



Rev. and Mrs. Jones

**SPECIAL DATES IN SEPTEMBER**

- Labor Day, September 4, 2023
- National Grandparents Day, September 10
- **GSBC Friends and Family Day, Sept. 10**
- Patriot Day, September 11, 2023
- Hispanic Heritage Month, Sep. 15–Oct. 15, 2023
- First day of autumn, September 23, 2023

♥ **THEY CALL US "THE ELDERLY"** ♥

PRESENTED IN HONOR OF NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS DAY

We were born in the 40-50-60's.  
 We grew up in the 50-60-70's.  
 We studied in the 60-70-80's.  
 We were dating in the 70-80-90's.  
 We got married and discovered the world in the 70-80-90's.  
 We ventured into the 80-90's.  
 We stabilized in the 2000's.  
 We got wiser in the 2010's.  
 And we are going firmly through and beyond 2020.  
 Turns out we've lived through EIGHT different decades...  
 TWO different centuries...  
 TWO different millennia...  
 We have gone from the telephone with an operator for long-distance calls to video calls to anywhere in the world.  
 We have gone from slides to YouTube, from vinyl records to online music, from handwritten letters to email and Whats App.  
 From live matches on the radio, to black and white TV, colour TV and then to 3D HD TV.  
 We went to the Video store and now we watch Netflix.

We got to know the first computers, punch cards, floppy disks and now we have gigabytes and megabytes on our smartphones.

We wore shorts throughout our childhood and then long trousers, Oxfords, flares, shell suits & blue jeans.

We dodged infantile paralysis, meningitis, polio, tuberculosis, swine flu and now COVID-19.

We rode skates, tricycles, bicycles, mopeds, petrol or diesel cars and now we drive hybrids or electric.

Yes, we've been through a lot but what a great life we've had!

They could describe us as "exennials"; people who were born in that world of the fifties, who had an analog childhood and a digital adulthood.

We've kind of "Seen-It-All"!


Our generation has literally lived through and witnessed more than any other in every dimension of life.

It is our generation that has literally adapted to "CHANGE".

A big round of applause to all the members of a very special generation, which will be UNIQUE.

-Author unknown

Keep on keeping on!



**GOING TO SCHOOL WITH JESUS**

In *Faith Takes a Name*, Dwight E. Stevenson writes that if we consider ourselves to be disciples of Jesus, then we must remain "learners under the instruction of Christ." He notes, "Quite literally, a disciple is a pupil, scholar, student or learner. In [Jesus'] world a teacher with his band of disciples was to that culture what schools and universities are to our society. To be a disciple of Jesus is to go to school with him."

Please let us know if you are celebrating your wedding anniversary in October



Please let us know if we fail to list your Birthday!!!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <b>September 2023 Birthdays</b>					1	2 Kim Burrell Georgetta Griten
3 Patricia Glover	4 <i>Labor Day</i> Michaellee Duckworth	5 Joann Simmons	6	7	8	9
10 <i>National Grandparent's Day Friends and Family Day</i>	11 <i>Patriot's Day</i> Edward Bonner	12 Ronnie Waller	13 Monica Little Kenneth Smith	14 Artemus Banks Dana Burns Kenneth Adkins Martize Walton	15 <i>Hispanic Heritage Month begins &amp; continues through 10/15</i>	16
17 Maria Mitchell	18 Denia Davis	19	20	21	22	23 <i>First Day of Autumn</i> Kayla Handley
24 Sharon Davis	25	26	27	28	29	30

**SEPTEMBER SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS AT-A-GLANCE**

**THE ENTIRE BIBLE IN ONE YEAR**



September 3, 2023 **Week 1 Read Genesis**

**Blessings for All Nations: Genesis 12 :1-9**

The Lord instructs Abram to take his family to another country and promises to make him a great name and nation. Abram obeyed the Lord and went toward the Land of Canaan.

September 10, 2023 **Week 2 Exodus**

**Obedying God's Law Exodus 20: 18-36**

Without obedience to the law, people live in chaos, hurting themselves, others, and their environment. God delivered the commandments to the Israelites while showing divine and holy power that tested them, to convince them to obey the laws of the covenant.

September 17, 2023 **Week 3 Leviticus**

**Living as God's Just People: Leviticus 19: 9-18, 33-37**

This chapter begins with a call to reflect on the nature of God. 'You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy' (v2 NKJV).

September 24, 2023 **Week 4 Numbers**

**People Grumble: Numbers 11: 1-6, 10-15**

During times of trouble, what happens when we forget our blessings? When God brought the people out of slavery in Egypt and provided for them in the desert, Moses and the people complained repeatedly, loudly, and often about their hardships. They had forgotten what God had done for them.

## *September Anniversaries*



*Brother Phillip and Sister Deloris Weaver are celebrating their 57th Wedding Anniversary on September 3rd, 2023!!!*

*Deacon James and Deaconess Sarah Toney will celebrate their Golden (50th) Wedding Anniversary on September 28, 2023!!!*



**It's been a wonderful Journey. Through the years we give God All the Glory.  
Love - James and Sarah Toney**

### **Unity In Community Friends and Family Day**



**Sunday, September 10, 2023, 11 AM**

**Theme: Serving with A Purpose In Glorifying God Matthew 25: 35-40**

**Unity Colors: Comfortable colors**

# SEPTEMBER HEALTH NOTES FROM THE NURSES MINISTRY

## Social Media and Youth

### Contact Information Needed

### SOCIAL MEDIA AND YOUTH

There are good things about social media – but also many risks and things kids and teens should avoid. They don't always make good choices when they post something on a site, and this can lead to problems. To help them find balance, it's important to talk with your youth about how to use social media.

#### **Mental Health Effects:**

Spending too much time on social media can have negative mental health effects. Sometimes it's not just how much time kids spend on social media but how it's used that can affect them. For example, seeing how many "friends" others have and the pictures of them having fun can make kids feel bad about themselves or feel like they do not measure up to their peers.

Kids may see online ads or content that are inappropriate for their age. They could be exposed to content that not Christian and goes against what they have been taught. Spending too much time on social media can mean there is less time for doing homework, reading, exercising, sleeping, spending time with loved ones, or enjoying the outdoors.

#### **So, what can parents do?**

- ◆ It is important to be aware of what your kids do online. But snooping can alienate them and damage the trust you have built together. The key is to stay involved in a way that makes your kids understand that you want to make sure they are safe.
- ◆ Tell your kids that mean behavior is not ok. Ask them to always tell you about any harassing or bullying messages that they receive, or others post.
- ◆ Tell your kids not to share anything on social media that they would not want their teachers, future bosses – and yes, grandma – to see.
- ◆ Privacy settings are important. Go through them together to make sure your kids understand each.
- ◆ Help them to understand that passwords should not be shared, even with friends.
- ◆ Do not "friend" strangers. This is a plain, simple – and safe – rule of thumb.
- ◆ Help keep kids grounded in the real world by putting [limits on media use](#). (Such as no devices at the dinner table or set a time that devices are to be turned off).

**And do not forget – Setting a good example through your own virtual behavior can go a long way toward helping youth use social media safely.**

Source: [www.kidshealth.org](http://www.kidshealth.org).



### **Contact information requested:**

*We pray for good health for all. But if you should have a medical emergency at church, who is your next of kin and what is their contact number? Please feel free to give this information to a member of the Nurses Guild so that we can better assist you.*

## NEWS FROM THE PEWS

# BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Last month saw the celebration of God's blessing toward one of our oldest members [Sis. Julia Berkley -99 years old] and one of our newest octogenarian {Deacon James Toney turned 80}. Members of Greater Salem joined with their families and friends to honor them.



### SIS. JULIA BERKLEY

was joined by her son, (L) Chuck Berkley, his wife (R) Deanna Berkley, and daughter (C) Lynn Kaplan at her birthday celebration and during morning worship here at GSBC.



**DEACON JAMES TONEY** turned 80 on August 16th of this year. He was treated to a Surprise Birthday Celebration at The Black Jockeys Restaurant on Saturday, August 19th. He was honored by the presence of his sons, daughters, grandkids and other relatives from his hometown of Gadsden, AL, as well as, other cities in Alabama, Georgia and Illinois, and of course his GSBC family. As Sis. Sarah Toney says, "We all had a wonderful time".



## Black History HighLights

<https://www.blackhistoryedzone.com/September-black-history-facts/>

# FOR SEPTEMBER

### *This Month in Black History!!!*



Dr. Carter G. Woodson

**September 15, 1915**

Carter G Woodson, the Father of Black History, founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, now the Association for the Study of African American Life and History.



James Meredith

**September 10, 1962** The United States Supreme Court ordered the University of Mississippi to accept James Meredith as a student.

**September 25, 1962** Governor Ross Barnett, in defiance of the court order, blocked Meredith entrance to the University,

**September 30, 1962** Federal troops, sent by President Kennedy, escorted James Meredith onto the campus.



Gen. Daniel "Chappie" James

**September 1, 1975**

Daniel "Chappie" James, a former Tuskegee Airman, became the first Black four-star general in the United States Air Force.

### Major historically Black Protestant denominations and when they were founded:

- I. African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church, 1816
- II. African Methodist Episcopal Zion (AME Zion) Church, 1821
- III. Christian Methodist Episcopal (CME) Church, 1870
- IV. National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., 1880

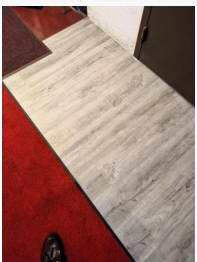
- V. Church of God in Christ (COGIC), 1897
- VI. National Baptist Convention of America International, Inc., 1915
- VII. Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., 1961
- VIII. Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship International, 1994

*Note: Some individual churches associated with these denominations predate the founding of the denominations themselves.*

## ***CHURCH BUILDING PROJECTS....***Completed and Proposed

### Church Building Projects That Have Been Completed

1. Repaired soft panels in overhang (12 ft total) on east side of building corner only.
2. Installed dirt in low spot -on east side of building only. Grade area once dirt is installed. If leak continues where area has been repaired, additional costs will be necessary to explore the problem.
3. Removed & replaced entry place on roof. Church/owner supplied the door.
4. Removed old ceramic tiles and replaced with Pergo floor vinyl flooring (7x8) area only.
5. Eastside of Church entrance only, installed vinyl soffit panels in a (4x8) window sash inside & outside. Total of four window sashes only.
6. Removed existing shingles, old nails & drip edge from roof. Replaced with 3-dimensional roof shingles.
7. Installed underlayment, drip edge & flashing on shingle roof that is being repaired only.



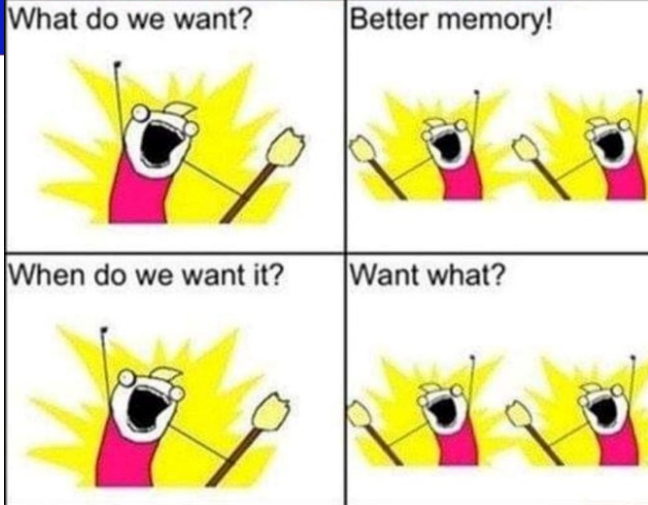
Commitment forms for replenishing funds utilized in replacing the sanctuary roof and other recent building repairs are available. Over 25 Thousand Dollars in pledges have been made so far. You can make a one-time, weekly, or monthly gift toward your total annual gift.

### Proposed Projects

- Inside drywall repair on east side.
- Drywall repair on ceiling going up to balcony.
- Lighting in Sanctuary.
- Update cameras inside and outside.
- Recap all stairways.
- Facelift on front of church.
- Seal windows on eastside stairwell
- Repadding pews
- Ventilation in bathrooms
- Handrails going into choir stand
- Replace defective Doorstops

# IT'S SEPTEMBER INSPIRATION

## The Senior Citizen Cheer!



Oh! how great and glorious a thing it is to have before one the Word of God! With that we may at all times feel joyous and secure; we need never be in want of consolation,

for we see before us, in all its brightness, the pure and right way. He who loses sight of the Word of God, falls into despair; the voice of heaven no longer sustains him; he follows only the disorderly tendency of his heart, and of world vanity, which lead him on to his destruction.

—The Table Talk of Martin Luther



# Puzzle!

Starting on the bold word, follow the maze to read a Bible passage. Move from one box to another if the sides or corners touch. Some boxes are used multiple times.

PROVERBS 2:3-5, NIV

Answer: If you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. Proverbs 2:3-5, NIV



# SEPTEMBER 2023 WORSHIP - STUDY - PRAY

Sunday	Monday	Tues- day	Wednesday	Thurs- day	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
<b>3 Sunday School - 10AM</b> In Sanctuary or via conference Call at 978-990-5000 access code 721799#  <b>Morning Worship -11:15 AM -</b> In person or on GSBC Face-book Live	<b>4</b> Labor Day	<b>5</b>	<b>6 Noon Day Prayer Service -</b> in the Sanctuary  <b>Weekly Youth* and Adult Bible Studies - Adults 6:00 PM</b> in the Sanctuary -Via Facebook Live or via conference call at 978-990-5000 Access Code 7032638  <b>Prayer Service - 7:00 PM</b> In Sanctuary or via 605-472-5736 Access code 2239663	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9 Men's Bible Study 10:15 AM</b> In person or Dial-In at 605-468-8738 Access Code: 5398693 <b>Women's Bible Study 12Noon</b> in person or dial-in at 605-313-5598 Access code 6671487
<b>10 Sunday School -10:00 Am</b> <b>Morning Worship -11:15 AM</b> <b>Friends &amp; Family Sunday</b>	<b>9/11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13 Noon Day Prayer Service 12:00 PM</b>  <b>Weekly Bible Studies 6:00 PM</b> <b>Prayer Service -7 PM</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16 Men's Bible Study 10:15 AM</b> In person or Dial-In
<b>17 Sunday School - 10:00 AM</b> <b>Morning Worship -11:15 AM</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20 Noon Day Prayer Service 12:00 PM</b> <b>Prayer Service -7 PM</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23 Men's Bible Study 10:15 AM</b> In person or Dial-In <b>Women's Bible Study 12 Noon</b> in person or dial in
<b>24 Sunday School -10:00 AM</b> <b>Morning Worship -11:15 AM</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27 Weekly Bible Studies 6:00 PM</b> <b>Prayer Service - 7:00 PM</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30 Men's Bible Study 10:15 AM</b> In person or dial-in

## Please Note:

- \* The Weekly Bible study is led by Interim Pastor Carl Jones
- \* The Women's Ministry Bible Study Classes are led by Min. Monica Thomas
- \* The Men's Bible Study is led by Bro. Walter Holbrook
- \* \*Youth Bible Study follows a 6:00 PM Meal prepared for them by the Kitchen Ministry.
- \* Sunday Worship services begin at 11:15 AM
- \* Tithes and Offerings can be delivered to the church office between 10 AM and 2:00 PM or placed in the Mail slot at any time. VANCO Online Giving can be accessed on the church website, [greatersalembaptist.org](http://greatersalembaptist.org) under the HOME/GIVING heading. You can also call the church at 587-8869 if you'd like someone to pick up your offering.
- \* The Lord's Supper is served on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at the end of morning worship.
- \* Paper copies of the GoodNewsLetter are available each first Sunday following the morning worship. Call the church office if you need a copy mailed to you. If you'd like to receive a digital copy please contact the editor via email at [hegilmer1@msn.com](mailto:hegilmer1@msn.com)



# PUZZLE

## A PATH TO PRAYER

God's Word offers lots of insights about how to pray.

**Directions:** Use the code to fill in the blanks and complete a Bible passage about prayer.



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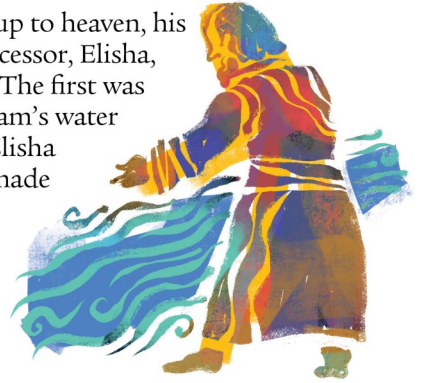
1:3-4, NIV



"Yes, as a matter of fact, these are extra-strength tablets."

## Bible Quiz

After Elijah was taken up to heaven, his newly commissioned successor, Elisha, performed two miracles. The first was making a poisonous stream's water safe to drink. What did Elisha toss into the water that made it wholesome?



- A. a stick
- B. a new bowl
- C. bread
- D. salt

Answer: (See 2 Kings 2:19-22.)



## SEARCHING FOR SILVER

Godly, biblical wisdom is more valuable than gold or silver. Make this do-it-yourself toy to practice your searching skills.

### What you need:

- 12 small, smooth rocks
- An empty, clean egg carton
- Paintbrush
- Acrylic paint (gold or silver)
- Black permanent marker

### What you do:

1. Clean the rocks and egg carton. Place newspaper on a table to protect it from paint.
2. Paint all sides of the rocks and carton. Let dry. Add a second coat, if desired.
3. When rocks are dry, number each rock (1-12) with marker. Place rocks in the carton.
4. Play hide-and-seek with a friend. Take turns hiding the rocks in a room, sandbox or backyard. Give clues, if needed, and count the rocks as they're returned.
5. Use your imagination to incorporate a treasure hunt into study time or family devotions.

## Christian Symbols



## STONE TABLETS

The tablets of stone symbolize God's giving of the Law to Israel through Moses on Mount Sinai (Horeb). They're often shown with Roman numerals I through III on the left tablet and IV through X on the right. This represents the Ten Commandments — with the first three focusing on God and the final seven focusing on other people. The image of the stone tablets also may represent the entire Old Testament



# WE ALL NEED HOPE!!!

“The greatest need in our world today is the need for hope.” —Billy Graham

## WHEN HOPE IS LOST

Have you ever felt like everything is crumbling around you? When hard times come, it's surprising how quickly our plans are disrupted. In the blink of an eye, we can find ourselves with failing health, depleted resources, or shattered hopes and dreams.

When the future is dark and unknown—when all earthly hopes are fading—that is the perfect time to look up! “Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is” (Jeremiah 17:7).

## HOPE CANNOT OUTLIVE ITS SOURCE

Do you want hope that never fades? Then you need to find your hope in a *source* which never fails. As long as we look to temporary things for our satisfaction and joy, our hope will always be fleeting and fragile. But when we anchor our hope in God, it will remain eternal and strong, because He is the same “yesterday, and to day, and for ever” (Hebrews 13:8).

## OUR GREATEST NEED

What is the one thing we need more than anything else? God, who designed us, breathed life into us, and knows all about us has declared that our greatest need is a *changed heart*.

Even though our first parents were created in innocence, they chose to disobey God and sinned against Him. Every new generation has inherited their fallen nature and followed their rebellious example. Because of this, we find ourselves spiritually “dead in trespasses and sins ... having no hope, and without God” (Ephesians 2:1,12).

## WE CAN HAVE LASTING HOPE

For hope to be renewed, our relationship with God must be restored. Somehow, the defilement of sin must be washed away, and our deceitful hearts must be made new. People have many ideas about how this can be done, but God has already provided the *only* way. Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me” (John 14:6).

When Jesus died on the cross, He laid down His life as a sacrifice for our sin. He suffered the wrath of God in our place, and shed His blood so we can be cleansed and forgiven. He then rose from the dead, signifying that God ac-

cepted His sacrifice, and proving that sin and death have been defeated!

To have the sure hope of eternal life, we must put our complete trust in what Jesus has done. We cannot “earn” our way back to Him with good works. Only a perfect righteousness—that of Jesus—is enough. When we put our trust in Jesus Christ, God forgives our sins and covers us in the righteousness of Jesus. We receive God's salvation as a gift of His grace.

## WILL GOD MAKE EVERYTHING PERFECT?

Those who trust in Jesus Christ are promised an eternal paradise which exceeds anything we can possibly imagine (1 Corinthians 2:9). In that day, “God shall wipe away all tears ... and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain” (Revelation 21:4).

Until then, believers are assured that God is always with them in every difficulty. He has promised, “I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee” (Hebrews 13:5). This gives God's children the confidence to say, “The Lord is my helper” (Hebrews 13:6).

If we start to feel overwhelmed by life's ups and downs, it is good to remember that we can trust the almighty God in every circumstance. Peace comes from “casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you” (1 Peter 5:7).

## FIND YOUR HOPE IN JESUS CHRIST

If you realize that you need the hope only God can provide and are ready to turn to God in repentance, what is stopping you from admitting your sin to God, and asking Him to save you? Right now, right where you are, you can talk to Him in your own words, expressing to Him your need and desire for His free gift of salvation. There is forgiveness and hope in Jesus Christ!

*“God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life” (John 3:16).*

**“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life (John 6:47)**

**If you've read this and need to talk to someone about it and your salvation, you can contact the Church Office at 502-587-8869.**

A Note from your GNL Editor If you'd like to receive a digital copy of the GoodNewsLetter each month send your email address to me or if you have some good news you'd like to share for next month's GNL please give it to me; send it to me at [hegilmer1@msn.com](mailto:hegilmer1@msn.com); or leave it in my mail bin in the church office!!! Harold E. Gilmer



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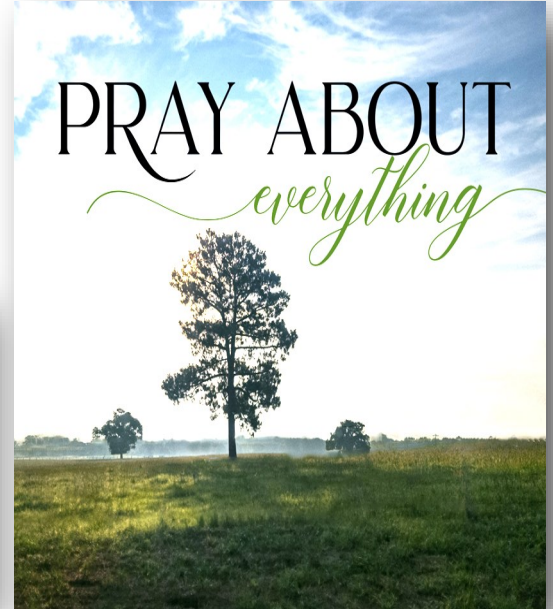
10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Saturday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

**(See Page 13 for updated schedule of in person and online audio or video opportunities)**

### ANNOUNCEMENT:

The 12th Annual Ministries Day will take place on Sunday, October 15, 2023!!! The theme for the observance is "Being Faithful Servants" based upon the Word in 1 Peter 4:10.



MAKING DISCIPLES FOR CHRIST  
ONE HEART AT A TIME - ONE FAMILY AT A TIME

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Deadline for the October 2023 GNL  
09/17/2023