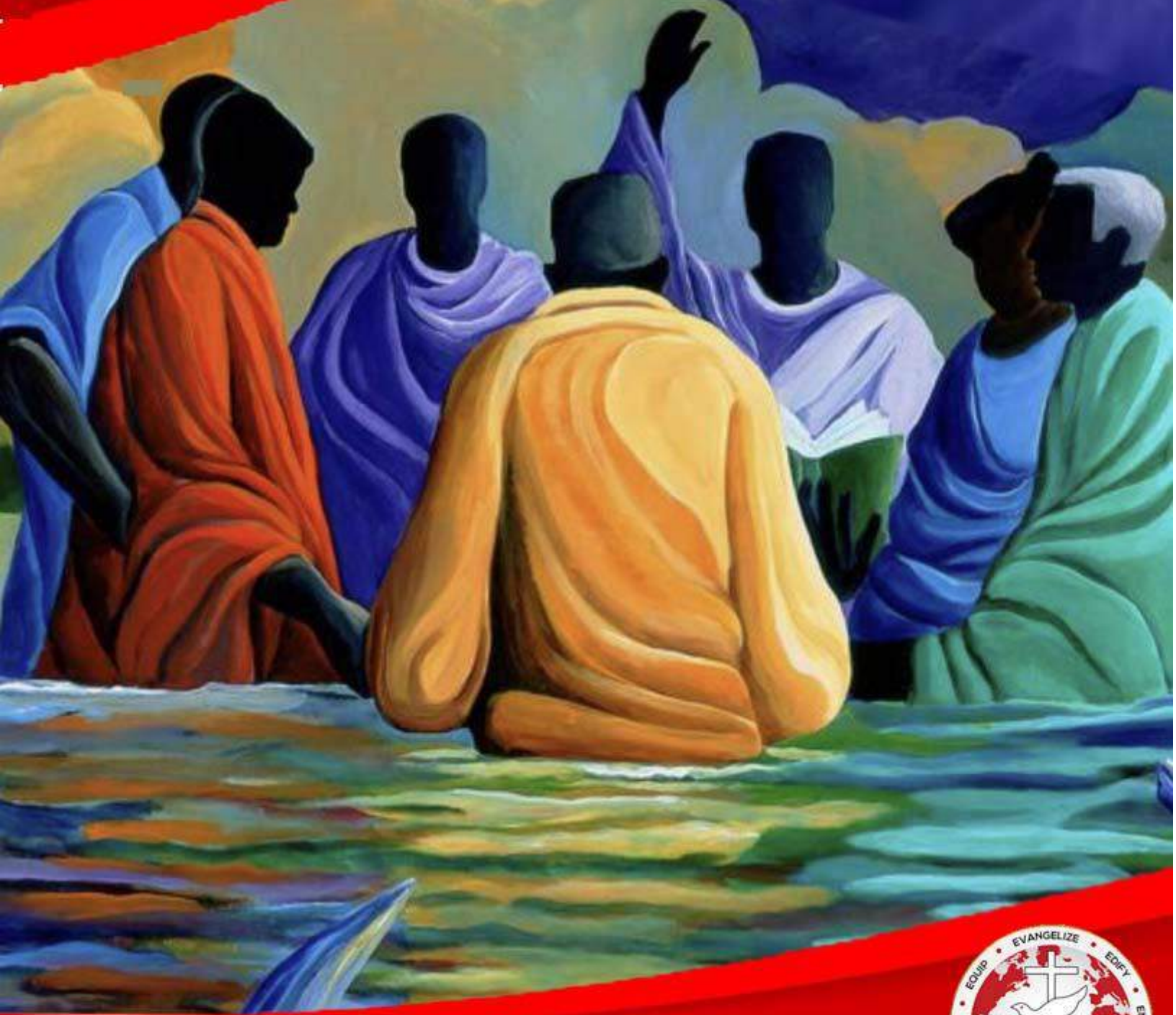


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Monthly Newsletter of  
Greater St. John  
Missionary Baptist Church  
Rev. André A. McGhee  
Pastor/Teacher

**JULY 2024**

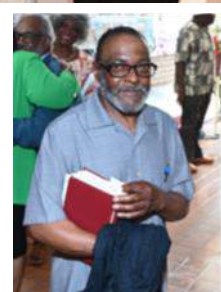




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**Office & Mailing Address:**

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**Office Hours**

Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM



**VISIT OUR WEBSITE:**  
**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

**LONGTIME CUSTODIAN RETIRES AFTER 19 YEARS OF SERVICE**

Brother Charles Hurt

On Friday, June 7th Brother Charles Hurt our longest Greater St. John custodian officially retired after 19 years of dedicated service. He has done so much for the church over the years. There's been busted water pipes in the middle of the night that he showed up for, alarm calls for the church that he resolved whether it was police or the fire departments. When the exterior roof leaked due to snow and ice build-up at the church, he worked until it was cleaned up. People returned to church for the next service and we never skipped a beat.

Brother Hurt plans to spend more time with his family. To celebrate this milestone, we prepared a special luncheon with his family, friends and co-workers to honor his departure. All of us at Greater St. John wish him the best in his next phase of life. **CONGRATULATIONS!!**



Are you concentrating on what God told you to do? Or are you being distracted?

*Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night... Exodus 14:21*





## CONGRATULATIONS 2024 GRADUATES



(from left to right) Wayne Berry, Amaani Lee, Jayce Lee, Caleb Boyd, Jazzmine Finch, Nakayla Scales, Zoe Reeves, Kaydyn Scales, Brachelle Wright and Niaalyn Sully (Sister Phyllis McMorris accepted for Niaalyn). Inserted Matthew Shambry II

During the month of June, we honored those who graduated from Eighth Grade, High School and College. We honored a total of 11 students, 4 were eighth graders, 4 were High Schoolers, 3 were College graduates. We salute each and every one of you. As graduates you are beginning a new phase, a new chapter in the book of your life.

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6*

**Bible Incomplete:** Fill in the missing letters to complete the passage.  
Solution on last page.

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(Answer to Bible Incomplete Challenge on page 8)



(from left to right) Richard Armstrong, Terri Sullivan, Spencer Grady and Lillie Grady

## GREATER ST. JOHN WINS 2024 CHURCH BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Congratulations to the championship team of Greater St. John, for their first-place win in the Church Mixed Bowling League. This year the league was played at Strikes and Spares in Mishawaka for 31 weeks. The championship team donated their cash winnings to the Greater St. John Missionary Baptist Church Food Pantry.



## YOUR 2024 MARCH RALLY DOLLARS AT WORK

Thanks to your generous support of our March Rally fundraiser, projects at Greater St. John have started or are in-progress, completed, or in the planning stage. These projects improve safety, upgrade older equipment or enhance appearances. Below are descriptions/photos of the major March Rally projects.



Before



After

### COMPLETED PAINTING EXTERIOR DOORS:

Wilco Distributing Co. replaced three of our exterior metal doors and frames (March Rally 2023). All 3 new exterior doors and frames plus one existing door and frame were painted this year by GNK Precision Painters.



### COMPLETED INTERIOR PAINTING:

Patched and painted the vestibule outside of the sanctuary, hallway, sound Room ceilings. Painted walls outside the Gift Shop. Painted stairway walls and ceiling in Multi-Purpose Building. Painting completed by GNK Precision Painters.



### COMPLETED RELACING FLOURESCENT LIGHTS AND FIXTURES:

Replaced twenty-five 2'x4' LED fixtures and lights in the lower-level on the new side. Lights were purchased from US 31 Electrical Supply and installed by Art Jones.



### COMPLETED REPLACING WATER FOUNTAIN:

Purchased two water fountains from Mid-City Supply Company. Brother James Fuller installed one fountain outside of the Sanctuary. The new fountain has a sanitary hands-free bottle filler, germ-free copper push pads to activate the water, and is designed to reduce waste water by 50%.





## YOUR MARCH RALLY DOLLARS AT WORK



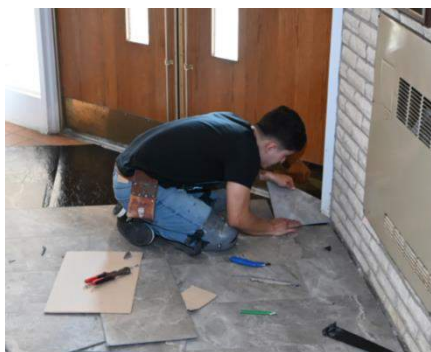
### STARTED UPGRADE OF AUDIO/VIDEO EQUIPMENT:

In the sanctuary: organized and tied down wires and cables and removed 2 cameras from pedestals and mounted them to the ceiling. Replaced overhead projector in Multi-purpose building. Replaced Kitchen speaker, rewire TV monitors in the lower level, run wire for cable TV, in lower-level.

### 2024 MARCH RALLY PROJECTS IN THE PLANNING STAGES:

- Recoat Baptism pool tub, repair handrail and tile floor.
- Paint lower-level dining area walls and columns on old side.
- Add lighting to lower-level women's restroom on new side.
- Repair/paint lower-level area walls, columns and ceiling on new side (*started July 3<sup>rd</sup>*).

## MAJOR PROJECTS FINANCED BY ANONYMOUS DONOR



### GREATER ST. JOHN RECEIVED A VERY LARGE GIFT THIS YEAR FROM AN ANONYMOUS DONOR



Greater St. John is completing other major projects that are being financed by an anonymous donor. The proceeds from the donation will fund the cost of retiling the vestibules in both buildings and hallway floors. Also, renovations of the men and women's restrooms in the multi-purpose building and repaving and painting lines and handicap spaces in the parking lot.

This extraordinary gift will have a significant impact on the life extension of the major structures and grounds that are owned by Greater St. John.



We do not have enough words to express our sincere thanks to the donor for their, generosity, and commitment to our church.



## 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.

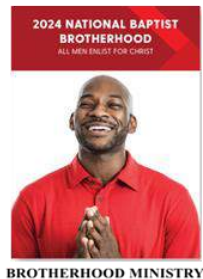
**President:** Deacon Calven Laws

**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

JULY 2024



### WEEK SUBJECT

One Jesus Calls His Disciples

Two The Cost Of Discipleship

Three Mary: A True Example Of Discipleship

Four Discipleship Requires Commitment

### SCRIPTURE

Matt 3:16-17 4:18-22,  
Mark 1:16-20, Luke 6:12-16,  
John 1: 29-48

Luke 14: 25-33

Luke 10: 38-4

Luke 9: 57-62



## July Birthdays

07-02 Ellen Carrothers, Darlette Clark  
07-03 Lashea Bird  
07-04 Wilbur Ervin, Althea King  
07-05 Denise Boyd, Rayanna Herron, Terriana Smith  
07-08 Diana Freeland  
07-10 Cathy Allen, Kaliyah Ford, Alesia Ivory,  
Calven Laws, Sheila Smith,  
07-11 Martines Williams  
07-12 Patricia Hughes, Murray Miller  
07-13 Latoya Kinds, Carlos Pruitt  
07-14 Paris Small  
07-15 Jean Armstrong, Darlene McMorris, Bessie Selmon

07-16 Rhonda Willis, Da'Shaia Young  
07-18 Wonie Johnson, Lekia Spells  
07-19 Sylvia Moran  
07-20 Alma Harris, Billie Kirk-Mitchell  
07-21 Isaiah Anderson  
07-22 Bernard Irby  
07-23 Richard Armstrong, Mertis Williams, Catherine Foreman  
07-24 Connie Frison, Martevye Gray  
07-25 Gwendolyn Copeland, Michelle Griffin, Shannon Simmons  
07-28 Kaisan Rouse  
07-29 Nichelle Jones  
07-30 Mary Gilliam, Juanita Harvell  
07-31 Barbara Ellison, Raymond Fowler, Demetria Traylor

### BLACK HISTORY MOMENT

*Frederick Douglass Last Home*



*Frederick Douglass  
Rustic Retreat*



### FREDRICK DOUGLASS SITE VISIT

Recently, Debra and Ray Turner visited the Frederick Douglass National Historic Site where Frederick Douglass lived from 1877 until his death in 1895. They share a few sites they visited via photos.

The Frederick Douglass National Historic Site is in Washington D. C. It highlights the personal life of Douglass who was dedicated to achieving equal rights in a country divided by racial prejudices.





## UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NEXT MOVIE NIGHT**  
**FRIDAY, JULY 19<sup>TH</sup>**  
**AT 6:00 PM**

Join us in the Lower-Level  
 of the Church

GSJ Movie Ministry  
 Sister Jean Armstrong

**BOB MARLEY**  
**ONE LOVE**



**MIMES 16<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**




**SUNDAY, JULY 21<sup>ST</sup>**

**167<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SESSION**  
 OF THE MISSIONARY BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION AND ITS' AUXILIARIES  
**REV. ANDRÉ A. MCGHEE, PRESIDENT**

**SUNDAY, JULY 21<sup>ST</sup> – WEDNESDAY, JULY 24<sup>TH</sup>**  
**KOKOMO, IN**




**MINISTERS WIVES AND DEACONESS**



**ANNIVERSARY JULY 28<sup>TH</sup>**

**BACK TO SCHOOL**  
**Rally**  
**Saturday, August 3, 2024**



**LUNCHEON & PLAY**  
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2024**  
**PAC MINISTRY SALAD BAR LUNCHEON**  
**4:00PM-5:30PM**  
**GSJ PLAYERS**  
 PRESENTS THE PLAY  
**EVERYBODY TALKING ABOUT HEAVEN**  
**AIN'T GOING THERE**  
**5:30PM**

**OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICES**  
**UNDER THE TENT**  
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 11<sup>TH</sup> AT 10:00AM**



*(Solution to Bible Incomplete from page 4)*  
*Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing.*  
*In everything give thanks:*  
*for this is the will of God in*  
*Christ Jesus concerning you.*  
*I Thessalonians 5:16-18*

