

**October 27, 2013**



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Sunday School	10:00 am
Church Service	11:00 am
Sunday Night Service	6:00 pm



"If telemarketers call, invite them to church."

## Happy Birthday

Suzanne Lester October 30<sup>th</sup>

Chad Page November 2<sup>nd</sup>

Congratulations Chad you got two birthdays this year.  
I also gave you one on October 2<sup>nd</sup>

## 2nd Annual Men's Conference

Nov. 1-2, 2013 Victory Missionary Baptist Church  
Men That Seek the Face of God. Restoring what we've lost

## Old Fashion Gospel Hour

November 24<sup>th</sup> - This will start at 3:00.

## November Preaching

Brother Maggart will preach at Stonecrest Assisted Living. Mrs. Kemp reside there. Also, Brother Maggart has been talking with a gentlemen there about our faith.

## Christmas Program

December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00.

## December conference

This has been moved from the 8<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup>. This will be right after the 11:00 service.

## Jolly Meditation

**Minister:** Do you spend much time wondering about the hereafter?

**Old Timer:** I sure do! Whenever I find myself in front of the refrigerator with the door open, I have to ask myself, "What am I here after?"

*Prayer is simply communicating with God—listening and talking to him.*

Mayrene's brother is having an operation.

Chad's grandmother is very sick.

Mrs Snoddy's tests came back with cancer in her lymph nodes

Linda's friend's surgery went better than expected but still recovering

Donald had a CT scan this week. The results were good.

Irene's friend Catherine Ivey passed away last week. She is also the mother-in-law of Randall Massey.

Virginia was not feeling well Sunday. Please call her sometime. She loves to hear from us. (615)595-1823

Jimmy and Susan Hick's friend's grandson is improving

Remember Damian. He told Jennifer when he grows up he's gonna preach.

Linda's mother hurt her knee and will have more tests

Jean had surgery Friday on her wrist.

Betty's nephew was scheduled for surgery but they were able to repair it instead.

Brenda's friend. They have talked about being saved and hope they continue to have these conversations.

Remember our Missionaries. The Ivory Coast missions have had many saved recently.

## *Pastor's Comments*

### **Shall We Gather At The River?**

Ever wonder how songs come to be? I have some books that give the background on many songs. The song titled above, that is used often at baptisms, is actually a song about heaven.

A Baptist minister, Robert Lowery, who pastored in the eastern U.S. in the mid 1800's, though noted for the vivid descriptions of his subject matter in sermons, is best remembered for his hymns. He set many of Fanny Crosby's hymns to music and wrote the often sung, "What can wash away my sins?/Nothing but the blood of Jesus."

Following is Brother Lowery's own account of how "Shall We Gather At The River?" came to be written during the Civil War.

"One afternoon in July, 1864, when I was pastor at Hanson Place Baptist Church, Brooklyn, NY, the weather was oppressively hot, and I was lying on a lounge in a state of physical exhaustion. I felt almost incapable of bodily exertion, and my imagination began to take itself wings. Visions of the future passed before me with startling vividness. The imagery of the apocalypse took the form of a tableau. Brightest of all were the throne, the heavenly river, and the gathering of the saints. My soul seemed to take new life from that celestial outlook. I began to wonder why the hymn writers had said so much about the "river of death" and so little about the "pure water of life, crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and the Lamb." As I mused, the words began to construct themselves. They came first as a question of Christian inquiry, "Shall we gather?" Then they broke out in chorus, "Yes, we'll gather." On this question and answer, the hymn developed itself. The music came with the hymn."

### Revelation 22:1

"And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear and crystal proceeding out of the throne of God and the lambs.