

# True Love

Missionary Baptist Church

*Celebrating our 82nd*

*Church Anniversary*

Sunday, September 22, 2024



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***Dr. Herbert B. Robinson, Jr., Pastor***

***Theme: (Colossians 3:23) NIV***

***“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters”***

# Sunday, September 22, 2024

11:15 am WORSHIP Service/Celebration of our 82nd Church Anniversary

Call to Worship: Proverbs 3:5-6 (KJV)

## **DEVOTION**

*Responsive Reading ~ Daniel 7:9-14*

*\*Music Ministry*

Sermonic Hymn ~ *Amazing Grace*

Sermon

*Altar Prayer/ Invitation*

## **WORSHIP OF GIVING/Offertory Period**

Preparation: Deuteronomy 26:5-10a (KJV)

Dedication: Deuteronomy 26:13-15 (KJV)

***History of True Love Missionary Baptist***

***Memorial (moment of silence)***

***Special Recognitions***

## **SALUTATIONS**

*\*Visitors, Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries & Announcements*

Remarks

Benediction

# RESPONSIVE READING:

## Daniel 7:9-14

**Leader:** I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment *was* white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne *was like* the fiery flame, *and* his wheels *as* burning fire.

**People:** A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.

**Leader:** I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld *even* till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame.

**People:** As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time.

**Leader:** I saw in the night visions, and, behold, *one* like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

**. . . All:** And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed.



*Pastor H. B. Robinson, Jr and  
First Lady Brandi Jenkins-Robinson*

## ***Praise the LORD, Saints!***



### *Praise the LORD, Saints!*

To God be the glory for 82 years of fellowship through the True Love Missionary Baptist Church! We must thank God daily for every individual effort put forth towards our development over the years. All contributions, prayers and support have brought us to where we are under the Divine Guidance of God, who has us in His hands.

On behalf of the Pastoral seat, I thank and appreciate each of you for your dedicated service and willingness of committed stewardship. Hopefully, through faith and prayer, we will continue building the True Love kingdom as directed by the Kingdom of God, where Christ Jesus sits on the throne. May God majestically bless each of you.

*Yours because of Jesus Christ,*

*Pastor Herbert B. Robinson, Jr., D. Min.  
God bless*



## *Pastor Lovejoy Johnson, II*

Pastor Lovejoy Johnson, II was born in Detroit, Michigan, and raised in the church. At the tender age of 5-years-old, he confessed Christ as his Lord and Savior, and was then baptized by his father and Pastor, the late Lovejoy Johnson Sr. of New Bethlehem Baptist church.

While progressing in his faith, he learned under the watchful eye of his father and other leaders in the ministry. Prayerfully, he leaned on the Lord and listened for divine direction.

Pastor Johnson, is a 1986 graduate of the Detroit Public School System. On December 27, 1987 and at the age of 19, he preached his first public sermon while on vacation from Cheyney University, Cheyney Pennsylvania. In 1991, he graduated from Cheyney University and received a BS in Hotel Restaurant Institutional Management with a minor in Religious Studies. Respectively, in 1992 and 2002. he completed post graduate studies from the Philadelphia College of Bible in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and Union Baptist Theological Seminary in Birmingham, Alabama. Pastor Johnson then joined the 19<sup>th</sup> Street Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor, Dr. Charles Walker. Shortly thereafter, he returned to Michigan and in the early 2000's, he was installed as Pastor of New Bethlehem Baptist Church.

Pastor Johnson is a member of the Baptist Missionary and Education (BM&E) State Convention, the National Baptist Convention, USA Inc., 21<sup>st</sup> Century Covenant of Pastors and has served as Vice moderator for the Christian Fellowship District Association.

Also, Pastor Johnson is a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., and in his spare time he enjoys watching football as well as track and field.

## **OUR AMAZING HISTORY**

As an offshoot of the Chapel Hill Baptist Church, a small mission began in 1942 in the residence of Rev. Moses Small, 5218 Roosevelt Street. In addition to Rev. Small, this small band included Rev. Glover, Bro. Cherry Miller, Bro. Solomon, Sis. Bessie Jenkins, Rev. Alexander and Sis. Amanda Summers, Sis. Bettie Bowman, Sis. Mary Thomas, Sis. Geraldine Vandergrift, and Rev. Bennie Day.

After a short time, the mission evolved into a church and moved to 5126 Roosevelt Street. At the suggestion of Sis. Clara Miller, the church was named **True Love Missionary Baptist Church**. The Rev. J. S. Murray accepted the call to become the first pastor of this fledgling flock.

In 1943, The Rev. Ernest N. Cox was called as the new leader of True Love Missionary Baptist Church, and was a faithful and dedicated servant for 27 years.

Pastor Cox and his loving wife Martha came from Rising, Arkansas. They put their shoulders to the task and immediately their labors bore fruit. The congregation grew from eight members to 47. Pastor Cox spearheaded a financial drive and purchased property located at 2927 West Warren Avenue in Detroit at a cost of \$7,500.

This was a time of spiritual and numerical growth with the birth of many church auxiliaries, including a Sunday School, Baptist Young People Union (B.Y.P.U.), Senior and Junior Choirs, Mothers Board, Nurses Guild, and Senior Usher Board. The church became associated with a quadruple church fellowship each fourth Sunday with Warren Avenue, Messiah, New Liberty, and later Oakland Avenue Baptist Churches.

Because of such rapid growth, the members launched a successful drive to obtain monies for a new church plant. On December 4, 1955, the congregation marched to its new home at 3987 Maybury Grand, a former Lutheran house of worship, which was purchased for the sum of \$80,000.

The new edifice included a school with an auditorium, cafeteria, and bowling alley. The church continued to grow with the following auxiliaries being added: Excelsior Choir, Pastor's Chorus, Young Adult Chorus, Vacation Bible School, and The El Dorado Youth Club.

In order for the church to succeed and grow in winning souls to Christ, the members knew work had to be done, and with that mindset, members pitched in. The Trustees volunteered their services and built a baptismal pool. Sisters Vashti Bowman, Farrie Brandon, Vessie Bynum, Lovie Jefferson, and Sadie White, along with the wives of the Trustees, worked faithfully with Trustee James Bender to enhance the financial stability of the church.

True Love remained at its Maybury Grand address for 11 years, until city progress mandated the congregation move to another facility to make way for the Fisher and Jeffries Freeways.

Pastor Cox and other committee members selected our present site, 8200 Tireman, for our new home. The property was purchased and a church plant was built for \$168,000. ***This would be our first church home built from the ground up!*** Prior to moving to our present location, we held services at 5050 Joy Road on Detroit's northwest side.

The congregation proudly marched into its new edifice on November 26, 1967. Pastor Cox's first sermon was entitled, *"Upon this Rock, I'll Build My Church"*, with the text coming from Matthew 16:18. New members were added, old members returned, and Pastor Cox continued faithfully in his ministry until April 19, 1970, when he answered a higher calling from God to rest from his earthly field of labor.

In September 1970, Rev. Herbert B. Robinson, Sr., accepted the call to the True Love pastorate. His faithful wife, Sister Verdie Robinson and their four children, Velton, Herbert Jr., Cedric, and Kevyn, joined him and the True Love Church family. He served with effective service for over 32 years at **True Love Missionary Baptist Church**. Under his leadership, we were challenged weekly with the precious promise of **Proverbs 3:5-6** of which the church still stands by today.

During Pastor Robinson's tenure, the fellowship grew. His leadership spearheaded many positive changes. The Seven Weeks of Prayer at the beginning of each New Year has become an integral part of our worship services, during which prayer services are held three times daily. Sunday School attendance more than tripled and was departmentalized. The Baptist Training Union (B.T.U.) was departmentalized, re-established, and revitalized with a dean, teachers, and classes certified by the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education. A Board of Christian Education was also organized.

The B.T.U. was reorganized as our School of Ministry. Pastor Robinson was a teaching preacher. He became a ***"Trainer of Trainers"*** as he educated others on the Bible and Christian Ethics. Lessons were written and taught by in-house trained teachers. These lessons/courses were offered on a 13-week/quarterly basis.

The 15-36 Plan and Federal Credit Union was established, and a child care center served the community for several years. The Music Department grew to include a Male Chorus and a Chancel Choir. Other ministries, some still active today, added under the leadership of Pastor Robinson include: The Altar Circle, Benevolent Ministry, 7:00 a.m. Worship Services, Deaconess Board, Youth Fellowship, The Children's Church (with previous ministers Rev. William Jackson and Rev. Kenneth Staples, ushers and choir), New Member Fellowship, the Nursing Home Ministry, the Consolation Choir, "Freedom School" (set up for our students during the 1973 and 1979 public school strikes), off-campus satellite for William Tyndale Bible College, Adult Education site for Detroit Public Schools, Drug & Alcohol and Stop-Smoking Program, Annual Youth

Round-Up, a youth Tutorial Ministry under our Community Development Program called "Break Through: Knowledge Pursuit", and the E. N. Cox Lecture Series held annually by the Laymen.

Several additional properties have been acquired, parking lots paved, and the church building was completely renovated. Part of the renovation included a new library, new classrooms, and a ladies' lounge. The Fellowship Hall was named in honor of the late Deacon Mal Robinson, and our beautiful new library in honor of the late Deacon William R. Davis. Our administrative offices are equipped with state-of-the-art equipment. Many new accomplishments were achieved under the pastorate of Pastor Robinson; however, we are most proud of our continued evangelistic outreach efforts and ongoing pursuit of a deeper knowledge of Christ via revivals, retreats, and Christian Education classes.

On October 21, 1994, during our historical 52nd Church Anniversary, we celebrated the occasion with a banquet *hosted and paid for* by **True Love Missionary Baptist Church** at Cobo Hall's Riverview Dining Room. During the banquet, Pastor Robinson presented the First Annual Christian Service Awards to Deacon Howard Denson, Trustee Thomas Dixon and Deacon Ozzie Gardner, for their years of dedicated service and support to the True Love Baptist Church. Over the years, many other dedicated and faithful members have been recipients of these awards.

Over the years, **True Love Missionary Baptist Church** has developed, groomed, and ordained several ministers, some of which include: Rev. James Marvin Cunningham, Rev. Herbert B. Robinson, Jr., Rev. John Whitby, Rev. Edwon Brown, Rev. Willie M. Williams, Sr., Rev. Cedric Robinson, and so many more ministers who are a part of the True Love Missionary Baptist Church family. Some of the ministers from True Love who have been called upon to serve pastorates for other congregations are: Rev. Cleophus C. Jackson (Christ Love Divine Baptist Church), Rev. Gregory Foster (Kadesh Full Gospel Baptist Church), Rev. James Moore (True Light Missionary Baptist Church), the late Rev. Mellwood Brown (New Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church), Rev. Willie Fountain and the late Rev. Willie Chambers (Co-pastors, Agape Fellowship), Rev. I. Miller, former pastor of Greater Love Baptist Church, now pastoring in Pensacola, Florida, Rev. Jimmy Perrien, pastoring in Meridian, Mississippi, the late Rev. O. W. Moore (New Whitestone Baptist Church), the late Rev. John Lewis (Calvary Baptist Church in Mt. Clemens, MI), the late Rev. J. A. Williams (Aijalon/Kadesh Baptist Churches), the late Rev. H. R. Ramsey (Christ's Mission Baptist Church), the late Rev. Bennie Adams (Adams Chapel Baptist Church), Rev. Thomas Benge (Covenant Baptist Church), Rev. Charles Kirby, and Rev. Willie A. Roberts who has relocated to Augusta, Georgia. Both the Deacon and Trustee Boards have grown as well, adding many respected church men to the leadership.

In November 1997, Pastor Robinson led a delegation of members from True Love to Israel for a tour of the Holy Land where Brother and Sister Curley Moore renewed their



marital vows with Pastor Robinson officiating. Pastor Robinson also conducted baptismal services in the River Jordan for more than 30 persons.

In February 1999, Pastor and Sis. Robinson journeyed to countries in Africa. Upon their return, their report ignited a missionary fire in the souls of many congregants, whose response to their appeal resulted in sending more than 400 pounds of clothing and school supplies to the Ivory Coast. Among many missions served, our church humbly appreciates the opportunity to serve Haiti, Campus Crusade (Mark Anthony) and The National Negro College Fund.

Pastor Robinson was a faithful, dedicated, and well-loved Pastor and continued to lead True Love members until his death on November 22, 2002.

For a short period, we were without a pastor. During those times, our Deacon Board and Trustee Board worked jointly to maintain the spiritual and financial integrity of the congregation and God's house.

In 2005, the congregation selected Rev. Richard B. Fields to serve as pastor. He moved on to serve another congregation in 2006.

God's Word is True. As written in Jeremiah 3:15: *"And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding."* On Sunday, October 12, 2008, the Reverend Herbert B. Robinson, Jr. preached his first sermon as pastor of the **True Love Missionary Baptist Church** at our 7:00am Worship Service. The message was from Job 22:21-23 and was entitled *"It's Time for R & R"*. The 11:15am message was from Zechariah 4:1, 5-9 and entitled *"The Lord Has Sent Me to You"*. His personal goal is to preach the gospel, teach the Word of God and serve the people. After accepting the pastoral call from the Lord, he is now leading us to the next level of Worship and Praise.

Under the leadership of Pastor Robinson, additional ministries have been added: the Divine Mothers of Favor (a group of seasoned women given one specific task to pray daily for the pastor), the Pastor's Aide, the MIME and Thespian Ministries; and in 2013, our quarterly Newsletter, the *True Love Informer*, was added. In 2014, the All Male Usher Board (known as the *MOB: Men on Board*) was formed, originally to serve on Mother's Day. It was so successful, they now serve every 5th Sunday. In addition, The Baptist Training Union has been re-named *"The Christian Café Hour"*.

Rev. Kenneth Staples, one of True Love's sons in the Ministry, was called to Pastor the Good Shepherd Missionary Baptist Church and installed by Pastor Robinson in January 2011.

The church continues to grow under Pastor Robinson, Jr.'s leadership. Trustee Thomas Dixon, Brother David Jones, and Brother James Phillips were ordained as Deacons. Brother Calvin Scruggs, Brother Clinton Garr, Brother Alphonso Murphy Jr. and Brother Ennis McGee, Sr., were appointed as Trustees and ordained in 2013.

Brother Eugene Dickerson, Jr. and Minister Katherine Talmadge became licensed to preach the gospel. In October, 2014, Evangelist Virggie Donel, Evangelist Carol Fitzpatrick, and Minister Helen Spruiel were ordained. Minister Marilyn Jordan, Evangelist Valerie Walker, Rev. Reginald Simpkins and Rev. Dimitri Fox joined the Ministerial staff in 2015. Soon after, Rev. Stephen Lee and Rev. David Reed were added to the ministerial staff.

Brother Charles Pettway and Brother Bobby Williams were ordained as Deacons, and Brother Dennis Belton was appointed and ordained as a Trustee in October 2017.

In March of 2020, when we were unable to have in-person service, by the grace of God, we pivoted to Virtual Worship by way of ZOOM and Facebook Live. True Love continued to praise the Lord through this pandemic. We opened the doors of our Church for service once again on July 4, 2021 while adhering to all required social distancing protocols. We have also continued with virtual Sunday School and worship service.

On Sunday, August 21, 2022, True Love hit another milestone. Rev. Sylvester Taylor was ordained and joined our ministerial staff; Brother Victor Sanders was ordained and added to our Board of Deacons, and for the first time ever, five women were appointed, ordained, and added to our Board of Trustees: Sister Elena Acoff, Sister Sonya Bell, Sister Veronica Crawford, Sister Casandra Crenshaw, and Sister Wanda Pettway-Norris.

By strides, we go on . . . .

*True Love, it does not yet appear what we shall be. Until the Lord comes, let us continue to hold up the bloodstained banner and march forth in the army of the Lord.*



*Greetings to My True Love Family,*

*On this special occasion, I remain humbled and honored to serve as the 82nd Church Anniversary Chairperson.*

*This year's Church Anniversary theme "Embracing The Journey of Faith Through Continued Prayer" tells us to remain focused and do not become distracted by what it looks like. We have a Savior who is always with us and whose voice will direct our steps if we follow his directions.*



*Today's celebration is another testament in knowing that we did not get here on our own. Yes, our church anniversary committee has remained steadfast to ensuring your voices are heard, and Yes, prayers from our True Love family has further been a bedrock. Standing together reaffirms that all of us continue to benefit from God's grace and mercy!*

*To our Pastor, Dr. H.B. Robinson, Jr., your continuous and unselfish leadership is the cornerstone of your spiritual teachings, sound preaching and divine guidance. Thank you for the elevation of your broad vision of the ministry in building God's people.*

*On this day and beyond as we walk this Christian journey, let us believe in ourselves, activate hope and demonstrate true love among our brethren!*

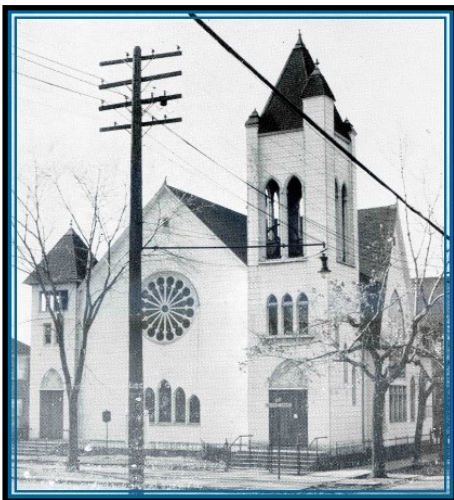
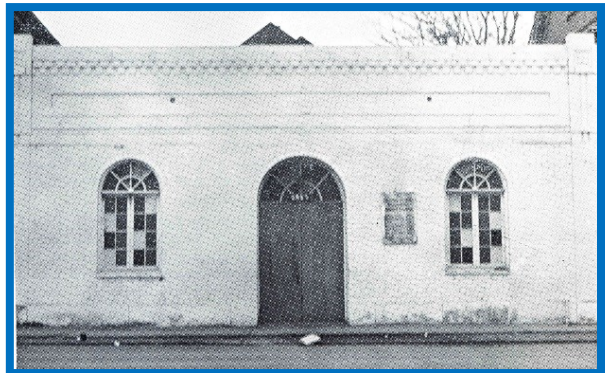
*In Christian Love and continued Blessings upon all of you,*

*Trustee Veronica Crawford  
True Love Missionary Baptist Church  
Chairperson, 82nd Church Anniversary Committee*

**Our Humble Beginnings, 5126 Roosevelt**



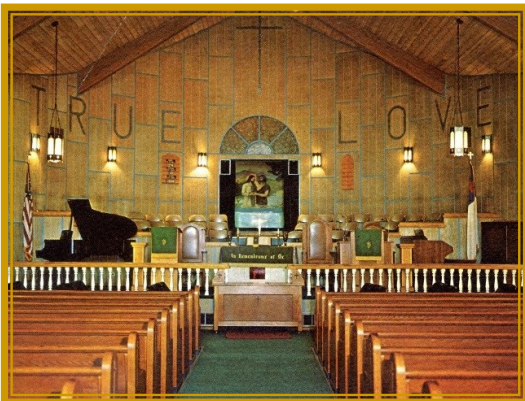
**Our 2nd Location, 2927 W. Warren**



**Our 3rd Location, 3987 Maybury Grand**



**Our Current Location**  
**8200 Tireman Avenue, Detroit**  
**Original ~ Church Sanctuary ~ Now**  
**(1967) (2023)**



*The flowers on the altar are donated by Sister Fayegene Williams in memory of her parents, Warren, Sr. & Collie Mae and her brother Warren, Jr. Williams.*

*Flowers are also donated by Trustee Veronica Crawford in memory of her mother, Sister Elizabeth Williams.*



### ***Taking it to the Altar***

Take your worries, concerns and prayers to the altar and leave them there.

*'Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.'*

*Philippians 4:6-7 (KJV)*



*“The effectual fervent prayer of  
a righteous man availeth much.”  
James 5:16b*

## PRAYER LIST

Bro. Maurice Allen  
Akheer Andrews  
Sis. Mildred Belton  
Sis. Arelia Bennett  
Bro. Curtis Bennett  
Sis. C. Theresa Bowie  
Sis. Joan Brewer  
Sis. Pamala Broner  
Sis. Olivia Brown  
Bro. Carlos Craig  
Sis. Shirley Davis  
Trustee William Davis  
Sis. Ione Dyer  
Sis. Waltina Gorman  
Sis. Dorothy Harris  
Bro. Donald Hill, II  
Sis. Annie Holcomb  
Sis. Cathy Jackson  
Sis. Mary Jackson  
Sis. Karen Jenkins  
Sis. Ovaedia Johnson  
Bro. Percy Jones  
Bro. Rosco Johnson

Sis. Evelyn King  
Sis. Kimberly Lane  
Deacon Thomas Latimer  
Sis. Annie Myles  
Breia Myles  
Elijah Myles  
Sis. Pamela Myles  
Trevon Myles  
Sis. Margaret Phelps  
Sis. Shirley Quick  
Sis. Patricia Richardson  
Sis. Verdie Robinson-Curry  
Sis. Dionne Scott  
Mother Elsie Scruggs  
Bro. Edward Sumler  
Sis. Shirley Sykes  
Sis. Michelle Thurmond  
Sis. Shirley Trent  
Sis. Monica Van Buren  
Mother Ceciel Walker  
Sis. Raven White  
Sis. Bessie M. Williams  
Sis. Frenchie Williams

## ***Healing Scriptures***

*Isaiah 53:3-5      Isaiah 54:17*  
*Jeremiah 32:27      Psalm 103:3*  
*Matthew 8:16-17*

*Take this dosage 3 times a day.*



## PRAYER LIST (continued)

### SHUT-IN

Sis. Katrina Appling  
Mother Bertha Gilliam  
Mother Ernestine Haugabook

Bro. Alex Malden  
Mother Jerelene Sargent  
Mother Bertha Weems

### HEALTH CONCERNS

Sis. Jeanette Benson  
Bro. Desmond Brassell  
Sis. Patricia Butler  
Bro. Samu-El Fletcher  
First Lady Brandi Jenkins-Robinson

Sis. Tracy Johnson  
Mother Bernice Jones  
Deacon James Phillips  
Mother Mary Smith  
Sis. Donna Taylor

## ***BEREAVED:***



*Deacon David and Sister Shirley Jones in the passing of his brother-in-law, Harvey Mathis, Jr.. He was laid to rest this past Friday in Atlanta, GA.*

*Please keep all bereaved in your prayers.*





**Calling all youth, ages 5–18.**

The Youth Church meets every 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sunday on the 3rd floor of the church at 11:15am. All are welcome to join and fellowship us.

The Youth Church facilitators are Rev. Sylvester Taylor, Sister Carol Williams and Trustee Wanda Pettway Norris.

We are looking forward to seeing you Sunday, October 6, 2024 at 11:15am.





Church Business Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 19th at 10:00am in the sanctuary. This meeting is opened to all church members, and we look forward to seeing you there.



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NIGHTLY THEME LECTURER  
**Pastor QuanTez Pressley**  
Third New Hope Baptist Church



YOUNG ADULT SEMINAR  
"How to Study the Bible"  
**Pastor Breon A. Williams**  
Mt. Hebron Missionary Baptist Church



CLERGY SEMINAR  
"Prophetic Preaching"  
**Dr. Aaron L. Chapman**  
New Hope Missionary Baptist Church



ADULT SEMINAR  
"Survey of Amos"  
**Dr. Walter K. Cheeks**  
New St. Peter's Missionary Baptist Church

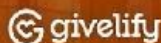
TUESDAY THRU THURSDAY  
**October 8 - 10, 2024**  
**6:00 pm - 8:30 pm Nightly**  
**Mt. Hebron Missionary Baptist Church**  
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# *82nd Church Anniversary Committee*

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**Sister Charnae Sanders, Recording Secretary**

**Sister Viola Harper**

**Deacon Thomas Latimer**

**Sister Juanda Faye Williams**

## ***Mission Statement:***

**Elevate Jesus, Edify Saints, Evangelize Souls,  
and Pray for our Enemies.**

## **Proverbs 3:5-6**

***"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths."***