

# The Oracle

...That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: Ephesians 1:17

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## Elder Calvin Large Installed As Pastor

*From the Pastor's Desk*

To the Saint Peter Primitive Baptist Church Family, please know that you have enriched my life by choosing me as your elected pastor. My family and I are so delighted to come in and serve as your spiritual leaders. I truly believe that whom God calls He enlightens; to whom He enlightens, He also entrusts; to whom He entrusts, He also equips; and to whom He equips, He also empowers to fulfill the mission that He has willed for our lives.

*"Facing God"*

So often our lives are entangled, our minds are so weighted down with anxiety and worries, that we are almost afraid to face life another day. Many of us experience these feelings. When we face the

uncertainties of life, we need to constantly remind ourselves that God is with us in the darkness and His face is always toward us. When we put our trust in His word, we will find strength and comfort in the immovable assurance that God is already before us. Through Christ, His eyes are the eyes of love, tenderness and of deep compassion. Always remember that it is because of what Jesus did for us, that God has turned His face toward us.

David says in Psalm 34, "the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous and His ears open upon their cry." Psalm 50:14 says, "Call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me."



*Pastor and Sister Large*

As we look to the future, let us step confidently knowing that as we face God, He faces us! 1 Corinthians 2:9 states, "Eye hath not seen, nor ears heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him." May God riches and blessings be upon us. —Pastor Large



## Prop Me Up Lord



Have you ever listened to an old person pray and say, "Lord, prop me up on my leaning side" and wonder just what he meant? The story is told that one old man said that he had an old barn that had lasted for many years through storms and rain, but one

day he noticed that it had begun to look worn and to lean to one side. Rather than tear down the old barn, the man decided to prop it up. With the added support the old barn seemed to just raise up, and it continued to with-

stand the wind and the rain for many more years. Then he thought about himself, over the years he had suffered many hardships and had come through many storms, but he noticed that each time

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### Happy Birthday

*Happy Birthday to you. Happy Birthday to you. Happy birthday dear loved ones. May God bless you!*

- July 06—**Jasmine Pruitt**
- July 09—**Echo Dickerson**
- July 11—**Mattie Green**
- July 14—**Rennard Pruitt**
- July 18—**David Oliver**
- July 20—**Rolley Widemon**  
**Solomon Oliver Jr.**  
**Danielle Oliver**
- July 21—**Fredrick Whitt**
- July 25—**Taylor R. Corbin**
- July 28—**Sherita Pruitt**
- July 30—**Linda M. Ray**  
**Chester Pruitt Jr.**

### Wedding Anniversaries

- **Deacon and Sister Tommie Cur-  
rington** will celebrate their 49th  
wedding anniversary on July 25th.
- **Brother and Sister Roy Richards**  
were married on July 9, 1983.  
*May God richly bless your families!*

## News You Can Use



### Achievements

- **Amicah Bitten** (Glen Iris Elem) made the A Honor Roll all year. She received the Essay Award from the MORE program. She placed first in the Math Derby for the 4th grade. She also received the President's Award for Educational Excellence signed by President Obama.
- **Kathryn Boswell** (Spain Park High) was honored with the Cum Laude Award and made the A/B Honor Roll. She also lettered in varsity basketball and track as a freshman.
- **Parker Boswell** (Riverchase Elem) made the A/B Honor Roll and was presented the prestigious Gratitude Award for the 2nd grade.
- **J'Kylah High** (Jonesboro Elem) received a Reading Achievement Certificate for Reading DIBELS at the 3rd Benchmark based on 2009 scores on Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills and the President's Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence signed by President Obama. She made the A Honor Roll.
- **Ahmya Nevett**, (Brown Elem) received awards in Math, Reading, DIBELS, and Math Derby. She also made the A Honor Roll.
- **Asia Nevett** (Green Acres Middle School) received a Science Fair Ribbon and a Beta Club plaque.
- **Chrestian Stinson** (Wenonah Elem) received a medal for A/B Honor Roll and a certificate for perfect attendance.
- **Cobe Stinson** (Wenonah Elem) received a certificate for perfect attendance and a honorable mention award.
- **Bridgett Tabb** (Tuskegee University) has received numerous awards for her academic and civic work.

*Help!! Please share information regarding birthdays, anniversaries, awards, achievements, and any special events.*



## Our Graduates



God has truly blessed us to have several graduates who are planning to continue their education. It is our prayer that God will bless them with wisdom and understanding and make them prosper in their endeavors. *To God be the glory!*

- **Tristan Cunningham** graduated with honors from Lawson State Community College, and plans to continue his education at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa.
- **Rodney Currington** graduated from McAdory High School. After attending Lawson State Community College this summer, he is going to Chicago, Illinois.
- **Richard French** graduated from Jess Lanier High School and plans to continue his education locally.
- **Nicole Gibson** graduated with honors from Bessemer Academy. She plans to attend the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa.
- **Jalencia Moultrie** graduated from Ramsay High School. She plans to continue her education at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa.

- **Raven Parker** graduated from Vestavia High School and plans to attend the University of Alabama at Birmingham.
- **Jamilah Williams** graduated from High School in Bellingham, Washington. She plans to go to college in Hawaii.

*To our graduates, seek God and live your life to His glory.*



### Upcoming Events

- The annual session of the Central Union Primitive Baptist Sunday School Congress, Primitive Baptist Training Union, Women, Matrons & Youth Congress is scheduled for July 17-18, 2009 at our church. We are asking all members to come and join us in this session.
- The 102nd annual session of the National Primitive Baptist Convention is scheduled to be held from August 16-21, 2009 in Dallas Texas.

## Did You Know



### Computer Security

The main difference between <http://> (<http://>) and <https://> (<https://>) is it's all about keeping you secure. HTTP stands for Hyper-Text Transport Protocol, which means the language used to pass information back and forth between web servers and clients. The important thing is the letter 'S' which makes the difference between HTTP and HTTPS. The 'S' stands for "Secure." If you visit a website or webpage, and look at the address in the web browser, and it begins with the

following: [\\_http://](http://) (<http://>), this means that the website is talking to your browser using the regular unsecure language. If so, it is possible for someone to "eavesdrop" on your computer's conversation with the website. If you fill out a form on the website, the info you send to the site might be read by someone. This is why you never enter your credit card number or other critically personal info to an http website, but if the web address begins with [\\_https://](https://) then it encoded or encrypted and is not likely understood by an eavesdropper .

## Bible Readings

### Church School Lessons

- **Sunday, July 5, 2009**

“Accepting God’s Rules for Living”  
**Scripture:** Deuteronomy 5:1-9a, 11-13, 16-21

**Golden Text:** Hear O Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your ears this day, that ye may learn them, and keep, and do them. Deuteronomy 5:1

- **Sunday, July 12, 2009**

“Remembering and Celebrating”  
**Scripture:** Deuteronomy 16:1-8  
**Golden Text:** Observe the month of Abib, and keep the Passover unto the Lord thy God: for in the month of Abib the Lord thy God brought thee forth out of Egypt by night. Deuteronomy 16:1

- **Sunday, July 19, 2009**

“Commissioning for Service”

**Scripture:** Leviticus 8:1-13

**Golden Text:** [Moses] poured of the anointing oil upon Aaron’s head, and anointed him, to sanctify him.”

Leviticus 8:12

- **Sunday, July 26, 2009**

“Spreading the Wealth”

**Scripture:** Leviticus 25: 8-21, 23-24

**Golden Text:** Ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof... and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ...every man unto his family.” Leviticus 25:10

- **Sunday, August 2, 2009**

“Complaints and Cravings”

**Scripture:** Numbers 11:1-6, 10-15

**Golden Text:** When the people complained, it displeased the Lord: and the Lord heard it; and his anger was

kindled; and the fire of the Lord burnt among them. Numbers 11:1

### Bible Study

Bible Study is held each Wednesday night at 7:00 pm. We are currently studying the book of Revelation.

The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John: Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw. Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand. Revelation 1:1-3

## Practical Living Points

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when the burdens of the world or storms of life would seem to knock him over, he would just call on the Lord, and the Lord would prop him up, giving him a new determination to go on and stand firm. You know, we should do this too. When the cares of the world rain down on us, and we start leaning or falling because of the weight of problems or difficulties (e.g., illness, finances, family, work, anger, self-pity, worries, or anything else),

we need to pray, placing our confidence in God, knowing that He has all power and that no situation is too hard for Him. He props us up with His Spirit, with His word, and with His love. So, study God’s word; in it is power and the support you need. Be propped up in the knowledge of God and his miraculous power; let that be your foundation. So, when the storms of life come (for they surely will come), just pray, “Lord, prop me up on my leaning side, so that I can stand firm and glorify You.”

Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. Matthew 7: 24-25

### As I See It

The secret to true happiness is only in God. There is little I can do in my life that will make me truly happy. I must depend on God to make me happy and to meet my needs. When a need arises in my life, I have to trust God to supply my needs according to HIS riches and He will never let me down. He knows all and can do all. I just have to trust Him. Only God in His infinite wisdom knows what is best for me. So, trust God; be happy and pass the secret on.

### Tough Decisions

Sandy is faced with another tough decision. She wanted to go to the movies with her friends that evening, but she did not have enough money. Her mom said she could go, if she earned enough money to pay for it herself. Her brother paid her to clean his room, but she still needed three more dollars. While cleaning up his room, she found a five dollar bill under his bed. In the past, when she found his money, he would gladly split it with her, but he was not at home and would not be home before she went to the movies. Besides, if they

split it, she would still need fifty cents. Sandy had to choose. Should she just take the five dollars or wait to talk to him. If she waited, she would miss going to the movies. He did not know it was there anyway, so she could take three of the five dollars, go to the movies and then when he came home that night, tell him she only found two dollars. What should Sandy do? What would you do? In making your decision, remember what God’s word says to us. His command is that we should not steal (Deut. 5:19). Always seek God’s guidance in making your decisions; you never know how God will work.

**SAINT PETER PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH  
MISSION STATEMENT**

We, the members of the St. Peter Primitive Baptist Church, through biblical education and training and by walking in love, are striving to carry out God's great commission with confidence and faith as true witnesses in Christ Jesus.

**What We Believe—Article One**

We believe in only one true and living God and the Trinity of persons in the God-head, Father Son, and Holy Ghost, and yet there are not three, but one.

**VERSE OF THE MONTH**

*But my God shall **supply** all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.  
Philippians 4:19*

Find each word of this scripture and the name of the Book in which it is found (Philippians) in the Seek and Find puzzle. Words are presented vertically, diagonally or horizontally but are not overlapping.

**Seek and Find**

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R	N	I	S	N	A	I	P	P	I	L	I	H	P	Y
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**MEMBERS IN THE SPOTLIGHT**



Linda M. Ray



Willie Allen



Tre Currington

Angela Stubbs



**Medical Update**  
*By Sister Lorraine Pringle*

**The Risks of High Cholesterol**  
High cholesterol can be dangerous. It puts people at increased risk for heart attack, stroke, and other cardiovascular conditions. Lower your "bad" cholesterol (low-density lipoprotein, or LDL) and raise your "good" cholesterol (high-density lipoprotein, or HDL) — just by altering your diet. To lower **high cholesterol**, you need to reduce your intake of bad fats, curb your use of salt and high sodium foods, and restrict or stop drinking sugar-sweetened drinks. In addition, you should exercise, eat more broiled skinless meat and fish, and include the following five cholesterol-lowering foods to help reduce your risk of heart disease:

- 1. Eat Fruits and Vegetables**  
Eat a variety of fruits & vegetables.
- 2. Choose Healthy Fats**  
Use the good ones, which include olive, canola, flax, walnut, peanut, and sesame oils.
- 3. Eat Plenty of Fiber**  
Eat foods high in fiber, such as barley, oatmeal, and apples, which contain soluble fiber that helps bind cholesterol in the gastrointestinal tract and carry it out of the body.
- 4. Eat Nuts**  
Including 3 to 5 servings of certain nuts, such as walnuts, almonds, and peanuts per week can help to lower bad cholesterol. One serving of nuts is usually about 1/3 cup.
- 5. Eat Beans**  
All variety of beans, such as kidney, chick peas (garbanzos), lentils, split peas, black-eyed peas, and white beans, are high in antioxidants and

fiber, and can help improve your cholesterol.

**Legal News**  
*By Sister Lorraine Pringle*

- How to Avoid Accidents**  
A local police officer offers these suggestions when it comes to avoiding a car crash.
1. Avoid distractions. Don't use a cell phone, iPod, GPS, or even change out CD's in the car radio while driving.
  2. Use turn signals so people around you know your intentions.
  3. Don't tailgate. Following a car too closely can be dangerous. The officer states that you should allow 20 feet for every 10 miles per hour that you are traveling.