

SJBC MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

EDITION 3 Rev. Dr. R.E. Robinson, Pastor FEBRUARY, 2025

Election Results



St. John Baptist Church is proud of Mrs. Delta Walker being elected as the first female to chair the Board of Trustees.

Other Board of Trustees members are:

Sister Nikki Dates, Treasurer;
Brother Charlie Brown, Chaplain;
Brother Robert Williams, Othell Elkins.

St. John Music Ministry

A heartfelt thank you to Mr. Macbeth Harris and Ms. Patrice Mack for your ongoing dedication and the incredible music you provide that elevates our spirits every Sunday.

SJBC MINISTRIES ON THE MOVE IN THE COMMUNITY



The SJBC Men's Fellowship showed love to Brother's Keeper and Veteran's Village during December 2024 with gifts that would help the clients stay warm during the winter months.

WARMING CENTER

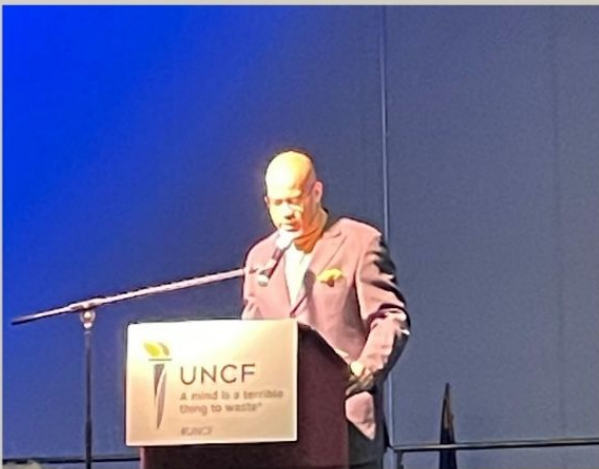
St. John opened its doors as a warming center during the frigid temperatures in January. When temps plunged to 10 degrees and below the doors of the church opened with the ladies of the New Mission serving food and giving hospitality to those who entered.

BAPTISM

What a glorious day on Sunday, February 2, Pastor Robinson baptized three new disciples. Deaconess' attended the young ladies. R'Brianna Redmond, Natalia Jackson, Azariah Jackson,



St. John at the Mayors' United Negro College Fund Breakfast February 12, 2025

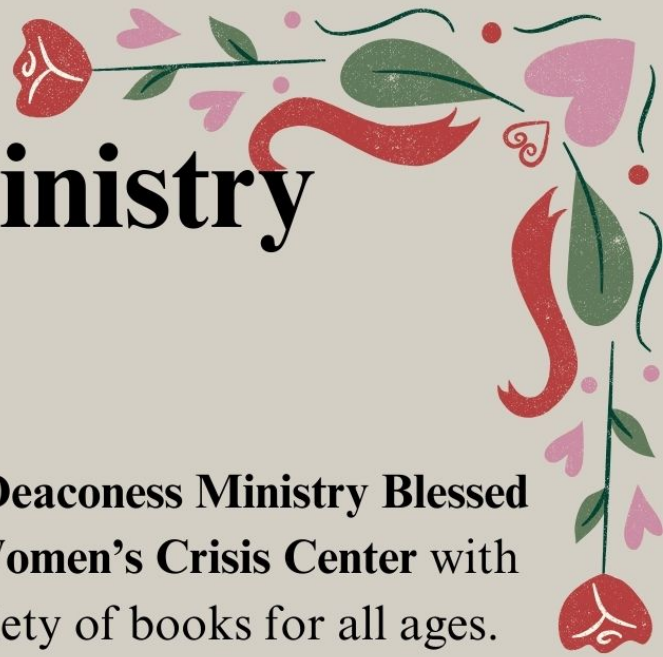


Pastor Robinson brought the Invocation and Benediction to the occasion for the Mayor's UNCF Breakfast. Rev. Robinson is also on the Board of the UNCF.

Members of St. John accompanied Pastor Robinson at the UNCF fundraising event.

Pictured L to R: Sister Clarissa Bluiett, Rev. Anita Jones, Sister Shirley Mims, Sister Bernice Howard, & Dr. June Johnson, Director of Ministries

Deaconess Ministry



The Deaconess Ministry Blessed the Women's Crisis Center with a variety of books for all ages. Deaconess Mary Williams pictured above with representatives of the Crisis Center.



The South Shore Rehabilitation Center Sister Sudia Collins receives love from the Deaconess Ministry with cards and gifts.

**The Deaconess Ministry
is at the Northlake
Church for Pantry Day
serving the community.**

Four deaconess, one
member from St.John
choir (Jackie Walton),
and our new friends from
Girlz to Women were in
attendance.



The Culinary Ministry

Members of the Culinary Ministry are blessing members of the community every Thursday with a free hot meal, a variety of clothing items, and interaction from the members of the group. Community citizens know what our church and ministry is standing for. Matthew 25:40, “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’”



St. John Youth in Action

On Sunday afternoon February 15, 2025, the youth of St. John were actively involved in presenting Black History Moments during morning worship. They also participated at New Community Baptist Church, Hammond by ushering during the Black History program where pastor Robinson brought the message and the St. John Baptist Church choir brought the music.

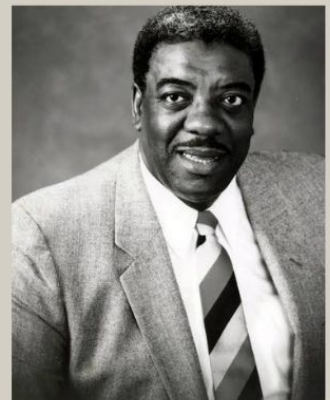


Black History Month: Celebrating Music of the Church

Black History month is being celebrated all over the world. One reason is the spread of music through all kinds of genre. The love of hymns and gospel music especially heard on radio, recordings, television, and through streaming services have brought an appreciation of God's Word through music. This is the music that changes the world by introducing Jesus Christ to millions of people. Hymns like Yes, Jesus loves me are sung by children all over the world.

During this Black History Month, the songs of the church produced in our hymnals has many Black composer's contributions. Composers such as the man who is considered the father of gospel music, Thomas Dorsey, Charles Tindley, Doris Akers, Albert Woodson, and Andre' Crouch. There are other names we are familiar with because of their performances and arrangements of others works such as James Cleveland, Mahalia Jackson, and so many others there is not enough space to name more.

There are many songs like Precious Lord, We'll Understand it Better By and By, Through It All, Lead Me, Guide Me, We've Come This Far By Faith, I'll Overcome inspired We Shall Overcome, and many more that are continually used in church services today.



Contemporary Black Music

Richard Smallwood : Jesus, the Center of My Joy, Total Praise;
Marvin Sapp, Never Would Have Made It; Shirley Caesar, Hold My Mule; Kirk Franklin, Stomp, and many many more.
Praises to God in the highest for inspiring these and other musicians and composers who share their gifts