

The Messenger

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Monthly Newsletter of
Greater St. John
Missionary Baptist Church
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Pray for our students and teachers as the school year begins! Both have difficult days before them; Let's agree to pray that God will protect them from harm, and shield them from untruths taught as socially acceptable. Let's pray that our youth will be God's soldiers in the educational battlefield and that they will be His examples to the world! Let's lift up our Christian teachers as they have a spiritual battlefield of their own in educating our future leaders.



- 08-01 Darlene Gray
- 08-02 Mark Liddell
- 08-03 Rochelle Finch, Francine Forrest, Kaniesha Gardner, Latonya Wilder
- 08-04 Leonard Talton Sr.
- 08-05 Rochelle Hurt
- 08-06 Kathy Bingham, Aaron Harris
- 08-07 Ciera Davis
- 08-08 Robert Spann, Elizabeth Stone
- 08-09 Tiffany Boatman, Ferry Ann Brown
- 08-10 Karen Burgess, Gregory Goodrich
- 08-14 Duane Logan
- 08-15 Beverly Reynolds
- 08-16 Lateefah Harris, Charlotte Thompson
- 08-18 Destiny Floyd, Tracey Hill, Charles Hurt
- 08-19 Darnell O'Neal, Amanda Parrish, Angela Saunders
- 08-20 Ahsaunta Fielder, Kimberly Lewis, Joseph Ward, Greg Williams
- 08-22 Tyrone Green, Ardisha Hogan, Maria Johnson, Brycen Wilkins
- 08-23 Rolondo Guerden, Dorese Hill, Sean Walker,
- 08-24 Lavondra Coleman, Miranda Gadson
- 08-25 Johnny Byers, Ruth Jackson
- 08-26 William Wilson
- 08-27 James Jennings Jr.
- 08-28 Rhonda Blount, Raydoll Bradley
- 08-30 George Blount Jr., Margaret Harris, Karen Miller
- 08-31 Carla Smith



GREATER ST. JOHN
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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



The APOSTLES WORD SEARCH

Hidden in this puzzle are the widely accepted names of the twelve apostles. Find them all!

C I N U E T A
H D J O V E T S B
I S A M O H T U W W J
J A M E S T H E L E S S P
E O N S K P D A H M C K I
E O N E I D W T H O D J L
R T R F A M T A H L E A I
A E S H L A O I A O F M H
A T T G M Q X N N H G E P
I N A E M R D I N T H S M
H H H P R Y O R R I L
B O E S J U D A S
W J T Z O S B

Peter James John Andrew
Philip Thomas Bartholomew Matthew
Jamestheless Simon Thaddeus Judas

(answers on page 6)

THE MEN WHO SAVED A PRESIDENT

Black people can be found in different parts of the world. One part of the world where Black people can be found is a place called Solomon Islands. This place is way out in the Pacific Ocean on the other side of the world.

On August 2, 1943 at 2:30am, during World War II, a man named John F. Kennedy was in a small but fast boat. This kind of boat is called a PT boat. Kennedy was in the United State Navy and was in charge of the thirteen men who were with him. They were out looking for enemy warships.

It was so dark no one could see anything. Suddenly an enemy warship appeared. It hit Kennedy's boat and cut it in half. Kennedy and most of his men were badly hurt. They had to find a safe place to hide from the enemy. They found a hiding place on a small island called Plum Pudding Island. They hid there until they were found by two Black Solomon Island men. The two men were Eroni Kumana and Biuku Gasa. They took a message to the Navy. Kennedy and his men were saved.

After the war, Kennedy became the 35th President of the United States. If it had not been for the Black men of the Solomon Islands, Kennedy probably would never have become President.

(submitted by Ray Turner)



Biuku Gasa and Eroni Kumana, the two Black men who saved Kennedy.

BLACK HISTORY MOMENT

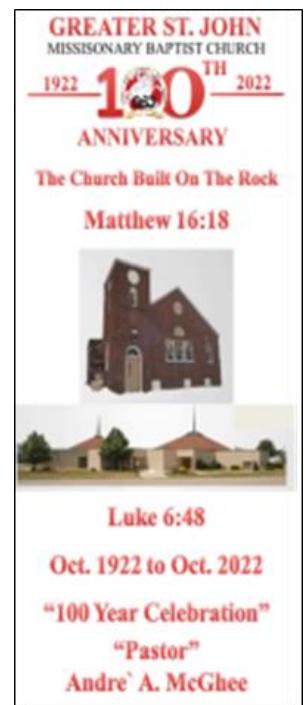


WHAT IS THE ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE WORKING ON TO CELEBRATE THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF GREATER ST. JOHN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH?

One-hundred years is a significant milestone for any church. For 100 years Greater St. John has been a fixture in South Bend, tending to the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of the people of South Bend and surrounding communities. We have a lot to be grateful for as we celebrate and honor our past. At the same time, we embrace and welcome new opportunities and possibilities.

Below is a list of tasks that the 100th Anniversary Committee has been working on so far:

- We designed and had printed two large anniversary banners for our Church Building, one located on the Orange Street side and the other on the Washington Street side.
- Soliciting Patron Ads for our Souvenir Booklet, prices are from \$5.00 to \$150.00.
- Created anniversary specific 100th Year Anniversary Gift Envelopes and distributed them to members and friends (\$100.00 Gift or your best).
- We are video recording five minute interviews of descendants of original church members, current auxiliaries, ministries and asking what the church has meant in each of their lives. The interviews are shown on second, third and fourth Sundays.
- Hosting a Luncheon/Dinner at the ALOFT, Sunday, October 30, 2022 for all to enjoy. Entertainment by J. D. Davis and company.
- Creating a feature wall with portrait quality photos of former and present Pastors of Greater St. John.
- Designed an Advertisement Billboard that will be displayed around town in four locations: Portage Ave. & Cleveland Rd.; Lincolnway West & Bendix Dr.; Lincolnway West & William St.; South Bend Avenue & Charles.
- For the church anniversary we are dedicating a Memorial Bench, engraved with October 1922 to October 2022 Greater St. John.
- Gleaners (young people participation)
- We will have an Ice Cream Social Kick-Off on, Sunday, October 2, 2022 in the



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

lower level of the church. **SUMMER**

Theme: Partners in a New Creation

Unit 3 Theme August – The Great Hope of the Saints

Lesson 10 ~ August 7: A New Home	Révélacion 21:1-8
Lesson 11 ~ August 14: A New City	Revelation 21:9-21
Lesson 12 ~ August 21: The River of Life	Revelation 22:1-7
Lesson 13 ~ August 28: Come and Enjoy	Revelation 22:10-21

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

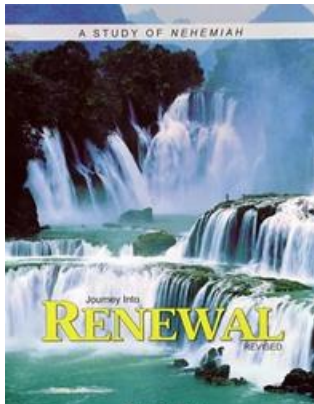


BIBLE STUDY RESUMES ~ ONLINE AND IN-PERSON

Bible Study resumes starting Wednesday, September 14th. Pastor Andre' A. McGhee will be teaching Bible Study via live streaming venues, Facebook and Youtube and In-person.

Our teacher, Pastor McGhee will begin a new series entitled "Journey into Renewal," by Tommy C. Hagle. This study reveals the secrets for real spiritual renewal, using the book of Nehemiah.

You can purchase the study book from the church office during business hours (8:00am to 4:00pm). The book cost is \$7.00.



THE TWELVE APOSTLES

(Answer key)



ANDREW
BARTHOLOMEW
JAMES
JAMESTHELESS
JOHN
JUDAS

MATTHEW
PETER
PHILIP
SIMON
THADDEUS
THOMAS



Back to School

DRIVE-THRU RALLY

Saturday, August 6, 2022 - 10am-2pm

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South Bend Chapter
Indiana Black Expo, Inc.

GREATER ST. JOHN
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Missionary Department

FISH FRY

August 26, 2022 ~ 11:00AM-5:00PM ~ \$12.00

Ocean Perch, Spaghetti, Bread,
Green Beans and Cake

Bible Study Summer Break

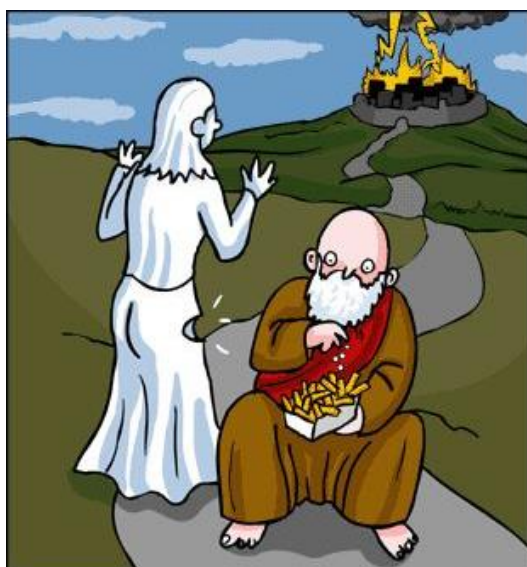
**Returning Wednesday,
September 14th**

Virtual and In-Person

COMING SOON

COMBINED Youth MINISTRY

BBQ FUND RAISER



While Lot was obviously going to miss his wife desperately, he could see no reason not to make the best of the situation.

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NEW PRODUCTS

Before or After Service

Contact: Winona Northern
or Jean Armstrong

CLEARANCE SALE

Please No Food or Drinks
in Sanctuary.
Silence Cell Phones.



RECALL NOTICE

The Maker of all human beings (GOD) is recalling all units manufactured, regardless of make or year, due to a serious defect in the primary and central component of the heart.

This is due to a malfunction in the original prototype units code named Adam and Eve, resulting in the reproduction of the same defect in all subsequent units.

This defect has been identified as "Subsequential Internal Non-morality," more commonly known as S.I.N., as it is primarily expressed.



Some of the symptoms include:

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|--------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Loss of direction | 2. Foul vocal emissions | 3. Amnesia of origin |
| 4. Lack of peace and joy | 5. Selfish or violent behavior | 6. Depression or confusion |
| 7. Fearfulness | 8. Idolatry | 9. Rebellion |

The Manufacturer, who is neither liable nor at fault for this defect, is providing factory-authorized repair and service free of charge to correct this defect.

The Repair Technician, **JESUS**, has most generously offered to bear the entire burden of the staggering cost of these repairs. There is no additional fee required.

The number to call for repair in all areas is: **P-R-A-Y-E-R**.

Once connected, please upload your burden of **SIN** through the **REPENTANCE** procedure.

Next, download **ATONEMENT** from the Repair Technician, **Jesus**, into the heart component.

No matter how big or small the SIN defect is, Jesus will replace it with:

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|-------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Love | 2. Joy | 3. Peace | 4. Patience |
| 5. Kindness | 6. Goodness | 7. Faithfulness | 8. Gentleness |
| | | | 9. Self Control |

Please see the operating manual, the **B.I.B.L.E.** (BEST Instructions Before Leaving Earth) for further details on the use of these fixes.

WARNING: Continuing to operate the human being unit without correction voids any manufacturer warranties, exposing the unit to dangers and problems too numerous to list, and will result in the human unit being permanently impounded. For free emergency service, call on **Jesus**.

DANGER: The human being units not responding to this recall action will have to be scrapped in the furnace. The SIN defect will not be permitted to enter Heaven so as to prevent contamination of that facility. Thank you for your attention.

- GOD

P.S. Please assist where possible by notifying others of this important recall notice, and you may contact the Father any time by 'Knee mail'!

Because HE Lives!

