

SEPTEMBER 12-13, 2020

CELEBRATING
145TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

ST. JOHN

BAPTIST CHURCH



History

ORGANIZED CIRCA 1871

Rev. Samuel Barber

Pastors:

Rev. Philip Shiver	1872-1875
Rev. William Lowman	1875-1885 & 1887-1892
Rev. Jesse W. Neal	1892-1943
Rev. Westberry H. Neal	1943-2001
Rev. Sammy Wade	2002-Present

History Continued

REBUILT 1944

W.H. Neal, Pastor

Deacons 

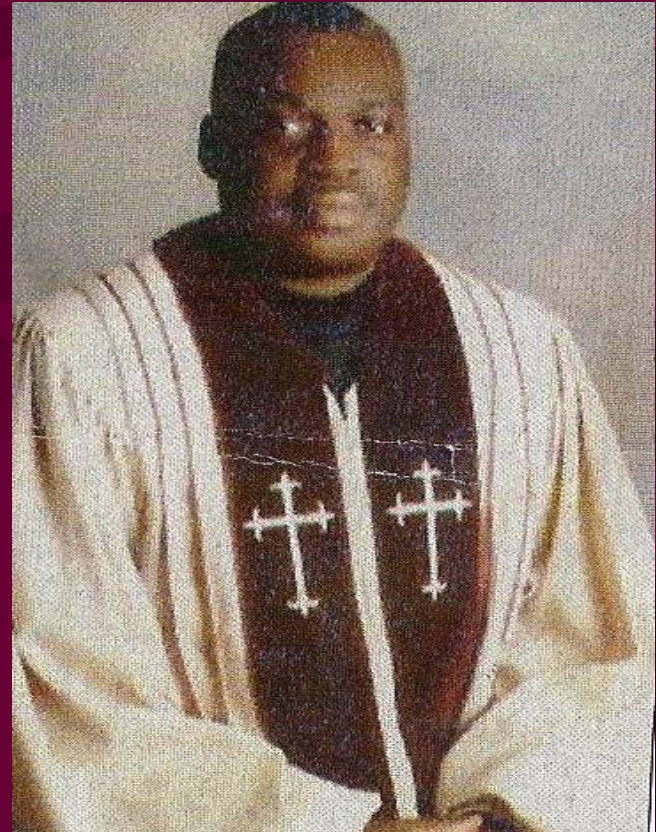


S.Johnson	F.Evans	E.McRant	H.Moody
W.Green	J.McRant	F.Burden	T.Lowman
B.Martin	C.Evans	E.Clarkston	I.Alston
U.Barber	F.Johnson	R.Lowman	H.Tucker

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH

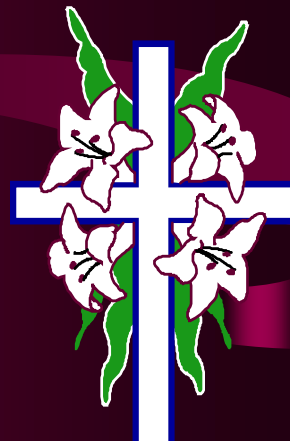


REV. SAMMY L. AND
FIRST LADY MARY WADE
2002 - PRESENT





REV. & 1ST LADY WADE MINISTERIAL STAFF



MINISTER CAMERON & BEVERLY
WESLEY



PASTOR SAMMY &
1ST LADY MARY WADE



CHURCH MOTHER
JULIA WILLIAMS



MINISTER KENDRICK &
YOLANDE ROACH

MINISTER ELIZABETH &
DEACON MACK EDWARDS



MINISTER EUGENE &
JACKIE BURDEN



Not Pictured are
Minister & Mrs. Ervin Barnes
Minister Sharon & Mr. Jones
Minister Annette Wright
Elder John and Jackie Hayes

Chairman of the Deacon Ministry: C. Simmons



J. Battle

C. Davis

J. White

O. Middleton

T. Prioleau

J. Howell

N. Middleton

C. Robinson

B. Brown

M. Edwards

J. Newton

G. Neal

M. Robinson

J. Jones

J. Felder

H. Weston

J.E. Brown

R. Johnson

I. Loman

R. Coard

J. Weston

J. Kirkland

W. McRant

A. Williams



DEACONESSES

DEACONS





WORKING FOR THE LORD





VOICES OF OUR SEASONED MEMBERS BARBER FAMILY

The Hopkins community and the St. John Baptist Church were closely knit after the institution of slavery ended, and formerly enslaved families depended upon each other for their very survival. In the early 1870's, the Reverend Samuel Barber began a campaign to establish this church in the Hopkins Community. In the midst of the people was the Lord our God when visionaries congregated outside in a brush arbor to conduct their prayer service and worship. Insightful members banded together, with God's guidance, to establish the first church building which was built on property donated by one of the founding members, Ephraim Neal. By 1875, St. John Baptist Church had been chartered by the Gethsemane Baptist Association and Reverend William Lowman, an ordained minister, was serving as pastor. With God's grace and the wisdom of our forefathers, the church members are moving forward into the future to be a "Beacon of Light" for the Lower Richland community.

Pictured are the direct descendants of Reverend Samuel Barber: his grandson, the late Deacon Ulysses R. Barber and his wife, the late Ann Portee Barber, children, grandchildren and sons-in-law. The Barber family has been active in St. John Baptist Church throughout the 145 years history.



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Board of Christian Education – Chairman Deacon Calvin Robinson



Chairman of the Trustee Board - Thomas Gunter

Vinia Alston
Helen Bradley
David Daniels
Johnny Edmond
Tyrome Goodwin
Mamie Jacobs
David Jones
Deborah McKenzie
Russell Myers
Jesse Smith
Deborah Thompson

Bryant Barber
Alvin Childs
Mack Daniels
Wildena Edmond
Lorrie Gregory
Larry James
Jannie Jones
John McLemore
**Kenneth Roach, Jr.
Sarah Sulton
Ronald Wesley, Sr.

**Tameka Barker
Eugene Clarkson, Jr.
Allen Edmond
Omar Gibson
Joann Hayes
Andre Johnson
Mary Kirkland
Johnnie McRant
**Jennifer Shiver
Calvin Sumter
Rosa Wesley

Leroy Bell
**Samuel Cole
Brian Edmond
Ronald Gibson
James Jackson
Crystal Johnson
Blanche McFadden
Rebecca Myers
Alex Smith
Leon Sumter

Voices of our Seasoned Members

Clarkson Family

Trustee Eugene W. Clarkson, Jr. has been a member of St. John Baptist Church for over 74 years and is the third generation of the Clarkson Family to attend St John, dating back to the 1890's when his grandparents, Deacon Eugene and Hattie Clarkson join the church.

Later, in the 1920's, his parents Lucille and Deacon Eugene W. Clarkson, Sr. joined St. John with their children, Sarah Bennett, Constance Adams, Carolyn Forney, and Eugene Jr. Siblings Zira Hipp and Helen Wright are both deceased. Eugene, also known as Toot, was baptized at the early age of six and enjoyed attending church, but it was the sermons and biblical teaching that helped him remain grounded and drew him closer to God.

He has served on the following auxiliaries: Church Treasurer, member of the Musical Choir, Finance Committee, and presently the Trustee Board. His most memorable moments at St. John was when the Trustees and Deacons came together to build the Fellowship Hall and work on the construction of the new cemetery along with working on the committee to construct the Holistic Wellness Center.

Trustee Clarkson is quoted as saying, "If you're looking for a place to worship and be welcomed with open arms, St. John is the church for you".



CHURCH OFFICERS

Clerk

Assistant Clerk

Church Secretary

Financial Secretary

Asst. Fin Secretary

Treasurer

Auditor

Trustee Vinia Alston

Trustee Joann Hayes

Trustee Helen Bradley

Sis. Arnett Edmond

Sis. Sandra Johnson

Trustee Deborah Mckenzie

Sis. Cynthia Howell

Voices of our Seasoned Members

Mrs. Annie Bell Goodwin



Mrs. Annie Bell Goodwin, when asked why she joined St. John and how long she's been a member, she proudly replied, "I have been a member for 80 years, baptized in the 1940's, at age 11 and now I'm 91 years old. I was baptized in Tressel Creek located behind the church. Dr. W.H. Neal performed my baptism. My mother, one of the Matriarchs of St. John, Mrs. Rosette Tillman Sumter, chose St. John because of our long family history connection. Mama instilled in us to go to church and know God for ourselves. I always looked forward to going to Sunday School under the leadership of John Goodson, my Sunday School Teacher".



She goes on to say that St. John means a lot to her, "St. John brings back memories of good friends and family members, especially of my mother. I remember my daddy, Joe Sumter, help build St. John. I remember when the tornado tore the church down and two of my brothers Leon and Marion Sumter helped to build it back".

Mother Goodwin, when asked about auxiliaries she's been a part of, goes on to say, "I was on the Usher Board and the Jubilee Choir, which I love so much and was the secretary of the Jubilee Choir until my health started to decline. My daughter Eliza Simmons, is following in my footsteps as President of the Jubilee Choir. I participated and was traveling with the Senior Citizens Ministry and playing bingo before the virus.

Mother Goodwin was married to Erlick Goodwin and they had 9 children: Shirley, Rosetta, Charles, Eliza, Ronald, Brenda, Linda, Betty and Annette.

FUN TIMES WITH THE HOPKINS FARMERS



Gourmet Chefs in Action

Where's the Beef?



SISTER BETTY HOWELL HAS HER HANDS FULL AT SUMMER CAMP, HOPKINS PARK



LET'S GET THIS PLACE CLEANED UP; SUMMER IS JUST STARTING; GET IN A STRAIGHT LINE !!!

Drill Sergeant Blanche



Sister Howell and Sister Wilson prepare to feed snacks in the St. John Fellowship Hall



Serving in the Fellowship Hall

DEACONESS JONES, DEACONESS STOCKER, MRS. HOWELL, & MRS. CARTER



**LISTEN GUYS;LET'S DO THIS
THING RIGHT NOW!!!**





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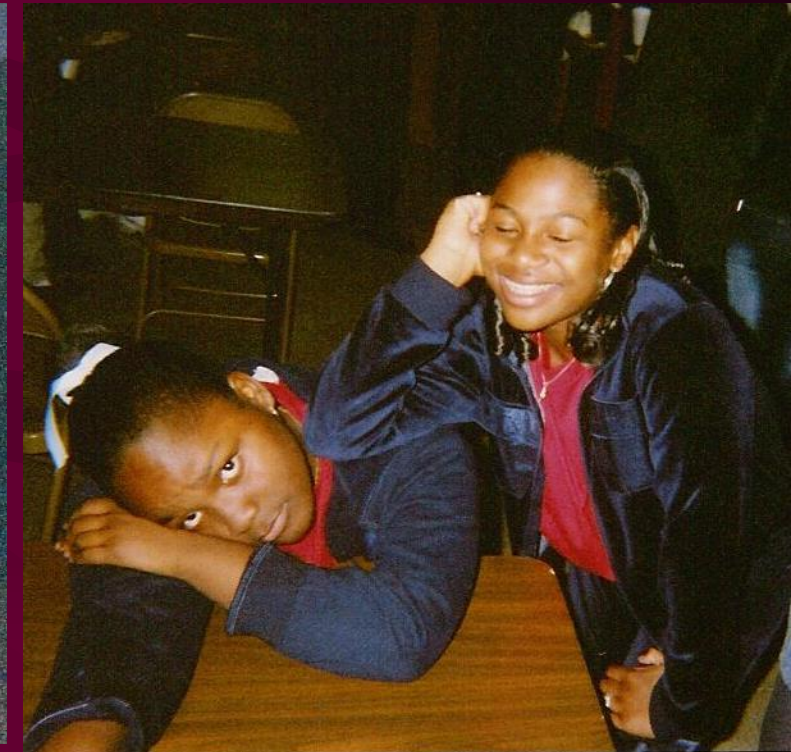
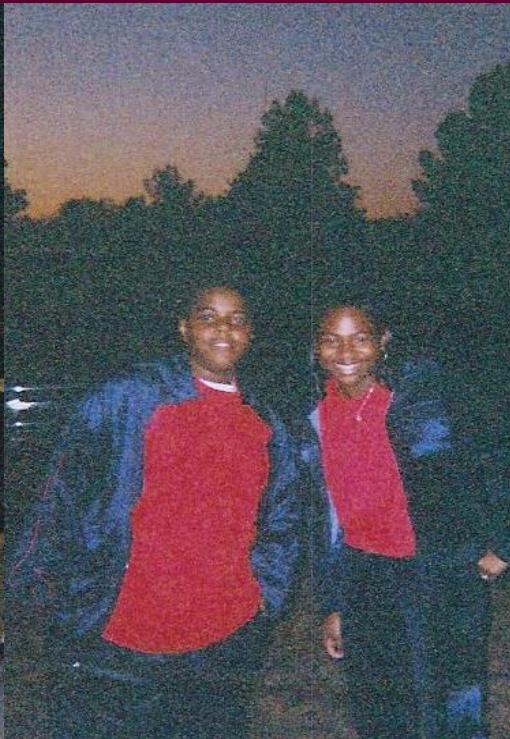
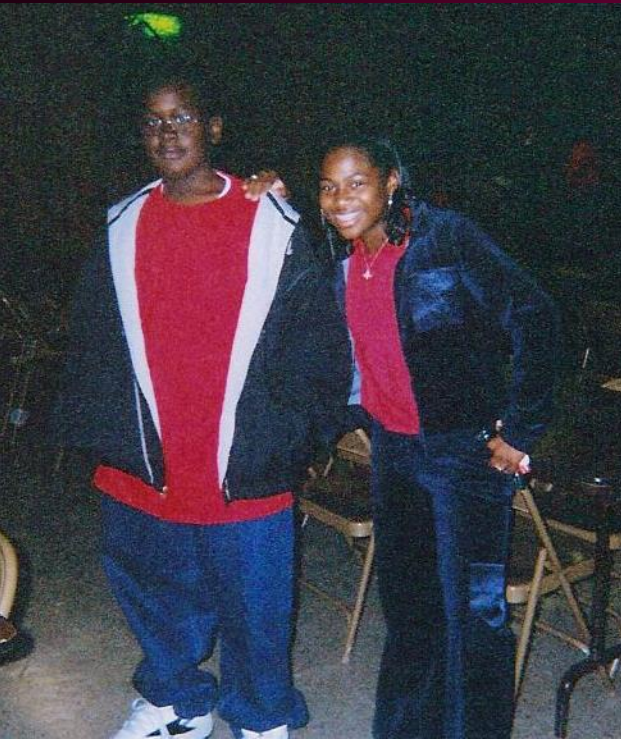
OUR DYNAMIC YOUTH CHOIR



YOUNG ADULTS SINGS SONGS OF PRAISES



TAKE MY PICTURE, PLEASE!!!



MORE KIDS!!!!!!

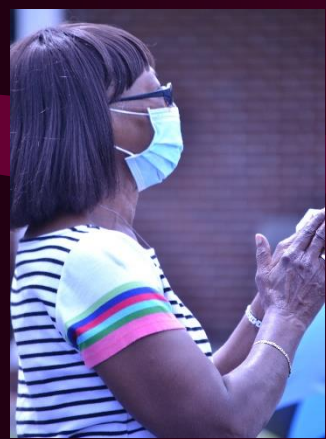


COME AND GET IT!!!!



JUST A FEW OF OUR YOUTH AT WORK





COVID-19
STILL
STANDING







CHURCH FAMILY





CHURCH FAMILY



CIRCA 1948-1950

ST. JOHN CHOIR





CHURCH FAMILY





WBAUD MASS CHOIR



MALE
CHOIR



JUBILEE
CHOIR



SANCTUARY CHOIR WITH MUSICAL STAFF





JUBILEE CHOIR







CHOIR FAMILY





ST. JOHN HOLISTIC WELLNESS CENTER AND CAFETERIA STAFF “FOCUS ON GIVING”



ST. JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH AND
COMMUNITY WELLNESS GROUP PRESENTS

JOE NEAL COMMUNITY

HEALTH FAIR

**FREE
HEALTH
SCREENINGS**

- BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS
- DIABETIC SCREENINGS
- VISION SCREENINGS
- MENTAL WELLNESS CHECKS
- SPINAL SCREENINGS

**FRIDAY
AUGUST 30, 2019
9:00AM-12:30PM**

**AT ST. JOHN HOLISTIC
WELLNESS CENTER**

230 J. W. Neal Circle, Hopkins SC 29061

**FOR MORE DETAILS PLEASE
CALL (803) 570-2522**



S.C. Representative
Joseph "Joe" Neal



ST. JOHN BREAST
CANCER
AWARENESS.
ALWAYS
REMEMBERING





ST. JOHN PRAISE TEAM

THE GOSPEL REDEEMERS





ST. JOHN
VETERANS
AND THE LR
VETERANS
FORMATION

ST. JOHN NEW FAMILY LIFE & HOLISTIC WELLNESS CENTER



God gave our Shepherds a vision that is now complete. As we look back at the ground-breaking in 2011, then the first bean erected February 2012 to the grand opening in 2013, We are reminded of the Prophet Isiah, “Behold, (look) I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the deserts.”
Isaiah 43:19.

