Today is Annual Women’s Day at St. John at 3:00 p.m.!

Service Times Sunday

9:30 a.m. Church School
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. BTU—Christian Discipleship Training
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Wednesday Evening

6:00 p.m. Family Fellowship Meal & Bible Study

St. John Missionary Baptist Church
1401 East Brundage Lane, Bakersfield, CA 93307
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New Website!!!
www.stjohnmbcbakersfield.com
Speaker: Dr. Antonio M. Alfred

Date: August 11, 2013

Title: The Same Jesus

Scripture: Hebrews 13:1-8 (KJV)

Theme: Jesus is the Christ who remains the same throughout all the ages.

Sermon Notes

CD’s and DVD’s are available for purchase in the Church Office.
I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God’s hands, that I still possess.

—Martin Luther

I thank God for my handicaps, for, through them, I have found myself, my work, and my God.

—Helen Keller

Whatever absorbs our thinking will ultimately control our actions. It is so important for a Christian, then, to let the ways of the Lord become the controlling force in life. It was C. S. Lewis who reminded us that we are becoming now what we will be in eternity—either something beautiful and full of glory or something hideous and full of darkness.

A spiritual knowledge of Christ is always a personal knowledge. It is not gained through the experiences of others. Knowing the Lord in all of His fullness for every situation we encounter is a lifetime pursuit. Discipleship involves a willingness to be taught and then a desire to follow the ways of the Lord—to go with Him in the same direction He is going. We must be willing to say with David Livingstone, the noted missionary statesman of the past century, “I will place no value on anything I have or may possess except in relation to the kingdom of Christ.”

This hymn first appeared in 1920 in England. The author and composer, Benjamin Ramsey, was a well-known local church musician in the Bournemouth area of England. It has since had a wide use by student groups as well as by sincere believers everywhere who genuinely desire to have a greater knowledge of their Lord.

Teach me Thy Way, O Lord, teach me Thy way! Thy guiding grace afford—teach me Thy way! Help me to walk aright, more by faith, less by sight; lead me with heav’nly light—teach me Thy Way!

When I am sad at heart, teach me Thy Way! When earthly joys depart, teach me Thy Way! In hours of loneliness, in times of dire distress, in failure or success, teach me Thy Way.

When doubts and fears arise, teach me Thy Way! When storms o’er spread the skies, teach me Thy Way! Shine thru the cloud and rain, thru sorrow, toil and pain; make Thou my pathway plain—teach me Thy Way!

Long as my life shall last, teach me Thy Way! Where’er my lot be cast, teach me Thy Way! Until the race is run, until the journey’s done, until the crown is won, teach me Thy Way!
Dear St. John Family,

Today is a special day to honor our California Missionary Baptist State Convention President, Dr. E. Wayne Gaddis, Sr. Though we cannot join in today's celebration service in Los Angeles, CA, due to our Annual Women's Day programming, we want to be a blessing to Dr. Gaddis with a financial token to express our love. Please designate Dr. Gaddis on your offering envelope and make checks payable to St. John M.B.C. Thank you for your generosity!

Sincerely,
Dr. Antonio Alfred, Pastor
Monday, August 12, 2013
Opening Service: 7:00 - 9:00pm
Pre-Congress Welcome Program
Christian Debutante
Cotillion/Beautillion Gala Ball
Host Church: Cornerstone Baptist Church
Los Angeles, CA
Rev. T. K. Carroll, Pastor
Tickets: $50.00

Morning Session August 13-15, 2013 begins @ 8:30am daily

Evening sessions begin @ 7:00pm nightly

Christian Education & Technology
August 13–15, 2013 (8:30am daily)
Classes: Discipleship/Leadership, Ministers' Wives, Pastors & Ministers, Deacons, Getting to Know your Technology, Church Administrator to the Pastor, Sunday School Superintendent Training & Church, Secretaries: Developing Secretarial Skills, Brotherhood, Ushers, Jr. Women, WMU I, WMU II & Nurses.

Tuesday, August 13, 2013
Deans Address: 7:00pm

Wednesday, August 14, 2013
Oratorical Contest

Wednesday, August 14, 2013 @ 7:00pm
Dr. Wayne Chaney
Antioch Church of Long Beach

Thursday, August 15, 2013
President’s Address - 7:00 p.m.
Aug. 12: Men’s Chorus Rehearsal, 8:00 p.m., Choir Room.

Aug. 12—15: CMBSC Congress on Christian Education, Annual Session. “Meeting God’s Command to Bear Fruit.” John 15:1-8. Crowne Plaza Hotel, 5985 West Century Blvd, Los Angeles, CA. (Room Block Code: MB2). Dr. T.K. Carroll, Host Pastor; Dr. Gregory B. Payton, Congress President; Dr. V.K. Jones, Dean; Dr. E. Wayne Gaddis, Sr., CMBSC President.

Aug 14: Family Fellowship Meal & Bible Study at 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall.

Aug. 15: Christian Women’s Retreat/Conference Oversight Committee Meeting, Thursday, August 15th at 6 p.m., Classroom #1. Also, the deadline for conference pre-registration has been changed to September 1st.

Aug. 16: Corporate Prayer Service, 7:00 p.m.. Please join the St. John MBC Family in a season of Prayer and Fasting for our Pastor, Church Leaders, and the entire Church Family.

Aug. 17: Back-to-School Give Away! Let’s be a blessing to our youth and the youth of our community on Saturday, Aug. 17th at 9:00 a.m. We are asking for your generous donations of backpacks, binders, folders, paper, pencils, pens, erasers, sharpeners, rulers, markers, dividers, compasses, index cards, combination locks, lunch boxes, etc. You may put your items in the Reception Area of the Church Office in the Back-To-School-Give-A-Way box. Thank God for your generous donations. Linda Hoyle, WMU President; Dr. Antonio Alfred, Pastor.

Aug. 17: The St. John Junior Women is asking for gently used clothing for the Annual Back-to-School “Clothing Drive.” Donations can be taken to the Reception Area of the Church Office for pick up. For more information please contact L cresha Jenkins at 472-0388. Also, all women between the age of 25-35 are encouraged to help distribute the clothing August 17th at 9:00 a.m. (8:00 a.m. set-up).

Aug. 17: Brotherhood Barbeque Fundraiser, 2:00—5:00 p.m., 1300 Location. For more information, please contact Bro. Carl Toney at 378-7600.

Aug. 20: International Christian Ministries “Africa Rising; Hope Renewed” Fundraising Banquet., August 20th, from 5:00—9:00 p.m., Olive Knolls Church of the Nazarene, 6201 Fruitvale Ave., Tickets—$40; Table—$300. Call the Church Office to sign-up at 324-5683.

Sep. 14: The St. John Youth will be going to Knottsberry Farm, on Saturday September 14th, leaving at 7:30 a.m. and returning by 9:00 p.m. The cost for children ages 3-11, will only be $23.00; ages 12 and up will be $28.00. All children under the age of 12, must be accompanied by an adult. Please sign up and pay in the Reception Area of the Church Office after services each Sunday. Special bonus: The first 30 children & youth to sign up and PAY will receive a $5.00 discount. Please join us for a day of fun and excitement with Snoopy and the Gang. For more information please contact Sis. Elyce Prince at 706-1588 or Sis. Linda Factory 333-3592. Thank you, Youth Council Ministry; Min. Sean Battle – Youth Minister; Dr. Antonio Alfred, Pastor.
Sep. 8: **Grandparents Day**. Save the date!

Sep. 15: **National Back to Church Sunday**.

**Social Action Committee (SAC):** The St. John SAC is making a difference in the community. The SAC meets every first Thursday at 6:00 p.m. Please contact Bro. Danny Oneal for more information at 578-4828.

**MENTORS NEEDED!** The St. John Brotherhood has partnered with Flood/Garden Pathways and is looking for men and women to come alongside criminal justice involved individuals exiting Lerdo Detention Facilities. Training, matching and on-going support for you to care, guide and encourage individuals facing life challenges will be provided. We have a critical need for men to mentor 18-24 year old young men receiving comprehensive services on the road to transformation and employment. For more information, contact Min. Sean Battle at seanb@gardenpathways.org or 633-9133. One hour orientations are at 6:00 -7:00 p.m. on August 8th at 2116 “P” Street and August 15th at the Southeast Ministry Center, 999 E. California Ave.

The **Bakersfield Pregnancy Center** is in need of Maternity Clothes (spring and Summer style tops and bottoms), Boy Receiving Blankets (Blue, Yellow, Green, Etc.), and Regular Baby Bottles. For more information please contact Sis. Marie Caples at 665-1869.

**Health Tip:** Sun, Fun, and Safety!

Heat Related Illness: Heat Stroke (Sun Stroke) is a life threatening emergency! Heat stroke can happen suddenly without symptoms of heat exhaustion. Signals of heat stroke include:

- High body temperature
- Red, flushed skin
- Rapid, weak pulse
- Shallow breathing
- Confusion
- Vomiting
- Seizures

Get Medical Attention Immediately!

**2013 Christian Women’s Retreat and Conference. “He Knows My Name” Isaiah 43:1, John 10:3**

**Women’s Retreat:** Friday, September 20th, 3:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. Saturday, September 21st, 6:45 a.m.—8:15 a.m. Doubletree Hotel, 3100 Camino Del Rio Court, Bakersfield, CA. Retreat Keynote: Vicki Kemp

**Women’s Conference:** Saturday, September 21st, 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. St. John Missionary Baptist Church, 1401 E. Brundage Lane, Bakersfield, CA. Conference Keynote: Gail Burks-Stansell

**Featured Guest Artist:** Yolanda Adams! Sis. Toni Ross, Chair; Sis. Linda Hoyle, WMU President; Dr. Antonio M. Alfred, Pastor

*Note: Our Facility Attendant will be on vacation from 8/28/13 - 9/6/13. Please contact Deacon James Hoyle at 204-2045 for all facility needs during this time.*

Call the Church Office at 324-5683 for more information!
Order of Service

Sunday School (9:30 am)
Prayer Team (10:30 am)
Praise & Worship Team (10:45 am)
Call to Worship (11:00 am)
  *Psalm 122:1 (NIV84)*
  Processional
  Scripture Reading
  *Psalm 33*
  Prayer of Invocation
  Song of Praise
  *What A Friend We Have In Jesus*
  Announcements & Welcome
  Baptism
  *Music by Women’s Chorus (A Selection)*
  Altar Call
  Offering*
  *Music by Women’s Chorus (A & B Selection)*
  Sermon—*Dr. Antonio M. Alfred*
  Call to Discipleship
  Benediction
  *Organ Postlude—Jesus In Me*

*Offertory Sentence:* This is the thing which the Lord commanded, saying, take ye from among you an offering unto the Lord: whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the Lord. Exodus 35:4b-5

*Offertory Prayer:* Our Father, open our eyes, we pray to the glorious opportunities of giving back to thee a part of what thou hast given unto us through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

*Please do not walk during the service at the following times: Prayer, Scripture Readings, and when the doors of the Church are opened to receive new souls to Christ. Thank you.*
St. John Missionary Baptist Church Prayer Ministry

presents

**Friday Night Prayer & Praise Services**
August 16th & 30th @ 7:00 p.m. @ St. John

**Special “Court Case” Prayer Services**
August 25th @ 8:00 p.m. @ St. John
August 26th @ 8:00 a.m. @ Liberty Bell

**Weekly Prayer Services:**
Monday - Thursday - 12:00 p.m.
Thursday Morning - 9:00 a.m.
Saturday Morning Leadership - 8:00 a.m.

*For more information contact Dr. Danielle Wright at 1-888-519-0404.*
*Dr. Antonio M. Alfred, Pastor*

3 day Liquid Fast Aug 24, 25, 26

There is Power in Prayer and Fasting
Pre-Registration extended to September 1st.

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Conference Breakout Session Topics:
“He Knows My Weakness & Loves Me Anyway” — Kim Watkin
“He Knows My Needs Before I Know Them Myself” — Maya Barnett

Retreat $10
Conference $35.00 (pre-registration); $40.00 after August 4th
Full Retreat & Conference $125.00

Yolanda Adams
Featured Guest Artist
Pre-Registration extended to September 1st.

2013 Christian Women’s Retreat and Conference
Young Women’s Session
St. John Missionary Baptist Church
1300 E. Brundage Lane, Bakersfield, CA
Saturday, September 21, 2013
900 a.m.

Know Your Value!

Be a Diamond...

In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good
deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

Topics:
- Sex, Lies and Videotape: Don’t believe the hype!
- The Jokes on me?
- Dealing with the emotions of fear and rejection according to God’s word.
- Keeping my Holy Temple Holy and acceptable inside and out!

Registration Fee:
- $20.00
- After August 4th: $25.00

Featured Guest Artist: Yolanda Adams
We are asking for financial donations for the 2013—2014 After School Tutoring Program. Our Fundraising Goal is $7,000.00. Please make checks payable to St. John MBC. Please write “After School Tutoring” on your offering envelope. If you have questions, please contact Sis. Clarrice Murphy at 872-7052.
St. John MBC Youth Choir

Next Rehearsal: Monday, 8/12/13 @ 7:00 p.m.

Turn Up!

Come Join

St. John MBC Youth Choir

Min. Jerome Wheeler

Interim Minister of Music
He has been gifted in 3 instruments including his God given voice. His goal is to create an environment for worshipers to passionately and freely express their adoration to God. He believes that God’s desire is for man to pursue EXCELLENCE in whatever we do!

Calling All Youth

Join Us Monday @ 7pm
- Rehearsals only 1 hour
- Worship The Lord in Your Youth
- We need your voices
- Stand up and be counted
- Bring your energy
- Let’s get ready
Hebrews 13:1–8

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Prayer for Salvation

“Father, I know that I have broken your laws and my sins have separated me from you. I am truly sorry, and now I want to turn away from my past sinful life toward you. Please forgive me, and help me to turn away from sin. I believe that your son, Jesus Christ died for my sins, was resurrected from the dead, is alive, and hears my prayer. I invite Jesus to become the Lord of my life, to rule and reign in my heart from this day forward. I invite the Holy Spirit to help me to obey You and to do Your will for the rest of my life. In Jesus’ name I pray, Amen.”

If you are willing to give your life to Christ today for salvation through baptism, rededication, or to join the St. John family, please take a moment to give us your information on the response card below. You may tear out this page and place it in the offering basket, or turn it in to the church office after service.

Name _____________________________________________________________________________________________

Address _____________________________________________________________________________________________

City ____________________________ State __________________ Zip ______________________

Phone Number ____________________ Cell: __________________ E-Mail Address: __________________

How did you hear about St. John ______________________________________________________________________

My Decision Today:
☐ I am committing my life to Christ. I want to be baptized.
☐ I am renewing my commitment to Christ
☐ I would like to meet with a counselor:
  ☐ pre-marital ☐ financial ☐ marriage/family ☐ personal

I would like to know more about:
☐ How to commit my life to Christ
☐ Growing in my relationship with Christ
☐ Ministry Opportunities

If you are making a decision today to give your life to Christ through baptism, rededication, or to join the St. John family please take a moment to give us your information. Please remove this page and place it in the offering basket, or turn it in to the Church Office after service.

Prayer Request(s)
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