

*St. John Progressive
Missionary Baptist Church*

Rev. Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr., Pastor

*The Beginning,
The Journey, The Harvest
& The Reward
~ Hebrews 11:1 ~*

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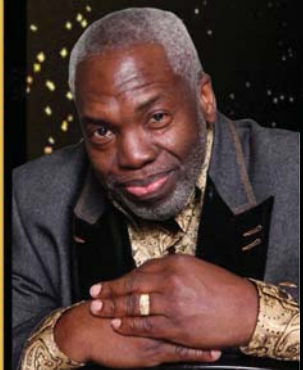
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Anniversary

*February 23, 2025 * 9:30 a.m.
2504 E. Chipco Avenue
Tampa, FL 33605*



HOSTED BY:
Rev. Dr. Bartholomew
Banks, Sr., Pastor
St. John Progressive
Missionary Baptist Church



GUEST PREACHER:
Rev. Dr. Earl B. Mason, Sr.
Bible-Based Fellowship
Church of Temple Terrace

Celebrating Our



From the Desk of Pastor Banks



A Rich Past, An Exciting Present and a Glorious Future

Walk about Zion and go round about her: tell the towers thereof. Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generation following. For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death. Psalm 48:12-14

Take a look at your life; has God been good to you? Most of us will agree that God has been better to us than we have been to ourselves.

When we consider all that we have experienced in life, we can only say "Hallelujah" and "Praise God" for giving us a rich past, an exciting present and a glorious future.

Think about it. Some in this room were here when the first man walked on the moon. Some were here when cell phones were first used or even microwaves. Some experienced the sting of racial segregation and others saw the first of our race make strides in many areas including the election of the first person who looks like us as the President of the United States.

Certainly, we can all say God has been good to us. Our paths have brought us through a myriad of experiences that have included successes and failures. Along the way, we have witnessed many changes and have learned to take them in stride. Our joy is to know that despite the road that we have traveled, that there has been one constant in life that has never changed; that is the love of God. It never changes.

The most senior among us have seen the most miles, tallest of mountains and the deepest of life's valleys. The younger among us have traveled a journey too. It is just as real to them as the distances traveled by those who walked before them.

When I walked into the St. John Progressive Missionary Baptist Church for the first time as a college student, 50 years ago, I had no idea what God had in store for me. My personal and spiritual growth is a result of the nurturing spirit of the many godly men and women of this church that have gone to glory and that are still here making tremendous contributions in the lives of others of this generation as well.

One hundred years is a long time to be actively working in the vineyard of the Lord, however we must never forget that God is not through with us yet. As members of the St. John Progressive Missionary Baptist Church, we give praise to God for bringing us through our troublesome past. We also give him praise for the exciting life that he is giving us today and high praise for the glorious future that lies ahead of us.

I Praise God for the St. John Progressive Family and I am honored to be a part of our great legacy. It has been a blessing to serve as Pastor of the (in the words of Lady Banks) Greatest Church on this side of Heaven.

Rev. Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr.

Pastor



From the Desk of Lady Vanessa Banks



Great Praise for a Great God

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised: he also is to be feared above all Gods. 1 Chronicles 16:25

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. We know how to recognize people for their accomplishments, but how do we recognize God when he has helped us? That was the question that puzzled David in Psalm 116:12 when he asked, What shall I render unto the LORD for all his benefits toward me? David concluded that he would drink from the cup of salvation, pay his vows, and continue to call upon his name. He decided that was the best way to give tribute to God.

As members of the St. John Progressive Missionary Baptist Church, we recognize that every accomplishment we have made of the past 100 years, is a reflection of God's handiwork. We cannot take credit for the work the church has done; God gets all of the glory. The trail of life that marks our journey is speckled with markers, large and small, that testify of the help we have received from God. Without Him, we can do nothing. If we have accomplished anything, the glory is His for He is God who is great and is greatly to be praised.

One of the songs I love so dearly includes the words: **"To God Be The Glory."** I give God all of the glory for the many years that I have enjoyed the love and fellowship of the St. John Progressive Missionary Baptist Church Family. It has been a tremendous blessing as your Pastor's wife, as he served you.

Lady Vanessa Banks





CITY OF TAMPA

— OFFICE OF THE MAYOR —

Jane Castor, Mayor

January 2, 2025

Reverend Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr., Pastor
Lady Vanessa Banks
St. John Progressive Missionary Baptist Church
Post Office Box 75194
Tampa, Florida 33675

Dear Pastor and Lady Banks,

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate you and the congregation of St. John Progressive Missionary Baptist Church on this special **100th Church Anniversary** occasion with several special events planned, and culminating with the *Centennial Celebration* held on Sunday, February 23, 2025.



Since its founding in 1925, by Reverend Andrew Mack Woodard, St. John Progressive Missionary Baptist Church has grown and prospered, and it has certainly contributed to the success of our city. From a small membership a century ago, St. John Progressive Missionary Baptist Church has developed into a leading community organization, and its leaders and the congregation are known for being dedicated to continued growth, to contributing to the Tampa community's needs, and to bring its spiritual vision to people everywhere through its many impactful ministries.

Again, congratulations on this very special 100th Anniversary milestone. May God continue to bless St. John Progressive Missionary Baptist Church and its leaders and members.

Sincerely,

Jane Castor



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Jane Castor, Mayor

Tampa Police Department

Lee Bercaw

Chief of Police

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February 23, 2025

Reverend Dr. Bartholomew Banks
St. John Progressive Missionary Baptist Church
2504 E. Chipco Street
Tampa, FL 33605

Dear Reverend Dr. Banks and Members:

I am pleased to congratulate you and the members of St. John Progressive Missionary Baptist Church on your 100th church anniversary. Your church's commitment to God and the service you have provided to the community for over a century is commendable. You have been a pillar of faith, inspiring many residents of Tampa.

I commend the church's generational leadership for developing, throughout its history, a spiritual foundation for your parishioners to serve the Tampa community. You have profoundly impacted countless lives through your worship, outreach ministries, and dedication to serving others, leaving a legacy across generations of individuals and families.

As you reflect on the past 100 years, I hope you come to fully recognize the magnitude of St. John Progressive Missionary Baptist Church's accomplishments throughout our city. From ministering to your members' spiritual needs to extending compassion to our citizens, your stewardship has distinguished you as a beacon of hope and a shining example of God's love.

May this special anniversary serve as a time to celebrate your church's rich history, honor the sacrifices and contributions of those who have come before you, and renew your vision for the future. I pray that St. John Progressive Missionary Baptist Church continues to thrive and offer a place where people's hearts are uplifted, lives are transformed, and the Gospel is shared for many more years.

Once again, congratulations on such an amazing milestone. May God continue to bless your church, its leaders, and every member of your congregation. I close this congratulatory letter with the warmest regards and blessings to you all on this special day.

Sincerely,

Lee Bercaw
Chief of Police

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February 23, 2025

Tampa City Council
Gwendolyn Henderson, District 5

Saint John Progressive Missionary Baptist Church
Hallelujah and Congratulations on your Centennial Celebration

Dear Minister Dr. Bartholomew Banks and the esteemed congregation of Saint John Progressive Missionary Baptist Church,

On behalf of the Tampa City Council, it is our distinct honor and pleasure to extend heartfelt congratulations to Saint John Progressive Missionary Baptist Church on the momentous occasion of your Centennial Celebration.

For one hundred years, your church has stood as a beacon of faith, hope, and community service, not only to the worshippers within Tampa Bay but to a multitude of individuals across the United States. Under the inspired and devoted leadership of Minister Dr. Bartholomew Banks, you have continued to grow and flourish, becoming a pillar of strength and a testament to the enduring power of faith.

Your unwavering commitment to serving the spiritual needs of your congregation, while also contributing significantly to the social and economic development of our community, has not gone unnoticed. The positive impact of Saint John Progressive Missionary Baptist Church is felt far and wide, enhancing the lives of countless individuals and fostering a spirit of unity and progress.

As you commemorate this remarkable milestone, we celebrate with you and express our deepest gratitude for your century of dedicated service. May your church continue to thrive and inspire, guided by your mission and the enduring spirit of compassion and love.

Once again, congratulations on this extraordinary achievement. We look forward to witnessing many more years of your meaningful contributions and unwavering faith.

In Public Service,

Gwendolyn Henderson
Gwendolyn Henderson, Ed.S.





Gwendolyn "Gwen" W. Myers
County Commissioner
District 3

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February 17, 2025

St. John Progressive MBC, Inc.
Rev. Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr.
2504 E. Chipco Street
Tampa, FL 33605

Greetings Pastor Banks and Members,

As the Hillsborough County Commissioner for District 3, it is with great joy and gratitude that I take this opportunity to extend heartfelt congratulations to the St. John Progressive Missionary Baptist Church family on the remarkable milestone for its Centennial Celebration and dedicated service. Your unwavering commitment has significantly enriched our community and has inspired countless individuals along their spiritual journeys.

St. John Progressive has exemplified the steadfastness of Christ. As a long-time member of the community, I appreciate all you do to nourish the collective hearts and souls of our neighborhoods and commend you on your longevity.

Pastor Banks, your commitment to nurturing the spiritual growth of your flock, instilling hope, and fostering a sense of community is truly inspiring.

Thank you for the invitation to this very special occasion. Please know that I am honored to share in your celebration and look forward to joining you on February 23, 2025.

Congratulations again on this milestone, and best wishes for many church anniversary celebrations!

In the Christian Spirit,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gwen Myers".

Gwendolyn "Gwen" W. Myers, Chaplain
Hillsborough County Commissioner, District 3

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January 20th, 2025

St. John Progressive Missionary Baptist Church, Inc.
2504 E. Chipco Street
Tampa, Florida 33605

Dear **St. John Progressive Missionary Baptist Church** Family & Leadership,

On behalf of Florida Senate District 16, I would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to **St. John Progressive Missionary Baptist Church**, as you celebrate an incredible milestone—your 100th anniversary! What a momentous occasion this is, not only for your congregation but also for the wider community and the Kingdom of God.

A century of faithful ministry, service, and worship is a testimony to God’s enduring love and grace. We rejoice with you in remembering the countless lives touched, souls saved, and the deep impact your church has made over the years. From your faithful pastors and leaders to every member who has walked through your doors, your church has been a beacon of hope, love, and truth in this world.

As you reflect on the past 100 years, may you be filled with gratitude for the foundation that has been laid.

And as you look forward, we pray that the next century will be even more impactful, as the Lord continues to guide, strengthen, and expand your mission to reach the lost and serve the community.

We are honored to be part of the body of Christ with you and look forward to seeing how God will continue to work through **St. John Progressive Missionary Baptist Church** in the years ahead. Your faithfulness is an inspiration to us all, and we pray that His blessing and favor will continue to rest upon you.

Congratulations once again on reaching this *extraordinary* milestone. May God continue to bless your church for many more years of ministry and service.

With warmest congratulations and blessings,

Warm regards,

Darryl E. Rouson, State Senator District 16

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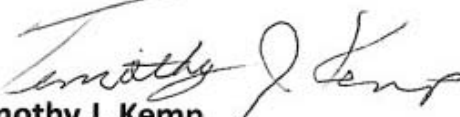
This centennial congratulatory letter comes with a heart filled with fond memories of the years that I attended St. John in the 1990's to grow into the disciple of Christ that God has called me to be.

Down through the years the church has overcome many obstacles and challenges that has shaped the standard of excellence without excuse to love our neighbor and teach them to observe what the Lord had commanded of us.

My admiration and adoration for the strong leadership of Rev. Dr. Bartholomew Banks Sr. with the good example of Deacon Isaac Gallmon, and my beloved Sunday school teacher Sister McAllister gave me the instruction to lead by example of compassion and humility.

There is no other way to express my sincere appreciation to this great congregation than to say that we love you with all of our heart and will continue to walk in the footprints that our fore mothers and fathers has set for us to follow.

In His Service


Timothy J. Kemp

Senior Pastor

Order of Service

Theme: The Beginning, The Journey, The Harvest & The Reward

Theme Scripture: Hebrews 11:1

“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”

Musical Prelude	Musicians
Call to Worship.....	Sister Shelia Graham-Bryant
Devotion.....	Deacon Isaac Gallmon
	Deacon William Forde, Sr.
Selection	Combined Choirs
Welcome.....	Sister Tressa Jones
Selection.....	Combined Choirs
Mission & Education Offering.....	Sister Beverly Higdon
	Sister Belinda Carter
Doxology.....	Choir & Congregation
Responsive Reading..... <i>Matthew 16:13-20</i>	Sister Pearl Ershery
The Occasion	Deacon Jonathan Burnett
Selection.....	Combined Choirs
Acknowledgement of Special Guests.....	Pastor Banks

Reflection of Memories in Honor of Our Deceased Members

~ Musical Prelude ~

Video Presentation/History	
Pastoral Remarks	Pastor Banks
Worship In Giving.....	Deacons and Ushers
Hymn of Preparation #477.....	<i>“Lift Every Voice and Sing”</i>
Introduction of Speaker	Sister Christine Poole
Guest Speaker.....	Rev. Dr. Earl B. Mason, Sr., Bible-Based Fellowship Church of Temple Terrace
Invitation to Discipleship.....	Pastor Banks
Acknowledgement of Visitors.....	Greeters/Pastor Banks
Announcements.....	Sister Rose Watson
Words of Thanks.....	Sister Mary Avery
Remarks.....	Pastor Banks
Remarks and Benediction.....	Rev. Dr. Earl B. Mason, Sr.



Responsive Reading

Matthew 16:13-20

Leader: When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?

Congregation: And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.

Leader: He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?

Congregation: And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Leader: And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

Congregation: And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Leader: And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

All-Together: Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ.



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.

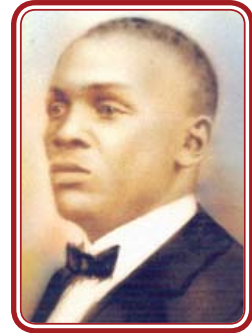
Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of 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.

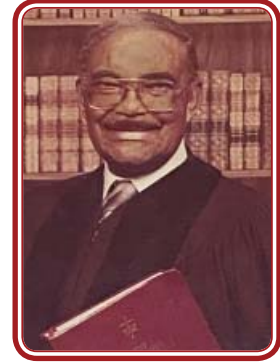
The earlier days of St. John began during the depression years and times were hard. Not only did the church have to cope with financial hardships; but it had to cope with the near total destruction of the church due to a windstorm. If that wasn't frightening enough, around 1955, they almost met with 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:

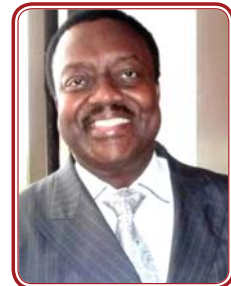
- Built two churches 1953 and 1984. The mortgage of \$160,000 on the current edifice was paid off in four years.
- The mortgage burning ceremony was held on June 26, 1986
- Purchased properties on 25th Street and Chipco Street
- Restructured Sunday afternoon BTU service for all members (formally BYPU 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. Barron Banks; Rev. Joshua Bent; Rev. Charles Jackson; Rev. Paul Ball and Sis. Ronda, Rev. Garland Phillips, Rev. Lancinet Stephens and Sis. Telesia; Rev. Vincent Strange and Sis. Mary; Rev. Jerry Young and Sis. Mary; Rev. David Byrd, Rev. Vincent Bayne, Sr. and Min. Alphonso Cason and Sis. Rita.

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 ensuring on-going communication and regular meetings with pastors; inclusiveness of all pastors

The History

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
- Provided Noon Day Prayer Service

The History

- 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...**”



CONGRATULATIONS

On Our 100th Anniversary



The Board of Deacons

under the leadership of Chairman Isaac Gallmon, takes this opportunity to congratulate the St. John Progressive Missionary Baptist Church Family for 100 years of dedicated spiritual, social and economic leadership to the Tampa Bay Area, and through our live streaming platform, to communities across the country. As we prepare to embrace the next generation, may the light of God's presence continue to illuminate St. John's path for many years to come.



*Deacon Isaac Gallmon, Chairman
Reverend Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr., Pastor*

Congratulations

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100 Years Strong In God's Grace



Seated: Sis. Queen Miller

Front Standing: Sis. Sheila Mays, Sis. Veronica Wilson, Sis. Elaine Maxwell, Sis. Betty Forde, Sis. Betty Gallmon, Sis. Estella Johnson, Sis. Catherine Smith, Sis. Pearl Ershery, Sis. Shelia Bryant

Back Row: Sis. Clara Cobb, Sis. Coretta Mayes, Sis. Alicia Bascom, Sis. Cheryl Burnett, Sis. Mary Avery, Sis. Stacy Burgess, Sis. Mary Jones, Sis. Rose Watson

Inserts: Sis. Ruth Lewis, Sis. Dejournette Bellamy, Sis. Ella Porter, Sis. Wanda Miles, Sis. Verneine Monroe, Sis. Patricia Ball



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Reverend Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr., Pastor





Happy 100th Anniversary



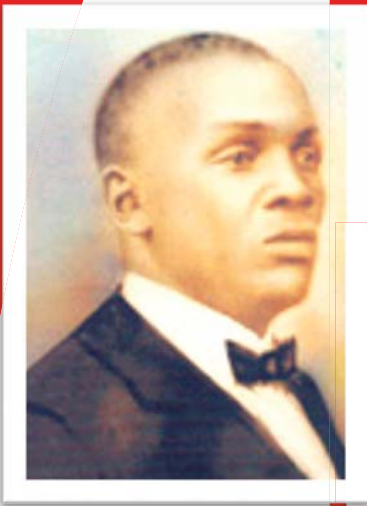
From,
The Banks' Family



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For even as the body is one and yet has many members,
and all the members of the body,
though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ.
1 Corinthians 12:12

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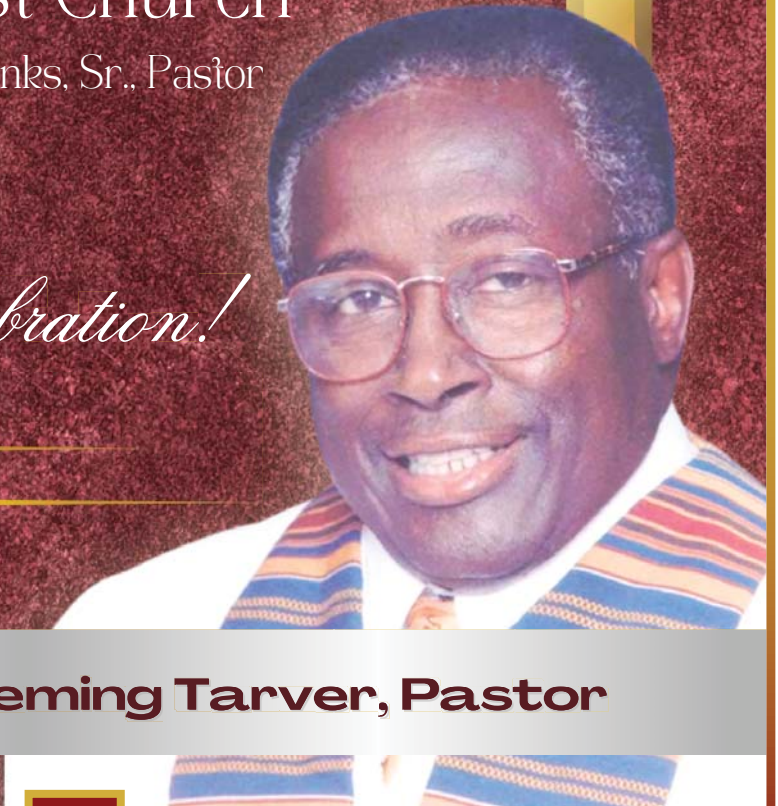
Congratulations & Blessings

St. John Progressive
Missionary Baptist Church

Reverend Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr., Pastor

on your

Centennial Celebration!



Reverend Dr. Fleming Tarver, Pastor

As we the YOUTH embark upon St. John's 100th Church Anniversary, we are reminded that our hope is not in ourselves or in our own accomplishments...

But our hope is in Christ, who dwells within us and empowers us to do His work.

HAPPY 100th ANNIVERSARY SJPMBC !!!



From the Youth Department
Choir, Mission, Usher Board, Dance, & Boy Scouts



Congratulations
St. John Progressive
Missionary Baptist Church
on the 100th Anniversary



Ephesians 4:16 "From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work."

From

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This year marks a momentous milestone in the life of St. John Progressive M.B. Church: 100 years of faith, fellowship, and love. As we look back on a century of worship, service, and sacrifice, I witnessed firsthand the unwavering dedication of my parents, Deacon Floyd and Queen Miller, who, like so many others, poured their hearts into the life of this church. My mom and dad were not just members; they were a part of the fabric that wove the church together, much like the deacons who made an extraordinary sacrifice to ensure that St. John would stand as a beacon for future generations. These deacons, driven by their faith and devotion, took out mortgages on their homes to fund the construction of the church, a true testament to their love and commitment.

Yolanda Trigg

100TH YEAR CELEBRATION!

*Congratulations Pastor Bartholomew Banks, Lady Banks,
and the St. John Family!*

For we walk by faith, not by sight. 2 Corinthians 5:7

In Loving Memory

**Deacon John H. Williams, Jr.
and John Lavardis Williams**

We Love You and Miss You.



Belinda Williams & Family

Congratulations to Our SJPMBC 100th Church Anniversary Celebration



The Church Administrative Staff

What is the outcome then, brethren? When you assemble, each one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, has a tongue, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification. 1 Corinthians 14:26





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As iron sharpens iron, so does one brother sharpen another. Proverbs 27:17

Rev. Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr., Pastor
Deacon John Avery, Sr., Brotherhood President

Teach the Word in the home, with a consecrated heart;
Following in the footsteps of our Savior, Leading all men to God.



Happy 100th Church Anniversary

St. John Progressive
Missionary Baptist Church

From

The Higdon Family

Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"

In Loving Memory Of

.....

**Chaz Higdon
Jimmy Higdon Jr.
Johnny Brown
Almas Minor
Eva & Charles Hearn
Elijah Williams Sr.**



Thank You

**for celebrating our 100th Anniversary
with us!**



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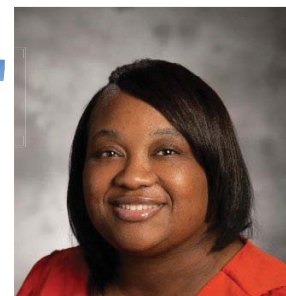
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"For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." II Timothy 4:6-8

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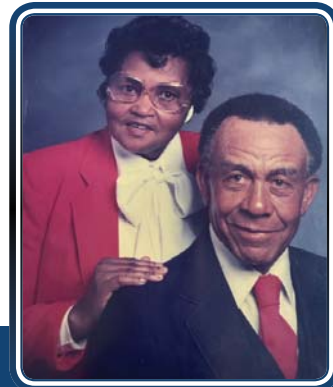


Sandra, Joseph III, Erick, Erika Barr

CONGRATULATIONS

ST. JOHN PROGRESSIVE M.B. CHURCH

In Loving Memory of
**Deacon Jack and
Deaconess Beatrice Lester**
*we celebrate your legacy and a remarkable
milestone - a century of history!*



The Lester Family

Congratulations!

In Loving Memory
of our parents
**Deacon Jack and
Deaconess Beatrice Lester**
*we are grateful to be a part of St. John's
legacy- a century of history!*



*Curtis, Wynell,
Sandra, Johnny,
and Jack Jr.*



Congratulations

St. John Progressive M B C

On this 100th Church Anniversary Celebration

CULINARY



" Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant
on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has
fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. "



From Belinda Carter & Family



Happy Anniversary

"With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;

CONGRATULATIONS

ST. JOHN PROGRESSIVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
ON OUR 100TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



"O give thanks unto the **LORD**; for he is good: because his mercy endureth for ever". Psalm 118:1

We Thank God for All His
Awesome Blessing!

Joy, Love and Peace

Bill and Sharon Dix

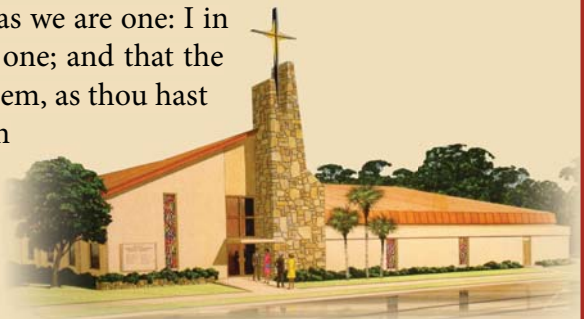
Happy 100-Year Anniversary

*to St. John Progressive MB Church
from Membership Ministry.*



Congratulations for being a beacon for Christ in the city of Tampa and worldwide. We thank God for his grace and mercy to provide St. John with the gift of Jesus Christ and the resources to endure the test of time. We thank our founders and pioneers for their vision, for their faith in God, and for building a solid foundation based on God's holy word. We thank Pastor Banks and the current administration for continuing to make disciples and spreading the gospel for the edification of God's kingdom and for the salvation of mankind.

St. John we are one family, one in perfect spirit, and one in Christ. In John 17:22-23, Jesus noted in his prayer to the heavenly Father for his believers, "The glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me." Living by these words, along with our faith in Christ and obeying God's holy word, will help carry St. John for another 100 years and continue to be the light of the world that God so desires. Again, congratulations St. John!



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as you celebrate the blessing
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Sister Bonnie G. Belford



*As we celebrate our Church's 100 Years Anniversary, I am
praising God for the many ways He blesses my family and me.
Memories of our loved ones, Deacon Archie L. Ershery, Sis.
Elouise James and Sis. Lottie M. Johnson, continue to linger as we
reflect on their devoted services.*

Happy Anniversary Blessings

Pearl H. Ershery and Family

*Congratulations St. John on
your 100th year anniversary!*

*From the Myrick & Gilliard
family*



*In loving memory
of*



Linnie B. Myrick



Anthony D. Myrick Sr.

Congratulations

on 100 years of Faithful Service



We thank God, for Faith has brought us.
Jesus' Faithfulness kept us.
To God be the Glory.

The Forde Family

Dea. William & Sister Betty Forde
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In Remembrance of You...

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Sis. Pamela Roberts



Bro. Alfred &
Sis. Olivia Hamilton



Dea. Leonard &
Deaconess Verna
Warren



Mr. Caleb &
Sis. Tia Rodriguez



In Loving Memory
of
Mr. Earl Roberts Sr.

In Loving Memory
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Mrs. Cherisse Massey

Dea. Joseph "Buddy" & Sis. Julia Roberts

The Legacy Continues....

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~ Azyiah ~ Genesis

CONGRATULATIONS

St. John Centennial Anniversary!

“Being confident of this this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.” Philippians 1:6

Today we gather to celebrate a momentous occasion of our 100th Year Church Anniversary exhibiting our love, and commitment to our Amazing Pastor Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Pioneer Deacons, our St. John Congregation, Community and Friends.

With unwavering commitment of each and every faithful member over the last 100 years. We say Thank You! We will continue to pray that St. John has truly been a blessing as well as a beacon of hope and a place of solace to all who have served with us over the last century. As we look towards the future we pray that St. John Progressive Missionary Baptist Church remain steadfast in our faith as we continue to reach out to those seeking a church home, we will strive to be a shining example of Jesus Christ love.

“The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with Joy.” Psalm 126: 3

As the Health Care Ministry, we will continue to Minister, Teach, and Pray for our St. John Church Members, friends, visitors and Community.

President: Sister Nellie Parham

Rev. Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Pastor



Health Care Ministry



Celebrating 100 Years

As St. John celebrates 100 years of God's faithfulness, we honor the remarkable contributions of **Deacon Leo Bryant, Katie "Granny" Graham, John Williams, Sr., Deacon John Williams, Jr., and Sis. Frances Bryant Williams.** For more than 60 years, they were unwavering pillars of our church, dedicating their lives to service, prayer, and the spread of God's word.

Their steadfast leadership, dedication to teaching, Granny's nurturing spirit, and Sis. Frances Williams' powerful prayers and encouragement shaped this church and touched countless lives around the world. Through their tireless faith and commitment, they established a foundation of love, faith, and teaching that continues to inspire us all.

Although they are no longer with us, their legacy lives on in every soul they've touched, in every prayer prayed, and in every heart that continues to be transformed by the goodness of the Lord.

We celebrate their lives and the enduring impact they've had on St. John and beyond. Their faith lights our path forward, and their legacy will never be forgotten.

In Loving Memory of ~Deacon Eugene Mays~



“May the Work I’ve Done Speak for Me”

Accomplishments:

- Trustee 2001
- Deacon Ordination, 2003
- Negotiated/Purchased several parcels of land
 - ◊ Special Project: Implemented and assisted in purchasing over \$1 million dollars worth of property.
- Implemented and formalized St. John Progressive M.B.C. Children's Playground
- Implemented Church Van Ministry [purchased two (2) vans]
- Oversaw Church renovations projects [bathroom & kitchen]
- Formalized the purchase of large screen to accommodate the power for computer technology in the Church sanctuary
- Managed Church's rental properties
- Implemented and maintained assurance of Church liability insurance coverage
- Overseer of Church's security personnel
- Maintained the upkeep of the Church's ground landscape
- Oversaw demolition of buildings on the Church's property
- Maintained the purchase records of the Church equipment



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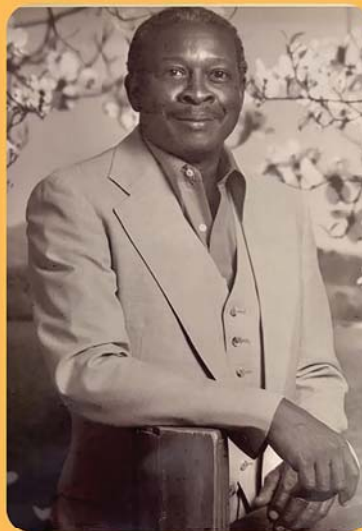


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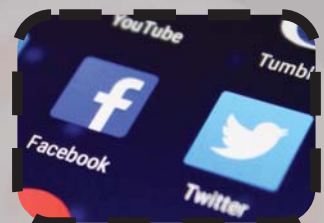
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*Happy 100th
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"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."

1 Corinthians 12:27



The Late Ed Levy and the Levy Family



“The WORD of the Lord remains the same”

Isaiah 40:8

What a Joy it is to be in the service of the Lord. As members of the #1 CHOIR and the oldest Choir in the church, we serve the Lord gladly.

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Sometimes we’re up and every once in a great while we maybe a little down.

But we remain steadfast and immoveable in our Praise in Song.

And now as we encompass the opportunity of “CELEBRATING” this 100 year Old Journey....”what a time, what a time... Talking about a GOOD Time!

“WE HAVE 100 REASONS TO PRAISE THE LORD”

“IN GOD’S GRACE”

Sis. Helen Horace, President

Sis. Yvonne Glasgow, Vice President



Happy 100th Church Anniversary

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From
The Higdon Family

Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"

Juanita Higdon

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Philippians 4:9



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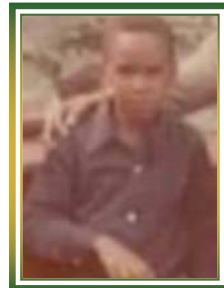


Leroy Alexander Bell, Sr.
(Father)



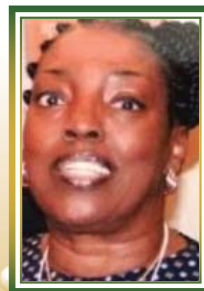
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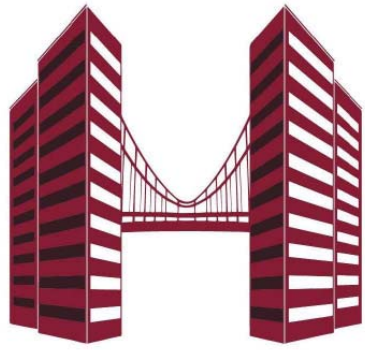


Male Chorus

Rev. Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr., Pastor
Brother Keith Smalley, President
Brother James Bevel, Vice President
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 CONGRATULATIONS ON OUR
 100th Church Anniversary



Sister Gloria Broadnax
 President

Honoring those who have gone on before us:
 Sister Dorothy Worlds
 Deacon Albert Gallmon
 Sister Carrie Green
 Sister Geraldine Jefferson
 Sister Patricia Ballon



*In Memory of Members
 who Labored with us!*
 Thank You God for the journey!

Still Growing Strong



Happy Anniversary St. John 100 Years!

“And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. “ Matthew 16:18

We celebrate this day in the church with joy in our hearts. God sought to observe this glorious day, and we are thankful to him for allowing our church to thrive.

Carrie Rhanes & Family



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ST. JOHN PROGRESSIVE MBC

Senior Women Auxiliary



*Sister Shirley Minor
President*

We are Better Together!

So we, being many, are one body
in Christ, and every one member
is one of another"
Romans 12:5!



Matthew 28:19-20

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20
Teaching them to observe all things what-
soever I have commanded you: and, lo, I
am with you always, even unto the end of
the world. Amen.

***Honoring those who have
gone on before!***



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Congratulations on Our Church Centennial Celebration

Sister Sharon Drummond

& Family



“You also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”

1 Peter 2:5

Congratulations St. John Progressive MBC

Ushers Ministry



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Called to *Serve*



[Psalms 84:10](#) - 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.

Heartfelt Congratulations

*Church
Anniversary*

Fourteenth Avenue M. B. Church

Congratulates!

Reverend Dr. Bartholomew Banks

and

St. John Progressive Missionary Baptist Church

2025 Centennial Church Anniversary

*"One generation shall praise thy works to another and shall declare thy mighty acts.
I will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works." (KJV)*



Wishing You the Best That God Has to Give . . .

Fourteenth Avenue Missionary Baptist Church Family

2501 Buchanan Street ~ Nashville, TN 37208

Reverend Dr. Frank S. Gordon, Pastor

*Congratulations St. John Progressive Missionary
Baptist Church on 100 Years of Service*
Board Of Trustees



Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in it's various forms.

1 Peter 4:10

Rev. Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr., Pastor
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Sister Shelia Graham-Bryant
Sister Pearl Ershery
Sister Crystal Davis
Sister Bernice Hamilton
Sister Shirley Jackson (Not Pictured)

CONGRATULATIONS

St. John Family on our 100th Anniversary!

Wow, what a milestone! May we continue to strive to be that beacon of light in this community and abroad to reach the many souls that are in need to get to know our true and living Savior.

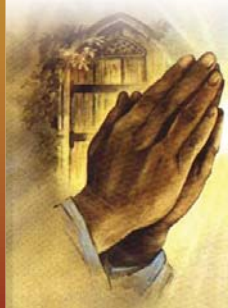


Intercessory Prayer Ministry

To God be the glory for the many things He has done! We shout out, Hallelujah! Glory to the most high God!

Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

James 5:16 KJV



Choir #3

We the members of St. John Progressive Missionary Baptist Church Choir #3 would like to say CONGRATULATIONS to our church and Rev. Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr. for 100 years.

Happy 100th Anniversary



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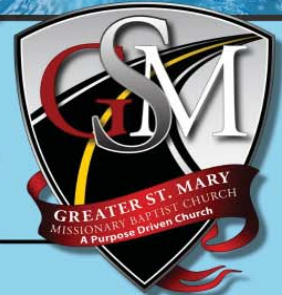


BAPTIZE THEM

ACTS 8:26-40; ACTS 2:41; ROMANS 6:3-4

A PURPOSE DRIVEN CHURCH

Congratulations



Rev. Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr.

and the St. John Progressive Missionary Baptist Church Family

on the incredible milestone of your 100th Church Anniversary! This is a momentous occasion, and we celebrate with you as you reflect on a century of faith, dedication, and service to the community.

May God continue to bless your church with wisdom, strength, and an ever-growing sense of purpose as you enter the next chapter of your journey. Here's to 100 years of unwavering faith, and many more years of spreading His light and grace!

*from Dr. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr. and the
Greater St. Mary Missionary Baptist Church Family*

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St. John Progressive Missionary Baptist Church, Inc.
and

Rev. Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr.
Pastor

In Celebration of Your

100th

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY



May God's Favor Continue

1925

2025

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**Sis. Lillia (Sweet) Mosley and daughter.
Sis. Janie C. Knox - 1986**

Sis. Mosley joined St. John in 1954 and attended until 1998 due to illness and passing in 2001. Sis. Mosley was a faith member of the #1 Choir, #2 Usher Board and assistant director of the Teenage Usher Board. She was the mother of Janie C. Knox, Carrie Myrick-Lynn, and grandmother of Terry D. Myrick.



#2 Usher Board -1964.

Left to right: Sis. Lettie Monroe, Sis. Jones, Sis. Maude Royals, Dea. Charlie Ball, Sr., and Sis. Lillia (Sweet) Mosley.



In Loving Memories
of
Trudy Kearney
and Family!

R.I.P.



*Mom, you have played an
important role in our lives. You
built a strong “Godly Family” on
love, faith, character and values!*

We Love You!

Sheila Bush
Tyrone Farris
Layla Farris
Lyla Farris
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Congratulations
to
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Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Pastor

in celebration of your

100th
Church
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*“The church where love is shown, kindness is known
and the Word is sown.”*

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
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Deaconess Board	Praise Team Ministries
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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



St. John Progressive Missionary Baptist Church

PURPOSE STATEMENT

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

<u>MAGNIFY:</u>	We celebrate God's Presence in WORSHIP
<u>MISSION:</u>	We communicate God's Word through EVANGELISM
<u>MEMBERSHIP:</u>	We incorporate God's Family into our FELLOWSHIP
<u>MATURITY:</u>	We educate God's people through DISCIPLESHIP
<u>MINISTRY:</u>	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.

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Hebrews 11:1

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