

# St. John Progressive Missionary Baptist Church

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## Grace is for all

And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee:  
for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most  
gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities,  
that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

~2 Corinthians 12:9~

# WELCOME!

God's grace is a term used to describe His unmerited favour and merciful kindness towards us. It is the means by which we are forgiven for our sins and given eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ. God's love for us is unconditional and never-ending, and it is through His grace that we are able to experience the fullness of love and receive the gift of salvation.

**God's grace is seen in the world through the kindness and generosity of people.**

# 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.</i>	
<i>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
(2 CORINTHIANS 12:1-10)	
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
(2 CORINTHIANS 12:1-10)	
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
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God's grace is a gift that we do not deserve or earn, but is given to us freely out of His love and mercy.

God's grace transforms us and helps us to become more like Jesus, leading us to a life of righteousness and holiness.

God's grace gives us hope, strength, and the ability to face challenges and difficult circumstances with courage and trust in Him.

That's God's Grace for you!

## RESPONSIVE READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 12:1-10

**LEADER:** <sup>1</sup>It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord.

**CONGREGATION:** <sup>2</sup>I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven.

**LEADER:** <sup>3</sup>And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;)

**CONGREGATION:** <sup>4</sup>How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

**LEADER:** <sup>5</sup>Of such an one will I glory: yet of myself I will not glory, but in mine infirmities.

## RESPONSIVE READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 12:1-10

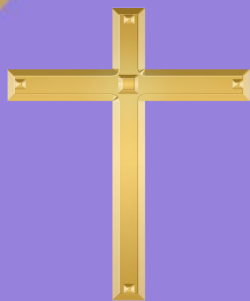
**CONGREGATION:** <sup>6</sup>For though I would desire to glory, I shall not be a fool; for I will say the truth: but now I forbear, lest any man should think of me above that which he seeth me to be, or that he heareth of me.

**LEADER:** <sup>7</sup>And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

**CONGREGATION:** <sup>8</sup>For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.

**LEADER:** <sup>9</sup>And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

**ALL-TOGETHER :** <sup>10</sup>Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.



*God's grace gives us  
the strength to face  
new challenges and  
difficult situations.*

**Through God's  
grace, we are given  
the opportunity to  
start anew, with the  
power of the Holy  
Spirit living within  
us and guiding us  
in the way we  
should go.**



**It's important to  
remember this  
every day!**

-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*

*For at that time day by day there came to David to help him,  
until it was a great host, like the host of God.*



*During times of war, we hear news about troop deployment  
and reinforcement, phrases that sometimes give the idea that  
our side isn't exactly winning. God's army isn't like human  
armies; His troop levels are big enough to conquer any enemy -  
even satan himself.*

# Daily Word: Grace

## *Spiritual Living Fills Me With Grace*

**P**rayer, meditation, and my other spiritual practices strengthen my awareness of God and help me carry divine peace and grace into the world.

Grace is a gift of God. Through grace, I open myself to the best of life without being dragged down by the worst. Grace is my emotional equilibrium made manifest. I am calm in a swirl of chaos. I am understanding even when I am misunderstood. I am patient even when the world feels rushed.

Just as grace is a gift of God that I receive with gratitude, it is also the gift I give again and again. I share my grace each time I listen instead of speak, forgive instead of condemn, and give instead of take. Grace is how I bring God's love to life.

*From His fullness, we have all received grace upon grace.*

*~John 1:16*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- July 21st - 24th

Progressive M & E Youth Congress

Services @

St. John Progressive MB Church & Mt. Olive

- July 27th

55th Anniversary of the Brotherhood Ministry

11:00 A.M. Service

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& 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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***God Bless!***