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Mission Statement

It is the MISSION of Riceville Mt. Olive Baptist Church to be committed to a spirit of excellence as we acquiesce to the principle, E⁵.

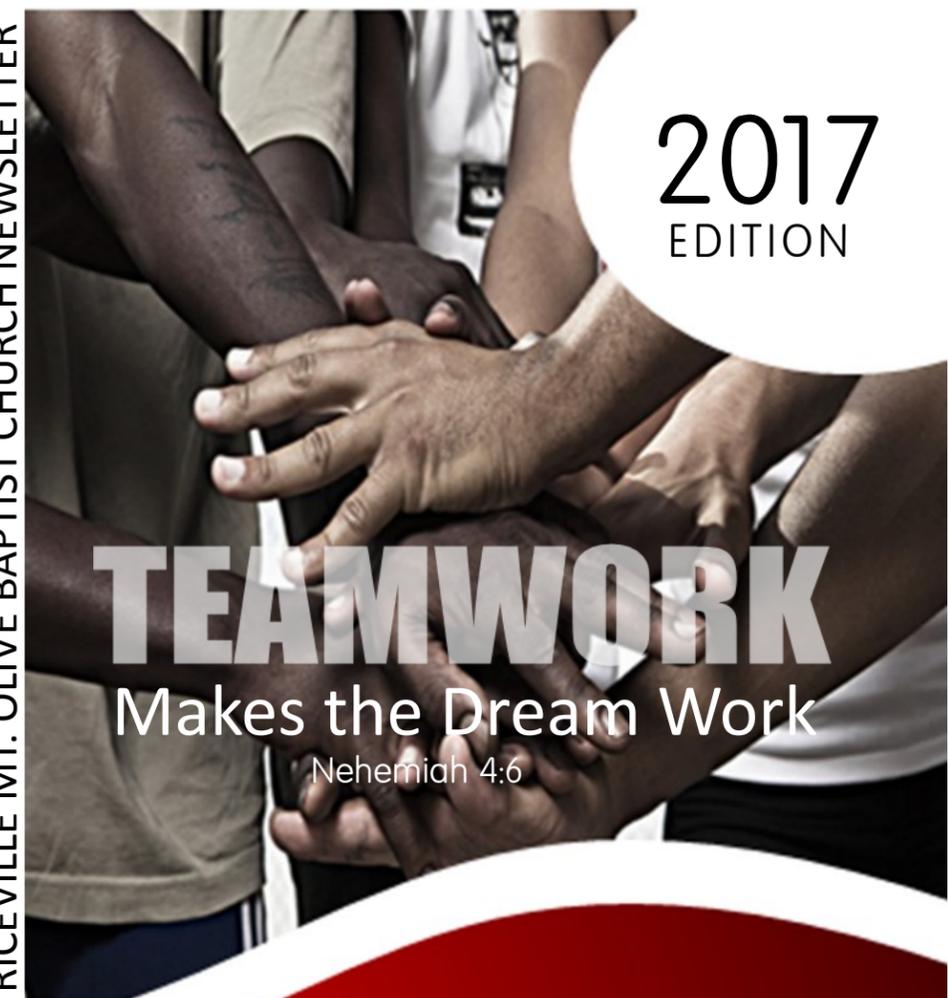
We will Exalt the Savior through Worship,
Enlighten the Unsaved through Evangelism,
Equip the Saints through Discipleship,
Embrace all Generations through Fellowship and
Elevate Humanity through Missions.

Therefore, we will *Move from Impression to Impact*
E⁵ Acts 2:42-47.

THE CORNERSTONE

RICEVILLE MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

2017
EDITION



TEAMWORK

Makes the Dream Work

Nehemiah 4:6



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"Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now; Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ" Philippians 1:2-7 KJV

Greetings Riceville,

It gives me pleasure to offer these few remarks.

We started this new year of 2017 with the LORD having called home two pillars of the church; Minister Wille H. Flix, Jr. and Sister Thomie Garcia, fresh in our minds. Collectively, over 140 years of Riceville history and memories have gone home to be with the Lord in the past two and half months. We all have grieved in our own special way, but if you knew anything about the two of them, you would know that they are smiling down upon us and encouraging Riceville to charge ever forward with doing the LORD's work and charge forward we will!

Church family, let us grab hold and embrace this year of the LORD 2017, as we commit ourselves to the vision the LORD has placed on my heart,

"Teamwork Makes the Dream Work"

undergirded by Nehemiah 4:6. Let's strive this year to build the foundation for better cooperation amongst the various ministries of the church and by extension amongst each other. God favors cooperation in Church and amongst HIS believers. *"Can two walk together, except they agreed?"* Amos 3:3. Church family, we have much to do this year and it will take the whole Church working together to accomplish the work before us. Step away, around, and/or over anything that pulls us apart from working together as one team. The Bible teaches us, there is *"One LORD, one faith and one baptism."* Allow me to take pastoral privilege and remind us, that there is ONE Riceville! If you learn of a ministry planning an activity that you and or the ministry you are a part of feel you can help, then join up with that ministry and leverage the greater Riceville with the goal of making the event better. This is my vision for the Church, to make Riceville better working together as ONE TEAM.

So, take a few moments and enjoy this edition of the Riceville Cornerstone Newsletter. Inside you'll learn of some important facts about your church, beginning with our history, a look back

on 2016 with articles written by Riceville members, an update of the Stewardship campaign for building of the IMPACT Center, my vision for Riceville to play a greater role in the community by adopting-a-school in our local vicinity and much more....

Finally, I close by reminding the Church of God's words found in Jeremiah 29:11 KJV *"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end"*.

I pray God's continued blessings upon all of you and your families.

In HIS Services

Pastor Mackey

CHURCH HISTORY

Lest We Forget

The Riceville Mount Olive Baptist Church was organized in a Brush Arbor on March 11, 1889, by the late Rev. John L. Lilly. Its membership numbered eight. On October 11, 1889, a developer by the name of John Ruby donated a site for the church and burial grounds on the back of Keegans Bayou. After several meetings were held and many discussions, the late Jake Rice (longest community resident) decided who would become pastor and the people acted accordingly. The Rev. John L. Lilly was called as pastor and the Church was named Riceville.

Rev. Lilly was successful in building the Church and served as pastor for twenty years until he departed this life, from labor to reward. Rev. Lilly was succeeded by the late Rev. I. Griffin who stood on the walls for sixteen years. In 1916, the Church was destroyed by a storm. Rev. Griffin departed from life of service after having done much for the Church. Rev. Lee Moton was called as interim pastor and served for one year. Rev. J.C. Smith was elected and served three years. The Rev. Earl W. King was called and served nearly three years. Rev. King was succeeded by the late Rev. Morris Goodman, who served four years. Rev. Goodman was succeeded by the late Rev. D. Pope, who acted as interim pastor for one year.

The Rev. T. H. Shermann was called by the Church, and he came with the vision of a greater Riceville. Under his leadership, 12 feet were added to the building and the Christian Union was organized, which is still a part of Riceville today. After seven years of faithful leadership, Rev. Shermann resigned due to ill health. In 1942,

Rev. Travis Spiller was called. He came with real courage and determination and began the task of building the membership. The first of many major changes was the idea of having service every Sunday instead of customary second and fourth Sundays, as had been for the last fifty-three years. In 1944, a new building 34' X 70' was erected by the Rev. C. H. Mitchell, the youngest son of the late Deacon John E. Mitchell. After the Church building was paid for in 1947, the pastor saw a need for a cafeteria. Rev. Mitchell worked at night to construct the cafeteria. A two story building was erected and attached to the existing church building. The cafeteria occupied the lower portion of the new building and upper portion was used for classrooms and other accommodations. In 1953, Rev. T. E. Spiller resigned. That same year, Rev. C. L. Miller was called and served for fourteen years before resigning in 1967.

In August of 1967, Rev. Joe D. Johnson, a spiritually lead gospel preacher of unusual discernment, was called as Pastor. On July 4, 1968, the Church Building was destroyed by fire; and all was lost, except the Holy Bible. After the fire, Sunday Church services were held in the wooden frame house at the property on Riceville School Road (now known as 11231 South Gessner).

Under Rev. Joe Johnson's leadership, a new building was erected. The first Church services in the new sanctuary were held in May of 1971. Through the help of the Lord, the balance on the church was paid in June of 1974. In January 1975, a house was moved to the present site,

remodeled, and named the Fellowship Hall. These remodeling costs were paid off on April 24, 1978. In July, 1981, a van was purchased; later that year a second van was purchased. In 1983, the Church purchased property on South Breeze for parking accommodations. That same year, the Church added 30 feet to the front of the sanctuary. Property behind the existing church was acquired in 1985, because of the growing congregation. Later that year a mobile building was placed on the site and is presently used for classrooms. Due to continued growth, in July of 1986, the church acquired 9.983 acres on South Gessner on which to build a new church building. On September 30, 1994, the Church purchased an additional 16.82 acres, and was blessed to pay the balance on this property in cash in 1996.

Through divine guidance, prayers and continued support, Pastor Johnson's vision to build a bigger Riceville has become a reality. On December 8, 2002, the new church building construction was completed. On December 22, 2002, the new edifice open it's doors and held the first service under the guidance of Pastor Joe Johnson.

On November 21, 2010, Pastor Terry E. Mackey was Installed as the 13th Pastor of Riceville Mt. Olive Baptist Church. Pastor Mackey brings a wealth of knowledge, experience and spiritual acumen to Riceville. We are excited about having him as our Pastor and "Moving from Impression to Impact".

Getting into Shape



2016

The Year in Review

509

people visited
Riceville

185

became
members

34

were
baptized



Births



Michael Aaron Fields
Born: October 19, 2016
Parents:
Mikey & Lenora Fields



Patrilyn Sama
Born: February 22, 2016
Parents:
Patrick & Tanya Sams



Alanah Ava Williams
Born: March 30, 2016
Parents:
Tremaine Williams
& Tiffany Lynch

Baby DEDICATIONS

Colton Spencer Harrison
Trenton, Tyler, & Tierra Hoang
Jessie Roy Johnson II
Ayrian Jaycee Merriwether

Damon Earl Mitchell Jr.
Tyler Blake Price
Jaelle-Marie Range
Alanah Williams

Home Goings

Robert Armstrong
Dec 27, 1956 – Sep 1, 2016

Keelon Butler
Dec 12, 1983 – Aug 18, 2016

Levant Cherry
Jul 11, 1940 – Feb 9, 2016

Robert Culver
May 20, 1943 – Apr 28, 2016

J. B. Ervine
Aug 30, 1948 – Dec 25, 2016

Rev. Willie Flix, Jr.
Nov 6, 1934 – Dec 14, 2016

Gladys Gossett
Apr 29, 1930 – Mar 20, 2016

Yolanda Hardy
Jan 2, 1969 – Mar 18, 2016

Dennis Hubbard
Aug 15, 1948 – Aug 19, 2016

Eugenia M. Johnson
Mar 5, 1951 – Jun 21, 2016

Forrest Johnson, Sr.
Sep 11, 1935 – Apr 22, 2016

Helen Pierre
Feb 20, 1925 – Apr 28, 2016

Getting into Shape SPIRITUALLY



Winning with the Word Sweet 16" Challenge

At the beginning of 2016 Pastor Mackey challenged the Church to memorize sixteen (16) scriptures that were divided into four categories which complemented the thematic focus of "Getting Into Shape." The objective was that by Watch Night Service all members including children and youth would be able to recite these sixteen verses.

The one person who did complete the challenge and was able to recite all 16 verses on Watch Night was Vivian Miller (pictured above):

Sis. Miller stated: "From the very onset of Pastor Mackey's challenge to memorize sixteen scriptures, I was on board. My prayer to God was, 'Lord help me to stay dedicated and committed to knowing the scriptures relative to getting into shape spiritually,

structurally, physically and financially.' My goal was to stay focused and complete at least one endeavor during 2016.

Starting the first quarter and, throughout the year, my approach was to write the four scriptures, per each quarter, in my journal during morning Bible study and prayer time with God. Also, I read and/or would recite each scripture several times daily. As I memorized the scriptures, I started to incorporate them in my prayers. At that point, at least one of the scriptures would be convicting, seemingly, every day - forcing me to repent and ask God over and over to, 'Create in me a clean heart, Oh God, and renew a right spirit within me' (Psalm 51:10). The 'Getting into Shape' scriptures were not just for the year 2016, but are embedded in my heart and my mind hence forth

The Daniel Fast

As a part of "Getting into Shape Spiritually" the Church was asked to take part in the Daniel Fast during the lent season. The Daniel Fast is designed for you to deny yourself physically so that you may seek the Lord in prayer and grow closer to Him.

now and forever. I still repeat all sixteen scriptures daily as I'm learning to not make rash decisions, when, 'I seek God first' (Matthew 6:33). Sometimes, I can be still and know that God is God, because, 'My body is a temple of the Holy Ghost' (1 Corinthians 6:19). I'm trying and yet growing spiritually, which reflects of my structural, physical and financial shapes."

Getting into Shape PHYSICALLY



Lady "Crunchers"

Biggest Loser Challenge

When the challenge was issued by Pastor for the "Biggest Losers" to get into shape physically, 8 teams and 42 individuals took the challenge! Weight loss was based on percentage of weight lost which leveled the playing field for the entire 9 week challenge. Teams and individuals were competing for the grand prize along with improved health. Taking Top Honors for Team was Team Perkins consisting of Frank Perkins, Esther Nelson, Star Thomas and Barbara Randall for 14.4% weight loss! Each earned a \$100 gift card to Whole Foods. Individuals fighting to the finish neck and neck were Larry Johnson and Chauntaul Miller (pictured above) with an amazing 10.7% weight loss! Each walked away with \$250. All of these individuals say they are committed to keeping the weight off and making this journey about lifestyle changes. -L. Hill

For several years, the Riceville Lady Crunchers have been stretching, dancing, crunching, walking, and moving to keep their temples strong and healthy, so when "Getting Into Shape Physically" was part of the third quarter's goal, we were like "yes!" Ladies of all ages were welcomed to 'lap' into fitness for healthier hearts on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Main Campus parking lot.

Physical activity can decrease the risk of

heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, and cancer. It also improves mood, reduces depression, builds confidence and is a great stress manager. Combine these benefits with healthy eating and it's a win-win for weight loss and improved overall better health! This is a lifestyle change; therefore, we try to keep it fun to keep the momentum going season after season. Crunchers have had ages 5-72, so moving is good for all ages. -L. Hill

Shape Up Eating Habits

As a part of their 2016 focus "Shape Up!" the Women ministry presented "Shape Up Eating Habits", a two-part session that included "Spiritual Vitamins" by Evangelist Joey Price and "Cooking It Healthy" with Chef Tim Saddler.





RAM Christmas Gala



Lady Crunchers



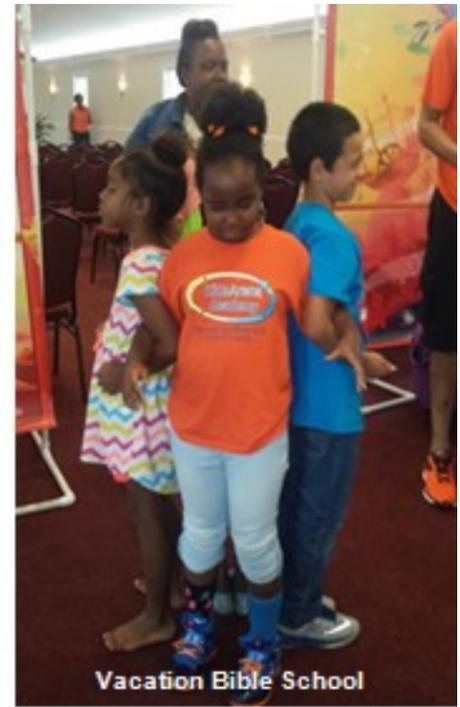
Choir Christmas Celebration



Baby Dedication



Cover Girls Lock-In



Vacation Bible School



Westbury Nursing Center



Financial Workshop



Women Ministry Yacht Cruise



Christian Education Workshop



Black History Month

The Year in Review



VBS



Churchwide Bowling Fellowship



AIF Drama Ministry Christmas Production



KAA Summer Camp



Threads Ministry



Easter Sunday



"CSI: We are all Suspect" Easter Production



Children's Choir at the Westbury Nursing Center



"The First Noel" at the Ensemble



Men & Women Day

Getting into Shape FINANCIALLY



Financial Freedom

The Financial Freedom class presented by way of the Three Strands Marriage Ministry was a very beneficial series that touched upon several interesting topics: personal finance (tithing, family budgets, debt, savings, investments), and community economic empowerment. This class provided a forum that allowed the participants to not only listen, but ask specific questions (based on our experiences) in a secure, comfortable setting among friends and fellow believers. One of the biggest benefits we often do not take advantage of is sharing our testimonies with our brothers & sisters in Christ. By sharing our experiences, we inadvertently throw out a lifeline to others struggling with similar issues.

The overwhelming message is that God wants us to prosper and HE has an order: Tithing, paying yourself first (before the government), eliminating debt, emergency savings, long term investments instead of short term gratification, and reinvesting in our communities. -V. Frier

Faith & Fitness Workshop

The Riceville Mt. Olive Baptist Church held its Annual Financial Workshop on September 24, 2016. This year's theme was "Faith and Financial Fitness", Deuteronomy 8:18. The workshop was designed to provide diverse financial literacy to the church members and neighboring communities. The workshop was presented jointly by the Finance Committee and the Riceville Adult Ministry (RAM) at no cost to the participants.

The invited speakers spoke on topics related to Foundations of Investing, the Bible and Money, and Home Based Businesses. This year's program expanded to include vendor companies who were able to discuss their products and services in detail between workshop sessions. Participants were able to take away some very valuable information that impacted them greatly in the areas of faith and finance. We look forward to continuing this annual program while strengthening our financial fitness. -R. Carter

Impact Center Update

"For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him" Luke 14:28-30 KJV

CONGRATULATIONS Riceville! We now have \$650,000 in the bank!! For the 12 months ending December 2016 our sacrificial giving was \$195,000 toward the IMPACT Center. To GOD be the Glory! Our goal is to raise a minimum \$1,000,000 by the end of 2017. This would allow us to start work on the design of the new building.

Just imagine a building with class rooms to support all of our Christian Education needs, a gymnasium for multi-purpose use, a dedicated children's area, large fellowship and reception space and much more. It's all part of the design of the IMPACT Center.

During the course of the year, especially during our major annual events, (such as Church Anniversary, Family & Friends Day, Men & Women Day) you will be asked to give sacrificially (above tithes and offering) towards the financial goals established for the events. The Church needs everyone to pitch in and make a sacrificial pledge and contribution toward the building of the IMPACT Center!

So how can I contribute? The plan to the right provides an opportunity for giving at every level. Select a plan, complete the envelope with your pertinent information, drop the envelope in the offering basket and then start paying toward your commitment. You can pay all at once, monthly, or weekly.

Getting into Shape STRUCTURALLY



How do I pledge?

1. Select a plan

GIVING PLAN			
Giving Plan	Paid Weekly	Total Gift 1 Year	Total Gift 2 Years
E	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
D	\$50.00	\$2600.00	\$5200.00
C	\$25.00	\$1300.00	\$2600.00
B	\$10.00	\$520.00	\$1040.00
A	\$5.00	\$260.00	\$520.00

2. Indicate your plan on the giving envelope

RICEVILLE MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
11239 South Center - Houston, Texas 77071
REV. TERRY E. MACKAY, Senior Pastor
REV. JOE D. JOHNSON, Pastor Emeritus

Date: 03-16-2014
Name: Mr. IMPACT
Address: 999 IMPACT DR
IMPACT, TX 77999
Phone: 281-999-9999

No. 91919
Tithe \$500.00
Offering \$75.00
Benevolent \$10.00
Impact Pledge \$75.00
Pastor's Aid \$75.00
Other \$660.00
Total \$660.00

*Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as and such proportion as he has.

3. Start paying on your on pledge (you can pay all at once or over a 2-year period)

TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK



2017
The Look Ahead

These seven scriptures will serve as the Congregational Reading and the foundation of the 2017 Theme: *Teamwork Makes the Dream Work*

Nehemiah 4:6

So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work.

Psalms 133:1

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

Amos 3:3

Can two walk together, except they be agreed?

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up.

I Corinthians 3:6

I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.

I Corinthians 15:58

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

Uplift Initiative

During my time as Pastor, I've made no secret of the fact that we as a church must move from Impression to Impact. So much so, that it is the motto for the Church. The LORD placed on my heart as part of the greater vision for Riceville that we must get more involved in the community we reside in the midst of and serve.

HE placed on my heart the vision to bless the six (6) schools in our of community. The schools are Welch Middle School; Jennard Gross Elementary; Valley West Elementary; Inspired for Excellence Academy, Kate Bell Elementary; and YES Preparatory. Collectively these schools are within a one-mile radius of the church.

We have tremendous resources within the walls of Riceville in the form of teachers (retired and otherwise) and others with connections to the local school systems. So I've asked six (6) teams to reach out to these schools, to gauge how Riceville may be of assistance. The team leaders are Sisters Joey Price, Martha McDaniel, Viva Carson and Joyce McCowan. They are complimented by Brothers Louis Morris and Chester Baldwin.

I am glad to report the fruit of our early labor is already paying dividends. One of the schools has requested to use our sanctuary to perform a Black History play. We, of course, agreed and will allow the event to take place as it did not have an impact on our church's day-to-day functions.

You may ask why are we doing this? I will tell you it is our Christian duty to stretch ourselves beyond the four (4) walls of this church. As your pastor, I'm well aware of all the good Riceville (has done) and does already for our community. Moreover, I recognize the good we currently do for the community by way of our benevolent mission(s) we take on monthly. These missions include, (but are not limited to) financial, food and clothing assistance. I just believe the LORD is asking us to do more.

So we have taken on this new challenge and I have no doubt, that our labor will bear fruit in due season. For if we, through this community outreach, are able to save just one soul, then our labor would not have been in vain.

Pastor Mackey



Coming to the Ville in 2017

Small Business Directory

We have many Riceville members with small to mid-size businesses. From catering to home building, promote and grow your business by advertising in the Riceville Small Business Directory.



Reception Counter & Kiosk

The Church will consolidate its location for distribution of Church wide information, news and events. You want to retrieve a ticket for one our many events, pick up a CD/DVD or, maybe you just want to stop by to see what's in store for the week, the new reception counter and Kiosk will have it all.

Riceville App

Everything you need concerning the happenings in the Ville will be captured in the Riceville App. At the touch of the App, you will be able to download one of your favorite sermons from Pastor, pay tithes and offering, weekly programs of events and much more.....

Ministry Contacts

ADULT MINISTRIES

Carlos/Yvonne Young, Marriage Ministry
Azell Carter, Men's Ministry
Charles Wiggins, R.A.M. Ministry
Lynn Mackey, Women's Ministry

BENEVOLENCE MINISTRIES

Mae Joyce Williams, Benevolence
Alvies Carter, Clothes Closet
Clarence Harper, Food Pantry

FACILITATING MINISTRIES

Leo Alfred, Christian Education
James Bell, Congregational Care
Reginald Fields, Deacon Staff
Maiya Moore, Deacons & Ministers Wives
Willie Simmons, Prayer Ministry
Larry Woods, Trustees
Louis Morris, Outreach Ministry

MUSIC & ARTS MINISTRIES

Chester D.T. Baldwin, Minister of Music & Arts
Tara Jacobis, AIF Drama Ministry
Clarence Harper, Men of Valor
Cynthia Cage, Praise Dance & Mime Ministry
Lisa Frier, Youth Choir
Patsy Thompson, Women of Virtue

RICEVILLE CHRISTIAN UNION

Naomi Flix, President

SERVICE/HELP MINISTRIES

Joyce McGowan, Annual Days & Threads Ministry
Wilford Wells, Audio and Visual
Carolyn Payton, First Responders
Pier Gardner, JDJ Center
Lena Smith, Kitchen/Culinary
Angela Jenkins, Sunday Receptionist
Emory Ford, Transportation
Viva Carson, Ushers & Greeters
Mildred Williams, Weddings

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Frank Perkins, Youth Pastor
Fay Dunwood, ACTS
Joey Price, Cover Girls
Carolyn Payton, Girl Scouts
John Riley, Young Lions

2017 CHURCH EVENTS

March 12, 2017
3:00PM
128th Church
Anniversary

June 11, 2017
3:30PM
Homecoming/
Family & Friends
Day

August 20, 2017
Youth Annual Day

October 8, 2017
7th Anniversary for
Pastor & Wife

November 12, 2017
3:30PM
Men/Women
Annual Day