



## **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, which became Lucky Strike Entertainment Center, but is now closed. God continues to bless us as we now bowl at King Pins Bowling Center, continuing 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 USBC sanction fee is \$19 for men, \$20 for ladies, paid annually – which also allows our members to bowl in city and state USBC Tournaments. The weekly fee is \$15 per person and joining the league requires a 36-week commitment. We distribute winnings to 1<sup>st</sup> place (35%), 2<sup>nd</sup> place (25%) and 3<sup>rd</sup> place (15%), the remaining 25% is split between the remaining teams. We also provide an offering to St. Paul AME 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 presently have seven teams for the Summer and grow as The Lord allows – come join us! Our present roster:

- Team 1: J & J Inc. – James Wesley – Open Arms Christian Fellowship  
– Jason Adams, Sr. – Ephesus Seventh Day Adventist
- Team 2: Mary & Martha – Meltonia Osborne – St. Paul AME Church Jax  
– Lynda Walls – Titus Harvest Dome
- Team 3: The Cross–BAM! – Angela Garner: *Secretary-Treasurer* – St. Paul AMEC Jax  
– Michael Pickett: *President* – Philippian Community Church
- Team 4: Another Show! – Bryant Freeman – Lem Turner Church of Christ  
– Eileen Freeman – Lem Turner Church of Christ
- Team 5: Here They Come! – Carol Williams – will post church name on update  
– Gregory Tootle – “
- Team 6: D & D – Dave Frederick – Naval Air Station Jax (Summer)  
– David Andrews – Naval Air Station Jax (Summer)
- Team 7: Last Minute – (Pastor) Roger Williams – Mt. Zion AMEC Hastings (Summer)  
– Nicole Sampson – new member (Summer)

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

Submitted by: Sister Angela Surcey-Garner, Secretary-Treasurer ~ St. Paul A.M.E. Jax Bowling League