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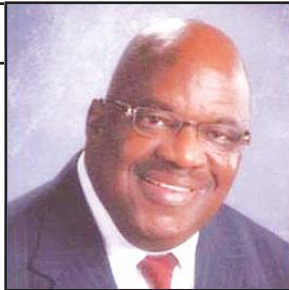
## The Pastor's Pen

*Beloved Members,*

Trust all is well with you and the family. Let me take a moment to salute all of the wonderful Mothers of our Church Family. Your life and love has been and remains a beacon that shines brightly in our hearts. It is my prayer that Mother's Day will bring to you the joy and happiness you so richly deserve. May the flowers, cards, dinner dates and presents remind you of just how valuable you are to those who are the beneficiaries of your love. You will always be special and precious in our sight. This day, Mother's Day, is the day we have set aside to adorn you with the fragrance of our love and gratitude. **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!!!**

Below is a word of encouragement I trust blesses your life for days to come: You might be confused about your current storm and wondering what's next. If you've been removed from a project you are passionate about, or passed by for a promotion for your dream job or forced to take some time to rest from a physical ailment in the midst of a flourishing season, confusion about your call can seep into the very depths of your soul.

In times where His will is uncertain, it's important you do everything you know is His will. It's to love Him and your neighbors. It's to share the Gospel with people. It's to support those in need and encourage those in distress. It's to love your spouse,



*Dr. Major L. Jemison, Pastor*

children, and family well. It's to do your creative best with what is in your hand at this moment. Do what you know He has for you now; do not hesitate or procrastinate. Seize the opportunity before you and let the Lord use you.

God shows us in Hebrews 10:36 that if we follow this journey, then we will receive all that He has promised! Faith is produced in the suffering and in the resistance. Growth takes place when you must get honest with yourself and go to God's promises. You are purified in the fire, not diminished. Discover how you can grow in this season and what God has for you in this secret place. If you can do that, you'll grow vibrantly, make it through with a fiercer faith, and flourish in the calling He has on your life.



## "Serving Above and Beyond the Ordinary" 2023 Annual Deaconess Day

*Submitted by the Combined Deaconess Ministry*

On May 14, 2023, the Combined Deaconess Ministry of St. John Missionary Baptist Church celebrates Annual Deaconess Day. Our spirit-filled worship service will include the dedication of children added to SJMBC families within the past year, recognition of outstanding service by St. John Deaconess, and a dynamic message from Sister Juandalyn Joan Bailey.

The 2023 Deaconess Program Planning committee reflected on this year's Church theme, *Serving Above and Beyond the Ordinary* (John 14:12) and determined that because we want our service to be Above and Beyond the Ordinary in fulfilling the needs of our church membership, our services will expand to the outside community. Our theme has been determined to be appropriate for our Annual Day.

Juandalyn Joan Love Bailey is a native of the piney landscape of Jefferson, Texas. A military child, her education occurred in many places, moving with her parents, the late Staff Sgt.-Reverend Alvin & Mrs. Carrie Love, Sr. Mrs. Bailey was educated in Jefferson, Texas; Spokane, Washington; Frankfurt, Germany; Alexandria, Louisiana;



*Juandalyn Joan Love Bailey,  
Guest Speaker*

and ultimately graduating high school in Dallas, Texas. She attended Texas Woman's University in Denton, Texas for 3½ years. Forty-three years later, she re-enrolled during the global pandemic and completed her undergraduate degree in May 2022 at the age of 67.

Juandalyn accepted the Lord Jesus Christ at the Second Evergreen Baptist Church in Alexandria, LA at the age of 10

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## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

### Who were the apostles?

Just as with most subjects, there are numerous mistaken ideas about the apostles. The word apostle is from the Greek apostolos. Apostolos is a compound word meaning, apo, from, and stello, to send. Therefore apostle literally identifies one who was sent. We must note that disciples are those who follow the teachings of Christ. Disciples and Apostle was used interchangeable within the New Testament, you and I are disciples, in some circles of belief the "title" Apostle has been given to individuals based upon being commissioned by their religious body. This is a very controversial subject and I will not address all of the issues it presents; however if our under-

standing of scripture is correct we have all been commissioned or "sent" by the Lord Jesus Matthew 28:18-20 (KJV) 18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

The first time apostle appears is in Matthew 10: 2. Luke tells us Jesus "called unto him his disciples and of them he chose twelve, whom also he named apostles" (Luke 6: 13).

Their names are listed (Matt. 10: 2-4). All the apostles, including Matthias and Paul who were chosen later, were divinely selected. On occasion, apostle is simply used of one sent without reference to the twelve (14 in all) apostles (Heb. 3: 1, Acts 14: 14).

The apostles had miraculous power during the limited commission (Matt. 10: 6-23). Later, they were baptized in the Holy Spirit (Luke 24: 49, Acts 1: 5-8, 2: 1-13). Not only did they possess all the gifts (1 Cor. 12: 8-10), but they could pass on the ability to work miracles (Acts 8: 13-18). To these men the whole truth was revealed (John 14: 26, 16:13). To be an apostle, one had to meet certain



qualifications (Acts 1: 21,22, see 1 Cor. 15: 4-9 for the case of Paul).

The apostleship was important in establishing the infant church and in revealing God's truth (cf. Acts 2: 42, Eph. 2:20). Most of the New Testament was written by the inspired apostles.

Join us each Wednesday at noon and 6:00 p.m. as we study from the book of John "the beloved Disciple/Apostle."

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and has been serving God ever since. She is the wife of 42 years to the late Reverend Dr. Bertrand M. Bailey, Sr. and the mother of 11 wonderful, saved children and 19 precious grandchildren.

Juandalyn was honored to be Pastor's Wife of St. Andrew Baptist Church of Tulsa, OK where her husband had served as Pastor for 38 years. At St. Andrew, she is and has always been a faithful tither, serves as an usher, volunteers with the Food Pantry Ministry and is active in the teaching ministry of the church.

Her past ministry obligations include serving as a Deaconess on the Nurse's Guild, active with the Women's Mission, Sunday School and volunteering with the Culinary Ministry. She served 33 years as the Administrative Secretary of St. Andrew, alongside of husband. She retired from St. Andrew on December 31, 2018. Juandalyn's Christian walk has not been limited to service at her local church. She has served as a certified Instructor and Dean of the National Baptist Congress (NBC) Christian Education Department. In 2017, she was appointed by the President of the National Baptist Convention USA Inc. (Dr. Jerry Young) to serve as a Judge for the convention's Oratorical contest. Her youngest son, Mr. BerThaddaeus Bailey, serves as the oratorical Director.

In Creek District Baptist Association, she has served as past President of the Woman's Auxiliary, past President of the Minister's Wives & Widows Auxiliary and she spearheaded the Creek District Christmas Food Basket Ministry for 20 years and ministered to more than 2,500 families. In the Oklahoma Baptist State Convention, she served as past President of the Pastor's/Minister's Wives and Widows Auxiliary and was an Instructor for the Con-

gress of Christian Education. God has blessed her with many unmerited opportunities to speak and teach in Oklahoma, Texas, and Louisiana. She is in the process of writing a book for Pastor's Wives and Women in general.

Juandalyn ventured out in 2018 to take a 14-day tour of the Holy Lands/Jerusalem and surrounding cities. Her greatest joys were to visit Jesus' birthplace, Bethlehem, the Tomb; where they laid Him, being baptized in the Jordan River, sailing on the Sea of Galilee and praying at the 'wailing wall.' She describes the trip as a life changing experience.

In addition to reading, gardening and spending time with family and friends, Juandalyn has a great passion for spending time with the senior saints, visiting the sick and those experiencing bereavement. For the last 5 years of her husband's life and throughout his illness, Mrs. Bailey lovingly and meticulously ministered to him. On February 14th, 2018, Juandalyn's status changed from wife to widow. She is in a new and challenging season of her life. But God has been her EVERYTHING! Truly, the Struggle is Real!!!

Recently, in December 2022, Juandalyn completed an accredited course to become a Certified Nurse's Assistant. Juandalyn is the founder and CEO of the JJ Bailey Ministries, Inc., organized in 2019. One of her goals is to reach women who have become widows and to help them journey through this new path without their husbands. A Widow's Conference will be held in Tulsa in the Fall of 2023. "A Widow's Haven" is in the developmental stages, as a sanctuary for solace and support.



## EVANGELISM MINISTRY

*Submitted by Rev. Cornelious Wade, Evangelism Minister*

### VOICES NEEDED TO GET THE WORD OUT IN NORTHEAST OKC ABOUT..."HAND ME UP(S)"

In St. John 4th chapter, we have the familiar story of the woman at the well talking to Jesus Christ, he informed this woman of Samaria that He was the Messiah. Upon Jesus confirming who he was, the scripture says, verse 28, "The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men, 29 Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ? 30 They went out of the city, and came unto him". The woman at the well changed the lives of the men of the city, her witness caused the men to leave the city and come to Jesus. Her voice made the difference. There are others who need to experience God working at St. John....the charter school needs your voice, the youth programming needs your voice, the men's ministry needs your voice, the food pantry needs your voice, Fusion needs your voice...and yes **HAND ME UP(S) NEEDS YOUR VOICE!** There are families with growing children, there are teens and adults who need a new look, there are individuals who need a **"HAND UP"! PLEASE HELP US GET THE WORD OUT" ... TELL SOMEBODY, TAKE A FLYER TO A BUSINESS...HAND ME UP(S) SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023!**

**WOULD YOU BELIEVE THAT APRIL 15, 2023 WAS A COLD SATURDAY, ALTHOUGH WE HAD SOME 80° DEGREE WEATHER IN APRIL?** Troops were in place and served the number 16 again. Our big item this venture was the CVC makeup. Our ladies carefully shopped and o-o-ohed and were in awe as they made their selections. **ON HAND TO SERVE WERE:** Wanzetta Woody, Shirlee Tomlin, Judy Rackett, Lisa Shelton, and Rhonda Hall-Williams, Ardeena Harris. Thank you Curry Harris for always moving the bus. **THANKS TO OUR WHOLE TEAM FOR LETTING NOTHING STOP YOU.** Heaters were on to disperse the cold. **THANK YOU ST. JOHN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH FAMILY FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN EVERY WAY.** **DONORS:** Darryl & Cynthia Davis, Cleo & Theron Perry, Marjorie Hammond, Tawana Littleton, Donald Watkins, Loveta Hammond, Leroy Harris. (Charge it to the head and not the heart if your name does not appear here, I lost my list and my memory fails me at this point.) **THANK YOU, ONE AND ALL!**

**EVANGELISM ALL IN THE STREETS AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD:** Saturday, April 15, 2023 Evangelism for the BAPTIST MINISTERS ASSOCIATION, under the leadership of Reverend Tony Wise, Reverend Cornelious Wade, and Reverend M. Liggins took a group to UPTOWN APARTMENTS

(formerly Prince Hall) to evangelize for the 79th session of the Simultaneous Revival. We had a team of 14, that included Reverend Wade, and Rhonda Hall-Williams from St. John Missionary Baptist Church. Reverend Damascus Williams made contacts at Metro-Tech. Nikki Nice was our voice to contact nine at City Hall. We thank Mabel and Annie Friday for helping our efforts during the week.

**PRISON MINISTRY: BERRY HOUSE SESSIONS/ 2ND AND 4TH SATURDAY: MOSES, THE KILLER, PRECEDED MOSES, THE LAW GIVER AND DELIVERER:** Reverend Cornelious D. Wade. **SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES AT LEXINGTON SERVING 49:** Reverend Marcus Carruthers. **TUESDAY MENTOR SESSIONS FOR JULIUS JONES:** Reverend Marcus Carruthers. **WORSHIP SESSIONS TO BEGIN AT MABEL BASSETT, SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023:** Reverend Betty Winters and Team.



### PASTOR'S PARTNERS IN PRAYER

*Submitted By Deacon Raymond Payton*

### The Word of God

*"It was not only with words but also with power, for the Holy Spirit gave you full assurance that what we said was true."*

*— 1 Thessalonians 1:5*

Many bibles are being circulated. Many sermons on the Bible are being preached. Many Bibles are being read. The blessing comes from not just the words only. The blessing and power come in the Holy Spirit, when it is preached with the Holy Spirit. "This Good News has been announced by those who preach to you in the power of the Holy Spirit sent from heaven" (1 Peter 1:12).

Pray for the power of the Spirit through the Word in all the world, wherever it is being read or heard. Let every mention of the Word of God call us to intercession. Be alert and

pray. "Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart. Don't forget to pray for us, too, that God will give us many opportunities to preach" (Colossians 4:2-3).

Do you see how everything depends on God and prayer? As long as He lives and loves and hears and works, as long as there are hearts closed to the Word, as long as there is work to be done in carrying the Word—pray at all times.

**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.**

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

## PARISH FELLOWSHIP NEWS

By Sis. Debra Johnson, Parish Fellowship Coordinator

# Happy May Everyone!!



*Flight Veteran Group*



*Family Welcome*

I want to extend a HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all the mothers of our church family. There's nothing more rewarding than being a mother, grandmother and God-Mother!! Make sure you express love to the mothers in your life this Mother's Day.

I want to feature one of our long time Parish Fellowship Coordinators for July, Deacon Gus Embry. Bro. Gus was selected as a recipient of the Oklahoma Warriors Honor Flights. Honor Flights come to Washington, DC from all over the US. The honor flights begin in 2017; 7 flights completed with 537 veterans traveled from Oct 17th - Oct 22nd. Bro. Gus's was the first since the pandemic.... his flight was on April 18th. The flight included 67 veterans; 1 WWII, 5 Korea and 61 Vietnam. Veterans received letters from friends, family and school children during mail call on the return flight

home. Once landing back at the Tulsa Airport, they were met by a very large crowd of family, friends and a large band. This was a planned surprise that met them with the Owassa High School band and the arrival walkway full of well wishers to provide the welcome so many did not receive when they returned from home from serving their country.

We're proud of our own Bro. Gus. We salute you Bro. Gus Embry for your service as a Marine and also for your service to this the Lord's church.

Lastly, the Refreshing Hour for April was WONDERFUL!! We have had great sessions and attendance in April with Fusion & Christian Men's Fellowship giving leadership, i.e., ice-breaker, food prep, serving and engaging in bible trivia fun. The Grief & Loss; Marriage and Family Support Ministries will

provide ministry leadership for May. Pastor is encouraging all members to come out to support the church in this effort. Be listening for May details as they evolve.

**LOVE IN ACTION – THAT IS WHAT WE DO!!**



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY MEMBERS!!

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

Let's give a birthday "shout-out to Sis. Flora Herbison (Birthday May 23rd) Sis. Shelia Edwards (Birthday May 10th). Thank you Sista's Flora and Shelia for all you do.

I also want to also give a special "Shout-Out" to our May Deacons, Brothers Leland Kennedy, Jeff Washington, and Rudolph Tomlin, Consultant. Thank you for all you do!!



*Gus in helmet*



*Gus with Marine Uniform Display*



*Gus at Vietnam Memorial*



*Sis. Flora Herbison*



*Sis. Shelia Edwards*



## WMU Highlights

*Submitted by Penny Emery, WMU President*

# Happy May and Happy Mother's Day!

We are so excited to welcome the Spring Season! Your St. John WMU has remained vigilant and active during this very busy month. We began the month with our Joint Monthly Meeting with Circle #4 (Chairpersons Evelyn Spriggs and Susan Townsend) and Circle #5 (Barbara Bradford) leading our devotional period. These Circle Leaders are AWESOME and they did an amazing job leading us in our Joint Monthly Meeting. We hold our Joint Monthly Meetings each month on the 1st Saturday of the month.

Other activities during the month of April were: celebrating Easter by sending 49 loving Easter cards to all of our sick and shut in members. We supported the Easter Program presented by our Children and Youth Ministry. The WMU enjoyed supporting the 79th Annual Simultaneous Revival. We ended the month of April with gathering supplies for donations to the Infant Crisis Center with Circle 4 leading this effort. The donated supplies will be delivered to the Infant Crisis Center in early May. If you would like to join in this effort, please see Sis. Evelyn Spriggs or Sis. Susan Townsend. Circle OHJ(6) also gathered donations for their ministry project. Circle OHJ(6) is led by First Lady Jacqueie Jemison.

The month of May brings the annual celebration of Mother's Day and Graduations. We look forward to sending love to all of our sick and shut-in Mothers in our church. We con-



*Circle #4 Co-Chair, Susan Townsend presenting devotional message*

gratulate our graduating seniors in all areas, high school, college, vocational school, technical school, or the military. The WMU celebrates you!!

Also during the month of May, the WMU will participate in the POBSC State Convention devotional presentation and the POBSC State Convention beginning April 29 through May 3, 2023. The POBSC Women's Dept will lead the devotion and give their annual report on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at New Bethel Baptist Church at 7pm nightly. All attendees are asked to wear white and register with the POBSC Women's Dept. Registration is \$10 at New Bethel.

As always, the WMU thanks you for all of your support. Thank you for your prayers and for your financial support.

*In His Serve, Penny Emery*



*Left to right: Denise Baccus-Bowie, Pastor Jemison, Arthur Houston*

## Calling All Langston University Alumni and Supporters

*Submitted by Arthur Houston*



It's time for members to dust off your golf clubs and clean your golf shoes and join us for our annual St John Missionary Baptist Church W.K. Jackson Memorial golf tournament slated for Friday, May 19, 2023! All proceeds will benefit the Langston University Scholarship Foundation to assist qualified students in need.

This year's tournament will be held on Friday, May 19, 2023 at Cedar Valley Golf, located at 210 Par Avenue Guthrie, OK 73044. If you are not a golfer, no problem; you can be a sponsor or make a donation to support students currently attending Langston University, the only historically Black College in the state of Oklahoma!

For more information or to sign up, please see a committee representative on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays in the fellowship hall after service to register or feel free to sign up electrically using the attached QR code. For your convenience there will be bulletin placards posted around the church to sign up or to make a donation to the scholarship fund. You may see any committee member to pick up your receipts and receive a tax deduction notice as needed.

St. John Missionary Baptist Church Langston University Scholarship Committee:

- Deacon Arthur Houston- 405 412-6776
- Thomas Jaha-405 833-5170
- Flossie Thurston- 405 570-7037
- Denise Baccus-Bowie-405 414-8645
- Deacon Jeff Washington- 405 517-3412

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# Technology Media/Digital Ministry

*By Rev. Marcus Carruthers, Technology Minister*

The use of technology is a major driving factor in today's culture. People are influenced by technology in both lifestyles and habits. Think about the last time your Wi-Fi went down in your home or office, I'm sure it left you at a stand still. Or think of a time when you misplaced

your cell phone, I don't doubt that it sent you into instant anxiety. Technological advancements have made life more proficient, closed communication gaps, enhanced graphic imagery, and provided overall enhancements to the quality of life.

While technology has en-

hanced society in many ways, the church has been hesitant to embrace it. Often in church history, technological advancements like the Gutenberg Press were held at an arm's length or were immediately rejected by the church. This has sometimes resulted in the church being a late mover in culture, playing catch up to communicate its message with vibrancy and clarity. One thing is certain, God is the creator and the innovative force influencing humanity. He is the giver of gifts and insight to human intellect for technological advancements in missional expansion and expression. Technology that is outdated and irrelevant can actually be distracting and hurt the message of the church. Technology that is updated and used wisely can make a lasting impact in a digitally immersed culture.

Too often, technological relevance is categorized as changing or "watering down" the message of Christianity. I would argue that relevance is not changing the message but changing the *medium* in which the message is communicated. The church must rejoice in the era of robin-egg-blue painted basement walls and flannelgraphs, but it also must move on to leverage vibrant websites for visitors' first impressions, social media for small group communities, efficient office and program procedures, and stunning worship experiences that allow people to feel the presence of God. Church technology can be utilized to further share the gospel, not to distract from it.

More than ever before, we need to capitalize on the use of technology to tell the story and message of Jesus Christ. Instead of being slow to adopt and use



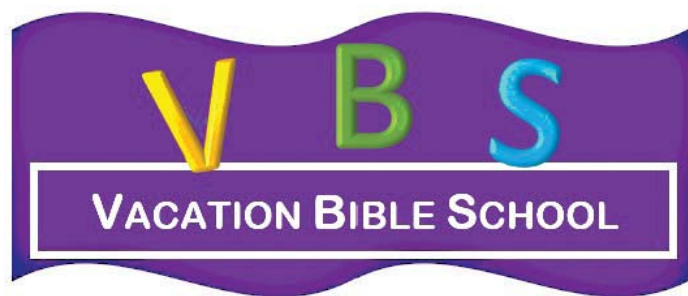
these tools, what if the church began to use technology and its ever-changing advancements first? What if the church used technology to influence this current culture with the transforming message of Jesus? What if...?

Jesus was a master at connecting with people. In a like manner, believers today should strive for new and innovative ways to connect with people, all with the goal of bringing them to Him.

Take a moment and check out our website @ [www.StJohnOKC.org](http://www.StJohnOKC.org) and social media and share it with a friend. We are excited to use technology to engage and equip people for Jesus Christ. We are a "Connected Church"... Connecting people to Jesus Christ.

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](http://www.StJohnOKC.org) and social media pages and share with your family and friends.

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## VBS 2023!!

*Submitted by Tasha Miles, VBS Director*

Family Fun Day will be held Saturday, June 3, 2023, from 11:00 – 2:00pm at St. John MBC. There will be carnival games, food, prizes, train ride, petting zoo, live music, and a water slide (bring a towel). Snow Co Shaved Ice will be there to keep us cool with snow cones. We encourage everyone to bring a lawn chair to enjoy the festivities.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held Monday, June 5 – Wednesday, June 6, 2023 from 5:30 – 8:30 each night. Dinner is served between 5:30-6:30pm. The theme this year is 'Team Trinity.' All students (every age) will be engaged in activities and discussion to help them understand the role of God, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit in their lives. The nursery will be opened. There will be a co-ed breakout session for ages 18 and up.

- **Day 1:** The Father Lives in Me - God
- **Day 2:** I Can Show you Better than I can Tell You - Jesus
- **Day 3:** Walk It Out – Holy Spirit

We need your help to host VBS in areas of kitchen staff, arts and activities, and TEACHERS. If you are unable to volunteer your time, the staff asks for your continued prayers for great weather, an abundance of volunteers, plenty of resources, and souls saved during the VBS week.

There will be a Men's only class led by Deacon Ted Saxton as well as a Women's only Class facilitated by Lady Jacque Jemison. Watch for more information on the two class in upcoming flyers, Facebook post, and announcements.

If you have any question, contact Tasha Miles 600-8501 or email [SJMBCKOKC.VBS@gmail.com](mailto:SJMBCOKC.VBS@gmail.com).

# Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow, Pastor & Lady J.*

Thank you for Prayers and encouragement for our family especially this past year!

*-Family of Deacon Melvin Thomas Floyd, -Member- Sister Opal Floyd, Prayer Partner*

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*Pastor, St. John Office Friends and Family,*

Thank you for your concern, your visits and your prayers during the time of my hospitalization and rehab. I appreciate you and pray that God will continue to bless you as you allow yourself to be a blessing to others. Thank you for your calls prayers and other expression of Love. I'm proud to work with a wonderful group of caring and praying individuals. I now have a greater appreciation for the phrase, "Watch your Step" Thanks for the monetary gift also, I hope to see you soon.

*Love, Sharan*

## Congratulations To Our Graduates

Miss Anai Nicole Robinson Anai announces the completion of her Undergraduate studies in Biology at Langston University on May 6, 2023. Anai thanks the church for your many blessings and prayers in her educational endeavor.



Mr. Dillard Darrion Bowie announces his graduation from Oklahoma State University on May 13, 2023 with a degree of

Bachelor of Applied Exercise Science in Strength and Conditioning.



## May Anniversaries

Perry, Tamique • May 1, 1993 — 30 Years  
 Shepherd, Charles & Jerri • May 1, 1981 — 42 Years  
 Brown, Denae • May 3, 2014 — 9 Years  
 Taylor, Iowana • May 11, 1999 — 24 Years  
 Willis, Brade & Jenail • May 19, 1990 — 33 Years  
 Walker Jr., Theodore & Carole • May 25, 1965 — 58 Years  
 Simmons, Janara • May 28, 2021 — 2 Years

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*Rev. & Mrs. Major Jemison,*

Thank you. Thank you so much for praying for my Daddy during his illness. Also, for your comforting words to the family upon his passing. We appreciate all you do. Continue to pray for us. In Christ. To the Best Church this side of Judgement: Words cannot describe the love and comfort felt during the illness and passing of our father and brother, respectively, Wadsworth Kennedy. Whether it was a comforting prayer, visits, phone calls, text messages, love offerings food and/or attending the funeral service, We Thank You and appreciate you!!

*Family of Wadsworth Kennedy, Leland & Peggy Kennedy Family, Janet Givens, Darryl "Choo" Kennedy & Family*

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*Pastor Jemison,*

Thank you so very much. Please continue praying for our mother (104 years) and Blessed.

*Mary Factory & Family*

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*To Pastor Jemison and St. John Members,*

Thank you for your thoughts, prayers, phone calls, cards and expression of sympathy during the passing of my brother, Mr. Melvin Floyd. May God bless you for your many acts of Kindness. *Sincerely, Yours In Christ, Sis. Brenda Floyd, 2nd Baptist Church Little Rock*

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*To Pastor Jem & Pastor's Aide,*

It was so nice of you to remember me in such a thoughtful way. Thanks for the card and your text message.

*Patricia Brewer & Family*

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*To Pastor Jemison, Rev. Dawson & My St. John Family,*

Thank you for your calls, cards and prayers during the homegoing of my cousin, Glenda Williams. Your sympathy and thoughtfulness will always be remembered with deep appreciation.

*Love You, Mable Steele & Family*

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*Pastor & First Lady M.L. Jemison, Rev. D. Dawson, Rev. C. Wade, Sis. P. Emery, W.M.U., Sis. V. Johnson, Sis. P. Powell and "our St. John Church Family"*

Thank you so much for the "Prayers", calls, many lovely cards sent, and the assistance given to our family during the Homegoing of our Brother-in-law Col. William L. Holford, Husband of our Sister, Dorothy T. Holford; Henderson, Nevada. Your thoughtfulness and kindness was appreciated and will never be forgotten. Please continue to keep our families in your prayers. God Bless you all St. John Family.

*With Love from Sisters Espenola Turner & Sandra Shelton*

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**SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023**  
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**FOR MORE INFORMATION  
ABOUT THIS NEW PROGRAM, PLEASE  
CONTACT JEFFREY WASHINGTON,  
DIRECTOR OF EXERCISE MINISTRY, AT 405-478-3344.**



Dance coaches Dr Daryl  
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