

**THE MESSENGER**

**DECEMBER 2024**

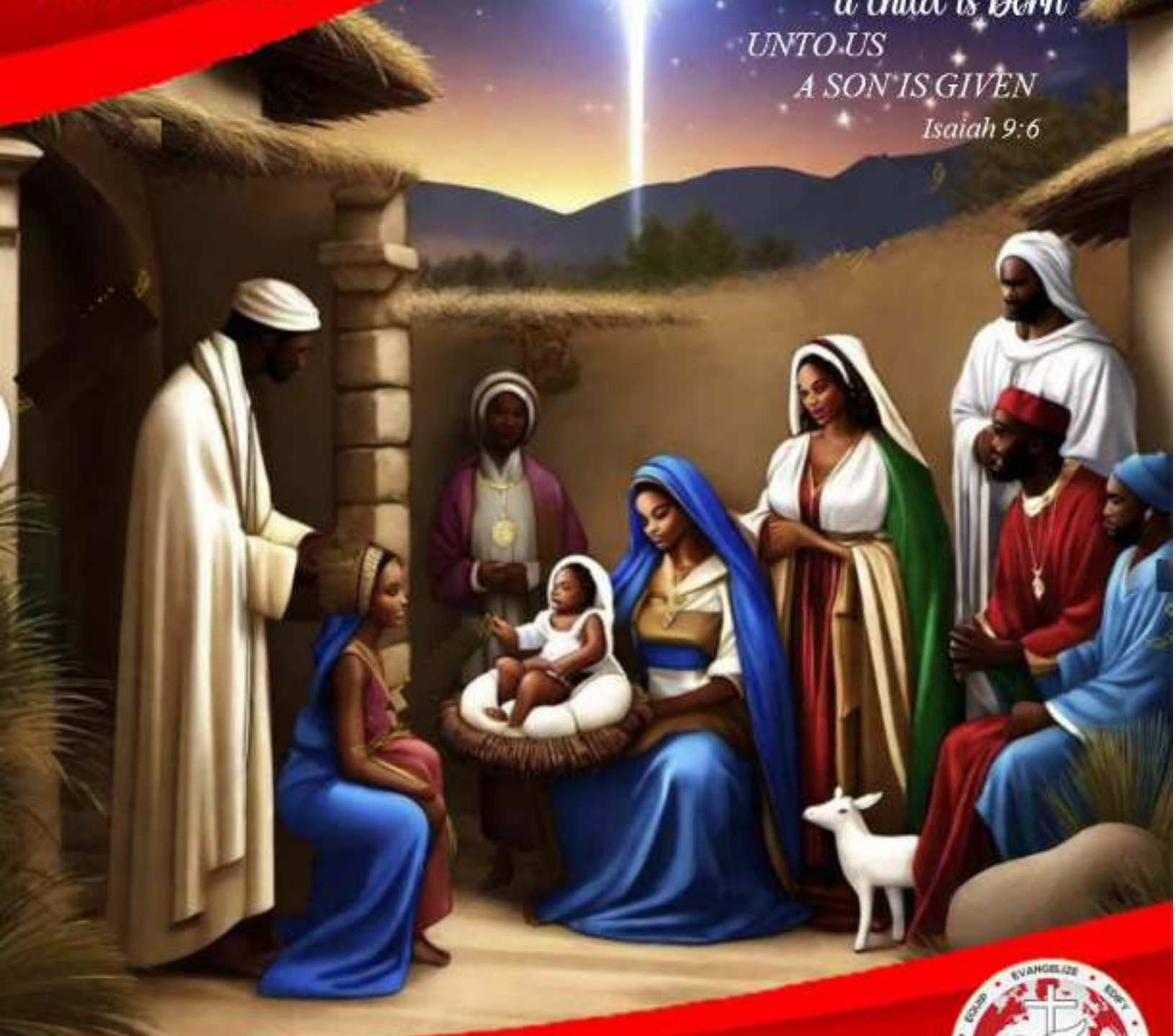
**Monthly Newsletter of  
Greater St. John  
Missionary Baptist Church  
Rev. André A. McGhee  
Pastor/Teacher**

*For unto us  
a child is born*

*UNTO US*

*A SON IS GIVEN*

*Isaiah 9:6*





# THE MESSENGER

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Keep Christ in  
**Christmas!**  
 Have a  
 blessed holiday!





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**Office Hours**

Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM



**VISIT OUR WEBSITE:**  
[Greaterstjohnmbc.com](http://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



*George Carruthers examine the gold-plated Lunar Surface Ultraviolet Camera prior to the Apollo 16 mission*

**George Carruthers**

When people think of NASA, they usually think of astronauts, or spending a day inside the International Space Station. But many of the heroes of NASA never leave the ground. One such person is physicist George Carruthers (1939–2020). Carruthers started working at U.S. Naval Research Library as a National Science Foundation postdoctoral fellow after earning a PhD from the University of Illinois.

At an early age George developed an interest in space flight through reading popular space fiction like Buck Rogers and the early 1950s Collier’s series on space flight. Carruthers's father also encouraged his interests in math and science. At the age of 10, Carruthers built his first telescope out of cardboard tubing and lenses purchased using money he earned as a delivery

boy. He did not perform well in elementary school, earning poor grades in math and physics. However, he won three separate science fair awards during this time.

In 1972, the Apollo 16 mission with the Far Ultraviolet Camera/Spectrograph designed by Carruthers landed on the moon. This was the first telescope set up on another planetary body and was a larger gold-plated version of Carruthers' image converter. Astronaut John Young set up the telescope and together with Charles Duke, collected data by manually pointing the telescope at the Earth and other targets. Nearly 200 images were taken, among them images of the Earth's polar auroras.



# INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES



International Day of People with Disabilities is a UN day celebrated each year on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December. The day is about promoting the rights and well-being of people with disabilities at every level of society and development, and to raise awareness of the situation of people with disabilities in all aspects of political, social, economic, and cultural life. Observing this day each year, reinforces the importance of securing the rights of people with disabilities, so they can participate fully, equally and effectively in society with others, and face no barriers in all aspects of their lives.

The Rights of People with Disabilities Act of 2016 covers the 21 disabilities listed below:

- |                                    |               |                            |                                     |                         |
|------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Blindness                       | 2. Low Vision | 3. Leprosy Cured Persons   | 4. Dwarfism                         | 5. Locomotor Disability |
| 6. Hearing Impairment (Deaf)       |               | 7. Intellectual Disability | 8. Mental Illness                   | 9. Autism               |
| 10. Cerebral Palsy                 |               | 11. Muscular Dystrophy     | 12. Chronic Neurological Conditions |                         |
| 13. Specific Learning Disabilities |               | 14. Multiple Sclerosis     | 15. Speech and Language Disability  |                         |
| 16. Thalassemia                    |               | 17. Hemophilia             | 18. Sickle Cell Disease             |                         |
| 19. Multiple Disabilities          |               | 20. Acid Attack Victim     | 21. Parkinson's Disease             |                         |

The International Day of People with Disabilities 2024 will be commemorated with a series of events around the world. The main event will be held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. This event will bring together persons with disabilities, government representatives, and civil society organizations. It is an important opportunity to celebrate the contributions of people with disabilities. It is also a time to reflect on the challenges that persons with disabilities face.

*(Submitted by: Sister Lela Warren, President Nurses Guild)*

## OLDEST COMPUTER



Engineers are not noted for their funny engineering jokes. There are many more, but these are excluded because they are too corny. You will probably find that one is quite enough anyway!

The oldest computer can be traced back to Adam and Eve. It was an Apple, but with extremely limited memory: Just 1 byte. Then everything crashed.





# December Birthdays



12-02 Eddie Harmon S	12-19 Alesia Blount, Cleothia Carson,
12-03 Willie Boyd, Mary Buchanan,	Chariel Farrell, Pearl M. Wesson
Jewel Levy,	12-20 Neisha Brown
Matthew Shambry, Martha White	12-21 Pearl Scott
12-04 Mable Grady	12-22 Tyra Grace, Teresa Jennings-
12-05 Sharese Allen, Martha Z. Jones,	Avance
Anthony Sellers	12-23 Wayne Belcher, Kathaleen
12-07 Doris Gilmore	Phillips, Carlus Moore
12-08 Brielle Walker	12-24 Jaylin Henderson, Rashetta
12-09 Vicki Harris, Martha Hawkins	Meridy
12-10 Brandon Burton, Gloria Sanders	12-25 Dartisha Jones, Jordan Person
12-12 Lauren McGhee, Serita Tate	12-26 Debra Parks, George Jones III,
12-13 Patricia Williams	Gloria White
12-15 Vic Belcher, James Hurt, Shirley	12-28 Bernadette Butler, Marie Connell,
Towles	Jaylin Garner, Carolyn Moore
12-16 Valerie Thomas	12-29 Lamonte Boykins, Sade Madison
12-17 Calandria Strickland	12-30 Alicia Johnson, Willie Keyes
12-18 Nathaniel Carrothers, Lorenzo	12-31 Marshawn Philips
Stewart	

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**“TODAY IN THE TOWN OF DAVID A SAVIOR HAS BEEN BORN TO YOU: HE IS CHRIST THE LORD.”** *Luke 2:11*

Can you imagine what it would have been like some 2000 years ago, to be greeted by angels proclaiming the birth of The Savior? Angels proclaiming what had been foretold for generations of the town and lineage of where The Christ would be born! Proclaiming that TODAY was THE DAY! Proclaiming that He had been born not for one group of people; not for one nation; but for all mankind! Christ the Lord, the “magnificent appellation!” The very promise of God had arrived that was to be The Savior for all mankind if any would believe in Him!

The babe that laid in that manger that the Angels spoke of, “grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men” (Luke 2:52). That baby, Jesus, was to become the propitiation for our sins! He was as Simeon spoke of in Luke 2:31b-32 “...prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.”

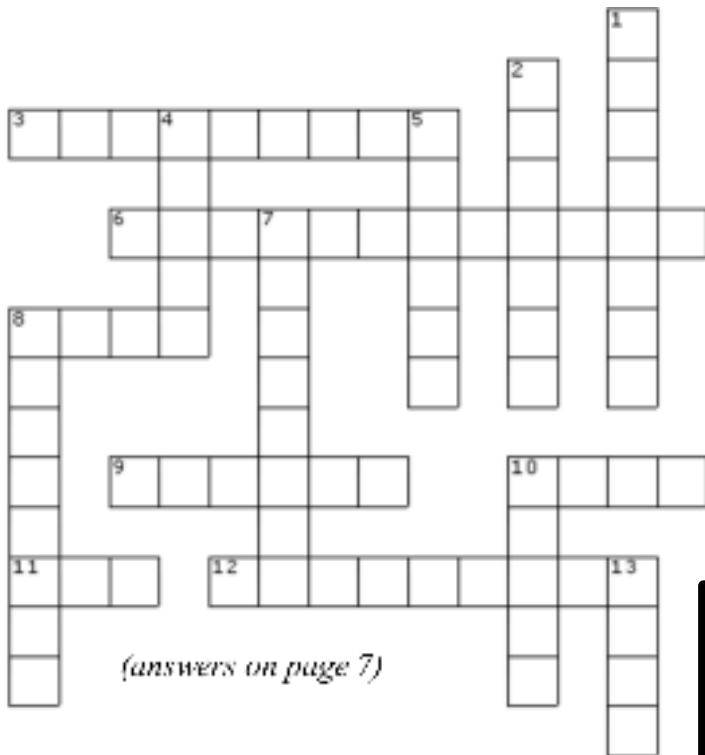
Jesus is “the way, the truth, and the life”! By no other means are we saved! No other name, nothing done can bring us into the presence of the creator of the universe. “Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.” (Acts 4:12)

*MERRY CHRISTMAS TO THE WORLD, the Angels said “The best gift that could ever be given is HERE! Jesus Christ!”*





# JESUS IS BORN CROSSWORD PUZZLE



*(answers on page 7)*

### ACROSS

- 3 City where Jesus was born
- 6 Gift brought to Jesus
- 8 Gift brought to Jesus
- 9 Mary's husband
- 10 Jesus' mother
- 11 There was no room for Mary and Joseph at the \_\_\_\_
- 12 They visited

### DOWN

- 1 "Caesar \_\_\_\_ issued a decree that a census should be taken"
- 2 They visited Jesus (2 words)
- 4 King who wanted to kill Jesus
- 5 Jesus' crib
- 7 City where Jesus grew up
- 8 "On earth peace, \_\_\_\_ toward men"
- 10 Gift brought to Jesus
- 13 Guiding light for wise men



### Pastor Anniversary Photos





**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:** "Honor her for all that her hands have done ..." Proverbs: 31:13

Missionary Society President: Willa Mae Frison

**BROTHERHOOD AND MISSIONARY SOCIETY WEEKLY LESSONS**

**THEME: CHRISTIAN BELIEFS/FAITH**



WEEK	SUBJECT
First:	He Can Deliver All
Second:	Come On In
Third:	He Paid It All
Fourth:	Christian Responsibility
Fifth:	The End of Things

SCRIPTURE
Romans 10:9-10; Acts 16:25-34, John 3:16-17
Romans 8:1-27
Matthew 26:26-29; Luke 22:14-23, 1 Corinthians 11:23-34
Luke 2:41-52; John 3:19-21, 1 Corinthians 13:11; 2 Corinthians 5:10
Acts 1:1-11; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, Revelation 1:4-8; 20:7-15; 21



*For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11  
Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

*Congratulations to Pastor McGhee and Sister McGhee for 21 years of faithful service unto God at GSJ.  
Sister Willa Mae Frison*

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS (second half 2024)**

Lyric M. Anderson  
Thomas Henderson  
Doniell Richmond

Carmen Denise Boyden  
Kaleyah Ford  
Kaison Rouse

Naomi Davis  
Devonna Luckett  
Erica Shelton

Cynthia Henderson  
Darlene McMorris



(Answers to Jesus Is Born Crossword Puzzle, page 6)





# UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OUR NEXT CHURCH MEETING**  
**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 PM**

Multi-Purpose Building



**BROTHERHOOD'S BREAKFAST**  
**WITH THE SHEPHERDS**  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>**  
**9:00 AM TO 12 NOON**

YOU ARE INVITED!

**2:25**  
**WATCH NIGHT**  
*Service*

31 DEC, 2024  
 TUESDAY, 6:00PM

Join Us!

**GREATER ST. JOHN**

Quality Christian Gifts      Unique Holiday Gifts

*Gift Shop*

**Holiday SHOPPING TIME**

Whimsical, Charming, Beautiful Childrens Books

2025 Planners and Calendars

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHURCH SECURITY TEAM**

Responsibilities Include: Monitoring Doors and Cameras During Service

**CHURCH SECURITY TEAM**  
 NEED VOLUNTEERS

If Interested Contact  
 Deacon Howard Buchanon

