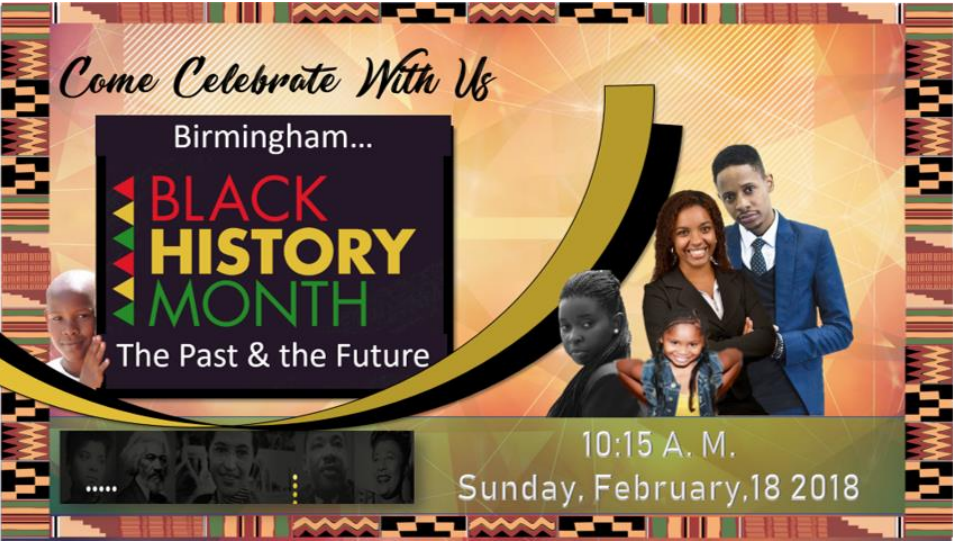


FEBRUARY CALENDAR		
Sunday Schedule		
8:00 a.m. Community Breakfast		10:00 a.m. Prayer Team
9:15 a.m. Sunday School		10:15 a.m. Worship Celebration
Sunday School Review & Prayer Meeting: Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.		
Pastor's Bible Study Classes: Tuesdays 6:00 p.m. & Wednesday 11:00 a.m.		
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2018		
9:00 a.m.	Vision Team Meeting	Methodist Center
10:00 a.m.	Student Ministries Black History Rehearsal	Sanctuary
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2018		
12:00 p.m.	Missions Team Meeting	Fellowship Hall
12:00 p.m.	Trustee Team Meeting	Conference Room
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2018		
11:00 a.m.	Staff-Parish Relations Team	Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m.	Praise Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Mass Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2018		
10:00 a.m.	Student Ministry Team Meeting	Fellowship Hall
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2018 – Human Relations Sunday (Special Offering)		
12:00 p.m.	United Methodist Women's Meeting	Sanctuary
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2018		
6:00 p.m.	Worship & Arts Division Meeting	Fellowship Hall
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2018		
10:30 a.m.	Prime Timers (Senior Adult Fellowship)	Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Praise Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2018		
6:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service	Sanctuary
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2018		
10:15 a.m.	Black History Program (Worship)	Sanctuary
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2018 – CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED (President's Day)		
6:00 p.m.	Finance Team Meeting	Fellowship Hall
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2018		
6:00 p.m.	Male Chorus Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Praise Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2018		
5:00 p.m.	Discipleship Division Meeting	Fellowship Hall
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2018		
6:00 p.m.	Young Adult Gathering	Red Cat Coffee
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2018		
6:00 p.m.	Core Team Meeting	Fellowship Hall
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2018		
10:30 a.m.	Prime Timers (Senior Adult Fellowship)	Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m.	Praise Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Mass Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2018		
5:00 p.m.	New Members Team Meeting	Fellowship Hall

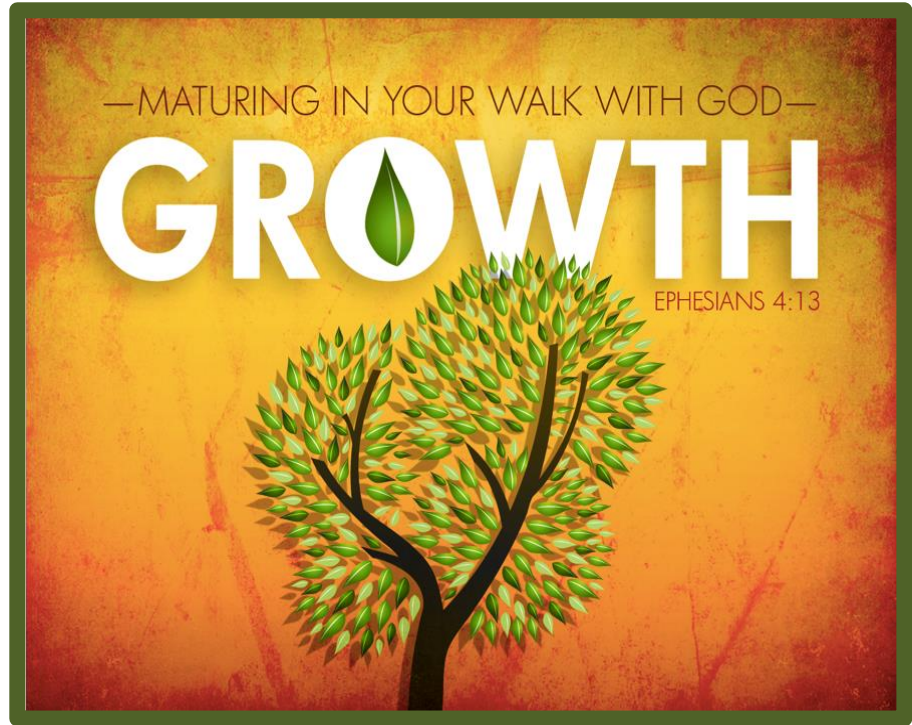
Interested in Joining the Church? Now is the time! Join our Next Steps Class, a one-day class, especially designed for new members and those interested in membership on Saturday, March 24, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Sign-up today in the Welcome Center or contact the church.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS		
01 Jordyn R. Smith	01 Jernita Hutchins	02 Cortez Allen
03 Fortino Perry	07 Chris Allen	12 Aria Thompson
13 Xavian Jackson	13 Ernestine Key	14 Willie Pearl Hollings
14 Jacqueline Hubbard		16 Karzon Wright
19 Sandra McEntyre	20 Kenyetta Terrell	20 Amiya Allen
21 Kay'La King	21 Jerome Borom	23 Christy Shepherd
23 Felix Gentry	23 Rudolph Graham	25 Debora Lawson
27 Deondrea Wright	28 Charlene Miller	



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Communion Sunday
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 4, 2018
10:15 a.m.

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Rev. Dr. Dedric A. Cowser
 Senior Pastor

*“For I am about to do a brand-new thing.
 See, I have already begun!” (Isaiah 43:19, NLT)*

Order of Service

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*PRAISE & WORSHIP Praise Team

OPENING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN “Blessed Assurance” #369

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles’ Creed #881

*GREETING GUESTS & ONE ANOTHER
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY OF MUSIC Mass Choir

SCRIPTURE READINGS Michael Cooper
Old Testament: Psalm 63 (CEB)
New Testament: Matthew 25:1-12 (CEB)

ALTAR CALL & PASTORAL PRAYER
THE LORD’S PRAYER

MINISTRY OF MUSIC Mass Choir

SERMON: Rev. Dr. Dedric A. Cowser
GROWTH - PART 1
“Humility from Within”
Philippians 2:1-8 (CEB)

*INVITATION TO FOLLOW JESUS & CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

*INVITATIONAL MUSIC “I Surrender All” #345

HOLY COMMUNION

GOD’S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS
*THE DOXOLOGY

*BENEDICTION

**Congregation invited to stand, as able.*

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Sermon Notes

Philippians 2:1-8 (CEB)

¹Therefore, if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort in love, any sharing in the Spirit, any sympathy, ²complete my joy by thinking the same way, having the same love, being united, and agreeing with each other. ³Don’t do anything for selfish purposes, but with humility think of others as better than yourselves. ⁴Instead of each person watching out for their own good, watch out for what is better for others. ⁵Adopt the attitude that was in Christ Jesus: ⁶Though he was in the form of God, he did not consider being equal with God something to exploit. ⁷But he emptied himself by taking the form of a slave and by becoming like human beings. When he found himself in the form of a human, ⁸he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

MAIN POINT 1: _____

MAIN POINT 2: _____

MAIN POINT 3: _____

The Altar Flowers are Given to the Glory of God
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OUR KNOWN SICK AND HOMEBOUND

...and with His stripes we are healed. –Isaiah 53:5

Juanita Amison	James Lee Cotchery	Angela Jenkins
Charles Borom	Bob J. Cottrell	Mary E. Lawson
Julia Brown	Katie Cottrell	Willie Lewis
Deborah Chappell	Jessie M. Florence	James Wright

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

James & Ashley Harris 2/2/2013
Bruce & Sandra McEntyre 2/14/1986
Rev. Velman & Jean Gurley

Winter Bible Study Series - Parables: The Stories Jesus Told		
<i>*Weekly Bible studies will be Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. and Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m., unless otherwise indicated.</i>		
February 6-7	The Sower and the Seed	Matt 13:1-9,18-23
February 13-14	The Pharisee and Tax Collector	Lk 18:9-14
February 20-21	The Talents	Matt 25:14-30
February 27-28	The Laborers in the Vineyard	Matt 20:1-15
March 6-7	The Ten Bridesmaids	Matt 25:1-13

Note from Pastor Cowser

“Be Humble”

*Then the Lord answered me and said,
Write a vision, and make it plain upon a tablet so
that a runner can read it. Habakkuk 2:2*



Happy New Year! One of the things I do at the beginning of each year is set aside time to reflect and set goals. It’s amazing to know that I can always press the refresh button and allow God to speak in new and fresh ways. As pastor, my primary goal is to cast a vision of where I feel that God is leading our congregation. Over the past several months, we have hosted vision meetings and interviews across our membership and the experience has been powerful and informative in many ways. As a result, I would like to share four immediate goals that our congregation will work toward in 2018.

My prayer is that all of our members will actively engage in one or more of these goals throughout the year. Let’s begin by continuing to invite our family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers to New Beginnings Church. I only see these four goals as the beginning of taking our church to the next level of ministry, as we seek to grow both numerically and spiritually.

Overjoyed to be your pastor!

Pastor Cowser



2018 Lenten Sacrificial Offering
February 14 – April 1

The Season of Lent is a time of reflection and making sacrifices. Because God has sacrificed his one and only son, Jesus Christ for us, we sacrifice and give back to God. During Lenten Season, beginning Ash Wednesday on February 14 and ending with the celebration of Easter on April 1, you are invited to give a sacrificial offering above your regular giving to the church. There are special offering envelopes available in the Welcome Center; however, you may also write “Lent Offering” on the offering envelopes available in the pews.