

*St. John Progressive Missionary Baptist Church*

**... let your heart  
give you joy in the  
days of your  
youth.**

**Ecclesiastes 11:9**

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*This is the day which the Lord hath  
made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
~Psalm 118:24~*

*Welcome to  
Worship!*

**How  
can  
young  
people  
keep  
their  
way  
pure  
?**



**By**  
guarding  
**IT**  
according  
to  
your  
**word.**

**Psalm 119:9**

# 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
(Psalm 103:1-13)	
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
(Psalm 103:1-13)	
Selections.....	Choir
Pastoral Remarks.....	Pastor Banks
Worship in Giving.....	Deacons/Ushers
Offertory Scripture.....	Malachi 3:10
Congregational Hymn #164.....	<i>"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"</i>
Sermon.....	Pastor Banks
Invitation to Discipleship.....	Pastor Banks
Intercessory Prayer.....	Pulpit
Acknowledgement of Visitors.....	Pastor Banks/Greeter
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## **RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 103:1-13 [ NLT ]**

**LEADER:** <sup>1</sup>Let all that I am praise the LORD; with my whole heart, I will praise his holy name.

**CONGREGATION:** <sup>2</sup>Let all that I am praise the LORD; may I never forget the good things he does for me.

**LEADER:** <sup>3</sup>He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases.

**CONGREGATION:** <sup>4</sup>He redeems me from death and crowns me with love and tender mercies.

**LEADER:** <sup>5</sup>He fills my life with good things. My youth is renewed like the eagle's!

**CONGREGATION:** <sup>6</sup>The LORD gives righteousness and justice to all who are treated unfairly.

## RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 103:1-13

**LEADER:** <sup>7</sup>He revealed his character to Moses and his deeds to the people of Israel.

**CONGREGATION:** <sup>8</sup>The LORD is compassionate and merciful, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.

**LEADER:** <sup>9</sup>He will not constantly accuse us, nor remain angry forever.

**CONGREGATION:** <sup>10</sup>He does not punish us for all our sins; he does not deal harshly with us, as we deserve.

**LEADER:** <sup>11</sup>For his unfailing love toward those who fear him is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth.

**CONGREGATION:** <sup>12</sup>He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west.

**ALL-TOGETHER:** <sup>13</sup>The LORD is like a father to his children, tender and compassionate to those who fear him.

## Today's Promise for You

*Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.*

*~John 3:3*



*Ever hear a kid ask, “Is that a promise or a threat?” These words of Jesus are a bit of both. By being born again, people enter God’s kingdom. But there’s no entry apart from the free gift of salvation - no amount of kindness, hard work, or charitable giving will punch your ticket to heaven.*

*For more on being “born again,” read on to verse 16.*

## Daily Word: Reflection

### *I Reflect the Brilliant Light of God.*

**God, the one presence and power in the universe, is expressing through all people, the natural world, and all other aspects of life.**

**If I ever doubt the presence of God, I need only behold the world around me. The light of God is being reflected in the kind words and acts of people, in the beauty and magnificence of nature, and in life's grand rhythms and miniscule movements.**

**I, too, reflect the brilliance of God. My ideas, dreams, and all I do to make my mark on the world are just some of the ways the Divine expresses uniquely as me. Living from my divinity, I bring more of God's light into the world.**

*And all of us ... seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another.*

**—2 Corinthians 3:18**

*From the Daily Word*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **May 25th:**           **Healthcare Ministry**  
                              **52nd Anniversary - 11am Service**
- **June 9-13:**       **Mt. Pilgrim Congress**
- **June 15th:**       *Happy Father's Day!*
- **June 23-27:**   **National Baptist Congress - AL**
- **June 25-28:**   **Fifth Week Congress**
- **June 29th:**     **Unity Service**
  - **Combined Sunday School 8am**
  - **Combined Service 9:30am**
- **June 29th:**     **Membership Anniversary - 9:30am**



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& Lady Vanessa Banks

# JOIN US FOR OUR WEEKLY PRAYER CALL

EVERY THURSDAY  
7:30 PM



Before they call  
I will answer;  
while they  
are yet speaking  
I will hear.  
ISAIAH 65:24



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

BE  
A  
PRAYER  
WARRIOR

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

**St. John Progressive MBC**  
**General Missions**  
**Supporting Our Youth!**

**Soul Food Sunday**

Dinners are: Your Choice

**Turkey Wings**  
**or Meatloaf! w/ Rice**  
**Collard Greens, or**  
**Lima Beans!**  
**Mac N Cheese &**  
**Potato Salad!**

**Drinks**  
**Dessert**

**SUNDAY , MAY 18, 2025**

**After 8:00 a.m. and**  
**11:00 a.m. Services**

**Christian Life Center**  
**2504 E. Chipco St**  
**Tampa, Florida 33605**

**TODAY ONLY!**

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VACATION

Save the Date

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BIBLE

July 14 - 18, 2025

S

SCHOOL

**I'VE GOT  
EXPLOSIVE  
JOY**



Fusing Elements for Explosive Joy John 15:11 (NKJV)

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**ORDER YOUR  
VACATION  
BIBLE SSCHOOL  
TEE-SHIRT  
TODAY.  
SEE DEA. BURNETT  
OR  
SIS. BETTY LOVE**



*Thanks for  
worshipping with us.  
See you next week!*

*Beloved, I wish above  
all things that thou  
mayest prosper and  
be in health, even as  
thy soul prospereth.  
~3 John 2*