

The St. John Beacon

THE CHURCH THAT BELIEVES IN LETTING THE LORD DO IT

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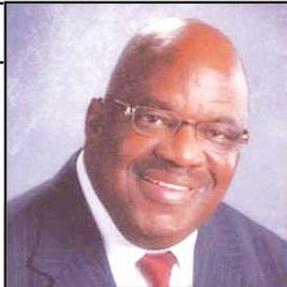
The Pastor's Pen

Beloved Members,

As we prepare for the annual celebration of Independence Day, the iron curtain of mayhem continues to hang ominously over our nation. Week in and week out innocent citizens are victimized by some form of violence. I know the proliferation of this mindset can be discouraging but we have an alternative hope in God's Word. May I remind us of one strong anchor that is hooked to our lives as an unbreakable life-line? We have the assurance that the ruler of universe has promised never to leave us nor forsake us.

You see, God is a God of promises. From the first chapter of the Bible, Scripture makes a case for the dependability of God. Nine times the writer reiterates "God said." And without exception when God spoke, something happened. By divine faith there was light, land, beaches, and creatures. We are left with one conclusion: God's word is sure, and his promises can be trusted. What he says happens.

After 48 years in ministry, I've seen a lot of storms. And I've learned that in turbulent times like this, there is nothing more secure than the anchor of



Dr. Major L. Jemison, Pastor

God's promises. "We have this hope as an anchor by which we can remain steadfast, unmovable, and abounding.

When the cynicism of these times overwhelms, pray to the one who is in charge, and know that in Christ we have an advocate with the Father. And ponder this truth: Jesus, right now, at this moment, in the midst of whatever trouble we are facing, is speaking on your behalf. He is advocating for a special blessing to be sent our way. For we know, Apostle Paul says, all things are working together for our good. We do not fight the winds and waves alone. Every day he speaks up for you. He always lives to intercede for us.

Will God intervene? History reassures that He will. And perhaps he will do more than you and I imagine. Stand firmly on the promise that "when a believing person prays, great things happen" (James 5:16)

Sunday, July 16th is VOLUNTEER SUNDAY/ FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY

Submitted by Rev. Cornelious Wade, Evangelism Minister

THE ST. JOHN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH FAMILY WILL CELEBRATE ITS VOLUNTEERS AND FAMILIES AND FRIENDS DAY, SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2023 AT ITS 10:45 A.M. SERVICES.

Evangelism and Prison Ministry will take the lead as the

Church family takes time to celebrate excellence in volunteer service and as we celebrate the blessings and gifts of family and friends. We will have letters available to help you to invite our friends and family.

AMONG THOSE CELEBRATED FOR EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE/ SALUTE THE FOLLOWING BY MONTH:

- **JULY / 2022: RAY ROBINSON/ VIDEO ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- **AUGUST/ 2022: SHAN WHITE & CHERRYLL DOUGHTY/ LAWN& GROUNDS/PASTOR ANNIVERSARY**
- **SEPTEMBER/ 2022: GLENDA DENSON/ QUARTERLY BREAKFAST/ PARISH FELLOWSHIP**
- **OCTOBER/ 2022: BENNIE STEVENSON/ TURKEY GIVE AWAY/ CHRISTMAS COOKIE HOP**
- **NOVEMBER / 2022: REVEREND WANDA THOMAS/ TURKEY GIVE AWAY**
- **DECEMBER / 2022: THOMAS JAHA/ CHRISTMAS BASKETS KAPPA ALPHA PSI**
- **JANUARY/ 2023: GARY MARTIN / MEN'S MINISTRY / HOMELESS/OPERATION HYGIENE PROJECT**
- **FEBRUARY/ 2023: REGGIE KNIGHT / SECURITY**
- **MARCH /2023: ANN BROWN /SECURITY**



**You Tell Us ...
We Tell Them.**

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

Will Our Lack of Faith Stop God's Faithfulness?

Will their lack of faith nullify God's faithfulness? Not at all! Let God be true, and every man a liar. As it is written: So that you may be proved right when you speak and prevail when you judge. (Rom 3:3-4)

It began in the Garden of Eden. God made Adam and Eve stewards over his creation with dominion over all. Only the fruit of one tree was withheld from them. We will never know the power of the dominion God gave because their "lack of faith" brought death. In that moment "everything he had made" that "was very good" changed to "all is vanity and grasping for the wind." Their "dominion over all the earth" became "what is crooked cannot be made straight and what is lacking cannot be numbered." (Gen. 1:26-28; Eccl. 1:14-15).

Did their "lack of faith nullify God's faithfulness?" People are pondering "why do bad things happen to good people?"

"What kind of a God would create such a world?" But he did not create "this" world! In great faithfulness God created a "perfect" world. A world Adam and Eve's "lack of faith" destroyed. Yet the wicked wilfully forget the guilt and responsibility of Adam and Eve. People seem to seek to blame God and make him look bad for all their troubles.

Paul's question in Romans was based on a similar event. God had promised Abraham that he would be a great nation. At the Exodus, God promised a land flowing with milk and honey, peace, prosperity, health, and long life to them. God would bless them in every possible way.

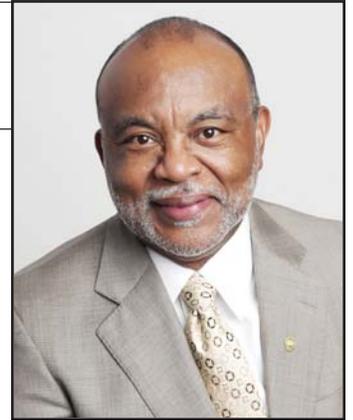
So what happened? Only a few weeks out of Egypt their "lack of faith" began. They squandered all God's promises. "For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, was it not all who came out of Egypt, led by Moses?"

Now with whom was He angry forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness? And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey? So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief" (Heb. 3:16-19).

By their unbelief (lack of faith) Israel justly received God's wrath. They deserved it and far from nullifying God's faithfulness, they established it! This "lack of faith" continued through Judges, Kings, Prophets and even their Messiah. It brought terrible retribution. Israel went to Assyria around 722 BC and Judah went to Babylon around 586 BC. What was left was destroyed by Rome in 70 AD.

From this we learn a fundamental truth. Any time it appears God is not being faithful, we need to take a closer look. We will always find man's "lack of faith" causing the paradox. The greatest perplexities of life are always caused by man.

Moses described the issue as we face it even today. God was justified to destroy Israel. Their murmuring, rebellious, disrespectful and selfish hearts



cried out for it. But how would God's enemies use it? After the bad report of the spies, Israel wanted to go back to Egypt. God told Moses "I will strike them with the pestilence and disinherit them." The problem: "If You kill these people as one man, then the nations which have heard of Your fame will speak, saying, Because the Lord was not able to bring this people to the land which He swore to give them, therefore He killed them in the wilderness" (Num. 14:12-17). Scripture is very clear of God's faithfulness, even when we fail to keep our end of the deal.

Lamentations 3:22-23 (KJV)
²² It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.

²³ They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. If you want to know more about the unfailing love of God, let me invite you to join one of our many Bible studies here at St. John. Please contact me at (405) 478-3344 or email me at Lckirk@stjohnokc.org.



July Anniversaries

Edwards, Irene — July 2, 1977 — 46 years
 Fleming, James & Nicole — July 3, 2004 — 19 years
 Gardner, Richard & Renee — July 11, 1965 — 58 years
 Anderson, James & Karen — July 16, 1983 — 40 years
 McCormick, Raymond & Janice — July 18, 2015 — 8 years
 Wilson, Patrick & Angelia — July 19, 2009 — 14 years
 Dawson, David & Margaret — July 20, 1974 — 49 years
 Loveless, Elleen — July 21, 2007 — 16 years
 Hayes, Raymond & Clara — July 23, 1977 — 46 years
 Emery, Shawn & Cecilia — July 25, 1992 — 31 years
 DeMartra, Greg & Vernetta — July 26, 1975 — 48 years
 Barnett, Cheryl — July 31, 1987 — 36 years

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• **APRIL / 2023: SHAWN EMERY / MEN'S MINISTRY/ SERVING THE HOMELESS/ OPERATION BACKPACKS**

• **MAY/ 2023: MARK W. CLAYBORN / NYEEMAH STEVENSON/ VIDEO ANNOUNCEMENTS**

• **JUNE/ 2023: CLEO & THERON PERRY / THE FOOD PANTRY / 25 YEARS OF SERVICE**

OUR MESSENGER FOR THESE CELEBRATIONS is our own Senior Pastor, Dr. Major L. Jemison. We celebrate Pastor, Dr. M.L. Jemison, newly elected President, Baptist Ministers Association (BMA). **WE WILL BE LOOKING TO SEE YOU ON JULY 16, 2023 AT 10:45 A.M.**

Barry Lofton Honored with Urban League Award 2023



Barry Lofton

Mr. Barry Lofton is a proud, lifelong member of St. John Missionary Baptist Church; and honored to be called a 'St. John Brat'. Lofton is the Executive Director of the Office of TRIO and GEAR UP Programs at the University of Central Oklahoma (UCO). He has over 30 years of service in higher education administration and leadership development. Lofton is a firm believer of the African Proverb...Each One, Teach One.

On Saturday, June 10, 2023, Lofton was honored by the Urban League of Greater Oklahoma City with the 2023 Vilona P. Cutler Award. The Cutler Award is the Urban League's most prestigious award. It was established on November 16, 1950. The award is presented at the discretion of the Urban League Board of Directors to an individual(s) in recognition of meritorious and outstanding service in building better human

relations and for the advancement of the general welfare of all citizens of Oklahoma City.

As a child, Lofton, grew up four blocks from the Urban League and always wondered "What do they do in that building?" As a young adult, he found out exactly what the Urban League does as he joined the Urban League Board of Directors in 1995 and established a UCO/Urban League partnership that has produced outstanding results for 28 consecutive years. Snippet of Mr. Barry Lofton's connections and contributions with the Urban League include:

- Serving six years as an Urban League Board Member from 1995-2001.
- Inducted as an Urban League Life Member in 2008
- Facilitating and participating in the Urban League Family Fun Fest from inception to ending (12 years – 1996-2007)
- Supporting the Urban League Annual Gala for 28 years.
- Introducing over 130 first generation/least advantaged college students to the Urban League mission and purpose
- Supporting the Urban League PEAK Program annually by hosting students on the UCO campus to experience a day 'living the life' of a prospective student.
- Sponsoring Urban League Equal Opportunity Day annually for more than 20 years
- Supporting the Urban League Young Professionals
- Supporting the Urban League Guild
- Providing UCO students to serve as interns for the Ur-

ban League Small Business Center

- Providing UCO students to serve as tutors/mentors for the Urban League America Reads program.

- Supporting the Urban League MLK College/Career Fair

- Contributing and supporting the Urban League Back To School Bash

- Supporting the OKC Police/Urban Minority Recruit-

ment Efforts

- Recipient of the Urban League's Marian Beard Dobbersteen Volunteer Service Award (2012)

- Recipient of the Urban League's Equal Opportunity Award (EOD-2016)

Lofton is a proud graduate of OKC Northeast High School. He received both his bachelor's and master's degrees from Henderson State University (Arkansas).

WMU Highlights

Submitted by Penny Emery, WMU President



Happy July Everyone!

Your St. John WMU thanks you for your continued support! St. John WMU had a fantastic month of June! We had the opportunity and privilege to send Father's Day cards to all of our sick and shut-in men of St. John. The WMU also sent cards to our bereaved families. We also participated in all aspects of Vacation Bible School.

During the month of June, we were happy to support the Usher and Hospitality Ministries as well as Men's Day. Hats off to Circle #2 and Circle #4 for their generous donation to the Infant Crisis Center. We are excited to have record numbers of women submitting your dues!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

In the month of July, the St. John WMU will host our Annual Fruit Filled Fellowship on Monday, July 24th at 6:30pm. This is a FREE event, and we are inviting ALL women to attend! This event has become a wonderful time of Fellowship, Biblical instruction, and Fun. JOIN US!

St. John, you are such an AWESOME congregation of believers! You are SO supportive of EVERYTHING the St. John WMU does. We thank you and we want you to know that we appreciate you! Have a safe and wonderful July!

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PARISH FELLOWSHIP NEWS

By Sis. Debra Johnson, Parish Fellowship Coordinator



Happy July Everyone!!
The June Parish Fellowship Quarterly Breakfast was enjoyable...over 70 members were in attendance. Rev. Lamont Bray blessed us with a great message entitled "We Are Witnesses"; we were all blessed indeed!!

Special thanks to April, May and June Parish Fellowship groups, Bro. Rudie Valentine, Rev. Dawson and our Deacons. Next breakfast is scheduled for September 3rd...see you then.

The Refreshing Hour for June was EXCITING!! The word is getting out about the wonderful time we are having, and as a result, our attendance is increasing!! June PF gave leadership as well as the Children & Youth Department. We had a great time playing Juneteenth and Bible Trivia using Kahoots. Our members are loving the lesson trivia and hitting the buzzer. For July, Hospitality; and Safety & Security & July PF will give leadership, i.e., icebreaker, food prep, serving and engaging in bible trivia fun. We start a new series entitled "What In The World Is Going On". Dr. Kirk will be addressing major issues we are facing in our world today; i.e., Shootings, Climate Change, Gender Identity, and more. You don't want to miss this series. Come join us at the Refreshing Hour each Wednesday @ 6:00 p.m....a healthy meal is served at 5:30 p.m.



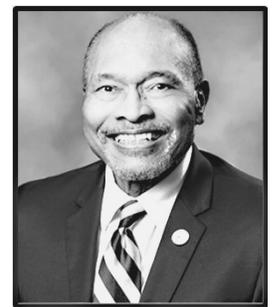
April, May & June PF Serving the Quarterly Breakfast



2nd Quarterly Breakfast-Rev. Lamont Bray Speaking



Refreshing Hour GameTime Fun!



Deacon Gus Embry

Let's give a birthday "shout-out to Deacon Gus Embry, July PF Coordinator whose birthday is July 22nd. Thank you Deacon Gus for all you do. I also want to also give a special "Shout-Out" to our July Deacons, Brothers Raymond McCormick, Regionald Richardson, Gregory McCoy and George Davis Jr. Thank you for all you do!!

We hope to see you the 1st Sunday as we celebrate your birthday month. Come get your July Birthday Sticker and proudly wear it!! Also, be sure to stop by the PF table in Fellowship Hall to greet your PF Team and receive your ice cream coupon!!

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VOLUNTEERS CELEBRATED FOR EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE:

Parish Fellowship acknowledges the following persons for the Volunteer Sunday Appreciation. Their names did not make the list on the cover page; however, they are to be honored just the same. We solute the following by month.

- August 2022: Mae Burge, Sandra Wallace, Mark Clayborne, Shawn Emery & Ted Saxton / PF-Anna's House Project
- December 2022: Brenda Perry & Homer Dade / PF-Christmas Bags to Sick & Shut-in.
- April 2023: Sandra Wallace /

- PF-Refreshing Hour
- May 2023: Shelia Edwards / PF-Refreshing Hour

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MEMBERS!!

JULY MEMBERS, it's your birthday month and we say HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!

LOVE IN ACTION – THAT IS WHAT WE DO!!



“Seasoned Saints” Highlights



Submitted by Velma James Smith



Group Signage

The VIP Seasoned Saints Ministry hosted a bowling and fellowship event June 10th at the Main Event. We had a wonderful time rolling strikes, picking up spares and even rolling multiple gutter balls. Our next excursions scheduled this summer include River Boat cruises on the Oklahoma River July 14th and 15th and a one-day bus trip to Ft. Worth Texas to see The Color Purple stage play. The details of these events can be found in church announcements or flyers at the church.

Keeping Seasoned Saints active and engaged in all St. John ministries is one of the driving ideals of our ministry. On May 10th I attended a “Positive Aging” Senior Life Skills Learning Seminar presented by VillagesOKC at Rose State College. Bruce McIntyre, one of the speakers impressed the attendees with some enlightening points from his book “Thrive Anyway” 12 lessons after 12 years of chronic illness and caregiving. Bruce reminded us that we are living with two parallel realities, two parallel truths. Part of our experience in caregiving (and receiving) and living with difficult conditions is frustrating, maddening, depressing and difficult. But this is not the only reality. At the same time, we also experience beauty, love, peace, kindness, and courage.

The big take aways from the seminar was as Seasoned Saints, we should celebrate the good; even during our bad days, have an attitude of gratitude, choose to love, invest in others, keep going even when we do not feel like it. My mind translated his points to no matter what we are going through, “we should Praise God anyhow.” VIP’s will be celebrating Mother’s Day with the Deaconess, and many graduations during the month of May. Again, what a delight to worship together and socialize with kindred spirits!

FYI: The VIP Calendar of Events has changed. We will NOT go to the Jubilee Theater on 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 announcements.



Beginners Team



Good time had by all

EVANGELISM MINISTRY

Submitted by Rev. Cornelious Wade, Evangelism Minister

In Mark 11:15-19, we have this rendering of Jesus Christ cleansing the Temple: "And they come to Jerusalem: and Jesus went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the money changers, and the seats of them that sold doves; 16 And would not suffer that any man should carry any vessel through the temple. 17 And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, **MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED OF ALL NATIONS THE HOUSE OF PRAYER?**.... **"HAND ME UP(S)" AND THE FOOD PANTRY**" was the living embodiment of **"MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED OF ALL NATIONS THE HOUSE OF PRAYER"**. We were not preaching the word on **SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2023**, but people of every color felt they could come to St. John Missionary Baptist Church and get help. We thought about the last century when the sociologist wrote "the Sunday worship hour is the most segregated hour in America". On this Saturday, we had great diversity as we served the people with food and clothes.

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2023 THE FOOD PANTRY SERVED 51 FAMILIES, AND "HAND ME UP(S) HAD 39 ADULTS SIGN IN AND A DOZEN TEENS, YOUTHS, CHILDREN FROM THE STROLLER ON BACK UP. AT 12 NOON QUITTING TIME, 15 ADULTS WERE STILL SHOPPING—MEETING THEIR NEEDS, THEIR CHILDREN'S NEEDS, AND THEIR GRANDCHILDREN'S NEEDS. Our participants included Blacks, Whites, Hispanics, and Asians, Senior VIP(S), young adults, teens and infants. Malcolm Stoutenborough helped us reach out and tough Seniors needing pants...**THANKS DUDE.** We had toys for children. **THANKS ST. JOHN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH FAMILY, YOU ARE DOING A VERY EXCELLENT JOB!!! YOU HAVE KEPT US SUPPLIED...** Remember, we sometimes struggle with having children's clothes.

THANKS TO OUR WORKERS: Denise Blakely, Rhonda Hall-Williams, Judy Rackett, Shirlee Tomlin and for our young people who stepped in when "our arms were too weary", Morgan and McKenzie Lounds, Kelan (Shirlee's son). **THANK YOU TO OUR PRE-SORTERS:** Wanzetta Woody, Tamique Perry, Denise Blakely, Judy Rackett, Andrea Chandler, **AND OUR BUS DRIVER** Curry Harris. **THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS:** Malcolm Stoughtenborough, Judy Ashton, Irene Edwards, Mark Clayborne Sr. and Jr., Janet Givens, Kathy Simpson, Edna Smith and Cassandra Graves; Donald Watkins, Ronald Luper, Renita & Homer Dade, Rhonda Baker Williams, Cheryl Hunter-Wilson, and Anonymous Donors of Clothes in White Bags.

A SHOUT OUT TO THE CREW THAT MADE THE FOOD PANTRY ROCK: Reverend Cherryll Doughty and Shan White, Reverend Keith and Linda Carter, Morgan Lounds, and Mckenzie Lounds.

PRISON MINISTRY IS CALLING YOU! WOMEN PRISON MINISTRY/MABEL BASSETT: Reverend Betty Branch Winter, Greg Smith and Carolyn Bowens served 19 on June 10, 2023. They had one to accept Jesus as Savior. **JOIN THEM EVERY SECOND SATURDAY. MEN PRISON MINISTRY / LEXINGTON PRISON.** Reverend Marcus Carruthers continues of serve in worship services to an average of 39 participants. **SERVICES ARE EVERY SUNDAY. MENTOR / WORSHIP/ STUDY SESSIONS AT JOSEPH HARP CORRECTIONAL FACILITY WITH JULIUS SMITH: Reverend Marcus Carruther. YOUTH CORRECTIONS/ WORSHIP/ MENTOR SESSIONS AT THE "BERRY HOUSE: Reverend Cornelius David Wade. SECOND AND FOURTH SATURDAYS/ 1:00 P.M.-2:00 P.M.**

ONE OTHER TIME—THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU...FOR OUR ST. JOHN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH FAMILY.

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PASTOR'S PARTNERS IN PRAYER

Submitted By Deacon Raymond Payton

Pruning For Prayer

He prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. — John 15:2

The more aware we become of our inability to pray in power, the more we are helped to press on toward the secret of power in prayer. Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my father is the gardener" (John 15:1). We not only have Jesus Himself. We have the Father, as the husbandman, watching over our growth and fruit bearing. It is not left to our faith. God Himself will see to it that the branch is what it should be. He will enable us to bring forth just the fruit we were appointed to bear. "He prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. "The Father sees more fruit. More fruit is what the Father Himself will provide.

Of all fruit-bearing plants, there is none that produces so much wild wood as the vine. Every year, it must be pruned.

It is like this for the Christian. The branch that desires to abide in Christ and bring forth fruit must yield itself to divine cleansing.

The gardener cuts away true, honest wood that the branch has produced. It must be pruned because it draws away the strength of the vine and hinders the flow of the juice to the grape. The luxuriant growth of wood must be cast away so that abundant life may be seen in the cluster.

There are things in you that sap away your interest and strength. They must be pruned. Pruning results in a life that can pray.

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.

Technology Media/ Digital Ministry

By Rev. Marcus Carruthers,
Technology Minister

God Can Restore

Matthew 25:36 "I was in prison
and you came to see me"!

Even the most broken lives and situations can be restored and made whole when we respond to God's call to serve men and women behind bars. Every person is made in the image of God. No life is beyond His reach. We are called to serve all those affected by crime and people who are incarcerated and to see lives and communities restored in and out of prison. Let's keep obeying and serving God, one transformed life at a time. The Bible tells us "What we do for the least of them we do unto Jesus Christ."

Prison Ministry is one of the most life-changing experiences you can ever imagine. I serve in the jails doing Prison Ministry most every Sunday. It is a blessing. We minister to about 55 guys weekly. We speak the Word, we pray for them and their families, we are helping develop life-skills, character and preparing them to re-enter our world.

Most of these men have been forgotten about. They have no one reaching out



and encouraging them. We are all one bad decision away from being where they are. Let's not forget and let's focus on serving these men and women who are sometimes hopeless. It's when someone is at rock bottom that we must point men and women who are hopeless to Jesus Christ. In our lowest point in life, God can do His greatest work.

Pray about how you can help us take the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world inside and outside the walls of the prison. Here is what you can do to help and serve with us:

1. We need you to pray for the inmates, their families, the prison staff, the chaplains and wardens.
2. We need you to provide paperback bibles.
3. We need you to pray about becoming a pen pal.

If you would like to help us, contact me, Rev. Marcus Carruthers, at 479-263-8363.

Thank You! Thank You!

St. John Church Family

Thank you so much for your acts of kindness dur our time of sorrow. You are greatly appreciated.
Stephanie Thomas & The Foster Family

Thank you for all the love and support you've shown us during this difficult time. Your phone calls, thoughts and prayers have all helped greatly during our time of bereavement.

Love and Blessings: Stephanie Thomas, Terri Thomas & Family

St. John Church Family,

Love lives on in little kindness and gentle words. Thank you for your expression of sympathy.
Love, James & Ardenna

St. John Missionary Baptist Church,

Thanks so much for the kindness and prayers during the loss of our loved one.
The family of Wayne Parker

Rev. Jemison, Lady J & Family,

Thank you so much for your prayers and comforting words of love during the loss of our oldest brother, Ura Lee Boylan of Pawhuska, OK. Your words of encouragement are a blessing to all of us. Thank you for everything you do. Please keep us in your prayers.
The Boylan Family of Pawhuska, OK
Cecile Brison & Don Etta Preston Families of OKC

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NEW MEMBERS

Welcome our new members who have been baptized and/or completed orientation and received the Right Hand of Fellowship since January, 2023.

THEY ARE READY TO SERVE!!

1. Elisa Joseph-Johnson / May
2. Diego Ibarra-Macias / July
3. Ronald Fernandez, Jr. /June (Youth)
4. Ke'Osha Barker-Brooks / April
5. Braylon Mitchell / August (Child)
6. Nyeemah Noel Stevenson / August (Child)
7. La'Niyah Marie Davis / October (Child)
8. Keziah Larue Smith / September (Child)
9. Kyla Dianne Wilson / September (Child)
10. Steven Jackson / September (Child)
11. Rowen Bolden / July (Child)
12. King Johnson /May (Child)
13. Jacqueline Bostic / June
14. Rhonda Prince / May
15. De'Shadre Johnson / September

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Labors Of Love June Highlights

By Velma James Smith

Team two was honored to serve communion to five dear St. John members who haven't been able to join us on first Sunday. Four of them were 90 to 96 years young. When you can, take time

to call, visit or send greeting cards to our members on the sick and shut in list. Let them know how important they are in God's Kingdom.



Labors Of Love — Dr. Betty Mason and Lois Faye May



Labors Of Love — Levi Arthur



Labors Of Love — Carrie Foreman