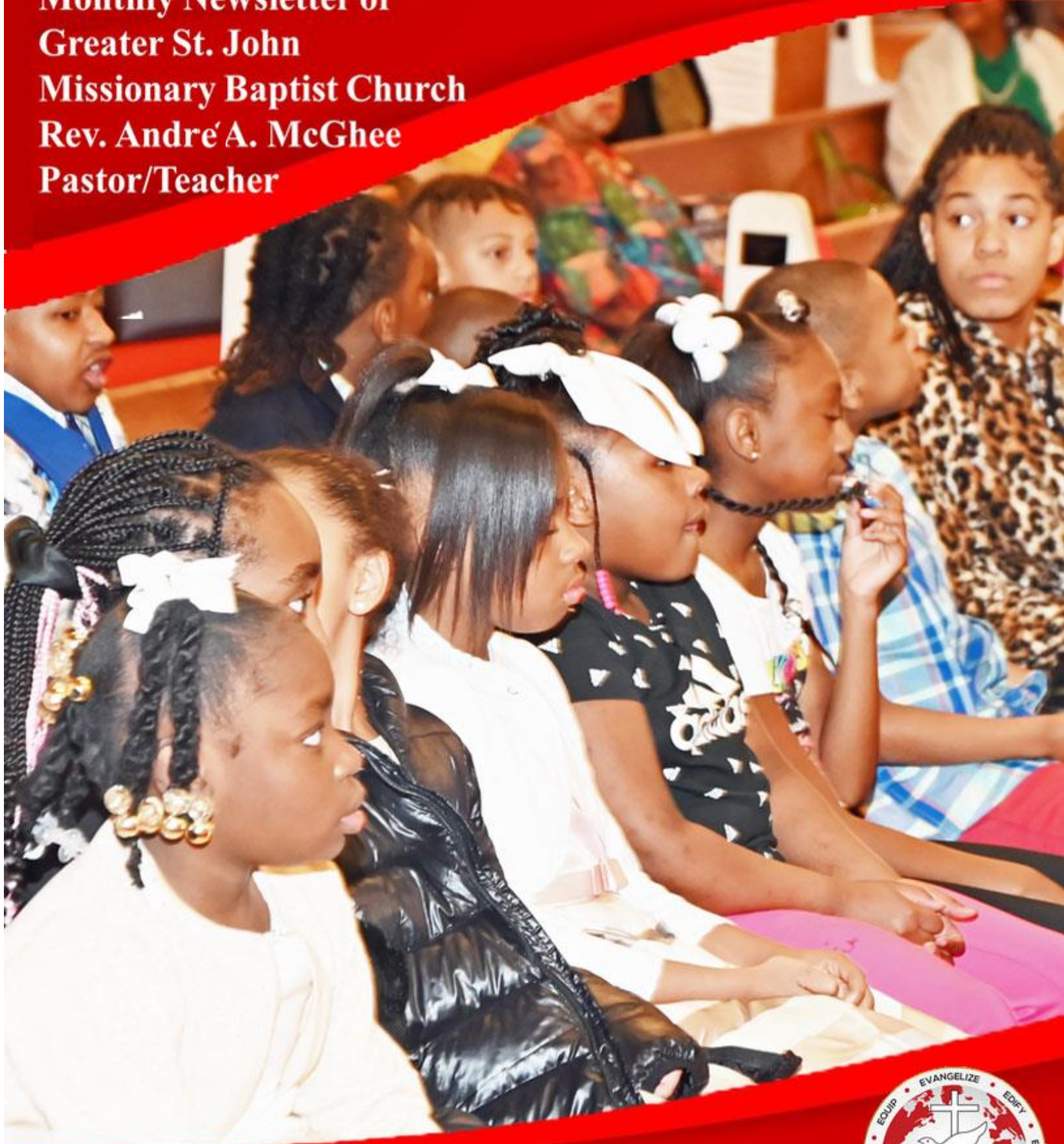


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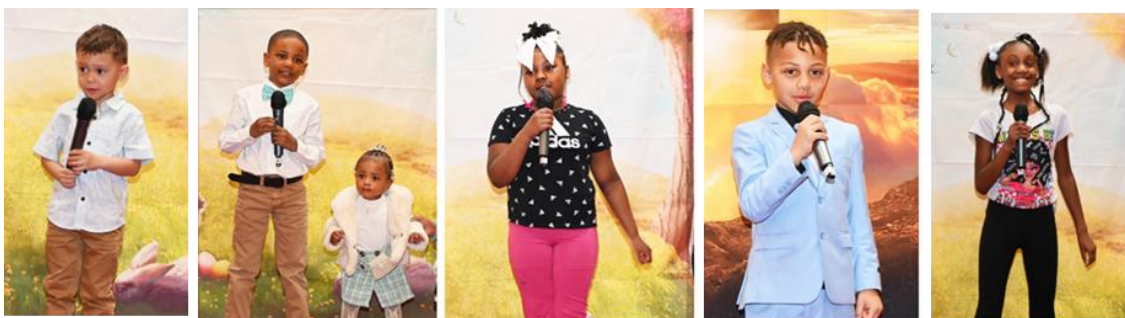
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Greater St. John
Missionary Baptist Church
Rev. André A. McGhee
Pastor/Teacher



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Sr. NURSES ANNIVERSARY

This Month the Sr. Nurses will be celebrating their 48th anniversary on Sunday, April 14th. In 1976, Rev. Jimmy Jones, Pastor of St. John Missionary Baptist Church, called a group of ladies together to organize the Nurses. Pastor Jones appointed a President while the other officers were elected, Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer. In the beginning the group was called “Nurses and Sisters of Help.” After joining the State and National Convention, the name was changed to “Greater St. John Missionary Baptist Church Nurses’ Auxiliary.” Our current President is Sister Lela Warren.



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Office Hours

Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM



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Greaterstjohnmbc.com

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

Missionary Department’s Annual Fish Fry time is upon us! We need your help to make it a success! We are looking for volunteers to help in all areas of our Fish Fry. Helping with set-up, food prep, serving, clean-up and more! Please consider offering your time and talent for the good of our church and the community! Bring a friend! Proceeds from our Fish Fry are used to support many programs within our church. For example, Thanksgiving gift certificates, Fall Festival to name a few.



YOUTH INTERMEDIATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Children are a very important part of the family at Greater St. John Missionary Baptist Church, and our children’s ministries strive to treat children as equal participants in the worshipping and serving the church. Recently I visited one of our youth Sunday School classes just to observe the children and teachers interactions.

Greater St. John has three Sunday School classes for our youth, all classes are held in our multi-purpose building adjacent to the sanctuary from 8:30am to 9:30am. This month we want to highlight and focus on the Intermediate Sunday School class. The Intermediate Sunday School class includes children from ages 9 to 13. This class is taught by two volunteer teachers, Sisters Ramona Scales and Terri Sullivan.

These two dedicated teachers help our youth grow in their faith and learn about the Bible. Their youth curriculum offers exciting fun features to train, to entertain and to keep our children fully engaged, as young developing Christians.



Intermediate Class Teachers, left Sister Terri Sullivan and right Sister Ramona Scales.

The class provides a structured environment for children to deepen their understanding of the Bible, develop their faith, and grow spiritually. It helps children respect, appreciate, and utilize the Bible. Sunday school also teaches children to be concerned about society, work for its betterment, and care towards others in society.



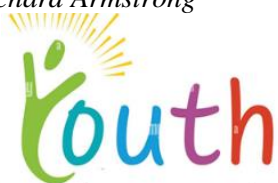
Children participating and enjoying the Sunday School Intermediate Class

Let us continue to support and invest in our Sunday School Department as it fosters a vibrant children’s ministry.

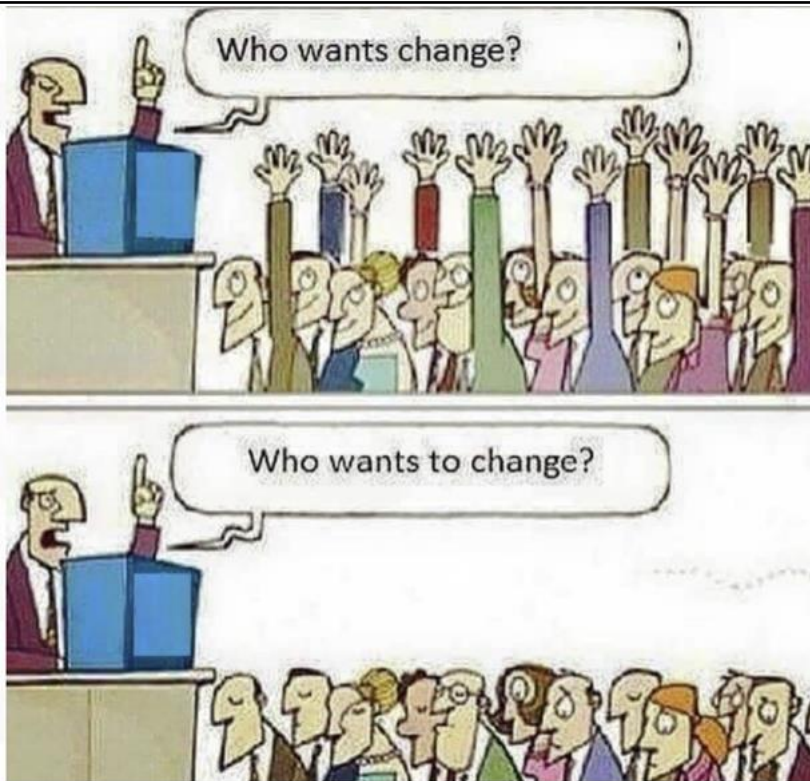
If your child is 9 years old to 13 years old and has not already been involved in the Intermediate Sunday School class, take the time to at least let them visit the class, we believe their life will be changed as a result!

We would like to thank each parent, guardian, or friend who takes the time to bring a child to our Sunday School classes. We look forward to seeing your children during the Intermediate Sunday School Class!

Richard Armstrong

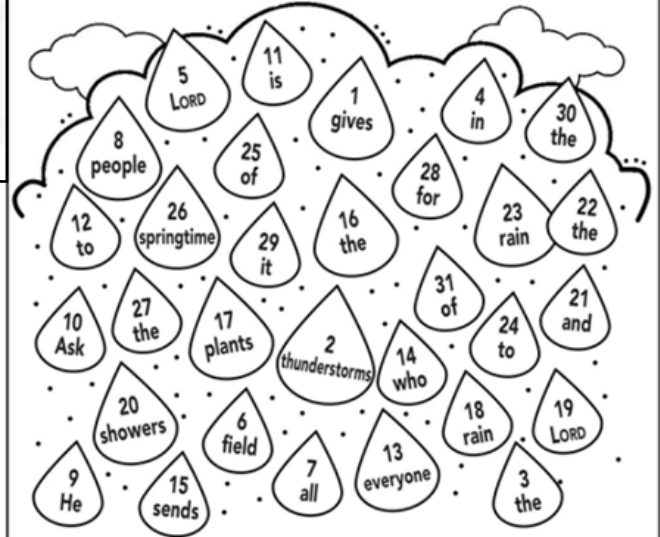


2024 Graduates! Attention GSI 8th grade, High School and college graduates, you will be celebrated Sunday, June 9, 2024 at the church during Sunday School (8:30 am). Start compiling your honors and achievements now. All information must be turned in by **SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2024**. More information to follow beginning in May.



Puzzle!

Complete a Bible verse about spring by writing the word from each raindrop on the correct numbered line below.



10 _____ 16 _____ 5 _____ 28 _____ 18 _____

_____ 4 _____ 22 _____ 26 _____ ;

29 _____ 11 _____ 3 _____ 19 _____ 14 _____ 15 _____

_____ 27 _____ 2 _____

9 _____ 1 _____ 20 _____ 31 _____ 23 _____

12 _____ 7 _____ 8 _____ 21 _____ 17 _____ 25 _____

30 _____ 6 _____ 24 _____ 13 _____

Zechariah 10:1, NIV

Answer: Ask the Lord for rain in the springtime; it is the Lord who sends the thunderstorms. He gives showers of rain to all people, and plants of the field to everyone. Zechariah 10:1, NIV

Testimonial

If I just had a piano

If I just had a organ.

If I just had a drum.

How I could praise My Lord!

But I don't need no piano, neither organ, nor drum for to praise my Lord!

Poem by Langston Hughes

Submitted by Brother Roy Turner



Langston
Hughes





04-01 Trevion McFarland, Kimberly Reeves, Melvin Johnson II
 04-02 Kavin Howard
 04-04 Donna Chase, James Jones
 04-05 Nagina Moore, Jimmy Scales, Marie Smith, Dorothy Wright
 04-06 Joy Carpenter, Rosemarie Harris, Tiffany Melton
 04-07 Darlene Anderson, Craig Clark, Ada Fuller, Winona Northern,
 Geneva Vinson
 04-09 Mamie Phillips, Jamia Stokes
 04-10 Damon Stidhum
 04-12 Mary Palmer
 04-13 Nancy Franklin, Aniyah Long, Kelly Robinson
 04-14 Marshae Emerson, Gwendolyn Laws

04-15 Micah Redding, Arnold Sallie, Matthew Shambry II
 04-16 Ida Wigfall
 04-19 Nicole Copeland, Jared McGhee
 04-20 April Jones
 04-21 Virginia Chism, Jerry Green, Amanda Griffin
 04-23 Annie Buck-Barr
 04-24 Terence Hunter, Lashaunda Parker, Destefano Richardson
 04-25 Symone Gates, Ju'Mya Holiday, Shante Shell
 04-26 Brenda MacTurch
 04-27 Charrell Jones, Jasper Rutherford
 04-28 William Dukes, Berleane Hill
 04-29 Vicki Blount, Dennis Copeland, Jr., Tarvarres McFarland,
 Donald Sanders, Daren Washington
 04-30 Floyd Carter IV, Rev. André A. McGhee, Beth Shambry

VAN DRIVERS NEEDED

Greater St. John's Transportation Ministry is in immediate need of van drivers who will be available to transport members to and from our church on Sundays for Sunday School and/or worship service. Van drivers usually serve one Sunday morning each month. We have many members who depend on our church vans for transportation,

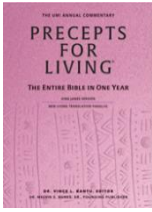
You never know how crucial transportation is until you lose the ability to drive. This happens to older adults in our community quite often, leaving them stressed and concerned. At Greater St. John, we offer free transportation to our members. Our volunteer van drivers help those who can no longer drive or need a ride to get to and from church.

If you would ask any of our riders, this free service is more than just a ride. There are meaningful conversations and interactions, friendships form, and their worries are eased when our volunteer drivers provide the transportation. In many cases, the relationships and bonds that develop between riders and volunteers extends far beyond the van rides. This is a very important ministry at our church, giving people rides to and from our Sunday services.

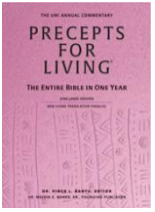
To volunteer, please contact Transportation Department Chairperson Sister Janice Gates or Board of Trustee Chairman Richard Armstrong.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL SPRING QUARTER 2024
THE ENTIRE BIBLE IN ONE YEAR
WEEKLY LESSONS**



DATE	LESSON TITLE	LESSON SCRIPTURE
April 7	Emmanuel Is Born	Matthew 1:18-25
April 14	Hosanna!	Mark 11:1-11
April 21	The Lord's Supper	Luke 22:7-23
April 28	The Living Word	John 20:1-10, 19-20



SUNDAY SCHOOL

THE TEACHING REACHING WINNING AND CARING ARM OF THE CHURCH

Deacon Daren Washington ~ General Superintendent

BROTHERHOOD AND MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Brotherhood Motto: Teach the word in the home, with a consecrated heart; following the footsteps of the Savior, leading all men to God.

President: Deacon Calven Laws

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

Missionary President: Sister Willa Mae Frison

94TH MISSIONARY SOCIETY ANNIVERSARY APRIL 28, 2024



White with Red Accessories are the Colors of the Day along with a \$10.00 Assessment

BROTHERHOOD AND MISSIONARY SOCIETY STUDY GUIDES



WEEK	LESSON TITLE	LESSON SCRIPTURE
Week 1:	Jesus Establishes	Matthew 16-13-20
Week 2:	Jesus Commissions The Disciples For Ministry	Matthew 28: 16-20, Mark 16:9-20
Week 3:	Eyewitnesses Of Jesus Ministry	Luke 24:44-49; Acts 1: 1-11
Week 4:	Jesus empowers The Disciples	Exodus 34:1-16,27-35



UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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GREATER ST. JOHN
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH



*Weekly Golf League
Begins Monday, April 8th
at 5:00 PM
Studebaker Golf Course*

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

**NEXT REHEARSAL
THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024**



Missionary Department



**FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2024
11 AM – 5 PM**

Pastor Anniversary Committee

MINISTRY
Port-A-Pit BBQ

Saturday, April 27th 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Location:
GREATER ST. JOHN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
101 N ADAMS ST. SOUTH BEND, IN

NORTHWESTERN INDIANA DISTRICT
MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
and
BTU CONGRESS**

Monday, April 29th – Thursday, May 2nd

GSJ PLAYERS
Presents

**DADDY I DON'T WANT TO GO TO NO
BLACK COLLEGE**

Saturday, May 4th at 2:00 PM
Lower Level of the Church

Free Will Offering

Join Us Weekly!



PRAYER
CONFERENCE CALL
EVERY WEDNESDAY @11:15 AM

With
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VAN MINISTRY

NEEDS DRIVERS



**To Transport Members
to and from Church Sundays**

If interested contact Janice Gates

