

**THE MESSENGER**

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

**MAY 2023**

# HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

*“Her children rise up  
And call her blessed;  
Her husband also, he  
Praises her” Proverbs 31:28*





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## EASTER SUNDAY PHOTOS





## 2023 MARCH RALLY GOAL REACHED

A huge thank you from the entire membership of Greater St. John Missionary Baptist Church to everyone who made a donation to the 2023 March Rally Fundraiser. We made our goal. Your donations helped us raise a record breaking \$35,000.00 and we couldn't be more grateful. These donations will go a long way towards ensuring we can completely replace our aging boiler and related piping systems.

To the ten March Rally teams who give their time, energy, and financial resources to make the March Rally a success, thank you! Thank you for your hard work and persistence. None of this would be possible without you.



2023 March Rally Queen & King Team #6  
Darlene Macon-Clifton (standing in for Dortha Miller)  
and Jimmy Scales

On Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> March Rally was held after the Sunday morning worship services. We had the roll call announcements and recognized those March Rally team Captains and team members that were in attendance. Then, on Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> after the Sunday morning worship services Sister Darlene Macon-Clifton (standing in for Dortha Miller) and Brother Jimmy Scales were crowned 2023 March Rally King and Queen. They are the Captains of March Rally Team #6.



### Ten Easy Bible Mother Trivia

- 1) Which mom puts her baby in a basket to save him? Exodus 2
- 2) Which mom prayed for a baby while she visited a temple? 1 Samuel 1:10
- 3) What mom saw her son die on a cross? John 19:25
- 4) Name the mom of John the Baptist? Luke 1
- 5) Who was the first mother on earth? Genesis 2
- 6) Who was Joseph's mother? Genesis 30:25
- 7) Which evil mother taught her daughter to dance seductively and ask for John the Baptist's head for a prize? Matthew 14:6
- 8) Who called herself, "The Mother of Israel?" Genesis 35
- 9) Whose mother brought him a new coat each year? 1 Samuel 2:19
- 10) What does the law say you should do when you find a bird on its nest? Deuteronomy 22:8

(Answers on page)



## ATTENTION GRADUATES!



If you will be graduating from college, high school, or the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, we need to hear from you.

- You must fill out the Graduate Form (Available on the bulletin board in the vestibule) or in the church office (during the week during the hours of 9 am-4 pm).
- Include a photo (to be displayed on the screens in the sanctuary on Promotion Sunday).
- Turn in the form with photo to Sister Jean Walker, Sunday School Superintendent or Sister Lela Warren or the church office.
- The deadline to submit your form and photo is **Sunday, May 28, 2023.**

*You are expected to be present for church in your Cap and Gown (if applicable) for Promotion Sunday, June 11, 2023.*

### WERE YOU ABLE TO IDENTIFY LAST MONTHS CHILD PHOTO?



Brother Ray Turner still has the same smile.

### 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:

In person: 11:45 am On-line 7:00 pm



**VISIT OUR WEBSITE:**  
**Greaterstjohnmbc.com**

#### Office & Mailing Address:

Greater St. John Missionary Baptist Church  
101 N. Adams Street  
South Bend, IN 46628  
Phone: 574-232-6700  
Fax: 574-232-2773

#### Office Hours

Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM





## MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. Favour in deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. Proverbs 31:27-30 (KJV)

*Thank you for supporting the Missionary Society Fish Fry*

Missionary President: Sister Willa Mae Frison



Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, Missionary Society Celebrated their 93<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary

Come be a part of the Missionary Society, study with us and enjoy our special projects!

*"Join the Circle"*



Study Book For  
Brotherhood

### SECOND QUARTER 2023 BROTHERHOOD AND MISSIONARY SOCIETY STUDYING MAY THEME: EXAMPLES OF FAITH IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

WEEK	SUBJECT	SCRIPTURE
First	Faith When Threatened	Exodus 1:8-2:10
Second	Joshua and Caleb Believed	Numbers 13:21-14:11
Third	Faith in God's Salvation	Exodus 14:5-31
Forth	David Faces Goliath	1 Samuel 17:24-54



Study Book For  
Missionaries





05-02 Erika Grayson  
 05-03 Earline Boatman, Etta Williams  
 05-04 Nathan Boyd, Chavala Wilson  
 05-05 Alvin Evans, Laricka Hunt, Dwight Hunter, Tayvione Mitchell, Deborah Wilson  
 05-08 Latangela Grimes, Giszel O'Neal  
 05-09 Wendell Harmon, Elois White  
 05-10 Brenda Blake, Ahnya Tate,  
 05-11 Jasmine Bradley, Amari Murray  
 05-12 Bemis Blake, Kimberly Jones, Letha Perkins, Lucy Wigfall  
 05-13 Sherri Jones, Peter Pinkney  
 05-14 Corlette Beauchamp, Jackiem Donaldson, Charmonique Green, Michael Taylor Jr.  
 05-15 Lela Warren  
 05-16 Beverly Faulkens, Tanya Robinson  
 05-18 Diamond Carothers, Zhane Hill, Masika Williams  
 05-19 Ta'lor Agnew  
 05-20 Maxine Pruitt  
 05-21 Vershawn Burns  
 05-22 Vickie Beasley, Janice Gates  
 05-23 Wayne Belcher  
 05-24 Jessie Key, Paula Rogers, Barbara Wadley  
 05-26 Dennis Copeland III,  
 05-27 LaTonya Belcher-Scott, Kaniya Taylor, Jalen Williams  
 05-28 Doris Wright  
 05-29 Letricia Holman  
 05-30 Bettina Harris  
 05-31 Jackie Engle

## Missionary Society Fish Fry a Success

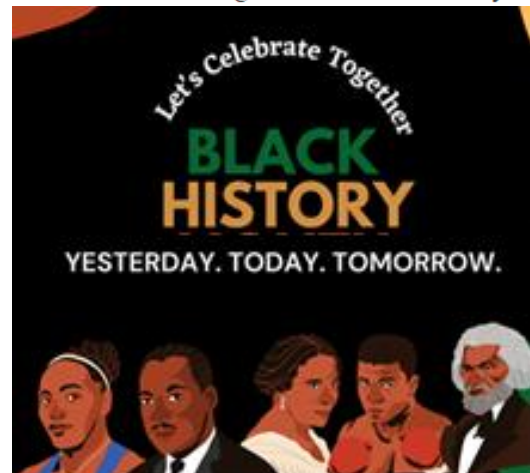
The Greater St. John Missionary Society Fish Fry that raises funds to hand out turkeys to the community certainly was a success this year. The event was held Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> in lower level dining hall of Greater St. John. Approximately 200 people were served for takeout or dinning. Fish with all the works along with desserts were served. Thanks to everyone that assisted and purchased dinner plates.



*Thank you for supporting the Missionary Society  
Fish Fry*

### *Answers to Easy Bible Mother Trivia from page 3*

1. Yocheved Exodus 2
2. Hannah 1 Samuel 1:10
3. Mary) John 19:25
4. Elizabeth Luke 1
5. Eve Genesis 2
6. Rachel Genesis 30:25
7. Herodias Matthew 14:6
8. Deborah Genesis 35
9. Hannah 1 Samuel 2:19
10. Let the mother go free. Deuteronomy 22:8









## UPCOMING EVENTS

### CYM POSITIVE IMPACT ORGANIZATION

Planning Committee Meeting  
Monday May 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 PM  
We Welcome and Encourage all  
Interested Parties to Attend

### Dining with Diabetes A Flavorful Journey to Health

Dining with Diabetes consists of three sessions  
May 2<sup>nd</sup>, May 9<sup>th</sup>, and May 16<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 PM  
\$40.00 For The Three Session Course  
Call (574) 235-9605 For Info  
*Brought to you by: 100 Black Men of South Bend*  
*Sponsored by: Purdue University*

### COMBINED YOUTH MINISTRY

MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>  
AT 6:00 PM

LOWER LEVEL OF THE CHURCH

### DRILL TEAM ANNIVERSARY MAY 21<sup>ST</sup>



### Sunday School Department – Perfect Attendance Students



Vickie Blount



Eldridge Chism



Beverly Faulkens



Shirley Gorden



Alma Harris



Betty McFarland



Daren Washington



Etta Williams



Marilyn Williams

Not Shown: Janice Gates and Diane Newburn

