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## REBUILDING THE BROKEN-DOWN WALLS

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Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church

Rev. Dr. Jules E. Smith, Pastor

# Editorial

Happy New Year, Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church members! Last year was a busy year for the church and each ministry, which is depicted by the collage in this edition that covers the last two months of 2014. The New Year continues to be busy. Ministries held their annual elections of officers to give opportunity for new people to step into roles to utilize their talents and gifts to assist with ongoing church activities and business. Officers will be installed on Sunday, January 25, 2015. The Nehemiah project is launching. This project is a request of the Church body to increase their giving by \$20 per month in addition to one's current tithes, gifts and offerings.

On January 24, 2015, the Annual Church Business Meeting will be held at 10 a.m. Please be sure to attend; this is an important meeting and there will be critical issues that the agenda will address.

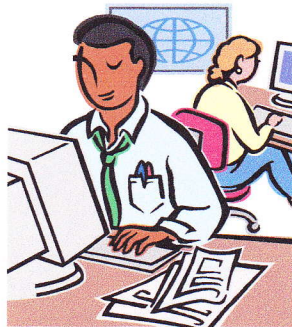
God is guiding Rising Star on the path he has for us this year.

**So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God.  
I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right  
hand. Isaiah 41:10**

P. Moore  
Editor

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# Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church

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Rev. Dr. Jules E. Smith, Senior Pastor

Dear Rising Star Church Family and Friends,

I am writing to tell you how much I appreciate you and how glad I am that you are a part of the Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church Family and Ministry.

Being a part of God's family, being faithful in worship and giving, and being good loving servants of the Lord is what makes life worthwhile, happy and successful.

Because of people such as yourself, who love and care for the ministry of our church, we are able to continue in the work God has called us to perform in our ministry and mission. Gifts (birthday), tithes and sacrificial offerings (building fund/debt reduction) from God's people keep our doors open, our building facility maintained, our bereaved comforted and consoled, our needy and elderly sustained, our children and young adults instructed and our adults growing in the Word and in usefulness. We can't successfully argue with the Bible. There is no argument when God speaks, and the Bible tell us, "And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, speak to the children of Israel that they bring me an offering; of every man/woman that giveth it willingly with his heart you shall take my offering" (Exodus 25:1,2).

During 2015, we are faced with the following challenges:

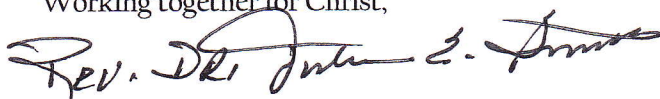
- Building maintenance/Up-keep
- Current escalating monthly operations expenses
- Current Mortgage refinancing
- Continued support of ministries within/without. We are in dire need of a Church Van

Therefore, in order for us to be able to meet these challenges, I am appealing to you to make a commitment to give an additional sacrificial offering of \$20.00 per month or \$5.00 per week (up and beyond your current level of giving) that is above your current tithes, debt reduction/building fund, birthday gift, etc.

I pray that you will commit to give this extra \$20.00 a month or \$5.00 a week. It would help us in this special time of need. Your continued share in the Lord's work is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your past and continued support.

Working together for Christ,



Rev. Dr. Jules E. Smith

## 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Harvest of Spiritual Fruit Festival

For 22 years, since 1992, Sis. Wanda King has invited the Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church family and friends to enjoy the “Harvest of Spiritual Fruit” or better known as the “Fruit of the Spirit” fellowship. On November 8, 2014, we were reminded again of the virtues presented in Galatians 5: 22-23 “but the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.”

The theme for 2014 was “Cultivate the Fruit of the Spirit in Your Heart.” RSMBC ministries shared God's word from various Bible verses and offered reflections on their

virtue and the fruit representing that virtue. What a BLESSING to receive excellent Bible scripture, enjoy great musical renditions of praise and dance performances AND partake of the delicious food prepared by various ministries. Participating ministries prepare dishes from the fruit represented by each virtue.

The gymnasium was filled with the spirit of Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church members and friends—all gathered to celebrate the harvest of God’s brilliant food.

“If we live in the spirit, let us also walk in the spirit” (Galatians 5: 25).

Olympia Osborne  
Cora Hampton  
Reporters



22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Harvest of Spiritual Fruit Festival



## 2015 Church Planning Meeting November 15, 2014

Pastor Jules Smith convened the 2015 Church Planning Meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 15, 2014. After devotion, Pastor announced the purpose and objectives of the meeting: establish plans, goals and strategies for 2015. The theme for 2015 is **"Rebuilding the Broken-down Walls"** Nehemiah 2: 18-19. This theme is based upon the Book of Nehemiah wherein Nehemiah set out to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. The challenge for Rising Star is to rebuild the walls *spiritually, relationally and financially*. This rebuilding calls for "vision, commitment, cooperation and consistency." Application begins with each individual consecrating himself or herself to the task at hand. With that said, the **2015 Nehemiah Project** was formed. Twelve teams were formed with the stated goal of involving all members in making a commitment to support a stewardship monetary campaign.

Other topics of discussion included instituting special times for corporate prayer, engaging in relational evangelism and intentionally displaying a Christ-like love for one another. Attendees were urged to contact members who withdraw from ministries, family ministry teams were urged to contact new members. Ministry leaders were urged to attend the New Members Receptions and birthday fellowships to meet new and old members both and form relationships.

Another discussion concerned the times for Sunday morning worship and Sunday School. This matter will be concluded at the Annual Business Meeting on January 24, 2015.

C. Hampton  
Reporter

Pastor's Aid Ministry  
R.S.M.B.C.

### God's Gift Our Blessing

Eph: 4:11-12

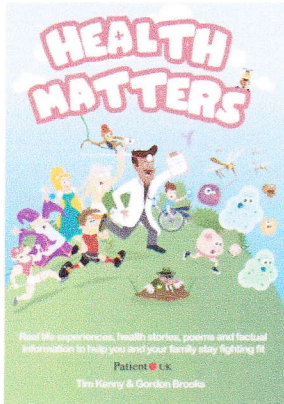
We invite you to attend  
a meeting and consider  
becoming a member or  
event volunteer.

The Pastor's Aid Ministry  
is committed to uplifting  
and supporting the  
Pastor and His Family spiritually,  
personally and professionally.

Join Us in  
Supporting  
Our Pastor

Meeting Time  
2nd Tuesday of Every Month  
at 7:00p.m.

## FAITH TO BE HEALTHY MINISTRY



**Blood Pressure Screenings** held every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday following the 7:45 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. worship services in the Guest Registration Area.

**Live Well With Diabetes:** The Center for African American Health (CAAH) offers diabetes self-management training for those living with diabetes, at risk for diabetes and those caring for someone with diabetes.

If you want to learn how to live with diabetes or to make small health changes to delay the onset of diabetes, contact CAAH for ongoing classes offered FREE of charge. To register, or for more information, please call 303-355-3423.

**A MATTER OF BALANCE** is an award-winning program designed to help older adults to manage falls and activity levels. This FREE 8-week class, sponsored by the Center for African American Health, will be held at Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church every Tuesday from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. To register, or for more information, please contact David Washington at 303-355-3423.

**CONNECT FOR HEALTH COLORADO** accepting applications for 2015 health insurance coverage until February 15, 2015.



Health  
&  
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# 2014 YEAR IN REVIEW

The Rising Star Christian Scroll Ministry published 6 editions in 2014. Here are a few highlights from each issue:

## January 2014

The church theme for 2014 is “God Is Turning It Around”, announced by Pastor Jules E. Smith at the 2014 Planning Meeting in November.

The Sunday School Ministry implemented [Sunday Funday](#), a new program to attract more youth to Sunday School and make learning about God’s word fun. [Sunday Funday](#) occurs on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month.

## March 2014

Rising Star baptized its first Muslin convert—Alshaeli Husam became a Baptist believer in Christianity on January 15, 2014.

The mid-day Bible Study on Thursdays at noon was implemented in February.

## May 2014

Rising Star holds Good Friday services for the first time.

Senior Steppers Annual Spring Tea held in March.

2014 Leadership Workshop “Discipleship: Abiding in the Word of God” conducted by Rev. Larron Jackson, Ministry and Mission Coach for the American Baptist Conference of the Rocky Mountains.

Youth/Angel Retreat held at YMCA of the Rockies at Estes Park.



# *2014 YEAR IN REVIEW*

## **July 2014**

Rev. Reginald M. Taylor, Associate Minister at Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church, ordained by the General Missionary Baptist Convention on May 30.

21<sup>st</sup> Annual Field Missionary Conference held in Houston, TX May 23-25. Several members from the Senior Mission at Rising Star attended.

Vacation Bible School held June 2-6.

Annual Youth Revival held June 19-22 with Minister Justin Lester as the revivalist.

Father's Day Breakfast Celebration held June 14.

"United Women of Courage" Prayer Breakfast and Women's Day held July 28-29.

## **September 2014**

51<sup>st</sup> Church Anniversary Ministry Week held August 20 – 24. Anniversary service dedicated to Mother Maude Brinkley, wife of the founder of Rising Star Baptist Church.

Rising Star Church Cookout held July 26th; Family & Friends Day held July 27<sup>th</sup>.

Je'rrelle Jaqwan Ramierez awarded \$1200.00 scholarship certificate by the Scholarship Ministry.

Youth Ministry Paint-a-Thon at the home of Sis. Marie Johnson.

## **November 2014**

Pastor Jules E. and Rev. Ida Gice Smith celebrate 28<sup>th</sup> pastoral anniversary at Rising Star on October 9-12.

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Rainbow Tea for Junior Deaconess and Junior Leaders Youth Ministries.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month Reception on October 18; Mammomography Mobile visits Rising Star on October 25.

"Seniors Owning the Runway" fashion show presented by the Senior Steppers Ministry on October 26.

## Youth Holiday Affair

Every year the Youth Ministry puts on a memorable event for the children of our church. On December 20, 2014, the Youth Ministry celebrated the Christmas holiday with food, fellowship and fun in the gymnasium. The focus was on arts and crafts as each child created a Gingerbread House, with all the trimmings of the season. Of the 48-50 children participating, creativity abounded in what could be conceived as a Gingerbread House emerged as churches, condos and homes. There were winners in various age categories receiving prizes from earbuds to earphones. Prizes were awarded by age group:

### Age 6 and Under:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Samari**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Matthew**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Malaya**
- Honorary Mention – Burks**

### Age 7-12:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Zack**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Areyana**
- Honorary Mention – Triniti**

### Age 13-14:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Ramiree**

The motivation for this annual event is Sis. Renee Minor, who as we all know, enjoys working with children. In her many years here at Rising Star she has directed the choir and worked with the youth directly in creating memorable events throughout the years. Her impetus for this creativity comes from her youth, when her father, a soloist with a group called “Voices of Joy”, spent many hours working with her in the church and honing her musical talent. Now, she works with the young people of our church for the love of doing it and to help build self-esteem and raise the awareness of God’s love in everyone.

Of course, Sis. Minor did not do this event alone; her core team of planners, much like herself, includes dedicated individuals working towards a better future for the youth of our church. Sis. Arlee McLucas, Sis. Joy Hall, Sis. Tracey Hughes, Sis. Nicole Hill and Sis. Lily Fox comprise the core team. When you put them all together we have a dynamic team of adults working to the betterment of the future of our Youth Ministry.

The call for donations went out in early December, 2014 and true to the heart of our congregation, donations came forth abundantly. Thank you Rising Star for making this event a success; your support of this vital ministry speaks volumes of the value you place on our youth.

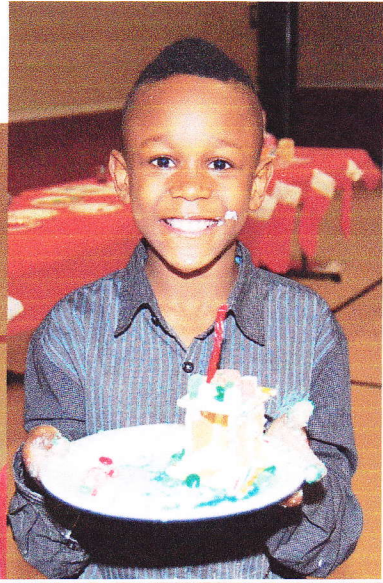
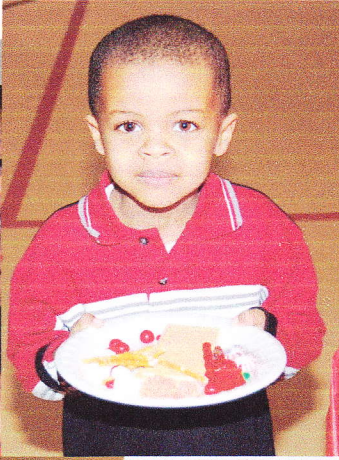
Next Christmas’ theme? Well, we’ll have to wait and see--it depends on what the Lord puts upon their hearts to bring into reality.

Eileen Burnley  
Reporter



# Youth Holiday Affair





Photos by Rick Reese

## BECOMING A SMOOTH (i.e., ) OPERATOR

Done right, a smoothie can give you a big dose of healthy in a glass! The secret: “Focus on increasing the veggies”, says Kristin Kirkpatrick, Manager of Wellness Nutrition Services at the Cleveland Clinic Wellness Institute. Use non-starchy veggies like kale, spinach, swiss chard or lettuce, then you can add a little fruit for sweetness and some protein like low-fat Greek yogurt to keep you satisfied.

### Veggie Smoothie:

2/3 c vanilla Greek yogurt  
2 clementines, peeled  
1 c chopped romaine lettuce  
4 carrots, shredded (2 cups)  
½ c ice cubes

Layer ingredients in a blender. Cover and blend about 30 seconds or until smooth.

Size Matters: 6 ounces is a snack; 12 ounces is a meal.

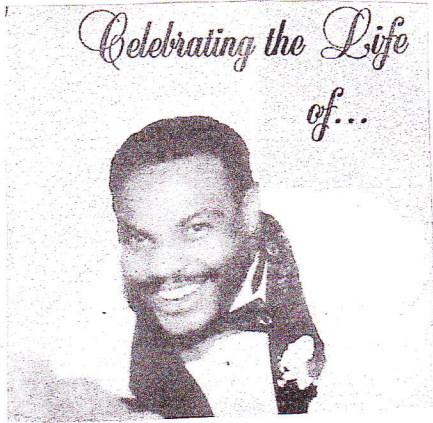
Submitted by Sis. Julia Payne

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

## MEMORIAL PAGE

### ALLEN JAMES

*November 22, 1964 – November 27, 2014*



Allen James was born in Colorado Springs, CO to Armistice and Georgia James. He was the youngest of four children. Allen graduated from Hinkley High School and Colorado State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Science and Mathematics.

A software engineer by profession, Allen was employed at Elite Software Engineering. He enjoyed his work and was known for excellence in his work. In his free time, he enjoyed family, friends, weightlifting and exercising. He was always loved for his attitude of fairness and equality for all.

Allen is survived by his parents, Armistice and Georgia James; his brothers, Tyrone, Jerome and Michael; two nieces and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and friends.

### ERVIN WINSTON YEARLING

*June 18, 1952 – December 29, 2014*



Ervin Winston Yearling was born in Denver, CO to the union of Illinois Yearling, Sr. and Minnie Lou Hobley Yearling. "Winston", as the family and friends lovingly called him, was the youngest son. He attended Denver Public Schools and trained to be an electrician but was unable to fully carry out his vocation due to a number of unfortunate circumstances, including losing his vision as a young adult.

Winston joined Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church at an early age and remained a member until his death. A resident of the Uptown Health Care Center, Winston initiated the Uptown Daily Bread Ministry which he coordinated with Rising Star MBC. The Uptown staff looked forward to picking up their copies from him. Many expressed their appreciation of this ministry and him sharing the Lord with them.

Survivors include his sisters, Deaconess Gladys Burnett, Mrs. Brenda Calvin, Mrs. Linda Taylor, all of Denver, and Dr. Constance Yearling of SC, an uncle, aunts, cousins, and other loving family members and friends.

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**Scheduled Services**

**Sunday**

Morning Worship.....7:45 & 10:15 AM  
Communion (1st Sunday).....7:45 & 10:15 AM  
Sunday School.....9:00 AM – 10:00 AM  
Youth Church (2nd and 3rd Sunday) Sunday School Classrooms. ....10:15 AM

**Wednesday**

Prayer and Bible Study.....7:00 PM

**Thursday**

Bible Study.....12:00 Noon

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