

St. John Progressive Missionary Baptist Church

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Spring

shows what God
can do with a drab and dirty world.

-Virgil A. Kraft

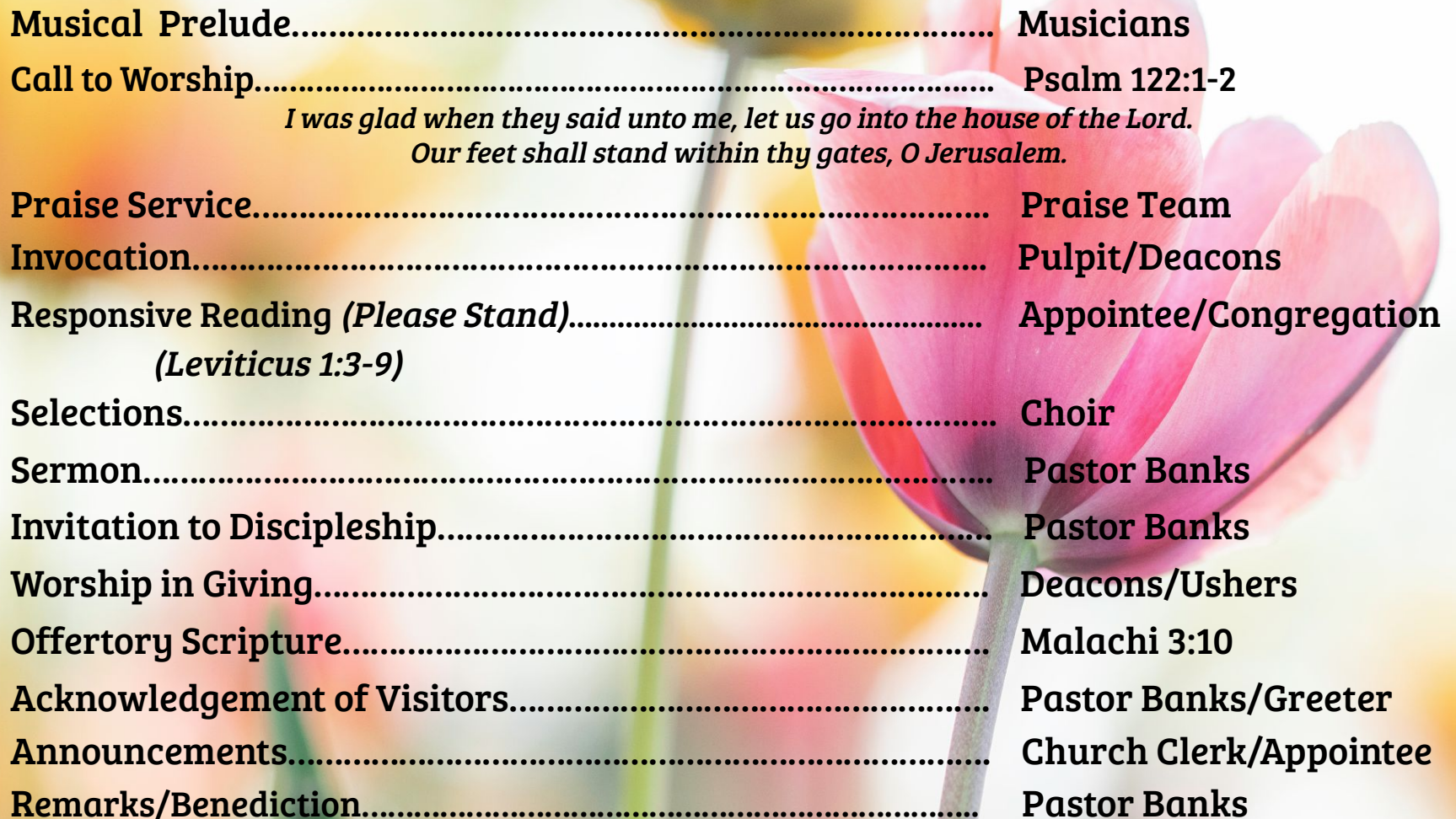
Ask ye of the LORD rain in the time of the
latter rain; so the LORD shall make
bright clouds, and give them showers of
rain, to every one grass in the field.
-Zechariah 10:1



RISEN JESUS,
as spring blossoms
around me,
MAY YOUR LOVE
BLOSSOM IN ME,
that I might share its
fragrance and brilliance
WITH OTHERS.

Early Morning Worship Service

8:00 a.m.



Musical Prelude.....	Musicians
Call to Worship.....	Psalm 122:1-2
<i>I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.</i>	
Praise Service.....	Praise Team
Invocation.....	Pulpit/Deacons
Responsive Reading (<i>Please Stand</i>).....	Appointee/Congregation
<i>(Leviticus 1:3-9)</i>	
Selections.....	Choir
Sermon.....	Pastor Banks
Invitation to Discipleship.....	Pastor Banks
Worship in Giving.....	Deacons/Ushers
Offertory Scripture.....	Malachi 3:10
Acknowledgement of Visitors.....	Pastor Banks/Greeter
Announcements.....	Church Clerk/Appointee
Remarks/Benediction.....	Pastor Banks

Morning Worship Service

11:00 a.m.

Musical Prelude.....	Musicians
Call to Worship.....	Psalm 122:1-2
<i>I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.</i>	
Devotion	
Selection.....	Choir
Mission and Education Offering.....	Deacons/Ushers
Doxology.....	Choir and Congregation
Responsive Reading (<i>Please Stand</i>).....	Appointee/Congregation
<i>(Leviticus 1:3-9)</i>	
Selections.....	Choir
Pastoral Remarks.....	Pastor Banks
Worship in Giving.....	Deacons/Ushers
Offertory Scripture.....	Malachi 3:10
Congregational Hymn #340	<i>"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"</i>
Sermon.....	Pastor Banks
Invitation to Discipleship.....	Pastor Banks
Intercessory Prayer.....	Pulpit
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RESPONSIVE READING: LEVITICUS 1:3-9

LEADER: ³If his offering be a burnt sacrifice of the herd, let him offer a male without blemish: he shall offer it of his own voluntary will at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD.

CONGREGATION: ⁴And he shall put his hand upon the head of the burnt offering; and it shall be accepted for him to make atonement for him.

LEADER: ⁵And he shall kill the bullock before the LORD: and the priests, Aaron's sons, shall bring the blood, and sprinkle the blood round about upon the altar that is by the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

CONGREGATION: ⁶And he shall flay the burnt offering, and cut it into his pieces.

RESPONSIVE READING: LEVITICUS 1:3-9

LEADER: ⁷And the sons of Aaron the priest shall put fire upon the altar, and lay the wood in order upon the fire:

CONGREGATION: ⁸And the priests, Aaron's sons, shall lay the parts, the head, and the fat, in order upon the wood that is on the fire which is upon the altar:

ALL-TOGETHER: ⁹But his inwards and his legs shall he wash in water: and the priest shall burn all on the altar, to be a burnt sacrifice, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD.



-3 John 2-

*Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper
and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.*

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*Today's Promise for You*

*The God of my mercy shall prevent me:  
God shall let me see my desire upon mine enemies.*

*~Psalm 59:10*



**From the giant Goliath, to the paranoid King Saul, to his own ambitious son Absalom, David the psalm writer had plenty of enemies. But David also knew he would win in the end. We can claim that promise, too. Our enemies will either pay for their sins at the final judgment, or (preferably) they'll join us in the Christian faith, in the meantime, our job is to love them (Luke 6:27).**

# Daily Word: Faith

## *My Faith Keeps Me Positive*

**H**aving faith in God means believing in grace, goodness, peace, and love. Keeping my faith centered on these wonderful truths helps me keep the troubles of the world in perspective.

I have faith the problems in my life and in the world will pass. I have faith that no matter how overwhelming or dire a situation may seem, nothing is greater than God. This understanding is my rock, my source of peace and stability as the winds of chaos and unwelcome change swirl around me.

I return again and again to my faith in God and my belief that the highest and best outcomes are unfolding. I remain patient, trusting love, peace, and truth are my enduring realities.

*No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God,  
but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God.*

*—Romans 4:20*

*From the Daily Word*



# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**March 26-29th**

**5th Week Congress  
Youth Congress 3/29**

**March 30th**

**Unity Service:**

**Combined Sunday School @ 8am  
Combined Service @ 9:30am**



Rev. Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr., Pastor  
& Lady Vanessa Banks

# JOIN US FOR OUR WEEKLY PRAYER CALL

**EVERY THURSDAY  
7:30 PM**



**Prayer Request Line: 1-520-525-8790  
No access code required**



**If you're interested in  
facilitating  
or praying on the weekly call,  
let us know. Call the office:  
@ 813.247.2345.**

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*Behold,*

I make all things new. Revelation 21:5

*God Bless You!*