

# The St. John Beacon

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## The Pastor's Pen



*Dr. Major L. Jemison, Pastor*

*Beloved Members,*

It is my prayer that this letter of encouragement finds you doing well. The month of February is commonly known as the month of Love. During this month we shower accolades and gestures of appreciation on those we love.

I want to take personal privilege to salute my wife of 42 years and Your First Lady Jacquie Renee Jemison who will celebrate on the 14th and 18th of this month. **Happy Valentine Day! HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

The month of February is also the time when we celebrate our heritage. There is a great deal of excitement being generated around the observance this year. The Black History Committee has planned a tremendous series of events covering a broad spectrum of helpful topics. What a tremendous legacy we have. It is ours to remember and to embrace.

In your leisure read Psalm 107. It is a wonderful account of the **Steadfast Love of God**. This is the recurrent theme of Psalm 107. The psalmist speaks of the steadfast love of God. In Hebrew, the word means an eager and ardent desire and refers to the fact that God's love never gives up. We sing about the steadfast love of God in our music and hymns of praise.

It is this love of God which is steadfast in its pursuit and makes the different in our lives. It is the thing that finally gets to

us, melts away the iceberg around our hearts, breaks the back of our rebellion, and sets us free from our emotional hang-ups. We might use a term that is more easily understood in our day. Instead of steadfast love, we may call it unqualified acceptance. Whatever the case, this is what God's love does. It accepts us without reservation.

Whoever is wise, let him heed these things and consider the great love of the LORD (Psalm 107:43). That means you are to think about all this! Ask yourself how this relates to you. Many people are going through a difficult situation. Many are wandering, restless, hostile, or bitter. They are held prisoner by some attitude, outlook, or habit. Or they are sick, neurotic, and emotionally upset. Perhaps some are fearful; troubled by a crisis that is overwhelming their lives. This experience may very well be your situation. Stop and think about how God accepts you, how He loves you, how He is deeply concerned about you and will meet you right where you are and take you just as you are. His love does not change a bit whether you are a failure or a success. It

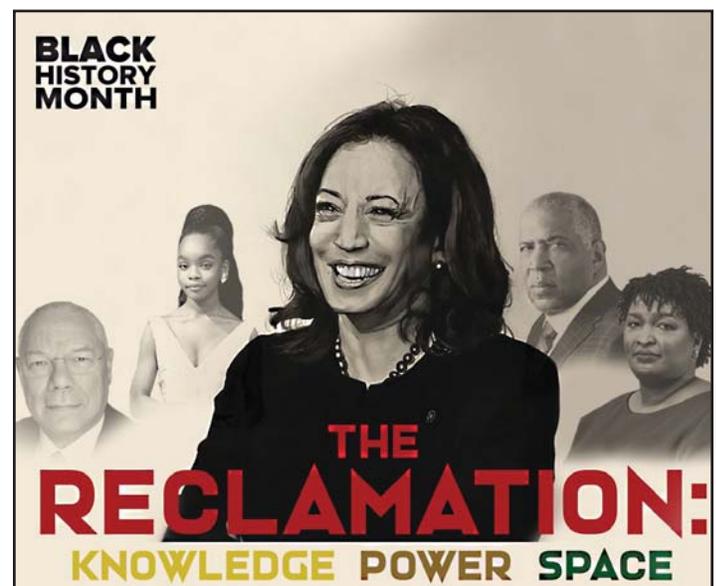
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## St. John Celebrates Black History Month 2021

**Theme:**

**Passing The Torch, While Enduring The Challenge!**

*Submitted by Lady Jacquie Renee Jemison, Chairperson*



The Black History Committee will highlight our services by recognizing: The Black Family, The Year of the Woman, Leadership and Service.

Every February, our Church membership comes together for events, activities and honors to Celebrate, Black History Month. This year's events will be held Virtually to keep us all Safe while practicing social distancing during Covid-19. While we would love to hold in-person fellowships with you, we instead will meet you in virtual spaces for our events and activities as we continue to exercise

Caution during this Pandemic.

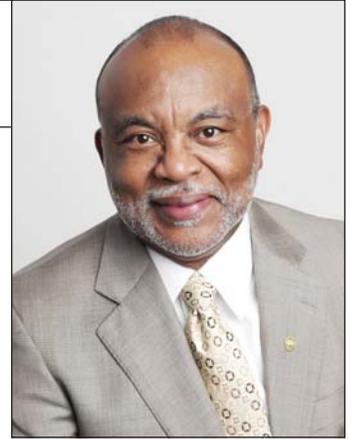
Weekly Details for every event and activities will be shared for your participation and viewing. Here are just a few things to look forward to as we go forth:

- We will be Honoring: The Year of the Woman Sister Ollie Haskins, Sister Antoinette Sanders and Mrs. Shalynne Jackson, the 1st Women and Black female appointed as: Officer of Diversity and Inclusion, OKC,OK

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# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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



## Discipline

I don't know about you but as I look around and see what God has provided for me to grow as a Christian, I tend to feel ashamed. The Christian life does not come by osmosis, you have to develop and grow into it.

Why do you suppose we don't grow? Well I believe it is because of discipline. When I played football in high school (yes I played football!) we would have to practice hard before a game. Sometime practice was tougher than some games we played. The coach would make it mandatory that you come to

what we called "Two a Days". That was a morning practice around 6:30 a.m. and an evening practice after 5:00p.m. I can remember how grueling it was, but that was the needed discipline to be competitive in football. The dictionary defines discipline as "training expected to produce a specific character or pattern of behavior, especially training that produces moral or mental improvement." Paul in his letter to the Corinthians writes in 1 Cor. 9:27 "Rather, I toughen my body with punches and make it my slave so that I will not be disqualified after I

have spread the Good News to others."

Many of you know that if we are going to lose weight we have to be disciplined in controlling what we eat and by exercising. The same concept applies to my spiritual growth; if I am going to be better I must know what God's word says and then apply it to my life. It is not enough to just know what it says and never apply it! That would be like owning an exercise bike and never getting on it! Coming to church and hearing the word is great, but real spiritual growth begins when I apply the word to my life. A good systematic bible study with friends is a good way to begin. If I can get a buddy to go to the gym with me it is easy

to work out, than if I try to begin alone. I want to encourage you to get a friend, make a commitment to grow in the word, and hold each other accountable. This is a sure way to begin the discipline that we need to grow in the faith. A good recommendation would be to catch our virtual Wednesday Bible study and Sunday School on Facebook and the website each week, be encouraged!

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does not make any difference to Him how you appear in the eyes of others. God loves you; He is concerned about you and has already received you, already given you access to everything you need in Jesus Christ. Begin to rejoice in that fact. You will find that love will set you free so that you can live and act in the newness of life.

When you think about your relationship to others, give heed to these things. Have you ever tried unqualified acceptance with your spouse? Or, your co-worker who may have personality challenges? Or, the neighbor next door who is so mean and difficult? Have you ever tried unqualified acceptance with your children when they are giving you so much trouble, your teenagers who make you mad every time you come in the door? Have you ever tried unqualified acceptance with your parents, who are always on your

back and never seem to give you a break? Have you ever tried unqualified acceptance with those who are difficult or demanding of you?

Everyone longs for enduring love. Where can we go to experience this unqualified acceptance? How can we ourselves freely give it? In Christ we can! The Apostle Paul says, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Phil. 4:13). In Christ we find the will, the power and the example to be the manifestation of His steadfast love.

The unqualified love of God is designed for every situation (good, bad or otherwise) we may encounter. There is nothing too severe that genuine bonfire unconditional love cannot conquer.

The hymn writer put it best, "when nothing else could help, love lifted me".

**HAPPY VALENTINE!**

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- Our continuous events are:
  - o 2nd Sunday, Healthy Heart Sunday
  - o 3rd Sunday, Children and Youth Day
  - o 4th Sunday, Special Guest Speaker, Pastor Ricky Turner of Kansas City, Kansas. Soul Food dinner delivery and Presentation of Langston University choir Virtually in songs.

We will have a very special drawing for **Three Family Soul Food Dinner Giveaway's**. To be placed in the drawing for the dinner, you must simply view

Sunday Morning Service on Facebook Live or YouTube the 1st and 2nd Sunday's. The names of essential worship persons present on those Sundays will be entered into the drawing. We will announce at the end of service on the 3rd Sunday, who the Family winners are for the Dinners. We can serve up to eight people in each family. This will be exciting and lots of fun!! Remember: Wear your Masks Wash your hands and Practice Social Distancing. Until we all gather together again. God Bless each of you.

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





# Nursing Corps



Submitted By Vernetta Johnson, RN

## How to Eat Healthy Food Guidelines

Depending on where you are on the healthy food continuum, you may have a lot of work to get from where you are now to where you want or need to be. In fact, many people give up on the whole concept, because they are overwhelmed by the amount of change that is required.

However, you can pick just one change that you are going

to make today that will help you toward your goal of eating well. When you accomplish that one change, then choose another—maybe adding some colorful fruits and vegetables, or some Omega-3 foods like walnuts or flaxseed. If you continue in this way—gradually limiting or eliminating the less healthy foods and adding the ones that help your

body function well, before you know it, you will have achieved your goal.

The important thing to remember is that anything you do to improve your diet and lifestyle is better than not doing anything at all. To help you reach your healthy eating goals, here is a list of some basic dietary guidelines.

**Eat a variety of fresh, whole foods, including selections from the five food groups—Vegetables, Fruits, Grains, Meat and Legumes and Milk.**

1. Include at least 5 servings of fruits and vegetables each day, with emphasis on vegetables.
2. Include a serving of low-fat versions of good quality protein with each meal and snack.
3. Eat good carbs such as whole grains most, if not all of the time.
4. Choose unsaturated fats such as olive oil, avocado, nuts and seeds.
5. Include fiber foods with each meal so that you get a total of 25-30 grams of fiber each day.
6. Eat a balanced diet with a ratio of 40-30-30 of good

carbs, low-fat protein and good quality fats respectively.

7. Choose low-fat versions of dairy products and leaner meats.

8. Stay away from empty calories that provide calories but little nutrition.

9. Limit your intake of foods with added sugar and salt.

10. Limit prepackaged foods and fast foods, which are generally over-processed, full of preservatives and high sodium.

11. Drink 6-8 glasses of filtered water each day, while avoiding soft drinks and limiting fruit juice.

Good Luck!!

## Seekers & Waymakers Class Project

Submitted by Dianne Turner



Through God's grace the Seekers and Waymakers Enrichment Classes were able to donate \$2,000.00 to the "Franklin Graham's Samaritan Purse Shoe Box Project" a Billy Graham Ministry. Due to the corona virus, we were not able to do our traditional gathering of getting together to pack the boxes and fellowshiping with one another over dinner. Our God certainly knows how to provide. This is our 22nd year supporting this project, which was brought to our attention by Eva King, instructor for the Seekers class. A big thanks to all who provided financial support for this project. Thanks also to Sharan Robinson, and Delinda Ruck.



## February Anniversaries

Preston, Isaiah & Donetta  
February 7, 1978 — 43 years

Jones, Larry & Joyce  
February 11, 1971 — 50 years

Helaire, Ernest & Valerie  
February 14, 1981 — 40 years

Johnson, Clinton & Vernetta  
February 15, 1975 — 46 years

Curtis, Jimmie  
February 17, 1961 — 60 years

Payton Sr., Raymond & Mildred  
February 18, 1984 — 37 years

Perkins, Richard & Theresa  
February 21, 1982 — 39 years

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Us ...  
We Tell  
Them.**



# PASTOR'S PARTNERS IN PRAYER

Submitted By Deacon Raymond Payton

## Paul as an Intercessor

*I fall to my knees and pray to the father... that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will give you mighty inner strength through his Holy Spirit. Ephesians 3:14, 16*



We think of Paul as the great missionary, writer, and apostle. We usually do not think of him as the intercessor who, through prayer, obtained the power that rested on all his activities.

We see above what he wrote to the Ephesians. He told the Thessalonians (1 Thessalonians 3:10): "Night and day we pray earnestly for you, asking God to let us see you again to fill up anything that may have been missing in your faith." To the Romans (1:9): "Day and night I bring you and your needs in

prayer to God." To the Philippians (1:4): "I always pray for you." And to the Colossians (1:9): "So we have continued praying for you."

Paul believed in the power of his intercession for others. He also believed in his blessing that others would bring him. "I urge you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me" (Romans 15:30). "He will rescue us because you are helping by praying for us" (2 Corinthians 1:11). "Pray for

me, too" (Ephesians 6:19; Colossians 4:3; 2 Thessalonians 3:1). "For I know that as you pray for me and as the Spirit of Jesus Christ helps me, this will all turn out for my deliverance" (Philippians 1:19).

The whole relationship between pastor and people depends on united, continual prayerfulness. When ministers

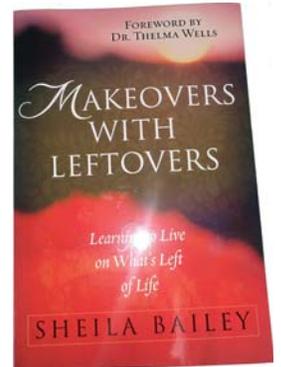
and people become conscious of the power and blessing of the Holy Spirit that comes from their prayer, then the church will begin to know what Pentecostal, Apostolic Christianity is.

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.

# WMU Highlights

Submitted by Penny Emery, WMU President

On the heels of a FANTASTIC January 23rd presentation by Minister DesJean Jones and Sis. Saulie Tucker, the St. John WMU welcomed the month of February with another excellent presentation of the book, "Makeovers With Leftovers." WMU Vice President, Sis. Gerchel Holbert led the review of Chapter One and did an AWESOME job! We look forward to continuing this presentation each month. Copies of the book are only \$12.00 and can be picked up very easily. Please call me (Penny Emery) at the church office during the hours of 9:00am 4:00pm. I will be happy to get you your copy of this wonderful book!



Also, during the month of February, we will share special cards with a "little surprise" in it, just to show our love, support, and prayers with not only our sick and shut-in housebound, but our senior members of the WMU and our church body as a whole.

The St. John WMU is collecting dues, so please submit your dues to our WMU Treasurer, Sis. Patricia Brewer. You can mail them to the church to Sis. Brewer's attention or to my attention to ensure that your dues are credited properly. Dues are only \$24/year and help us to continue to minister to the congregation and community as a whole. Please remember to tell us what Circle you are a part of or if this is a donation to the ministry of the St. John WMU.

As always, we appreciate your support, in prayers as well as finances. If you are able to help us present these presentations on Facebook Live, please call me at the church, (405) 478-3344. Stay tuned for the next presentation of the book, Chapter Two on Saturday, March 6th at 11:00am. We will present on the St. John Missionary Baptist Church Facebook page. Hats off to Rev. Dr. Lawrence Kirk for his readiness to serve. We appreciate you!

We continue to solicit your prayers and your support.

### Black History Month Word Search

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ARMSTRONG	ASHB	BLUES
BOYCOTT	BUS	CARVER
CIVIL	RIGHTS	CIVIL
WAR	DUBOIS	EMANCIPATION
EQUALITY	FREEDOM	GREENFIELD
INTEGRATION	JAZZ	JIM
CROW	MARCH	KING
OWENS	PARKS	RACISM
RIGHTS	ROBINSON	SEGREGATION
SLAVERY	SOUL	TRUTH
TUBMAN	TUSKEGEE	VOTING

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# Angel Tree Acknowledgements

Submitted by Rev. Cornelius Wade, Evangelism Minister

ANGEL TREE 2021.... "In as much as you have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matt. 25-40)

**GREETINGS**, to the whole St. John Missionary Baptist Church Family, **WISHING YOU A VERY HAPPY, BLESSED AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR (ONE OTHER TIME)**. We again take time to say **"THANK YOU TO YOU OUR CHURCH FAMILY**, for all who bought gifts, made financial contributions, coordinated the snack, and helped with distribution. **A GENTLE REMINDER:** ANGEL TREE ministers to children whose parents are incarcerated (their parents are in jail). Our list of children is sent from the national **PRISON MINISTRY FELLOWSHIP** for our zip code area. **THINKING AHEAD**, we ask you to consider helping with this project in one of these ways: **PLEASE HELP IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS**,

- **GIFT DONOR:** You purchase and wrap a gift for a child (children).
- **FINANCIAL SPONSOR:** You make a cash donation. This year we want you to make a check to the Church, writing ANGEL TREE in the memo line. Give **PRISON MINISTRY A COPY OF THE CHECK (COPY OF CHECK GIVEN TO REVEREND CORNELIUS WADE)**. This way you will include your Angel Tree gift in all your Church contributions for tax purposes).
- **ANGEL TREE SHOPPER:** Our goal is to match each donation with a child. We will need someone to shop for these gifts and wrap these gifts.
- **ANGEL TREE CALLER:** We need volunteers to help call the families and refine what the list says the child desires; make sure the address information is correct on the list. Alert Angel Tree families that we will send a letter in December 2021 to detail distribution of Angel Tree gifts.
- **ANGEL TREE LETTER WRITER/MAILER:** This person will help format a letter to the families and make sure letters go out in a timely fashion to each family.
- **ANGEL TREE GOSPEL TRACK STUFFERS:** This person will add the gospel tracks and booklets and the church welcome brochure to each

child's gift bag or boxed present.

- **ANGEL TREE DISTRIBUTION TEAM:** These individuals will distribute gifts to the Angel Tree children and
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## Academy Brief

Submitted by Penny Emery, Principal



The St. John Christian Heritage Academy is doing great! We are IN person, IN school every day, providing children with an excellent learning experience in a Christian environment. We are grateful for the support, both prayerfully and financially, that you have given us. Your support and sacrifice are appreciated. Thank you for your support during our Popcorn Sale. We just started our Annual World's Finest Chocolate Sale which will end on February 24<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to purchase \$1.00 bars or \$2.00 bars, please feel free to call the Academy at 405-478-8607.

Currently, the Academy has 61 children enrolled with growing interest daily as the community seeks an educational experience for their children. Our teachers and staff are dedicated. Our parents and students work hard to prepare themselves for the yearly tests that are administered each April.

Our Chapel experiences continue to be EPIC! Please tune in to the St. John Chris-

tian Heritage Academy FaceBook page each Wednesday at 9:00am. Our theme this year is "Fruit of the Spirit" Galatians 5:22-23. Each Wednesday, a classroom leads our devotion and a guest speaker shares insights on our theme. Please note that on Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup> the Academy will host our **Annual Black History Program at 10:00**. THIS presentation can be viewed on the **St. John Missionary Baptist Church Facebook page**.

Since we were out of school due to the ice storm in October, we have decided to use our Spring Break as "make up days" so we WILL be in school March 15-19<sup>th</sup>. To date, this is the only change to our calendar.

Thank you for your support! If you would like your child or your neighbor's child to experience a great education in a Christian environment, please give us a call at (405) 478-8607 from the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

# PARISH FELLOWSHIP NEWS

By Sis. Debra Johnson, Parish Fellowship Coordinator

Greetings to all!! As you know, February is Black History Month. The contributions African Americans have made to this country is being acknowledged and shown in the media all across the nation...and rightly so. Challenge yourself this month to learn a little known African American history fact, event or a particular contribution made by our people. I challenged myself to learn more about the creation and formation of Black Colleges and learned that the Black Church was at the forefront in these institutions' development.

February is also known as the Love Month. For God so loved the world that he gave. God's example to us is that love is action...Love is shown in what we do vs what we say. Reach out and show an act of love this month and everyday! Love is the one thing that matters most in this life and will extend into the life to come. Touch someone this month with the finger of love.

PF Highlights are as follows: The Employment & Marketing Trends Seminars held on January 29th & 30th were a big success. There have been over 1,000 views of the seminar over social media. Thank you, Bro Daryl Green, for rendering your time expertise in these areas. Thank you, Sis Sherill Davis and

Deacon Ray McCormick, for your support and volunteer contribution to this event.



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FEBRUARY MEMBERS!!

February members, it's your month and we say HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Let's give a birthday "shout-out to Sis Ruby Nichols (Birthday February 14th) and Sis Mary Robinson (Birthday February 12th). Thank you Sis Ruby and Mary for all you do.

### CONNECT:



The first CONNECT session is tentatively scheduled for February 24th @ 7pm. Be listening for more information about CONNECT and how you can join in the conversation.



Message From Sis Ruby Nichols, February Parish Fellowship Coordinator

Sunday February 14, 2021 is my Birthday I am so Grateful to God for Blessing me over all the years of my life and to witness another year in His world.

In addition to my regular tithes & offerings and In lieu of "sweets" I am celebrating this Valentine's Day with two special donations to ministries that have educated and impacted my life, as a member to St John! First, an age donation of \$80.00 to Willing Workers Sunday Class Secondly, a Membership tenure donation of \$61.00 to February Parish Fellowship Love in Action

Happy Valentine's Day and Happy Birthday to Ruby J. (Johnson) Nichols. Thank God



Mary Robinson



Ruby Nichols

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Families the Sunday before Christmas day. (Distribution time usually 2 hours)

- **ANGEL TREE DISTRIBUTION DAY CALLERS:** These persons would call families the day of delivery if they do not arrive at the Church before the end time for distribution. (Marah Jones helped us develop and carry through on this piece in December 2020.)
- **ANGEL TREE HOME DELIVERY PERSON(S):** This person (or persons) will deliver gifts to the home or alternate location for those families where the parent/guardian was working or otherwise handicapped during the delivery time. Our goal is to get all gifts out on the Distribution date.

**PLEASE DECIDE ON ANGEL TREE PARTICIPATION IN 2021. LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR PRISON MINISTRY AND REVEREND WADE—(405) 242-5320.** Your early decision will guide how many children and families we serve in 2021.

### LOVE IN ACION – THAT IS WHAT WE DO!!



NORTH TO WILSHIRE

**Bus Transportation Services**

*“Need a ride to church services?”*

**CALL FOR THE BUS**

**DIAL: 478-5644, Ext. 160**

The Bus Transportation Ministry will pick-up individuals for the Enrichment Hour (Sunday School), Worship Service, Prayer Meeting, including P31 and SOS and most other church programs. Please call this number at least two (2) hours before your services or program start time. Leave a message on answering services giving us your name, address and phone number. On Sunday mornings, Transportation Ministry will take individuals home immediately after service. Anyone desiring to stay after church for dinners or other programs will need to make provisions for their transportation back home.

*Thank You, Kenneth Washington*  
*A blessed service, rendered by the church*

SOUTH TO FIRST STREET

WEST TO WESTERN

EAST TO BRYANT

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**DON'T FORGET**

The membership can keep abreast of what is going on at St. John by submitting your news to the BEACON newspaper mailbox no later than the Third Sunday of every month.






**Social Media Volunteer Needed**






The church is in need of responsible/committed volunteers to work with Sis. Debra Johnson in updating and maintaining our social media accounts. If you are skilled and interested in serving in this area, please contact Sis. Johnson at 816-7493.

## Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Dear Pastor & Sis Jemison,  
Thank you so much for the beautiful card and the love shown during my time of bereavement.  
*Love and God Bless, Angelia Wilson & Family*

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Pastor Jemison, Sis Jemison & Members of St. John MBC,  
Thank you for all the acts of Christ-Like love during the Homegoing of Pastor Whitlow. We will forever be grateful.  
*Our Love, Sis. Whitlow and family of Pastor Whitlow*

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*St. John Missionary Baptist Church Family,*  
Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a floral piece, if so we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say; Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much whatever the part.  
*The Family of Irene Kennedy*

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*To My St. John Family,*  
Bless you for your prayers, beautiful cards, flowers and monetary gifts following the homecoming to our beloved mother, Mrs. Clara Robinson. Special thanks to Pastor Jemison, Rev Dawson, Rev Wade, Rev Lawrence Kirk and the Fine Arts Department.  
May God Bless You.

*Betty Williams and Family*

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*Pastor Jemison,*  
Thank you for your prayers and support during the loss of our sister. We were consoled by knowing that you were thinking of us and praying. Thank you very much.  
*Harris and Robena Butler & Family*

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*Pastor Jemison,*  
I'm praying for you every day as your load is getting heavier each day. The increasing loss of church members has to be weighing on you spiritually and mentally. I pray for your heart during these troubling times. The card says it all. May God continue to bless you.  
*Love, Sis. Lois Faye May*

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*To Pastor & Lady Jemison, St. John Ministers, Members & Friends:*  
Please allow us to express our thanks and appreciation on behalf of the family for the calls, cards, contributions, prayers, and expressions of concern for our Aunt Emma Turner in her passing. We felt God's love expressed through you. Please continue to remember us.  
*Donetta, Rick, and Rikki Adams*

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*Good Afternoon!*  
We deeply appreciate St. John's love and support during the passing of my husband, Morris V. Hinton, Sr. We deeply appreciate your expression of sympathy. **Thank you** for your support at this difficult time. **Thank you** for your prayers and thoughts. We are grateful for the St. John Family at this time of sorrow. Thank you to all who had a hand in the funeral and thank you for making it easy for us. We love you greatly.

We are doing well and ask for continued prayers as we navigate our new normal. We find comfort in our Mighty God who has never left us, nor forsaken us. He has given unspeakable comfort and peace. All praises to Him!!

Love and Blessings to my church family. May God's favor be upon you.  
*Sincerely, Annie Hinton and Family*

# CONNECT

@ St. John Missionary Baptist Church

**Join the Parish Fellowship Ministry in CONNECT!**

**CONNECT FELLOWSHIP VIA ZOOM**

**—FEBRUARY 17TH @ 7:30PM—**

**Zoom ID: 93726862579 / PASSCODE: 219985**

**LOG IN @ 7:20—CONVERSATION STARTS @ 7:30**

## **AGENDA**

- **Black History Facts—Did You Know**
  - **Are You Connected?**
- **Open Discussion & Fellowship**

**TALK:** with Pastor Jemison, Deacons & PF Leaders.  
**SEE:** Members you have not seen in months!!



**Join the Conversation—Enjoy the Fellowship  
Bringing the Membership Together Virtually  
CONNECT!!**

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**For more information, contact Debra Johnson, PF Coordinator @ 816-7493.  
Coordinated by January & February PF Coordinators**