

# Saint John Baptist Church

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## 2026 Church Calendar of Works

A LIVING GUIDE TO MINISTRY, MISSION & SERVICE

**YEAR 129 (Updated 5-2-2026)**

**As the seasons change, the work of the Lord  
continues.**



**The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our  
God shall stand forever.**

*Isaiah 40:8*

### Reverend Ellsworth Tait, Pastor

Sunday School  
Worship Service  
Holy Communion

9:00 am  
10:00 am (unless indicated otherwise)  
First Sunday of Each Month

Bible Study  
Youth Sunday  
Other Special Services

Each Wednesday 7:00 pm (Oct-June)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Each Month (unless  
otherwise)  
As indicated on the Calendar

The Calendar of Works of St. John Baptist Church is a fluid and living document, designed to reflect the movement of God’s people as we respond faithfully to His call in real time. It outlines the ministries, programs, and sacred gatherings through which we worship, serve, teach, and grow together—remaining open to prayerful adjustment as the Spirit leads.

To ensure order, clarity, and effective communication across all ministries, the Calendar of Works is maintained by the Chair of the Steering Committee. All program requests, date changes, cancellations, and additions must be submitted through the established process and approved before being placed on the calendar. This allows the church to function in unity, avoid conflicts, and steward our time and resources wisely.

We kindly ask all ministries and leaders to honor this process so that the work of the church may continue decently and in order, to the glory of God and the benefit of the entire congregation.

*“Let all things be done decently and in order.”* — 1 Corinthians 14:40 (KJV)

#### CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING DATES

	February 26 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm
	April 30 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm
	June 18 <sup>th</sup>	
6:00 pm		
	August 27 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm
	October 22 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm
	November 19 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm

*(Deacons & Trustees meet the Sunday prior to the Church Meeting)*  
\*All Church Business meetings are held on Thursdays



January 4<sup>th</sup>  
January 8<sup>th</sup>  
(Thursday)

First Sunday in 2026  
Feedmore

January 10<sup>th</sup>  
(Saturday)

Workshop-Congregational Care

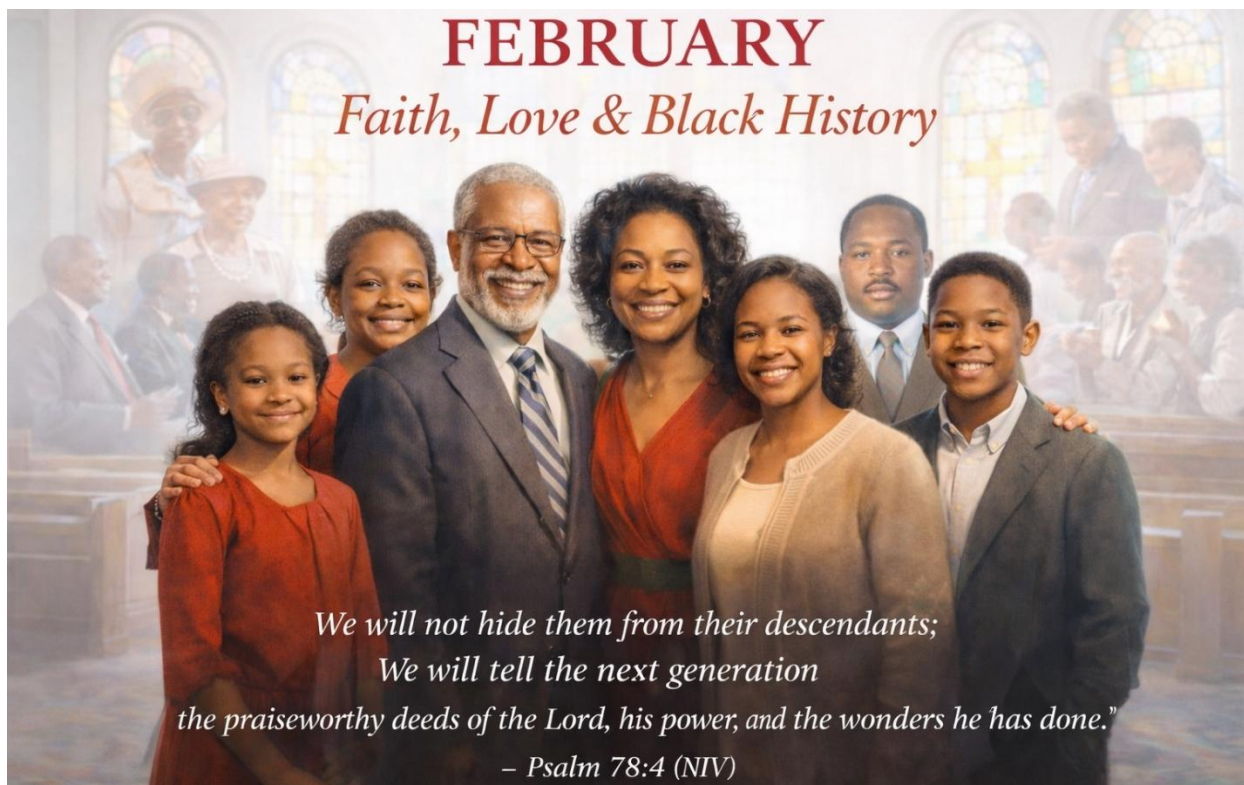
January 18<sup>th</sup>

SJBC MLK Observance/Youth Sunday  
*BHM Committee/Youth Ministry*  
*January Birthday Celebration*

Men's Fellowship Meeting

January 25<sup>th</sup>

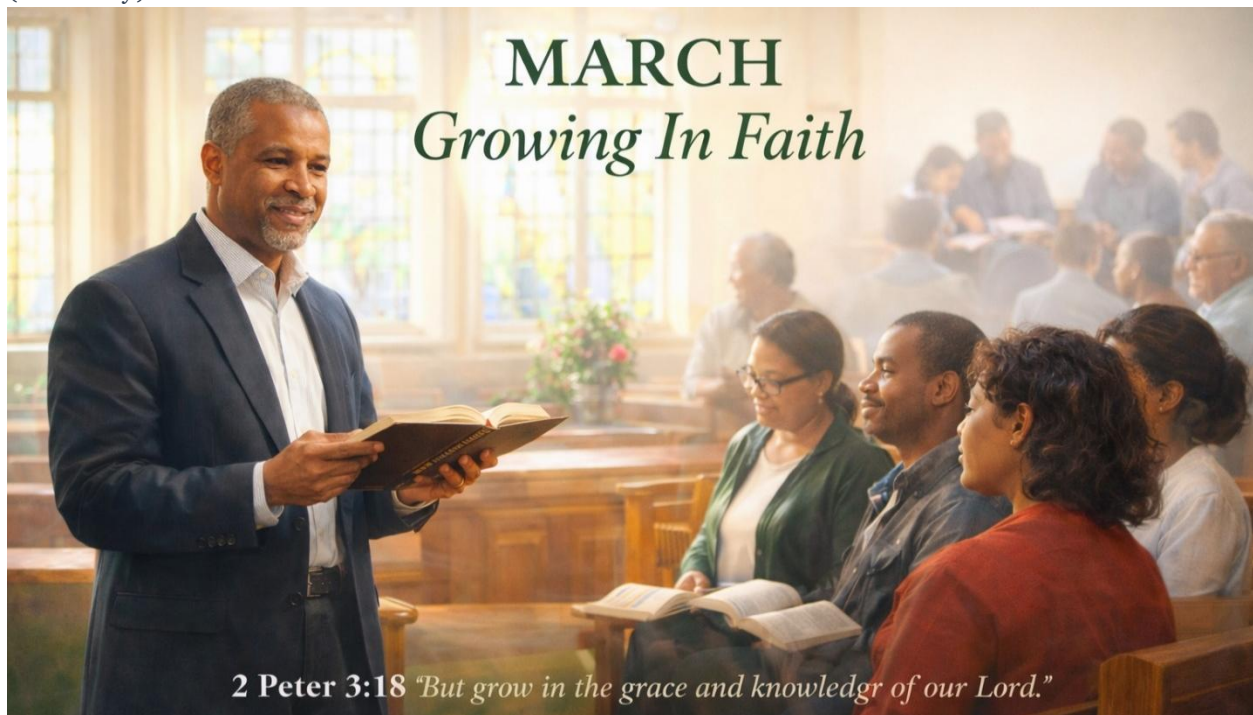
Women's Ministry Meeting



February 1st	Black History Month Kickoff-1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday <i>BHM Committee in Charge</i>
February 5th	Feedmore (Thursday)
February 8th	Black History Month-2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday <i>BHM Committee in Charge</i>
February 9 <sup>th</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup> Year of Remembrance of Burning of St. John
February 15 <sup>th</sup>	Black History Month-3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday/Youth Sunday <i>BHM Committee/Youth ministry in Charge</i> <i>February Birthday Celebration</i>
February 18th	☩ Ash Wednesday
February 22nd	Black History Month-4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday <i>BHM Committee in Charge</i> ☩ 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

February 26th  
(Thursday)

Church Business Meeting



March 1st

State of the Church - following worship service  
*Oliver Whitehead*  
✠ 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

March 5<sup>th</sup>  
(Thursday)

Feedmore

March 8<sup>th</sup>

Women's Day Program  
*Women's Ministry*  
✠ Third Sunday in Lent  
Day Light Savings Time Begins

March 15<sup>th</sup>

Youth Sunday  
*Youth Ministry in Charge*  
✠ Fourth Sunday in Lent  
*March Birthday Celebration*

*Deacon Ordination Service*  
3 pm

March 22<sup>nd</sup>

Special Olympics Sunday  
*Steering Committee in Charge*<sup>h</sup>  
✠ Fifth Friday in Lent

March 29<sup>th</sup>

Women's Ministry Meeting  
Scholarship Sunday

Scholarship Committee in Charge

✠Sixth Sunday in Lent

March 30<sup>th</sup>-April 2<sup>nd</sup>

✠Holy Week



April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Feedmore

April 3<sup>rd</sup>

✠Good Friday

Seven Last Words 6 pm at St John

April 5<sup>th</sup>

✠Easter Sunday

April 11<sup>th</sup>

Men's Fellowship Luncheon  
Golden Corral

April 17<sup>th</sup>

Young Men Empowerment  
7pm-11pm-The Making of an Educated King Groomed  
for Greatness

April 19<sup>th</sup>

Youth Sunday  
Youth Ministry In Charge

April Birthday Celebration following Worship Service

April 23<sup>rd</sup>  
(Thursday)

Church Business Meeting

April 26<sup>th</sup>

Senior Citizens Activity  
(immediately following morning worship service)  
*Carol Baker, Chair*



May 7<sup>th</sup>  
(Thursday)

Feedmore  
National Day of Prayer

May 10<sup>th</sup>

Mother's Day Service – 10:00 am  
*Linda Washington and Donna Overby, Co-Chairs*

*May 17<sup>th</sup>*

*Youth Sunday  
Youth Ministry In Charge  
May Birthday Celebration following Worship Service*

May 24<sup>th</sup>

Women's Ministry Meeting

May 31<sup>st</sup>

Scholarship Sunday  
Scholarship Committee in Charge



June 4th  
(Thursday)

Feedmore

June 6th  
(Saturday)

STJBC Spring Community Yard Sale & Fish Fry  
*Women's Ministry*

June 7th

NAACP Emphasis Sunday

June 14th

Children's Day Program  
*Youth Ministry in Charge*

June 18th

Church Business Meeting

*June 21st*

Father's Day Service  
*Monroe Glover, Chair*

*June 22nd-June 26th*

*Vacation Bible School*  
*Christian Education in Charge*

*June 28th*

*June Birthday Celebration following Worship Service*

June 28th – July 4th  
(Sunday – Saturday)

No Meetings or Practices



July 2nd  
(Thursday)

Feedmore

July 19th

Youth Sunday  
*Youth Ministry in Charge*  
*July Birthday Celebration Following Worship Service*

Men's Fellowship Meeting

July 25<sup>th</sup>  
(Saturday)

Annual Church Wide Clean-up Day – 7:00 am  
*Men's Fellowship*

July 26<sup>th</sup>

Women's Ministry Meeting

July 28<sup>th</sup>-July 30<sup>th</sup>

Star Of The East Session



# AUGUST

## *Back to School Blessings*

*Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart  
and lean not on your own understanding; in all your  
ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."*

August 2nd	Homecoming Services
August 3rd – 6 <sup>th</sup> (Monday – Thursday)	Revival Services
August 6 <sup>th</sup> (Thursday)	Feedmore
August 9 <sup>th</sup>	St Jude Sunday <i>Steering Committee in Charge</i>
August 15 <sup>th</sup>	Back to School Event
August 16 <sup>th</sup>	Youth Sunday <i>Youth Ministry in Charge</i> <i>August Birthday Celebration Following Worship Service</i>
August 23rd	Men's Fellowship Meeting
August 27th (Thursday)	Church Business Meeting
August 30th	Scholarship Sunday-Educators' Appreciation Service <i>Scholarship Committee in Charge</i>



# SEPTEMBER

## *Service & Outreach*

**Proverbs 6:5** *Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people."*

September 3rd  
(Thursday)

Feedmore

September 13<sup>th</sup>

Family and Friends Day/129<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary

*Dea. Samuel Ray, Chair*

September 20<sup>th</sup>

*Youth Sunday*

*Youth Ministry in Charge*

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September 25<sup>th</sup>

Glam Jam 7pm-11pm

September 27<sup>th</sup>

Sickle Cell Anemia Awareness Sunday

*Bernice Adkins, Chair*

*September Birthday Celebration following Worship Service*

Women's Ministry Meeting



October 1st

Feedmore

*(Thursday)*

October 4<sup>th</sup>

Breast Cancer Awareness Sunday  
*Women's Ministry*

October 11<sup>th</sup>

Men's Day  
*Men's Fellowship*

October 18<sup>th</sup>

Pastor's 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
*Deacons and Steering Committee, Chairs*  
Church Business Meeting

*October 22<sup>nd</sup>*  
*(Thursday)*

October 25<sup>th</sup>

Youth Sunday  
*Youth Ministry in Charge*

Clergy Appreciation Sunday  
October Birthday Celebration Following Worship Service

Men's Fellowship Meeting



November 1st

Feedmore Sunday  
*Rev. Vance Jones in Charge*

November 5th  
 (Thursday)

Daylight Savings Time Ends  
 Feedmore

November 7th

Fall Harvest

November 8th

Veteran's Day Program  
*Felicia and Bryant Wyatt, Co-chairs*

Men's Fellowship Meeting

Women's Ministry Meeting

November 15th

Youth Sunday  
*Youth Ministry in Charge*  
*November Birthday Celebration following Worship Service*

Cancer Awareness Sunday

November 19th  
 (Thursday)

Church Business Meeting

November 29th

✝ 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent  
 Scholarship Sunday  
 Scholarship Committee in charge



December 3rd  
(Thursday)

Feedmore

December 6<sup>th</sup>

✝ Second Sunday of Advent

December 12<sup>th</sup>  
(Saturday)

Outreach Dinner  
*Women's Ministry*

December 13<sup>th</sup>

✝ Third Sunday of Advent  
Program Development Training

December 19<sup>th</sup>

Henry's Big Band Concert 6pm

December 20<sup>th</sup>

✝ Fourth Sunday of Advent

Christmas Program  
*Youth Ministry in Charge*

December 20<sup>th</sup> – Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>

NO MEETINGS OR PRACTICES

December 25<sup>th</sup>

✝ Christmas

December 27<sup>th</sup>

December Birthday Celebration following Worship Service

December 31<sup>st</sup>

Watch Night Service – 6 pm

If you have any questions about any information on the calendar,  
please contact a member of the Steering Committee.

**STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2025**

Mr. Jerry Overby-Chair	Mr. Steven Banks
Mrs. Paula Stone, Vice-Chair	Mrs. Latoya Johnson-Davis
Mrs. Donna Overby, Secretary	Mrs. Bonnie Gardner
Mrs. Christina Jones, Asst. Secretary	Mrs. Shaniqua Johnson
Dea. Byron Adkins, Sr.	Ms. Charity Ray
Mrs. Bernice Adkins	Pastor Ellsworth Tait
Mr. Henry Harris	Mrs. Tanya Thorpe

**ATTENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

Please e-mail all information for your program to [sj-bc@hotmail.com](mailto:sj-bc@hotmail.com) by the Wednesday prior to the Sunday program. If you do not have e-mail, call the Clerk or Church Secretary.

\*\* You **MUST** contact the Pastor prior to making contact with guest ministers or speakers.  
\*\* Also, contact the Pastor and clerk if you would like to make any changes to the normal order of service.

**Ministry Chairs**

If you need to change or add an event to the church calendar, please contact the Steering Committee Chair to ensure the date/time for your event is available. Please do not assume it is available. Your event must be added or changed on the calendar. Failure to do so may result in scheduling conflicts. The Steering Committee chair will put your event on the official Calendar of Works.

**Committee Chairs:**

1. Please form your committee early and plan your program.
2. You may want to meet several times to discuss and plan your program. We want all committees to have a successful program.
3. Please be prepared to present your program plans to the Steering Committee 2 months prior to your program so they can assist you.
4. Funding may be available for your program. Contact financial analyst at least two months prior to your event to determine funding availability.

**Communication:**

If you need to meet or practice for a program that is NOT during normal worship service hours –fill out a facility use form in advance:

\* Please see Herschel Jones or Welton Smith to open the church.

If your program is not during normal worship service and you require audio or video, please contact the Media Ministry. *Do not take for granted they will be at the program.*

Inform Rev. Tait if you plan to have a guest minister/speaker or our Associate Pastor to speak for your assigned program.

For kitchen use, please contact the Chair of the Hospitality Committee, Dea. Thomas Jones, at least 1 month in advance.

Any correspondence to outside churches, news media outlets, or individuals should come from the Clerk's office.

## **Contact Phone Numbers:**

Pastor-Rev. Ellsworth Tait – 804 852-7345

Chair of Deacons-Dea. Thomas Jones III- 804 829-5341 Event Coordinator-Vacant

Hospitality/Kitchen – Women's Ministry - Chair Lesa Jones–804 833-0424

Bereavement Coordinator-Dea. John Manning 804 366-4302 Maintenance-Vacant

Building Access-Herschel Jones – 804 829-6661

Building Access-Welton Smith – 804 829-6640

Church Clerk-Latoya Johnson-Davis 804 873-7854

Church Secretary Dana Thomas 804 301-2673

## **We are here for you...**

The Steering Committee is here to help or give suggestions – Just ask.