

THE MESSENGER

JANUARY 2023

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

Happy New Year

*Therefore, if anyone
is in Christ, the new
creation has come:
The old has gone, the
new is here!
Corinthians 5:17*



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YOUTH SUNDAY

Season GREETINGS

This is wishing Joy, Peace, Love and Happiness this season and a Prosperous New Year

2023



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



Deacon Nathaniel Carrothers honored on his 92nd Birthday with Pastor André A. McGhee

NEW YEAR WISHES JUST FOR YOU
 HAPPINESS AND PEACE IN ALL YOU DO
 MAY GOD BLESS YOUR HOME AND FAMILY TOO
 MAY HE BE WITH YOU THE WHOLE YEAR THROUGH.

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- 01-01 Naomi Davis, Carolyn Griffin, Frank Webb, Rhonda Williams
- 01-02 Neva Briggs, Jarod Pigée
- 01-03 Keya Burns
- 01-04 Jeana Thomas-Nelson
- 01-05 Anasia Bradley, Gale Gorden
- 01-06 Eldridge Chism Jr.
- 01-07 Denise Burgess, Tyrone Green, Adrian Johnson, Evelyn Steele, Kenneth Taylor,
- 01-10 Lillie Grady, Tamara Martin
- 01-11 Landis Byrd, Ashlee Carrell, Taryn Staggers
- 01-12 Trana Holman, Sara Jennings, Trana Mitchell
- 01-13 Katherine Byrd, Dewana McKinstry
- 01-14 Dana Copeland, Willie Mae Frison, Johnnie Miller
- 01-15 Tiara Robinson, Latoya Strickland, Rodney Williams
- 01-16 Martha Foster, Shannon Franklin, Barbara McDaniel, Eddie Stokes
- 01-17 Omarion Branch, Sharon Dickens
- 01-18 Patricia Adams, Charles Clayton, Timothy Harris
- 01-19 Damarcus Lindsey
- 01-20 Julie Bordner, Phyllis McMorris
- 01-21 Lafayette Whaley
- 01-22 Denise Deloach, Catherine Stidhum
- 01-23 Karen Anderson, Trenton Bonds, Krystle Gardner, Nona Thomas, Alacyn Smith
- 01-24 Latoshia Bradshaw, Tei-onna Halbert, Tawana Jennings
- 01-26 William Adams-Jones, James Cameron, Rozelia Hill, Sherry Williams
- 01-27 Leslie Wesley
- 01-28 Mary Carrell, Willie Gillespie, Brendan Johnson, Daeshawn Jones
- 01-29 Erma Williams
- 01-30 Walter Jones
- 01-31 Willis Bedford, Jacquelyn Gorden, Isaiah Miller

GREATER ST. JOHN
 MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH



Bible Trivia Questions

Birth Of Jesus

1. What was the name of the angel that told Mary she would have a baby? _____
2. What was the name of Mary’s cousin who was also pregnant? _____
3. How long did Mary stay with Zacharias and Elisabeth, after she found out she was pregnant?

4. What was Joseph doing when the angel appeared to him, and told him not to be afraid to take Mary as his wife? _____
5. Why did Mary and Joseph have to go to Bethlehem? _____
6. Why was the baby Jesus laid in a manger? _____
7. Who did the glory of the Lord shine upon in the fields? _____
8. Who was the king when Jesus was born? _____
9. What 3 gifts did the wise men present to Jesus? _____
10. Where did the angel tell Joseph to take Jesus and Mary to escape from Herod? _____



(Answers on page 7)

MARY MEACHUM FREEDOM CROSSING

The Mary Meachum Freedom Crossing marks a spot just north of St. Louis where escaped enslaved people staged a daring passage across the Mississippi River from Missouri to the free state of Illinois. On the night of May 21, 1855, abolitionist Mary Meachum and nine individuals boarded a skiff to cross under cover of darkness. Ambushed by those hunting enslaved people on the other side, most of the party members were either killed as they scattered or captured and resold. Meachum was sent to jail.

Meachum spent most of her life contributing to the Underground Railroad along the river. She and her husband established the Floating Freedom School after Missouri banned the education of Black Americans in 1847. They purchased a steamboat as an ingenious workaround that allowed them to teach formerly enslaved populations how to read and write, along with an education in the state laws.

The Reverend John Berry Meachum bought his own freedom, his wife’s, and many others with the profits from his carpentry business. After his passing, she maintained their home on Fourth Street as a safe house until her death in 1869.

(Submitted by Ray and Debra Turner who visited the site this year)



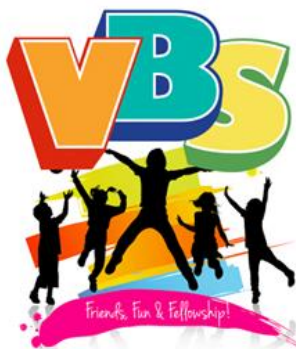
**BLACK HISTORY
MOMENT**



Volunteers **NEEDED**

Greater St. John is seeking new volunteers. During the pandemic we had a small number of volunteers. As we begin to increase activities around the church there is a need to increase the number of volunteers. Below are a few areas with an immediate need for additional help.

Funeral Repass Meals: A funeral repass is a reception that takes place after a funeral service in which family and friends come together to eat and share memories of the person who has passed away. Repass meals are a service we offer for our members during times of need. Volunteers setup, prepare, cook, serve and cleanup after the repass. If you are a good cook and/or have time to help with setup, serving or cleanup, please join this ministry.



Vacation Bible School: Every summer for a few days we offer Vacation Bible School for the children of our Church and the community. It's a great way for high school students, young adults or even grandparents to get involved and help with a really fun week. We are seeking volunteers for this summer's Vacation Bible School program, one of our most popular youth activities. Children participate in games, crafts, and songs based on Bible stories. The program traditionally supports hundreds of children each year. There are a variety of positions available, so volunteers can choose their preference if they want to get involved with VBS.

Van Drivers: We are starting our van service back up and the Transportation Ministry is in need of drivers. Drivers transport members of the church on Sunday for Sunday School and worship service. Our church members rely on the church vans to bring them to worship services on Sundays. Would you please consider being a van driver once a month to pick up and drop off passengers?



Multi-Media: Calling all youth! Come work with Greater St. Johns Multi-Media Ministry to assist with sound, recording and live streaming services. We are looking for motivated youth to bring the Gospel to our fellow members and others using the latest in multi-media technology (audio, video, and web). Each week our multi-media ministry is comprised of audio, video, graphic, computer, and web technology systems.



WEST SIDE COMMUNITY NEWS

A popular west side venue hosted its last event before a major rebuild Friday, December 16, 2022. The Martin Luther King Jr. Center hosted the Alberta King Senior Women's Club Christmas Celebration at 12:00pm.



The Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center is a vital part of the West Side and supports a wide range of programming for the community. The City of South Bend wants to build a new facility and grounds to better serve the modern needs of our community.

The King Center will undergo a multi-million dollar rebuild that is expected to take a couple of years. The purpose of the rebuild is to transform the King Center into a world class community center inspiring hope for all of us. Demolition of the existing building is scheduled to start this month. Below is an artist rendering of the exterior of the proposed future facility.



Additional community meetings are being held to solicit input and provide feedback on changes, improvements and schedules. We will update you as information becomes available.

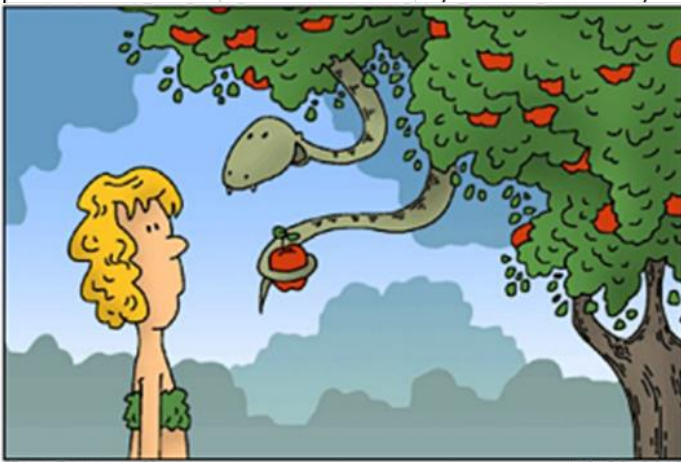


SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS
UNIT 2: EXHALTING CHRIST

LESSON	DATE	TOPIC	SCRIPTURE
Lesson 5	01/01/23	Christ's Love for the Church	Ephesians 5: 21-6:4
Lesson 6	01/08/23	Proclaiming Christ	Philippians 1: 15-26
Lesson 7	01/15/23	Jesus' Humility and Exaltation	Philippians 2: 5-11
Lesson 8	01/22/23	Gaining in Jesus Christ	Philippians 3: 7-11
Lesson 9	01/29/23	Stand Firm	Philippians 3: 12-16

UNIT 2: IMITATING JESUS

LESSON	DATE	TOPIC	SCRIPTURE
Lesson 10	02/05/23	The Supremacy of Jesus Christ	Colossians 1: 15-20
Lesson 11	02/12/23	Full Life in Christ	Colossians 2: 6-15
Lesson 12	02/19/23	Clothed with Christ	Colossians 3: 5-17
Lesson 13	02/26/23	Spiritual Disciplines for New Life	Colossians 4: 2-6



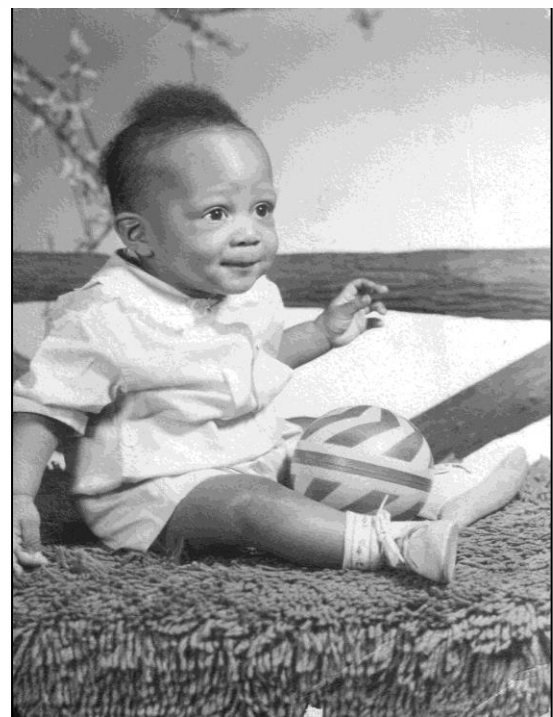
(See Genesis 3) 12-30-2013

REMEMBER THAT NEW YEAR RESOLUTION YOU MADE TO TRY NEW THINGS?

Answers to page 4 Bible Trivia-Birth of Jesus

1. Gabriel Luke - 1:26-27
2. Elisabeth Luke 1:36 3
3. 3 months - Luke 1:56 4
4. Sleeping Matthew - 1:19-25 5
5. To be taxed - Luke 2:1-5 6
6. There was no room in the inn - Luke 2:7 7
7. Shepherds - Luke 2:8-9 8
8. Herod - Matthew 2:1 9
9. Gold, frankincense, and myrrh - Matthew 2:11
10. Egypt - Matthew 2:13

Guess Who This Baby Is



Next month we will identify this baby. Send your baby photos to: RCA72351@sbcglobal.net. Thanks GSJ members who submitted their baby photos.

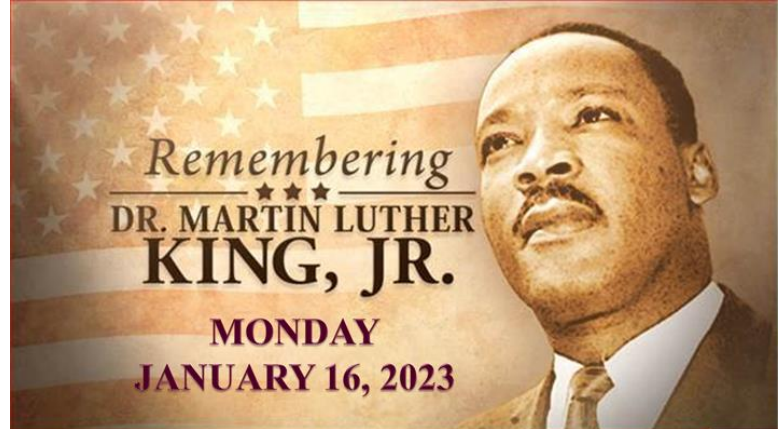


UPCOMING EVENTS

JOIN US ON OUR
PRAYER
Conference Call
Every Wednesday
at 11:15am



CONFERENCE CALL: #978-990-5000
 ACCESS CODE: 764655



Remembering
 DR. MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR.
 MONDAY
 JANUARY 16, 2023

YOUTH SUPERVISOR MEETING
 WITH PASTOR MCGHEE
 WED, JANUARY 11TH AT 6:00PM
 MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING



**BIBLE STUDY
 RESUMES
 WEDNESDAY
 JANUARY 18th**

André A. McGhee, Pastor/Teacher

OFFICER INSTALLATION
Service
SUNDAY, JANUARY 22ND



**MOVIE NIGHT
 FRIDAY
 1/27/2023
 6:30PM
 LOWER LEVEL**

OVERCOMER
 From the Creator of War Room

**COMING
 SOON**

MARCH RALLY

