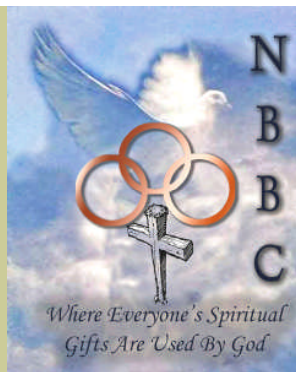


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# A Journey For Life

**Special points of interest:**

- Take the challenge
- Scriptures: Romans 5:8, 2 Cor 5:10, Matt 27-28, Acts 20:7, 1 Cor 15:12-22, Luke 24:1-12, Mat 2

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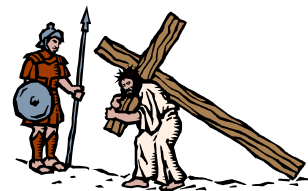
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## Business Trip

People travel for different reasons and by various modes. Some trips are for pleasure and some are a necessity to take care of business matters. There are modes of travel from the horse to the space ship but none quite as awesome or full of as much benefit as the trip that Jesus made to earth. He arrived here in the form of mankind in order to connect and to save the world from destruction. Jesus came down to take care of some much-needed business of saving a lost and dying world. *But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8).* He knew what his destiny was on earth and the torture, ridicule and abuse that he would endure. Yet, he went through with it because of the great love that he has for us. Even though we were an undeserving people full of selfish wants and desires and in denial of the righteous ways of God. In addition, we were blinded by Satan's trickery and unable to see that, Jesus is the only way to spiritual life. Some may think that speaking of eternal life is foolishness, being absent from the body and ever present with the Lord. Nonetheless, we are spiritual beings inside a corruptible body. According to scripture, the spirit will always be, it will either live with the Lord or die spiritually in Hell. We have the right to choose as a result of Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. *For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad (2 Corinthians 5:10).* I rather choose to live with the Lord. All of you Christians that are reading this newsletter I challenge you to share the meaning of the resurrection of Christ with someone. If you are not currently a Believer I challenge you to read Matthew 27-28, which speaks of Christ's death and resurrection. If you do not have a church home, please make a journey for life and find one.

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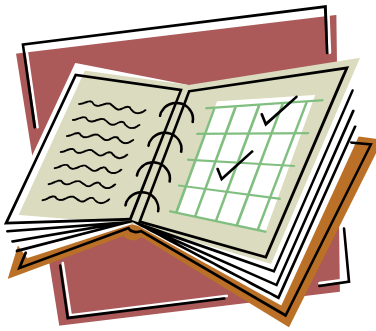


## Pastor's Heart

Hi, everyone it is that time again!

Our topic this month is "A Journey for Life" through out history men have made journeys for various reasons. They have journeyed to find exotic insects, reptiles, gold, silver and fertile land to name a few. There was a man by the name of Lot who had journeyed to the city of Sodom and Gomorrah. His goal was to find a nice home for his family. On the contrary, this city was very wicked and the Lord was going to destroy it. Abraham pleaded with the Lord to spare the city if ten righteous people could be found, it seemed like that would be easy but sadly he could not find ten. Therefore, because of sin God destroyed the whole city. Lot, Abraham's nephew, and his daughters were spared because of Abraham's favor with God (Genesis 18-19).  
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## What's Happening at New Beginnings



### Calendar of Events

Apr 4, 11, 18, 25 Bible Study 7:00pm

Apr 4, 11, 18, 25 Tutorial GED Lab from 2:00pm-5:00pm (see community outreach)

Apr 27, 28 Women's Revival, "Women Breaking Bread" 7:00pm

NBBC is now offering a CD Ministry you may select from the following titles with a \$10 donation: "Exploring Your Mission", "The Gift of God", and "The Miracle Worker"

\*\*Congratulations to Prentise Jones, Anthony Pruitt, and Gary Durham, the newly ordained Deacons of NBBC

### Food for Thought

Easter and the Resurrection of Jesus was the climax of his epic. His teachings and miracles and the resurrection on Easter Sunday provides undeniable proof that he was the Son of God; as he had proclaimed.

Throughout church history, Easter was and is the most celebrated Christian holiday. In the past Easter was celebrated every Sunday all year long. The church in the book of Acts met on Sundays to celebrate Christ's resurrection (Acts 20:7).

In I Corinthians 15:12-22, Paul answers the Corinthians' questions about resurrection, and speaks about the importance of Christ's resurrection and celebrating Easter everyday. Also, Luke's detailed account (Luke 24:1-12) of the Easter story is an excellent reference of celebration and joy.

We should celebrate through purpose, hope, remembrance and joy all year long.

May God bless you all,

Minister G. Wesley



**"Celebrate  
all year  
long"**

### Pastor's Heart (cont from page 1)

Three wise men went on a journey to find a baby savior that was to be born for our redemption, when they found him they were satisfied and worshiped him (Mat 2). Let's talk about a journey for life. This journey was by far the greatest of them all and it breaks all traditions. Jesus' journey on this earth was to bring life and save the world from the wrath of God who had had enough of the wickedness and was on the brink of destroying mankind. Jesus became a living sacrifice to allow us entrance to the kingdom of GOD his Father. During his journey, he chose his disciples and I am sure there were some fun days where they sat back and laughed about issues of the day to relieve stress. However, this journey for Jesus was not pleasant most of the time, he was mocked ridiculed, persecuted, you name it, it happened! Even with the persecution, Jesus continued his journey. We as the people of God are to stay connected to our Lord and Savior. People are dying today everywhere because they are conformed to this world, as Christians we must strive for life and save others along our journey.

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## Prayer Closet

Dear Lord, I thank you for the opportunity to touch people lives through this newsletter. God it is amazing how you use things to demonstrate your power. In Matthew 4:19, Jesus spoke to the disciples " and said to them follow me, and I will make you fishers of men" as we journey through life help us to become a net to catch souls for the kingdom by denying ourselves and sharing your word with others. Amen

First Lady Regina Durham

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## Inspiration

### A True Love

By Rhonda Hayden

There is no other love that I shall seek to find;  
Greater than the love that Jesus gave mankind  
What is love? It seems that everyone has an opinion  
Why not take the word of a man that has total dominion  
Over everything and everyone; God is in control  
He knows exactly how each of our lives  
will unfold  
Will you give love to another just because you should?  
Or, will you withhold your love until  
everything is "all good"  
Jesus has unconditional love and he gives it to one and all  
He is always there to pick you up  
whenever you start to fall  
You will never here him say; "You got just what you deserve"  
He leads us on the narrow path, until we start to swerve  
Moving in our own direction, our minds begin to sway,  
convinced that we can do it alone; we openly disobey  
Then Satan starts an attack on our lives; whatever he can disrupt  
His complete mission in this life is to cause us to give up  
On our families, ourselves, and Jesus too; that is his ultimate plan  
It is only through the Savior's love, that we will be able to stand  
You see, we have need of him; his love can guide us through  
Any situation that we face, he'll show us what to do  
None of us are truly worthy of this great undying love



We didn't obtain it through merits, but it's given from above  
Thank you Lord for loving me; I know you love me best  
No one else could love me so when my life was such a mess  
I would never trade your love for anything on this earth  
Silver, gold, and finest jewels could not compare to its worth  
Lord please instill a portion of that love inside of me  
So that I can share with someone else; the great mystery  
Of why you died upon the cross for a world that did not  
know you  
All the pain that you endured for a people that did not love  
you  
You gave the greatest example of what it truly means to love  
You were the perfect example of what it truly means to love  
You suffered for our sins; you took our stripes upon your  
back  
You laid down your **life** for love when **life** did not love you back  
Thank you Lord for giving me that true love that I crave  
My only sorrow is to know that for that, you entered your grave  
I'm glad that you were triumphant; you took the key to death  
When you rose again on the third day; your destiny had been met  
The first commandment that you gave, is to love please show me how  
To love everyone so unconditionally, my flesh will not allow  
Teach me how to deny myself; let my focus be on you  
How could I ever consider myself; after all that you went through?  
Please place in my heart that perfect love that is both pure and true  
So that I can freely love, it is my desire to be like you

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## Community Outreach

Wednesday nights at 7:00pm NBBC invites the community to hare the word and supper.

NBBC member Tammy Durham will be providing GED tutorials every Wednesday from 2:00pm - 5:00pm at NBBC.  
You may contact her at (903)526-0910 for more information.

