

Saint John Baptist Church

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2026 Church Calendar of Works

A LIVING GUIDE TO MINISTRY, MISSION & SERVICE

YEAR 129 (Updated 8-20-2026)

**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)
3rd 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 th	6:00 pm
	April 30 th	6:00 pm
	June 18 th	
6:00 pm		
	August 27 th	6:00 pm
	October 22 th	6:00 pm
	November 19 th	6:00 pm

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



January 4th
January 8th
(Thursday)

First Sunday in 2026
Feedmore

January 10th
(Saturday)

Workshop-Congregational Care

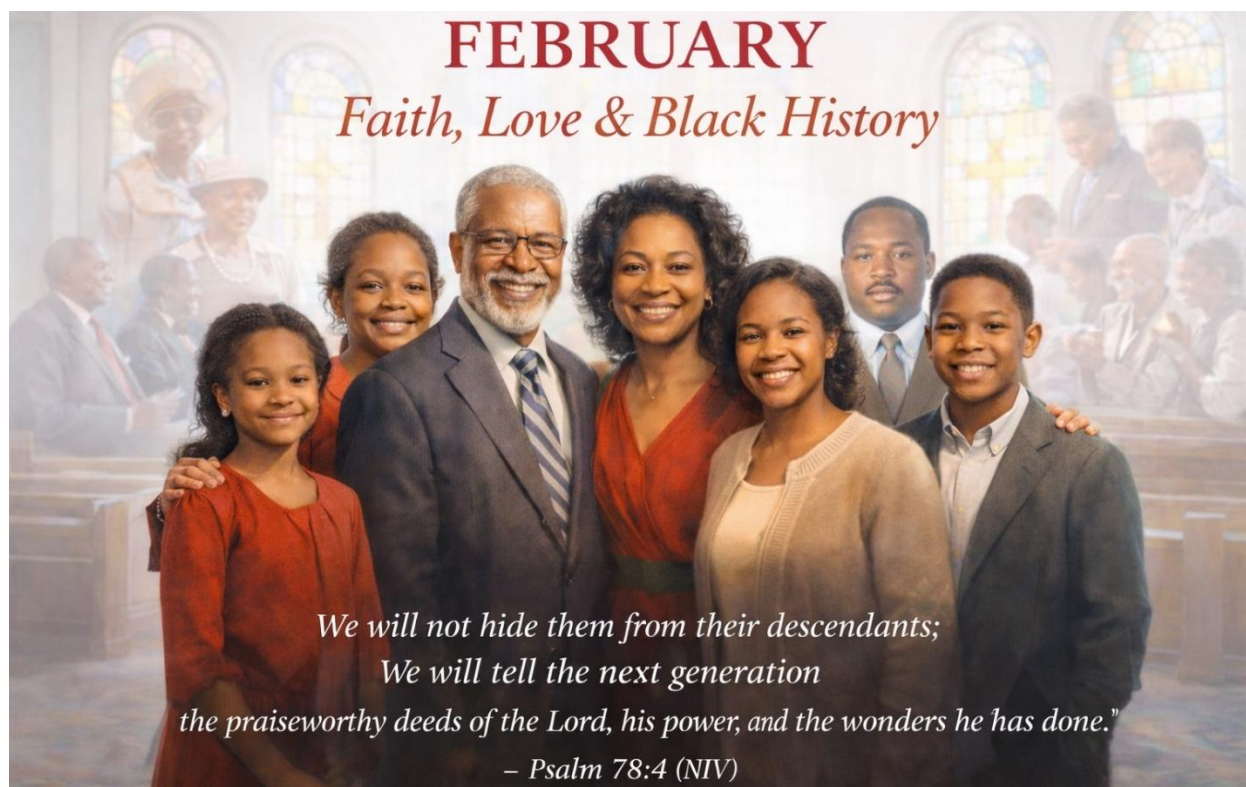
January 18th

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

Men's Fellowship Meeting

January 25th

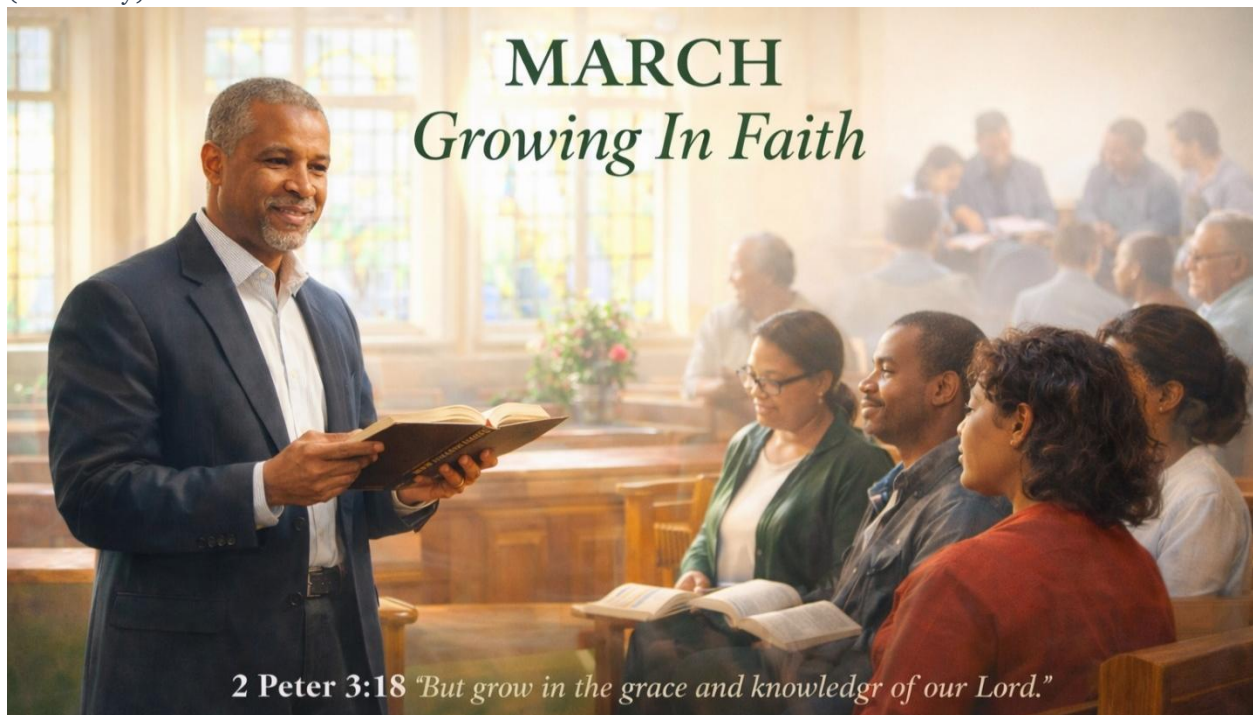
Women's Ministry Meeting



February 1st	Black History Month Kickoff-1 st Sunday <i>BHM Committee in Charge</i>
February 5th	Feedmore (Thursday)
February 8th	Black History Month-2 nd Sunday <i>BHM Committee in Charge</i>
February 9 th	22 nd Year of Remembrance of Burning of St. John
February 15 th	Black History Month-3 rd 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 th Sunday <i>BHM Committee in Charge</i> ✠ 1 st Sunday in Lent

February 26th
(Thursday)

Church Business Meeting



March 1st

State of the Church - following worship service
Oliver Whitehead
✠ 2nd Sunday in Lent

March 5th
(Thursday)

Feedmore

March 8th

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

March 15th

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

Deacon Ordination Service
3 pm

March 22nd

Special Olympics Sunday
Steering Committee in Charge^h
✠ Fifth Friday in Lent

March 29th

Women's Ministry Meeting
Scholarship Sunday

Scholarship Committee in Charge
✝Sixth Sunday in Lent

March 30th-April 2nd

✝Holy Week



John 11:25 *Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life."*

April 2nd

Feedmore

April 3rd

✝Good Friday

Seven Last Words 6 pm at St John

April 5th

✝Easter Sunday

April 11th

Men's Fellowship Luncheon
Golden Corral

April 17th

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

April 19th

Youth Sunday
Youth Ministry In Charge

April Birthday Celebration following Worship Service

April 23rd
(Thursday)

Church Business Meeting

April 26th

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



May 7th
(Thursday)

Feedmore
National Day of Prayer

May 10th

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

May 17th

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

May 24th

Women's Ministry Meeting

May 31st

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 12th

Service at Mt. Hermon Baptist Church 3 P.M.
(Choir and Ushers to accompany Rev. Tait)

July 18th

Gospel Concert
(Rehearsal July 16th, July 17th)

July 19th

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

Men's Fellowship Meeting

July 25th
(Saturday)

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

July 26th

Women's Ministry Meeting

July 28th-July 30th

Star Of The East Session



August 2nd

Homecoming Services

August 3rd – 6th
(Monday – Thursday)

Revival Services

August 6th
(Thursday)

Feedmore

August 9th

St Jude Sunday
Steering Committee in Charge

August 15th

Back to School Event

August 16th

Youth Sunday
Youth Ministry in Charge
August Birthday Celebration Following Worship Service

August 23rd

Men's Fellowship Meeting

August 27th
(Thursday)

Church Business Meeting

August 30th

Scholarship Sunday-Educators' Appreciation Service
Scholarship Committee in Charge



SEPTEMBER

Service & Outreach

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

September 3rd
(Thursday)

Feedmore

September 20th

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Family and Friends Day/129th Church Anniversary
Dea. Samuel Ray, Chair
Youth Sunday
Youth Ministry in Charge

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September 25th

Glam Jam 7pm-11pm

September 27th

Sickle Cell Anemia Awareness Sunday
Bernice Adkins, Chair

September Birthday Celebration following Worship Service

Women's Ministry Meeting



October 1st <i>(Thursday)</i>	Feedmore
October 4 th	Breast Cancer Awareness Sunday <i>Women's Ministry</i>
October 11 th	Men's Day <i>Men's Fellowship</i>
October 18 th <i>October 22nd</i> <i>(Thursday)</i>	Pastor's 24 th Anniversary <i>Deacons and Steering Committee, Chairs</i> Church Business Meeting
<i>October 24th</i> <i>(Saturday)</i>	<i>Harvest Festival</i>
October 25 th	Youth Sunday <i>Youth Ministry in Charge</i> Clergy Appreciation Sunday October Birthday Celebration Following Worship Service Men's Fellowship Meeting



November 1st
Daylight Savings Time Ends

November 5th
(Thursday)

Feedmore

November 8th

Feedmore Sunday
Rev. Vance Jones in Charge

November 15th

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

Men's Fellowship Meeting
Women's Ministry Meeting

November 19th
(Thursday)

Church Business Meeting

November 22nd

Youth Sunday
Youth Ministry in Charge
November Birthday Celebration following Worship Service
Cancer Awareness Sunday

November 29th

✝ 1st Sunday of Advent
Scholarship Sunday
Scholarship Committee in charge



December 3rd
(Thursday)

Feedmore

December 6th

✝ Second Sunday of Advent

December 12th
(Saturday)

Outreach Dinner
Women's Ministry

December 13th

✝ Third Sunday of Advent
Program Development Training

December 19th

Henry's Big Band Concert 6pm

December 20th

✝ Fourth Sunday of Advent

Christmas Program
Youth Ministry in Charge

December 20th – Jan 2nd

NO MEETINGS OR PRACTICES

December 25th

✝ Christmas

December 27th

December Birthday Celebration following Worship Service

December 31st

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 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.