

Church Planting, Evangelism, and Missions



LEFT PHOTO - IMB missionary Moses boards a canoe to ferry him across the water to an island where he has planted a church.

FRONT PHOTOS - A canoe ferries passengers across the water to a remote island. IMB missionary Moses has overcome his fear of water to bring the gospel to these islands.

IMB missionaries Moses and Beth with their two children, Elijah and Esther, who are now young adults.

Southern Baptists set aside the first Sunday in February to celebrate the work and leadership of African-American and Black pioneers such as:

- George Liele, who many acknowledge as the first overseas missionary from the United States in 1782
- Lott Carey, who organized African American missions in the 1800s
- S.M. Lockridge, who was a faithful preacher of the gospel in the 20th century
- Sid Smith, who was one of the first African American Southern Baptist denominational leaders in the modern era
- Fred Luter, who was elected as the first African American president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

We celebrate the life and work of these men by recognizing that their legacy encourages us to send more African American and Black missionaries.

Moses, who now serves with the IMB in Senegal, is Togolese. After education and work in the U.S., he was called with his family to return to West Africa. God surprised him, though, by calling him to plant churches on remote islands. Moses hesitated at first, but not because he questioned the Lord. He hesitated because he can't swim! When he first responded to the call, the journey by small boat to the islands frightened him. Today, with his orange life vest securely fastened, he travels with confidence and is seeing new churches planted among believers. Pray with Moses that many more disciples will be trained on the rural islands.

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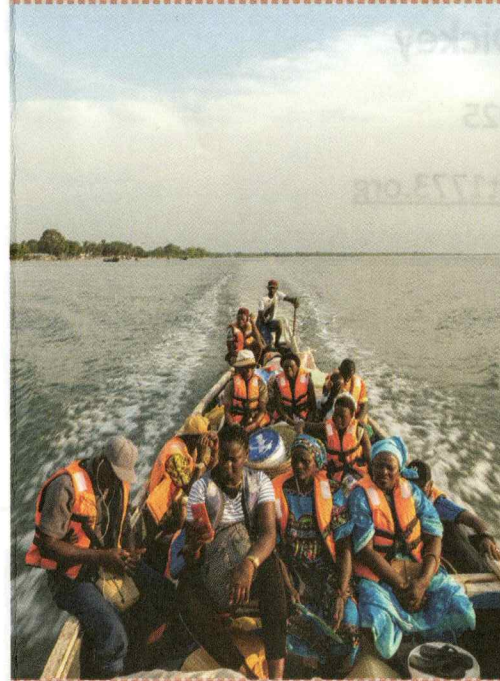
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GEORGE LIELE SUNDAY



**"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by your name; you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,
and the rivers will not overwhelm you.
When you walk through the fire,
you will not be scorched,
and the flame will not burn you"**

ISAIAH 43:1,2 (CSB)

SAPPONY BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Michael Dickey

February 2, 2025

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Invocation and welcome

Hymn No. 546 "Love Lifted Me"

Hymn No. 572 "I Love to Tell the Story"

Missionary Prayer Calendar

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn 576 "Take the Name of Jesus With You"

Doxology

Scripture 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Message Rev. Mike Dickey

"The Greatest of These"

Hymn 581 "We Have Heard the Joyful Sound"

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Be in prayer for our sick and shut-ins as they are not able to be with us.

Bible Study will be held on Wed. at 3pm (early group) and 7pm (later group and students) at the parsonage. We look forward to seeing you there.

Monday, February 3rd WOM will meet in the home of Nancy Lacerte at 10:30am.

Backdoor ministry donations due at church by Feb. 9th.

We have an app for your smartphone. In the app store, find "Our Church-By ChurchDev.com." When you open it, search for Sappony Baptist Church. There you will have access to our Sermons, daily devotions, and other content.

If you have not been receiving text message updates (including prayer requests) from the church, please text "JOIN" to 804-430-6282 in order to be added to the list. Also, please save that number as a contact in your phone to ensure that our messages don't go to your spam folder.

PRE-READ FOR NEXT WEEK: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11