



FORWARD

by faith... a call to holiness

Pastoral Illumination



We will never forget the anniversary celebration we enjoyed last month. While SouthCentral did not know Minister Michael Johnson before the first Sunday in March, you know him now. We relished the fellowship with he and his lovely wife and everyone looks forward to their return.

I also commend this church family for the support and faithfulness you showed that entire day. As you know, one of my pet-peeves of church work is that we pull our own load without depending on other congregations of the church of Christ to support "our" program. (*Such is the case with a majority of churches in a majority of places.*) We have never depended on others for their presence at our special events any more than we rely on other churches for our regular schedule. From the beginning our goal was to be a God-moved, self-supported church. At times this meant lean assemblies and there were times that no one was here but us. Yet, we persevered and we came to realize the joy of sharing Jesus with others!

Among the many things I thank God for is the way our men's ministry continues to develop and evolve. A definite bond exists between the men and the boys of SouthCentral. Our monthly breakfast is something we all look forward to. Our hearts were edified and enthused by their special treat of the special MENistry Choir during the recent celebration Sunday! Since then they have fellowshiped over dinner and a movie (a quarterly event). We thank all those who are active in this program and we look forward to more activity and success.

Our chests are still stuck out with pride over the success of the SouthCentral Youth Core who attended the Youth Extravaganza at Central Pointe' Church in Dallas on March 9th. Our team came in 2nd place among some 30 churches that were represented. Thanks to our directors of the program, Christina and Prentice Butler, the teachers, parents and of course, the young people themselves.

For the first time in SouthCentral's brief history, this year we will have a Vacation Bible School. Mark your calendars and reserve the date: **June 10-12**. This is a 3-day event that all of us in the education program are worked up about! Great plans are on the drawing board and in the next couple of months we will be sharing many of those with you so that you can share with others.

Included in this month's Skylight is a wonderful letter I received from Central Pointe commending our youth and especially the Butlers for their spirit and for going beyond the call of normal duty. I want to share with you what other people observe and think about "our" folk, if for no other reason to remind us of how blessed we are to have each other. I also want to reinforce the fact that the work we do for the Lord is the only work that matters and it doesn't go un-noticed.

The Spring-Thing Musical, originally set for April 13th has been postponed until Saturday August 24th and will be promoted as the Anniversary Musical. We thank you for your patience and understanding as we try to plan the largest, most inclusive songfest SouthCentral has ever experienced!

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW . . .

Senior Minister

Darryl B. Bowdre

Deacons

Prentice Butler
Charles Craddock
Rufus Thompson

Schedule of Services

Sunday School
9:00 a.m.

Worship
10:15 a.m.

Wednesdays

Mid-Week Bible Classes
6:30 p.m.

Regular Monthly Meetings

2nd Sunday

South CareGroup

In Auditorium

Central CareGroup

In the Intermediate Classroom

North CareGroup

In the McGowan Center

Choir Rehearsal

2nd & 3rd Sundays

Total Praise

1st & 3rd Sundays

SouthCentralites

8:00 a.m.

1st Tuesday

The GAME

(Girlfriends Anointed Motivated and Excelling)

Thursdays

(1st and 3rd)

Women's Circle Meeting

6:00 p.m.

4th Sunday

MENistry

8:00 a.m.

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March 13, 2013

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RODNEY DULIN

Darryl Bowdre
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CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTER
WILLIE TUCKER

Dear Bro. Bowdre:

I hope this letter finds you and your family doing well.

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR/
MUSIC MINISTER
HAROLD ROBINSON

I wanted to take a minute to share with you my experience with Christina and Prentice Butler. As we prepared for our Youth Weekend, I corresponded with Christina via email a few times during the registration process. I'm sure you can imagine the challenges she faced with those who dropped out, add-ons, etc. So I guess when we met, we felt we knew each other! Our registration numbers grew during the week of the event. Thanks to God, we exceed our expectations!

SHEPHERDS
DAVID CHANDLER
DUANE JOHNSON
WILLIE TUCKER

Of course, there are some that felt even though they registered that week, they were due the same "treatment" as the others. When I spoke with the Butlers' on another matter, we realized they could be of assistance to us. In desperation, I made a request of them that they graciously replied, "No problem". In fact, Bro. Butler offered and returned items from their registration packet (t-shirt) so that I could share with the other youth! Also, while talking to them, I remembered we had a teacher who was ill that needed to be replace. Sis. Butler said they would handle it, delegated the responsibility to her husband and solve another problem for us! In the end, the teacher arrived, but he agreed to assist her, on the spot, so there was a male present in her class.

SHEPHERD EMERITUS
WILLIE THOMPSON

I was truly impressed and appreciative of their spirit and willingness to assist us. There was a saying at my home congregation, "If every member was just like me, what kind of church would this be?" Their selfless spirit showed what type of church you have at South-Central! So often, individuals will visit another congregation and act as "visitors". They did not and showed their value to SouthCentral congregation and you should be proud of them. Hopefully, they will return next year and we can officially assign them to a class as teachers.

DEACONS
ANTHONY CARTER
HORACE FORTÉ, III
ANTHONY SIMMONS
RICHARD WARE

Thanks for sharing your members with us last weekend. If we (Generation Next) can be of assistance to you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact us.

In His Name,

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