

# The Amen Chronicle



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## 2015 GRADS NIGHT OUT



**“Life Focused, Bible Based, And Christ Centered With A Mission And Message”**

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Beloved Members;

The year is half gone and we are a month into one of the hottest summers on record. This, too, shall pass, however, and soon we will be smiling at the beauty of God's autumn as we anticipate the celebration of the birth of God's Son in December.

Life is good at New Sardis where God continues to bless us bountifully. A number of us had a great experience in Detroit at the 110<sup>th</sup> National Baptist Congress of Christian Education. The final day saw our own Rev. Stephanie Yates march with all of the other graduates in the Certificate of Progress Program. Sister Brenda Rosser, our Director of Christian Education, did a great job of facilitating.

Our youth continue to excel and excite us. Our members continue to grow in Christ and in ministry. It is a joy to watch what God is doing in the lives of all of us.

We continue through the rest of the year, waiting to see what the end is going to be. We know that in Christ, the best is always yet to come.

Sincerely yours under the cross.

L. LaSimba M. Gray, Jr.

Senior Pastor

### PREAMBLE

We the members of New Sardis M.B. Church, Memphis, Tennessee, reaffirm our faith in the fatherhood empowerment of the Holy Spirit. Within the church universal, we subscribe to the priesthood of all believers and to the autonomy of the local congregation of baptized believers in matters of church organization and governance. Thus we commit ourselves to the Christian way as that is understood and practiced by Baptists.

We acknowledge that the church has a mission to preach, to teach, and to bear witness to the faith to all people throughout the world and to urge all to be reconciled to God through Christ. We accept the testimony of the Apostle which he wrote to the Corinthians (11,5:17-20), "...if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come.. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to Himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that is, God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the

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### Mission Statement

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We shall strive to be Christ Centered, Bible Based and Life Focused to the glory and the edification of humanity.



# CHURCH SECURITY - THE NEW ULTIMATE



By John Glaze

The slaying of the saints at Emanuel AME Church was a wake-up call to every congregation of every denomination. What was once unthinkable is now doable. Today's church faces an alarming new reality that is requiring church leaders everywhere to re-visit old concepts of security in the sanctuary. A new paradigm appears to be emerging.

Armed guards (resembling Old Testament armor-bearers) may soon out-number ushers and greeters in the places people go to worship. To quote Patrick Henry during an earlier call to arms, "The war has already begun."

Dr. LaSimba Gray concurs. "The fact that security is required in places that were traditionally considered sacred almost shakes your core values." He thinks back to his first day on the job as a school teacher in St Louis in 1968. "When I saw a policeman, I was shocked!" he declares. "I had never seen an armed guard at a public school."

First the school house, now the church house. The times are truly changing. "That means you have to be abreast in terms of security measures to make sure that the parishioners are safe and the assets of the church are secure. Different measures of security are required to do that. Some churches have taken the unarmed route, but the ultimate is to have armed, trained, certified, security."

That is exactly what New Sardis has. Armed, trained, certified, security.

In years past, the security team was made up of ushers and shepherds. They seemed sufficient until Sheriff Mark Luttrell told Pastor Gray that a crime wave in Memphis had reached the county area. The church quickly installed cameras and began the process of training and arming security guards. Professional law enforcement members of Sardis were invaluable in the development of the unit. "We now have," says Pastor Gray, "a security team of armed and unarmed security personnel who know the precautions to take, the observations to make and the action to initiate."

They are trained and licensed by the state of Tennessee. They are trained in the local firing squad academy that teaches the handling of firearms and they are licensed and certified by the state of Tennessee. "Those who did not go through law enforcement go through the private training and certification that we use locally. We want to insure that our members and guests are protected."

Our church covenant says that we are to 'walk circumspectly in the world'. "That means," says Dr Gray, "being aware of what's going on and then responding accordingly."

That is what is happening at New Sardis. It is right thing to do.

## NEW BEGINNINGS

By Shayda D. Harrington

New beginnings are what God's amazing grace and endless mercy is all about! And the Youth of New Sardis and the *Young at Heart* came together to embark upon a new day in their spiritual re-commitment to Christ. Those in attendance wore white attire as a symbol of purity and renewal of their spirits, because this occasion held an even more significant purpose. It was the journey to sexual purity whereby Youth will undergo a series of courses on chastity as a bold step toward understanding the importance of marriage and its sanctions. It will compel the Youth to understand what God requires from young people regardless of what the world says is the norm.

While the evening held many high lights: food, fun, festive music, and fellowship, we were encouraged by the inspirational words imparted to us during this event. New Sardis welcomed special guest speaker, Mr. Sean Boyd, who challenged our Youth to understand three key ingredients to success. The first was to adapt our goals to God's purpose. We are all put here on earth for a special purpose, but sometimes we fail to acknowledge God and seek out our purpose. In order to align our goals to God's purpose, we must know that God is the potter, and we are His clay. We are to allow HIM to make and mold us into that which He wants us to become! We do this by surrendering our will to God's will for our lives and taking the first step into making our spiritual alignment with God.

Boyd also challenged our Youth to be thankful for God's forgiveness. He pointed out that while God is full of grace and a God of second chances, we must beware of the long term consequences that may be caused by our poor choices. When faced with the hard decision of choosing between right and wrong, he simply admonished us to ask ourselves, "Is it worth it?"

Lastly, he urged us to forgive ourselves. Forgiveness is hard to do sometimes unto others, but especially hard to do when it comes to ourselves. That is why the "*All White Affair*" was more than just a coming together for food and fellowship. It emphasized the importance of starting over and making all things anew.

One of my favorite bible passages since childhood is Paul's words to the church at Philippi. He writes: "<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.<sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead,<sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:12-14). Forget and press are the two key action words which Paul says that we must put into play as we embark upon this new beginning. The devil knows that some things in our past are so hurtful that we are left mentally scarred. The devil knows that we cannot be progressive spiritually, emotionally, or mentally as long as we focus on our past. Paul knew this would not be easy, so he compels us to press. Pressing requires a strong force and the use of our spiritual weapons such as fasting, praying, and having faith in God's Word. Our prayer is that every Youth in attendance was spiritually renewed and found the courage to embark upon a new beginning in Christ Jesus. Amen!

EVERYDAY IS A NEW  
BEGINNING  
STAY AWAY FROM WHAT  
MIGHT HAVE BEEN AND LOOK  
WHAT CAN BE

*My Dear Valentine*



## GRADS NIGHT OUT

Grads night out was so much fun this year! The evening began with dinner at The Butcher Shop out on Germantown Parkway. It was an extra special night for Harrison Whitley because it was also his prom night. During the meal, the adults shared words of wisdom with the youth. However when Jasmine Kimball, a former graduate came in and shared the very same information the adults shared, the grads soaked it up like a sponge. The food was absolutely delicious. We were fortunate to have Mrs. Erma Clanton, the Youth Advisor to share this very special night with the grads. As always, she had words of wisdom and food for thought.



After dinner, we traveled to the Hattiloo Theater to see Pearlie Victorious with one of our very own, Jackie Muskin, in a starring in role. The play was hilarious and the grads were so delighted that we came.





## TRACYE WHITE - YOUTH DIRECTOR

By John Glaze



Tracye White is a walking miracle and a living testimony. She is also the new Youth Director for New Sardis. Naming Tracye Youth Director is a lot like throwing Brer Rabbit into the briar patch. She is very much at home. “I taught most of these kids in Sunday School when they were little and so we have a relationship from when they were four, five, and six years old. And now they are in high school or they have graduated and gone to college and we still have a relationship.”

She does it because she loves it. “It gives you an opportunity to share some of what you have either learned through experience or education. It is so exciting to see those bright eyes when you tell them something new or they accomplish something that you have taught them.

She knows she has a gifted group. “We have some very smart kids here. They have great talent and they’ve gone on to do great things.” One of the great things she wants to help them to accomplish is to grow in Christ. “I would like for them to develop their relationship with God to the point where they realize that He is all that they really need. I know that they are young and they’ve got Mama and Daddy but, had I learned at 16 that God is all I need and I could really depend on Him and depend on Him. If I had known that, I think I would have done some things differently.

“My Mother was a single parents who did the very best she could. When she sent me to school, she had three more. And so I knew I had to work, so I sewed and made my own clothes. But it was my Mama ... Looking back, now, I know it was God allowing her to do a lot of things. But I needed to know that it was God.

“Our children do not know this. Now, my children know. They know what God can do. Because of what happened to me. But had it not happened to me, they would be just like other children. ‘My Daddy, my Daddy’. Whatever they need, ‘My Daddy’. And so, it makes it hard when you make that transition from high school to college, to young adult, and you are making decisions you’ve never made before. Decisions your parents used to make. ‘Am I going too far? Yes or No’. Before your mother or father said, ‘Yes, you can go’. Now you are saying it for yourself. It’s like .. I called my mother the first time a guy asked me out. I said, ‘What am I supposed to ask him? You’ve been asking all of these 20 questions. I said, “What am I supposed to say?”’

Had I know, I could have said, ‘Lord, is this something I should be doing? Help me’. But I was still calling my Mother. You see what I’m saying? I’m wanting our children to know that God is all you really need. He is. He will help you. You’ve got Mama and Daddy. But He is all you really need. And when you.. when things happen, He is who you need to rely on. Because something could have happened to me. Like, I could have died on that ramp that night. That would have been it and my children wouldn’t have no Mama. But the Lord didn’t allow that. And so from that experience my children have learned, you need to trust God. But a lot of kids don’t know that. They don’t get that. They need to know God for themselves”.

They do.

Knowing Sister Tracye White, Youth Director, is a good start.

And the church said, “Amen.”

## REBA MOODY - FUTURE TAR HEEL

By John Glaze

Reba Moody is about to leave her parents alone. Ken and Gwen will still have each other, but for the first time in a long time, they will have only each other. They will be parents, home alone, without the presence of a child chaperone, adjusting to the challenge of the empty-nest syndrome.

It will be a parting of sweet sorrow.

Reba is the last of the Moody daughters to leave the nest. Jasmine, her oldest sister, graduated from Baylor University last May. She now lives in San Antonio. Kendra, the middle sibling, attends Baylor where she is a senior. Reba, the youngest, is taking the road less traveled. Her next stop will be the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The three sisters are graduates of Hutchinson, a private all-female college preparatory school in Memphis.

“Our parents made so many sacrifices for us,” says Reba. “My Dad did not have much as a child so he did everything in his power to send us to good schools. My Mom is the one who helped us to be successful in school because she had my sisters and I reading and writing at a very young age. Both are great parents.”

Hutchinson was an amazing experience and challenge, offering many opportunities for leadership and growth. One was an internship in Spain where Reba lived with a friend whose parents spoke no English. Having studied Spanish since she was three years old, Reba was right at home.

She has known since the tenth grade that her profession would be in the field of medicine. She did not know what it would be. She considered becoming a radiologist but found it boring. Her Mom said, “You love baby-sitting. What about becoming a pediatrician.” An internship was arranged with Dr. Robert Eason and a career choice was made. The only decision left was to which college to attend.

She seriously considered Yale. She never considered Baylor. A number of options were weighed and tossed before the field was narrowed to two. In the end, the blue and white of North Carolina proved more attractive than the blue and gold of Notre Dame.

In addition to leaving her family home, Reba will also be leaving her church home. She has spent her Sundays at New Sardis for more than half her life. “I think the Youth Ministries are awesome,” she says. “They really educate us about our history.” She loves the fact that Pastor Gray emphasizes in his teaching that we are to “Never forget where we came from.”

She is going to a great school, but she is coming from a great home and a great church that will be praying for her continued success.





# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2015

June 1 –June 5, 2015

The theme for this year's Vacation Bible School was **Adventures at Sea-Diving Deeper for God's Treasures!** The theme verse was **Matthew 13:45**, "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls". Because we only had four days for instructional learning, all five lessons were covered during the four days. Each night we explored daily treasures:

**Day 1: The Treasure of Understanding**

**Day 2: The Treasure of Courage**

**Day 3: The Treasure of Peace**

**Day 4: The Treasure of Healing**

**Day 5: The Treasure of Having a Calling**

The **Adventures at Sea** also included **Black History** profiles:

**Carl Brashear** – dove deeper for Understanding

**Gabrielle Douglass** - dove deeper for Courage

**Desmond Tutu** – dove deeper for Peace

**Maya Angelou** – dove deeper for Healing

**Dr. James Forbes, Jr.** - dove deeper for Calling

Teacher training was facilitated by Sister Ollie Johnson. Who knew a training class could be so spiritual! The Holy Spirit honored us with His presence and this excitement spilled right over into Vacation Bible School. Of course if you have ever been to New Sardis, you know we accent every event with a meal. Ada Binion served us a most delicious lunch.



On the first night, the Middle School class planted seeds into red cups, that had different types of soil. The students were so excited to see what plant would grow from the soil in their cup. The Upper Elementary class had homework and were so excited to complete it and turn it in. Homework and school were out. Wow!





# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2015

**Arts and Crafts included several projects:**

**Toddlers – completed picture frames with sea shells that included a picture of themselves.**

**Early and Middle Elementary – completed an octopus. Those in the choir completed a bow tie and/or earrings to be worn on the second Sunday.**

**Upper Elementary – Young Adults – completed bow ties and the young ladies also learned to make button earring which were to be worn on the second Sunday**

**Adult class – the men made bow ties and the ladies learned to make scarfs and necklaces from old t-shirts.**

**This year for recreation, Brother Answorth Robinson choreographed a line dance to the VBS theme song, *Lord Take Me Deep*. This is also the song the students learned in music. Queen McClain used action when teaching the song so the younger students caught on and were able to learn the words and had movement with the song. On Friday night, the music, the rendition of the song and the VBS shuffle were outstanding.**



**On Friday night, we did something different for the closing program. We transformed the D. G. Gray Fellowship Hall into a beach. Each area had an activity for that class and prizes were available for all participants, thanks to the love of our church members. Many were asked to bring toys that children would use on the beach. The outpouring of love was overwhelming. It was like Christmas in June. Several members were asked to go through the lessons and provide the trivia questions for a particular class. Grand prizes were awarded based on the number of correct answers or their ability to find the grand prize however, everyone received a prize. The Young Adults and Adults played Family Feud put together by Sister Ia White. With the assistance of Brother Ty Carpenter and Sister LaShondra Carpenter, the game was well received and the participants were just as funny as the people on television. A special thanks to Brother McInnis and Sister DeLois Bolden for their help with the research.**

**Vacation Bible School at New Sardis will never be the same.**





SCENES FROM SARDIS





## LIFE WORTH LIVING

By Althea Coleman

April 15, 2015, was my first time attending a Sisters Affirming Sisters (SAS) meeting.

It was truly a pleasure to see these young ladies come together to receive encouragement from Ms. Gwen Jones, our guest speaker for the hour. The interaction between these young ladies in such a positive environment was very uplifting, especially in today's society where there is so much negativity happening with our youth such as teen pregnancy, teen violence and drugs.

These girls learned that they are very special and that the person in the MIRROR is the only stopping point they have to overcome and that the sky is the limit, if they do the work.

It was so inspiring to be able to attend this event with my daughter who is a black girl who rocks also. I feel these open discussions for our girls will help to make them the women that God wants them to be.

But first we need to be very open and honest and continue to encourage them and let them know that they are loved. SAS is a great foundation to do just that.

A forum such as this is a great place to provide the TRUTH for our young ladies about the real world and what God expects of them.

We ended our meeting with prayer by Rev. Jacquelyn Hayes. We were then treated to a delicious lunch that was prepared by our very own, Ms. Shannon White.



# ATRIS NITER



By John Glaze

Memories lit the corners of his mind as Atris Niter reminisced about the way things were when he was a child at New Sardis. Memories mostly of family and friends.

He thought of the Crutchers. “My grandfather was old man Emmit Crutcher who lived on a farm on Holmes Road.”

He thought of the Wests. “Aunt Iester (West) is married to one of my uncles, my mother’s brother.”

He remembered Mr. Carson Griffin “Who used to drive to church in his little pickup truck”.

And he remembers Mr. James Dandridge who used to be the church treasurer. His is the name on the door of the church finance room. Atris Niter is the man who holds that office today.

Atris was 12 years old when he joined the ranks of the saints. It was after a mourner’s bench experience that seems to have been a prerequisite for early Sardis membership. Rev. D.G. Gray was the pastor who took him to the water and brought him to Christ.

It was a high school teacher, however, who took Atris into another world, one he never dreamed of entering. Mr. Earl Ingram of Capleville High School saw something special in his young student. “You’re pretty good at math,” he said. “Why don’t you become an accountant?”

“It was the first time,” says Atris, “I had ever heard the word, accountant”.

He heard well. And, following the advice of Mr. Ingram, he has done well. Forty years later, Atris Niter, CPA, is a successful businessman, self-employed, with an office in Mid-Town Memphis. It hasn’t been easy, he admits. It’s been a long and winding road, with God watching over him all the way. He went to Memphis State, then the U.S. Army, where he experienced life and death in Vietnam, before coming back to his home town of Memphis and his home church of New Sardis.

He and his wife, Mary have been married for 45 years. They have three children and four grandchildren. Next year, he will celebrate being his own boss at in his own business for 30 years.

“God is good,” he smiles.



## GOLDEN CIRCLE MEMBERS VISIT AMERICA'S 12TH PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY



**Golden Circle members listen intently to the docent's presentation in the replica of the Clinton cabinet room. The cabinet room has been the center place of presidential decision making since 1902.**

By M. Joyce Spight

One could sense the excitement of Golden Circle Members as they greeted each other and their invited guests before boarding the luxury tour bus for their first 2015 day trip. It did not matter that the weather was a little cool with a forecast of rain.

The day of the anticipated trip to the William J. Clinton Presidential Library Center in Little Rock, AR had arrived. Circle member Lizzie Howell stated, "We were blessed with a prayer for safety from our own Pastor Gray before leaving the New Sardis campus."

Upon arrival at the Center in Little Rock, and after a security check, Circle members were introduced to their tour guide and wheel chairs were provided for those who had need of mobile devices.

"The design of the Presidential Library building was a surprise," noted Ms. Maxine Stephens. "It is a cross between a modern futuristic," she noted. The Clinton Presidential Library, which is the 12<sup>th</sup> in the United States, is located on the banks of the Arkansas in the River Market District of downtown Little Rock. It contains the largest collection of presidential papers and artifacts in U.S. history.

In an enthusiastic tone, Ms. Howell said that this was an opportunity to relive the years of President Bill Clinton and reflect on his challenges and achievements. Circle members were able to explore life in the White House during the Clinton reign and experience his decision making. "More importantly," she stated, "we remembered that many of us were a part of that history making process."

Ms. Stephens added, "This guided tour through the library offered a unique reflection of the 42<sup>nd</sup> President's work, past, present and future. The full scale replica of the Oval Office was very impressive. The extensive arrangements of materials were overwhelming." The replica of the Cabinet Room is one to remember according to Ms. Christine Dillard. The Cabinet Room is located near the Oval Office in the White House and has been the center place of presidential decision making since 1902. All of the chairs around the table are brass plated and labeled with each member's name. After terms are completed, each member may purchase his or her chair for \$6,000.

While touring the Center, the members enjoyed the beautiful view of the Arkansas River and the Clinton Presidential Park Bridge. As Circle members prepared to go to lunch, it was noted through conversation among them that this was a great trip. They were pleased with the docent who guided them through the library. It was an asset to have a knowledgeable and interesting tour guide, but visitors are permitted to tour without them.

Deacon Dewitt Neville, Sr. explained, "Day trips of this kind are reminiscent of earlier times. It is my prayer that more men will take part in these kind of planned activities. Time spent during the tour of the center was just long enough. And the lunch at the Clinton Center's full-service restaurant, Forty Two, was delicious. The atmosphere and service were top notch," he said.

A trip of this nature takes team-work and planning, and the forty plus members and friends are thankful for all that went into organizing. The planning team, led by Golden Circle activities chair, Ms. D. Simmons; Ms. M. Barnett, President; made sure that the chartered bus ride to and from Little Rock was comfortable and full of fun activities, prizes and snacks. There were refreshment stops at restaurants going and returning.

As participants exited the bus after the trip, Ms. Barnett said, with joy in her voice: "This was an educational, informative, and pleasant trip. I know they enjoyed themselves because many were asking, 'When is the next trip, and where are we going?'"

## **GOLDEN CIRCLE - TWO RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **GOLDEN CIRCLE MEMBERS ARE REMINDED OF TWO RESPONSIBILITIES**

**By M. Joyce Spight**

**Golden circle members are reminded that they have a responsibility of maintaining a balanced life, and that balanced life includes working toward a healthy spirit and working to maintain a healthy body.**

**During Women's History Month a major focus at each meeting was on "How to Live Well", especially for women. The Golden Circle Bible Study leader, Rev. Jacquelyn Hayes, led the study of "Teachings Like No Other: The Bible Meets Life", which was based on Mark 1:21-22; 10:17-22. Two questions, "Where have you gone to learn to live well?" and "Where have you gone when you wanted to know how to be a better person?" were discussed. It has been emphasized that our authority on earth is limited. It only extends so far, but we have choices and a responsibility to live well.**

**On a very short notice, New Sardis member, Dr. Vernita G. Duncan, began a presentation on General Health Maintenance for the Circle. She stated that health maintenance is a daily thing, and it is controlled by many factors. One cannot control genetics, however, there are things that can be controlled.**

**Dr. Duncan spoke to the group of 30 ladies about aspects that can be controlled, such as the value of exercise, healthy food choices, and knowing your numbers. "In addition to keeping one looking good," she stated, "regular exercise and healthy food choices do help to reduce free radicals, as well as increase the release of toxins that are associated with disease and infections."**

**It was emphasized that three choices, if taken advantage of, can help to reduce time spent in the doctor's office and possibly reduce the number of trips to the pharmacy.**

**Circle members are aware of what should be done to remain as healthy as they can be, but, according to many who attended these sessions, reminders given by Rev. Hayes and Dr. Duncan are needed. "That motivation is needed to keep us moving," President Maggie Barnett stated. "This is what Dr. Duncan did for us with her health presentation."**

**Sometimes exercising is seen as work or an extra job, but exercising is necessary and can be a time to relax. It can be a time to take a break from other activities and concentrate on self. It can also be a quiet time to spend with God.**

**Dr. Duncan's presentation and her question and answer session have given some of us the motivation to spend time at the farmer's market and to lessen the intake of processed foods. The aging process does influence the type of exercise one does. Circle members are aware of this, because the age range of Circle members this year is from 55 to 100 plus years. Circle members, including all ages, do some form of exercises at almost all meetings. The exercise is called "sittersize" and it is designed so that all members can participate. It was great to have Dr. Duncan exercising with us.**



# WOMEN MONTH CALENDAR



**October 10**

the  
FASHION  
SHOW

**October 11**

Immediately after 11:00 Service

*October Fest*

Walking in God's Favor  
Wear you Jeans, Jewels  
and Jazzy Heels

**October 18**

**'LADIES LET'S GO TO CHURCH'.**

*Ladies Night in Winter White*

Special Guests

Tickets \$5.00 or \$10.00

**Psalms 28:7 (NASB)**

*The Lord is my strength and my shield: My heart trusts in Him, and I am helped: Therefore my heart exults, And with my song I thank him*

**OCTOBER 2**

***SPIRITAL EXPLOSION***

Sanctuary - 6:30

*Fruit of the Spirit (Nine Women)*

*Galatians: 5:22-23*

*Do you want to experience the power of God?*

*Do you have a hunger for God?*

*If yes, come out to 'Revive your Heart' through the Power Words, the Power of Encouragement and the Power of Prayer*



**LADIES  
NIGHT**

**October 25**

Immediately after 11 Service  
Taste of Sardis

EVANGELISM  
OUTREACH &



# UPCOMING EVENTS AT NEW SARDIS

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Ollie Johnson, Church Clerk/Historian

Dorothy Winston, Events Coordinator



*We strive to be LIFE FOCUSED, BIBLE BASED, and CHRIST CENTERED in our efforts to be good stewards of our Christian Heritage.*

## NEW SARDIS CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2015

### AUGUST

**AUGUST 7 - DRAMA MINISTRY – RENEW ME 6:30 PM**

**AUGUST 15 - HEALTH FAIR**

**AUGUST 16 - PASTOR'S APPRECIATION**

**AUGUST 29 - QUARTERLY CHURCH MEETING**

### SEPTEMBER

**SEPTEMBER 7 - LABOR DAY**

**SEPTEMBER 20 - USHER'S DAY**

### OCTOBER – WOMEN MONTH

**OCTOBER 2 - SPIRITUAL EXPLOSION**

**OCTOBER 10 - FASHION SHOW EXTRAVANGAZZA**

**OCTOBER 11 - OCTOBER FEST - JEANS AND HEELS**

**OCTOBER 18 - LADIES NIGHT IN WINTER WHITE**

**OCTOBER 23 - LADIES NIGHT OUT**

**OCTOBER 25 – WOMEN'S DAY**

**OCTOBER 31 – HALLOWHIM CARNIVAL**

