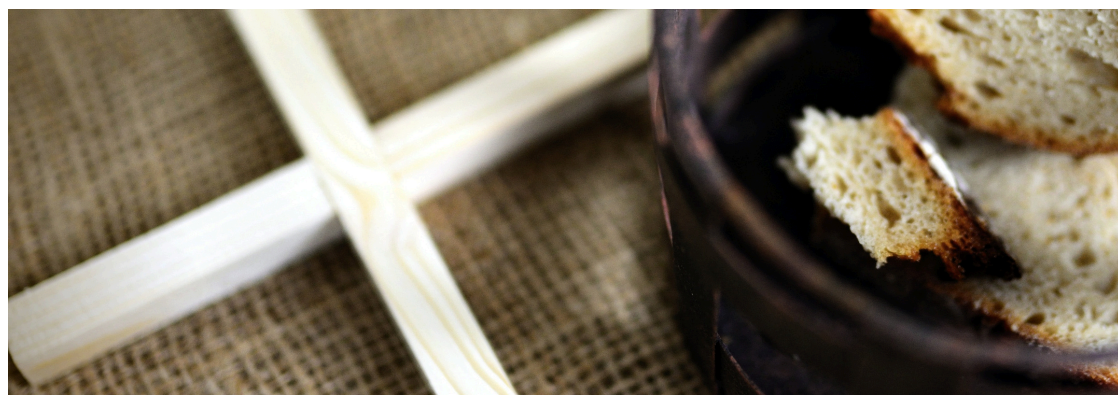


TOGETHER IN FAITH

Growing the Church from the Inside Out

From the Desk of Rev. Pemberton



Beloved Church Family,

Grace and peace to each of you as we step into the beautiful month of May! This season brings with it so many reasons to rejoice and give thanks. It is a time of blooming flowers, budding opportunities, and boundless celebration.

We begin by lifting our heartfelt congratulations to all of our graduates! Whether you're completing preschool, high school, college, or beyond, we praise God for your accomplishments and the journey ahead. Your perseverance and commitment inspire us all. May your next steps be guided by faith, wisdom, and courage.

This month, we also pause to honor and celebrate our mothers and all mother figures. Their love, prayers, and sacrifices have shaped our lives in powerful ways. As Proverbs 31:28 reminds us, "Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her." Let us take time to show our appreciation and give thanks to God for the nurturing spirit that mothers bring to our homes, churches, and communities.

As we continue in fellowship, let's keep one another lifted in prayer and stay encouraged to walk in purpose. May is a month of movement—into new seasons, new opportunities, and new testimonies.

With a shepherd's heart,
Pastor Jonathan Lamont Pemberton
Greenwood Missionary Baptist Church

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Caring for the Mind and Spirit: Honoring Mental Health Awareness Month



May is recognized nationwide as Mental Health Awareness Month—a time to break the silence around mental health struggles and to offer support, compassion, and care to those who are navigating invisible battles. As a church family, this observance reminds us that God is concerned not only with our spiritual well-being, but also with our emotional and mental health.

In 3 John 1:2, the Apostle writes, “Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.” This verse reflects God’s holistic desire for us—to be well in mind, body, and spirit.

Too often, conversations around mental health are clouded by stigma or shame. But Jesus welcomed those who were weary, burdened, and broken, offering them peace and rest. Likewise, the church must be a safe space where people can find healing, encouragement, and community.

Here’s how we can respond as a church:

- Pray intentionally – Lift up those battling anxiety, depression, grief, and other mental health conditions. Prayer is powerful, but so is compassion in action.
- Listen without judgment – Be present and patient with loved ones. Sometimes the greatest ministry is simply being there.
- Encourage professional help – God has equipped mental health professionals just as He has doctors, pastors, and teachers. Seeking help is a sign of strength, not weakness.
- Take care of yourself – Rest is holy. Jesus often withdrew to pray and recharge. Follow His example by honoring your own need for rest, reflection, and renewal.
- Stay connected – Isolation can worsen mental distress. Reach out to check on others, and don’t hesitate to ask for support yourself.

Let us remember it’s okay to not be okay—and it’s more than okay to seek help. As a church family, we are committed to walking beside one another in truth, love, and hope.

This May, may we commit to creating a spiritually healthy and mentally safe space for all.

Revival Reflections: A Month of Spiritual Renewal



Throughout the month of April, Greenwood Missionary Baptist Church was blessed to host a spirit-filled series of Revival Services each Thursday evening. What a powerful and uplifting time we experienced as God moved mightily through every message, song, and fellowship moment.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to each of our guest preachers—Rev. Aarif Bradley, Rev. Wesley Thompson, Rev. Angela Thomas, and Rev. Kelvin Anthony—who delivered timely and transformative messages. We are also grateful to the partnering churches—Bethel Missionary Baptist, Jubilee Christian Church, Greater St. Mark, and Washington Chapel AME—for leading us in worship and devotion each week.

Some sermon highlights included:

- Bites explain your relevance and your resilience
- To have strength for the journey you must be willing to do some parting
- Pray about your journey
- Manage your distractions

To our Kitchen Ministry, thank you for the warm meals served each night. Your hospitality nourished both body and spirit. To our Ushers, Deacons, AV, and Music Ministries—thank you for your faithful service behind the scenes that helped make every evening flow smoothly. Your dedication ensured our guests felt welcomed and our worship was unhindered.

Each Thursday, our sanctuary welcomed an average of over 100 attendees—members, guests, and friends—gathered in unity and expectation. The spirit of revival was truly alive, reminding us of God's power to refresh, restore, and renew His people.

We give God all the glory for what He has done and look forward to the continued growth and joy this season has sparked in our church family.



Holy Week Reflections: From the Cross to the Resurrection



As we reflect on the powerful journey from the cross to the empty tomb, we thank God for how He moved through our Holy Week services. Our hearts were stirred, our faith was renewed, and our church family came together in a spirit of reverence and celebration.

On Good Friday, Greenwood Missionary Baptist Church joined with others to observe the Seven Last Words of Christ. We are especially proud of Bro. Lionel Armstead, who offered a moving word as one of the speakers. His heartfelt message touched the congregation and reminded us of the power of Christ's sacrifice. Pastor Jonathan L. Pemberton also shared a soul-stirring message, reflecting on the depth of God's love shown at Calvary. We are grateful for their obedience and willingness to share what thus saith the Lord.

Then came Resurrection Sunday—a joyful celebration of our risen Savior! From the call to worship to the final "Amen," the Spirit of the Lord filled the sanctuary. One of the highlights was the beautiful liturgical dance presentation by our Youth Ministry, who offered a powerful expression of worship through movement and music. Their dedication and passion were evident and deeply inspiring to all who witnessed it.

We thank everyone who served, participated, and worshipped with us during this holy season. Truly, He is risen, and because He lives, we have hope, victory, and new life.



Celebrating Excellence Across Campus at Tuskegee University



Tuskegee University recently honored the outstanding accomplishments of its faculty, staff, and students in a series of prestigious campus events that reflect the university's deep commitment to excellence, leadership, and service.

At the Tuskegee University Annual Awards Ceremony, several distinguished faculty and staff members were recognized:

- Dr. Deloris Alexander, Interim Dean of the Graduate School and Director of the Integrative Biosciences Ph.D. Program, received the esteemed Faculty Achievement Award in recognition of her leadership, research contributions, and impact on graduate education.
- Ms. Tiffani Williams, Student Impact Coordinator, was honored with both the Staff Employee Award for Technical/Paraprofessional and the coveted Employee of the Year award for her exceptional dedication to student success and campus life.
- Dr. Leo Upchurch, long-serving professor in the College of Business and Information Science, was celebrated upon his retirement, marking the close of a 35-year distinguished career dedicated to preparing future leaders in business and technology.



Separately, during the Tuskegee University President's Essay Contest & Awards Ceremony, rising education major Johnathan Wright was recognized with multiple honors. He received the Lovette W. Harper Scholarship Award, which is given to an African American male student pursuing a degree in teacher education who demonstrates leadership, service, and academic achievement. This award affirms the university's commitment to increasing diversity in the teaching profession.

Additionally, Johnathan was named the 2025–2026 Mr. School of Education (Mr. S.O.E.) and received the Teachers Praise Scholarship from the School of Education—further celebrating his academic excellence and leadership on campus.



Together, these recognitions reflect the incredible talent, dedication, and promise that define the Tuskegee community. Congratulations to all honorees!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 12:00 pm Move & Groove	2 7:00 am Prayer Call	3
4 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service	5 7:00 am Prayer Call	6 7:00 am Prayer Call 12:00 pm Move & Groove 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting	7 7:00 am Prayer Call 12:00 pm Bible Study	8 12:00 pm Move & Groove	9 7:00 am Prayer Call	10 9:00 am Laymens Ministry Breakfast
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ALL (Wed., Women's, Men's) Bible Study Zoom Info - Meeting ID 3347270871; Password 1510
Prayer Call Conference Call Line - (862) 799-9042

Weekly Prayer Ministry Zoom Info - Meeting ID 829 5695 8634; Password 1510

Young Adult Bible Study Zoom Info - Meeting ID 893 9136 1817; Password gmbcya

Scholarship Applications Still Open!



It's scholarship time again! Greenwood Missionary Baptist Church is pleased to announce that applications for the Raymond Francis Harvey Scholarship and the Elvin T. Miles Scholarship are now available. Students interested in applying can pick up an application outside the church secretary's office.

All completed applications must be returned to the church by mail or another delivery service **on or before Friday, June 6, 2025**. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to receive financial support for their educational journey, so be sure to submit your applications on time!

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Deacon Aubrey Ford or any member of the Scholarship Ministry. Don't miss this chance to invest in your future—apply today!



May Birthdays

- 11 Tamara Lee
- 13 Sherwin Boswell*
- 15 Tyson Armstead
- 18 Ruby Hayden
- 19 Chardonnay Tatum*
- 26 Ericka Pemberton
- 28 Lanie Hamlin

* Birthday Celebration Captains



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