

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.

January 21, 2018



St. John Missionary Baptist Church

C. Dennis Edwards I, Senior Pastor

From the Pastor'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



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 mtg.,
27th - MOMs Prayer mtg., 11a - Prayer Garden
28th - Ministers Class 5p
31st - Library Committee mtg., 5:30p - Library

FEBRUARY 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. /Yg Adult Ushers mtg., 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
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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. /Yg Adult Ushers mtg., 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 mtg.
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 Sacred Music Concert, 7p, SJMBC
29th - Health/Wellness Expo mtg., 6p Fellowship Hall

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 guests will be Washington Elementary Drummers, Parkview Gospel Choir, and other guests. 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.

Bobby 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 • Sandypport, Nassau Bahamas
Please lift all persons attending this joyous occasion, in prayer for safe travel
to, while in and back from the Bahamas.





*Thank
You*

