

# SPIRIT & TRUTH E-NEWSLETTER

## THE SECRET PLACE

“He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.” Ps 91:1

While humanity continues to ask: who is God? where is God? God extends his unconditional love and invites us into a covenantal relationship with him despite our faults and weaknesses. He knows our secrets, our past, present and our future. There is nothing about us that he does not know. However, it is only in the secret place in God that we can experience grace, forgiveness, healing, love and mercy.

“The call is not to: he that has been to the secret place, visited the secret place, he that has had an experience in the secret place but he that dwelleth in the secret place. There is a secret place in God that only our repentance and person has an access route to get there”. There is a place in God that God’s people need to have a heartbeat and a hunger for. We can’t be too busy to desire or crave a relationship with God as we rob ourselves of intimacy with Him. He alone is our refuge and strength. The Bible states that those who dwell in the secret place of the most high will abide in the shadow of the Almighty (Ps 91:1). It is time we learn to dwell in the secret place that we might be enveloped in him and surrounded by his shadow.

I want to encourage you this week to dwell in God as he continues to dwell in/with you.

### BIRTHDAYS

May 10 – Melba Bates  
May 15 – Jarrod Williams  
May 19 – Hugh Hairston  
May 25 – Lillian Jones  
May 28 – Ronald Trotman  
May 29 – Ruby Weeks  
May 30 – Donna Goble

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Virginia Brown  
Ethel Peebles

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Thursday Night Bible Study Series; @ 7:30 p.m.
- Membership Series – Thursday night @ 7:00 p.m.
- Exploring God’s Word; 12 Wk Bible Study; every Tuesday  
@ 4:30 p.m. @7:30 p.m. at the church  
@ 6:30 p.m. at the Ferguson Library
- Sunday: morning service @ 10:00 a.m. & evening service @6:00 p.m.

**Don’t forget all services begin with pre-service pray**

## ***THIS SUNDAY***

**Baby Dedication** – if you have not yet signed up – call the church NOW!

### FUND RAISER

**Pilipino Dinner** – buy a plate or donate and help raise money for the churches in the Philippines

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

**BABY DEDICATION** – Sunday, May 17 – Those interested in having their child(ren) dedicated may sign up (legibly) in the foyer.

**MEMBERSHIP SERIES 101** – Thursdays, May 14 & 21 – starts at 7:00 in the leadership room.

“For anyone who walks and dwells in the BIG Shadow everything else backs up



as God casts a mighty big shadow – put on the armor of the Lord!”

*Come join Pastor in the*

## 40 DAY FLOOD

I praise God for his grace, mercy and undeserving love. He gave us a perfectly healthy and beautiful granddaughter after mommy received a frightening diagnosis of Spina Bifida and possible chromosomal damage while the baby was developing in her womb.

By Sis Deborah Edwards

*“This year I had the extreme pleasure in doing God’s work in the Easter drama and outreach ministry, I could have never guessed the amazing impact they both would have on not only me, but on my children! They truly were experiences my children and I will always cherish!!*

*D. C. V. Church*

The focus of our event (ladies banquet) was to encourage women to empower themselves through the Lord. Too many times women depend on others to support them but things happen husbands and parents become disabled, die or leave. The Lord will tell you when you need to turn to him. The ones you rely on will be unavailable or will disappoint you but the Savior never will.

By Sis Colleen Bruce



**“Here is my final conclusion: Fear God and obey his commands, for this is the duty of every person.  
Ecclesiastes 12:13 NLT**

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Jacob called him “unruly as the waves of the sea”

A. Rueben (Gen 49:3-4)