

RISING STAR CHRISTIAN SCROLL

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- FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION • YOUTH RETREAT • WOMENS' DAY

COMING EVENTS

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- July 26 Annual Church Cookout
- July 26 Destination Health
(Walk/Run/Learn)
- August 2 Semi-Annual Business Mtg
- August 17 Birthday Fellowship
- August 20-22 Ministry Week
- August 24 Church Anniversary
- September 1 Labor Day
- September 14 New Members Welcome



CELEBRATING OUR MEN/ WOMEN YOUTH

Family/Friends Day – July 27

**51st Church Anniversary –
Aug 24**

EDITORIAL

Peace and Blessings Rising Star. Summer time has arrived! Time for the Annual Church Cookout and don't forget Friends and Family Day.

We celebrated Mother's Day and Father's Day, reintroduced Women's Day; Vacation Bible School is finished as well as the Youth Retreat and Youth Revival. The world around us is going through many changes on a daily basis. Our traditional values are questioned in addition to facing moral and cultural issues in and outside of the Church. It is important to maintain Church activities as an outlet for Christians to focus on the message of faith and hope. Each of us has a God-given purpose. The journey is to discover it and share the gift as the Holy Spirit guides us. Forgiveness, Love, Grace, and Mercy are the lanterns that lead us to a fruitful journey.

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who[a] have been called according to his purpose. **ROMANS 8:28**

P. Moore

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If you are interested in developing your skills as a writer and being the first to know what's going on in the church, or if you like the personal contact involved in advertising sales, please contact Sis. Cora Hampton (303-550-5088 or champton01@aol.com). Monthly meetings are held on the 4th Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in Room 206.



May 23rd – May 25th. Women shown above attended the conference in Houston, TX. The theme of the conference was “There Is Hope.” We stayed at the Crowne Plaza Hotel and our transportation for the conference was provided by the Holman Street Baptist Church of Houston.

Carrie Moore, National Field Missionary Council Director, presided over the 21st Annual Conference. Friday night was the “State/Area Chairperson” night at the Holman Street Baptist Church so our Colorado women were adorned beautifully in our color of “Colorado Royal Blue.” Each state and area chair was recognized.

On Saturday, at the “Wendell Neal Family Life Center” of the Lilly Grove Baptist Church, the National Director, Carrie Moore, gave her Annual Address at the conference breakfast. Afterward, five different conference classes were presented with teachers from the local churches using the conference book for the classes, Getting Up When You Are Down by Manson B. Johnson. The Annual Conference luncheon followed, which included greetings from our National President, Rev. S. T. Thurston, recognition of the different area field workers and hosts of the conference and the farewell speech of Carrie Moore.

We attended Sunday morning worship services at Holman Street Baptist Church. The subject of the sermon was “You are more than what you have become—Remember who you are.” All of the seniors in attendance, age 65 and older, were rewarded with a special gift of a \$10 bill.

The 2015 conference will be held in Biloxi, MS.

Submitted by Marie Yvonne Boyer

Baptist Ministers' Conference and Revival

May 19 – 21, 2014

The Baptist Ministers Conference of Metro Denver held their “2014 Revival in the Rockies” at Greater Union Baptist Church this year. Rev. Damian M. Epps, Senior Pastor of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Cedar Rapids, IA was the guest evangelist.

I attended on Wednesday night, May 21st. The Holy Spirit was present at the onset of the service. Chatter about the previous nights was going back and forth between attendees. The pulpit was full with visiting ministers to render prayer, comments, and songs. Pastor Jules Smith was called from the congregation to render welcome greetings.

The featured minister delivered a powerful message, “God Does Not Answer Every Prayer”, Psalms 88. It was decided to bring him back next year. Some emphasized points were:

- Match things up (our will with His)
- God answers prayers three ways
 - Yes
 - No
 - Not yet
- How bad do you want your prayer answered?
 - Will you give some things up?
 - Will you fast and pray?
- Confess your sins and let go
- Pray God's Word back to Him

Minister Cynthia Reese



RSMBC GUEST OF CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH
April 27, 2014

Pastor Jules E. Smith and the Male Chorus from Rising Star were guests of Central Baptist Church on Sunday, April 27, for their Annual Men's Day Celebration. Pastor Smith spoke from their theme, "Men of Great Faith Walking in the Light Together" Matthew 5:14-16. Pastor Smith expanded the theme to include I John 1:6-7, noting that "if we say that we have fellowship with him and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not know the truth *but* if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another

The Male Chorus did an outstanding job with their musical selections and RSMBC Ushers served.



WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST – JUNE 28TH “UNITED WOMEN OF COURAGE”

Rising Star Women's Day, chaired by Deaconess Winona Robinson, Sis. Beverly Bolden and Sis. Nanette Locke, started with a Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, June 28. Since this was the first Women's Day held in several years, excitement and eager anticipation was evident. Attendees were greeted with envelopes containing personal items and a gift card from Dickey's BBQ. Even before breakfast was served, the presence of the Lord was felt through the prayers and songs and praise dancing.



Guest churches provided prayers of adoration, forgiveness, thanksgiving, supplication and intercession. Rising Star's own, Evangelist Sylvia Daniel, provided plenty of examples of courage and faith, speaking from Joshua 1:1-9.

Sis. Nanette Locke presented the 2014 Showcase of Talented and Gifted Women, featuring members outstanding as authors, educators, entrepreneurs, and those involved in theatre, military service, law enforcement and crafts.





Anxious Anticipation



More to Come



Guests show their appreciation

Women's Day - June 29th 10:15 AM



CLEAN-UP DAY

May 10, 2014

Wondering who picks up the wind-blown trash and debris that always finds its way to the Rising Star campus??? Just take a look at the pictures below and come on out and give them a hand! Some or all of these hard-working members can be found every Saturday (and other days too) cleaning up the grounds and parking lot around the church. **Thanks** for helping to keep our campus orderly.



FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST CELEBRATION JUNE 14, 2014

By Deacon Lawrence E. Coleman

A Father's Day breakfast was held on Saturday June 14, 2014 in the Rising Star Baptist Church gymnasium with a crowd of approximately 130 participants. The theme for this event was, "It Takes a Village to Raise a Child." The scripture reference was Proverbs 22:6 which states "train up a child in the way he should go, when he grows old, he will not depart from those ways." The event was entertaining, educational and rewarding.

The committee members were Deacon Lawrence Coleman, Deacon Jerald Legins, Deacon Brian Ferguson, Deacon Odis Houston and Brother Alton Smith.

Brother Smith served as Master of Ceremonies offering nuggets of wisdom to fathers as he moderated.

Several highlights from this event were our youth guest speakers--Brea Clements and Ty Smith. They both gave very inspirational speeches about their mother and father respectively. Brother Isaiah Johnson wowed the crowd with the song, "Ain't No Mountain High Enough." The Hallelujah High Steppers were amazing as they danced for Jesus.

The children in the audience had an opportunity to talk about at least five attributes that they love about their dad or mom. This was especially moving to many parents and brought tears of joy to their hearts.

Sister Marie Johnson and Sharisse Davenport-Clements were overjoyed as they were the surprise recipients of the Village Awards. These two awards were presented to mothers who had to step into the father/mother role in raising their children with the help of other outside resources such as other family members, the church and other organizations--**"The Village."**

IT TAKES A VILLAGE AWARD WINNERS



Sharisse Davenport-Clements



Marie Johnson

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST CELEBRATION



2nd QUARTER BIRTHDAY FELLOWSHIP June 22, 2014

Family Ministry Team #2, G-L, headed by Deacons Odis Houston and Willie Hampton, hosted a birthday fellowship for all Rising Star members who celebrated a birthday during the months of April through June. The birthday fellowship is another means of getting to know the members on a more personal level and members can interact with each other in a more casual setting. Following scripture and prayer, with a welcome by Pastor Smith, Deacon Hampton led the group in an “original” version of “Happy Birthday!” Approximately 50 members enjoyed a light lunch complete with birthday cake and cupcakes after the 10:15 a.m. service. Stay tuned for next quarter’s celebration coming up in September.



WOODING RECEIVES AWARD

Rev. Ron Wooding received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Ethnic College Counseling Center for his efforts to ensure the ECCC students had a successful tour of HBCUs over spring break. The students toured colleges in Tennessee, Arkansas, Alabama and Florida. The certificate was presented at the ECCC Annual Cookout held June 22. Sis. Katie Moore and Sis. Cora Hampton also participate in the Ethnic College Counseling Center.



2014 GRADUATES

Rising Star honored the 2014 high school and college graduates at the 10:15 a.m. worship service on Youth Sunday, June 22. The 2014 Scholarship winners will be announced on July 13 during the mid-morning service.

High school graduates are **Ashten Green**, Contemporary Learning Academy, **Jacob Martin and Jarrelle Ramierez**, both from Cherokee Trail High School.



College graduates are **Zavean Daniels**, Drake University; **Chasmine Flax**, University of Southern Mississippi; **Johntee Johnson**, Howard University; **Simone Marsh**, Colorado State University and **Robby Turk**, University of Redlands.

Congratulations 2014 Graduates!!

Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church

2014 Softball

It's a beautiful sunshiny Sunday afternoon, about 4:00, a little overcast with a slight breeze at Olympic Park located at Chambers and Yale in Aurora. The park has 4 softball diamonds, three filled with teams ready for the season. The parking lot is full, so many cars, so many players; you would think the carnival has come to town.

Some of the players have uniform shirts (burgundy with a cross and a Rising Star crest in gold letters on the front of their shirts with their name and player number on the back). Our fans have begun filling up the stands: Moms, Dads, spouses, children, friends, are all gathered for the season opener. Twenty minutes before the game the players warm up, stretching, pitching balls, generally getting ready for their opening game of the season. Some a little nervous, others are shy, just going about their business of focusing on the game to come.

The softball team has been in existence since the 1990's. Many of the players remember when they were part of the Christian League. About three years ago the team moved to the Aurora Recreation League, and several other church teams have followed suit and joined the city League. The softball team is truly a fellowship for Christians and non-Christians alike, a mixture of both men and women. Beside practicing on Saturdays and playing on Sunday evenings, the team has prayer before and after games, organizes community outreach for needy people in the community. On several occasions the team provided

Thanksgiving baskets to the disadvantaged and provided support for each other in their hour of need.

The players enjoy the camaraderie that comes with a team effort. Michelle Collins has played with the team for about 8 years and described the groups as truly a family, and despite their differences team members are able to come together to play and win games. Michelle finds that softball offers a way to grow within a group, while recognizing strengths and differences among all of the players. This group in particular is Christian based and Christ-like, and offers a fellowship beyond the playing field.

The softball season runs from May – August. Generally the team practices twice a week at Village East Park (Arkansas & Moline) Saturdays at 4:00 and Mondays at 6pm. Games are on Sundays at Olympic Park (Chambers & Yale) between 3:00 to 7:00 in the evening. Presently there are about 16 people on the team.

This year Brother Green is back as the head of the team. Team members are excited about his leadership and impact on the season and the community. When a member of the team has a loss they are prayed for as a cohesive group, to strengthen their resolve and aid with the grief process. As within any group some members are takers and you try not to let the enemy get the best of you..., Brother Green's motto: 'just keep on keeping on (to God be the Glory)'.

As he heads into the season he stated church membership is not a prerequisite for the

team, this is a fellowship and a community outreach effort. We have prayer before and after games. Hopefully one day the non-Christians will see our efforts as Christians and find their way into membership with us or another church.

From a historical perspective, Brother Green said...we started out as a ministry, and now we are a full fledge softball team; In the past we have had Bible study together, visited the sick and shut in, formed a choir, and delivered Thanksgiving baskets to the needy. The main supporters of the softball team have been Deacon Howard and Brother Peevy. Today many of the people on the team are not as involved in reaching souls within our team; no matter...always let your light shine so they may be saved. We go out to reach people, feed the homeless, and

minister to our own members. We have people on the team from the Church, people in dire straits, needing help. The softball team has been an extension of the church, winning souls to Christ. Brothers band together on the team for fellowship and prayer. Sometimes this is the only prayer they receive, and they are grateful for our care and concern.

The season schedule was not available before the printing of this article. However, if you're interested in playing softball, contact Brother David Green, 303-882-3790.

Go Rising Star!

Eileen Burnley
Cynthia Reese



2014 ANNUAL YOUTH REVIVAL



Minister Justin Lester, Pastoral Intern at Fifteenth Avenue Missionary Baptist Church in Nashville, TN, was the revivalist at the Annual Youth Revival held June 19, 20 & 22 at Rising Star MBC. Minister Lester is the son of Rising Star's own Rev. Anthony Lester who has relocated to Atlanta, GA.

The theme for this revival was "One Thing I Do", Philippians 3:13-14. On Thursday night, Minister Lester asked for "15 football minutes" to speak from Malachi 3:6-12, "Get Your Act Together." On Friday night, he asked for "12 basketball minutes" to speak on "It's Time to Let Go", Mark 8:31-38. For the culminating service at 10:15 Sunday morning, Minister Lester used Philippians 3:7-15 as his text for a sermon entitled "You're in Control." Minister Lester proved to be a very passionate speaker with topics relating to our youth.



Pastor Jules Smith presented a plaque to a surprised Rev. John Quick, Youth Pastor at Rising Star, in appreciation for his service and dedication to the youth at Rising Star. The plaque noted Rev. Quick's motto for the youth—Soar on wings like eagles. (Isaiah 40:31)

The youth gospel rap duo performed Proverbs 3:5-6 and Romans 12:1-2, a highlight of the service. The Hallelujah High Steppers and the Mime Team executed their moves with perfection as well.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 2 – 6, 2014







MEMORIAL PAGE

The Rising Star church family mourns the passing of **Mother Evelyn Alexander**. Mother Alexander and her husband Elton became members of Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church in November 2005. She later became an active member of the Church Mothers' Ministry.

Evelyn was known for her "fashionista" style and grace. She was one of the first African-American women to model at Lord & Taylor stores in New York City and learned dance under the direction of Katherine Dunham. Later she became a top collections agent for the IRS in Denver, CO.

Mother Alexander is survived by her husband, Elton, four children, a number of "adoptive children", many other relatives and friends.

Deborah L. Dawkins committed her life to Christ at an early age and later joined Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church. She was a very social person with a hearty laugh. Her favorite saying was, "Hear My Heart."

Sis. Dawkins retired after 34 years with a long, successful career with the Department of Defense, Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Denver Center, as a systems analyst. She was loved and admired by her co-workers and colleagues from many other federal departments.

Deborah was a lifetime member of Blacks in Government (BIG) and the founder of the Mile High Chapter. She is survived by her son, Terrence Dawkins Jr., two grandchildren, her mother, a host of relatives and friends.



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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