

TOGETHER IN FAITH

Growing the Church from the Inside Out

From the Desk
of Rev.
Pemberton



Beloved Greenwood Family,

Grace and peace to each of you. As we enter the final months of 2025, my heart is filled with both gratitude and expectancy. November invites us to pause and give thanks for God’s faithfulness, and December ushers us into the joyful celebration of Christ’s coming. Together, these months remind us of who God has been, who God is, and who God promises to be for us. This season encourages us to reflect on the blessings we’ve received — the seen and the unseen, the victories and even the lessons learned through challenge. Through every moment, God has remained our provider, our protector, and our peace. For that, we give thanks.

As we transition into December, the Advent season calls us to a renewed sense of hope. We remember that Christ entered the world not with fanfare, but with humility — bringing light to dark places, comfort to weary hearts, and salvation to all who believe. My prayer is that this same light shines in our homes, our relationships, and our daily walk with the Lord.

In these final weeks of the year, let us be intentional about:

Gratitude — thanking God for what He has done.

Grace — offering patience, forgiveness, and love to one another.

Giving — serving our community with compassion and generosity.

Growth — seeking God’s wisdom as we prepare our hearts for a new year.

I am truly grateful for each member of the Greenwood church family. Your prayers, your presence, and your faithfulness strengthen our ministry and reflect the love of Christ in tangible ways. As we journey through this season together, may God’s peace surround you, may His joy sustain you, and may His hope guide you into 2026.

With thanksgiving and love,

Devotional Thought

Gratitude in Every Season

2025 Women’s Day

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Member Spotlight

Joseph Alexander, Jr.
& Ellis Hall, Jr.
Recognized

Devotional Thought - “Gratitude in Every Season”

As we step into the final stretch of the year, these months often stir a mix of emotions. November invites us to look back with gratitude, and December calls us forward with hope. Together, they remind us of a simple but powerful truth: God is faithful in every season.

Philippians 4:11–12 offers a beautiful reminder through the words of Paul: “I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.” Paul teaches us that contentment is not found in perfect circumstances — it’s found in perfect trust.

1. Gratitude Is a Choice

Gratitude doesn’t erase difficulty, but it reframes it. When we choose gratitude, we make room for God’s perspective. We begin to see blessings hidden in ordinary moments — strength we didn’t realize we had, peace that carried us, and God’s hand guiding us when we felt uncertain.

This November, take time to intentionally name your blessings. Even in the challenges of the year, God has been present, steady, and kind. Gratitude opens our eyes to His goodness.

2. Hope Is a Promise

As December arrives and we turn our hearts toward the Advent season, we are reminded that hope is not wishful thinking — it is anchored in God’s promise. Christ came into the world as Emmanuel, “God with us,” and every year we retell the story not out of tradition, but out of truth: God keeps His word.

In a time when the world can feel heavy, the birth of Jesus stands as a reminder that light still breaks through, love still wins, and God still steps into our story.

3. Peace Is a Gift

Jesus said in John 14:27, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you.”

Not peace that depends on circumstances. Not peace that fades when life gets busy. But the deep, abiding peace of God — the kind that steadies the heart and quiets the soul.

As we move through the holidays, let us seek His peace in our homes, in our minds, and in our interactions with others.

4. Forward With Faith

As this year comes to a close, I encourage you to pause, breathe, and reflect on God’s presence in your life. Let gratitude shape your reflections, hope shape your expectations, and peace shape your steps. God has carried us this far, and He will carry us into the new year with the same unfailing love.

May your November be filled with thanksgiving, and your December overflow with hope.

Prayer:

Lord, open our eyes to Your goodness in every season. Help us to give thanks with grateful hearts and to move forward with hope anchored in Your promises. Fill us with Your peace as we trust in You. Amen.

A Celebration of Faith, Fellowship, and Sisterhood



The 2025 Women's Day celebration at Greenwood Missionary Baptist Church was a beautiful and joy-filled week that strengthened our faith, deepened our sisterhood, and honored the remarkable women of our church. Under the theme "Women of Faith Encouraging One Another to Seek God's Face," the week's events, held October 1–5, created a meaningful blend of spiritual growth, fellowship, wellness, and celebration. Activities began on Wednesday evening with a powerful virtual Bible Study led by Minister Karen Boswell, where women gathered online to reflect on Scripture, share encouragement, and prepare their hearts for the days ahead. On Thursday, Dr. Faye Hall-Jackson offered an inspiring Health and Wellness session that reminded participants of the importance of caring for their physical, mental, and emotional well-being, offering practical tools to support healthy and balanced living.

Friday night brought an evening of pure enjoyment as the women came together for F3: Fellowship, Fun & Footwork. The line dancing event at the Kelly Smith House was filled with energy, laughter, movement, and connection as women of all ages danced together and celebrated the joy of being in community. Saturday continued the spirit of honor and gratitude during the annual Sceiva Holland Luncheon. Named after Sceiva Holland, a beloved and faithful member of Greenwood, the luncheon served as the setting where the church recognized this year's GMBC Phenomenal Women: Maxine Caldwell, Marilyn Hoytt, and Florence Holland. Each honoree was celebrated for her leadership, service, and the quiet yet powerful ways she contributes to the life and ministry of the church.

The week concluded on Sunday with a heartfelt and spirit-filled Women's Day Worship Service. The sanctuary glowed in shades of pink in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month as women gathered in unity to worship and celebrate God's goodness. Janice Robinson, daughter of Greenwood, served with grace and excellence as the morning's Mistress of Ceremonies, guiding the service with warmth, poise, and deep love for her church family. The congregation was blessed by the preached word delivered by Dr. Letitia Williams-Watford, who brought a timely and powerful message that encouraged every woman to continue seeking God's face with courage, confidence, and faith.

From beginning to end, Women's Day 2025 was a testament to the power of fellowship, the importance of spiritual growth, and the tremendous strength of the women of Greenwood. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Women's Day Committee, volunteers, presenters, and every woman who participated throughout the week. May the spirit of encouragement, unity, and faith that shaped this year's celebration continue to carry us forward in the months ahead.



GMBC Women's Day Weekend
Saturday, October 04, 2025
The Annual Sceiva & Holland
Luncheon
"Woman of Faith Encouraging One
Another to Seek God's Face"
MIC Deaconess Debbie Morris
Welcome Deac. Debbie Morris
Scripture Sis. Delores Baker
Prayer Sis. Dawn Calhoun
Ice Breaker Min. Karen Boswell
Lunch
Meditation Sis. Annette Harris
Song Way Maker
Presentations Deac. Barbara Ford





Clergy Appreciation Month: A Simple Gesture of Big Gratitude

This October, Greenwood Missionary Baptist Church celebrated Clergy Appreciation Month with sincere and heartfelt expressions of love for our pastor and ministerial team. While the celebration was simple this year, it was filled with warmth and genuine appreciation for the spiritual guidance, care, and leadership our clergy provide day after day. Throughout the month, members of the church family placed cards, gifts, and words of encouragement into the clergy's boxes as a way to say "thank you" for all they do. These small but meaningful gestures reflected the deep gratitude our congregation holds for the time, prayer, and dedication given by each member of the clergy.

On the designated Sunday, each clergy member was formally presented with their cards and tokens of appreciation. It was a beautiful moment of acknowledgment, honoring not only Pastor Jonathan L. Pemberton but also every minister who faithfully supports the work and ministry of Greenwood. Though this year's observance was modest in structure, the love behind it was abundant. The thoughtful notes, handwritten messages, and personal gifts served as reminders that their labor in the Lord is seen, valued, and cherished by the entire church family.

As we close this year's Clergy Appreciation Month, we extend heartfelt thanks to Pastor Pemberton and each member of the ministerial staff for their unwavering commitment to serving God's people. May they continue to be strengthened and encouraged as they lead, teach, and nurture the Greenwood family with grace, compassion, and faith.





The Youth Workers Team hosted a festive and joy-filled Harvest Hangout on October 31, 2025, and the evening was nothing short of a blessing for our children, teens, and families. From the moment the doors opened at 6:30 PM, the Kelly Smith House and outdoor areas were full of laughter, excitement, and the warm spirit of fellowship. With the fall air settling in and colorful leaves drifting across the grounds, our young people enjoyed a night packed with games, food, and fun. The event featured classic fall activities, interactive group games, and plenty of treats that kept everyone smiling from start to finish.

Under the creative leadership of the team, families experienced a safe, uplifting alternative to Halloween festivities — one centered on joy, community, and togetherness. Parents fellowshiped on the sidelines, children rotated eagerly through activities, and volunteers made sure every young person felt included and encouraged. The pumpkin décor, fall-themed backdrops, and warm hospitality reflected the heart of Greenwood: a church committed to nurturing and supporting its youth.

We extend a special thank-you to every volunteer, parent, and leader who helped make the Harvest Hangout a success. Your time, treats, decorations, and support helped create an unforgettable evening of autumn fun for our young people. Events like this remind us of the importance of pouring into our youth and giving them joyful, Christ-centered experiences that build memories and strengthen connections within our church family.





Member Appreciation



This month, Greenwood Missionary Baptist Church proudly honored Deacon Joseph Alexander Jr. and Brother Ellis Hall Jr., two lifelong members who have faithfully served the church since their youth. Both men grew up within these walls, matured under its teachings, and continue to bless our congregation through their dedication, leadership, and love for God's house.

Deacon Joseph Alexander Jr., who also serves as the church's Treasurer, has been a steady pillar in the life of Greenwood. His commitment is seen not only through his deacon ministry and financial stewardship, but also in the countless ways he quietly supports the daily functions and spiritual strength of the church. His reliability, integrity, and willingness to serve reflect a deep-rooted devotion shaped over a lifetime of being part of this congregation.

Brother Ellis Hall Jr. was likewise celebrated for his years of service most recently as the teen Sunday School teacher and member of the Men's Chorus. His passion for teaching God's Word and his dedication to sharing biblical wisdom have impacted generations of learners. Whether singing, teaching, or supporting various ministry efforts, Brother Hall gives generously of his time and gifts, always with a humble spirit and a heart for God's people.

As Pastor Pemberton presented each honoree with their expressions of appreciation, the congregation joined in celebrating these two men whose lives exemplify faithfulness, consistency, and service. Their long-standing commitment reminds us of the blessing of having members who not only grew up in this church but continue to pour back into it with love and purpose.

Greenwood Missionary Baptist Church extends heartfelt gratitude to Deacon Alexander and Brother Hall for their unwavering dedication. May God continue to strengthen, bless, and reward them for all they contribute to the Kingdom and to the Greenwood family.





GREENWOOD MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

P R E S E N T S

Worship | Praises | Preaching+ more

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

SUNDAY

Service

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

11AM

1510 Washington Avenue, Tuskegee, AL 36088

Jonathan L. Pemberton, M.Div, Pastor



GREENWOOD
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

An Evening Under the Stars

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2025

5:00PM CST - 10:00PM CST

GREENWOOD KELLY SMITH HOUSE

1510 WASHINGTON AVENUE

TUSKEGEE, AL 36088

Presented by the Greenwood Missionary Baptist Church
Marriage Ministry

Jonathan L. Pemberton, Pastor



November Birthdays

5 Warren Dillard
7 Michael Holland, Jr.
9 Jennifer Washington
14 Tamara Williams
15 Deloris Alexander
15 Madisyn Williams
16 Jacaylyn Wallace
26 Devin Sawyer
27 Debbie Morris



December Birthdays

1 Kendrick Calhoun
10 Mario Hooks
14 Aubrey Ford, Jr.
16 Warrena Millon
16 Kentoria Williams
23 Florence Holland
31 Ophelia Harris
31 Henry Morris

Remember....

- GMBC Family Thanksgiving Dinner - Sunday, November 23, 2025
- Marriage Ministry Bible Study - December 6, 2025 at 11:00 am
- December Birthday Celebration - Sunday, December 21, 2025
- Tuesday Prayer Meeting will be virtual until further notice.
- Young Adult Bible Study - 2nd & 4th Tuesdays; Zoom Meeting ID: 845 6771 0572, Passcode: gmbcya
- COME TO SUNDAY SCHOOL!

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