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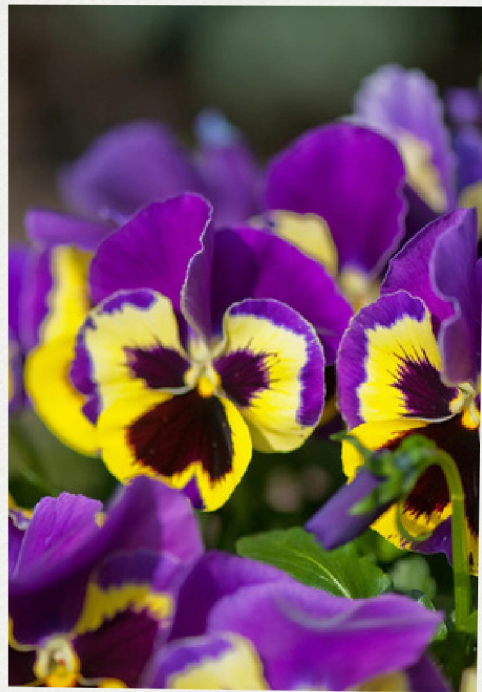


SEVENTH DAY



BAPTIST®

Beautiful Spring Flowers



EDITOR'S CORNER

Greetings Brethren,

God has been good to me. It is indeed a pleasure to once again be able to prepare and deliver the first newsletter for 2023. Through all of the various situations and circumstances that are occurring within our lives and those of our families and friends, in addition to the issues of the world, we may sometimes forget who is actually in control. Psalm 73:26 points out that our flesh and heart may fail, but God is our strength forever, and Deuteronomy 31:8 tells us God will never leave or forsake us. So, in those down moments, when we may feel at a loss, reach up towards heaven and grab hold of God's righteous right hand.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!



"HAPPY WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH" from the Vessels of Honor Women's Ministry, South East Atlanta SDB Church

As women, we have all made a contribution to history in some way or another. We are strong, courageous, confident, fearless, and beautiful women of God.

In Proverbs 31 these verses really say a lot about us: Vs 17 "She girds herself with strength, And strengthens her arms". Vs 20 "She extends her hand to the poor, Yes, she reaches out her hands to the needy". And verses 25-27 "Strength and honor are her clothing; She shall rejoice in time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, And on her tongue is the law of kindness. She watches over the ways of her household, And does not eat the bread of idleness. Praise God!

WRONG DIAGNOSIS

Pastor Barry Dailey



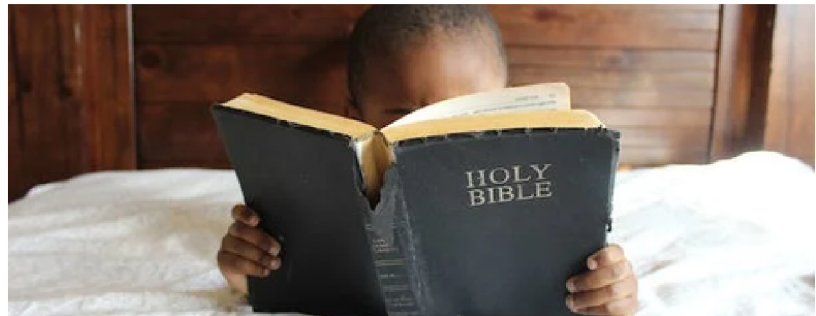
God tells us in **Revelation 4:11** the He is worthy of glory, honor and power. We were created to fulfill that which He is worthy to receive. It is a great privilege to bring glory to God. When we were not in a position to bring God glory, Jesus died to reconcile us unto God as sons and daughters. Through imputed righteousness, we can stand in God's presence before His throne (**Hebrews 4:16**). What an honor!

It is sin that separates us from God, but the finished work of Christ on the cross redeems us. We live in a fallen world characterized by false narratives that seek to rob us of our calling to bring glory to our Father. Sin is being camouflaged and many associated problems that we face in society are given incorrect diagnoses. With an incorrect diagnosis comes incorrect or no solutions. If a doctor examines a patient by listening to an incorrect diagnosis of symptoms, without personal testing, they will likely diagnose the condition incorrectly. An incorrect diagnosis will lead to the wrong treatment. This can be looked at spiritually.



For example, there are those who live together or engage in sexual relations outside the covenant of marriage. This is called consensual sex which is a false narrative with an incorrect diagnosis. The correct diagnosis is to call this act "fornication" which is sin. As sin, it separates us which, ultimately ends in death (**James 1:15**). Another example of a false narrative is abortion as a "choice" or "health care." This diagnosis is incorrect and may leave one with no concern or regret. The correct diagnosis is to call this murder which is sin. Once sin is identified as the correct diagnosis, then the proper description can be given which is to repent and appropriate the shed blood of Jesus.

How do we determine the correct narrative and diagnosis? The answer is simple, we must use the Word of God as the final authority in ALL matters pertaining to faith and practice. Using the standard of God's Word, we can properly diagnose and take appropriate countermeasures which include asking for forgiveness and realigning our hearts and actions according to God's Word.



1 John 2:1 reminds us, "My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous."

As the world runs faster and blindly with false narratives and wrong diagnoses, chaos rises to new heights. Jesus is our hope, and we are called to share this message. The finished work of Christ goes far beyond the single act of coming to faith in Christ; not only are we in right standing with God, but the cleansing power is available throughout our Christian journey so that we might live for His glory...thank you, Jesus!



SEVENTH DAY



BAPTIST

QUAD COUNTY SDB LEADERSHIP SEMINAR 2023

Date: Jan 29, 2023 / 9:00am – 4:00pm **Venue:** Marriott Courtyard - 600 Northpoint Parkway, WPB, FL 33407

Aiming for Church Renaissance

Achieving Revitalization through Biblical Leadership

Biblical Leadership



Children's Ministry



Ushers & Worship Leaders



****No charge to attendees, but are asked to cover meal cost of \$50 per person**

Contact Pastors Garfield or
Jasmine with Questions:
(561) 814-8240
Or
(561) 351-0443

WPB LEADERSHIP SEMINAR



The West Palm Beach SDB hosted its annual Leadership Seminar on January 29, 2023. This year churches in South Florida, as well as the Agape of the South were invited to participate.

Approximately 24 SDB leaders gathered at the Marriott Hotel, in West Palm Beach, from 5 churches: Fort Lauderdale, Miami, Port St. Lucie, Agape, and West Palm Beach, under the theme: **AIMING FOR CHURCH RENAISSANCE - Achieving Revitalization through Biblical Leadership**. Presenters were Pastors Andrew Samuels, Jasmine Lynch, Garfield Miller, Deaconess Louise Miller, and Sister Kay Samuels. Topics covered were Biblical Leadership, Children's Ministry, Role of Ushers & Worship Leaders.

Help us that God will continue equipping leaders in our SAA Churches for His Glory.

Pastor Garfield Miller

WPB WOMAN'S CONNECTION – GIRL TALK

Diane Wilson Miller, President



The West Palm Beach Seventh Day Baptist Church held its monthly Women's Connection meeting, on March 19, 2023, under the theme "Girl Talk". Mindful of the fact that self-care is an important aspect of a holistic life, and that the

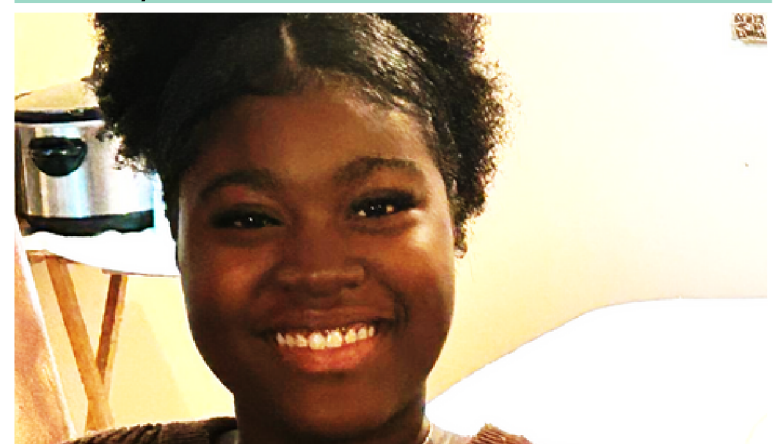
Lord gave us our bodies and it is our responsibility to care for the bodies He gave us, just as much as we care for our Spirit.



We thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to sit down, relax, snack on good foods, have good conversations, and focus on female self-care through our "Gild Talk" Meeting. Everyone had a great time and there were gifts handed out as well to attendees. They each received a scented body spray, as a part of the continued focus for March on female self-care, woman self-care, and woman's physical self-care. This is important for our overall wellbeing because we are not only spirit and mind, we are also body. As the temple of God, we need to focus on also taking care of the body He has housed us in.



The Women's Connection invited an Esthetician to help us to navigate physical self-care, from the perspective consistent maintenance, with skincare and massages. Skincare aids in the cleansing and maintenance of our largest organ, which is the skin. For the management of stress and maintaining good circulation through massages and generally continued self-care. We also invited a makeup artist, who specializes in lash extensions, and this was just another way of improving our sense of well-being and our sense of self, in the beautification of our bodies for our own confidence, self-esteem, and overall maintenance and periodic pampering of ourselves. Taking time out as women, as mothers, as wives, to take care of ourselves so that we can be better positioned or in a better mind and spiritual state to take care of everyone else.



We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him. He appointed them to be saved in keeping with His purpose. — Romans 8-28

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Find these words from this week's lesson and Bible verse:

JESUS	ALL	THINGS	WORKS
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ROMANS	GOD	PURPOSE	SAVED
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South Atlantic Leadership Training (SALT) UPDATE

PASTOR GARFIELD MILLER – SALT CHAIRMAN



- (1) Growing Toward Spiritual Maturity,
- (2) New Testament Survey,
- (3) Biblical Beliefs,
- (4) Principles of Biblical Interpretation, (5) SDB History,
- (6) SDB Polity & Parliamentary Procedures,
- (7) Biblical Leadership, and
- (8) Stewardship.

Instructors were Pastors Nate Crandall, Carl Greene, Nick Kersten, John Pethtel, Luis Lovelace, Garfield Miller, Jasmine Lynch, & Andrew Samuels, and Sister Janet Thorngate. SALT 2 started February 26, 2023, with 13 of the students who completed SALT 1. For SALT 2 we will have a mix of in-person and ZOOM seminars for the 8 modules.

The modules are: Practical Ministries, OT Survey, Sabbath Theology, Church Administration, Homiletics, Evangelism, Christian Education, and Christian Counseling. The first seminar was in the Edgewater. Special thanks to Pastor Keith McCall who assisted us finding a venue. The other in-person seminars will be at the Daytona SDB church. We are grateful that the program continues to have the financial support of the Memorial Board. We encourage churches to keep supporting their students and we look forward to another graduation at the next gathering of Association in November 2023.

SALT 1 for 2022 started in January and ended with graduation on November 11, 2022. To God be the glory! Special thank you to the Memorial Board for its confidence in this training program, Brother Don Graffius for being the graduation's keynote speaker, and Pastor Carl Greene for coordinating between the SALT Executive and the Memorial Board. SALT 1 started with 30 students and ended with nineteen students from 7 SAA Churches graduating: 15 with completion certificates and 4 with participation. Students who didn't complete the program gave various reasons, family challenges, demanding jobs, and sickness. They were encouraged to reregister a more suitable time in the future. Based on an evaluation completed by eighteen of the nineteen graduates, the general consensus is that the program was beneficial, their objectives for doing the course were met, and they found the curriculum and material helpful for the course and their ministries.



JULY 2-12, 2023

A TRIP TO NICARAGUA

Pastor Garfield Miller



The West Palm Beach SDB Church is planning a mission's trip to Nicaragua from July 2-12, 2023. The Seventh Day Baptist ministry on Corn Island, Nicaragua is led by Pastor Shirley Morgan and her husband, Fernando Morgan. They have been working to build the Kingdom of God in their part of the vineyard. As they labor in ministry to God's people, they are also in the advanced stages of building a massive worship center. They consistently explain that they depend on God to make things happen that otherwise do not seem possible. They are building His Kingdom by faith!

The team to Nicaragua will be led by Pastor Jasmine Lynch. SDBs, especially in the South Atlantic Association, are welcome to join. The mission will be partnering with Pastor Shirley and the church in Evangelism Outreach: including one-one witnessing, and evangelistic services. It is projected that expenses per person will be about \$800 for airfare, plus hotel accommodation.



You can support this mission in multiple ways, including by donating, praying, and/or joining the team. Please call Pastor Jasmine at (561) 351-0443.

"Sing to the Lord, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples." (1Chronicles 16:23-24)



MARLENE SAMUELS CAMPBELL SCHOLARSHIP

We have created a scholarship fund in memory of our beloved Pastor Marlene Campbell who was a strong, stalwart worker in the ministry of Christ, at the local church, association and conference levels. She was passionate about the Kingdom of God with a focus on missions and on the nurturing of young Christians. As a result, we are honored to extend this scholarship to members of your congregation who are moving on to higher education after completing high school.

The criteria for consideration for receiving this scholarship as well as the required forms can be accessed online by visiting South East Atlanta Seventh Day Baptist (SEA SDB) Church's website at www.seatlantasdb.org. God bless you as we work together to expand His Kingdom and disciple those, He has entrusted to us.

DONATIONS

Donations are accepted to the scholarship fund at any time and can be sent by:

1. Cashapp to \$seasdb
2. Follow the directions at www.seatlantasdb.org

The deadline for all applications is April 30th and the successful applicants will be notified by the 3rd week of July.

Please email all applications to MSCScholarship21@gmail.com

APPLY TODAY

FROM SIS JANET'S KITCHEN



RECIPE

2 lbs. fresh green beans
8 oz. chopped onions
2 strips bacon
4 oz. butter
1 teaspoon chopped garlic
1.5 cups chicken broth
1 cup chopped mushrooms
3 tablespoons flour (AP)
1.5 cups evaporated milk
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
1 cup onion chips



GREEN BEAN CASSEROLE

Add washed green beans to boiling water for five minutes.

Drain beans and place in ice cold water to stop cooking and set aside.

Place chopped bacon in skillet and cook until slightly browned. Add chopped onions, garlic and mushrooms to skillet and cook until tender. Remove from skillet and set aside.

Melt butter in skillet, then add flour. Stir and cook for 2 minutes then add chicken stock; and cook until thickened. Pour in milk, salt, pepper, and shredded cheese. Remove from stove, then slowly combine cooled, drained green beans to sauce.

Place in casserole dish and top with onion chips. Bake in 350-degree oven for 15 minutes.

It's a delicious side dish. **Turkey bacon can be substituted.