

The St. John Beacon

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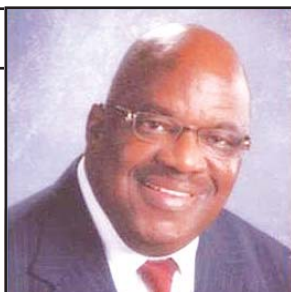
Beloved Members,

I pray that this edition of our monthly Beacon finds you and the family in the best of health and spirit.

Given the many challenges we face and jungle on a daily basis, it is easy to become discouraged and develop a distorted perspective. I want to encourage you to set aside some time in meditation with Lord. Let His presence and His Word replenish you. His grace is sufficient. His strength is made perfect in our weakness.

Our acceptance in God's eyes is a no-strings-attached gift. It isn't a reward for our good behavior. It's not something we can pay God back for by doing all the things we think he wants us to do. God gave us our salvation.

Jesus paid a high price for it, so it wasn't free; but it's free



Dr. Major L. Jemison, Pastor

to us. It's a gift that he wanted us to have because he is good and loving. Paul said it like this: "It is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast" (Ephesians 2:8 – 9). And so, when we falter or fail, the Cross of Calvary is the compass for our recovery and Easter Sunday is confirmation that there is, "Therefore now no condemnation [no guilty verdict, no punishment] for those who are in Christ Jesus [who believe in Him as personal Lord and Savior]." Romans 8:1.

Remind yourself of what Jesus death, burial and resurrection has accomplished. Then, even though it's difficult, bring your sin and guilt to God and receive the love that he offers in exchange. Let Calvary and the Resurrection bring healing to your soul.

Hallelujah! Bless His High Name!!

*Dr. M. L. Jemison,
Senior Pastor*

Get Ready for the 2023 Simultaneous Revival with Dr. F. Bernard Mitchell!

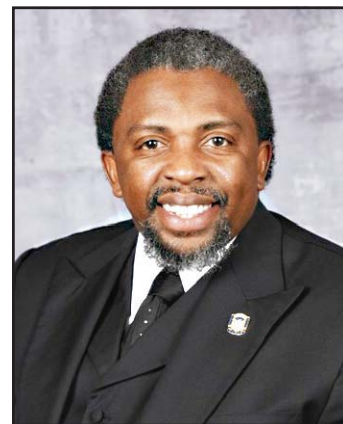
Submitted by Debra Johnson

The 79th City-Wide Simultaneous Revival will be held immediately following Easter Sunday, which falls on April 9th this year. Many of God's best preachers, prophets and evangelists from across the length and breadth of this country will be proclaiming the Good News of the Gospel in sister churches throughout Oklahoma City during week night, noonday and late night services.

Our 2023 revival theme is "A Church Unleashed – Serving Above and Beyond the Ordinary" John 14:12, which is the church theme for the year. In the New International Version, these passages read as follows:

John 14:12 — "I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father."

St. John is blessed this year to welcome again Dr. F. Bernard Mitchell as our guest evangelist.

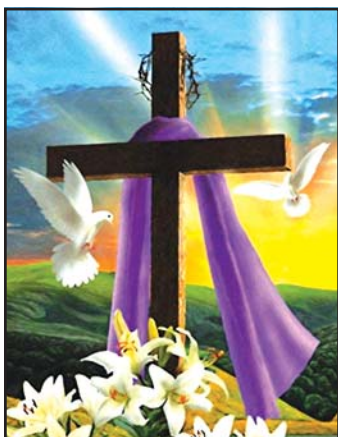


Dr. Bernard Mitchell

He will be proclaiming the Good News of Gospel for us on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, April 10 – 12, at 7:15 PM nightly. Dr. Mitchell is the proud pastor of Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Mendenhall, MS Fernando. We look forward to what Dr. Mitchell will share with us.

St. John will serve as the host for the W.K. Jackson Fellowship Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. on Friday morning, April 14th as well as the Closing Mass Service on Sunday afternoon, April 16th at 3:00 p.m. If you would like more information on tickets for the breakfast or any of the revival activities for the week, please call the church office at 405-478-3344.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Submitted By Dr. Lawrence C. Kirk, Director of Christian Education

What is Pentecost?

We find in this passage in Acts 2: 1, "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come." There were three annual feasts of the Jews, the Passover, Pentecost, and the Feast of Tabernacles. Pentecost celebrated the beginning of their harvest. Pentecost (term found only in the New Testament, called "Feast of Harvest," (See Ex. 23: 16) came fifty days after the Passover; hence, *pente*, five or fifty.

Jesus had told his apostles, "And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high" (Luke 24: 49). We read in Acts 1: 4 that they are in Jerusalem waiting as

Jesus had told them to do. Therefore, the language "day of Pentecost was fully come" is very significant.

The day of Pentecost in Acts 2 fulfilled many kingdom and salvation prophecies (cp. Joel 2: 28-32; Isa. 2: 2, 3, see Acts 2: 16-47). The apostles were baptized in the Holy Spirit to enable them to execute their commission, the full gospel was officially preached and Jesus' last will and testament came into being on the day of Pentecost.

The day of Pentecost was the birth of Christianity. It was on this memorable day that repentance and baptism in Jesus' name for the remission of sins

was first taught and experienced (Acts 2: 38). The height of Joel's prophecy had been "whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered" (Joel 2: 32). When those whose hearts had been pricked asked what must they do, were told, and did it, they were calling on the name of the Lord (Acts 2: 37-42). People today are saved similarly by calling on Jesus' name (Rom. 10: 13).

When we fully understand the significance of this event, we will see how God's chosen people, the Jews, found in the Old Testament, were selected to carry this good news of salvation. But, has now been commissioned to the *church* in the



New Testament.

There is so much in the Bible to learn. We here at St. John want to equip you in understanding the scriptures, please get in touch with me, Dr. Lawrence Kirk, at (405) 478-3344 or email me at Lckirk@stjohnokc.org, and I will get you connected to one of the many Bible programs we offer here at the church.

79TH **SIMULTANEOUS**

REVIVAL

"A Church Unleashed - Serving Above and Beyond the Ordinary"
John 14:12

MONDAY, TUESDAY, AND WEDNESDAY EVENINGS, APRIL 10 - 12, 2023
@ 7:15PM, NIGHTLY




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GUEST PREACHER *Dr. M. L. Jemison*
SR. PASTOR

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Dr. J. Bernard Mitchell
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WMU Highlights

Submitted by Penny Emery, WMU President

Happy Easter Everyone!



Circle OHJ Chair, First Lady Jacquie Jemison and members of Circle OHJ at their Circle meeting.

What a wonderful time of the year! What a blessing to be living in this day and age and to be able to experience what God is doing within our church and within your St. John Women's Missionary Union. We are truly blessed!

We say "THANK YOU" to Circle #2 (Sis. Gerchel Holbert, Chair) and Circle #3 (Fletta James and Dianne Turner, Chairs). These Circles led our Joint Mission Meeting in March and did a wonderful job. Circle #2 led devotion and Circle #3 member, Sis. Velma Smith gave a phenomenal devotional message! We had representation from all of our Circles! Thank you Circle leaders and Circle members for your support. The WMU also held individual Circle meetings in the month of March. Circle JPD (#4), Sis. Evelyn Spriggs and Sis. Susan Townsend, Chairpersons and Circle OHJ (#6), First Lady, Sis. Jacquie Jemison.

We sent sympathy cards and "thinking of you" cards to our members and visited those in hospitals, private homes and nursing homes. It is truly our pleasure to help our members know that they are not alone.

The St. John WMU looks forward to supporting our Easter activities throughout the church and we look forward to supporting and attending the Annual Simultaneous Revival. It is truly a blessing to be able to attend in person this year as well. We will send Easter cards to all of our sick and shut-in members. We are SO thankful for our Benevolent Chairperson, Sis. Wanzetta Woody for her dedication to ensuring that our sick, shut-in, and bereaved receive cards of concern from the WMU.

The WMU truly appreciates YOUR continued support. Your annual dues of \$24 help us continue the work that we are dedicated to doing for the Lord. If you have not become a financial part of the WMU, feel free to do so NOW! Please submit your dues to our Treasurer, Sis. Patricia Brewer, Sis. Wanzetta Woody, OR to a designated Chairperson, Sis. Gerchel Holbert, Sis. Barbara Bradford, Sis. Fletta James, Sis. Dianne Turner, Sis. Evelyn Spriggs, Sis. Susan Townsend, or Sis. Jacquie Jemison. Thank you in advance for your support!!



PASTOR'S PARTNERS IN PRAYER

Submitted By Deacon Raymond Payton

Christ In His People

"Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches... But if you stay joined to me and my words remain in you, you may ask any request and it will be granted."
John 15:5,7

As branches, we are to be so like the vine, so entirely identified with it, that everyone may see that we have the same nature and life and spirit. When we pray for the Spirit, let us not only think of a Spirit of power, but the very attitude of Jesus Christ. Ask and expect nothing less for yourself and all God's children.

What must we be or do that will enable us to pray as we should and to receive what we ask? The answer is this: It is the branch life that gives power for prayer. We are branches of

Christ, the living vine. We must simply live like branches and abide in Christ, then we shall ask what we will, and it shall be done for us.

Struggle in prayer. "Join me in my struggle by praying to God for me" (Romans 15:30). "I want you to know how much I have agonized for you" (Colossians 2:1)

All the power of evil seek to hinder us in prayer. Prayer is a conflict with opposing forces. It needs our whole heart and all our strength. May God give us grace to struggle in prayer until we have victory.

Let us continue to PRAY daily wherever you are at 12:00 NOON for our Pastor, Dr. M. L. Jemison, his family, health, strength and guidance.



"Seasoned Saints" Highlights

Submitted by Velma James Smith

Signs of spring are everywhere. About fifteen VIPs started the new changing season with a relaxing yet very entertaining night at the UCO jazz lab March 2nd. The tickets for our next group activity to watch the Oklahoma Thunder play basketball April 2nd were swiftly distributed to over fifty fans. What a delight to worship together and socialize with kindred spirits!

We are so excited about the Resurrection Sunday events at St. John April 9th; new and re-

dedicated candidate baptism services and Spring Revival Service! What a glorious time we will experience as we are refocused, restored, revived, renewed!

FYI: The VIP Calendar of Events has changed. We will NOT go to the Jubilee Theater June 10th. Our revised plans are to bus down to Texas August 12th to see the Color Purple. Watch out for updates in the upcoming Beacons, church flyers and the announcements.

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PARISH FELLOWSHIP NEWS

By Sis. Debra Johnson, Parish Fellowship Coordinator

Happy April Everyone!!

The Easter Season is upon us. It's the time when we acknowledge the ultimate act of Love....the act of Jesus sacrificing his life for the redemptions of our souls and the remission of our sins. It was at the cross where his Love ran red which resulted in our sins being washed white. We owe all to Jesus Christ...our Lord and Savior.

We invite you to celebrate the Risen Lord this Easter Sunday with us here at St. John. Be sure to invite your family and friends out for this special Resurrection Sunday. Remember, anyone accepting Christ by the first Sunday will be baptized on Easter Sunday.

The Parish Fellowship continues to engage in informing our members about our new

Prayer and Bible Study called "The Refreshing Hour" held on Wednesday evenings. Food is served starting at 5:30 p.m.; ice-breaker is from 6 to 6:10; bible study/message from 6:10 to 6:30; prayer circle discussion and activity from 6:30 to 6:50; and wrap-up from 6:50 to 7pm.

We kicked off the Refreshing Hour on March 15th. We have had great sessions and attendance in March with the church staff giving leadership, i.e., icebreaker, food prep, serving and engaging in bible trivia fun. Fusion and the Christian Men's Fellowship will provide ministry leadership for April. Pastor is encouraging all members to come out to support the church in this effort. Be listening for April details as they evolve.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY MEMBERS!!

APRIL MEMBERS, it's your birthday month and we say **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!**

Let's give a birthday "shout-out to Sis. Stella Lee (Birthday April 12th) and Sis. Fletta James (Birthday March 18th). Thank you Sis. Stella & Fletta for all you do.

I also want to also give a special "Shout-Out" to our April Deacons Harvey Johnson, David Shelton and Enoch Nichols. Thank you for all you do!!



Sis. Stella Lee



Sis. Fletta James

LOVE IN ACTION – THAT IS WHAT WE DO!!

EVANGELISM MINISTRY

Submitted by Rev. Cornelious Wade, Evangelism Minister

WELL DONE, THOU GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANTS

In Matthew 25, beginning at verse 14, there is the familiar story of the "TALENTS"...."For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. 15 And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straight way took his journey....20 And he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents. 21 His Lord said unto him, well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou has been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord..."

IN THIS ARTICLE WE FOCUS ON A THANK YOU AND A SALUTE TO THE WORKERS: ARDEENA HARRIS, SHIRLEE TOMLIN, DIANE WRIGHT, LISA SHELTON, JUDY RACKETT, DENICE BLAKELY, RHONDA HALL WILLIAMS, CURRY HARRIS, WANZETTA WOODY (TAMIQUE PERRY WITH THE SORTERS BEFORE WE GET TO 3RD SATURDAYS. FRANCES GRAYSON IN MEMORIAM). We have been on task for 2 years this coming June. These ladies and men, have added

new dimensions to commitment, diligence, and service. They kept "HANDS ME UP(S)" going for 3 months while I was in rehab and running it from the rehab bed with Wanzetta Woody taking the lead. Thursday, March 16, 2023, I called for Wanzetta Woody and Judy Rackett, only to find they were out in the garage working during the rain. Saturday, March 18, 2023 was another challenge. The temperature was 34. Between warming our hands, the team served 16. I note we could not give away a heater given by Theron and Cleo Perry because we were using it to help keep our hands warm. **THANK YOU LADIES AND GENTLEMAN FOR SERVING IN THE COLD, FOR BEING FAITHFUL!!! YOU ARE WORTH YOUR WEIGHT IN GOLD. YOU ARE WORTH MILLIONS. FOR GOD, WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANTS.** (Our counter parts, THE FOOD PANTRY, did not stop for the temperatures either. **FOCUS DID AN EXCELLENT JOB, SO A SHOUT OUT TO THEM.**)

We were blessed this time from the Whitlow estate and by various other estates from the beginning, **Marion Burch, the Woods,** ("Evangelism" continued on page 7)

Conference A Success!!

Submitted by Sis. Veola Bray

The Family Support Ministry's Opioid and Stimulant Faith Response Conference on February 25th was a complete success. There were 50 in attendance that registered and there were various vendors that had information regarding recovery and treatment facilities and the new 988 Emergency Response number.

DCCCA, Red Rock, RIVUS Wellness and Research Institute and the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services were also there providing brochures, NARCAN, and lock boxes for different medicines, as well as Deterra which is used to liquefy medicinal tablets for safe disposal.

There were breakout groups on Treatment, Prevention, and How to Help a Loved One through their Addiction. The speakers, facilitators, and participants were engaged and truly learned from the information provided. The testimonies were invaluable and Continuing Education Units (CEU's) were given to those that requested them. There were local ministers and Peer Recovery Support Specialists in attendance that were very interested in all of the presentations.

A complimentary letter from a member of 5th Street Missionary Baptist Church was received. That participant was very happy that the conference was open to the public and looks forward to our next community conference.

Special thanks to all of the speakers: Lady Carolyn Greenwood from the Enrichment Center and Dr. Marvin Payton from the RIVUS Wellness and Research Institute presented Treatment; Dr. Kevin McPherson from Care for Change and Jade King from Hope Is Alive discussed Prevention (Veola Bray, Facilitator); and Stephanie Newman and Deanna Shaddix from Hope Is



Paul Williams from Redrock – Keynote Speaker – Ethics Trainer

Alive presented How to help a loved one through their addiction (Rev. LaMonte Bray, Facilitator). Paul Williams from Red Rock was our Keynote Speaker and provided the CEU's to participants that requested them.

Thanks go out to Michael Owens, Director of Programs and Special Events - Oklahoma Faith Network, Lisa Harper and Monica from DCCCA, Ariel Joseph and Ashley Jackson from Red Rock, Cynthia Viney from the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Prevention Department, Melissa Melton from the RIVUS Wellness and Research Institute, Pastor and Lady Jemison for attending and giving their support, the SJMBC Security team, David Hurte, Charles Shepherd, Debra Johnson, Marcus Carruthers, Rev. Carter, and all members of the Ministry especially Carole Walker, Annastasia Hilliard, Latreese Hammons, Norma Lewis, Shae Leggett Wilson, and Stephanie Newman for their help and support throughout this process.

Plans are now being made for an Annual Conference and Quarterly Meetings at St. John, various trainings at other Faith institutions, and a Recovery Walk! Thank you St. John for your continued support and prayers as we reach out to those that are eager to learn more about prevention and treatment services that are available.



Lisa Harper, DCCCA; Michael Owens, Oklahoma Faith Network; Veola Bray, Organizer



Breakout Session on How to Help a Loved One through addiction. Rev. LaMonte Bray, Facilitator



Prevention Breakout. Dr. Kevin McPherson, Care for Change and Jade King, Hope is Alive. Veola Bray Facilitator



Treatment Breakout session: Carolyn Greenwood, The Enrichment Center & Dr. Marvin Payton, RIVUS Wellness & Research Institute.

Technology Media/Digital Ministry

"We will do anything short of sin to reach people for Jesus Christ."

Technological innovation in the local church starts with the heart and activity of God, the Great Innovator. It is time for the Church to use technology to make a statement that in the midst of chaos, emptiness, and despair there is hope in the person of Jesus Christ.

God has been innovating since the dawn of time. Humans didn't even exist when He created the world, they would one day inhabit. Before sin had cast a shadow on the planet, God had designed a remedy, the death and resurrection of His Son. Before the Gentiles understood they needed a Savior, God stopped Paul on the road to Damascus.

God is always up to something new. God never changes, but He constantly works in new ways. He says in Isaiah, "Do not remember the past events, pay no attention to things of old.

Look, I am about to do something new; even now it is coming. Do you not see it? Indeed, I will make a way in the wilderness, rivers in the desert" (Isaiah 43:18-19). From the first few words of Genesis to the closing chapters of Revelation, the Bible tells the story of God's innovative work in the world. As the classic Don Moen song says, "God makes a way when there seems to be no way." That's innovation and the heart of the gospel message. As heirs and stewards of that message, we have no choice. To love as God loves is to innovate as He innovates. If God takes innovation seriously, we must too. Eternity hangs in the balance.

Let's be wise and creative in how we utilize technology and media with purpose to reach people with the love of Jesus Christ. Television, social media, movies, advertisements,

email, someone is always trying to get our attention. It's working, too. Just look at a list of the most popular tweets ever.

- A photo of President Biden and the First Lady after his 2012 re-election was shared more than 900,000 times
- A photo of a little girl walking down a winding road with the quote: "I'm guilty of giving people more chances than they deserve but when I'm done, I'm done" was shared more than 1.4 million times.
- A dog food maker's tweet promising a bowl of food to a hungry dog for every retweet was shared more than 700,000 times.
- An Indonesian political analyst's tweet of support for one of the country's presidential candidates was shared nearly a million times.
- A group selfie full of A-list Hollywood stars taken after the



2014 Academy Awards was retweeted more than 3 million times.

In any list of the most viral social media shares, you'll find funny messages, caustic messages, weird messages, heartwarming messages, and even a few important messages. But you'll be hard-pressed to find one with eternal consequences. That's what sets the Church's message apart from all others, eternity hinges on it. For the Church, no message matters more than what Jude calls the "faith that was delivered to the saints once for all" (1:3). Generations of committed Jesus-followers have laid down their lives for this gospel message that stitches together both life and death.

We, the Church, need to be the ones pushing the boundaries and innovating. If the church's message is the most important message on the planet, our distribution methods for it should be at least as innovative as anything else. Maybe the late theologian Carl F.H. Henry said it best, "The gospel is only good news when it gets there on time." Innovation in the Church must happen so the gospel gets where it's going before it's too late.

Thank you St. John Family for having a heart to be innovative and creative in utilizing technology and media to reach the world for Jesus Christ. Visit our website @ www.StJohnOKC.org and social media pages and share with your family and friends.

Preserving the Right to Vote

Submitted by Mae Burge

Too many Americans take the Right to Vote for granted. I urge you to watch the proposed bills and discussions that are currently happening in the Oklahoma and US legislatures. **Our right to choose is slowly**

eroding in plain sight. During the week of March 19, 2023, the Oklahoma legislature proposed bills that should concern all state residents. Two examples are a bill to assess residents a flat fee for utility bills with no

public disclosure on how the fee will be calculated. For example, my home is total electric and I have a water well. Will my fee include gas and water? Another bill will allow teachers to carry guns in the classroom and the only stated requirement is possession of a conceal and carry license. What if a teacher feels threatened by a student or another teacher? Will the teacher be protected by the "Stand Your Ground Law" which allows a person to defend themselves even though it puts children in danger of misfired and ricocheted bullets.

Rights can be removed, lost and nullified by actions of the

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April Anniversaries

Nichols, Enoch & Alois • April 2, 1982 — 41 years
Boyd, Kevin & Whitlow, Yolanda • April 12, 2010 — 13 years
Evans, Edward & Vanessa • April 13, 1985 — 38 years
Walker, Akilah • April 14, 2012 — 11 years
Jemison, Major & Jacqueline • April 22, 1978 — 45 years
Chandler, Victor & Andrea • April 28, 2018 — 5 years

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Morris Hinton, Deloris Demerson, the Jacksons and countless anonymous givers.... The St. John Church Family is making a powerful statement in changing and impacting lives for the better.

The "Thank you(s)", and grateful response are rewarded. We are reported to be the "Best", they love our things being on the racks and hanging for their shopping adventures. **THANK YOU TO THE DONORS:** Yolanda Whitlow, Maxine Washington, Theron & Cleo Perry, Shawn and Cecilia Emery, the Unknown Givers of "Sunday Bests" and after 5 attire, Shirlee Tomlin, Leveto Hammond, Lynn James and her Mother.

WE NEED HELP: As I was leaving, a mother was arriving with an SUV filled with Children. I did not reopen the garage because this is the area where we are more prone to suffer. **WE NEED CLOTHING FOR INFANTS, TODDLERS, CHILDREN AND TEENS, YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT WILL BE APPRECIATED.** Parents and Grandparents are always shopping for these groups.

FOR THE RECORD/ 48 VISITORS BAGS FOR LANGSTON: During the Black History celebrations, 4th Sunday, Evangelism did create bags for Langston. Thank you Sandra Wallace for jumping in with both feet and helping us get them placed for distribution.

PRISON MINISTRY: Reverend Cornelius D. Wade continues the series on "Moses" **"MESSSED UP, BUT GOD STILL CALLS"**. Before Moses became a true deliverer, he had murdered an Egyptian as a young man. Reverend Marcus Carruthers continues our Adult men services at Lexington; and mentoring Julius Jones at Joseph Harp Correctional facilities. Diane Wright recently accompanied Reverend Carruthers and spoke to the young man who took her son's life 20 years ago. Reverend Betty Winters and Team will do orientation for Mabel Bassett Correctional facility in April.

A SHOUT OUT TO OUR BROTHERS AND MEN'S CHRISTIAN FRATERNITY: TED SAXTON, PRESIDENT, GARY MARTIN, PROJECT CHAIR, HOMELESS MINISTRY. This is a general reminder and a show of support for the ministry to the homeless. **"HAND ME UP(S)"** and Reverend Christine Harris Byrd, will donate and have in hand 3 dozen back packs to help their efforts. I am under the impression that toiletries will be added to these back packs before they are distributed. **ST. JOHN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH FAMILY, WE NEED YOU AND WE THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT. MAY THE LORD GOD BLESS YOU A MILLION FOLD.**

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state and federal legislatures. Protect your right to vote by educating yourself and voting in every election for which you are eligible to vote. Most people think America is a Democracy. **America is not a pure democracy. America is a Constitutional Republic or a Democratic Republic.** The difference is that in a democracy, the people are self-ruled. In a Republic, residents choose a group of citizens to vote on their behalf with the vote being influenced by the people. **The only way to have your voice heard is to VOTE.** The best way to ensure you are heard in every election in Oklahoma is to go to **OK Voter Portal and register for an Absentee Ballot.** You must be registered to vote; then each year you must register for an Absentee Ballot. Once registered, you will receive a ballot in the mail for every local, state or national election for which you are eligible to vote. The process is simple and helps to **preserve your Right to Vote.**

Vacation Bible school 2023

Family Fun Day will be held Saturday, June 3, 2023, from 11:00 – 2:00pm at St. John MBC. There will be carnival games, free food, water slide, moon bounce.

Vacation Bible School will be held Monday, June 5 – Wednesday, June 6, 2023, from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. During Post-Assembly, volunteers will have a chance to win \$25 gift cards each night. Winners must be present to win. Areas to support the Children and Youth include Food Server, Teacher, Registration, Arts & Activities, Nursery, and Decoration crew. Contact Tasha Miles to volunteer.

Thank You! Thank You!

St. John Prayer Ministry,

Praying the Lord blesses your giving heart in abundant measure. Thank you.

Mary Factory & Family

Pastor Jemison and St. John Family,

Along with my sister, Espenola and Sandra, St. John is home and your love and prayers will help us on this journey.

Dorothy & Family; The William L. Holfort Family

Pastor Jemison,

Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to meet with you and your staff. St. John continues to be an impactful force in our community because of your leadership. I look forward to working with you and your team in the future.

Warm regards, Camal Pennington

St. John Church Family,

We are thinking about you with our hearts and remembering you in our prayers.

With Sympathy; In loving Memory of Mr. Elton "Skip" Matthews.

Ricky, Danielle, Mikayla & Andrea Farley

Thank you for thinking of my family during this very difficult time. Your cards was very much appreciated. Thank you for your expression of sympathy.

Roy Piggee

God's Blessings for SJMBC

Thank you for your prayers.

Brade & Jenail Willis

God is our refuge and strength, an every present help in times of trouble.

Pastor Jemison and Church Family.

Thank you for the special prayers over the past year, praying for my brother. Please continue to keep my family in prayer.

Opal Floyd

St. John Family,

Thank you so much for the cards and prayers sent to me in the passing of my Uncle Clarence James. Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated.

Debra Johnson and the entire Johnson, Couch and James Family



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Easter Baptism Sunday

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