

The Messenger

MAY 2022

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



TO ALL OUR DEAR MOMS

**HAPPY
MOTHER'S
DAY!**

Mother's day is the most amazing
and beautiful day to let your
mother know that you love her!



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May is
**Teacher Appreciation
Month**
Thank you
For all of your
hard work and
dedication

May is Teacher Appreciation Month, so be sure to let all teachers in your life know how special they are with a word of thanks or a small token of gratitude.

We especially thank our volunteers who serve the Lord through teaching ministries of Greater St. John. They handle the most precious things to God – His Word and His people.



GREATER ST. JOHN
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH



- 05-01 Barry Grady
- 05-02 Erika Grayson
- 05-03 Earline Boatman, Etta Williams
- 05-04 Nathan Boyd, Chavala Wilson
- 05-05 Alvin Evans, Laricka Hunt, Tayvione Mitchell, Deborah Wilson
- 05-08 Latangela Grimes, Giszel O'Neal
- 05-09 Wendell Harmon, Eloise 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 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 Janice Gates
- 05-23 Wayne Belcher
- 05-24 Paula Rogers, Barbara Wadley
- 05-26 Dennis Copeland III,
- 05-27 LaTonya Belcher-Scott, Kanija Taylor, Jalen Williams
- 05-28 Doris Wright
- 05-29 Letricia Holman
- 05-30 Bettina Harris
- 05-31 Jackie Engle

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 8:00AM & In-person 8:30AM

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:00 am

Wednesday Online Bible Study 7:00 pm



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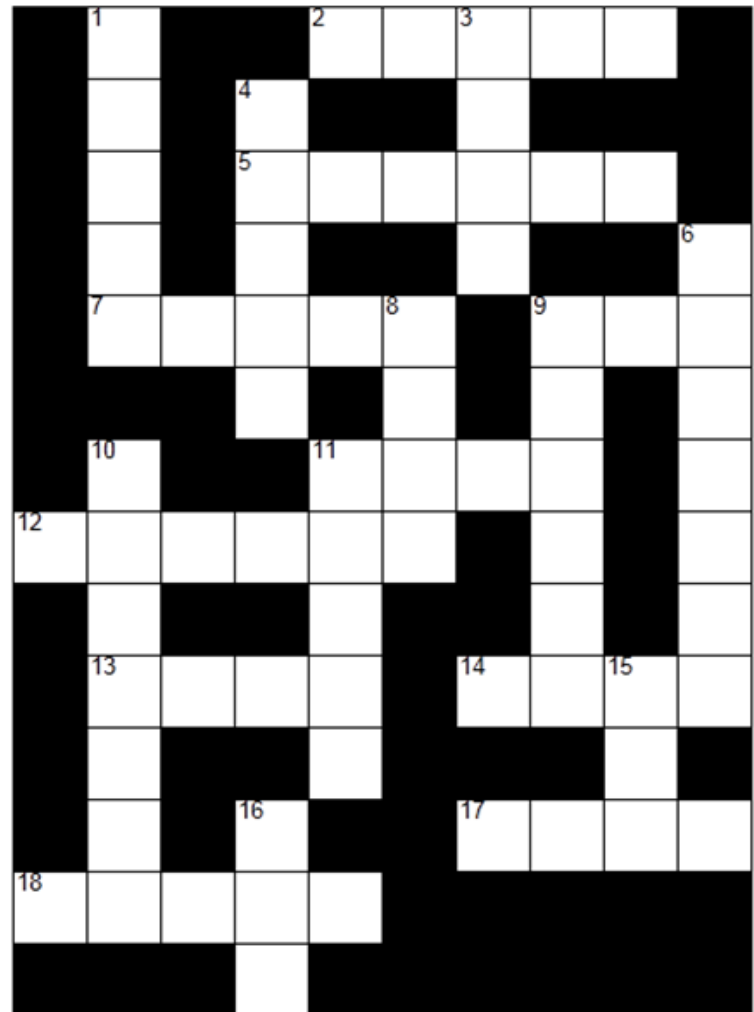
Office Hours

Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

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Mothers in the Bible Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

2. He stole silver from his mother, & hired a Levite as priest.
5. Jesus healed whose mother-in-law of a fever.
7. Ruth's mother-in-law.
9. She was the mother of all living.
11. He took care of Jesus' mother after Jesus was crucified?
12. This king was taught sayings by his mother.
13. His mother helped him deceive his father.
14. Reuben's mother.
17. City where Jesus brought a resurrected boy to his mother.
18. The mother of Ishmael.

DOWN

1. Jacob's mother's brother.
3. Ruth asked her mother-in-law if she should go glean ____.
4. His mother made savoury meat for his father.
6. The mother of King Josiah.
8. The mother of Asa the king made an ____ in a grove.
9. Timothy's mother.
10. Esau's mother.
11. His mother said, They have no wine
15. The mother of King Hezekiah.
16. Complete the quote: Forsake not the ____ of thy mother.

(answers to puzzle on page 4)

SOUTH BEND LAUNCHES NEW WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM TO OFFER TRAININGS AND CERTIFICATIONS TO RESIDENTS

The Department of Community Investment announced today the launch of Upskill SB, a new workforce development program targeting job seekers, professionals, and recent high school or college graduates to earn industry-level job certifications. By offering a wide range of training options and reimbursing certification costs, Upskill SB aims to develop highly skilled workers in South Bend and retain high quality jobs in the region.

The program will accept 10-15 South Bend residents and assist in identifying training and certifications that best fit each participant's career interests. Through Upskill SB, the City will reimburse 100% of exam costs and at least 50% of training costs, with additional financial aid qualifying participants. Those who do not have a computer or internet may also be eligible for technology reimbursements.

Participants must hold a high school diploma or equivalent and must be a resident of South Bend. Residents can apply to the program and find more information at southbendin.gov/upskillSB. The application will remain open until the cohort is full or until June 3.



WERE YOU ABLE TO IDENTIFY LAST MONTHS BABY PHOTO?



Sister Shirley Towles

Email your photos for the next issue to:
RCA72351@sbcglobal.net.



REJOICING 35 YEARS OF SERVICE

The Greater St. John Missionary Baptist Church “Stepping For Christ” Drill Team will be celebrating their 35th anniversary of service. The Drill Team was organized in 1987 under the pastorate of the late Rev. Dr. William W. Kirk. The church Sunday School Department, under the leadership of the late General Superintendent Brother Aaron Wright, attended the 1987 National Sunday School Baptist Training Union Congress in Dallas, Texas. Attending the National Sunday School BTU Congress included Sisters Allene McMorris, Lorraine Munlin, and Pinkie Works. Michael Munlin also attended and just loved the BTU Congress and was so excited with the drill team he saw and their participation at the BTU Congress that he asked Sisters McMorris and Works to please start a drill team so he could be in it.

His request was presented to Rev. Kirk, who answered in the negative, but suggested that the request be presented to the Church Body and the church voted yes! Sisters McMorris, Munlin and Works organized the Greater St. John Drill Team. Michael Munlin, Keyon Laws, Latonya Wilder Dotson and Jamal Keys were among the first members.

Sister Jacqueline Keys was the first Director and Sister Sylvia Martin was the first Assistant Director. The Late Deacon James Sims was the first Matron Dean of the team and Sister Velma Harris was Publisher.

The Drill Team was placed under the Educational Division of the church, which is the Sunday School Department. In 1993, the name ‘Stepping for Christ’ was added to the Greater St. John Missionary Baptist Church Drill Team. The ‘Stepping for Christ Drill Team’ consisted of two components: Team “A” and Team “B”.

The Drill Team currently minister under the leadership of Pastor Andre’ A. McGhee, Director Sister Cheryl Wilder, Choreographer Keemo Richardson, Squad Leaders Sean Paul Finch and Dayonna Marsh, and Matron Lucy Wigfall.

The ‘Stepping for Christ Drill Team’ has been active in our own church as well as in the community and nationally. They have performed at many local churches and have performed statewide (in Indiana) in Elkhart, Kingsford Heights, Michigan City, Fort Wayne and Indianapolis. Out of state - Benton Harbor and Detroit Michigan, St. Louis, Missouri, Nashville, Tennessee, Louisville, Kentucky, Houston, Texas and Phoenix, Arizona, Orlando, Florida, Atlanta and Memphis.

They have won first place in their categories in 1999, 2002 and 2003 at the National Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress. They have ministered at the Northwestern Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Indiana District from 1991-1993. They most recently ministered at the Nationals in 2015 and 2018.

The Drill Team is always interested in recruiting new members. If you are between the ages of 8 and young adult 24 and would like to join the Drill Team, contact the Director, Sister Cheryl Wilder

STEPPING FOR CHRIST DRILL TEAM



SPRING SUNDAY SCHOOL QUARTER LESSON

GOD FREES AND REDEEMS

UNIT III THEME LIBERATING LETTERS

DATE	LESSON TITLE	LESSON SCRIPTURE
May 1, 2022:	Freedom from Sin	Romans 6:1-14
May 8, 2022:	Freedom for the Future	Romans 8:18-30
May 15, 2022:	Freedom and the Law	Galatians 3:18-29
May 22, 2022:	The Nature of Christian Freedom	Galatians 5:1-15
May 29, 2022:	The Spiritual Fruit of Freedom	Galatians 5:16-26

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



The South Bend Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. celebrates No Menthol Sunday on May 15, 2022. During this day they encourage local Black churches to participate and provide awareness to their congregations. They provide tobacco cessation education materials, church announcements, social media posts and church fans to participating churches.

Did you know that smoking still kills more African Americans each year than homicides, suicides, AIDS-related death, car accidents and police brutality combined? Yes, tobacco is still our number one killer. Most teens and African Americans who smoke choose menthols because the minty flavor helps make it easier to start smoking. It also makes it harder to quit smoking. Civil rights and public health advocates have been fighting for a ban on menthol for years. Now, Isaiah 55:11 says that when the word of Lord goes out, it will not return void. It will accomplish what it was called to do--and succeed! Family, I have historic news to report! After decades of delay, the FDA has finally committed to banning menthols and flavored cigars! This ban will help reduce addiction, help people quit, and keep our young people from ever wanting to pick up that filthy habit. If you are a smoker but haven't talked to anyone about it, now is the time. We just want to pray with you, give you resources, and help you to find your way to freedom. We know it can take several tries before you quit for good. You can call 1-800-QUIT-NOW for free resources and coaching. Or feel free to contact Sister Linda Johnson after service for more. Thank you.

ST. JOHN #1 WINS SECOND PLACE IN CHUCH BOWLING LEAGUE

CONGRATULATIONS to team St. John 1 (Greater St. John), for their second place win in the Church Mixed Bowling League.

As our regular bowling season drew to a close, team St. John #1 had the opportunity to take the first place crown. But a 1-3 loss to team Clay Church earned a proud second place in the Church Mixed Bowling league as the season ended. St. John #1 started the championship series with a win in the first game. Then Clay Church got hot and bowled over their season average to win the remaining games and take the championship.

The league was played at Strikes and Spares in Mishawaka for 30 weeks with 27 participants this past season. Team St. John #1 donated their \$50.00 cash winnings to the Greater St. John Missionary Baptist Church Food Pantry.



Second Place Winners, Team St. John #1, (l to r) Angela Hawkins, Martha Hawkins, Jeffery Balka and Terry Austin



Sister Berleane Hill was crowned 2022 March Rally Queen by First Lady Jennifer McGhee.

2022 MARCH RALLY QUEEN CROWNED

On Sunday, April 10th 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 24th after the Sunday morning worship services Sister Berleane Hill was crowned 2022 March Rally Queen for her team raising the most money. Sister Hill is March Rally Team #1 Captain. CONGRATULATIONS!!

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