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# A Message from our Bishop

Bishop Kevin V. Gresham Sr.

## WHY WAIT

I am writing this article on the heels of my Sermon entitled “Making Peace with Your Past.” In the message I spoke concerning the need to set goals. Below are the five points I raised:

1. Goals Give You Direction.
2. Goal Setting Helps You Identify What’s Important to You.
3. Setting Goals Help Us Measure Progress Towards Success.
4. Goals Help You Stay Motivated.
5. Goals Keep You Accountable.

Right after the message, the Lord inspired me to raise this question – “It is customary to set New Year’s Resolutions at the end of the year.” Why wait? Why not start now?

I believe that preparation is the key to life. If you are better prepared, then less things can catch you by surprise. I believe that is prudent to the believer to start your resolution list now. A list that is fluid and can be changed or modified during the last months of this year.

Listen to what the Word says about an ant. ***Proverbs 6:6–11 (NKJV) - The Folly of Indolence:***

*<sup>6</sup>Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider her ways and be wise,*

*<sup>7</sup>Which, having no captain, Overseer or ruler,*

*<sup>8</sup>Provides her supplies in the summer, And gathers her food in the harvest.*

*<sup>9</sup>How long will you slumber, O sluggard? When will you rise from your sleep?*

*<sup>10</sup>A little sleep, a little slumber, A little folding of the hands to sleep—*

*<sup>11</sup>So shall your poverty come on you like a prowler, And your need like an armed man.*

Let us consider changing our ways and become better prepared.

# THINK ON THESE THINGS

By Paulo Coelho

Submitted By Sister Sylvia Tyson

- Between age 55 and the time of death, it is advisable to use the money you have saved. Use it and enjoy it. Don't save it for those who have no idea the sacrifices you made to obtain it. Remember there's nothing more revolting than a son or daughter-in-law coming up with great ideas to spend your hard earned savings.
- Warning: This is also a bad time for investments, even if it sounds wonderful or safe. They only bring problems and worries. Its time for you to enjoy life.
- Stop worrying about your children and grandchildren's financial situation, and don't feel badly about spending your money on yourself. You cared for them for many years, taught them what you could and gave them education, food, shelter and support. It's now their responsibility to make their own money.
- Keep a healthy life, without much physical effort. Do moderate exercise (like walking every day), eat well and sleep plenty. It's easy to get sick at this age and it becomes harder to stay healthy. This is why you need to stay fit and be mindful of your medical and physical needs. Stay in touch with your doctor, get medical checkups even when you think you are feeling good. Please take care of your health.
- Always buy the best, the most beautiful items to treat yourself. The key is to enjoy your money with your partner. One day one of you will miss each other, and money will not bring you any comfort; so, enjoy it together.
- Don't stress over the small things. You have overcome so much in life. You have good and bad memories, but what matters is the present. Don't let the past train you and don't let the future intimidate you. You must feel good in the present.
- Don't lose sight of fashion trends for your age, but keep your own sense of style. You have developed your own sense of what suits you so keep it and be proud of yourself. It is part of who you are.
- Always stay up to date, follow the news. Go online and read what people are saying. Make sure you have an active e-mail account and try to use some of these social media. You'll be surprised by the old friends you run into.
- Respect the young generation and their opinions. They may not have the same ideas as you, but they are our future and they will learn along the way. Give advice, don't criticize and try to remind them that yesterday's wisdom still applies today. Never use the phrase: "In our time." "Your time is now." As long as you're alive, you are a part of the present.
- Some people embrace their golden years, while others become bitter. Life is too short to waste on sad moments. Spend your time with positive and joyful people. You will find that your days will look much brighter.
- Don't stress about having to live with your kids or grandkids. Of course, being around family seems great, but we all need our privacy too. They need theirs and you need yours Do it only if you feel lonely and really need help or you really don't want to live alone.

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- Don't give up your hobbies. If you don't have one, make new ones. You can travel, hike, cook, read, dance. You can adopt a cat or dog, grow a kitchen garden, play cards, checkers, chess, dominoes, golf etc.
- Talk to people politely and try not to complain or criticize too much. Try to accept situations as they are when you feel you can't do anything about it.
- Pain and discomfort go hand in hand with age. Try not to dwell on those hurts but accept them as part of life.
- If someone has offended you, forgive them. If you have offended anyone apologize. Don't carry negative feelings around. It only serves to make you sad and destroy you needlessly. It doesn't matter who was right. Someone once said: "Holding a grudge is like eating poison and expecting the other person to die." Don't take this poison. Forgive, forget and move on with your life.
- Laugh. Remind yourself you are blessed. You've managed to have a long life. Many never make it to this age and some never get to live a full life like yours. At this stage in your life, enjoy a quiet life. Don't stress yourself out...be happy!
- One day you will wake up and there won't be any more time to do the things you've wanted to do. Do it now!



*By Sister Janice Shields*

Merriam-Webster.com figuratively describes phrases such as uncharted territory or uncharted waters as unfamiliar situations, circumstances and never-encountered moments.

As I brace and embrace my fast-approaching new decade of life, I find myself in uncharted waters. So, I have decided to:

- Dance like no one is watching.
- Laugh out loud!
- Love like I've never been hurt.
- Sing like no one is listening, even if I'm off-key!
- Say "yes" to new adventures!
- Accept body aches that randomly pop-up out of nowhere.
- Accept that I am not the person that I used to be and that's okay!
- Accept extreme seasonal temperature changes---winter to summer and summer to winter.
- Accept changing life views by not sweating the small stuff!
- Accept that some people were in my life for a reason and a season and that's okay (they served their purpose).

Most importantly, trust and believe that God is with me in every step I make and carries me when I struggle to put one foot in front of the other.

Uncharted waters for me, but not to God! I'm holding His hand and I'm not letting go!

# WHAT A DEPOSIT

*By Minister Cathy Murray*

**Romans 8:16-17 (NKJV)** – *“The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.”*

As, my son and I were in conversation, he shared with me what was ministered to his spirit. My response was “Wow! What a Deposit!” My brothers and sisters, I am pretty sure we’ve all received a direct deposit one way or another whether it comes to our banks, cash app, PayPal or another form of payment.

On the contrary, do you believe that we receive a direct deposit from God? The answer is: Yes, we have. Paul helps us to understand this by reminding us, as the body of Christ, that we are His children and joint heirs in the Kingdom. We are engrafted in His lineage by receiving everything stored up for us equally. The Bible says in **Romans 2:11** *“for there is no partiality with God.”*

I used to have a phrase “I was a discrete sinner!” Meaning I knew of Him but didn’t know Him until I fully accepted Him and he deposited His **BLOOD** thus changing my life. It blows my mind when I think about how much He put into me. That makes me say “What a deposit!”

Think about a time in your life where God has made a deposit in you. Whether it was for restoration, deliverance, confirmation, affirmation, comfort, strength or again His **BLOOD**. Although, we can praise God for His deposits in our lives, what deposits are you making as the “joint heir” in your prayer life, tithes and in reading His Word? Caution: If there is no deposit on our part, then withdrawals will happen.

Once He gave you that deposit, it was a **DONE DEAL!** Therefore, I say to you, start speaking out of your mouth about who you are and whose you are. Just in case you forget, you are/we are an heir of God and co-heir with Christ. This means that you and I have been made a partaker of the promise of God.

Our Bishop always reminds us to declare that there is a promise over our lives! When I begin to think about that I get excited and say...**WHAT A DEPOSIT!**

*Amen*

# Say It Loud

*By Brother Tony P. D. Williams*

Scripture: **Proverbs 31:8-9 (NIV)** - <sup>8</sup>**SPEAK UP** for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. <sup>9</sup>**SPEAK UP** and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.

Unfortunately, while we were called to be bold and stand up for some things, we also must be mindful of the environments in which we discuss certain things. About 30 years ago, a friend of mine told me that she doesn't discuss religion, race and politics in certain settings. I adopted this philosophy; however, I don't discuss religion, race, politics or sexual preference in most settings and with most people.

However, on Monday, January 30, 2022, at approximately 9:25am, I departed from this self-imposed policy. Five employees, including myself, were conversing after we completed a task. The group consisted of a white woman, a Hispanic man, two white men and myself. One of the white men asked the other white man "Have you seen the Tyre Nichols video?" They started talking about the video and I was about to walk away as I normally would do. However, I never moved.

Then the same white man says to the other white man "Now **THEY** can't bring race into it this time." Before I knew it, I said, "it is a race problem and it is a police problem." Then the other white man said, "Black Lives Matter is saying it is amazing how fast the black officers were fired and arrested, but it takes longer for white officers." Then he proceeded to say, "it normally only takes about 3 months for the investigations to be concluded." Again, before I knew it, I said "no actually it takes about 6-12 months for the investigation to be concluded which sometimes results in a slap on the wrist for the perpetrators." I could not let this situation take place and just walked away. I was professional and did not raise my voice, but they got the point. After about 10 minutes of speaking on the matter, I got in my vehicle and drove away. I know once I left, they called me all types of **NINJAS**, but I does not care.

If we do not speak out, our silence is just as complicit as the perpetrators and their supporters. We must "**Say It Loud**" for the homeless, the addicts, the handicap, children without parents, and anyone else that has been dealt a horrible hand in life.

We all have a voice and can "**Say It Loud**". A lot of us don't have a platform where we can speak to large audiences to deliver our message. However, we can still "**Say It Loud**" by voting for politicians who support police reform and overall justice for every human being on this earth.

# GOD KNOWS MY NAME



*By Minister Melissa Monroe*

*Isaiah 43:1* “But now, thus says the Lord, who created you, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine.”

**H**ave you ever telephoned a business and got an automated voice telling you to press #1 for English, press #2 for another language, press #3 for another option or press #4 to leave a message? Have you ever made an appointment to visit the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration? Well, you make the appointment, arrive at your appointed date and time just to stand in a line to get a number and then wait until your number is called.

Now imagine you are stepping into the presence of God. Remember, He is the Sovereign God who runs this entire universe. It would stand to reason that He would be super busy, right? So, it wouldn't be a surprise to see a sign saying, “Pick a number and wait for your turn.”

But no! I can see Him turning around with a smile on His face that says, “Well, come on in. I've been waiting for you, Melissa (feel free to replace my name with yours)! What took you so long?” God knows my name.

You see, to our Heavenly Father, we are not just a number; we are not put on a wait list. He has redeemed us with the blood of His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Imagine, He calls each one of us by name! Like a mother calls her precious child. God knows my name.

How does it make you feel when someone calls you by your name? Get this, how about the fact that they even remembered your name? I can't speak for you, but it really makes me feel pretty good, kind of special, when someone remembers my name. With that, I try, I try and I try to reciprocate remembering names and sometimes I fail. God not only knows my name, but He knows your name, too. God knows you. God sees you. God chose you because you are His child. God knows your name.

When you believe this in your spirit, your whole world will change. God knows my name.

*Psalms 23* speaks about the good shepherd who cares for His helpless sheep. Can you picture the sheep grazing quietly in the field while the Shepherd walks among them gently patting each one as He passes? At just the right time, He stands, calls to them to follow Him, and gently chants as He walks forward. What is He chanting? One after the other the Shepherd calls out the names of his sheep. Every one of them has a name and He knows them all. Each sheep hears that familiar soft voice calling out his name and follows the steps of the Shepherd.

God knows my name. What a wonderful thought! God knows me by my name. I am not a number, not a symbol, not just one in a series. I belong to Him and He knows my name. The comfort in knowing that God knows me by name is beyond all measure.

God not only knows my name; He knows where I am and also who I am. He knows what I'm going through, why I'm going through it and how I feel about it. He knows me better than I know myself. He cares about me personally and deeply. God wants you to know how much He loves you. He loves you so much, that He gave His only begotten Son as a living sacrifice. God knows my name.

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**Isaiah 49:15-16** says, “*Can a woman forget her nursing child And not have compassion on the son in her womb? Surely, they may forget, yet I will not forget you. See, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands; Your walls are continually before Me.*

You see, the Israelites doubted the love of God and Isaiah had to remind them that even if a mother forgets her own child, He will never forget them. In fact, Isaiah wrote, He has written our names on the palms of His hands. God knows my name! He knows my situation. He knows my struggles. He knows my limitations. He knows my fears and my anxieties. He knows my anger and frustrations. He knows my weaknesses. He knows all of these things and yet, He still loves me.

My question to you this day is do you know His name? Do you? Do I know His name? Do I know Him as the God Highest, the God who sees, the all-sufficient one, the provider, the God Almighty and the Lord who heals? Do I know Him as The Lord of Lords or the King of Kings? Do I know Him as my banner and my peace? Do I know Him as my Creator, my Shepherd and my righteousness?

Yes, I know His name, and if you didn't know, now you know. Even if you don't know His name, you can rest assured that God knows **YOUR** name.

***Amen***



# THE SENIOR CONNECTION

*By Facilitators Min. Minnie P. Rascoe and Sister Theresa Jennings*

The Senior Connection is an idea of Bishop Gresham. During the pandemic, he wanted to give seniors an opportunity to communicate with other seniors without having to leave home. We meet by phone every Thursday from 12:00pm - 1:00pm. During this time, we have praise time, scripture, opening prayer, song, devotion, words of encouragement, testimonies and closing prayer. Our seniors range from ages 55-92. Each senior is given the opportunity to participate in the program.

We have seniors calling in from New York, Georgia, Virginia, Washington DC, Greensboro, NC, Windsor, NC, Roseville, NC and South Carolina. Sister Theresa Jennings, one of the facilitators for the Senior Connection, connected with a 90 year old senior, who resides in a health facility, and gave her the opportunity to participate with us. Her name is Mrs. Jones and she is appreciative.

The Senior Connection would like to thank each and every person who has given of their time and talent to bless our group.

The call-in number is: 1(712) 432-0190 • Access code:274522#



## **A Prayer for the Senior Connection Leaders**

*By Pastor Ruth Whitehead  
The Senior Connection*

Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. Yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever.

We give You all the praise, Jehovah Raha, the great physician who heals all diseases. Father, You have all power in Your hands. So, we look to the hills from where all our help comes.

Now to Him who, by the power at work within us, can accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine. Have Your way, Jesus, and Your will be done. Thank You, Father God, for Your Healing Power. Keep our two Leaders of the Senior Connection Ministry as they recover from their procedures.

Jesus, thank You for Your love and kindness towards our sisters.

***Amen***



# LET US PRAY!

**A Prayer for the Family**  
*By Sister Dorothy Fairweather*  
**The Senior Connection**

Father, we thank You for all families and ask that you bless each one in a magnanimous way. We request that you lay upon their hearts to seek You first for You are our strength, rock, way-maker, healer, protector, provider and a miracle worker.

We pray that families, friends and neighbors will come to receive Jesus at Greater Saint John Cathedral and grow up in the Lord and serve others. **Col. 3:16 (NKJV)** – *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.*

We worship You during good times and bad, in sickness and health and through Your word, we strive for a better understanding to improve our family life. **Matthew 28:19-20 (NKJV)** – *<sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.*

As families, we magnify the name of our Lord Jesus above every name as we strive to continue on one accord to give thanks while petitioning, supplicating and interceding on behalf of those family members who will be saved. **Philippians 2:9-11 (NKJV)** – *<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, <sup>10</sup>that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

***In Jesus Name, Amen***

**Prayer for Bishop Gresham and First Family**

*By Sister Christine Anderson-Payne*

*The Senior Connection*

Our Father which art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven.

Father, I come before You in prayer lifting up our Bishop, First Lady Gresham and their family. Lord bless them as they continue in their walk with You in ministry, not only with Greater St. John Cathedral, but wherever the ministry calls them to be a blessing to the body of Christian Believers. Bless their home and all those they are connected to.

Father I thank you for our Pastor and leader Bishop Kevin Gresham Sr. for preaching and teaching the Gospel to the Disciples of Greater Saint John.

I thank you for First Lady Gresham and family for the support they give our Bishop and our Church. Thank you Father, for the love and care that they give to us all.

Father, I pray that they continue to stand strong in Your Word because You said in **Matthew 16:18 (NKJV)** – *And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not [a] prevail against it.*”

God let the fruit of Your Spirit continue to strengthen and bless their lives always.

*In Jesus name, Amen*



**A Prayer for Healing**  
*By Minister Gloria Hyman*  
*The Senior Connection*

Precious Father, I thank you for the way that you love me. You don't berate me for my blunders or belittle me for my weakness. You meet me in those places and make me strong. You bind up my wounds so they can heal. You give rest to my heart so it can beat strong again. You are with me always, for you said you would never leave me, nor forsake me. You are God all by yourself. Do a miracle in and through me, Lord! Heal my soul and make me whole. May others pursue You when they see what You do through me!

Father, you can heal us in a heartbeat. We pray for Your miraculous healing from depression, life-long disease, sudden failures, addictions and massive handicaps. We pray for miraculous healing because we know you can do all things. Through Jesus' death on the cross, we can be healed spiritually. By believing in Jesus, we are connected straight to You in prayer and presence. Bless our hearts to believe in you beyond our heart's capacity. Strengthen our faith where it is weak and strengthen our resolve to linger in your presence a little longer each day.

Take away our pain, according to Your will and in Your time. We're not promised a painless life on this earth, but You do want us to live a happy one. Send Your Spirit Lord, to help us see past our circumstances and onto Your calling on our lives. Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Lord, your Word speaks promises of healing and restoration and I thank you for the miracles you still perform today. Right now, I claim those healing promises over my family, friends and all my loved ones. I believe in the healing power of faith and prayer, and I ask you to begin your mighty work in our lives today. Heavenly Father, lift us up and anoint us with your healing powers. I pray that you will give us grace, peace and wisdom along with mercy as you heal and encourage our every thought and step.

*I pray this healing prayer in Jesus' name.*

*Amen*

**Prayer for Marriages**  
*By Deaconess Brenda Taylor*  
*The Senior Connection*

Father God, it's in the name of Jesus that we come into Your presence giving Your name the praise and honor that You so rightly deserve. Thank you for keeping us, watching over us and protecting each of us every day.

Lord, today we come into Your presence praying for marriages. We thank You Lord that You are our Creator and You know us better than we know ourselves. You created marriages and You have promised that You have plans and a purpose for us – plans for us to prosper and that no harm will come to us. Remind us that You are the center of our relationship and that You are the one who watches over our future. May we look to You for wisdom and guidance. May Your peace, which surpasses all understanding, guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of marriage and for being the source of love. Marriage becomes the means for couples to demonstrate their love for God. So today, Lord, I pray that couples will have a Christ-centered marriage. I pray that there will be unity in marriages, strength, forgiveness, honesty, unconditional love, trust, understanding and joy.

I pray that marriages will be a union which glorifies your Name.

*In Jesus Name, Amen*



**A Prayer for Compassion, Love and Safety For This School Year**  
*By Sister Sylvia Tyson*  
*The Senior Connection*

Dear Father, Lord of Lord, King of Kings and Creator of Heaven and Earth and All therein, on behalf of Greater, I come to You with our humble prayer. We pray for our children, grandchildren, teachers, professors, administrators, principals and everyone affiliated with the schools and colleges. We pray that you would strengthen all of them with your power this school year and beyond.

Please give the teachers and professors guidance on instruction, strength to complete all the tasks and energy to joyfully interact with their students and co-workers and supervisors. God give them efficiency as they work. May they find times of rest and if they do not know you, make yourself known to them.

Our students are faced with so much temptation and negative influence and are susceptible to being led astray by the enemy. God, please help us as parents, guardians, teachers, professors, mentors, church members and leaders to teach our children wisdom, to speak life instead of gossip, to choose right from wrong and realize and utilize the wonderful gifts You have given each one of us.

Please put a hedge of protection around each and every one of them. Needless to say, these are dangerous and uncertain times and we need You more than ever before. All power lies in Your hands and we trust and believe in You Lord for our safety and care.

Please bless us all Lord in our comings and goings. As always, we give you the honor and the praise because You and You alone are worthy!

*I pray this prayer in the Mighty Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.*

*Amen*

# Let's Eat – Soup Recipe

## Chicken Parm Soup



Let's be honest—who doesn't love chicken Parm? We've done our fair share of creative takes on the dinner, from chicken Parm pasta to chicken nugget Parm casserole, but when we're looking for an extra-cozy version, we turn to this soup recipe. Filled with everything you love about the Italian dish—chicken breasts, sharp Parm, and bright tomatoes—this soup version is perfect for the nights when you're craving the classic, but need something that'll warm up the soul. Plus it's ready in under 30 minutes, making it a much quicker (and easier) version when you need the same flavors, fast.

- 1 1/2 c. shredded mozzarella
- 1 c. freshly grated Parmesan
- 1 tbsp. freshly chopped parsley
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper

### Directions

1. In a large pot over medium heat, heat oil. Add onion and cook, stirring, until soft, 5 minutes. Add garlic and cook until fragrant, 1 minute more. Stir in tomato paste and red pepper flakes. Add tomatoes and broth and bring to a simmer.
2. Add penne and cook until al dente, 8 to 10 minutes.
3. Add chicken, mozzarella, Parmesan, and parsley and season generously with salt and pepper. Let cheese melt, then ladle into bowls.

YIELD	PREP TIME	COOK TIME
Serves 4-6	15 mins.	25 mins.

### Ingredients

- 1 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 tbsp. tomato paste
- 1 tsp. crushed red pepper flakes
- 1 (15-oz.) can diced or crushed tomatoes
- 6 c. Swanson Chicken Broth
- 8 oz. penne pasta
- 3/4 lb. cooked chicken breast (about 2 breasts)

Recipe by: *Delish*



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# STOP -N- SHOP



**VENDORS  
WANTED**

CONTACT:  
[STOPNSHOP@SAINTJOHN.NET](mailto:STOPNSHOP@SAINTJOHN.NET)

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 | 12 PM - 5 PM**

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**NOTE\* -ALL VENDOR FEES GO TO SUPPORT THE SCHOLARSHIP MINISTRY**

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## GREATER CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY DAYCARE CENTER

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**Enroll  
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DAYCARE CENTER**

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# Fresh START PRAYER CALL

**TUESDAYS**  
**6:00AM**



*Join our Google Classroom to Get Connected!*  
**[bit.ly/freshstarttuesday](https://bit.ly/freshstarttuesday)**

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INTERCESSORY PRAYER, FRONTLINE, LIFE LETTERS, LIFE ENRICHMENT, MESSAGE BOARD



THE **ACT** INITIATIVE WITH  
BISHOP KEVIN V. GRESHAM SR.

*"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope." - Jeremiah 29:11*

#OFFENSENOTDEFENSE #ATTACKINGCANCERTOGETHER #FIGHTLIKEA CONQUEROR

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The **A.C.T. Initiative** (Attacking Cancer Together) is continuing to intercede on behalf of those suffering from cancer; cancer survivors; caregivers; family members of cancer patients and those who support them. If you would like to be included on the prayer list, please use the link shown to complete the form. Information is on our website at [saintjohn.net](http://saintjohn.net). This prayer opportunity is open to everyone. Please ensure the office has contact information for anyone on the prayer list who wants to receive personal prayer and wellness checks.

# Watch

## Prayer, Praise and Study

On Tuesdays @ 7pm  
via YouTube.

*Don't forget to  
subscribe and Hit the  
Like Button.*

# PRAYER PRAISE & STUDY LIVESTREAM



T R A N S F O R M I N G

# Marriages

T H R O U G H P R A Y E R

STRONGER TOGETHER MARRIAGE MINISTRY  
*Prayer Call with Bishop Gresham*

**WEDNESDAYS | 6AM**

*After the First Sunday*

[https://bit.ly/marriedcouples\\_prayercall](https://bit.ly/marriedcouples_prayercall)



VIA  
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**VIRTUAL**

# Sunday School

**ADULT CLASS**

8am - 8:45am

REGISTRATION

<http://bit.ly/GSJCSundaySchool>

## *Senior Connection*

### Calling All

Seniors (young at heart) are invited to join us on Thursdays at 12 noon for prayers, testimonies, and a sermonette.

The call-in number is 712-432-0190  
access code 274522#.

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## *Senior* CONNECTION ONLINE GATHERING

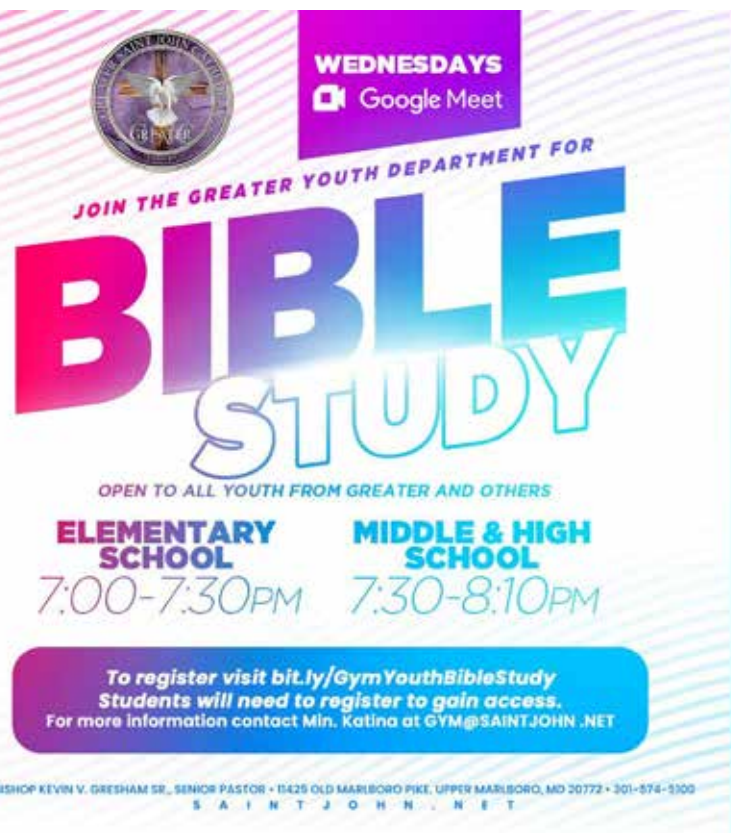
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Please join the **F.A.M. Young Adult Ministry** for our monthly prayer call at 6:30 a.m. on Wednesdays, featuring our own **Bishop Kevin V. Gresham Sr.** The call-in number is (712) 432-0190 and the access code is 274522#. Mark your calendars and set your alarms! You do not want to miss out on prayer with our Bishop!



Join our **Greater Youth Ministry's Bible Study** on Wednesday nights. Elementary from 7:00pm-7:30pm, Middle & High from 7:30pm-8:10pm, please register your youth at **google meet**. Please click on the link: <https://bit.ly/gymYouthBibleStudy>. This bible study is open to Greater Youth as well as others. Please feel free to contact **Minister Katina** if you have any questions at: [gym@saintjohn.net](mailto:gym@saintjohn.net).

# Women's Prayer Call

Join us for our

Women's Prayer Call on Thursdays at 6am.  
The call-in number is 712-432-0190 access  
code 274522#.



# Global Men's Prayer Call

Join us on

Fridays at 6am for the Men's Prayer Call.  
Please use your phone to scan the QR code  
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The new **Theatre Arts Ministry** of Greater is looking for you. We are currently looking for a director preferably with experience in **producing and/or directing productions**. We are looking for **actors, costume/wardrobe specialists, carpenters, and stage crew**.

Please contact **Brother Michael Smith**,  
**Minister of Music & Fine Arts** at [gsjcworship@gmail.com](mailto:gsjcworship@gmail.com)  
for any further information or questions.



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## The LaNetra E. Jones Breakthrough Ministry

Do you feel you need a breakthrough  
for the Lord...

Well the Breakthrough Ministry  
is looking for youth ages 6 to 18  
to become a part of this dynamic ministry.

Rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings, at 7p.m.  
Please contact the Administrative Office if you have  
any questions.

Come Ready To Get Your  
Breakthrough On!

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## FRESH ANOINTING DANCE MINISTRY



**Fresh Anointing** is inviting anyone  
who is interested in joining  
the ministry.

It is a great way to start your  
morning with praise and worship  
to God through dance. We hope  
to see you on Saturday! If you  
are interested, contact  
Sis. Cree Williams at 301-706-1889.

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# MEDIA MINISTRY

Greater Saint John Cathedral's **Media Ministry**, which consists of both **Audio and Video**, is looking for Disciples who are tech savvy or want to become tech savvy. If you are interested and want to work in a great environment, please let us know.

Please contact **Sister Renee Carr** at [rpeacecarr@gmail.com](mailto:rpeacecarr@gmail.com) for more information.

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# SHARE MINISTRY



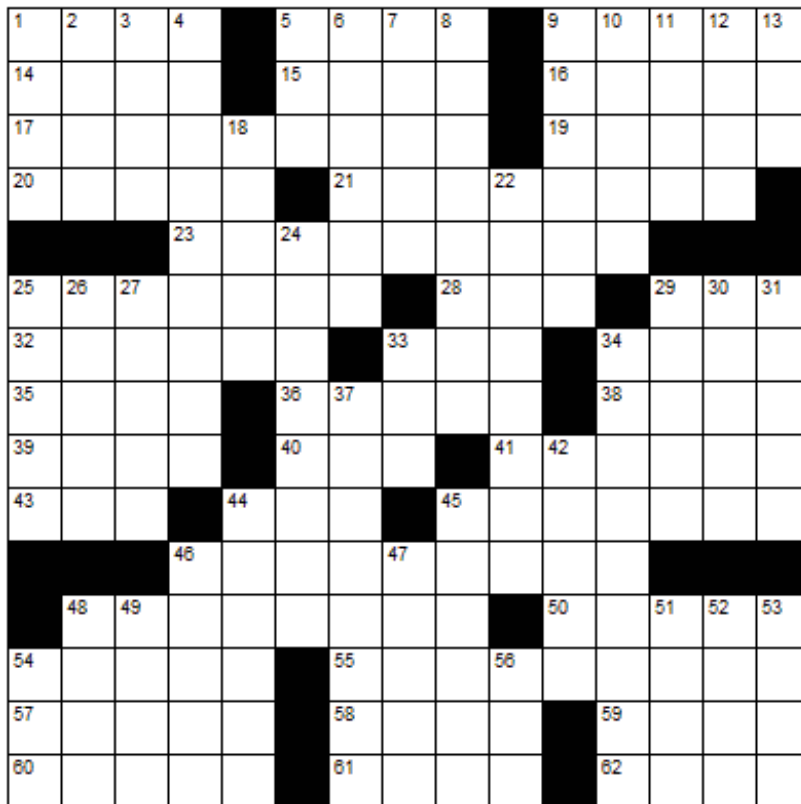
The **Share Team** is in need of many “**Angels**” to help our church’s disciples and community. The Share basic packages are \$25 each month. Also, we gladly accept can or dry goods for the baskets as a welcome addition to the nutritious food that will go on the table for many families in our community! All orders are on a first come first served basis until we run out. You may purchase as many packages as you want! Place your order by email at: [share@saintjohn.net](mailto:share@saintjohn.net) or text 301-254-2795.

**We thank you in advance!**

# FUN ZONE

## ACROSS

1. Declines
5. Away from the wind
9. Compassion
14. Blemish
15. Leguminous plant
16. Love intensely
17. Predictions
19. Plunges into water
20. Direct
21. Chosen one
23. Sweeping views
25. Elephant variety
28. Very important person
29. Back of the boat
32. Boards
33. Damp
34. Assert
35. Ping-\_\_\_
36. Breakfast bread
38. Former Italian currency
39. Cuts lumber
40. Possibilities
41. Land surrounded by water
43. Before, in poetry
44. Type of umpire
45. Vivid
46. Not the driver
48. Emergency armed forces
50. Tequila source
54. Monetary units of Serbia
55. Dredging machines
57. Companionless
58. European volcano
59. Consumes food
60. Ate
61. Outbuilding
62. Blackthorn



## DOWN

- |                                   |                           |                             |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. F F F                          | 13. Affirmative           | 42. Abscond                 |
| 2. Smudge                         | 18. Split                 | 44. Elevated                |
| 3. Naked                          | 22. Giving off            | 45. Crazy                   |
| 4. Repeated cleanings with brooms | 24. Most spiteful         | 46. Aircraft                |
| 5. Goat hair fabric               | 25. A computer company    | 47. Our planet              |
| 6. Textbook division              | 26. What we walk on today | 48. French Sudan,           |
| 7. Consumer of food               | 27. Scope                 | 49. Weightlifters pump this |
| 8. Subjugates                     | 29. Birdlike              | 51. Nitpicky to a fault     |
| 9. Zany                           | 30. Flowerless plants     | 52. Quash                   |
| 10. Rewrites                      | 31. Exchange              | 53. Being                   |
| 11. Amble                         | 33. Past tense of To be   | 54. Cushion                 |
| 12. Algonquian Indian             | 34. Sensitivities         | 56. Roam                    |
|                                   | 37. Football infractions  |                             |

Solution for Crossword Puzzle on page 28

# FUN ZONE

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"Writing hymns is harder than I thought!  
I can't think of anything that rhymes with  
'Hallelujah' except 'glad I knew ya'  
and 'we'll tattoo ya!'"

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"My real estate agent found me this place. I said I wanted a home  
that requires no yard work, no painting, no snow shoveling.  
A place where the weather is perfect and neighbors  
never complain about my music..."



"I said, I won't complain about the  
broken air conditioning any more!"



"... aaaand, we're across the threshold."



# Mark Your Calendars EVENTS



### October

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Pastor’s 34<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Youth Sunday
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Stop-N-Shop Vendors Market
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Daycare Appreciation Sunday
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Women’s Sunday
- 28<sup>th</sup> – Hallelujah Night

### November

- 5<sup>th</sup> – Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Harvest Day
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – Thanksgiving Day Service

### December

- 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day Service
- 31<sup>st</sup> – Watch Night Service

## THEME FOR 2023



Think on This:

“One of the lessons that I grew up with was to always stay true to yourself and never let what Somebody else says distract you from your goals.  
— *Michelle Obama*

“There is always light. If only we’re brave enough to see it. If only we’re brave enough to be it.” — *Amanda Gorman*

“The way I see it, if you want a rainbow, you have got to put up with the rain.”  
— *Dolly Parton*

“A Number 2 pencil and a dream can take you anywhere.” — *Joyce Meyer*



# WAYS TO **give**

**IN-PERSON  
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**LADY DENISE GRESHAM**

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**SUNDAYS AT 9:30 VIA YOUTUBE**

**PPS (PRAYER, PRAISE & STUDY)**  
TUESDAYS AT 7:00PM VIA YOUTUBE

**COMMUNION SERVICE**  
FIRST SUNDAY EACH MONTH

**YOUTH BIBLE STUDY**  
WEDNESDAYS VIA ZOOM

<b>ELEMENTARY SCHOOL</b> 7:00PM - 7:30PM MEETING ID: 736-7333-6219 PASSWORD: 094494	<b>MIDDLE + HIGH SCHOOL</b> 7:30PM - 8:10PM MEETING ID: 784-6981-6376 PASSWORD: 077172
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## MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to proclaim the Good News of the gospel and teach godly principles for a Greater Life.

## VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is to have an abundantly blessed ministry that is both Supernatural and Spirit Filled.