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An Anniversary Appreciation Milestone

Do you as an adult remember your 16th birthday? Most of us don't, and I don't know who framed the phrase, "Sweet Sixteen," but I've often wondered what their motivation was. For those of us who have long since been there, we know that 16 is not always not all the way sweet. In terms of this congregation and church family, turning sixteen it is a mixed bag. It is sweet when you think about how God has

moved along the way. It is sweet when we look around or recall the lives that God has allowed us to touch for the better. The opportunities ahead are as sweet as the ones behind us that we tried to meet. But there are some difficult moments. We have lost some along the way to death who were so instrumental in our beginning and formation. Had it not been for some of them, I'm not saying we wouldn't have started this journey, but it would certainly have been a tougher one. We should pause and remember them during this month of celebration. We need to make it a month of observation and consecration as well.

So where do YOU go from here? What do you do from this point. How are you as an individual member of family unit at SouthCentral going to mark this milestone? It would be a shame for us just to observe it and make no gift of ourselves for the occasion. What kind of gift? Let me mention how some families are doing it. These I write about have actually made a commitment before now and have put their intentions into motion. I'm speaking of positive moves in the right direction, like attending Bible classes and bringing their families. It is thrilling to see them get involved and participate. They are making an investment in their spiritual growth. If more would commit to attending at least one Bible class a week (Sunday morning or Wednesday night), they would begin to receive blessings from the Lord immeasurable in addition to the strength that comes from studying God's Word. Others are taking more seriously their financial commitment to the Lord and His church. Some are either tithing or are considering to take that important step of faith. Stepping out on faith is never easy and it takes much practice and spiritual focus. Yet its where God wants us to be! We all need to decide to do something significant as Christians and members of SouthCentral to observe this milestone for our church and to show the Lord that we're thankful for what He does and has done at this place.

We welcome Dr. Rodney Dulin to SouthCentral again. He continues to encourage our church through our personal relationship and from the historical perspective of being here supporting us back in 1998. He is an awesome speaker and dynamic preacher. We need to fill the house on August 17th!

Classmate/Co-worker Sunday has been moved from the 28th to the **21st of September**. That is our next major Sunday special and we should be getting our visitor list in order now to prepare for it.

Pastor Bowdre

Schedule of Services

Sundays

Sunday School

9:00 a.m.

Worship

10:15 a.m.

Wednesdays

Mid-Week Bible Classes

6:30 p.m.

Ministry Meetings

2nd Sunday

Care Groups

North, Central & South

3rd Sunday

Youth C.O.R.E.

(Centered On Rejoicing
Eternally)

4th Sunday

MENistry

8:00 a.m.

1st Tuesday

The G.A.M.E.

(Girlfriends Anointed
Motivated and Excelling)

1st Thursday

Technology Meeting

6:30 p.m.

1st & 3rd Thursdays

Women's Circle Meeting

6:30 p.m.

Rehearsals

1st & 3rd Sundays

SouthCentralites

8:00 a.m.

2nd & 3rd Sundays

Total Praise

Deacons

Prentice Butler
Charles Craddock
Rufus Thompson

Pastoral Illumination



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