

THE MESSENGER

MARCH 2025

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

He said to me

My
Grace
is
Sufficient

for you, for my power
is made perfect
in weakness

2 COR 12:9



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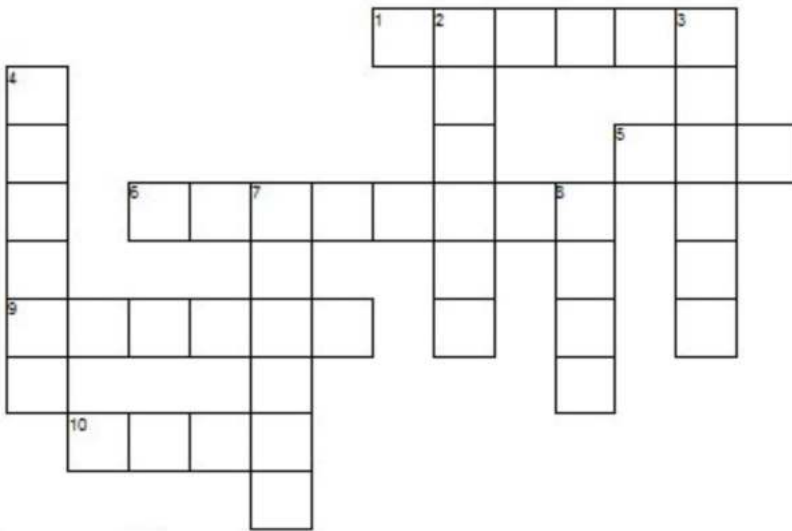
Office Hours

Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM



VISIT OUR WEBSITE:
Greaterstjohnmbc.com

Joseph (Old Testament) Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 God showed Joseph things through _____
- 5 Joseph interpreted a dream for a baker and told him he would _____
- 6 Joseph was thrown in prison by _____
- 9 Joseph had _____ brothers
- 10 Joseph's father Jacob gave him a _____ of many colors.

DOWN

- 2 _____ was the mother of Joseph and Benjamin
- 3 Pharaoh dreamed there were 7 fat cows and 7 _____ cows
- 4 Joseph told the _____ that his dream meant Pharaoh would restore him to his job
- 7 Joseph's brothers sold him for _____ pieces of silver
- 8 Pharaoh gave Joseph his _____ to wear

(answers on page 1)

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

MARCH BIRTHDAYS



- 03-01 Lachaun Davis, Halle Green
- 03-02 Taleo Halbert, Jerome Williams
- 03-03 Jourdan Gates, Richard Hayes Jr., Devonna Lockett
- 03-05 Tracey King
- 03-06 Felicia Forrest, Maikiti Lindsey
- 03-07 DaMon Johnson
- 03-08 Rev. Brian Martin, Lyric Anderson
- 03-09 Fhonda Forrest, Georgia Bradshaw, Donna Home, Tyrone Robinson
- 03-10 Therese Taylor, Larry (LD) Williams
- 03-11 Eden Hammed
- 03-12 Aliceya Badgett, Bobbie Chase, Raishard Johnson
- 03-13 Crystal Jones
- 03-15 Lamarcus Allen, Dorothy Ellis, Beverly Harris, Mikya Sabbs
- 03-16 Laura Fisk, Jarmarcus Lindsey, Jane Williams
- 03-17 Letitia Ficklen, Annie Trotter
- 03-18 Dennis Belcher
- 03-19 Roz Summerlin
- 03-20 Leslie Boyden, Skylar Finch, Alecia Williams
- 03-23 Darlene Macon- Clifton
- 03-24 Lavonte Williams
- 03-25 Howard Buchanon II
- 03-26 Zakhi Edwards, Natasha Smith
- 03-27 Brian Robinson
- 03-29 Ramona Scales, James Robison, Alisse Williams
- 03-31 Laverne Whaley, Cheryl Wilder, Cleopatra (Patti) Wright



GREATER ST. JOHN HISTORY

In 1972 the “Live Wire Club” of Saint John Missionary Baptist Church celebrated their 50th Anniversary. The Live Wire Club was organized in 1922 by Mrs. M. Davidson the first Pastor’s wife. The club was organized to raise money for the Building Fund. Later years they expanded their responsibilities to raising money for church repairs, furniture and care for needy families throughout our community

The first club committee had the following members: Mrs. Mary Brown, Mrs. Jessie Chavis, Mrs. Helen Sanders and Mrs. Myrtel Sharp, they met at 1601 Liston St., South Bend. The first benefit dinner was served October 1922 and made a profit of \$52.00.

To raise money the Live Wire Club held benefit dinners, bazaars, where fine needle work, gingham sun bonnets and pastries were made and sold for the benefit of the church. Pageants, skating parties for the youth, lawn socials, smorgasbords, candy sales and personal pledges were the means of income at various times.

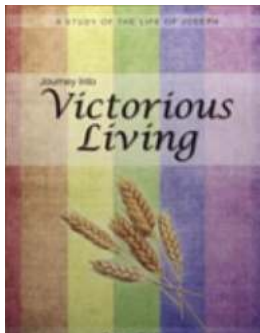
The club also presented many plays, directed by Mrs. Sanders, such as “We Turned from Christ”, “Dust of the Earth”, and “Prodigal Son.”



1972 Live Wire Club Members

Under various leaders, money was raised to pay for lumber, furnace repairs and purchase our first bulletin board. The club raised money to help purchase new pews, instituted a Thanksgiving Dinner for needy families in the community and bought Christmas gifts for mentally challenged patients. *(submitted by Bettye Green)*

Club Motto: “Kindness is the Golden Chain by which Society is Bound Together.”



BIBLE STUDY: The Bible is not merely one book but a complete library of history, poetry, short stories, letters, visions, and moral instruction. The Bible was written over a span of more than a thousand years.

In Bible Study, we are studying how can we be victorious over feelings of revenge and hatred? How we find victory in the midst of life's problems? We find out in our Study of the Life of Joseph, our study guide is, “Victorious Living.” The guide is on sale for \$8.00 in the Gift Shop or Office.

Join us in Bible Study, Wednesdays, in-person morning class at 11:45 a.m. in the Education Wing and an on-line evening session at 7:00 p.m. (Facebook or YouTube). Bible study is led by our Pastor/Teacher. Rev. André A. McGhee. Bring your Bible to class, no other textbook will be required.



2024 MARCH RALLY COMPLETED PROJECTS

LOWER-LEVEL

- Painted and repaired walls and columns in open area
- Replaced Drill Team lockers with mobile clothing racks
- Installed recessed lighting in the ceiling
- Replaced 25 blinking fluorescent fixtures and lights
- Painted walls and columns in dining area
- Painted Stairway and walls outside multi-purpose building entrance



MAIN-LEVEL

- Painted and repaired vestibule and sound room ceilings and walls
- Replaced water fountain outside sanctuary
- Relocated cameras from columns to ceiling and organized cables in sanctuary
- Replaced outdated overhead projector in multi-purpose building
- Resurfaced parking lot and painted lines for cars
- Painted three exterior steel doors



Before

After



CONGRATULATIONS!

SOUTH BEND BLACK HISTORY AWARDS CEREMONY

In honor of Black History Month, the city of South Bend and the Black History Committee honored leaders who have made important contributions to South Bend's history and culture. The event recognized 11 honorees and was held at the Century Center.

Mayor James Mueller said "We have so many folks in our community that makes South Bend a better place, and we want to make sure we recognize them, but also we want to inspire the next generations to step up and continue moving our community forward. So, we're excited that we got another great group of individuals to honor here on Thursday,"

Our very own Pastor André A. McGhee was one of the 11 honorees recognized at the Black History ceremony.



Pastor André A. McGhee accepting plaque from Mayor James Mueller

BLACK HISTORY MOMENT

BLESSED GOSPEL MAGAZINE BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAM



Blessed Gospel Magazine had a Black History Program to honor ten community seniors for their contributions to the community. The honorees came from ten different churches. Our very own Sister Debra Turner was one of those ten seniors that was honored.

This program recognized seniors ranging from ages 55 to 92 and was held at Greater St. John.

Sister Debra Turner (4th from the left) was honored as a 2025 Senior by Blessed Gospel Magazine



SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST SURVEY

WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

1. Should we continue Sunday morning breakfast? Yes No

Please email your response by March 31st to Sister Ophelia Rogers at: opheliagooden97@gmail.com. Thank you in advance.



Take Our Survey



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

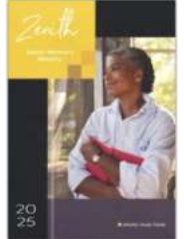
Missionary Society: "Honor her for all that her hands have done ..." Proverbs: 31:13
 Missionary Society President: Willa Mae Frison

BROTHERHOOD AND MISSIONARY SOCIETY WEEKLY LESSONS



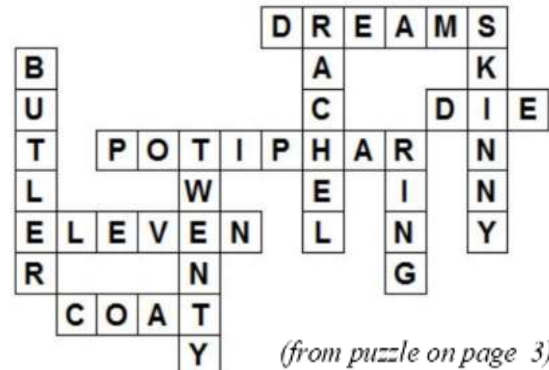
WEEK	SUBJECT
First:	Be Honest
Second:	ell the Truth
Third:	Disciples Do No Harm
Fourth:	Disciples Reject Temptation

SCRIPTURE
Exodus 20:15
Exodus 20:16
Luke 9: 51-56
Luke 4: 1-13



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY PRAISE DANCERS

Joseph
 Old Testament



(from puzzle on page 3)



UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GSJ MOVIE MINISTRY PRESENTS



THE PERFECT MATE
FRIDAY, MARCH 14TH
6:30 PM IN THE LOWER LEVEL

COMBINED YOUTH MINISTRY
IS HOSTING A
YOUTH ORATORICAL CHALLENGE
SUNDAY, MARCH 16TH
JOIN US!

We Will Be Going to Pilgrim Baptist Church To Celebrate:
 Pastor H. Gregory Haygood's
35th Anniversary
 Sunday, March 23rd
 at 3:00pm



MARCH RALLY
 Have You Joined A Team Yet?
30 DAYS LEFT
TEAM MONIES DUE: MARCH 31ST
KING/QUEEN CROWNED: APRIL 13TH



Missionary Department



FRIDAY, APRIL 11TH ~ 11AM TO 5PM
TICKETS ARE \$15.00 EACH

VAN MINISTRY HAS IMMEDIATE NEED FOR VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

To transport members to and from Church Services

If interested contact: Janice Gates



GSJ FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VARIOUS TASKS

- Pickup Food From Foodbank
- Unload Deliveries
- Stock Pantry
- Sort & Pack Food
- Food Distribution

Greater St. John Golf League

We're starting our Golf league back up. Those interested please contact:

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 RCA72351@sbcglobal.net