

St. John Church of God in Christ

The church a little bit out of the way, but where the Holy Ghost makes up the difference!

The Chronicle

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We invite you to attend our weekly services.

Sunday School:
Each week at 10:00 a.m.

1st and 3rd Sunday Services:
Pastoral Sunday at 11:15 a.m.

2nd Sunday Services:
Youth Sunday at 11:15 a.m.

4th Sunday Services:
Missionary Sunday at 11:15 a.m.

Tuesdays/Fridays:
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BLACK HISTORY MONTH



The St. John COGIC Youth Department presented the Black History Program on February 11, 2024. Sister Sharla Ray presided over the program with the theme "Remembering Our Heritage!" Mother Jaunce McCloud was the speaker. Additionally the youth and young at heart were on program with dramatic presentations, skits, dance, and song: Prayer (Shamar Robinson), The Lord's Prayer (Sunshine Band), Scripture (Deshawna McMillian), Affirmation of Faith (Jana Price), Exhortations (Bryce Robinson), Selection (The Second Sunday Choir), Famous African Americans and Harriet Tubman (Youth Department), Offertory Worship (Deacons, Jaivion Nelson, Mason Robinson), and Freedom (Missionary Christina Robinson).

YOUTH NEWS



By Sister Jana Price

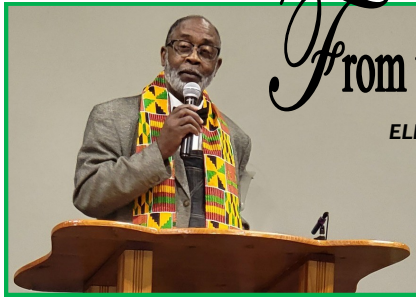
The Iron Men of St. John COGIC would like to announce our newest members: **Jaivion Nelson** (13) and **Mason Robinson** (13). Both of these young men attend Gadsden Elementary Magnet School (GEMS).

Iron Men Mission Statement:

The mission of the Young Men's ministry of St. John COGIC is to establish a foundation for building Christian character, morals, values, and behaviors in young men ages 13 to 25 by using creative and innovative methods to excite, inspire, capture, and ignite young people for Jesus. Our goal is to enable young people to understand and recognize who Jesus is and what it is to live for Him only.



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From the Pastor's Desk

ELDER RONALD McCLOUD, Th.D.
Senior Pastor, St. John COGIC

Pastor McCloud donned his kente cloth stole for the Black History Program.

Love is What Love Does

Greetings,

God has been good to us as a people. We proclaim the word of God boldly believing the bible as printed. We believe that Jesus is Lord and He is above all. As we have stood in this church, the principles of the bible are emphasized. The scripture tells us to Love God with all our heart, mind, and soul and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Our walk should be about loving.

Love bears all, Love is forgiving, Love is healing. As we look around today, It seems like love is lacking. It's good to see expressions of true love in our society today.

In the month of February we were blessed to witness the joining of **Jasmine Clayton** and **Winslow Jones** in Holy Matrimony. This young couple have been together for about 5 years and it appeared to us that this bond has been filled with love and respect for one another. I know that they chose Jesus as the center of their life and with Jesus, life will be navigated a whole lot better.



The newlyweds: Winslow and Jasmine Jones

This bears a question: what has happened to love in our society? The type of love that I believe this couple has for one another, is the kind the bible talks about. A love that bears all things.

In February we celebrated love. The roses come out, the perfume, dinner dates, etc. I'm hoping that February is extended throughout the year and love extends to the homeless, the downtrodden, the unfortunate, and the sinner.

Let love find us reaching out to others. Isn't that really what the church has been called to do?

Love,
Pastor Ronald McCloud

Newsletter Info

Submissions

We are looking for newsworthy information about our members, student achievements (academic, sports, etc), testimonies, new member introductions, church ministry and auxillary updates, recipes, photos, *in memoriams*, wedding anniversaries, and inspirational poems and stories.

Submit newsletter items **typed** in Microsoft Word (or the body of your email) **electronically** via church Facebook page message or email to:

info@stjohncogicquincy.org.

Please do not plagiarize (cite your sources).

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Church Anniversary Service

On March 17, 2024, we celebrated the 63rd anniversary of the St. John Church of God in Christ.

Elder Charlie Cook presided over the service with the theme: "Seeking His Glory."



Elder Cook presiding over the church anniversary service. Elder Cook shared anecdotes about our church history and trailblazing church members.

Additionally, the following members were on program: Opening Praise and two selections (St. John COGIC Choir), prayer (Evangelist Priscilla Taylor), Scripture (Elder Nicolas Robinson), Welcome/ Occasion

(Evangelist Jaunce McCloud), Solo (Sister Sharla Ray), Poem/Reading (Sister LaTerrica McCloud), Memoriam of the Pioneers (Missionary Catherine Kelly), Announcements and Acknowledgements (Evangelist Sandra Robinson), Ministry of Giving (Deacons), Spoken Word, Prayer, and Benediction (Pastor Ronald McCloud), and presentations by Sister Sabrena Bouie and Sister Marilyn Shaw. (Church Anniversary continued on page 4.)

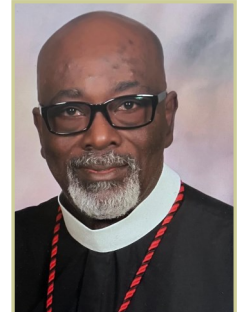
2024 Special Monthly Newsletter Column 'In Memoriam' Tributes

March is St. John COGIC's church anniversary month, in which we celebrate our church history, including our faithful church members. For the 2024 volume of the newsletter we will feature "In Memoriam" tributes of members that have passed away throughout our 63-year history. The purpose of this column is to honor our beloved church members and trailblazers while also updating the historical record of the church.

Submission Guidelines: Please submit "In Memoriam" tributes **typed** in Microsoft Word (or the body of your email) **electronically** via church Facebook page message or email to info@stjohncogicquincy.org. Also, please attach a photo. The maximum word count for the tribute is no more than 100 words.

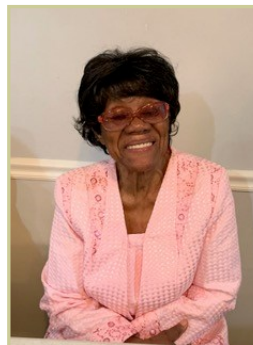


Elder Michael Robinson could often be heard giving his testimony of victory! He would always end with a resounding "To God be the Glory!" That was his declaration of God's goodness and his way of honoring God for that same goodness. Elder Robinson was born and raised in the Queen Street Church of God in Christ, making him a "son of the church." Later in life, his love for the church was evident, he served faithfully as a Deacon, Minister and Elder, and adjutant brother on the local, state, and national levels. His love for the youth and helping the young men through life experiences was also a passion. He loved his family. His grandchildren were always a joy to him. He left his children with the encouragement from Matthew 5:16, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." "To God be the Glory!"



Sunset: December 27, 2018

Submitted by Evangelist Sandra Robinson



Sunset: July 30, 2022

Evangelist Missionary Queen Ethel Myhand Starks Wiggins was the Matriarch of her family, a Godly woman, loving mother, loved her church family, inspired many people and would help anyone.

After she had her first child, the doctor gave her up to die, but she was blessed to live longer than the doctor, had seven more children, and lived until she was 96 years old. Per mom, God is her doctor, and he has the last word.

She prayed on her knees in the morning before going to work, going to bed at night, and fasted alone. She always said, "never put your trust in man, read the bible, and always trust God for everything."

She encouraged her children to trust in God and put him first.

In memory of life so beautifully lived and a heart so deeply loved, we love and miss you everyday mom until we meet again.

Always and forever!
The Family

Submitted by Sister Loreatha Wiggins



Church Anniversary Spotlights



Sister Marilyn Shaw (left) and **Sister Sabrena Bouie** (middle) presented **Evangelist Shirley Price** (right) with the honor of being St. John COGIC's longest member. Evangelist Price is president of St. John COGIC's Missionary Circle.



Sister Lounette Shaw is one of our St. John COGIC church pioneers. She is known as "The Supporter." She was a great supporter of Missionary Aggie Cook's church programs and rallies and has contributed to support the church financially. She serves as President of the Usher Board. Pictured: **Sister Lounette Shaw** (left) and **Sister Rematha Jackson** (right) attending the 63rd church anniversary service.



Pictured: **Evangelist Priscilla Taylor** (top left); **Evangelist Jaunce McCloud** (top right); **Sister LaTerrica McCloud** (bottom left); **Elder Nicolas Robinson** (bottom right).



Elder Charlie Cook (left) and **Elder Ronald McCloud** (middle) were presented with the honor of being St. John COGIC's Junior Pioneers. They were just seven years old at the time. As friends they hung around the church. God has blessed them and now they serve as Pastor and Associate Pastor.

Sister Thelma Johnson (right) was presented with the honor of being St. John COGIC's oldest member.



Congratulations, Evangelist Hicks!



Evangelist Judy Hicks of St. John COGIC recently graduated as a licensed evangelist missionary representing Big Bend COGIC, during the 60th Women's Convention of Florida Western Jurisdiction COGIC, March 11

through March 15, 2024. She, along with five other class members, including Evangelists Barbara Bivens and Valarie Singleton (both also of Big Bend COGIC), received their certificates of completion and licensing. Additionally, Evangelist Hicks gave the testimony for the class and was also awarded the "Outstanding Scholar Stellar Award" for her street ministry and being well-prepared in class.

Youth news continued from page 1

The Second Sunday Choir (TSSC) is back in action!
Rehearsal date TBA

Youth March birthdays:
Carrington Robinson's 9th birthday 3/20

The Sunday School Picnic is in the works! TBA

The Iron Men will meet on the 1st Friday of each month.



Congratulations **Sister Jana Price** for being inducted into the Southern Regional Technical College National Honor Society.
One Time for Jana!!!

Health Minute *By Sis. Annie Goldwire*

What Is Heart Disease?



When people talk about heart disease, they're usually talking about coronary heart disease (CHD). It's also sometimes called coronary artery disease (CAD). This is the most common type of heart disease.

When someone has CHD, the coronary arteries (tubes) that take blood to the heart are narrow or blocked. This happens when cholesterol and fatty material, called plaque, build up inside the arteries. Several things can lead to plaque building up inside your arteries, including:

- Too much cholesterol in the blood
- High blood pressure
- Smoking
- Too much sugar in the blood because of diabetes

When plaque blocks an artery, it's hard for blood to flow to the heart. A blocked artery can cause chest pain or a heart attack.

This information was reprinted from <https://health.gov/myhealthfinder/health-conditions/heart-health/keep-your-heart-healthy>

Upcoming Events

- **Mar 31**—Easter Sunrise Service- Baptism-Breakfast-Easter Program @7 a.m.
- **Apr 14**—Youth Appreciation Day/ Be Out Day @ 11:15 a.m.
- **Apr 24-26**—Big Bend District COGIC Convention @ St. John COGIC

Welcome, New Members



New church members joined March 10, 2024: **Brother Quantrel Johnson, Brother Emmitt "EJ" Hill, and Sister Calandra Robinson.**

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Recipe Spotlight: Salmon Wraps



Ingredients

- 4 ounces low fat cream cheese (Neufchatel)
- 1 can (14.75 ounces) salmon
- 3 tablespoons light Italian dressing
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 6 (8 inch) whole wheat tortillas
- 1 tomato
- 1 cucumber
- 1/2 cups Romaine lettuce or spinach leaves, rinsed

Instructions

1. Soften cream cheese in medium bowl at room temperature or microwave for 10 seconds.
2. Wipe top of salmon can before opening. Drain salmon in a colander and rinse with water.
3. Add salmon, dressing, and pepper to cream cheese in medium bowl. Stir to blend.
4. Spread 1/3 cup filling on each tortilla. Spread to the edges.
5. Slice tomato into thin slices. Cut slices in half.
6. Cut cucumbers in half lengthwise. Scoop out seeds with a spoon. Lay on flat side and cut into narrow strips.
7. Lay lettuce or spinach leaves in the center of the tortilla. Top with tomato and cucumber down the center of the tortilla.
8. Roll up tightly. Serve immediately or refrigerate.

Serves: 6; Cost/Serving: \$1.27
 Serving Size: 1 wrap

Recipe submitted by **Sis. Annie Goldwire** -
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