

The Messenger

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



**GREATER ST. JOHN
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**
REV. ANDRE` A. MCGHEE, PASTOR/TEACHER

7 45 & 10 45 AM WORSHIP SS 9 30 AM
DEC 24 & 31 SS 8 30 AM 10 WORSHIP
DEC 31 WATCHNIGHT 10 PM

***WASH ME,
AND I WILL BE
WHITER THAN SNOW***

PSALM 51:7



- *December Birthdays*
- *Winter Weather*
- *Our Mission/Worship Times*
- *Zechariah's Praise Jigsaw*
- *Church Bowling League Sign-up*
- *Custodian Snow Removal*
- *Watch Night Service*
- *Black History Moment*
- *Photo Collage Page*
- *Upcoming Events*

- 12-01 Michael Chase, Kimberly Wilson
- 12-02 Eddie Harmon Sr.
- 12-03 Willie Boyd, Mary Buchanon, Jewel Levy, Matthew Shambry, Martha White
- 12-04 Mable Grady
- 12-05 Sharese Allen, Martha Z. Jones, Anthony Sellers
- 12-07 Doris Gilmore
- 12-08 Brielle Walker
- 12-09 Vicki Harris, Martha Hawkins
- 12-10 Brandon Burton, Gloria Sanders
- 12-12 Lauren McGhee, Serita Tate
- 12-13 Patricia Williams
- 12-15 Vic Belcher, James Hurt, Shirley Towles
- 12-16 Valerie Thomas
- 12-17 Calandria Strickland
- 12-18 Nathaniel Carrothers, Lorenzo Stewart
- 12-19 Alesia Blount, Cleothia Carson, Chariel Farrell, Pearl M. Wesson
- 12-20 Neisha Brown
- 12-21 Pearl Scott
- 12-22 Tyra Grace, Teresa Jennings-Avance
- 12-23 Wayne Belcher, Kathaleen Phillips, Carlus Moore
- 12-24 Jaylin Henderson, Rasheda Meridy
- 12-25 Dartisha Jones, Jordan Person
- 12-26 Debra Parks, George Jones III, Gloria White
- 12-28 Bernadette Butler, Marie Connell, Jaylin Garner, Carolyn Moore
- 12-29 Lamonte Boykins, Sade Madison
- 12-30 Alicia Johnson, Willie Keyes



The Greatest Gift of All Doesn't Come from a store.

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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



Please join us in offering a warm welcome to the following new members to our Church family

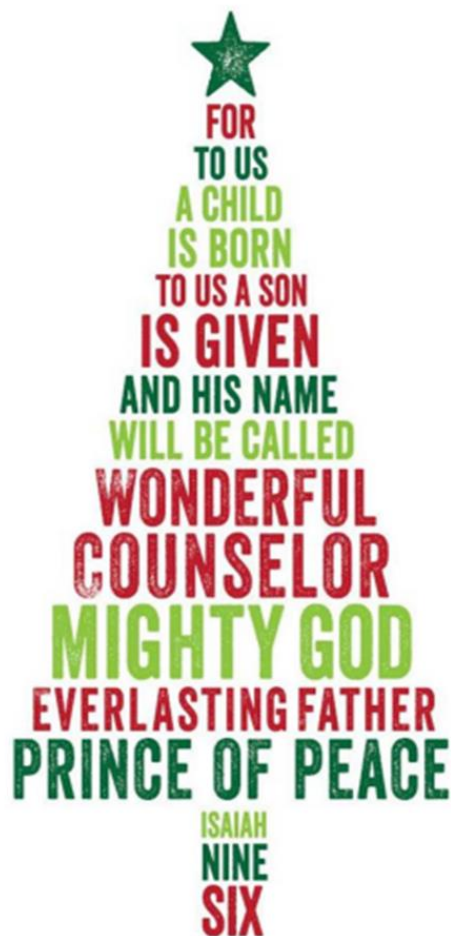
Karen Anderson	Christian Experience
Vickie Beasley	Christian Experience
Cameron Boyd	Candidate for Baptism
Clayton Bush	Reinstatement
Clayton Bush Jr.	Candidate for Baptism
Jackiem Donaldson	Candidate for Baptism
Dwight Hunter	Christian Experience
Alesia Ivory	Christian Experience
Blake Wesley	Candidate for Baptism



Winter Weather Policy

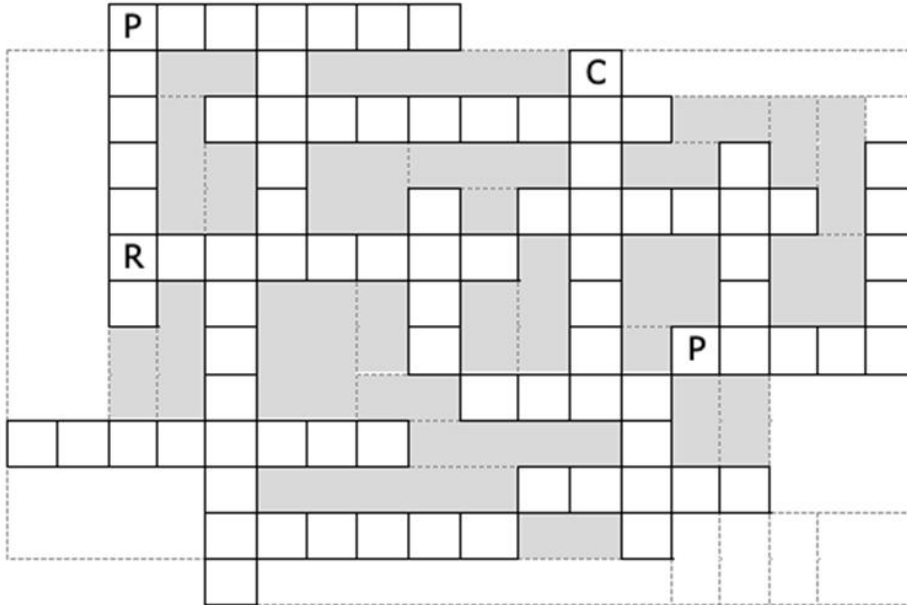
Weather in the winter months can sometimes alter our schedules and planned events. In the event of bad weather, cancellation of our worship services or other church related events notification will be sent to the following media sources: WSBT and WNDU.

In addition, a phone blast will be sent out also.



ZECHARIAH'S PRAISE JIGSAW

There are several songs of praise in the Christmas story: Zechariah's (husband of Elizabeth, father of John the Baptist) is in Luke 1: 67-80. It is used in morning prayer in many churches, and is called the 'Benedictus'.



Here are some words from the Benedictus (NIV translation). Fit them into the grid.* The number in brackets is the number of letters.

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| PRAISE (6) | HOLINESS (8) |
| REDEEMED (8) | PROPHET (7) |
| HORN (4) | PREPARE (7) |
| SALVATION (9) | SHINE (5) |
| MERCY (5) | DARKNESS (8) |
| COVENANT (8) | SHADOW (6) |
| OATH (4) | GUIDE (5) |
| RESCUE (6) | PEACE (5) |
| FEAR (4) | |

* Start with the 9-letter word (only one place to put that). Then fit in words which use the letters already printed for you. Then the rest will follow! Honest!



Our Custodians are keeping our sidewalks clean both day and night. Sidewalks and parking lots are a high priority when it comes to safety of GSJ members and guests.

If you have any questions or comments related to our snow removal program ask any Trustee Board member

WATCH NIGHT SERVICE: You are invited to join us for our Watch Night Service on Saturday, December 31st at 6:00 PM at Greater St. John Missionary Baptist Church or online.

Joining us will be Pastor Ray E. Owens of Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church and Pastor Keith D. Witherspoon of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church.

For those who wish to come to the church, your temperatures will be checked and masks are required. If you or someone you know is uncomfortable with these protocols, please feel free to join us via live stream on our Facebook page or YouTube Channel.

Greater St. John Missionary Baptist Church
Invites you to

Watch Night **SERVICE**

Saturday, December 31, 2022
6:00 pm



Rev. Keith D. Witherspoon
Pastor, Bethlehem
Missionary Baptist Church

Rev. André A. McGhee
Pastor, Greater St. John
Missionary Baptist Church

Rev. Ray E. Owen
Pastor, Macedonia
Missionary Baptist Church



MICHELLE HOWARD HAD A NAVY CAREER FILLED WITH FIRSTS

She was the first black woman to command a warship when in 1999 she took the helm aboard the USS Rushmore, an amphibious dock landing ship. She was the first woman to graduate from the Naval Academy to achieve the rank of rear admiral. She was also the first black woman to command an expeditionary strike group at sea, where she made her mark on a global stage.

In 2009, she led the Virginia Beach-based Expeditionary Strike Group 2 when it was deployed off the coast of Africa. The Norfolk-based cargo ship Maersk Alabama had been boarded by Somali pirates and its captain was being held hostage aboard a life raft for ransom. It was Howard’s job to set him free. She had only been on the job aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Boxer for a week.



U.S. Navy Admiral Michelle Howard

Like so many other times in life, Howard succeeded. The episode was later turned into the Tom Hanks film “Captain Phillips. Howard’s career continued to flourish after that. She became the first black woman promoted to the three-star rank in the U.S. Armed Forces when she became deputy commander of Fleet Forces Command, based in Norfolk. She then became the first woman to become a four-star admiral in the Navy in 2014 when she was named vice chief of naval operations, the second highest-ranking officer in the Navy.

Howard retired from the Navy in 2017 after completing her last assignment as the commander of naval forces in Europe and Africa.

Submitted by Brother Ray Turner



(Zechariah’s Praise Jigsaw answers from page 4)



PASTORAL Anniversary



UPCOMING EVENTS



December is Jr. Ushers Anniversary

GREATER ST. JOHN
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GIFT SHOP NOW OPEN

Before and After Service and Bible Study



COMBINED YOUTH MINISTRY
Christmas Event
Saturday, December 10th
12:00pm - 4:00pm
Martin Luther King Center
1522 W. Linden Ave. South Bend,
Vendors, Performances, Prizes, Candyland and Giveaways
Please Sign-up Children Ages 1 – 17 in Church Vestibule
Deadline Monday, November 21st

LAST BIBLE STUDY OF THE YEAR
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21ST
In-Person - 11:45 AM
On-Line - 7:00 PM




CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
Friday, December 23rd
and
Monday, December 26th
Reopens Tuesday, December 27th

Christmas Day Service
Sunday, December 25th - 9:00 AM
In-Person and On-Line
Sunday School 8:00 AM
On-line Only




SUNDAY BREAKFAST
WILL BE SERVED
SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023
8:00AM
LOWER LEVEL



MOVIE NIGHT RETURNS
FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2023
6:30 PM
Additional details coming

