

THE MESSENGER

SEPTEMBER 2023

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

to every thing there is a
season,
and a time to every purpose
under the heaven.

Ecclesiastes 3:1



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BLAKE WESLEY HOST YOUTH BASKETBALL CLINIC

Blake Wesley who is going into his second year with the NBA San Antonio Spurs returned to the Michiana area in August to host free youth basketball clinics. One in South bend and another in Elkhart. The first clinic was held at Riley High School where over 200 kids ages 6-17 attended.

Blake along with several experienced coaches taught the kids fundamentals of basketball including, ballhandling, shooting, and footwork skills. They learned the



Blake Wesley



importance of nutrition and developing healthy habits to reach their full potential.

At the clinic, Blake was awarded the key to the city from South Bend Mayor James Mueller.

After the clinic during an interview Blake was asked

several questions about his experiences, his first year in the NBA and how he overcame injuries. Blake's repeated response was "always work hard, pray, family, and keep God first."

Wesley says his mother, Leslie Wesley, had a huge impact on the planning of the events. Wesley says he plans to host more basketball clinics in the future.

Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.
Proverbs 22:6



SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Each year, Greater St. John's Sunday School Department honors one of our many outstanding teachers by naming a Teacher of the Year. The Teacher of the Year is recognized for their excellence in teaching and outstanding contributions to the Sunday School Department.

Sister Pam Green has been named the 2023 Sunday School Department Teach of the Year. Sister Green teaches the Beginners Class.



(l to r) Deacon Mark Green, Sister Pam Green, Pastor André A. McGhee, Sister Jean Walker and Deacon Daren Washington



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Office Hours

Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM



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 and Online: 7:00 pm

GREATER ST. JOHN'S ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

As the Administrative Assistant for Greater St. John, Doris Gilmore wears many hats! She has worked at Greater St. John since August of 2009 and is still at it 14 years later. Typically, churches do not always have resources of for-profit businesses. This means that the



Doris Gilmore

church administrator duties go beyond simple administrative support and can include being the church secretary, the office administrator, and business administrator all-in-one. Every church requires administrative tasks for the business side to function. The exact type and kind of tasks depend greatly on both the church size and budget.

A church administrative assistant job description includes helping to ensure that the church runs smoothly, providing support that allows the pastor to attend to other responsibilities.

Doris loves the day-to-day interaction with staff, church members and the community and enjoys helping in any way that she can. She goes over and above the descriptions to make sure everyone and everything run smoothly for the good of Greater St. John.



OUR CUSTODIANS CONTINUE TO WORK WONDERS

We are delighted to welcome Glen Hosea to the church as he has agreed be our new custodian. Glen has the skills, capabilities and experience we were looking for that will result in him doing a great job in this position. Glen has been a member of Greater St. John for a number of years. He completed the necessary training and in July started working his regular schedule.

Glen enjoys helping people and likes his job so far, especially interacting with church members as he goes about his work.



Glen Hosea



Floyd Carter

Our Lead Custodian, Charles Hurt has been out on medical leave and Floyd Carter has stepped-up and is filling in for him. Floyd has been our reliable substitute when our custodians are out for vacation or other reasons. His years of experience as a custodian at Greater St. John have helped with continuing with maintaining our church in top condition.

Our other custodian is Betty McFarland, who shows her love for our church every day by her dedication and commitment. Betty will come in on weekends to clean-up after an event and never mention that she came in.



Betty McFarland

You can catch her picking up papers in the sanctuary on Sundays after service. She takes pride in cleaning classrooms, vestibule, sanctuary, hallways and other areas of the church.

Our custodians are working wonders! They stay focused with multiple jobs to do and are determined to finish them before the day is over. Custodians make sure our buildings are prepared for daily operations, sometimes coming in early to shovel snow and clear ice from sidewalks. Custodians had to learn how to operate new sanitizing equipment and use new products to disinfect surfaces, pews, chairs and other



items touched by people.

Now more than ever, our custodians are our unsung heroes who made sure our members and staff remained safe and protected during the height of the pandemic. On behalf of all officers of GSJ we thank you!

Thank You

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)

THIRD QUARTER 2023
BROTHERHOOD AND MISSIONARY SOCIETY STUDY LESSONS
SEPTEMBER
THEME: FAITH IN THE NEW TESTAMENT



WEEK	SUBJECT	SCRIPTURE
First	Privately Other Believers	Matthew 18:15-17
Second	Forgive, Forgive, Forgive!	Matthew 18:21-35
Third	A Depleting Faith	Matthew 26:31-46
Fourth	The Centurion Believed	Matthew 27:50-54



Thanks for the donations to Hope Ministries



Missionary President: Sister Willa Mae Frison



"JOIN THE CIRCLE"

Mary McLeod Bethune was a Trailblazer for African-American People in Education

Mary McLeod Bethune was an educator and advocate for civil rights. In a time when educational options for African-American people were limited, Bethune founded the Daytona Normal and Industrial Institute in 1904, a school for black girls.



Bethune was passionate about education.

In 1923, the school merged into a college, with the all-male Cookman Institute. The new doubled its enrollment and was renamed the Bethune-Cookman College and today is known as Bethune-Cookman University in Daytona Beach, Florida.

Bethune also organized voter registration campaigns, as women gained the right to vote. In 1936, Bethune was the highest-ranking African-American woman in government as the director of Negro Affairs of the National Youth Administration.

BLACK HISTORY MOMENT





September Birthdays



- 09-01 Alexzandria Parker
- 09-02 Cynthia Burton, Doris Floyd
- 09-03 Jalen Lee, Ivania Sanders, Journey Small
- 09-04 Jerome Smith, Blanche Short
- 09-05 Delisa Cole, Patricia Greer
- 09-06 Shauntae Deloach
- 09-07 Bertha Bradley, Leonard Butler, Paul Dickens
- 09-09 Noalden Walker
- 09-10 Roland Griffin
- 09-11 Sandra Gandy, Carolyn Griffin, Minnie Maxwell
- 09-13 Shanae Gardner, Takeya Williams
- 09-14 Billy R. Williams Sr.,
- 09-15 Catherine Murry, Rebecca Ward
- 09-16 Naquisha Autry, Norman Malone, Vivian Sallie
- 09-17 Leroy Alexander, Doris Brown, Latonia Mosby, Donnell Williams, Marissa Williams
- 09-18 Nakia Bradley
- 09-19 Chisa Taylor
- 09-20 Fayona Forrest, Tyler Franklin, Adeline Jones, Maurica Williams
- 09-21 Seretha Brand, Harrison Greer Jr., Marquitta Irby
- 09-23 Oscar Beasley, Heather Brooks, Londale Madison, Romeo Williamson, Minnie Wills, Yvonne Wright
- 09-24 Chris White
- 09-25 Zion Redding, Darena Taylor
- 09-26 Marius White-Tucker, Warren Williams Sr., Dell Owens
- 09-27 Betty Campbell, Carolyn Gadlin, James Williams
- 09-29 Anthony Carver, Michael Graham, Christian Sheppard, Felicia Talton, Pauletta Washington, Lamarria Young
- 09-30 Dorothy Honeycutt, Tameka Honeycutt, Shakisa Talton

DID YOU IDENTIFY LAST MONTHS BABY PHOTO?

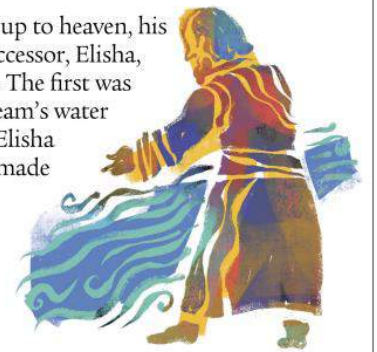


Sister Elaine Smith

?? Bible Quiz ??

After Elijah was taken up to heaven, his newly commissioned successor, Elisha, performed two miracles. The first was making a poisonous stream's water safe to drink. What did Elisha toss into the water that made it wholesome?

- A. a stick
- B. a new bowl
- C. bread
- D. salt



Answer: D (See 2 Kings 2:19-22.)



Mamie Phillips ~ "Golden Girl"



Nathaniel Carrothers ~ "Golden Guy"

Sunday School Golden Awards for Faithful Service.



UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



BIBLE STUDY
RESUMES
WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 13, 2023



MEN'S DAY CHOIR
RECRUITING MEMBERS
Rehearsal
Thursdays Sept 14th & 21st
at 6:30 pm
Colors for Men's Day are Shades of Blue



Greater St. John
PRESENTS
Women's Day
Theme: The Beauty Of A Godly Woman
Titus 2:1-8
Date: **Sunday 10th September 2023** Time: **10:00am**
101 N. Adams Street, South Bend, IN, 46628
Host Pastor: **ANDRÉ A. MCGHEE**
Guest Minister: **REV. DENISE POSIE**



Greater St. John
PRESENTS
MEN'S DAY
Theme: The Character Of A Godly Man
Titus 2:1-8
Date: **SUNDAY 24TH SEPT. 2023** Time: **10:00AM**
101 N. Adams Street, South Bend, IN, 46628
Host Pastor: **ANDRÉ A. MCGHEE**
Guest Pastor: **REV. CHARLES ADAMS, JR.**

CALENDAR PLANNING MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10TH
MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING
ALL LEADERS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND

MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT
FISH FRY
Menu
Catfish, Spaghetti
Cole Slaw, Bread
Cake
Friday, October 13th **Tickets \$15.00**
Tickets available from any Missionary member starting this month.



VAN MINISTRY
VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED
To Transport Members on Sunday for Worship Service and Sunday School
If interested contact: Janice Gates at (574) 315-6651



Volunteers Needed
for
Sunday Morning Breakfast
Cooks • Dishwashers • Servers • Food Prep • Clean-up
Contact Ophelia Rogers

