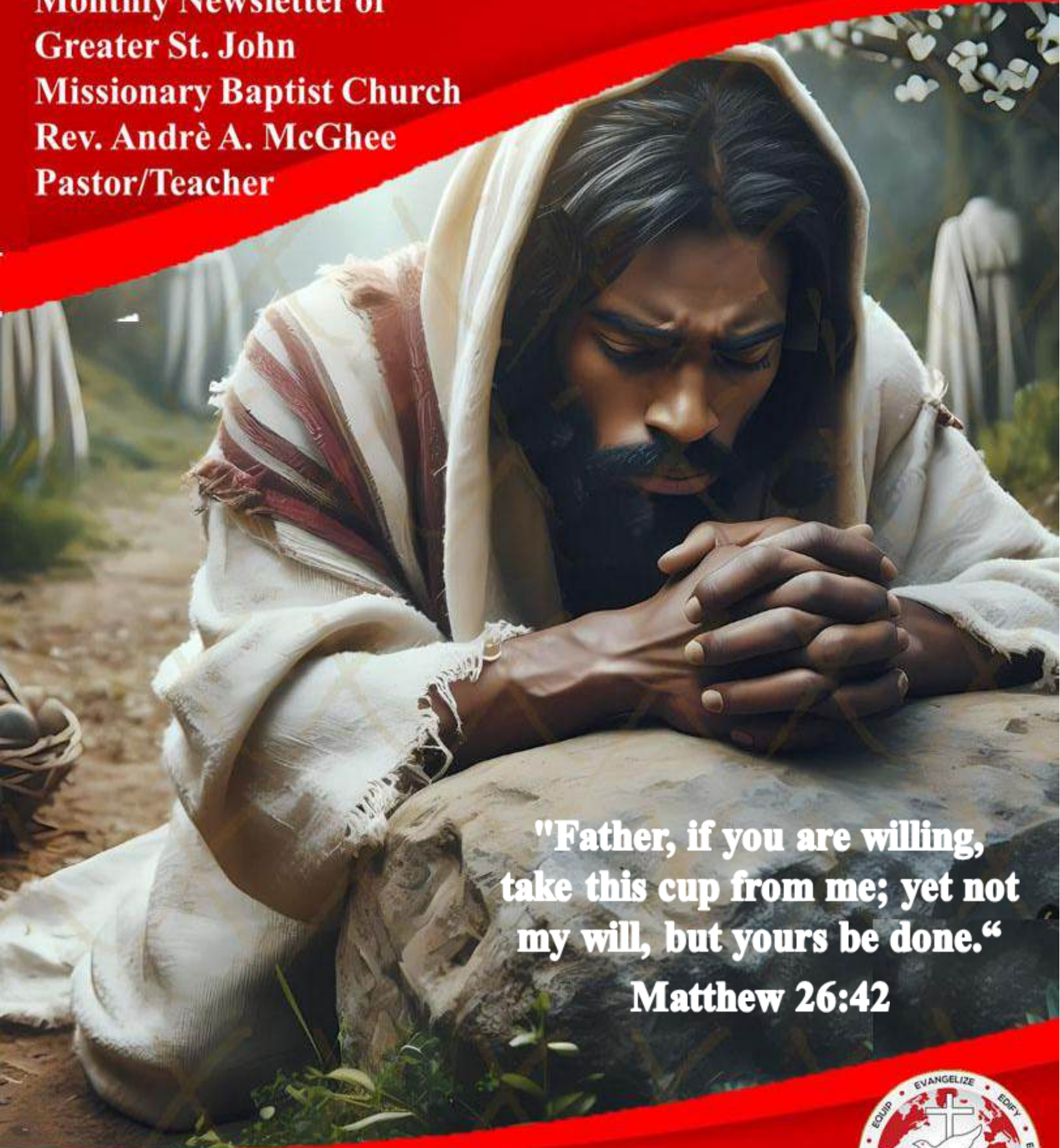


THE MESSENGER

APRIL 2025

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



**"Father, if you are willing,
take this cup from me; yet not
my will, but yours be done."**

Matthew 26:42



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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



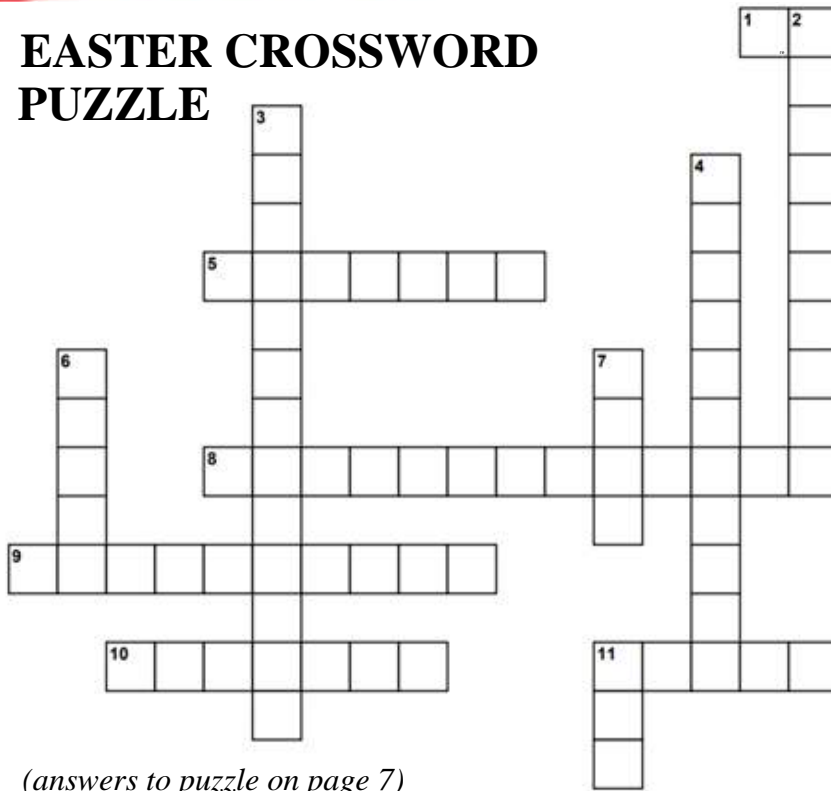
April Birthdays

- 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
- 04-06 Joy Carpenter, Rosemarie Harris, Tiffany Melton
- 04-07 Darlene Anderson, Ada Fuller, Winona Northern, Geneva Vinson
- 04-09 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
- 04-17 Cynthia Henderson

- 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 KaNiah Carouthers, Brenda MacTurch
- 04-27 Charrell Jones, Jasper Rutherford
- 04-28 William Dukes, Berleane Hill, Doniell Richmond
- 04-29 Vicki Blount, Dennis Copeland, Jr., Tarvarres McFarland, Donald Sanders, Daren Washington
- 04-30 Floyd Carter IV, Glenn Hosea, **Pastor André A. McGhee**, Beth Shambry



EASTER CROSSWORD PUZZLE



(answers to puzzle on page 7)

Across

- [1] According to Colossians 3:4, what will appear in glory when Christ appears in glory?
- [5] What did the disciples do when they saw Jesus according to Matthew 28:9?
- [8] Who went to visit the tomb early on the first day of the week? (two words)
- [9] What did the angel say about Jesus to the women? (3 words)
- [10] Where did Jesus tell the women to go and tell his disciples to meet him according to Matthew 28:7?
- [11] According to Peter in Acts 10:43, what is the name by which everyone who believes will receive forgiveness of sins?

Down

- [2] What occurred as the women approached the tomb according to Matthew 28:2?
- [3] What did the angel say to the women when he saw that they were afraid according to Matthew 28:5-6? (4 words)
- [4] According to Peter in Acts 10:43, what do believers in Jesus receive?
- [6] What was rolled away from the entrance of the tomb according to Matthew 28:2?
- [7] What emotion did the guards feel when they saw the angel at the tomb according to Matthew 28:4?
- [11] What emotion did the women feel after encountering the risen Jesus according to Matthew 28:8?

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OUR GREATER ST. JOHN FOOD PANTY TO CONTINUE

The Greater St. John Food Pantry is in serious need of your help to make sure our Food Pantry doesn't get shut-down. For several years Greater St. John has been offering free food items to those in our community. The program helps hundreds of people each year. To keep the program going, we need men to volunteer to load and transport food items from Northern Indiana Food Bank to Greater St. John.

Every Tuesday, the volunteers pick up food items to restock our Food Pantry in the lower-level. Volunteers will help sort, clean, and organize the pantry to ensure that our families have access to fresh food. It is vital and important to get these food items from the Northern Indiana Food Bank into our food pantry, we want to continue to be able to give these food items to the people in our community that are in need. "If we don't get enough men to volunteer, we will not be able to keep the food pantry open anymore," said Food Pantry Coordinator Sister Bertha Bradley. The process would take about one hour of your time every Tuesday.



If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Sister Bertha Bradley.



KITCHEN SURVEY RESULTS

Last month, we invited our members to participate in our Sunday Morning Breakfast survey. We reviewed the completed surveys and are excited to share the results with you. The survey was designed to understand if we should continue or discontinue our Sunday Morning Breakfast. The survey consisted of one question, "Should we continue Sunday Morning Breakfast?"



Results showed that 100% of respondents answered "Yes" to continuing breakfast. We were slightly surprised because since the pandemic we had a few Sunday Morning Breakfasts and attendance was very low. Thank you to everyone who participated in the Sunday Morning Kitchen Breakfast Survey.

Our original intent for the breakfast was to encourage members and guests to spend quality time together on a Sunday morning while also providing fellowship opportunity. With the positive responses received to the breakfast, now we need volunteers to work in the kitchen.

KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Kitchen volunteers would only have to work one Sunday per month. We know many hands make for a lighter work load. We need volunteers for meal preparation, cooking, serving, washing dishes, cleaning, etc.

If interested, please contact Sister Ophelia Rogers.



APRIL 20, 2025



KEEPING GREATER ST. JOHN CLEAN AND SAFE

The Covid-19 pandemic ended, but Greater St. John continues to be diligent about cleaning and maintenance of our facilities. Greater St. John has high-traffic and high-touch areas that require daily cleaning and disinfection to keep a safe environment for members, guests and staff. With such a huge volume of people frequenting the church just about every day, it's hard to find an area of the church that doesn't require frequent cleaning and disinfecting. In other words, the entire church requires daily attention.



Custodian Greg Goodrich disinfecting pews in Sanctuary with disinfectant sprayer

Our Custodians keep our church clean and safe by reducing risks of viruses and germs. We have a systematic cleaning and disinfection routine, we use the right equipment, cleaning and disinfection products. We clean and disinfect the sanctuary, entrances, hallways and lobbies, classrooms and Offices, restrooms, kitchen, elevators, conference rooms, etc.

We will continue to make sure Greater St. John is the safest place our members, guests and staff can be outside of their homes by keeping it a clean and healthy environment.



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Martin Luther King Jr. Dream Center

On Friday, April 4 at the new Martin Luther King Jr. Dream Center, Officials with the City of South Bend held a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the building's completion.

There was a march from the Civil Rights Heritage Center to the MLK Jr. Dream Center.

MLK Jr. Dream Center staff provided tours of the new building after the ribbon cutting ceremony. Although the building was considered completed, there are still final site improvements underway.

BLACK HISTORY MOMENT

The famous cartoon character Betty Boop drew inspiration from Esther Jones, a Black jazz singer celebrated for her unique "baby-style" vocals that captivated Harlem audiences in the 1920s



Senior Nurses 49th Anniversary

Quotable Quotes

“Those who reach up all the way by Faith may be sure that Jesus Christ will reach down by Grace.”



BROTHERHOOD AND MISSIONARY SOCIETY

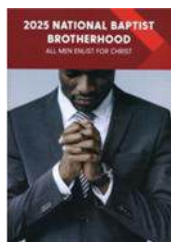
Brotherhood Motto: Teach the word in the home, with a consecrated heart; following the footsteps of the Savior, leading all men to God.

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: DO JUSTICE



WEEK	SUBJECT	SCRIPTURE
First	Defining Justice	Deuteronomy 16:18-20; Isaiah 1:17; Micah 6:8
Second	God is the Source of Justice	Deuteronomy 32:4; Psalm 89:14; Romans 12:19
Third	Justice for the Vulnerable	Exodus 22:21-24; Psalm 82:34; Proverbs 22:22-23
Fourth	Justice in Action	Leviticus 19:18; Luke 10:25-37; Galatians 5:14



Sister Willa Mae Frison: HOPE

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 1 Peter 1:3 ESV

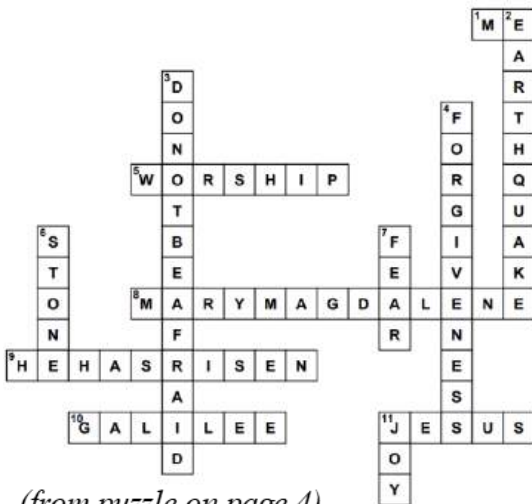


MISSIONARY SOCIETY ANNIVERSARY

Only One Creator

A scientist is said to have challenged God. He told God, “We can take a speck of dirt and create a living human being out of it.” God answered, “Okay, but first you must get your own dirt”.

Only God can create. Man can merely manipulate.



(from puzzle on page 4)



UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GREATER ST. JOHN
GOLF LEAGUE
STUDEBAKER GOLF COURSE**



CONTACT:
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RCA72351@sbcglobal.net MONDAYS 5:00 PM

Missionary Department



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

MARCH RALLY



KING AND QUEEN CROWNED
SUNDAY, APRIL 13TH

**Craig Clark Memorial
BLOOD DRIVE**

Saturday, April 19th 11 am to 2 pm

Bloodmobile On-Site
GREATER ST. JOHN
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
101 N ADAMS ST. SOUTH BEND, IN 46624
REV ANDRÉ A. MCGHEE - PASTOR/TEACHER




Easter Egg Hunt
SATURDAY, APRIL 19TH
LUNCH AT 12:15 PM
EGG HUNT AT 1:30 PM



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THE LAST SUPPER
SATURDAY, APRIL 19TH
4:00 PM
Lower-Level of the Church



SUNDAY SCHOOL APRIL 20TH

EASTER
program

8:30 AM



**VAN MINISTRY HAS
IMMEDIATE NEED FOR
VOLUNTEER DRIVERS**

*To transport members to
and from Church Services*

If interested contact: Janice Gates