

# RISING STAR CHRISTIAN SCROLL

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- 52<sup>nd</sup> Church Anniversary • Annual Church Cookout/Family & Friends Day •

## **REBUILDING** **THE BROKEN-DOWN WALLS**



Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church

Rev. Dr. Jules E. Smith, Pastor

### Upcoming Events

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| September 20  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Birthday Fellowship                                    |
| September 27  | St. Stephen New Church Dedication  |
| September 27  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Community Health Fair                                   |
| October 2     | Youth Event – “Buckets with Christ”  |
| October 9, 11 | 29 <sup>th</sup> Pastoral Anniversary<br>Pastor Jules E. & Rev. Ida Gice Smith |
| October 17    | Spiritual Stars Survivor Luncheon  |
| October 31    | “Jesus the Truth” Celebration  |
| November 1    | Daylight Savings Time Ends   |
| November 6    | Youth Event – “Buckets with Christ”  |
| November 8    | New Members Fellowship   |
| November 14   | Annual Fruit of the Spirit   |
| November 21   | Annual Planning Meeting  |
| November 26   | Thanksgiving Day Service   |



# Editorial

Peace and Blessings Rising Star. Summer went by so quickly and fall is on the horizon. In this edition of the Christian Scroll, please enjoy reading about the Ministry Week/52<sup>nd</sup> Church Anniversary activities, Family and Friends Day and the Church Cookout in addition to other activities.

When there are so few people available to do God's work that is when the spirit steps in to keep us going. It's been a busy year for congregants both inside and outside of Church. I am thankful to work with such a devoted group on the Christian Scroll. While we are few, we find a way to bring the news of Rising Star's work in the Church and the community. I extend much appreciation to Sis. Hampton for being the steady rock that holds the Scroll together.

**Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground. Psalm 143:10**

P. Moore

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## RISING STAR SERVES AS SHELTER

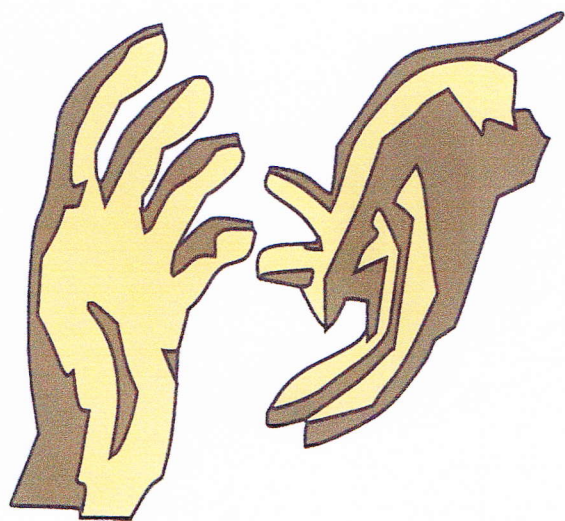
After a late-night fire at a large condominium complex just a few blocks west of Rising Star on Florida Avenue on Wednesday, September 16, injured 17 and displaced 50 residents, the Rising Star gymnasium became a place of refuge for several residents.



Residents jumped from windows and scrambled down ladders to escape thick smoke and flames. After spending Wednesday night at the Potter's House of Denver, the American Red Cross moved the shelter to the Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church.

According to a newspaper report, the Country Club Villas condominium complex was the scene of another fire some 20 years ago that led to people jumping from windows. Those displaced by this week's fire may have a long wait before damage to the building can be repaired. If asbestos is found in the walls, the wait may be as long as 2-3 months. The American Red Cross is working to find more permanent housing for those residents who need assistance.

C. Hampton, Reporter



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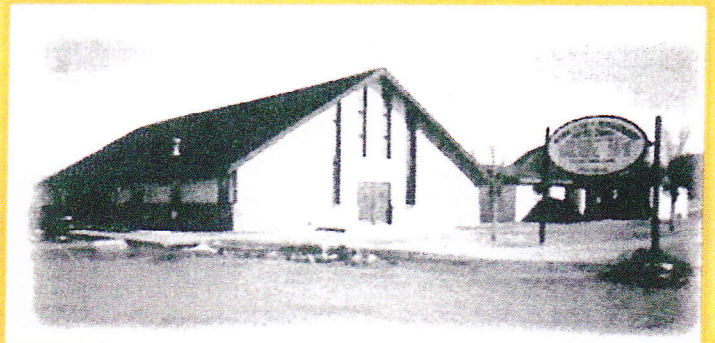


## *"Rebuilding the Broken-Down Walls"*

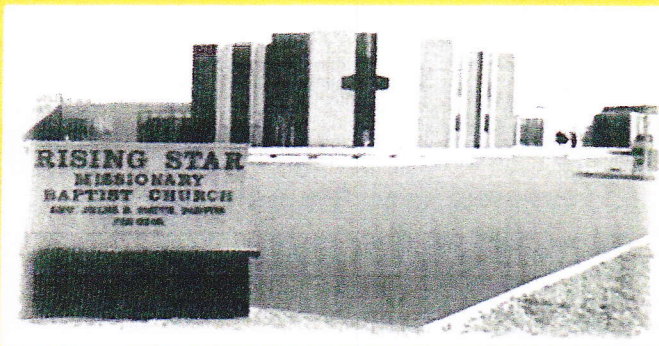
*Nehemiah 2:17-18*



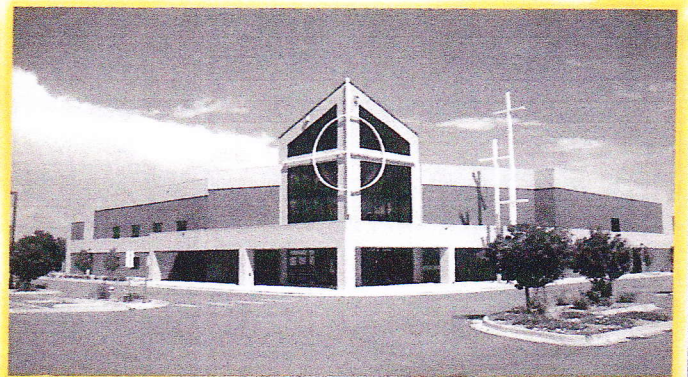
*come, and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we be no more a reproach.*



*2:18 Then I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me; as also the king's words that he had spoken unto me.*



*And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work.*





## **52<sup>nd</sup> Church Anniversary Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church**

Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church celebrates Ministry Week leading up to the actual church Anniversary the third week of August each year. Beginning on Wednesday, August 19, 2015, members and friends gathered to hear Pastor John Tellis of Solomon Temple Baptist Church, Denver, CO speak from the anniversary theme, “Rebuilding the Broken-down Walls”, Nehemiah 2:17-18. Featured ministries included the Associate Ministers, Deacons and Deaconess, Library, Repast, Sunday School, Trustees and Ushers.



Ministry Week continued on Thursday with Union Chapel Baptist Church as our guests. Featured ministries included Brotherhood, Christian Scroll newsletter, Faith to be Healthy, Greeters, Pastor’s Aid, Senior Mission, Senior Steppers and Spiritual Stars Women’s Ministry. The Pastor’s Aid and Greeters Ministry each presented the church with a \$1,000 donation.



Pastor Henry Chapman of Union Chapel delivered a fiery message on “Rebuilding the Broken-down Walls” and how the church needs to be praying and giving thanks to God.

Friday night’s service featured the Youth, Junior Deacons/Deaconess, Multimedia, Bereavement, Security, Events Team, Young Adults, Transportation, New Members and Music Ministries. From the Mime Dancers to the Youth Choir to the Praise Team to the Jules Ensemble to the Mass Choir and the Male Chorus, attendees praised the musicians for every song and dance. Special guests, the Prophetic Praise and Glory Mime Dance Team provided a spirited and energetic praise dance to the old hymn, ‘I Need Thee Every Hour’.







The 52<sup>nd</sup> Church Anniversary services were held at 7:45 and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, August 23. Pastor Smith used the topic, “The Church Goes On” to stress his strong belief that the “gates of hell can’t prevail against or overthrow” the church and that God dwells with believers.

At the 10:30 a.m. service, Rev. Rodney Perry of the American Baptist Churches of the Rocky Mountains, chose “What Are You Doing?”, Nehemiah 13:7-11 as his topic. Rev. Perry presented a thought-provoking message to the congregation.

And, of course, no celebration is complete without a fellowship dinner. The gymnasium was filled to overflowing with members and friends who came together to enjoy great food and conversation at a sit-down dinner served by some of the men of the church. The food was donated and prepared by community businesses and church ministries.









Throughout the Ministry Week services, door prizes from community merchants, members and friends were awarded to attendees. Community merchants included Starbucks, Applebees, Village Inn, Texas Roadhouse, King Soopers, Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen, Stylists Showcase and Golden Corral, just to name a few.





# **52<sup>nd</sup> Church Anniversary**

## **Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church**

### **“OUR JOURNEY”**

1963 was a tumultuous and history-making year in America:

- On Friday, August 9, 1963, Whitney Houston was born.
- On Wednesday, August 28, 1963, Rev. Martin Luther King delivered his “I Have a Dream” speech at the “March on Washington” to over 250,000 people.
- On Wednesday, August 28, 1963, two young women were murdered on the Upper East Side of Manhattan in New York City, and a young black man, George Whitmore, Jr., age 19, was accused of the murders along with several other crimes. Whitmore was wrongfully incarcerated for 1,216 days from his arrest on April 24, 1964 until his release on bond on July 13, 1966. And he was again held from February 28, 1972 until he was exonerated on April 10, 1973.
- On Thursday, August 29, 1963, Rev. and Sister George T. Brinkley and family, Rev. and Sis. J.W. Slone and Sis. Mildred Charleston held a meeting in the Brinkley home at 2621 Hudson Street and organized a new church named Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church.

Many other life changing events also occurred in 1963, but those four were chosen for their impact on us.

Whitney Houston began her career singing in church and when she burst into the world of secular music, her God-given voice was so spectacular and so special, and the world loved her in a most worldly way. She never lived to see 52 years.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. motivated an entire nation and united people which led to laws overthrowing Jim Crow and unethical voting processes that eventually led to the election of the first black president in 2008. But, he too did not see 52 years.

George Whitmore Jr. was falsely accused of the rape of another woman and in the interrogations that followed was coerced to confess to the murder of the two young women in New York City. False testimony was given and members of the police department beat Mr. Whitmore and provided false evidence. Even after eyewitnesses came forth and testified that Mr. Whitmore was miles away watching Rev. King’s “I Have a Dream” speech, the prosecutor did not drop the case. It took ten years for Mr. Whitmore to be exonerated even though the real killer was identified in 1964. But, Mr. Whitmore’s treatment by the police and the fact that he never had a lawyer present during interrogation was one of the reasons that the Miranda law was passed. Mr. Whitmore died in 2012 at the age of 68. He also did not see 52 more years from the date of his original arrest.

Rev. George Brinkley definitely had a dream/vision that Thursday night when he and the others founded Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church. Moving from the house to a garage, to a building and then to the small church at 1596 South Dayton Street, Rising Star continued to grow and flourish in the



community. In 1970, Rev. Brinkley accepted a call to pastorship in Tucson, Arizona. From 1970 until 1979 when he was recalled as pastor at Rising Star, two other ministers held the pastorship of Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church. Rev. Brinkley faithfully led the congregation from March 1979 until his death in October 1985. At that point Rev. Marlin Malone was named Minister in Charge until such time as the church was sent a new shepherd.

Rev. Jules E. Smith was called to be the new pastor on September 7, 1986. But, Rev. Smith was also called by another church in the city to be its new pastor on that same day. But Pastor Smith, as always, communed with God before making a decision, and members of both churches anxiously awaited his decision.

After prayer and communion with God, Rev. Smith chose Rising Star. But as Romans 8:28 says, “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose”, several Sundays later, many of the members of the other church united with Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church. God had already worked it out. Rising Star really grew in discipleship.

Now, let’s fast forward to August, 2005, as we celebrated our 42<sup>nd</sup> church anniversary, just 10 years ago. Our anniversary theme was “God Promises His Glory in the New House!” from Haggai 2:6-9, with emphasis on verse. 9, “**The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of Hosts. And in this place I will give peace,’ says the Lord of Hosts.**”

In his 2005 anniversary letter, Pastor Smith reminded us that we stood on the threshold of the fulfillment of this Promise of God, and **encouraged each of us to diligently continue in our work and worship, in our pledges and prayers, and in our waiting and watching for God’s miracles to take us to the NEW HOUSE and experience HIS GLORY** as we were almost ready to start the building of Phase III. He wanted us to remember and be reminded of what God can and will do. Well, we are in the latter temple, but sometimes we seem to have forgotten how God brought us here? Have we forgotten that God cannot lie and that we have and still are experiencing His Glory?

Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church still exists because this is God’s church and He has abundantly blessed us to grow and to build. He continually brings us through the ups and downs that we face as a collective body. He has sent us shepherds to watch over his flock. So as we rebuild the walls, let us remember to focus on God and follow 1 Corinthians 12: encouraging, teaching, and building one another up in the knowledge and grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Submitted by Sis. Sylvia Ensley



## 22<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL FIELD MISSIONARY CONFERENCE May 22-24, 2015

Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, Shreveport, LA was the setting for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Area Field Missionary Conference, held May 22-24, 2015. Attendees from the Colorado Area Field Missionary Council included **Sis. Gladys Burnett** and **Sis.**

**Marie Yvonne Boyer** from **Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church**, Sis. Bernice Mason and Sis. Alberta Thornton from Union Baptist Church, Sis. Ruth Pettes, King Baptist Church.



The conference theme was “Getting Out of My Comfort Zone”, from John Ortberg’s book, If You Want to Walk on Water, You’ve Got to Get Out of the Boat. The theme scripture was Matthew 14:28-29. Both past Colorado Area Field Chairpersons were recognized with ads in the souvenir journal: Sis. Marceline Cutler, St. Stephen Baptist Church; Sis. Henrene Waller, Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church. The current Colorado chairperson is Sis. Marie Boyer.

Attendees enjoyed Sunday morning fellowship at New Friendship Baptist Church. Here, Sis. Gladys Burnett enjoyed a very special mini family reunion, especially with her cousin Ola Mae Roberson.



Sis. Burnett’s nephew, Steven Roberson, is pastor of New Friendship Baptist Church.

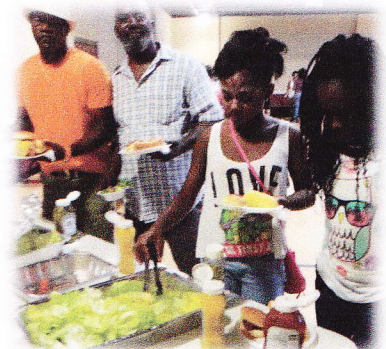
The 2016 conference will be held in Biloxi, Mississippi.

Submitted by M. Boyer

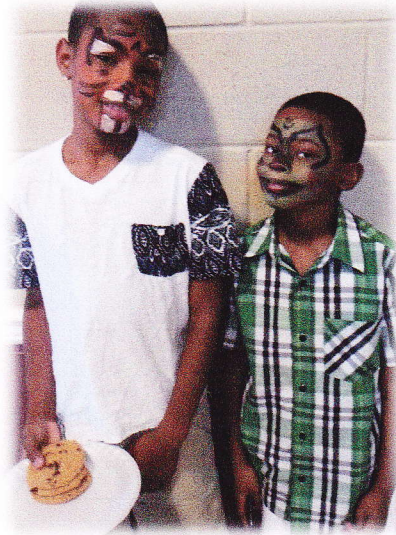
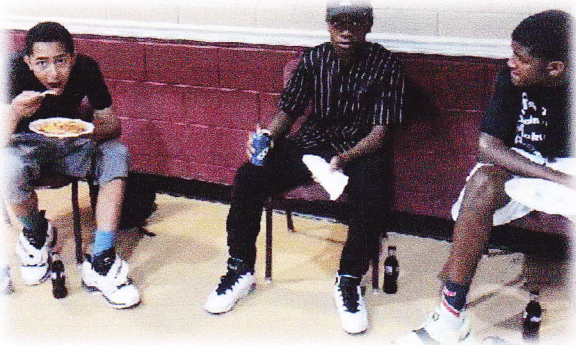


# Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church Family and Friends Cookout

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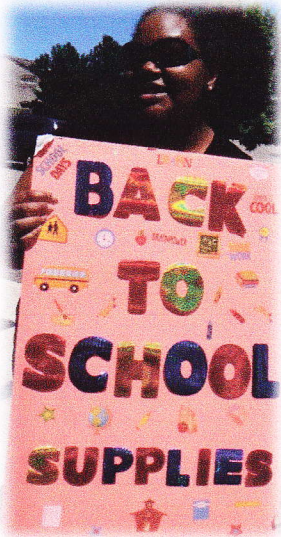




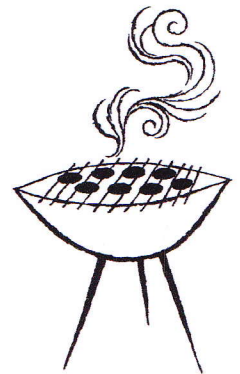
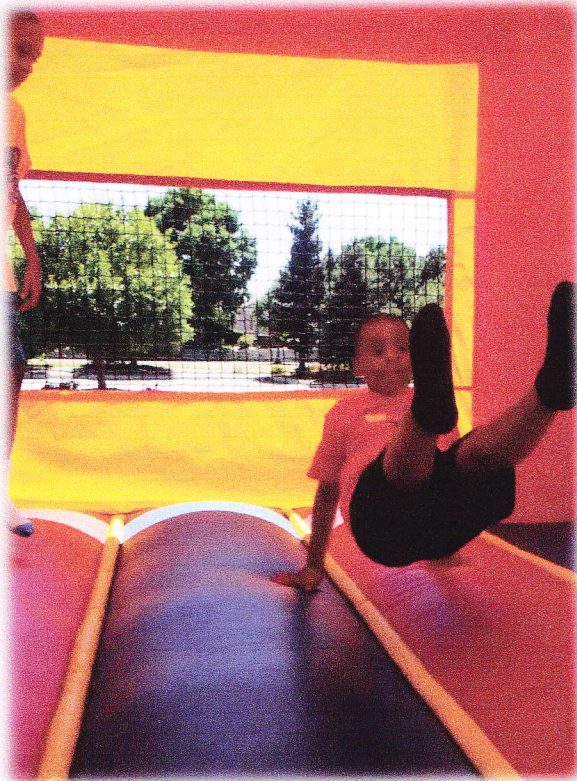














# Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church

## Family and Friends Day

2015



Most family members invited



Most Friends invited



Church Family invited



## Colorado Christian Women's Retreat Communing with God

August 28-30<sup>th</sup> 2015

As the season transitions to fall, the annual 2015 Colorado Women's Retreat was held. We are Christians-in-the-making so taking time out to commune with God adds a new dimension to our walk. The site of this year's retreat was the Hideaway Inn Retreat and Conference Center located in the Black Forest, a wooded setting 22 minutes from Colorado Springs. The center's natural surroundings atmosphere was ideal. It allowed us to take time out of our busy lives to satisfy spiritual feeding, fellowship, worship, and Bible study. The major point is be still and know that He is God. After a day and half refuge, it also provided spiritual revival and continued growth. Hebrews 12:1 marked the basis of teaching, discussion and reflection throughout the retreat, *"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us,"*

Although the center activities focused on the Hebrews scripture, Friday evening's opener began with attendee registration, praise, worship, icebreakers, acknowledgment of First Timers, gift exchanges and a heartwarming Memorial Service. If you were new to the retreat you knew you were in for a Hallelujah! Weekend from the start. Another notable event was selection of prayer partners. In our Christian journey prayer partners often become lifelong friends, offering Christian counsel, camaraderie, a smiling face and so much more.

Saturday morning started at 6:30 am with candlelight prayer and devotion. As Christians we should rise early to meet the the Lord. As noted in Exodus 16:14-21, God's people gathered manna before the sun rose, for when the sun is waxed hot, manna melts and is gone. At the altar we prayed thanksgiving and asked the Lord to be with us as we started the day, and that we stay in His will. Prayer was followed by a beautiful breakfast. The Hideaway prepared meals for us with pride. We dined on made-from-scratch entrees and healthy options at every setting. That fresh hot coffee aroma with flavored cream topped it off. Our breakfast equipped us for the day's break-out class sessions.

Sister Gertie Black-King, - Saint Stephen Missionary Baptist Church, First Lady Linda Whyte, Progressive Missionary Baptist Church and Sister Patricia Toliver, Abundant Life Baptist Church facilitated class sessions referencing Hebrews 12; 1, 2. To run the race of life requires removing those things that hinder focus on God. Weights and sin keeps one bound in this world and the flesh. The ability to seek God's guidance in our lives sometimes takes less priority. As a result before long Satan has completely entangled us. The race or conflict is mental, not physical; it belongs to the mind and not the body. Each session provoked self-examination, thoughts about God and for some Christian re-dedication.







*Hideaway Inn Retreat and Conference Center  
Grounds*

There was time for relaxation, fellowship with sisters and time to enjoy the beauty of God's creation in the Black Forest with views of Pikes Peak. The manifestation of I Thessalonians 5:11 ***"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing,"*** was evident in the sisterhood fellowship-- Godly women walking in God's purpose.

The evening ended with a Talent Show, testimonies, and spirit-filled praise and worship. There are times when we attend events leaving the same as we came but not at this retreat. Personal walls were removed and spiritual renewal. We all are in constant need of continuing spiritual renewal. Every day the world, the flesh, and the devil seek to pull us back into a spiritual lethargy that chokes the new life we received through the "washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit" (Titus 3:5). Like silver exposed to the elements, we grow tarnished and dull spiritually. Thus we constantly need renewal or revival. True revival is a sovereign act of God. The retreat alone does not assure a revival or renewal.

However, we can create conditions with the assistance of the Holy Spirit that if God should choose to move in a mighty way, His power would not be hindered. If you have not attended a Colorado Women Retreat you are encouraged to take of the Master's gift – The Colorado Women's Retreat-- A gift to re-examine your Christian walk, reflect, fellowship with other Christian women and focus on God.

*Submitted by Sis. Betty Gardner*





## SWEET HOT CORIANDER CHICKEN

### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 tsp. packed dark brown sugar
- 2 tsp. Sriracha sauce
- 1 tsp. ground coriander
- 1 tsp. chili powder
- 4 6-oz. skinless, boneless chicken breast halves, flattened to ½ inch thickness
- 1/3 cup orange juice

### PREPARATION:

1. For marinade, stir together oil, sugar, Sriracha sauce, coriander and chili powder in a small bowl. Place chicken in a shallow dish. Spoon marinade over chicken; turn to coat. Let stand 15 minutes.
2. Heat a very large skillet over medium-high heat. Add chicken; cook 10 minutes or until done (165°F.) turning once halfway through. Transfer to a plate. Cover to keep warm.
3. Add orange juice to pan; cook 2 minutes or until reduced to about 2 Tbsp., stirring to scrape up browned bits. Spoon sauce over chicken. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Top with cilantro.

Makes 4 servings.

Submitted by Sis. Julia Payne

RECIPE OF THE MONTH



# YOUTH ON THE MOVE

After the Rising Star church cookout on Saturday, youth from Rising Star joined with a church group from Omaha, Nebraska for an evening of fun at Elitch Gardens Amusement Park.









## MEMORIAL PAGE



Sunrise  
November 22, 1948

Sunset  
September 4, 2015

The Rising Star church family mourns the passing of Sis. Vickie Jane Cortez-Randall. Sis. Randall was born in Amarillo, TX to the late Therlow Cortez and Imogene Nicholes. She married Raymond Randall on June 4, 1999.

Sis. Randall worked at University Hospital as a food service worker for over 25 years. She was a people person who loved to interact with people and won several employee-of-the-month awards.

A dedicated member of Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church for 8 years, Sis. Randall was an active member of the Noon Mission and a member of the Repast Ministry.

Sis. Randall is survived by her mother, Imogene Cortez; three sons, Bryant (KeKe), Dedrick and Rodrick Jackson; one daughter, Rhonda Jackson; her sister, Lola Davis; nephews, grandchildren and a host of friends and relatives.



## Scheduled Services

### Sunday

Morning Worship..... 7:45 & 10:30 AM  
Communion (1st Sunday)..... 7:45 & 10:30 AM  
Sunday School..... 9:15 AM – 10:20 AM  
Youth Church (2nd and 3rd Sunday) Sunday School Classrooms. .... 10:30 AM

### Wednesday

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

### Thursday

Bible Study..... 12:00 Noon

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