

TOGETHER IN FAITH

Growing the Church from the Inside Out

From the Desk of Rev. Pemberton



Beloved Greenwood Family,

As we enter into the fall season, I am grateful to pause and reflect on how God has carried us through this year. September and October remind us of harvest time — a season of gathering, thanksgiving, and renewal. In many ways, this season mirrors the life of our church family as we continue to grow together in faith, service, and fellowship.

This issue of our newsletter is especially meaningful because it marks a full year of publishing the Greenwood Newsletter. Month after month, we have been blessed with the opportunity to share church updates, highlight ministries, celebrate our members, and encourage one another with God's Word. What began as a tool to keep us connected has become a testimony of God's faithfulness and the life of this congregation.

As we look ahead, let us remain prayerful and committed to the work God has placed before us — strengthening our ministries, serving our community, and nurturing the next generation. May this season remind us that while times may change, God's promises remain the same. Truly, "the Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy" (Psalm 126:3).

Thank you for your continued prayers, dedication, and love for Greenwood Missionary Baptist Church. Let us celebrate what God has already done and expect even greater things in the days ahead.

*In Christ's service,
Pastor Jonathan L. Pemberton*

A Season of Harvest

Galatians 6:9

Annual Women's Weekend

October 1-5, 2025

We Need You!

Ministry Spotlight

A Season of Harvest and Renewal



Fall is a beautiful reminder that God brings seasons of planting and seasons of reaping. Spiritually, we are often sowing seeds of prayer, service, and love — even when we don’t immediately see the results. Galatians 6:9 reminds us: “Let us not grow weary in doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.”

This season, take time to notice what God is growing in your life and in the life of our church. As we move through September and October, here are some steps we can practice together:

- **Pause in Gratitude** – Each day, thank God for at least one blessing, big or small. Gratitude keeps our hearts soft and our eyes open to God’s harvest.
- **Plant Intentionally** – Look for ways to sow seeds of kindness: encourage a neighbor, support a ministry, or share a word of hope with someone in need.
- **Pray Faithfully** – Dedicate a few moments each day to pray for our church, our pastor, our youth, and our community. Prayer waters the seeds we’ve planted.
- **Persevere with Patience** – Trust God’s timing. Just as a farmer waits for the right season, we too must trust that God will bring the harvest in due season.

As the leaves turn and the air cools, let’s commit ourselves to being faithful sowers in God’s field. Together, we will rejoice in the harvest that He promises to bring. This fall, let us remember that every act of kindness, every prayer lifted, every word of encouragement, and every step of faith is a seed planted in God’s kingdom. While we may not see the fruit right away, we can trust that God is at work beneath the surface, bringing forth growth in His perfect timing.

Let us “fall into” His presence with thanksgiving and expectation of a harvest yet to come.

ANNUAL WOMEN'S DAY WEEKEND



GREENWOOD
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

*Women of Faith
Encouraging One Another
to Seek God's Face*

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

Bible Study with Minister Karen Boswell

7:00pm CST; Zoom 829 5695 8634

Passcode 1510 or Dial (646) 558-8656

Thursday, October 2, 2025

Health & Wellness with Dr. Faye Hall-Jackson

6:00pm CST; Zoom 829 5695 8634

Passcode 1510 or Dial (646) 558-8656

Friday, October 3, 2025

F3 - Fellowship, Fun & Footwork (Line Dancing)

7:00pm CST; GMBC Kelly Smith House

Attire - Denim & T-shirts

Saturday, October 4, 2025

The Sceiva Holland Luncheon

12:00pm CST; GMBC Kelly Smith House

Sunday, October 5, 2025

Worship Service

11:00am CST

Attire: Pink in Honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month



**WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 1 -
SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 5,
2025**

**"He makes the light shine in our
hearts so we can know the glory of
God that is seen in the face of
Jesus Christ."
2 Corinthians 4:6**

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Celebrating Our Students: Back to School Sunday

On Sunday, August 10th, Greenwood Missionary Baptist Church gathered to celebrate our annual Back to School Sunday — a day dedicated to honoring and equipping our students as they prepare for a new academic year.

This year's service was especially meaningful as we awarded five scholarships to outstanding young men of our congregation who are pursuing higher education. Each recipient was recognized for their hard work, dedication, and commitment to their studies and faith.

- Rush Wright – Freshman, Tuskegee University
- Jonathan Wright – Junior, Tuskegee University
- Joseph Alexander III – Sophomore, Alabama State University
- Michael Holland – Senior, Auburn University
- Miles Holland – Sophomore, Alabama A&M University
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These scholarships reflect our church's investment in the future of our youth and our continued commitment to supporting education and leadership in our community.

In addition to the scholarships, every youth and college student present was gifted school supplies and a lunch box filled with snacks. To extend this blessing beyond one Sunday, each student is encouraged to bring their lunch box back to church throughout the school year, where it can be refilled with items for breakfast, lunch, or snacks to help sustain them during the week.

Back to School Sunday reminds us that education is not just an individual pursuit, but a community effort. As a church family, we are committed to surrounding our students with prayer, encouragement, and tangible resources to help them succeed. We celebrate their achievements today and continue to walk with them every step of their journey.



Greenwood Celebrates Men's Ministry Weekend



The Greenwood Missionary Baptist Church family was richly blessed during Men's Ministry Weekend, held August 14–17, 2025, under the theme “Men on a Mission: Called, Committed, and Courageous.”

The weekend began on Thursday, August 14th, with a neighborhood clean-up as brothers of the church came together in service. On Friday evening, August 15th, families gathered in the Lee-Roy Brown Fellowship Hall for a time of fellowship and inspiration during a Family Game & Movie Night featuring the film *Overcomer*.

On Saturday morning, August 16th, men assembled for a Laymen's Workshop facilitated by Bro. Keith Gibby, State of Alabama Layman's President. Breakfast was served as participants discussed the vital role of men in spiritual leadership, service, and discipleship.

The celebration culminated on Sunday, August 17th, with the Men's Day Observance. Bro. Keith Gibby brought a powerful message that stirred the hearts of all present. The Spirit of God moved mightily during the service, especially in the altar call, as men and young men filled the aisles of the sanctuary in a moving display of commitment and surrender to God. It was a visible reminder of the strength of brotherhood and the importance of men standing boldly for Christ.

The entire weekend was a testimony to God's faithfulness and the dedication of the men of Greenwood. Truly, we can echo the words of Philippians 3:14, “I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.” Thank you to Deacon Reggie Howell and all that cultivated a weekend of fellowship, fun and worship.

Popsicles and Pool with Pastor

On Saturday, August 23rd, the Greenwood Missionary Baptist Church family enjoyed a refreshing afternoon of fellowship during “Popsicles & Pool with the Pastor.” The event, hosted at the poolside of Deacon and Deaconess Michael & Florence Holland, provided a relaxed opportunity for members of all ages to connect with one another and spend meaningful time with Pastor Jonathan L. Pemberton.

Children, youth, and adults alike delighted in the summer fun — cooling off in the pool, sharing laughter, and enjoying colorful popsicles on a warm August day. More than just a social gathering, the event reflected the heart of our church community: building relationships, encouraging fellowship, and creating spaces where faith and fun intersect.

Pastor Pemberton shared words of encouragement with those gathered, reminding everyone that moments of joy and connection are vital parts of church life. As families mingled and young people splashed in the pool, the love of Christ was evident in the smiles, conversations, and sense of togetherness.

The afternoon closed with prayer, thanking God for safe fellowship and asking His blessings over the school year, our families, and the continued unity of Greenwood Missionary Baptist Church. Truly, Popsicles & Pool with the Pastor was a sweet reminder that whether gathered in worship or in fellowship, we are one church family in Christ.



Celebrating Our Members' Birthdays



At Greenwood Missionary Baptist Church, we believe every life is a gift from God, and each birthday is a reason to rejoice! Our monthly birthday celebrations have become a cherished time for fellowship, laughter, and joy as we honor members of all ages.

The celebrations in August and September were especially grand. In August, the fellowship hall came alive with music, food, and even a little line dancing that had everyone smiling and moving together in unity. September brought another joyful gathering, reminding us that birthdays are not just about cake and candles, but about community and gratitude for another year of God's blessings.

We are already looking forward to the next celebration. On **Sunday, October 15th**, immediately following morning worship, we will gather again to honor all members with October birthdays. We invite everyone to join us in showing love, sharing laughter, and celebrating the lives of those God has placed in our church family.

At Greenwood, birthdays remind us of Psalm 118:24 — “This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”



October Birthdays

October 4 Michelle Washington
October 5 Amaya Flennoy
October 6 Sandra Hurry*
October 10 Marilyn Hoytt*
October 10 David Johnson
October 11 Marlin King

October 11 Maxine Lee
October 14 Shawn Armstead
October 17 Loette Alexander
October 19 Linda Buchanan
October 22 Sharon Williams
October 30 Miles Holland

*Birthday Celebration Captains

Screen & Slice

September's youth activity found us at the movies!

On Saturday, September 27th, the Youth Ministry of Greenwood Missionary Baptist Church hosted a fun and engaging fellowship called "Screen & Slice." The afternoon began as the youth gathered at the church and traveled together to AMC Classic for a showing of Gabby's Dollhouse. Laughter and smiles filled the room as our young people enjoyed the film alongside friends and leaders.

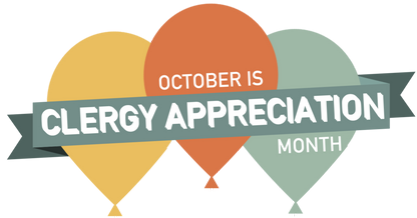
Following the movie, the group shared a meal at CiCi's Pizza, where pizza slices and fellowship flowed freely. The event was a wonderful opportunity for our youth to bond with one another, strengthen their relationships with the church, and be reminded of the joy of Christian fellowship.

We thank all of our youth leaders and volunteers who made the event possible, and we look forward to more opportunities to grow together in Christ through fun, faith-filled activities.



Each October, churches across the nation set aside time to honor their pastors and ministers during Clergy Appreciation Month. At Greenwood Missionary Baptist Church, we are blessed to have faithful leaders who pray for us, guide us, preach the Word, and serve with love and dedication.

Clergy Appreciation Month is a wonderful opportunity for us to express our gratitude for all that our pastor and ministers do, often behind the scenes. A simple word of encouragement can mean so much, and thoughtful gestures help remind them that their labor is not in vain in the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58).



Here are some ways you can show appreciation this October:

- Offer words of thanks through a handwritten note, card, or testimony of how their ministry has impacted your life.
- Pray for them daily and let them know you are lifting their families in prayer.
- Share acts of kindness such as preparing a meal, offering a small gift, or helping with a task.
- Support with presence by showing up faithfully for worship and church activities, which is the greatest encouragement of all.

As we prepare for October, let's commit to showering our pastor and ministers with love and gratitude. Clergy Appreciation Month is not only about honoring leaders, but also about strengthening the bond of love within our church family.

Ministry Spotlight - We Need You! - Audio/Videography

Each month, we will be highlighting one of the many ministries at Greenwood Missionary Baptist Church to encourage members to consider where God may be calling them to serve. This month, we shine a light on the *Audio/Video Ministry*.

The Audio/Video Ministry plays a vital role in ensuring that worship and teaching at Greenwood reach both those in the sanctuary and those beyond our walls. From running the sound system during Sunday services, to recording and streaming our worship on YouTube, to supporting virtual Sunday School, this ministry helps amplify the message of Christ so that it can be clearly heard and experienced by all.

If you have an interest in technology, media, or simply a willingness to learn, the Audio/Video Ministry is a great place to serve. **No prior experience is necessary — training will be provided.** What matters most is a heart to serve God and a commitment to excellence in helping others experience worship without distraction. The Audio/Video Ministry is more than equipment and cables — it is a ministry of connection, clarity, and communication.

If you are interested in learning more or volunteering, please contact Deacon Reggie Howell, at reghowell1906@gmail.com or after service.



Greenwood Becomes an Agency Partner with the East Alabama Food Bank



Greenwood Missionary Baptist Church is excited to announce that we are now an official agency partner with the East Alabama Food Bank. This partnership allows our church to expand our outreach efforts by providing greater access to nutritious food and resources for individuals and families in need within our community.

As an agency partner, Greenwood will be able to receive and distribute food directly from the Food Bank, strengthening our mission to serve others and live out Christ's call to care for "the least of these" (Matthew 25:40). This new step not only enhances our ability to respond to the needs of our neighbors but also deepens our commitment to being a church that meets both spiritual and physical needs.

Through this partnership, we look forward to hosting food distributions, supporting families facing hardship, and building stronger connections with the surrounding community. We are grateful for this opportunity and for the volunteers and leaders who will help us carry out this important ministry. Thank you to First Lady Ericka Pemberton for organizing the effort!

Together, we can continue to be a beacon of hope and service in Tuskegee and beyond.



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