

St. John Delray

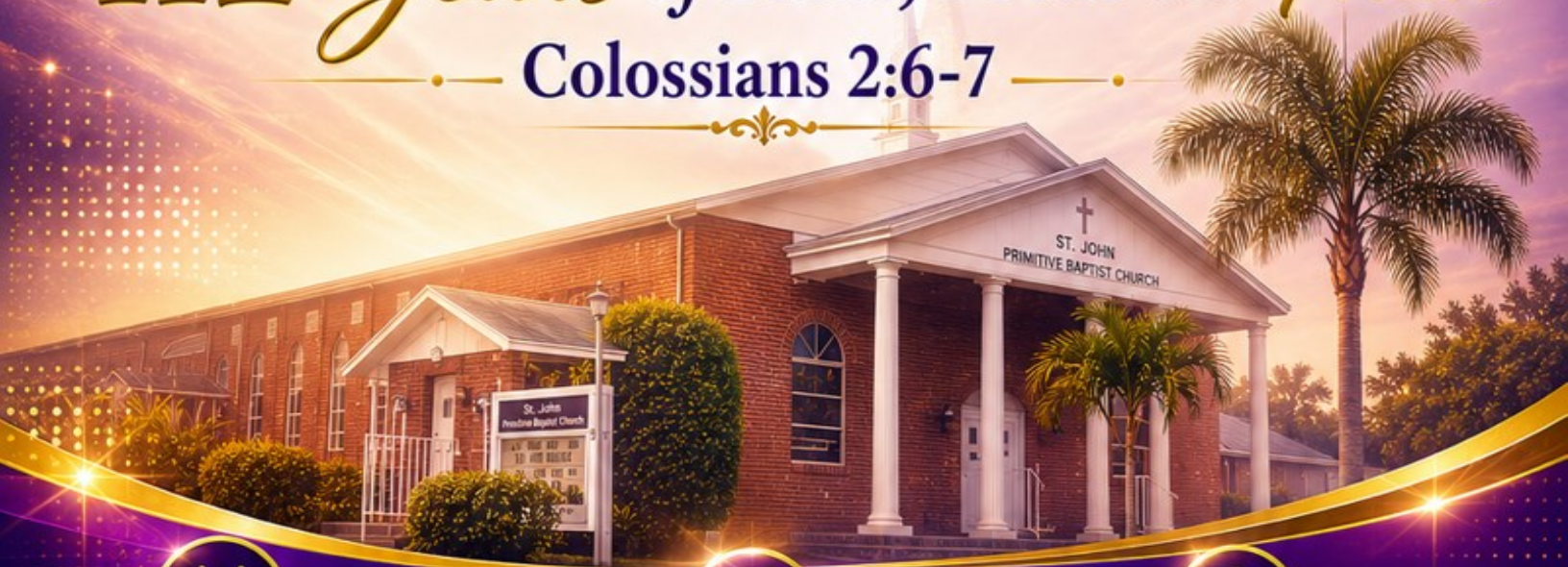
112th Church Anniversary



Rooted To Rise:

112 Years of Faith, Focus and Fruit.

Colossians 2:6-7



Sunday,
June 28th



10:00 AM



**615 NW 1st Street,
Delray Beach, FL**

Isaac Lane, Senior Pastor

"Making The World Around Us, Like Heaven Above Us"



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St. John's Church History



St. John Primitive Baptist Church was first organized in **1914**. A small group of Christians began meeting in a packinghouse located across the street from the site of St. John today. This packinghouse was owned by Mr. Jim Monroe, a successful farmer and landowner in the black community.



Mr. **Richard Muse**, a deacon of the St. John Primitive Baptist Church of Midway, Florida came to Delray to visit his son, Jim Muse. He became excited about developing a plan to organize a sister church in Delray since many of the early settlers had migrated here from West Florida. Deacon Muse stayed in Delray until the church was organized.



Reverend Henry was the first pastor. The church purchased land at the corner of NW 1st Street and 3rd Avenue from Mr. George Green. In **1917**, under the leadership of Rev. Cromartie, St. John built its first church. Approximately 15 pioneers made up the early St. John. Among the founders were: Isaiah and Martha Bruin, Jim and Jessie Muse, Alex Edmonds, Harrison Edmonds, Mabel Nathan, Agnes Clem, Rev. Collins, Clara Collins, Clara Morris, Carrie Green, Joe Monroe, and Sam and Lula Robinson.



The original building was destroyed by the devastating hurricane of **1928**. God sent Rev. N.B. Frazier as pastor who led the church through the rebuilding phase. The church was re-built in **1930**. Seven (7) Pastors served the St. John congregation from **1930-1967**. As we grew, land was purchased at the corner of NW 1st Street and 6th Avenue (our current location) to facilitate the construction of a larger church.



In December of **1968**, the beloved Rev. Maurice M. Gaines was called as pastor. Rev. Gaines was a great builder. Under his leadership, we began to work toward building the new church. The foundation was poured in the spring of **1971**. The new Church was dedicated on the third Sunday in July of **1974**. Oh! What glorious day this was. A small membership had built a beautiful red-brick church. The message at the 11 o'clock service was delivered by the Rev. John J. Thomas from St. Paul Baptist Church. The dedication message was given by Elder Moses Miles, the State President of the Primitive Baptist Convention. This was one of the most unforgettable times in our church's history.



The \$90,000 construction loan from 1st Federal Savings and Loan Association was liquidated in seven (7) years. The Lord had truly blessed St. John. Much of the success was due to the excellent leadership of Elder Gaines. He will always be special in our hearts. In November of **1983**, Elder Maurice Gaines relocated back to Tallahassee. Elder Everett served as Pastor from **1984-1986** and in April **1987**, Elder Edward Hayes became the next pastor. He served until June of **1992**. In June **1993**, Elder Major E. Rollins, Jr. was called as pastor.



Under Elder Rollins leadership additional land adjacent to the church as purchased for future expansion and parking, new ministries were developed; some of them were the Brotherhood, Dance ministries, monthly newsletter, and the M.M. Gaines Scholarship program. In **2009** Elder Rollins elected to relocate back to his hometown of Tallahassee. November **2010**, St. John called Elder Kenneth D. Duke as Pastor. His motto was "Ministry outside the box". Focusing on the importance of unity and fellowship in the church and continued Christian education.



From the Pastor's Desk

Elder Isaac Lane, Senior Pastor



Beloved St. John Family,

In 2022, I was ordained to be St. John's next Pastor, and what a blessing it is to celebrate 112 years of ministry, mission, and impact in our community. As we gather for this historic occasion, our hearts are filled with gratitude for the generations of faithful believers who planted, watered, prayed, sacrificed, and served so that St. John would continue to stand as a beacon of hope in Delray Beach.

Our anniversary theme, "Rooted to Rise: 112 Years of Faith, Focus, and Fruit," reminds us that healthy growth is always connected to deep roots. The Apostle Paul writes in Colossians 2:6-7, "So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."

Before a tree can rise, it must first be rooted. Before there can be fruit, there must first be faith. This truth aligns perfectly with our 2026 church theme, "Living From the Inside Out." God's greatest work begins beneath the surface. Long before others see the fruit, God develops the roots. Long before there is public impact, there is private transformation. For 112 years, St. John has demonstrated what happens when a church remains deeply rooted in Christ.

I want to express my sincere appreciation to our Church Anniversary Committee, led by Mo. Owens, for the outstanding work they have done once again. Their dedication, planning, creativity, and commitment have helped make this celebration meaningful and memorable. Thank you for serving with excellence and for helping us honor our rich history while looking forward to our bright future.

I also want to thank every member who participated in our \$112 Anniversary Donation Campaign. Your generosity is more than a financial contribution, it's an investment in the continued ministry of St. John. Because of your faithfulness, we are able to continue serving our congregation and community with excellence. Thank you for believing in the vision and supporting the work God is doing through this church.

As we celebrate our past, we are also preparing for our future through the Make Room Project. By God's grace, we have already raised more than \$20,000 and counting. This effort reflects our desire to make room for what God is doing in our ministry. We believe God is sending new people, creating new opportunities, and opening new doors. Our responsibility is to prepare the space, strengthen the infrastructure, and position ourselves to receive what He is sending. We are making room because we believe God is not finished with St. John yet.

Our mission remains clear: to make the world around us like heaven above us. That mission is not merely a statement; it is a calling. Every worship service, every outreach effort, every prayer, every act of generosity, and every life transformed helps us bring heaven's values into our community. For 112 years, St. John has sought to be the hands and feet of Jesus, and by God's grace, we will continue that work for generations to come.

As we look around our nation and consider the current political climate, it is more important than ever that the Church remain rooted in faith. Political seasons change. Leaders come and go. Headlines rise and fall. But Jesus Christ remains the same yesterday, today, and forever. Our hope is not anchored in political parties, elected officials, or cultural trends. Our hope is anchored in Christ. If we are going to rise above division, uncertainty, and fear, we must remain deeply rooted in the Word of God, committed to prayer, devoted to love, and focused on the mission Christ has given us.

Lady Lane and I thank God for each of you. Thank you for your faithfulness, your prayers, your service, your generosity, and your unwavering commitment to this church. Because of your sacrifice, St. John continues to thrive. Because of your faith, St. John continues to grow. Because of God's grace, our best days are still ahead.

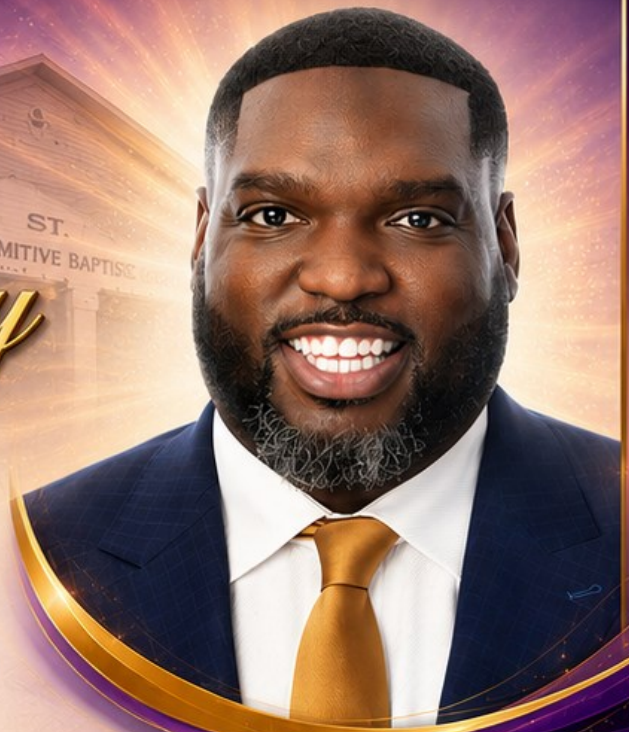
May we remain rooted in Christ, focused on the mission, and fruitful in ministry as we continue the journey together.

Happy 112th Church Anniversary!

*"Rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith...
and overflowing with thankfulness." — Colossians 2:7*

Elder Jaymes Robert Mooney

Guest Speaker



Pastor Jaymes Mooney is a dedicated and experienced leader born and raised in Nashville, Tennessee. He serves as the Senior Pastor of the historic **Saint Bartley Primitive Baptist Church** in Huntsville, Alabama, which is recognized as the oldest predominantly African American congregation in the state and one of the oldest in the country. He has also served as Senior Pastor of congregations in Florida and Tennessee.



Saint Bartley has experienced noteworthy growth in his 8 years of leadership, reflecting the congregation's vision of "Meeting Needs and Making Disciples." Committed to the Northwoods/

Love Subdivision community, Pastor Mooney has guided the congregation in making significant investments in the neighborhood, including a full campus renovation completed in April 2019 and the acquisition of multiple properties within the neighborhood. With a focus on asset-based community development, he founded "The Bartley Bridge," a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to transforming the community through education, exposure, and entrepreneurship. Pastor Mooney also serves as the Bible Expositor for the National Primitive Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.



Driven by a passion for children and youth, Pastor Mooney has also led initiatives in collaboration with Huntsville City Schools, implementing mentorship programs in three schools, providing literacy tutoring for elementary students, and providing resources for short-term housing and generosity to unhoused families in support of the McKinney-Vento Act. He has also served as a weekly mentor to students at Mae Jemison High School and McNair Middle School, and he has been an active member of the Title One Budget Advisory Committee for Huntsville City Schools.



Pastor Mooney is also an enthusiastic and lifelong learner, a product of Davidson County Schools and Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville, where he majored in Religion and Philosophy. He also earned his Master of Arts in Theology and Ministry from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, CA, and is currently in his final year as a doctoral student at Howard University in Washington, DC, with a focus in Leadership. He has been invited to lecture at various colleges and universities, including Belmont University, Boston College, Florida Memorial University, and the University of Alabama in Huntsville. He has been selected as an Engel Fellow by Princeton Theological Seminary, a Trinity Leaders Fellow by Trinity Church Wall Street, and an Emerging Leader by the Lily Foundation.

A passionate advocate for community service, he has been honored by Congresswoman Frederica Wilson of the 24th District of Florida for his leadership in community service.

In May of 2025, he was unanimously elected as the CEO of the Village of Promise, which is a Family Advancement Center, whose mission is to empower children and their families to break the cycle of poverty through education and multi-generational support.

In June 2012, he married his beloved high school sweetheart, Victoria, and they are proud parents to Taylor Noelle and Raelyn Imani.

*Called to Serve.
Committed to Impact.
Building Bridges for
His Kingdom.*



St. John
Primitive Baptist Church

615 NW 1st Street Delray Beach, FL 33444

Elder Isaac Lane—Presiding

 **July 28, 2026** 
10:00 AM

Theme: “Rooted to Rise: 112 Years of Faith, Focus and Fruit”

Scripture: Colossians 2:6-7

Order of Service

Opening Prayer.....	Minister Brandon Huggins
Welcome Song.....	St. John Delray Praise Team
Worship in Song.....	St. John Delray Praise Team
Welcome & Statement of Occasion.....	Sister Sherri Jones
Summer Affirmation.....	Elder Isaac Lane
Song of Praise.....	Brother Devaughn Pierre
Liturgical Dance.....	Sister Yasmin Law
Offering.....	St. John Delray Deacons
Announcements.....	Sister Rosemarie Hylton
Introduction of Speaker.....	Elder Isaac Lane
Worship in Song.....	St. John Delray Praise Team
Sermon.....	Elder Jaymes R. Mooney, Pastor <i>St. Bartley Primitive Baptist Church, Huntsville, AL</i>
Invitation to Discipleship.....	Elder Isaac Lane
Remarks.....	Deaconess Maureen Owens
Final Remarks & Benediction.....	Elder Isaac Lane

ST. JOHN PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH



112 Years of Faith, Focus & Fruit

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CHURCH
ANNIVERSARY

2026

ROOTED TO RISE

— JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE 112 YEARS OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS! —

MAY
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2026



CHURCH ANNIVERSARY T-SHIRTS
MEMBER ORDERS PICK UP TODAY

MAY
30
2026



DELRAY CSI PLAY
AT THE CHURCH
SHOWTIMES AT 12:00 AM & 5:00 PM

MAY
31
2026



TEE SHIRT DAY SERVICE
MEET & GREET – 10:00 AM
MEMBER INVITING THE MOST FRIENDS & FAMILY
RECEIVE RECOGNITION AND GIFT PRIZE

MAY 31
THRU
JUNE 7
2026



MEMBER DONATION SIGN UP SHEET
FOR CHURCH PICNIC – SIDE DISHES

JUNE
13
2026



CHURCH PICNIC 10 AM - 3 PM
LAKE IDA PARK WEST
1445 LAKE IDA ROAD
DELRAY BEACH, FL 33444

JUNE
26
2026



BUFFALO WILD WINGS
RESTAURANT FUNDRAISER
1401 N CONGRESS AV
BOYNTON BEACH, FL 33426

JUNE
28
2026



CHURCH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE
10:00 AM SERVICE



YOUR GENEROSITY
MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

Members are asked
to pay **\$112**
as a love offering
to the church –
\$1 per year that
the church
has been founded.

Making the world around us like heaven above us.

ALL ARE WELCOME! BRING A FRIEND AND BE PART OF THE CELEBRATION.
FAITH | COMMUNITY | SERVICE | LEGACY

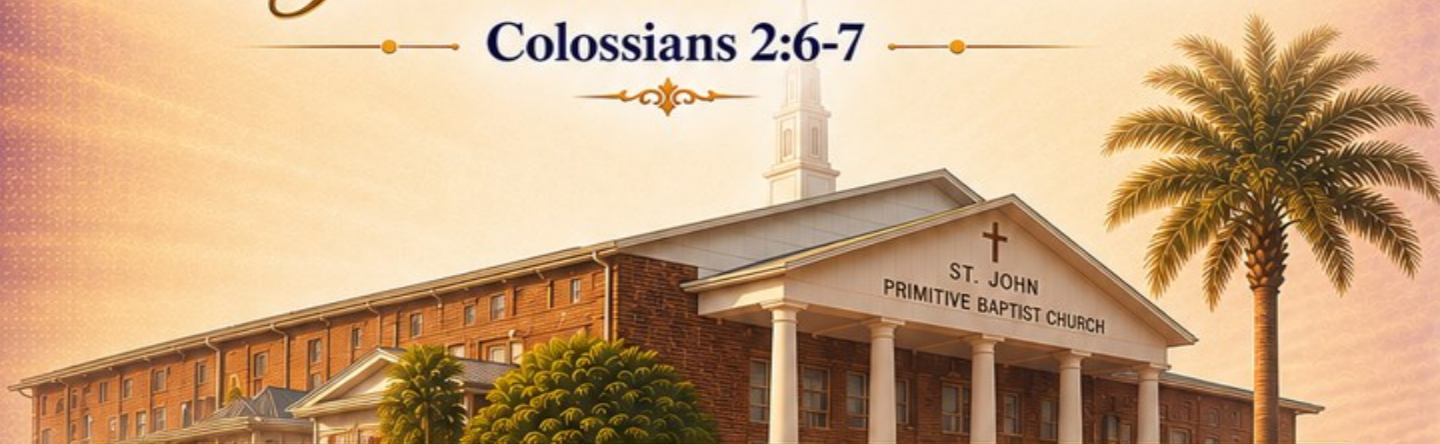
St. John *Ministries*

Deacon Board
Deaconess Board
Trustee Board
Administrative Team
Fundraising Team
Hospitality Team
Congregational Care Team
Praise Team Ministry
Media/Technology Ministry
Brotherhood Ministry
Usher's Ministry
Women's Help Ministry
M.M. Gaines Scholarship Committee
Kingdom Builder's Youth Ministry
Sister's Chat Ministry
Divine Worship Dance Ministry
Tribe Ministries
Golden Doves Ministry
The Foundations Young Adult Ministry
Marriage Ministry

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