



Saint Paul A.M.E. Jax Bowling League **A Ministry of Outreach, Fellowship, Fitness & Fun**

The Saint Paul A.M.E. Jax Bowling League began during the Spring Season of 2007 as a twelve week, Saturday fellowship and fun activity sponsored by the Sports/Fitness Ministry, and coordinated by Brother Calvin Cushion & Sister Angela Surcey-Garner.

We have had a core of eight dedicated, committed persons (four teams) since the Fall season of 2008, despite the ups and downs of the league's membership. St. Paul A.M.E. Church, Jacksonville, paid the interim sanction fee for six of the eight members, and our handicap league of mixed doubles became sanctioned (members of the United States Bowling Congress (USBC)) in the Fall Season of 2010! We are locally affiliated with The First Coast USBC, where Sister Alpha Hay is our bowling house representative, who distributes information for the league to Sister Surcey-Garner (Secretary-Treasurer).

We began at Archer Lanes, but it is now Lucky Strike Entertainment Center, under new management. God continues to bless us as "light in a colorful place" as we continue our circle of prayer each week before we bowl. We are respected as a Christian Ministry, and welcome all interested Christians & believers to join us. The sanction fee is \$19 for men, \$20 for ladies, paid annually; the weekly fee is \$12 per person and joining the league requires a 36-week commitment. We distribute winnings to 1st place (50%), 2nd place (30%) and 3rd place (20%), **after** the tithe (10% of total balance after lineage) at the end of the season. The tithe is presented to St. Paul A.M.E. Church, Jacksonville.

Though we've had other members and teams to come and go since we began mixed doubles in 2008, we have always been blessed with at least four dedicated teams. We added Team 5 last year creating an opening for an additional team. Our present roster:

- Team 1: J&J Inc. – James Wesley: *President* – Open Arms Christian Fellowship
– Jason Adams, Sr. – Ephesus Seventh Day Adventist
- Team 2: Mary & Martha – Meltonia Osborne: *Vice-President* – St. Paul A.M.E. Jax
– Lynda Walls – St. Paul A.M.E. Jax
- Team 3: Ruth & Esther – Angela Garner: *Secretary-Treasurer* – St. Paul A.M.E. Jax
– Virginia "Cookie" Gray – St. Paul A.M.E. Jax
- Team 4: Extreme! – Michael Pickett – Philippian Community Church
– Eileen Freeman – Lem Turner Church of Christ
- Team 5: ExtraOrdinary! – Beatrice Matthews – St. Paul A.M.E. Jax
– Catherine Massey – Shiloh Metropolitan Baptist Church

We continue to reach out to others at the bowling alley as persons often reach out to us. We hope to add new members as the league continues.

Submitted by:
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