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From our Pastor and his wife

We set aside time every week to worship God and learn from his Book, the Bible. In our Bible study time and worship services, both young and old learn principles for successful living that work not only on Sundays, but every other day of the week.

Another source of strength and joy is the support that we give each other. Lots of encouragement comes from being with people from a variety of backgrounds and interests who care about each other! How helpful it is to listen to the wisdom of older saints and enjoy the exuberance of our children. And what a comfort to receive encouragement and support from church friends in time of crisis.

As we worship God, learn from the Bible, and pray for one another, we develop a common bond. Families coming to church together are strengthened in their commitment to God and as well as to each other. And we're finding new answers to individual and family needs. All the benefits that we enjoy at our church are based on our commitment to Jesus Christ as our Savior, and the Word of God as our guidebook.

We welcome you to share the joy that we've found.

**Bishop John L Butler Jr
Sister Gwen Butler**

Scripture Reading:

Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.
Cleanse *your* hands, ye sinners; and
purify *your* hearts, ye double minded.

James 4:8 KJV

Our Fundamental Doctrine

We believe in the Holy Bible as the standard of salvation. Which is baptism by immersion in water in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost with evidence of speaking in tongues and perfecting Holiness.



Songs of Praise:

***We've come this far by Faith!
I Call Jesus My Rock
I've Come Too Far
Fill My Cup, Lord
Standing on the Promises of God
With God I Can***

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Greetings Saints, Family, and Friends,

Many of us celebrate during the month of May – remembering our Mothers, finishing another year of school, graduating from college. Whatever the reasons for our celebrations, consider it was our Savior who made these times possible. Thank Him, with all the pomp and circumstance that is due His amazing act of sacrifice.

The Lord our God is One
We must love the Lord our God with all our heart, mind, and strength.
Love your neighbor as yourself.
Peace Be unto you all



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From Our Amazing Youth

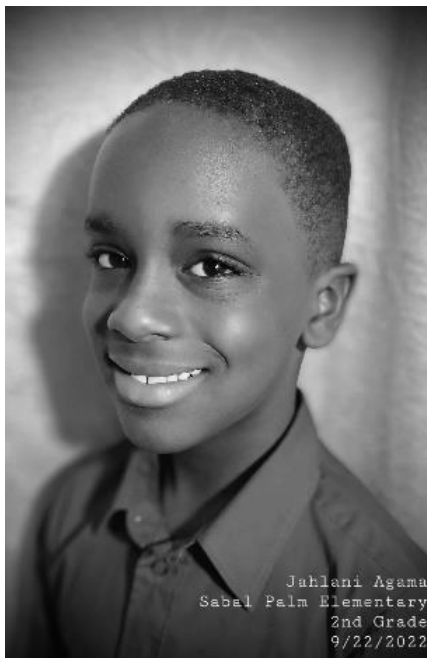
from Sis. Kristie
Praise The Lord,

Love keeps no record of wrongs, but bitterness keeps detailed accounts.”

~Author unknown

My name is **Jahlani Agama**. I am 8 years old. I was baptized when I was 7.

This is how I get close to God.



1. I Pray
2. I Listen to God
3. I Obey God
4. Get baptized
5. Never, ever disobey God
6. When I do wrong I tell him that I'm sorry.

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Media and Music Ministry

Please pray for our Music Department as they magnify the Lord during our Praise and Worship. We are thankful for our brethren Bishop Wilbert Pye, Jonathan and Joshua Butler, Briyaun Butler-Moore, Minister Cory Price, and Jahlani Agama. We also thank Sis Jennifer Agama and Sis Gwen Butler.

We Thank God for our Media Department who manage social media, upload content on our website, peacebe.org, and coordinate recordings, to continue to spread the Word of The Lord to all the earth.



Life can be full of unexpected things

Either happy or sad

But no matter what happens

Keep a loving heart, a wise mind, and a strong faith

God promises to be with us through our journey of life.

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From Sis Jewel

A Moment To Share

A quick lil amazing Story, I would like to share from just this Wednesday night after Church Service. After I walked outside, Sister Cheryl and I greeted. She was gazing at the beautiful moon. We Both was admiring the Glorious Gorgeous MOON! Just saying how God's people recognize his wonderful works and Power.

Soon as I walked to my vehicle, Sis Cynthia handed me a paper, her Granddaughter had really promised me for YEARS..., a poem I asked her to write for me and I wouldn't let her forget it, down from the years when she was in Elementary School! It took me years to get it, But I finally got it!

To my surprise, the Poem I stopped to read, EXEMPLIFIED the very MOON Sis Cheryl and I just had admired about 10 minutes ago! So **I'm sharing Kennedy Evans poem she wrote**, Also Congratulations Kennedy, we call each other Buddy,

A 2023 Graduate this year from CHILES HIGH SCHOOL

"Lovely Moon"

By Kennedy Evans

Its beauty and grace hang in the night sky,
A sight so beautiful it could make you cry,
The luminous glow shines down below,
Taking a peek into every house window.

When Daylight comes it takes a gracious bow,
Showing that it must go away for now.
Although it is gone for hours each day,
I know that at night in the sky it will lay.



Kennedy L. Evans

Original Poetry

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Greetings,

I'm thankful to the Lord Jesus for being my Saviour and Comforter. I appreciate Him for using our Pastor to lead us through His Word on what we must do to draw nigh to God. I'm thankful for the Wednesday and Friday fasting days to help build up our strength and faith in the Lord Jesus.

When I think about "drawing nigh", "drawing close", or "drawing near" to someone I love, I consider how am I entreating them that shows them that I want them in my life. What am I doing or saying that makes them feel welcome and cared for? I want to continually build up my relationship with Jesus; I want to always commune with him because he is my faithful friend, my understanding brother, my mediator, my Savior, my life, my breath, my everything! Why would I not draw close to the one who holds my very existence in the palm of his hand? In summary, a few ways I draw near to God are through praying, singing, giving cheerfully my time or resources to others in need, and writing poetry. The words/lyrics to the following poetic hymnal were given to me by the Holy Spirit on May 10, 2023, and I pray that it encourages someone.

Draw Near to Me

written by Sister Jennifer Butler Agama

Draw near to me,
My Lord I long for thee.
In your presence, I always want to be.
Your radiant glory I want to see.
When I feel you draw near to me.

Cleanse your lips and settle your mind.
My child, I have been with thee all the time.
Waiting for you patiently,
Seek my face and there you'll find Me.

Draw near to me,
My Lord I long for thee.
My thirsty soul needs love and peace.
Your righteousness I want to see.
When I feel you close to me.

Having faith is walking close to me.
In Me, you have a close friend indeed.
Your worry doesn't have to be.
Trust in Me and you will see.

We can walk hand in hand,
as you strive to obey My every command.
Live Holy, faithfully,
Sing praises and there you'll find me.

Draw nigh to me and I will draw nigh to thee.
In my presence, you will always be.
Forgiveness and redemption are yours for free.
The price was paid at Calvary!



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Prayer

Prayer List

Pray for all of those in our church family who have requested prayer. Pray especially for those who have recently lost loved ones. Pray for those struggling with addictions and are imprisoned. Be mindful of those in great need, and be ye always kind.

Forgive me Lord, that I have not sought You, for peace and patience. Thank you for helping me anyway!

Remember all of our groups:

Helping Hands, Media, Choir, Youth and Young Adults, the BOUs and SOUs, and our Fruit of the Spirit teams.

Pray daily as our church grows to reach our community and to show the love of God to so many in need.

Prayer and Fasting

We invite you to join us weekly in prayer and fasting. The Lord laid on our Pastor's heart to call for prayer. As we see in these last days there's an urgent CRY to draw closer to God. We have so many things to pray for.

Join with us **Wednesday & Friday each week**

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Pray for our elders. Pray for our youth. Pray for the poor and sick among us.
At all times, our neighbors need prayer.
Keep lifting each other up in prayer and with supplication.
Love is the greatest commandment!!



“Turn thou us unto thee, O Lord, and we shall be turned; renew our days as of old”.

Lamentations 5:4

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1 st Saturday	Church Cleanup Day
1 st Sunday	Fellowship Dinner (after service)
2 nd Sunday	Newsletter
3 rd Sunday	Gainesville, FL Temple Service
4 th Sunday	Youth Program

Special dates for May:

-----Saturday, May 20, 12:00 Noon Sisters of Unity Meeting
4952 Old St Augustine Road, Tallahassee

****All trips, meetings, and events are subject to change per Pastor Butler's discretion****

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Giving

Please visit our website, peacebe.org, to sign up for online giving.

You may also send your tax-deductible donation to the address at the top of this page or via cash app \$4952CHURCH or P.O. Box 6253 Attn: Pastor Aid Committee.

Above all, please attend our services to give in person.

2 Corinthians 9:6-8



Face-to-face services are held in our sanctuary at
4952 Old St Augustine Road in Tallahassee, Florida.

We are respectfully following health guidelines to minimize exposure and spread of Covid-19.

Sunday morning service begins with prayer at **11:00AM**, followed by Praise and Testimony.

The word of God, read from the King James Version of Holy Scripture, is then brought forth.

Wednesday evening service begins at **7:30PM**, with similar format.

Prayer and Fasting observed every Wednesday and Friday as the Lord prompts you.

Radio broadcast Sundays at 3:00PM on WSTT, 730AM dial

Please call the Church Office, (850)656-7708 or email churchoffice850@gmail.com,
with any questions, concerns, or prayer requests.

Please visit our website, peacebe.org, to download our monthly newsletter.

If you would like to contribute to the newsletter,
please contact Sister Cheryl Pye, agrefieri@gmail.com

Thank you to our **Brothers of Unity** for continuing to
maintain and make repairs in and around our sanctuary and other facilities.

Thanks also to our **Sisters of Unity** and **Youth Department** for cleaning
after each service to promote our continued health and safety.