

THE MESSENGER

MARCH 2023

**Monthly Newsletter of
Greater St. John
Missionary Baptist Church
Rev. André A. McGhee
Pastor/Teacher**

For **GOD**

DIDN'T give us a

SPIRIT

of fear, but of

POWER

love, and self-control

2 TIMOTHY 1:7

bibleversesto



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MUSIC IN

Mahogany

RETURNS



GREATER ST. JOHN FOOD PANTRY

The Greater St. John Missionary Baptist Church Food Pantry is a ministry that aims to help meet the needs of our beloved community by providing food to any family or individual seeking assistance in this way. God's Word instructs the Church to: *"Contribute to the needs of God's people and be eager to show hospitality."* (Romans 12:13) We make it our goal here at the Greater St. John Food Pantry to provide a warm atmosphere where each person who visits feels safe and welcome. We hope that every person who visits our food pantry leaves with the food they need and the dignity they deserve.



Sister Bertha Bradley safely attending to an individual.

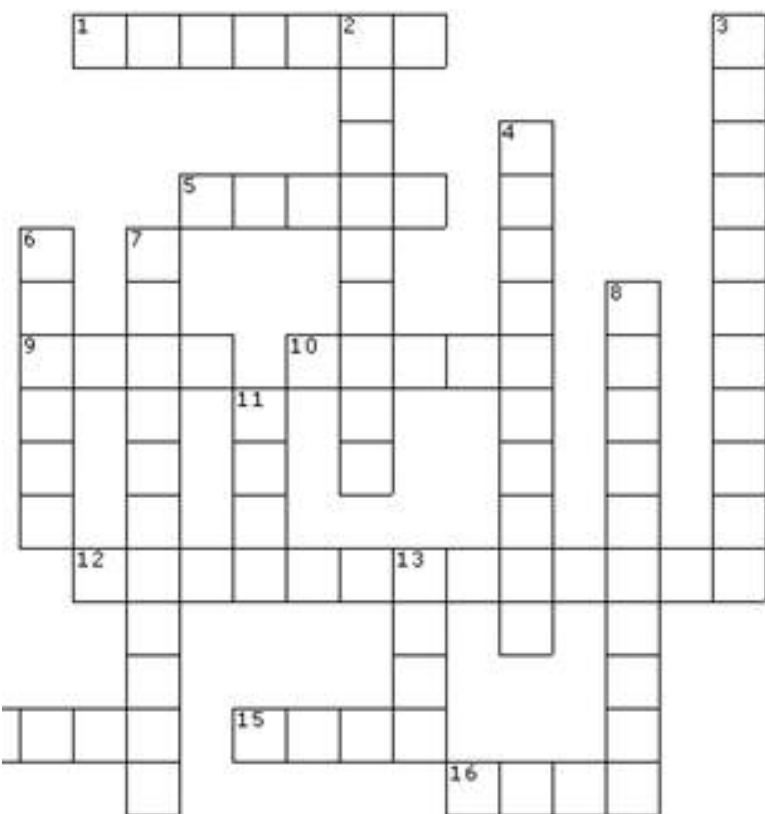
Our Food Pantry is located in the multi-purpose building next door to the sanctuary. This pantry is church sponsored and run solely by volunteer workers. The success of our food pantry has been the result of many hours of hard work and prayer. The volunteers strive to make the Greater St. John Food Pantry the best that it can be, serving this area for the glory of God. Currently we require clients to maintain the recommended social distance by walking-up to the building door and get their food. Our volunteers wear facemasks and gloves for every ones safety. The Food Pantry servers people every Wednesday from 10:00 am to 11:15 am.

Last year our Food pantry served 350 households and over 560 individuals. Our Food Pantry provides food and a variety of products for families to use in their homes. We believe no one should go hungry. Whether you're homeless, unemployed, a parent with children, veteran, senior adult, or just going through a challenging time in life, we do not turn anyone away.

Our dedicated volunteers are George Blount, Bertha Bradley, Ferry Ann Brown, Spencer and Lillie Grady, Martha Hawkins, Lisa Holley, Marie Smith, Glen Wills, James Williams and Minnie Wills.



Crossword Puzzle: New Testament Books



ACROSS

- 1 Named for a tax collector
5 1st and 2nd ____ are named for Jesus' main disciple
9 Rhymes with "hark"
10 Named for Jesus' brother
12 1st and 2nd ____
14 Fourth Gospel
15 Book Named in a Beatles song?
16 1st, 2nd and 3rd

- 11 Sounds like a chopping tool
13 Rhymes with "duke"

DOWN

- 2 Letter to Ephesus
3 Letter to Philippi
4 Letter to Colosse
6 Sixth
7 Paul's letters to the ____
8 Last



Our Mission

The church committed to explaining the Bible for the equipping of the believer, the evangelizing of the blind, and the edifying of the body as we endeavor to bond in the unity of the Spirit.

Worship Service Times

Sunday School:

Online: 8:00 am and In-person: 8:30 am

Sunday Morning Worship:

Online and In-Person: 10:00 am

Wednesday Bible Study:

Online: 7:00 pm and In-Person: 11:45 am



VISIT OUR WEBSITE:
Greaterstjohnmbc.com

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Office Hours

Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM





MISSIONARY SOCIETY

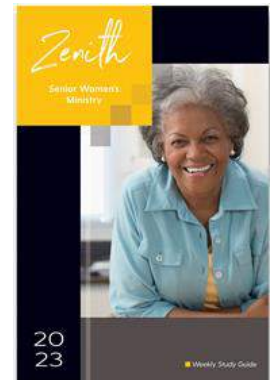
For I was hungered, and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink, I was a stranger, and ye took me in. Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me; I was in prison, and ye came unto me.
Matthew 25:35-36

Home Mission: Prayer, home visits, cards, finance, telephone visits, food and clothing just to name a few.

Missionary President: Sister Willa Mae Frison

FIRST QUARTER 2023 THEME: HOPE FOR A NEW BEGINNING MARCH

WEEK	SUBJECT	SCRIPTURE
First	Hope in the incomparable God of Heaven	Isaiah 40:25-31
Second	Hope for the Faithful	Daniel 3:1-30
Third	Hope for the Prayerful	Daniel 6:1-23
Forth	Hope for the Justice For a Wayward Nation	Amos 5:10-27



Missionaries Study Book

NEXT MEETING: A General Missionary meeting for all Circles and all Circle Members will be held Tuesday, March 21st at 5:00 pm at Greater St. John. We are excited about 2023, come join us as we study, discuss and plan our future projects and tasks together.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SPRING QUARTER 2023 THEME: BEYOND THE PRESENT TIMES UNIT 1 THEME MARCH: THE KINGDOM OF GOD

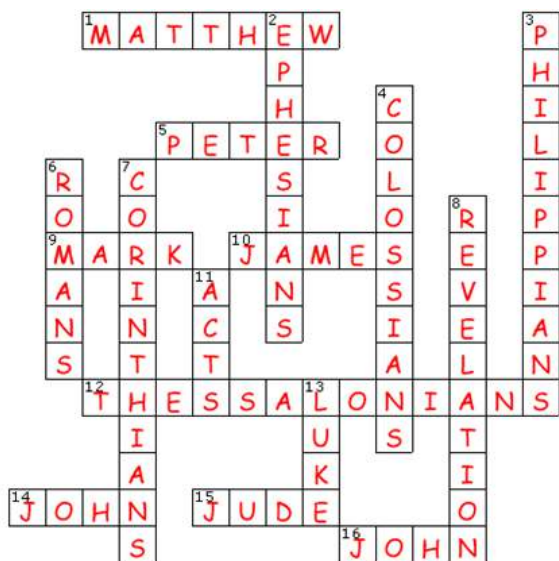
WEEK	SUBJECT	SCRIPTURE
Lesson 1: March 5	Daniel's Vision of Change	Daniel 7:9-14
Lesson 2 March 12	Daniel's Prayer	Daniel 9:4b-14
Lesson 3 March 19	Gabriel's Interpretation	Daniel 8:19-26
Lesson 4 March 26	Hope Comes from God's Grace	2 Thessalonians 2:1-3, 9-17

Online Sunday School - 8:00AM
In-person Sunday School - 8:30AM



Birthdays!

- 03-01 Halle Green
- 03-02 Taleo Halbert, Jerome Williams
- 03-03 Jourdan Gates
- 03-05 Tracey King
- 03-06 Felicia Forrest, Maikiti Lindsey, Robert Stewart
- 03-07 DaMon Johnson
- 03-08 Rev. Brian Martin
- 03-09 Fhonda Forrest, Georgia Bradshaw, Donna Horne
- 03-10 Therese Taylor, Larry (LD) Williams
- 03-12 Aliceya Badgett, Bobbie Chase, Raishard Johnson
- 03-13 Crystal Jones
- 03-14 Roosevelt Topps
- 03-15 Lamarcus Allen, Dorothy Ellis, Beverly Harris, Mikya Sabbs
- 03-16 Laura Fisk, Jarmarcus Lindsey, Jane Williams
- 03-17 Letitia Ficklen, Annie Trotter
- 03-18 Dennis Belcher
- 03-19 Roz Summerlin
- 03-20 Leslie Boyden, Skylar Finch, Alecia Williams
- 03-23 Darlene Macon- Clifton
- 03-24 Lavonte Williams
- 03-25 Howard Buchanan II
- 03-26 Natasha Smith
- 03-27 Brian Robinson
- 03-29 Ramona Scales, James Robison, Alisse Williams, Toshua Williams
- 03-31 Laverne Whaley, Cheryl Wilder, Cleopatra (Patti) Wright



(answers for puzzle from page 4)

BLACK HISTORY MOMENT



ELLA BAKER

She risked her life to rally activists in the Deep South

She played a major role in three of the biggest groups of the civil rights movement, but Ella Baker somehow still remains largely unknown outside activist circles.

Baker grew up in North Carolina, where her grandmother's stories about life under slavery inspired her passion for social justice.

As an adult, she became an organizer within the NAACP and helped co-found the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the organization that the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. led. She also helped found the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC).


For her efforts, Baker has been called the "Mother of the civil rights movement."



UPCOMING EVENTS

Bible Study
RESUMES
WEDNESDAY
3/8/2023
IN-PERSON AND
VIRTUAL

Join us as we start a new lesson:
Journey Into Knowing Jesus. A 26-lesson study of the Gospel of John.



\$12.00

MARCH RALLY
TEAM FUNDS DUE
MARCH 19, 2023



Replacing our Boiler

COMBINED Youth MINISTRY & **SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY, MARCH 19th
AFTER 10:00 AM SERVICE IN LOWER LEVEL

SIGN-UP BEGINS FOR
Easter PROGRAM
Sign-up by March 19th
Easter Program on April 6th

Volunteers Needed
for
Sunday Morning Breakfast

Cooks • Dishwashers • Servers • Food Prep • Clean-up

Contact Ophelia Rogers

Greater St. John Golf League

We're starting our Golf league back up. Those interested please contact:

Richard Armstrong
RCA72351@sbcglobal.net



Please Pick-up
Combined Youth Ministry
Adult Volunteer and
Youth Questioner Forms
In Vestibule – Return ASAP

