



St. John Baptist Church of Alexandria

97th Church
Anniversary

Living for God,
not the world

11th Pastoral
Celebration

Charles A. Hall

“Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you”

2 Corinthians 6:17 - 17

“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him., (16) For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. (17) And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof; but he that doeth the will of God abideth for”

1 John 2:15-17

Greetings



Greetings to our St John Family and Friends,

Thank you for being a part of our 97th church anniversary, and my eleventh-pastoral anniversary celebration. Truly God has been good to St John down through the years, and to me and my family. We thank God for all those who labored and made personal sacrifices in establishing the foundation on which we now stand. Over the years St John has encountered and weathered many storms, and by the grace of God each storm has made this body of believers more resilient and committed. We thank God for the spiritual leadership He called and sent to St John, each of my predecessors helped to strengthen the foundation during their season of leadership. However, we know that if it had not been for the Lord on our side, this branch would not be standing today! We thank God for His abundant grace, mercy, compassion, and favor that He bestowed upon St John over the years.

Over these passed eleven years, we have labored hard in God's word, so that the light of God might be manifested in our daily lives. Hoping that others will see the reflection of Jesus in our steadfastness, and labor of love for the Kingdom of God. During the last few years, we have dedicated ourselves to prayer, seeking to grow in intimacy with God. Through greater intimacy we are able to hear and discern His voice clearer in our spirits. Hearing God's voice and following Him, is helping us to live for God, rather than the world.

As a result of growing in intimacy with God, St John has witnessed moves of God that is nothing short of miracles. We have seen God's healing power up close and personal, there are many stories of miraculous healings as a result of consistent and fervent prayers. We have witnessed relationships that were broken, but are now mended. We have seen hearts changed by the power of God. Most of all, we have witnessed many of our loved ones surrendering their lives over to Christ and accepting His free gift of eternal life.

Sister Ruby and I are honored, and grateful to be a part of this body in Christ. We are so thankful that God called us to serve here at St John, we love our St John family, and we feel loved! We thank God for how St John has embraced our family, and how they pray for us daily. We don't know what will happen tomorrow, however we are committed, our minds are made up, we have come too far to turn back now. We are going to stay the course until the end, looking forward to hearing the voice of God saying...*well done my good and faithful servant!*

Pastor Charles A. Hall

Somebody say.....Jesus!!

Order of Service

10:00 AM

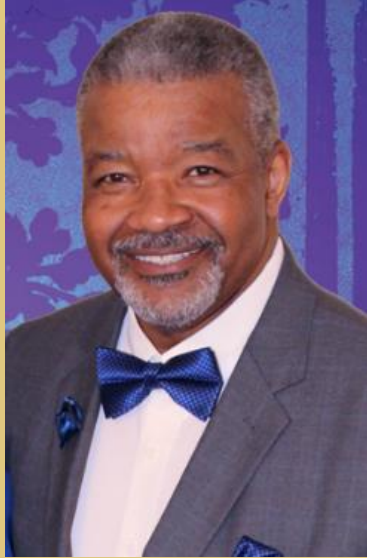
PRAISE AND WORSHIP..... SJBC Praise Team
CALL TO WORSHIP..... Minister Myron Contee
SCRIPTURE*..... Deacon Charles Jones
PRAYER..... Deacon Freddie Sellers
SELECTION..... SJBC
WELCOME/THE OCCASION..... Deaconess Hope Mayfield
RECOGNITION OF SEASONED SAINTS..... Pastor Charles A. Hall
SELECTION..... SJBC
INTRODUCTION OF GUEST PREACHER... Pastor Charles A. Hall
SELECTION..... SJBC
GOD'S WORD..... Reverend Bobby Smallwood
Pastor Bible Way Christian Church, Stafford, VA
INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP..... Reverend Bobby Smallwood
REMARKS..... Pastor Charles A. Hall
GRACE..... Minister Myron Contee
CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION..... Reverend Bobby Smallwood

**Congregation Please Stand*

***Dinner will be served following morning worship in the SJBC Fellowship Hall*

SPECIAL THANK YOU

A special thanks to the body of St John, and specifically those who helped to organize, decorate, clean, and other tasks required to make this a successful day. But most of all, we thank God for His abundant grace and favor that He continues to bestow upon this body of Believers.



Church Anniversary Guest Speaker

Reverend Bobby Smallwood was born in Pitt County, North Carolina. He accepted the Lord in his life at an early age under the anointed preaching of his brother Rev. Richard Smallwood, who conducted services in the family home. Reverend Smallwood was baptized at the Indian Woods Baptist Church in Windsor, NC.

Reverend Smallwood enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1978. Upon receiving an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army in 1985, he settled in Woodbridge, Virginia where he met his wife Jan Ligon Smallwood. They have been married for 32 years and from this union they have been blessed with two wonderful children, a daughter-in law, and one grandson.

Reverend Smallwood re-dedicated his life to Christ in 1991 and became a member of the Neabsco Baptist Church in Woodbridge VA where he participated in the Prison Ministry and served in the music ministry. He also taught Sunday school and Vacation Bible School classes.

Reverend Smallwood was ordained as a Deacon at the Neabsco Baptist Church in 1997 and served until accepting his calling into the ministry in December 1999. He preached his initial sermon and was licensed to preach the Gospel in March 2000 under the pastoral leadership of Reverend Dr. Ambrose M. Perry. He was ordained on March 12, 2006 at the Little Forest Baptist Church under the pastoral leadership of Reverend Nelson Sneed where he served as an Associate Minister and Director of the Outreach Ministry. Reverend Smallwood was installed as Pastor of the Shiloh Old Site Baptist Church on May 2, 2009 where he served until 2017.

In 2017, Pastor Smallwood stepped out on faith and planted the Bible Way Christian Church in Stafford, Virginia and preaches and teaches passionately each week from the Word of God. His God-given vision for the ministry is to see Christians grounded in the Word of God, maturing in their faith, and living victoriously in Christ.

Pastor Smallwood's favorite scripture is Matthew 5:16, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven and his favorite hymn is "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross."

Order of Service

3:00 PM

PRAISE AND WORSHIP.....SJBC Praise Team
CALL TO WORSHIP..... Minster Myron Contee
SCRIPTURE*..... Deacon Vincent Stewart
PRAYER..... Deacon Clyde Pearson
SELECTION..... SJBC
WELCOME..... Sister Izora Bedford
SELECTION..... SJBC
INTRODUCTION OF GUEST PREACHER ... Pastor Charles A. Hall
SELECTION..... SJBC
GOD'S WORD.....Pastor Donald Hayes
Interim Pastor Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Arlington, VA
INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP*..... Pastor Donald Hayes
Special Presentations to Pastor Charles A. and First Lady Ruby W. Hall.....Sister Berlina Smith
Ministries/Members (limited 2 minutes or less)
REMARKS ... Pastor Charles A. Hall and First Lady Ruby W. Hall
SPECIAL PRAYER (Pastor and First Lady)..... Clergy
CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION..... Pastor Donald Hayes

***Congregation Please Stand**

SERMON NOTES:

TOPIC: _____

SCRIPTURE(S): _____

NOTES: _____

Pastoral Anniversary Guest Speaker



Pastor Donald Hayes currently serves as the interim Pastor for Mt Zion Baptist Church in Arlington Virginia. Prior to his current assignment Pastor Hayes served as Pastor of the Oakland Baptist Church in Alexandria Virginia from 2006 until 2022. A native of Washington, DC. He and his wife, Gloria, have two children – Kianna and Quentin, two granddaughters, and a grandson expected in August.

Pastor Hayes has shown himself to be a capable teacher; nonetheless, he continues to be teachable and is a strong advocate for education and training. Most recently, he has received his MDIV Liberty University, and he holds a Master's Degree in Management and Leadership from

Johns Hopkins University. He is passionate about proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ, making the Word of God relevant in the lives of believers, and building the Kingdom of God in the congregation and community.

A resident of Alexandria, Virginia, Pastor Hayes has been employed with the Alexandria Police Department since 1981 and currently serves as Chief for the Department. During his tenure, he received numerous awards – including Officer of the Year

SBC Seasoned Saints

2023: 36 - (As of February 5, 2023)

****(Inducted in 2023)***

Sister Janice Adkins

Deaconess Emeritus Velma Allen

Sister Margaret Browder

Sister Doris Brown

Sister Willie Mae Brown

Sister Charlene Campbell

Sister Betty Carter

Sister Linda Chastine

Sister Connie Davis

Brother William Dickens

Sister Bernice Dismuke

*Sister Renée Gatling Gainor**

Sister Marsha Gladney

Brother David Griggs

Pastor Charles A. Hall

First Lady Ruby W. Hall

Deacon Emeritus Tom Heggs

Sister Mary Holmes

Sister Bonnie Holloman

Brother Henry Holmes

Sister Lucille Johnson

Deacon Charles Jones

Sister Theresa McGhee

Sister Rosetta Murray

Sister Wanda Martin

Sister Mary Parker

Sister Linda Payton

Sister Barbara Pearson

Deacon Clyde Pearson

Deaconess Susan Stewart

Deacon Vincent Stewart

Sister Edith Threat

Sister Mattie Turner

Sister Marjorie Washington

Sister Thelma Wheeler

Sister Juanita Williams

Deceased Members:

Brother Douglas Bass (2011)

Sister Evangerline Thompson (2014)

Trustee Ruth Siebert (2014)

Deacon Charlie Lawrence (2018)

Trustee Ralph Harper (2018)

Deaconess Emeritus Helen Boyd (2018)

Sister Lucy Winston (2020)

Trustee James Barnes (2020)

Sister Brilida Askew (2021)

Deaconess Emeritus Sadie Lawrence (21)

Sister Brenda Scruggs (2021)

Sister Doris Boggan-Johnson (2021)

Sister Betty Hubbard (2022)

The St John Battle Plan Strategies

In early 2017 SJBCOA formed individual “Special Forces Fighting Platoons” consisting of faithful warriors armed with the power of God, through the Word of God, with heartfelt fervent prayers to our commander, God the Father through His Son, Jesus Christ, with the aid of the Holy Spirit. Our platoons are strategically set up to protect key ministry areas, so the body of SJBCOA can effectively work to expand God’s kingdom here on earth; without the fear of deception from the prince of darkness, who wants to destroy the work of God being accomplished through the body of St John.



PRAAYER PLATOONS

1. Command Prayer Platoon (Moses Platoon)
2. Salvation Prayer Platoon (The Deliverance Platoon)
3. Sunday Morning Prayer Platoon (Apostle Peter Platoon)
4. Third Sunday and Special Service Prayer Platoon (Fellowship Platoon)
5. On-Site Sunday Morning Prayer Platoon (Jehoshaphat Platoon)
6. Pastor Prayer Platoon (Shepherd Platoon)
7. Congregational Prayer Platoon (Sheep Platoon)
8. Church Building Prayer Platoon (Nehemiah Platoon)
9. Our Children Prayer Platoon (Hannah Platoon)
10. Women Praying for Women Platoon (Esther Platoon)
11. Men Praying for Men Platoon (Joshua Platoon)
12. Members Missing in Action Platoon (Gideon Platoon)
13. Church Ministries Prayer Platoon (Servant Platoon)
14. Church Growth Prayer Platoon (Apostle Paul Platoon)
15. Bible Study Prayer Platoon (Sword Platoon)
16. Health and Welfare Prayer Platoon (Jehovah Rapha Platoon)
17. Church Financial Resources Prayer Platoon (Stewardship Platoon)
18. Single and Unmarried Prayer Platoon (Timothy Platoon)
19. Special Protection Prayer Platoon (The COVID-19 Prayer Platoon)