

# SPiRiT and TRUTH Missionary Baptist Church

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"I know that whatever God does, It shall be forever,  
Nothing can be added to it, and nothing taken from it"... Ecclesiastes 3: 14

## December 2013 Monthly Newsletter

...Did you know that December is  National DUI Awareness Month?!

as you Celebrate the Holidays – always remember to appoint a Designated Driver!

## Church Meeting Itinerary

- ❖ Sunday School 9: 00 am. \*\*\*\* Sunday Service 10: 00 am
- ❖ Mother's Board Prayer Group every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday 11: 30 am – 1:00 pm
- ❖ Brotherhood (Bible Study) & Prayer Breakfast - every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday 8: 30 am – 12: 00 pm
- ❖ Sister's Study - every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday 9: 00 am – 11: 30 am
- ❖ Young Adult Study (the "Discipleship") every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday 9: 00 am – 11:00 am
- ❖ Youth Dept Mtg. / Choir Rehearsal – Sat. 11: 00 am \*\*\*\* Adult Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal – Tues. 7: 00 pm

## Calendar SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS 2013

- ❖ December 14<sup>th</sup> – Annual Christmas Program / Christmas Banquet (*Chimptle Cultural Center in Palmdale*)
- December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas
- December 29<sup>th</sup> - *Seventies 70's SOULFUL Sunday Social !!!*
- ❖ December 31<sup>st</sup> – New Years Eve (Watch Night)

## Outreach Ministries: (schedule of Feedings / Donation Drives & Distributions)

Every 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of Each Month – SPiRiT and TRUTH Homeless Outreach Ministry (Feeding and Give-away) 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

## WELCOME – NEW Members! November 2013

**Prayer List:** Philippians 4: 6 ... Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God...

*Bereaved - Ill or Convalescing Members - Job Transfers - Family Struggles - Financial Distress - New Mothers - Military Deployments - College Students - Traveling Grace*

Payne Family, Bro. Claudio Alexander, Mo. Sandra Alexander, Bro. & Sis. Baker, Deac. Nathaniel Benson, Mo. Earnestine Bloom, Sis. Harriet Carter, Mo. Myrtle Chambers, Bro. Robert Cral, Deacon & Mo. Daniels, Bro. Charles Davis, Sis. Donna DeVeaux, Sis. Anita Duncan, Sis. Denise Dennis-Richardson, Mo. Delores Kirkland, Deacon Gerald Henry & Family, Bro. Lawrence Hickman Mo. Maudesta Hickman, Mo. Frankie Jenkins, Bro. Arthur Johnson, Elder Horace & Sis. Carolyn Johnson, Sis. Irene Johnson, Mo. Louise Johnson, Mo. Willa Lancaster, Sis. Sterling Marsh & family, The Mick Family, Sis. Denise Neal Mo. Mary Neal, Bro. Al Lester Payton, Mo. Dorothy Redmond, Bro Roy Richmond, Deacon & Mo. Roberson, Bro. Benjamin Sanford, Mo. Sharon Shaw, Sis. Anita Smith & Family, Bro. Cyrus Smith, Sis. Mildred Smith, Sis. Betty Stewart, Sis. Natalie Stewart & Family, Bro. Joseph Upshaw, Bro. Dominick Stanberry-Saball, Bro. Enrique Mari & Family

SPiRiT and TRUTH Prayer Line 1-712-432-1690 Access No. 421314# Wednesdays 7:00 am

**Fasting \*** Pastor has designated every Wednesday from 9: 00 am to 3: 00 pm., as a time set for fasting. Church, be on one accord and join Pastor during this time.

## I HAVE A TESTIMONY! Submitted by Sis. L. Stephens

Greetings - Ministers, Saints and Friends. I am happy to share my Testimony of God's Anointing in my Life, and a Blessing that as I share it, ... I hope it encourages others...

From the time I was a young child, I found intrigue and companionship in the company of "Books" and any type of Literature... Dictionaries, Encyclopedias, Newspapers, Magazines, and most importantly – the "BIBLE". I developed a love of Language, and Historical Fact, becoming consumed with writing everything down, hoping one day to captivate readers as a storyteller, just as I had been captivated by so many brilliant writers. I knew my desire in life, very early on, but unfortunately some of our ambitions have to give way to "practicality", in essence... earning a "livelihood". All in all, I never lost sight of my dreams, even though I've "endured" several careers, ... I knew... one day... if I held on and continued to find Favor from God, someday, he would reward my efforts.

Over the years, I've served faithfully in whatever capacity God needed me. In doing so, I didn't realize that I was honing my craft, and disciplining myself to focus on the completion of projects that had long been in the works. I asked God to bless me with employment that allowed me to have a "structured work day" so that I could find the time to "write", and he did! He blessed me with a Spouse and family, and very close friends that never ridiculed my "pipe dream" but instead "accepted" that "aspect of my personality", and "supported and encouraged" my effort. I've been blessed to see this "dream" come to fruition, and as I share my story – I know God had his "hand" all in this effort. I have had the privilege of being selected for publication as an Author by TATE Publishing and Enterprises, whom some of you may have heard of, as

they pride themselves on being Faith Based, their Philosophy being based on Psalm 68:11... "The Lord gave the word, and great was the company that published it"...

Please join me in Celebrating the Release of my Current Literary Work -  
 "The Search for Sunshine" Author L. Dene't Stephens ...the Book is in Pre-Release, (with an anticipated release date of January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014) and Available for Purchase (\$12.99 plus shipping & handling) via the Publisher's Website [www.tatepublishing.com](http://www.tatepublishing.com) or for a limited time you may obtain your own signed copy as a Pre-Launch Promotion, by contacting the Author (myself). Please, take the time to visit my Author's Page at [www.herambitions.net](http://www.herambitions.net) and read a few reviews. I am so grateful for this opportunity – that I had to share this TESTIMONY with you... my Church Family!



Title – "The Search for Sunshine" published 2013 TATE Publishing & Enterprises

**Have you Heard about any new... Community News? Opportunities? Helpful Information?**

x - The Action Line Ministry of the Bethel Baptist Assembly (TALE) meets... **Sundays at 5.00pm** and **Wednesdays at 7.00pm**  
**Location:** , 44722 Yucca Ave, Lancaster, CA 93534,  
 Listen for **Radio Ministry from the Martins** ... "The Action Line Ministries" heard **every Sunday at 8.00am on KFXM 96.7"**

**Announcements – birthdays / anniversaries / weddings / births / graduations**

**Celebrating Birthdays in December**

**Congratulations Alexis and Aaron Burks! On the Birth of your Daughter "Jordyn" born Dec. 1, 2013 at 7 lbs. 14 oz**  
 12/07 – Sis. LaResha Shaw 12/08 – Aria Grace Daniel 12/09 - Sis. Mary Coleman / Bro. Delton Baker / Deac. Nathaniel Benson 12/15 – Serenity Taylor Stephens

★ If we missed anyone – it was not intentional – but may you have a Beautiful and Blessed Birthday too! ★

**Happy Anniversary!!! Deacon and Sis. Stephens - December 21<sup>st</sup>**



Attention SPIRIT and TRUTH Members!!! ... We hope to see everyone at the **2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BANQUET!**  
 Please plan to attend! Last year was **Delightful!** There was **FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, and FFFUNNI!**

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**\*\*\* ATTENTION Spirit and TRUTH Church family \*\*\***

Let's have a "Little Fun" and send 2013 out with a "BLAST" from the "PAST!"  
 Come one, Come All – Join in the Good Times! & participate in the **Seventies "70's" SOULFUL Sunday "Social"** .. including **Desserts and Beverages**  
 immediately following **Worship Service** **date: Sunday December 29, 2013**

There hasn't been this much fun since the **Soul Train Line** was created!

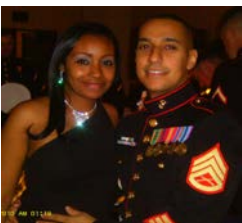
**\*\*\* Remember – we are doing this in the spirit of fun, but yet we will also be fellowshiping in the House of the Lord... So Everyone - PLEASE keep your Attire Appropriate!**

**Fundraising Events: Youth-for-hire / Car Washes / Craft fairs / Dinners / Teas / Luncheons etc.**

**In Uniform...**



**In Service...**



**Gunnery Sgt. Enrique Mari**  
 Deployed Afghanistan  
 July 2013



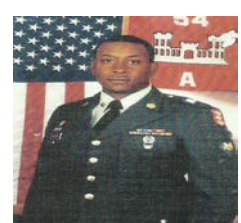
**Chief Petty Offcr. Liurance Daniel**  
 Seal Beach, CA



**Aaron Duncan Jr.**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Mil. Intell. Joseph Huit**



**Jeron Jackson**



**Marcus Jackson**



**Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class USAF Jonathan Willingham**  
 Deployed Kuwait Stationed in Washington



**Navy Seaman Dominick Stanberry Sabal**



**Please remember to pray for our Enlisted Brothers and Sisters serving in the U.S. and throughout the World!**

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