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July Newsletter

ST. JOHN
BAPTIST CHURCH

Farewell to Pastor R. E. Robinson and First Lady ReNae Robinson

On Sunday, July 8, 2025, the Fellowship Hall was filled with love, gratitude, and well wishes as the church gathered to bid farewell to Pastor and First Lady Robinson. Their leadership and unwavering commitment to the congregation have left a lasting imprint on the hearts of all who have been touched by their ministry. As they prepare for their new assignment in Indianapolis, prayers and blessings were shared, celebrating their journey and the many lives they have affected.

While the transition brings a sense of reluctance, the church community remains hopeful and united, reflecting on the guidance and growth that Pastor and First Lady Robinson provided. As they move on to the next chapter in their ministry, their legacy will continue to shape and inspire the congregation.

The church now embarks on the challenging but hopeful process of finding a new pastor to continue the mission and vision that has been so beautifully cultivated over the years. A dedicated search committee has been formed, and we ask for your prayers and support as we seek God's guidance in this important decision.

We thank Pastor and First Lady Robinson for their years of service and leadership, and we look forward to seeing how God will continue to work through the next chapter of our church's journey.



St. John Healthcare Ministry & the MLK Memorial Baptist Convention Health Care Department presents

A Community Health Fair 2025

Community Services were out in full force with a variety of resources to improve the health of the community.





Health Care at its best



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Discovering the Bigness of God



Thank You Kitchen Staff

A big shout-out to the Vacation Bible School kitchen ladies that served us a snack each night with care and love.

Here is the menu for each night with a little twist in naming each menu.

Day #1 - We had a "Classic Subway Sandwich" Loaded with plenty of turkey, so tasty with delicious sides topped off with a glass of Kool-aid that took you back in time.

Day #2 - "Back in the day hot dogs". (beef hot dogs that were so tasty you wanted a second one) The sides were chips, onions, mustard.

Day #3 - Get Down Get Down Sloppy Joes with sides. So good!

Day #4 - Throw back Thursday-Chicken Wings. So good you felt you could fly away.

Day #5 - "Hallelujah Pizza" was served. Then we got a little extra love since Friday was our last day. They served us "cupcakes with love".

Each night for our snack, the table was always set to receive us and they served us with gladness. We love the kitchen ladies and wanted them to know we truly appreciate how they served us our snacks each day for Vacation Bible School. "I thought I was at grandma's house" as the food was so good.
Reporter: Shirley Mims

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St. John Church Picnic July 27, 2025



A Day of Fellowship and Fun: Picnic Highlights

What an unforgettable day it was! A huge thank you goes to Deacon Darrell Amos for his leadership in heading up the Picnic Committee and ensuring everything ran smoothly. The day was filled with laughter, delicious food, and a strong sense of community, all made possible by the collective effort of our church family.

Every ministry played a vital role in making the picnic a success, contributing food and drinks that kept everyone refreshed and satisfied. The generosity of the congregation was truly felt as we gathered to enjoy each other's company.

A special thank you goes to the Music Ministry, whose exceptional performance set the perfect tone and led us into a powerful word from Rev. Anita Jones. Her message resonated deeply, inspiring all of us to reflect on our faith and the ways we can continue to grow together as a church family.

Of course, no picnic would be complete without great barbecue, and we owe much gratitude to the Men's Fellowship, who manned the grill with skill and enthusiasm. Their hard work ensured everyone had a plate full of tasty food, and their efforts continued with a thorough cleanup, leaving the venue spotless.

Finally, thank you to everyone who came out to support the event. The fellowship, the fun, and the faith-filled moments we shared together made it a day to remember. We look forward to more events like this as we continue to strengthen our bonds and grow together as a church family!

