PRAISE GOD

from whom all blessings flow:

PRAISE HIM, all creatures here below:

PRAISE HIM, above ye heavenly hosts:

PRAISE
Father, Son and Holy Ghost.



St. John Missionary Baptist Church

C. Dennis Edwards I, Senior Pastor

From the Pastox's Pen...

Determined To Do It Our Way

"I will go and return to my place till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early." Hosea 5:15KJV

Has it ever entered our thinking what God feels about our self-determination? I mean, just consider our attitudes at times. We all remember the old Burger King commercial jingle – "Have it your way..." That is just our disposition at times – determined to have it our way. When we exhibit such self-willness, God says to us, in our predicaments and circumstances, "I will go and return to my place."

Bill Keane, the creator of the Family Circus cartoon strip told of a time when he was drawing one of his cartoons and his son Jeffy said, "Daddy, how do you know what to draw?" He said, "God tells me." Jeffy said, "Then why do you keep erasing parts of it?"

Even as Christians, we are so often self-willed. We claim to have sought and surrendered to the will of God for our lives. Then as the "pencil" of God draws for us His direction, we, like Bill Keane, erase parts of it that do not fit what we will for ourselves. God's Word still reminds: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not to thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." -Proverbs 3:5-6 KJV

C. Dennis Edwards I 1-21-2018

JANUARY 2018 CALENDAR EVENTS

22nd - Girl Scouts, 6p - Fellowship Hall 23rd - Grief Ministry mtg., 6p - James E. Young Bdrm

24th Library Committee mtg., 5:30p - Library

27th - SJ Quilting Class, 11a-1p - Vision Center

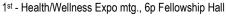
27th - TIC monthly mta..

27th - MOMs Prayer mtg., 11a - Prayer Garden

28th - Ministers Class 5p

31st - Library Committee mtg., 5:30p - Library

FEBRUARY 2018 CALENDAR EVENTS



3rd - Deacon Council, 8a - James E. Young Bdrm.

3rd - Sr. Ushers practice, 10a - Sanctuary

6th - Dance Practice, 10:30-11:30a - Elevator Lobby 2nd Floor

4th - Holy Communion, 5p - Sanctuary

5th - Girl Scouts, 6p - Fellowship Hall

5th - Athletic Dept. mtg., 6:15-7:15p - Vision Center

7th - Library Committee mtg., 5:30p - Library

7th - Youth Choir Practice, 9:30 -10:30a - Sanctuary

8th - Health/Wellness Expo mtg., 6p Fellowship Hall

10th - Dance Practice, 10:30a -11:30p - Sanctuary

10th - Jr. /Yq Adult Ushers mtq., 12p - Sanctuary

10th - SJ Quilting Class, 11a-1p - Vision Center

10th - Caregivers Ministry Mtg., 11a - Jehovah Room

10th - Pastor's Anniversary mtg., 11a - Emmanuel Room

11th - Ministers Class and Ministers Wives mtg., 5p

11th - Hosted Event, 6pm, Sanctuary

12th - CIC Ministry mtg., 6p - Old Finance Room

12th - Girl Scouts, 6p - Fellowship Hall

13th - Grief Ministry mtg., 6p - James E. Young Bdrm.

14th - Special Recognitions mtg., 5:30p - Jehovah Room

14th - Fishermen's Ministry mtg., 5:30p - Emmanuel Room

14th - Library Committee mtg., 5:30p - Library

15th - Health/Wellness Expo mtg., 6p Fellowship Hall

17th - Deaconess mtg., 10a - Old Finance Room

17th - TIC Valentine Fellowship

17th - Nurses Guild, CPR/AED/Class, 12-3p - Fellowship

18th - SJ Food Bank Open - 8a

20th - Autumn Age Ministry mtg., 12pm - Fellowship Hall

21st - Chronic Illness mtg., 5:30 - Old Finance Room

21st - Library Committee mtg., 5:30p - Library

22nd - Health/Wellness Expo mtg., 6p Fellowship Hall

24th - Drumgoole/Bryant Wedding

24th - SJ Quilting Class, 11a-1p - Vision Center

25th - Hymn Fest, 4p

25th - Ministers Class 5p

26th - Girl Scouts, 6p - Fellowship Hall

27th - Grief Ministry mtg., 6p - James E. Young Bdrm.

28th - Library Committee mtg., 5:30p - Library

MARCH 2018 CALENDAR EVENTS

1st - Health/Wellness Expo mtg., 6p Fellowship Hall

3rd - Deacon Council, 8a - James E. Young Bdrm.

3rd - Sr. Ushers practice, 10a - Sanctuary

6th - Dance Practice, 10:30-11:30a - Elevator Lobby 2nd Floor

4th - Holy Communion, 5p - Sanctuary

5th - Girl Scouts, 6p - Fellowship Hall

5th - Athletic Dept. mtg., 6:15-7:15p - Vision Center 7th - Library Committee mtg., 5:30p - Library

7th - Youth Choir Practice, 9:30 -10:30a - Sanctuary

8th - Health/Wellness Expo mtg., 6p Fellowship Hall

10th - Dance Practice, 10:30a -11:30p - Sanctuary

10th - Jr. /Yq Adult Ushers mtq., 12p - Sanctuary

10th - SJ Quilting Class, 11a-1p - Vision Center

10th - Caregivers Ministry Mtg., 11a - Jehovah Room

10th - Pastor's Anniversary mtg., 11a - Emmanuel Room

11th - Baby Blessings, 10a Worship Service

11th - Ministers Class and Ministers Wives mtg., 5p

12th - CIC Ministry mtg., 6p - Old Finance Room

12th - Girl Scouts, 6p - Fellowship Hall

13th - Grief Ministry mtg., 6p - James E. Young Bdrm.

14th - Special Recognitions mtg., 5:30p - Jehovah Room

14th - Fishermen's Ministry mtg., 5:30p - Emmanuel Room

14th - Library Committee mtg., 5:30p - Library

12th-14th -147th CMBSC Extended Session St. Mark Baptist Church, Hot Springs, Arkansas Dr. Donald Crossley, Pastor

15th - Health/Wellness Expo mtg., 6p Fellowship Hall

17th - Deaconess mtg., 10a - Old Finance Room

17th - TIC mta.

17th - Sunday School Meeting

20th - Autumn Age Ministry mtg., 12pm - Fellowship Hall

21st - Chronic Illness mtg., 5:30 - Old Finance Room

21st - Library Committee mtg., 5:30p – Library

22nd - Health/Wellness Expo mtg., 6p Fellowship Hall

24th - Pastor's Anniversary mtg., 11a - Emmanuel Room

24th - SJ Quilting Class, 11a-1p - Vision Center

25th - Ministers Class 5p

26th - Girl Scouts, 6p - Fellowship Hall

27th - Grief Ministry mtg., 6p - James E. Young Bdrm.

28th - Library Committee mtg., 5:30p - Library

25th-29th - 42nd E. C. Morris Minister's Institute

31st - Sr. Ushers practice, 10a - Sanctuary

26th-29th - 42nd E. C. Morris Minister's Institute Arkansas Baptist College

Sunday, 25th: Institute Support Night Worship First Baptist, NLR, Dr. D. L. Richardson, Pastor

Thursday, 29th - School of Scared Music Concert, 7p, SJMBC 29th - Health/Wellness Expo mtg., 6p Fellowship Hall

"Behold, He Whom Thou Lovest Is Sick"

Brother Willie Slay Deacon Amos Walker Deacon Odell Watson	929 Karla Circle, Sherwood 72120 11424 Luther Lane, LR 72206 12404 Watson Rd., NLR 72120
Sister Geneva Wordlaw	1506 E. Twin Lakes, LR 72205
Sister Juanita Johnson	8700 Riley Dr., LR 72205
Brother and Sister Hayward Hill	14305 Alexander Rd., Alexander 72002
Sister Gladys Holland	12 Point O'Woods, LR 72204
Mother Louise Jones	2819 Battery St., LR 72206
Sister Future Lorings	Southern Trace Nursing Home, Bryant 72022
Sister Lelia Thompson	3200 Louisiana St., LR 72206
Sister Juanita Curry	Briarwood Nursing and Rehab., Room 401,
	516 S. Rodney Parham, LR 72205
Sister Billye Ann Johnson	Parris Towers, 1800 S. Broadway,
	Apt. #807, LR 72206
Mother Lois Shaw	Colonel Glenn Health/Rehab Room 134
	13700 David O Dodd, LR 72210
Mother Ivory Colston	2619 S. Broadway St., LR 72206
Sister Mellorine Johnson	2620 Louisiana St., LR 72206
Sister Linda Larff	9018 Tanya Dr., #B, LR 72204
Sister Ollie Pledger	2820 Gilman St., LR 72204
Sister Constance Marie Atkins	Benton Service Center, Benton AR

Please remember our sick and shut-ins with your prayers, visits, cards and phone calls.

TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY JANUARY DRIVERS

	ANOAN DINIVE		
Meltin Bell	291-0843		
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Violet Langford	349-6387		
Joe Jackson	562-1640		
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Christopher Henry	944-6988		
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Michael Hendriy	265-0296		
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WILCHAEL LIEUUIX	203-0230		
P.R.E.S.S DRIVER: Joe Jackson 562-1640			
	Meltin Bell Meltin Bell Violet Langford Joe Jackson Joe Jackson Christopher Henry Christopher Henry Michael Hendrix Michael Hendrix		

GOLD BLAZERS FOR JANUARY 2018

7:30a.m. - Jamie Bryant and Jordan Temple 10:00a.m. - Orville Abrams and Tomesha Harrison

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION

JANUARY 2018	CIRCLES	TIME	LOCATION
2 nd (Campus Closed)	Link of Love/Starlight Eveready	10:30am	Brookside Nursing Home
9th,16th,23rd,30th	Link of Love/Starlight Eveready	10:30am	Emmanuel
9th,16th,23rd,30th	Celestic	6pm	Emmanuel
3 rd ,17 th	Young Women	6pm	Offsite
3rd	Nightingale/Women of Worship/Missionaries for Christ	6pm	Jehovah
13 th - 2 nd Saturday	Nightingale/Women of Worship/Missionaries for Christ	10am	Cumberland Nursing Home
17 th	Nightingale/Women of Worship/Missionaries for Christ	6pm	"Our House Shelter"

You are invited to the join the Complete In Christ's (CIC) Ministry in 2018

CIC is a ministry for individuals who have never been married, previously married, or widowed" but we welcome anyone who wants to learn and grow with us. Monthly Meetings (February - December) - 2nd Monday • 6 -7:15pm, Old Finance Room (across from Bookstore).

PRISON MINISTRY TRAVEL SCHEDULE:

Thursday, January 25, 2018, the Prison Ministry will be in worship with the Ouachita River Correctional unit in Malvern, Arkansas. Please pray for their safe travel there and back and for their safety while in service. The deadline for this trip has expired, but for more information about the Prison ministry or other travel dates, please contact Mother Doris Watson 501-554-6766; or Reverend Steve Wright 501-240-2647.

Early Morning Worship Service - 7:30a.m.

Prayer Period	Led by the Deacons
Morning Hymn	
Scripture Reading: Psalm 111:1-6	Minister and Congregation
Charity Offering	Ushers in Charge
Recognition of Guests and Welcome	
Announcements	
Ministry through Music	Men of Praise
Sermonic Hymn	
Sermon	Pastor C. Dennis Edwards I
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Mid- Morning Worsh	<i>p</i> service - 10.00a.m.	
Prayer Period Led I	by the Deacons and Praise Team	
Morning Hymn		
Scripture Reading: Psalm 111:1-6	Minister and Congregation	
Morning Chant	Choir and Congregation	
Charity Offering	Ushers in Charge	
Recognition of Guests and Welcom	ie	
Announcements		
Ministry of Music	Men of Praise	
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Ministry of Music	United Voices	
Sermonic Hymn		
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Benediction		

Sermon Scripture, Topic and Notes

Announcements · Updates Section

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY: The Christian Education ministry course "Bible Basics" is now being taught during the Sunday School hour (9:00am) in the Great Day Room. Deacon Bobby Gant is the instructor. This class is open to anyone who desires to take the course, however it is a requirement for anyone who wants to teach here SJMBC.

AUTUMN AGE MINISTRY: The Autumn Age Ministry will travel to the Clinton Library, Tuesday, January 23, 2018, to tour the Nelson Mandela Exhibit. The van will be ready for boarding at 10:15am and departure time is 10:30am. The cost is \$8.00 per person (cash, only). Monies will be collected by Thelma Shorter. Etta Howard and Janice Hood. The lunch location will be announced later.

Please mark your calendar to join the Autumn Age Ministry in celebrating Black History Month. Sunday, February 11, 2018. The ministry is asking you to support them by wearing some form of African attire on that Sunday!

Also, Mark your calendar for Tuesday, February 20, 2018, 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall, for a wonderful program. Our quests will be Washington Elementary Drummers, Parkview Gospel Choir, and other quests. We are also asking you to wear some form of African attire on that Tuesday as well. For more information please contact Linda Hammond, Rosalyn Scruggs, Co-Servant Leaders or Edith Brown.

MOMS MINISTRY:

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.

With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people" - Ephesians 6:18 (NIV)

You are invited the Moms Ministry for Prayer meeting, Saturday, January 27, 2018 at 11a in the Prayer Garden. You are also invited to join in Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30am, for the Early Morning Prayer Call, everyone is welcome to join in. Prayer Call number: 605-468-8026 Access Code: 264051. For questions or more information, please contact Kimberly Ross, (501) 772-6838 or Doris Surratt, (501) 351-5968.

THANK YOU CARDS:

To Pastor Edwards and the St. John Church Family, thank you for your prayers, cards, calls and every act of kindness shown to us during the homegoing of our loved ones; and/or our surgeries/illnesses.

> Bobbye Vance and family Lee Davis Jr. and family

(Homegoing Celebrations of their family members)

SYMPATHY:

"...And God Shall Wipe Away All Tears..."

Our prayers and condolences are being extended to the following family/families:

Clementine (John) Kelley in the homegoing of her mother (Minnie Farr). Address information for the Kelley family: 510 Arthur Dr., LR 72204.

SJ family members in the homegoing of our member (Mother Lois Shaw). Address information for Mother Shaw's daughters: Mary Ellis: 6200 Colonel Glenn Rd., #175, LR 72204; Nettye Harris: 1710 S. Grant St., LR 72204.

Mary Young in the homegoing of her granddaughter. Address information for Mary: 2413 State St., LR 72204.

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P.R.E.S.S.

Power, Revitalization, Enrichment through Spiritual Studies "The Bible, an Excursion into the Book of Books" for Ages 18 and up P.R.E.S.S. is scheduled to resume

Wednesday, January 24, 2018

I and II Kings; I and II Chronicles

AWANA

Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed

for Ages Cradle to 18 years Scheduled to resume Wednesday, January 24, 2018

YOUTH DEPARTMENT OUTING:

Sunday, February 11, 2018 • 12:30-2:30pm

Millennium Bowl • 7200 Counts Massie Rd. • North Little Rock, Arkansas

\$5.00 per person/child (this price includes a game and pizza)

Sign-up sheets are available in the vestibule area before and after service, please take the time to stop by and sign you child(ren) up for this fun-filled event. For more information, please contact Keisha Walls-Wright or any member of the Youth Council.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED: We are seeking an adult member of the church to volunteer as a member of the Board of Directors for the Rockbridge Montessori School. Information about the qualifications, duties and responsibilities are available in the church office. If you desire to be considered for the position, please send your resume to:

SJMBC, P.O. Box 164457, Little Rock, AR 72216, Attention; Deacon Robert Colbert,

SJMBC MORTGAGE LIQUIDATION: This is just a reminder for us to continue to contribute a minimum of \$325.00 above our tithes to the Mortgage Liquidation Fund.

Lorraine and Garry Robinson proudly announce the Wedding Celebration of their daughter

Heavenlea L. Robinson and Aaron Curtis Robinson Sunday, February 18, 2018 • Sandyport, Nassau Bahamas Please lift all persons attending this joyous occasion, in prayer for safe travel to, while in and back from the Bahamas.



