

# THE MESSENGER

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## *Pastor Spiritual Word*

Greetings South End Family: As we move through Lent Season and prepare for a study on Stewardship, I want to share a thought on the unexpected nature of God in Christ. Take a moment to ask yourself whether God can still surprise you and perform the miraculous in your life. In the book of Mark, sixth chapter, verse 4-5, Mark records an event where Jesus could not perform a miracle except for the few people that he healed by the laying of his hands. For many years, I was under the

impression that the lack of the miraculous was solely connected to the people's lack of faith. But, earlier this week I read a commentary that challenge my thinking. Christ chooses when to perform miracles and when not to perform miracles. Throughout the entire balance of the Scripture, there is no record that Jesus ever returned to Nazareth. What a missed opportunity to cause the "Miracle Worker" to choose to leave and never return !

It is my prayer that we, as the body in Christ

known as " South End Presbyterian Church" continue to be receptive to the miraculous move of the spirit of God through his son Jesus.

May God continue to bless our family

Pastor Hall

## Weekly Service

### Events held at South End

- **Wednesday night Bible study at 6:30 pm**
- **Sunday School at 9:00 am**
- **Worship Service at 10:00 an**
- **Children's Church Sunday at 10:00am**

## *UPCOMING EVENTS AT SOUTH END*

### APRIL

- Maundy Thursday- April 2nd
- Easter Sunrise Service at St. Marks 6:30am- April 5th
- Easter Service at 10:00am- April 5th
- Pink Sunday- April 26th

### MAY

- Mother's Day- May 10th
- Women's Day- May 17th

### JUNE

- Baccalaureate Sunday- June 7th
- Father's Day- June 14th

### *Watch Night Service at South End*



South End Presbyterian Church celebrated their first Watch Night Service on December 31, 2014 from 10:00 pm to 12:00 midnight. Rev. Theodore “Chip” Hall, pastor presided over the service. A historical perspective of “Watch Night Service” was shared. Most, if not all, black churches have “Watch Night Service” on New Year’s Eve. Blacks gathered in churches annually over the years

praising and thanking God for bringing us safely through another year. It’s been over a century since the first Freedom’s Eve and tradition still brings over”. This celebration takes many African American descendants of slaves into a new year with praise and worship.

The congregation was asked to share and reflect on the goodness of God. Testimonies were given by members and visitors

in word and song. Rev. Howard Byrd was the guest minister and provided a moving sermon on “Moving Forward and not Looking Back”. The invitation to Christian Disciples was delivered by Rev. Hall as well as the blessing for the meal that was being prepared. Several men of South End prepared a delicious breakfast for those in attendance to bring in the year 2015.

### *Birthdays, Special Announcements and Acknowledgements*

Happy Birthday to South End members celebrating a birthday during January, February and March

Please keep our Sick and Shut-In members in your thoughts and prayers



### *Black History Month: February*

Black History Month, or National African American History Month, is an annual celebration of achievements by black Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of African Americans in U.S. history. The event grew out of “Negro History

Week,” the brainchild of noted historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans. Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. Other countries around the world, including

Canada and the United Kingdom, also devote a month to celebrating black history.

The NAACP was founded on February 12, 1909, the centennial anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln.



### *South End Children’s Church and Nursery*

South End Children’s Church has increased in numbers of children attending church every Sunday. This spiritual vision has come along way since August 2007. Tierra Cunningham wanted to create a spiritual learning environment for our children at church every Sunday. Her vision was to update the nursery with learning materials, learning centers, spiritual lesson plans, books and art activities that were age appropriate for all children. Today, the number of children

attending children’s church has doubled and the children started growing so quickly, we had to move the older children out of the nursery and into the conference room downstairs. The children enjoy learning about the Bible, creating projects with their friends, eating a healthy snack, and receiving treats at the end of class. There are so many members that help with the nursery by donating books, materials, snacks, drinks, their time and love to these children. A special

“shout out” to Shirley Ford, Joyce Brown and Nancy McClinton for devoting their time every Sunday, teaching South End children and supporting my vision.

Tierra Cunningham



## Guidelines for Manners to Teach Kids

### Members of the Communication Committee

- Gayle Crawford
- Tierra Cunningham
- Marjorie Parker
- Dorothy Ewell
- Zena Pratt
- Kyle Bynes

### In General

- Say hello and Good-bye
- Say please and thank you
- Hold the door open for people
- Be on time
- Be appreciative

### At the Dinner Table

- Wash your hands before food
- Chew with you mouth closed
- Wipe your mouth with a napkin

### With Adults and Friends

- \* Look people in the eye
- \* Use respect when talking to adults
- \* Use kind words
- \* Give compliments
- \* Wait your turn
- \* Say “excuse me” to get attention
- \* Don’t interrupt

### *Recipe for the family to make: Pepperoni Pizza Pockets*



### Ingredients

1 tablespoon olive oil,  
plus more for brushing  
1/2 small onion, diced  
1 clove garlic, minced  
1 tablespoon tomato  
paste  
One 28-ounce can diced  
tomatoes  
1/2 teaspoon sugar  
Salt and freshly cracked  
black pepper  
4 to 6 leaves fresh basil,  
torn  
All-purpose flour, for  
dusting  
1 pound pizza dough, di-  
vided into 4 balls  
2 cups shredded whole  
milk mozzarella  
12 ounces pepperoni,

thinly sliced  
Grated Parmesan, to taste

### Directions

Preheat the oven to 400  
degrees F.

Heat the olive oil in a  
small saucepot over me-  
dium-low heat. Add the  
onions and sauté until  
translucent, 2 to 3 min-  
utes. Add in the garlic  
and sauté for 1 minute.  
Add in the tomato paste  
and sauté for 1 more min-  
ute. Stir in the diced to-  
matoes, sugar and season  
with salt and pepper. Add  
the torn basil leaves and  
bring to a slow simmer.  
Allow to simmer for

about 15 minutes while  
you make your pizza  
pocket.

Roll out the dough balls  
on a lightly floured sur-  
face into 4 equal rounds.  
On half of each round,  
layer some mozzarella,  
and then some pepperoni  
slices. Fold in half, cov-  
ering the filling, and then  
fold the outer edges up  
and crimp the edges with  
your fingers to seal. Place  
the pockets on a baking  
sheet, brush with olive oil  
and sprinkle with grated  
Parmesan. Bake until  
golden, 10 to 15 minutes.  
Serve with the sauce on  
the side.