

ST. JOHN PROGRESSIVE M. B. CHURCH

*Rev. Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr.,
Pastor*



99TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

“Look where He brought us from. We’ve come this far by faith.”

2 Corinthians 5:7

SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 25, 2024
9:30 A.M.

2504 E. CHIPCO ST., TAMPA, FL 33605

Celebrating Our



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From The Pastor's Desk



Building A Temple for the King

*For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry,
ye are God's building.
1 Corinthians 3:9*

Each of us is involved in a life-long construction project building a temple for the Holy Spirit. Every construction project begins with the foundation, because the foundation is the key to the building's stability. Jesus Christ and His Gospel are our foundation. Once we have accepted the basic message of the Gospel, we can build upon this foundation. For 99 years the St John Progressive Missionary

Baptist Church has helped many believers mature in the faith and add stories to the foundation.

No building can be built without materials. People can be unwise builders of their temples, because they also use sub-par materials. Our first building material should be the knowledge of Holy Scripture. Without a keen awareness of God's commandments and an idea of what is expected from us we cannot progress in the faith. Virtuous living, good works, partaking in worship, serving our fellow man, and a willingness to do anything for the sake of the Gospel are other items that help us build on our foundation. All of these actions will result in the creation of a beautiful temple for the Holy Spirit.

The ultimate building inspector - God, will evaluate both the quality of the materials and the workmanship. At the end of our lives, the temple of our soul will be tested to see if it can withstand the fire test. So I want to remind everyone that we are all the builders of our own temple to God. Since the quality of our workmanship has eternal consequences, we must undertake this building project with the most care and respect. The foundation of our building is nothing other than Christ and His Gospel of forgiveness and salvation. The best building materials of our temple are found when our motivation is to serve God with our entire mind, heart, and soul. Since God is the ultimate inspector of our work he sees everything and knows when we are shortchanging Him or are working for others when we are on His building project. Therefore, we must pay attention at all times because if we are faithful, diligent, and obedient workers, our one-story temple that withstands God's fire test will be greater and grander than the Taj Mahal.

Happy 99th Church Anniversary and keep "building your temple for the King."

Rev. Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr.

Pastor



From The First Lady



To God Be The Glory

Have you ever felt undeserving for an award you received? Was the award a special plaque or a trophy? Perhaps it was a certificate or some other token of recognition. The purpose of the award was to recognize and to praise you because of a noteworthy accomplishment and contribution, but you felt unworthy to be praised. The feeling of unworthiness increases with the size of the accolade. Sometimes presentations may get bigger than mere plaques or certificates. Sometimes there are busts and memorials and even rooms, windows and buildings that bear our names. One reason a true servant of God feels unworthy is because the true servant recognizes that the real praise for any accomplishment belongs to God. Tributes usually follow significant accomplishments. We

feel unworthy because we know that God was the underlying source of our success; He deserves the praise. God should be praised, not us; that's the way humble saints feel.

Today the church has both a mission and a promise. We have the mission to reach out in the name of Jesus. We have the promise that God will strengthen us in the work. However, the church must stay connected to God to have the power to carry out the mission.

As the church celebrates its anniversary today we should recommit to give God the praise, honor and glory for all that He has done in the life of the St John Progressive Missionary Baptist Church over these past 99 years. The church is simply the instrument that God has used to bring forth "HIS" blessings to "HIS" people.

To God Be The Glory!!!!

Happy 99th Anniversary!

Lady Vanessa Banks





Welcome

Giving honor to God.

To Pastor Banks, Lady Banks, ministers, invited guest, and all members of our church present, I greet you in the name of our savior Jesus Christ!

On the behalf of our pastor, Membership Ministry thanks everyone for taking the time to take part in our 99th church anniversary. We welcome you to this very special occasion to show the blessing that God has bestowed upon St. John Progressive Missionary Baptist Church. We thank God for the many years that he's allowed this church to be a beacon in the East Tampa community. We thank God for allowing St. John to perform missions in the States and abroad. We thank God for his grace and mercy.

We thank God for founders, trailblazers, pastors, past members and current members that have helped lead St. John into a place where anyone is welcomed and can receive the gospel. It's a place where preaching and teaching abide. St. John is a place where praising and worship Christ are in abundance. It's a place where generations of families continue to pass down their love of Christ to other family members. It's a place where anyone can find a place to call a spiritual home. It's a place where God is given all the glory for the things he's done, is doing, and will do. St. John is a place where visitors are always welcome and can always make it a permanent place to serve Christ. It's a place that has a long tradition of serving Christ and a place where new traditions to serve Christ are welcomed.

So, 99 years is a sign that St. John's foundation is strong. It's demonstration of St. John's love and commitment to Christ. We have been steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord. This anniversary celebration is to recognize that all things work together for the good for them that love God. St. John's years of ministry to the world has been to spread the gospel and to tell everyone that God loves them. Our prayer is that God continues to bless St. John with many more years to serve Him and to continue helping those that are lost or in need of help to know more about Christ in order to receive eternal salvation.

We hope that you enjoy our celebration and feel welcomed while taking part in such a special occasion. We are truly grateful that you chose St. John as your place of worship and look forward to having you back with us. We pray that God continues to bless you all as we move forward in this Christian journey and this journey called life.

Again, welcome!

99th Church Anniversary

Order of Service

THEME:

LOOK WHERE HE BROUGHT US FROM. WE'VE COME THIS FAR BY FAITH"

2 CORINTHIANS 5:7

MUSICAL PRELUDE MUSICIANS
"WE'VE COME THIS FAR BY FAITH"

CALL TO WORSHIP DEACON

DEVOTION DEACONS/DEACONESS

SELECTION MALE CHORUS

MISSION AND EDUCATION OFFERING DEACONS AND USHERS

DOXOLOGY CHOIR AND CONGREGATION

RESPONSIVE READING BRO. KEITH SMALLEY

SELECTIONS MALE CHORUS

WELCOME SIS. LYNETTE LEWIS

REFLECTION OF MEMORIES IN HONOR OF OUR DECEASED MEMBERS

MUSICAL PRELUDE

OCCASION BRO. JOHN AVERY

PASTORAL REMARKS PASTOR BANKS

WORSHIP IN GIVING DEACONS AND USHERS

CONGRGATIONAL HYMN "LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING"

SERMON PASTOR BANKS

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP PASTOR BANKS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER PULPIT

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS GREETER AND PASTOR BANKS

ANNOUNCEMENTS SIS. ROSE WATSON

WORDS OF THANKS DEACON ANDREW BURGESS

REMARKS AND BENEDICTION PASTOR BANKS

Responsive Reading

2 Corinthians 5: 1-8

Leader: For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Congregation: For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:

Leader: If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.

Congregation: For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.

Leader: Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.

Congregation: Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:

Leader: (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

All-Together: We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.



CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

Lift Every Voice and Sing - #477

Lift every voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us,
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun
Let us march on till victory is won.

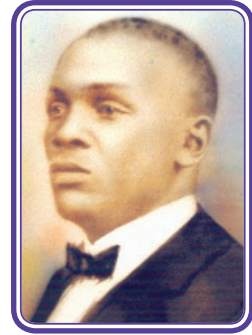
Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past,
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who has by Thy might Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
May we forever stand.
True to our God,
True to our native land.

The History

Rev. Andrew Mack Woodard

In 1925 Tampa, Florida was a lively little city with a population of 50,000 and was a mere 19 miles in diameter. Ybor City, the Spanish district, noted for its cigar industry, was just a rock-throw away. The roads were unpaved. In the middle of College Hill, Reverend Andrew Mack Woodard founded his church in the year 1925 and named it St. John Progressive Missionary Baptist Church. Pastor Woodard split his time between his two churches ministering to the needs of his flock.



St. John Progressive Missionary Baptist Church was built on very fertile ground. It was born on the threshold of the Great Depression years and was able to survive the lean impoverished times during that era. St. John branched off from St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church. It started as a store front church on Potter Street and Lake Avenue. The membership was small. The members labored tirelessly building a sound foundation for the church under the leadership of Reverend Woodard. St. John became a place of fellowship and an avenue for brethren to dwell together, rejoice and bring souls to Christ. One of the first ministries started under Reverend Woodard's leadership was The Women's Home Missionary Society, and the first President was Sis. Henrietta Porter.

In 1928 St. John moved from Potter Street into a small wooden church located right where St. John stands today. Sisters Thelma Pownell, Janet Morrison, Angeline Russ, Pearlie Mae Butler, Beatrice Woodard, Deacon Solomon Boatwright and a few others marched into their new church home with heads held high and with great pride. The little church was not a palace by any stretch of the imagination. It had holes and cracks and was unpainted. The roof leaked when it rained. Lighting was poor and the wooden pews didn't have any padding. There was no central air and heat or even a window unit to bring comfort. In the Winter, they froze, and in the Summer months they roasted. The windows offered very little ventilation. They didn't have a sound system, organ or drums, but they did have an old out-of-tune piano that they cherished. The nearby parking lot was unpaved but available to those who could afford cars. The members loved that little old church. The late Sis. Dorothy Woodard-Jones, one of Reverend Woodard's ten children, often and fondly reminisced about the little old church. She recalls, as a little girl, the leaky roof, cracks and lack of modern air conditioning.

The earlier days of St. John began during the depression years and times were hard. Not only did the church have to cope with financial hardships; but it had to cope with the near total destruction of the church due to a windstorm. If that wasn't frightening enough, around 1955, they almost met with another disaster. Sis. Odessa Booker was singing "Let's All Go Back To The Old Land Mark" when the roof collapsed. No injuries were reported. In spite of the challenges, the church continued to thrive.

Several years later, Reverend Woodard and his wife, Sister Beatrice, left St. John and continued God's work as missionaries. Reverend Woodard traveled throughout Florida preaching the Gospel until his death in 1945. God continued to send his trusted shepherds to watch over and guide his St. John flock. After Reverend Woodard's departure, other ministers were called to St John. Each one of these men possessed great leadership abilities and through them, St. John continued to grow spiritually and thrive. We shall always hold fond memories for those faithful servants of God who paved the way for us through their labor and good works. These former pastors were Reverends Monroe Lovett, B.J. Townsend, Steve Rogers, W.M. Johnson and Ishmal Anderson.

The History

Rev. Dr. Flaggler G. Hilton

In May 1949, Reverend Dr. Flaggler G. Hilton, his wife, Sister Savannah, and son, Roosevelt, united with St. John in the little old church. The members were conducting the Sunday afternoon Baptist Young People Union Program (BYPU) when they arrived. In attendance were Sister Doris Tolbert, Bro. Leroy Bell and several children. Reverend Hilton served St. John the longest (from 1949 to 1991). He was truly a visionary, goal-oriented and a very wise man. He was a great leader, teacher, organizer and humanitarian. Rev. Hilton was very passionate about the Lord's work and it was exemplified in his sermons, actions and deeds. He believed in progress. He and Sister Savannah really loved the children and the children loved them. They were always available for the children. Sis. Savannah was the Sunday School Teacher for the Cradle Roll and Beginner Classes. She often cared for the babies when the mothers had to sing in the choir or had to usher.



Under Pastor Hilton's leadership, the church grew at an exorbitant rate of speed spiritually, financially and numerically. It was like a fire had suddenly ignited overnight. God's blessings continued. The membership grew from 25 saints to hundreds. Many ministries were established at that time. In 1953 under his dynamic leadership, they marched from the little old wooden church into the first concrete edifice. The membership was totally involved in raising money and helping to build the new edifice.

Sis. Katie Lyles washed bundles of clothes for \$1.50 to raise money to help purchase lumber. Brothers Elra Jones and John James helped mix the cement. The brand new church was spacious, comfortable, carpeted, and had padded seats. It had air conditioning units and gas heaters. They had a better piano, an organ and drums. The church began to purchase properties in the area.

In 1978, Sister Savannah went home to glory and the Lord sent Pastor Hilton another helpmate in 1979, Sis. Evelynna Richardson. Sis. Evelynna was very supportive and loved St. John. She was in the choir and played the piano and was involved in several ministries.

During Pastor Hilton's 42 years of leadership, St. John continued to forge ahead. Membership continued to increase. There was rarely a Sunday that there was not a new member coming to Christ or moving their membership to St. John. Membership grew above one thousand. In 1984, the church was renovated and the mortgage paid off in record time. It was more spacious and had state-of-the-art accommodations, including a baptismal pool. God blessed us with more property. By 1991, the membership roll was above 1,400. Pastor Hilton ordained and developed a total of 25 ministers and most of them moved on to pastor other churches.

In 1991, Pastor Hilton retired and his unyielding efforts garnered him the title of Pastor Emeritus. One year later, he was called home to glory on July 10, 1992. For many of us, he will be long remembered as one of the greatest pastors, organizer, leader, builder, teacher, and preacher on this side of Heaven.

Through his ministry, St. John has become well-known locally and statewide. Some of his noteworthy achievements are as follows:

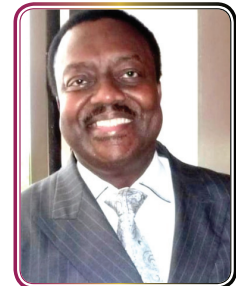
- Built two churches 1953 and 1984. The mortgage of \$160,000 on the current edifice was paid off in four years.
- The mortgage burning ceremony was held on June 26, 1986
- Purchased properties on 25th Street and Chipco Street
- Restructured Sunday afternoon BTU service for all members (formally BYPU was for youths only)

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- Held annual Adult King/Queen, and Junior King/Queen Coronation for fundraising
- Provided fellowship dinners for new members sponsored by the deacons, deaconesses, ministers and ministers' wives
- Established Chat and Chew Hour for teenagers
- Created separate Sunday School Classes for ministers, deacons, deaconesses and young adults
- Established The Senior Citizens Benevolent Club
- Started TV Ministry - St. John was the first Black church on local TV in 1965
- Other ministries established under his watch were: F. G. Hilton's Angelic Choir; Teenage Choir; Pastor's Aide Board (1975); Senior Mission Society #2 (1972); Junior Women Mission (1952); The Brotherhood Ministry; Choir # 2; Choir #3 (1963); Young Adult Choir; Men and Women's Day (1981); Nurses Guild (1972); Keenage Ministry; St. John Mass Choir; Scouts; Jr. Deacons and Deaconesses; Palace Byrd; Gussie Daniels, Savannah Hilton and Angeline Russ Circles; The Golden Age Choir; Youth Mission: Youth Department; Youth Usher Board; Usher Board #2; Deacon and Trustee Boards; and CEIP (1990)
- Founder of the Baptist Fellowship Center (The Baptist Bible College)
- Sponsored children for The World Mission Program
- Purchased a church van and a bus

Rev. Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr.

The vision and mission of St. John did not stop with Pastor Hilton. That was not the end of St. John's progressive legacy. Again, the Lord sent another gifted, spirit-filled leader and visionary. The baton was passed on to one of Pastor Hilton's sons in the ministry, Reverend Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr. It was a seamless transition. Pastor Banks and Lady Vanessa had strong roots already in St. John before being called to pastor. Reverend Banks served in several capacities during his tenure - Assistant Superintendent of Sunday School, organist, auditor, Deacon and Assistant Pastor to Reverend Hilton. Lady Banks served as Deaconess, a member of several choirs, and played piano. The couple left St. John for a short period to serve as shepherd and First Lady of St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church.



On February 9, 1992, Reverend Banks was installed as Pastor, but he was still receptive to council from Rev. Hilton. Pastor Banks is currently employed as Director of The Division of Aging Services, and is a member of Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners. In 2005, he was awarded an Honorary Doctorate Degree.

The current ministerial staff consists of Rev. Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr. and Lady Vanessa; Rev. Paul Ball, Rev. Barron Banks, Rev. Joshua Bent, Rev. Edward Blakely and Sis. Barbara, Rev. David Byrd; Rev. Charles Jackson, Rev. Garland Phillips, Rev. Lancinet Stevens and Sis. Telesia; Rev. Vincent Strange and Sis. Mary, Rev. Jerry Young and Sis. Mary, and Min. Alphonso Cason.

Shepherding St. John keeps Pastor Banks quite busy, but his leadership and serving does not stop here. He is serving his second consecutive term (2006 to present) as President of The Progressive Missionary and Education Baptist State Convention of Florida, Inc. He is responsible for providing leadership to 300+ churches within the Association. In keeping with his campaign platform (Bridging The Gap), President Banks has been very successful in bringing continuity and structure to the organization by

The History

ensuring on-going communication and regular meetings with pastors; inclusiveness of all pastors regardless of church size; increasing support to local churches faced with leadership and financial challenges; liquidating property debts to improve financial and investment leverage, addressing the financial and healthcare needs of pastors and developing a strategy to maximize convention planning and operations. In 2014, he was appointed Vice-President-at-Large of The National Baptist Convention of America International, Inc. Since retirement, he has been very involved in City projects working very closely with the Mayor.

God continues to bless St. John in all areas - spiritually, financially and numerically. Membership is well above 2,000. Pastor Banks has led and/or ordained 30 ministers during his watch, four of them have moved on to pastor their own churches in the Tampa Bay area and three others are assistant pastors elsewhere. Several have relocated due to employment opportunities.

We truly give thanks to God for sending Pastor Banks back to us. Again, God has sent us a shepherd with vision, wisdom, excellent leadership abilities, humility, organization and perseverance, and most of all a spirit-filled man led by God. Through his leadership, we have accomplished so much during the past 32 years.

- The Christian Life Center was built in 1996 and paid off in four years (by 2000) through Vision Fund Drives. We were able to have the mortgage burning celebration on our anniversary day, February 24, 2002
- Implemented Children's Church on second and fourth Sundays
- Established The Young Adult Choir (Bartholomew Banks Inspirational Singers)
- Implemented New Members Orientation Classes
- Established the Grief Ministry (AMTAGS)
- Implemented Annual Revivals
- Established The Praise Teams
- Started an Early Morning Service at 8:00 A.M.
- Established Sunday School Classes For Couples
- Established TV and Video Ministries
- Started The Male Chorus in 1992
- Started The First Friends Ministry in 1996 (New Members Ministry)
- Established Vacation Bible School for adults in 1996
- Organized The Leadership Institute in 2000
- Established The Saturday Street Ministry
- Built church's first playground
- Organized The Progressive Achievements Program - Summer Camp and After School
- Established Wednesday Night Hour of Power Youth Ministry in 1994
- Implemented The Healthy Start Program to aid at risk mothers in 1998
- Started The SHARE Program in 1997
- Effected The One Bowl Meal for sick and shut-in members and community members in 2011
- Started The Drug Support Ministry
- Implemented The Basketball Ministry
- Implemented The Domestic Violence Program
- Purchased Two Vans For The Van Ministry
- Purchased seven properties
- Implemented the Internet Worship Service
- Started St. John's Website
- Started Church's Drill Team, Dance and Drama Ministries

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- Provided Noon Day Prayer Service
- 2009 - implemented a satellite school for extended bible study through Faith Bible Institute, LA
- Established Community Development Corporation in 2011 comprised of four branches – grant writing, education, health and wellness and juvenile delinquency prevention
- Started The Clothes Closet
- Partnered with The College Hill Mennonite Church Food Program in 2012
- Generation N.E.X.T. - 2014 Community Day College Bound Initiative Program
- Poetry & Spoken Word Ministry 2017

We give honor and praise to The God Almighty for our **BEGINNING** with Reverend Andrew Woodard. It was a humble beginning that took hold and grew. We thank Him for our **JOURNEY** with Reverend Flagger G. Hilton. Pastor Hilton pumped up the volume and pace and led us out of the wilderness into a brighter day. We thank God for **THE HARVESTING** through Pastor Banks. Since his installation, he has risen exceptionally to the challenge of leading this body of baptized believers in their Christian walk and stewardship. Time has moved on and there have been physical changes in the life of St. John, but the message and mission are still the same 99 years later - leading people to Christ, saving souls and spreading the gospel wherever we go.

St. John has progressed since its initial inception. We have seen the hand of God on our pastors and in the tireless perseverance, servitude, and generous nature of the members for 99 years. St. John is a church designed and ordained by God and a place where all members, who thirst, can mature in knowledge and service to Christ as demonstrated in our love for one another. It is our prayer that God will keep us “**REACHING FORTH UNTO THOSE THINGS WHICH ARE BEFORE...we are God’s fellow workers...**”

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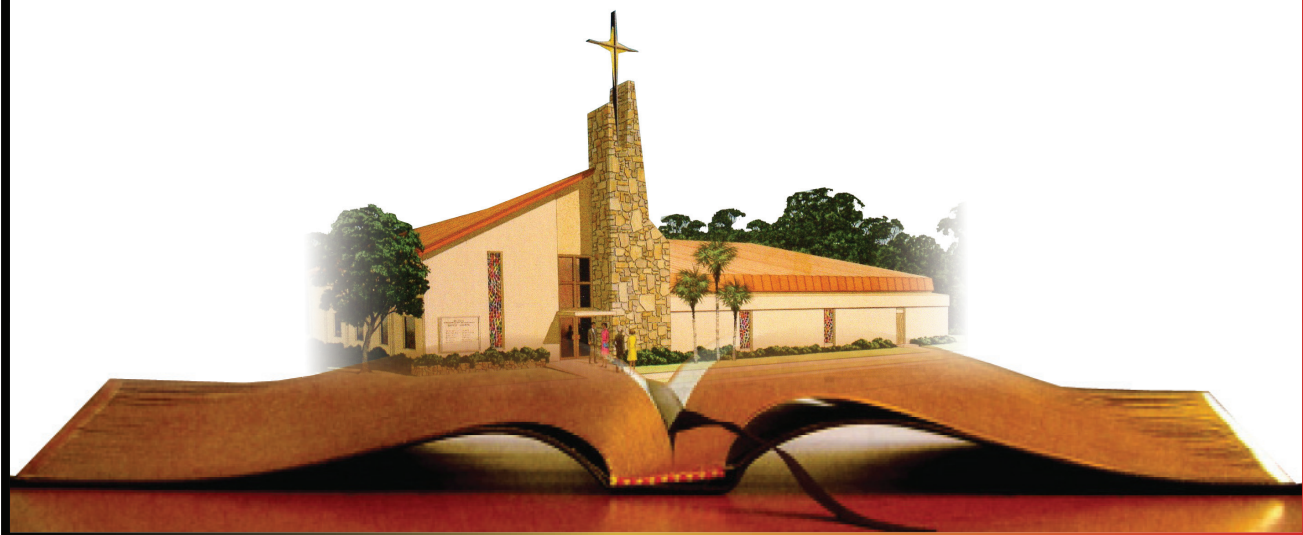
“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”

Matthew 5:16

Deacon Board

Deacon Isaac Gallmon, Chairman

Reverend Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr., Pastor



Celebrating Our 99th Church Anniversary



Greeting in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The story of St. John Progressive Missionary Baptist Church began with Rev. Andrew Mack Woodard at the helm. With the dynamic leadership of Rev. Dr. F. G. Hilton, St. John Progressive experienced much success for winning souls to Christ. The baton was then passed on to the most capable and loving hands of our Rev. Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr. as we press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Jesus the Christ.

So we celebrate today and honor God for what He has done. To Him belongs all the glory. So today we celebrate and praise God for the things He has done.



Deaconess Ministry

Sister Shelia Bryant, President

Reverend Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr., Pastor



Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise Him for his mighty deeds; praise Him according to his excellent greatness! Praise Him with trumpet sounds; praise Him with lute and harp! Praise Him with tambourine and dance; praise Him with strings and pipe! Praise Him with sounding cymbals; praise Him with loud crashing cymbals!

Psalms 150:1-6

May the body of Christ be present in these 99 years of church and growth with the glory of our Father in Heaven and flourish with the gifts that He has given us. We can carry out His deeds through His will alone.

Happy 99th Anniversary SJPMBC



Senior Women's Ministry

Sister Shirley Minor, SWA President

Reverend Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr., Pastor

CHURCH is my **COLLEGE**
HEAVEN is my **UNIVERSITY**
JESUS is my **PRINCIPAL**
THE HOLY SPIRIT is my **TEACHER**
ANGELS are my **CLASS MATES**
THE BIBLE is my **STUDY BOOK**
TRIAL & TEMPTATIONS are my **EXAMS**
WINNING SOULS are my **ASSIGNMENTS**
PRAYER is my **ATTENDANCE**
CROWN OF LIFE is my **DEGREE** and
PRAISE & WORSHIP is my **MOTTO**
ENROLL today there is room for all
and tuition is **FREE**

Happy 99th Anniversary

St. John Progressive Missionary Baptist Church

"Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid."

Mathew 5:14

Greetings, in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is with immense joy that the members of Usher Board #1 extend our loving congratulations on this our church's 99th Anniversary.

As we look at how far the Lord has brought us, we can truly say that we have been blessed. We have made it this far by the grace of God. It is by God's grace we can rejoice together and share in the joy of another anniversary as we remember the good work of the Lord in our church. If it had not been for the Lord on our side, where would we be? We give God all the honor, all the glory, and all the praise for sustaining this church for 99 years.

As Ushers in this house of the Lord, we count it all joy to serve in this great church. We thank God for the opportunity to be a part of the history of this church and for allowing us to serve him by serving his people. *"For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness"* Psalms 84:10.

May St. John Progressive Missionary Baptist Church always be to the world as light is to darkness and may the grace of God abound even more in the coming years.
To God be the glory.

Congratulations.

Usher Board #1

Sis. Mary Avery-President





WOW – 99 YEARS!!!!

*"For the Lord is good, His mercy is everlasting and the truth
endureth to all generations." Psalm 100:5*

**Thank God for the founder, pastors, ministers, deacons, deaconesses, pioneers,
and servants of Christ Jesus who made this great day possible.**

**Wishing our Congregation a joyous anniversary marked by unity, compassion,
and a renewed sense if purpose.**

Keenage Ministry

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Sis. Linda Jones, Vice President
Sis. Annie Horne, Secretary

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Sis. Lonita Miller



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*"I will give Thanks to You, O Lord, with all my heart, in the
presence of the angels, I will sing Your praise"*
(Psalm 138:1)

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior from "The #1 Choir":

We give "Thanks" to be a part of such a Blessed occasion as we celebrate the Church's 99th ANNIVERSARY. As a Choir we look back on 98 humble years of service, leaning and depending on GOD.

As we continue to render songs of praise and encouragement, we do so with "Grace, Mercy and Honor". As we proclaim "Down Thru the Years the Lord's been good to us" as He allows us to keep on keeping on: we do so with knowing "This Joy we have, the world didn't give it to us and the world can't take it away" (Per Lady Banks).

Our prayers for our "Glorious" church is for GOD's continued guidance thru our Pastor, Rev. Dr Bartholemew Banks Sr., Lady Vanessa Banks and family and the wonderful "St. John Family members, loved ones and friends" as we lift the banner to continue to serve "The Lord with gladness". Amen.

"In GOD's Grace",

Ms. Helen Horace, Choir President



*I love thy kingdom, Lord
The house of Thine abode
The Church our blest Redeemer
Saved with His own precious blood.*

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***St. John Progressive
Missionary Baptist Church***



From
Intercessory Prayer Ministry

*Lord, I have loved the habitation
of thy house, And the place where
thine honour dwelleth.*

Psalms 26:8



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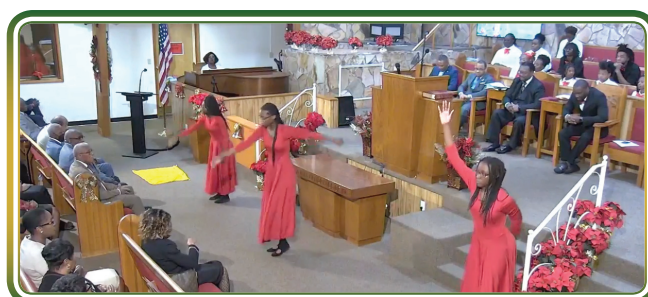
The Youth Ministries and Adult Youth Workers

"Children obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord."

"Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged."

Colossians 3:20-21 (KJV)

What an awesome blessing to see our Youth serving God's people through our current Youth Ministries.



*God's blessings and love to our St. John Progressive Missionary Baptist Church
from the Youth Ministries and Adult Youth Workers.*



**Youth Choir, Youth Mission, Youth Usher's Ministry,
Dance Ministry, Drama Ministry, Boy and Cub Scouts,
Youth Praise Team, Continuing Education Incentive Program.**



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Congratulations

**St. John Progressive
Missionary Baptist Church**

**on our
99th Anniversary**

Our Faithfulness to God and His teaching has continued to allow us to be a place of worship for spiritual growth, teaching, and healing. We praise God for His grace and mercy and the many blessings bestowed upon us over the years.



Because I will publish the name of the Lord: ascribe ye greatness unto our God. He is the Rock, His work is perfect: for all His ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.

Deuteronomy 32: 3-4

Congratulations

on St. John Progressive Missionary Baptist Church's 99th Anniversary.

St. John has been blessed to have great leaders to guide it over the hills and through the valleys it faced for many years. We pay homage to and thank God for the founder, Reverend Woodard, and visionary, Reverend Hilton, for giving St. John its strong foundation.

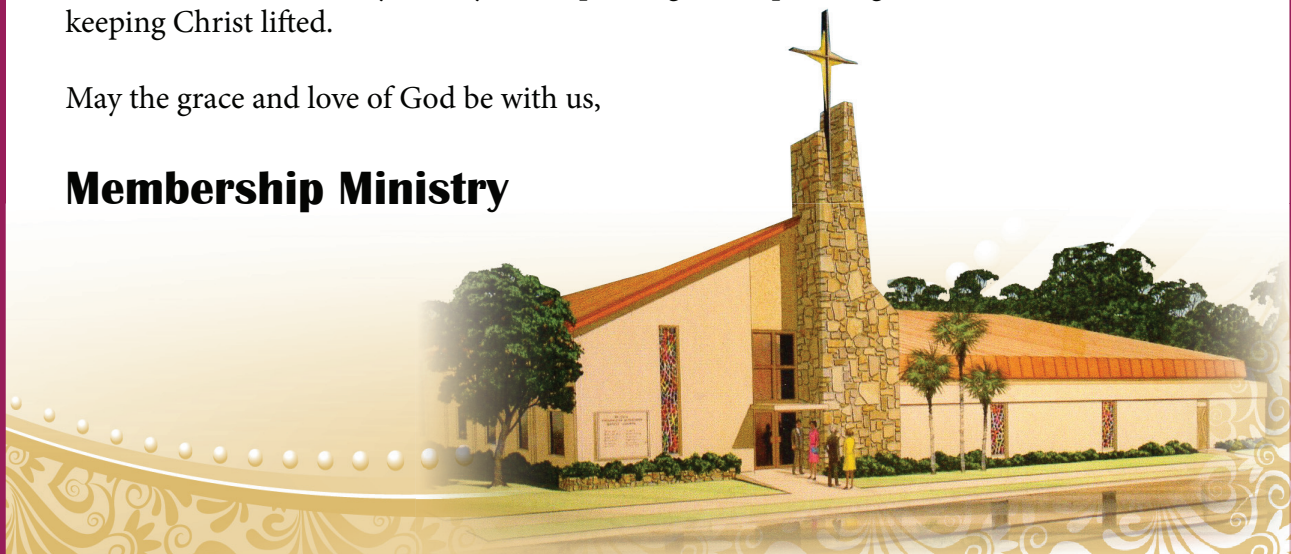
God has continued to bless St. John to be a place of worship for spiritual growth, teaching, healing, and uplifting. St. John is a beacon for those that aspire for the love and gifts that Christ offers and wishes to be empowered and enriched in their lives to become Christ-like.

In addition, it's a place that provides for the underserved and underprivileged in the community. We are thankful that God has placed St. John in the hands of Pastor Banks. With the love and support of Lady Banks, the development and extension of many ministries and facilities, and his determination and vision for the future, we know that Pastor Banks will continue to make St. John a place where teaching, preaching, and praising will guide the church and its congregation to be a place of spiritual success for eternal salvation.

We look forward to many more years of praising God, spreading his word and love, and keeping Christ lifted.

May the grace and love of God be with us,

Membership Ministry



"From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love."

Ephesians 4:16

On behalf of the Board of Trustees

CONGRATULATIONS

to

**St. John Progressive
Missionary Baptist Church**

*for serving and leading God's people to
Christ for 99 years! May God continue to
bless, build, and bond in love our church
family for many more generations to come.*



Bro. Michael T. McNeal, Chairman

Bro. Arthur Parker, Vice Chairman

Bro. Reggie Bellamy, Secretary

Congratulations

St. John on our 99th Anniversary

*"HEAL THE SICK, RAISE THE DEAD, CLEANSE LEPERS, CAST OUT DEMONS. YOU
RECIEVED WITHOUT PAYING; GIVE WITHOUT PAY."*

Matthew 10:8

Tradition is handed down to us, but at the same time it starts with us. Today represents a new beginning. This 99th Church Anniversary celebration gives us the chance to not only look back at how far we've come as a church, but also to look forward to all the blessings the Lord still holds for us as we continue to do His Holy and righteous will.



As a church each one member holding up every other member we will continue to Bless the Lord in all the ways that He has blessed us. As the Health Care Ministry, we will continue to Minister, Teach and Pray for our St John church members, friends and visitors.

Lord, we believe that you are our Healer, our Counselor, and our Great Physician. We ask this all in Jesus Precious name. Amen. God's word tells us

"For ye are bought with a price; therefore, Glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." 1 Corinthians 6:20

Nellie Parham
Mildred Harris
Lynette Lewis

Cheryl Riggins
Juanita Walker
Shelia Mayes

Pearlie Clark
Nyree Bryant
Ruth Lewis

Ina Mae Walker
Valeka Norman



Health Care Ministry

Happy Anniversary

*"For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endureth to all generations."
Psalms 100:5*

On this anniversary day we thank you Lord for our church. We praise you for all the joy we have known in this fellowship, and we pray for all of those who together make up this community of believers and those who make up the body of Christ.



As we gather together, we the Brotherhood Ministry would like to offer congratulations to St. John Progressive M.B. Church for 99 years of faithful service to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. For we know, we have come this far by faith, leaning and depending on the Lord. May the grace of God continue to fill our hearts and may we continue to stay in his presence.

We rejoice with everyone in the church as we celebrate this special day. Happy 99th Anniversary to the church of God. May this anniversary come with the blessings of a new season that is spiritually uplifting for the church and all of its members.

Brotherhood Ministry

Bro. John R. Avery, Sr., President



Brotherhood Ministry

Calendar of Events

February 2024

February 25th

St. John Progressive MB Church Anniversary
9:30 A.M. Service

March 2024

March 10th

Daylight Savings Time Begins!

March 18th - 21st

Progressive M & E State Convention - Crestview

March 27 - 30th

5th Week Congress

March 29th

Good Friday!

March 31st

Resurrection Sunday!

Combined Sunday School - 8:00 A.M.

Unity Service - 9:30 A.M.

April 2024

April 14th

April Showers Throwback Reunion Concert
Honoring Lady Vanessa Banks
4:00 P.M. - St. John



Ministries & Auxiliaries

***We demonstrate God's love through service.
Select a Ministry and become an active member.***

Angelic Choir	Keenage Ministry
Benevolent Ministry	Kitchen Ministry
Boy Scouts	Leadership Institute
Brotherhood Ministry	Legal Advisory Council
Children's Usher Board	Male Chorus
Choir #1	Ministerial Staff
Choir #2	Ministers' Wives
Choir #3	Multimedia Ministry
Clothes Closet	New Members Ministry
Continuing Education Incentive Program	Pastor's Aide Board
Dance and Drama Ministry	Poetry & Spoken Word Ministry
Deacon Board	Prison Ministry
Deaconess Board	Praise Team Ministries
Department of Sunday School	ReachUp
Drill Team	Security Ministry
Finance Committee	Senior Women
Food Pantry Partnership	Teenage Usher Board
General Mission	Teenage Choir
Generation Next	Trustee Board
Grief Ministry	Usher Board
Healthcare Ministry	Women Intermediate
Hour of Power	Youth Choir
Intercessory Prayer Group	Youth Council
Junior Women	Youth Mission



Notes From the Pastor's Sermon

As you listen to the message from God's Word, you may use this page to make personal notes to reflect on during the coming week.

Date: February 25, 2024

Biblical Text: _____

Subject: _____

Key Points To Remember

1. _____
2. _____
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Illustrations To Remember:

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St. John Progressive Missionary Baptist Church

PURPOSE STATEMENT

*The Church where Praying, Teaching, Preaching
and Praising God Abide.*

MAGNIFY:

We celebrate God's Presence in WORSHIP

MISSION:

We communicate God's Word through EVANGELISM

MEMBERSHIP:

We incorporate God's Family into our FELLOWSHIP

MATURITY:

We educate God's people through DISCIPLESHIP

MINISTRY:

We demonstrate God's love through SERVICE

To bring people to Jesus and MEMBERSHIP in his family;
develop them to Christ-like MATURITY; equip them for
their MINISTRY in the church and life MISSION in the
world in order to MAGNIFY God's Name.

Faith & Fellowship

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for celebrating our

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with us!





99TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

***“Look where He brought us from.
We’ve come this far by faith.”***

2 Corinthians 5:7

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