The Victorious Vessel



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FIRST PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY

We want to once again congratulate Pastor and Lady Taylor on their 1st Pastoral Anniversary, which was celebrated on October 20, 2024!

We love you both for the pure joy, compassion, and vitality that you bring to our church family and greatly appreciate all that you do in service of our church and community. We look forward to the years ahead as we continue growing and thriving together in Christ!

A tremendous thank you to the Reverend Dr. Anthony Taylor, as well as all participants, members, and guests who made this day extra special!





















































CONGRATULATIONS

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to our members: Sis. Miriam Gadsden, Bro. Samuel Gilchrist, and Bro. Irving Robinson, who were bestowed the title of Trustee Emeritus on September 22nd. Your unwavering commitment, dedication, and service to our church over the many years have made a profound impact on our church family and community!















MSBC BLESSING BOX

A Blessing Box can now be found at the corner of Morris & St. Philip Street. In addition to our monthly food bank distribution, this Blessing Box will serve as another community resource for those experiencing food insecurity, as people will be able to take what they need at any time. All are always welcome to donate canned and/or dry goods.





SEASON OF THANKSGIVING

In this Thanksgiving season, we were reminded of the true spirit of gratitude and giving. We thank the members of St. Patrick Catholic Church, who assisted with November's Food Bank setup and distribution, as well as Grand Lady Eleanor Nelson/Junior Daughters for their gracious donation and State Farm Agent John Acker, whose generous donation allowed us to provide turkeys. Together we created moments of hope and connection, reminding us all that even in challenging times, we are never alone.



WALK TO FIGHT HUNGER

Sis. Debbie McCoy participated in the Lowcountry Food Bank's 4th Annual Walk to Fight Hunger and won the scavenger hunt game. The walk was held on Sunday, September 22nd at Wannamaker Park and raised nearly $75,000 to support the Lowcountry Food Bank's programs and services.



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to renovations on the upper level of the church, **worship services will be held on the lower level of the church** on the following Sundays:

January 19, 2025

January 26, 2025

February 2, 2025

February 9, 2025

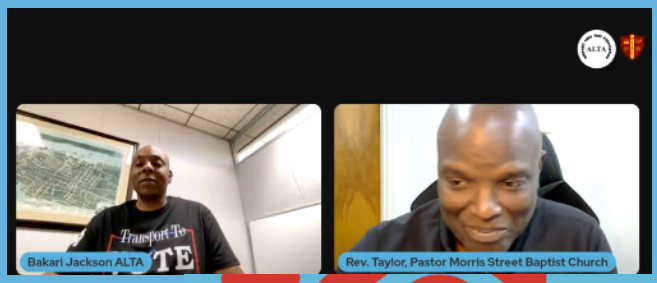
MSBC VOTES

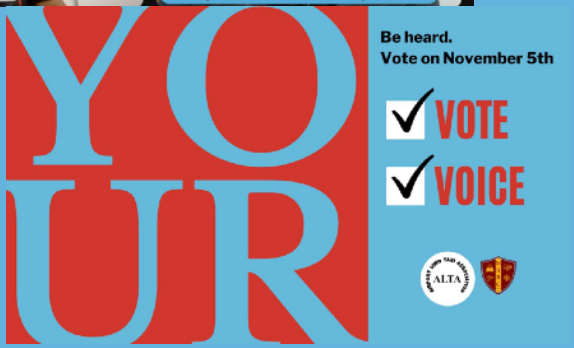
Members and visitors wore their "I voted" stickers during our November 10th worship service to proudly proclaim that they exercised their right.



TRANSPORTATION TO VOTE

MSBC collaborated with The Airport Limo and Taxi Association (ALTA) to provide FREE rides to polling locations throughout the City of Charleston, including voters residing in Berkeley, Charleston, and Dorchester counties on Election Day.





FIRST-TIME VOTER

Even while miles away at college in North Carolina, Bro. MJ Grant, still participated in MSBC Votes by casting his vote early.



Sensational Senior Citizen of Morris Street Baptist Church

By Deacon Al Sumter



Sarah Chapman

Sister Sarah Chapman is a consistent supporter of Sunday School and the church. She is also a member of the Senior Citizens Ministry, and has served on the Senior Choir for many years.

She is a graduate of South Carolina State College with a degree in Elementary Education, and was a Teacher with the Charleston County School District for over 30 years. She subsequently became the Reading Consultant for the Charleston County School District prior to retiring.

Her favorite bible verse is: Proverbs 3:5-6 “Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.”

Her family consists of a son, Timothy and daughter Felicia (deceased). She loves listening to music and in her spare time, she enjoys playing the keyboard.

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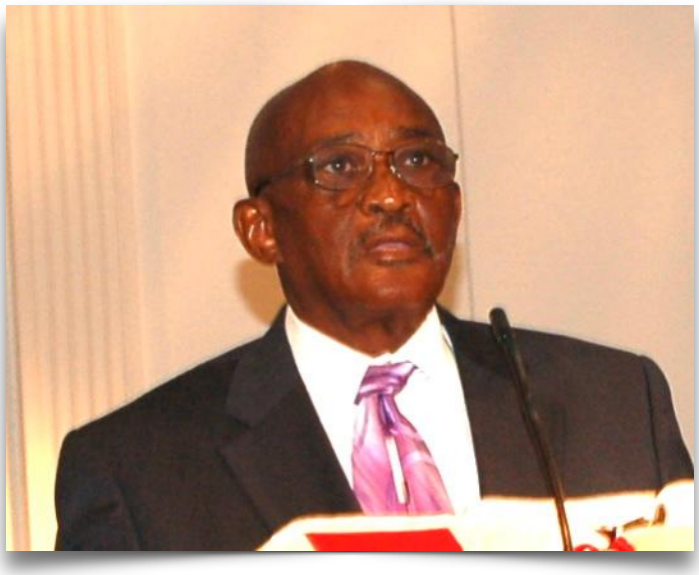

Sam Gilchrist

Brother Sam Gilchrist was originally baptized by the late Rev. J. C Dunbar and has been a faithful member of Morris Street Baptist Church for over 75 years.

He served as a member of the Trustee's Ministry for many years and was recently honored in 2024 as Trustee Emeritus. Bro. Gilchrist also served as a member of the Brotherhood, and Sunday School Departments. Additionally he served on the Senior and Male Choirs; and has served as Chairman of the Revival Committee for several years.

Bro. Gilchrist has operated several service stations around the Charleston area in conjunction with owning a Towing business where he is presently semi-retired.

He loves his church and is a regular attendee. Having been in the public arena for so many years, he has a natural ability for helping others.

Bro. Gilchrist enjoys spending time with his family as well as taking leisurely short trips for sightseeing. His favorite scripture is: Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."



UPCOMING FOOD BANK DISTRIBUTION DATES

January 18, 2025

February 15, 2025

March 15, 2025

10:00 am - 12 noon

on the lower level of the church

25 Morris Street, Charleston, SC 29403

January Birthdays

Benjamin Hanna, Jr. - 2
Wayne Robinson - 2
Zaria Stewart - 4
Eunice Waddy - 8
Barbara Calvary - 8
Briana Hudson - 8
Isaac Singleton - 9
Noah O. McCoy - 9
Sophronia Feaster - 11
Marcus Grant - 13
Lillie R. Williams - 13
Debbie McCoy - 14
Stephan Slaughter - 14
Monica Bland - 15
Regina Gamble - 17
Dolores Diggs - 20
Renee Richardson - 20
Darlene Mitchell - 24
Shana Middleton - 30
Vernon Holmes - 30

February Birthdays

Tyasia Pompey - 1
Wendell I. McCoy - 2
Shelia Ali - 10
Albertha C. Lee - 14
Carolyn S. Anderson - 15
Rhonda J. Deleston - 21
Kendra Smith - 22
Shirley Ward - 23
Ernest Brown - 27
Sherese Coleman - 28
Dera B. Riley - 28

March Birthdays

K. Vanessa Stewart - 3
Cheryl L. Myers - 5
Prince Williams - 8
Vondalin Robinson - 8
Vanessa Rivers - 8
Betty Alston - 9
Sharvette Slaughter - 10
Robert Anderson - 10
Alethia Smalls - 16
Dorothy Pompey - 22
Joyce Dembele - 23
Bertheria Gaston - 26
Sandra Simmons - 26
Leroy Burnell - 30
George Counts - 31
Brandon Johnson - 31

Newsletter submissions are due by:

- **March 15th** *(to be published in April's edition)*
- **June 15th** *(to be published in July's edition)*
- **September 15th** *(to be published in October's edition)*
- **December 15th** *(to be published in January's edition)*

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