do you believe He will? Do you believe that to the extent you are praying for Jesus to bring renewal to your church?

**Prayer:** If your unbelief is a roadblock to Jesus working in your church, confess the sin of unbelief. Ask God to strengthen your faith in Him. (Mark 9:24)

## Day 2

### Remember God's Power

**Read Jeremiah 32:17-44** *“Ah, Lord God! You Yourself made the heavens and earth by Your great power and with Your outstretched arm. Nothing is too difficult for You!” Jeremiah 32:17 (HCSB)*

Sometimes we forget how powerful God is. We forget the great things that He has done in the past. We often allow the immensity of our own problems and challenges to overshadow the greatness of our God. Our view of God diminishes to an anemic, powerless God.

In order to build a case for the greatness and power of God, Jeremiah reminds us of what God has done in the past. He reminds us that God “made the heavens and the earth.” What a display of power! God spoke, and the world came into existence. No one but God could do that. Creation itself is a testimony to the fact that God can do anything. Creation was just the beginning of God's mighty display of power. Jeremiah reminds us that this same God led His people out of Egypt with signs and wonders (verse 21). As we read the Scripture, we are reminded that this same God sent Jesus to be born of a virgin, live a sinless life, die on a cross for our sins, and be raised to life on the third day. Only God could do that! The death, burial and resurrection of Jesus is a reminder that God can do anything.

Have you forgotten God's ability to do anything? Today recall the many great things that God has done as recorded in Scripture. Remember the great things He has done in your life personally. Remember the great things He has done in your church.

**Prayer:** Ask God to do a work of revitalization in your church and your heart that only He can get credit for.

## **Vegetable Seasoned Rice**

### **Rice**

1lb Parboiled Rice  
1 Tsp Salt  
1 Tbsp Vegetable Oil  
1 Tsp Paprika  
1 Tsp Turmeric  
2 Chicken Bouillons  
5 Cups Water **Instructions**

Combine parboiled rice, salt, paprika, turmeric, chicken bouillons, vegetable oil and cook until tender. Once cooked, put aside.

### **Vegetables**

1 Red Onion Diced  
1 Diced Red Bell Pepper  
1 Diced Green Bell Pepper  
1 Diced Celery Stick  
2 Diced Carrots  
½ Cup Frozen Green Peas  
1 Clove Chopped Garlic  
2 Tbsp Chopped Parsley  
1 Stick Melted Butter  
Salt, Pepper, Garlic Powder to taste

### **Instructions**

Cut vegetables in small cubes and sauté in melted butter until tender.  
Add salt, pepper, garlic powder.  
Add additional seasoning powders as needed.  
Taste to make sure flavors are blended well.  
Combine prepared vegetables and blend to cooked rice.

**Garnish rice with chopped green onions and parsley**

