

True Love

Missionary Baptist Church

Celebrating our 83rd

Church Anniversary

Sunday, September 14, 2025



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Dr. Herbert B. Robinson, Jr., Pastor

*Coming together In Unity
To Praise and Thank God for 83 Years*

*“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren
to dwell together in unity!”*

Psalm 133:1

Sunday, September 14, 2024

11:15 am WORSHIP Service

PRELUDE

Call to Worship

Proverbs 3:5-6 (KJV)

DEVOTION

Responsive Reading ~ Colossians 1:15-23

WORSHIP OF INSPIRATION

**Choir Selection*

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)

**Choir Selection (during offertory period)*

SALUTATIONS

**Visitors, Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries*

& Announcements

Benediction

POSTLUDE

The asterisk (*) indicates times in which the ushers may allow worshippers to enter the sanctuary.

Sunday, September 14, 2025

*True Love Missionary Baptist Church
83rd Church Anniversary Celebration*

3:00 PM

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

DEVOTION

Welcome

Sister Charnae Sanders

Reflections

*Sister Deidra Miller
(Pre-recorded message)*

Music Selections

*Soloist—Lady Ursula Byrd
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church*

*True Love Missionary
Baptist Church Adult Choir*

WORSHIP OF GIVING/Offertory Period

Introduction of Guest Speaker

*Dr. Herbert B. Robinson, Jr, Pastor
True Love Missionary Baptist Church*

Guest Speaker

*Rev. Dr. Blanton L. Banks, I
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church*

Invitation

Remarks

*Trustee Veronica Crawford
True Love Missionary Baptist Church
Chairperson, 83rd Church
Anniversary Committee*

Closing Remarks and Benediction

*Rev. Dr. Blanton L. Banks, I
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church*

RESPONSIVE READING:

Colossians 1:15-23

- Leader:** Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:
- People:** For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:
- Leader:** And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.
- People:** And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all *things* he might have the preeminence.
- Leader:** For it pleased *the Father* that in him should all fulness dwell;
- People:** And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him *I say*, whether *they be* things in earth, or things in heaven.
- Leader:** And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in *your* mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled
- People:** In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight:
- ...All:** If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and *be* not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, *and* which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;



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

Praise the LORD, Saints!

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Congratulations to the True Love Missionary Baptist Church family for 83 years of dedicated Christian service. Give God the glory for the wonderful things He has done for us and through us to exalt Him. Thanks to each one of you for your support, love and contributions to the growth of our continuing fellowship.

Yours because of Jesus Christ,

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

The flowers on the altar are in memory of all deceased Altar Circle Members.



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)



Rev. Dr. Blanton L. Banks I.

Rev. Dr. Blanton L. Banks, I, a preacher, teacher, and servant leader who enjoys dedicating his life to cultivating others so that they may reach their God-given potential in their personal, professional, and spiritual lives. In 2012, Rev. Dr. Banks accepted his call to the Ministry work for Christ after attending Judah Bible Institute on August 17, 2024, elder Blanton L. Banks, I, was called to preach the Word of God at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (GSLC), where he presided and preached the Gospel of Christ as Senior Pastor.

Since becoming Pastor, he has worked tirelessly to reestablish his church congregation and Ministries. Pastor Banks has launched several new ministries: The Sisterhood of Good Shepherd, a Wednesday night Bible Study with Christian-based application movies, and the GSLC Outreach Program, which serves the community with Bare Essentials Care kits and feeds those in need. In collaboration with New Martin Park District Association and Community Refrigerator Inc., a Community Refrigerator has been planted to serve the community with fresh vegetables, food, and various beverages. Over the past eleven years, he has been instrumental in revitalizing the New Martin Park District Association and planting a community garden with the valuable efforts of NMPDA Members. With the support of many vital residents, his relationship with the community and the Outreach Ministry has grown extensively. He has continued to build his outreach ministries with the New Martin Park District Association and Mount Zion Lutheran Foundation, which supports GSLC Bare Essential Care Kits. Over these past eleven years, Rev. Dr. Banks has also built a profound relationship with the University of Detroit Mercy Community Relations Department, as he now holds a seat on the University's Advisory Board with Titans Equity Nourish Network (TENN), which focuses on the sustainability and equity of the Community.

This Outreach Ministry's relationship collaborates with many programs, such as the Community Refrigerator, Neighborhood Community Meet and Greet Funday (food and fun, music, free haircuts, games, and distribution of back-to-school book bags with supplies, the Community Garden and Composing Program, Neighborhood Community Signs, UDM Students Services volunteer program (PTV) along with many other community events, and projects.

In 2023m Rev. Dr. Blanton L. Banks defended his dissertation on "A Comparison Study of in-Person and Online Worship Experience." He received his Doctorate of Ministry Degree in June 2024 at the Ecumenical Theological Seminary (ETS). In 2020, he received his Master of Arts Degree in Ministry from ETS.

*Anything new or being rebuilt takes time and patience. God's divine works have no limits. For His will always prevail. 1 Corinthians 15:58 teaches us "to be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain." None of this would be possible without the blessings and favor or God and those whom He has placed in my path to make these accomplishments achievable. **"Where God guides, He will provide."** Isaiah 55:11*

Rev. Dr. Blanton L. Banks, I, and his lovely, kind-spirited wife, Lady Kimberly A. Banks, have been married for 36 years this past August 26, 2025, and have been blessed with four wonderful sons, a daughter-in-law, and three fabulous grandchildren, one girl and two boys.

Grace and Peace to all!

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 Bengé (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 wonderful occasion, we are celebrating another milestone in fellowship by way of God's guidance and His blessings.

Our theme "Coming together In Unity To Praise and Thank God for 83 Years" embodies the significance of our history, and further provides a reflection of the tapestry that has been woven by countless generations of true, tried and tested faith.



While we unselfishly give our time, talent and treasure, it is the cornerstone of true love that serves as a beacon of light!

To our Pastor, Dr. Herbert B. Robinson, Jr., thank you for your endless and consistent divine guidance in helping each of us better develop and become enriched with a solid prayer life bit by bit.

As we continue this journey, allow the presence of the Lord to speak to us, walk with us and lead us.

In Christian Love,

Trustee Veronica Crawford

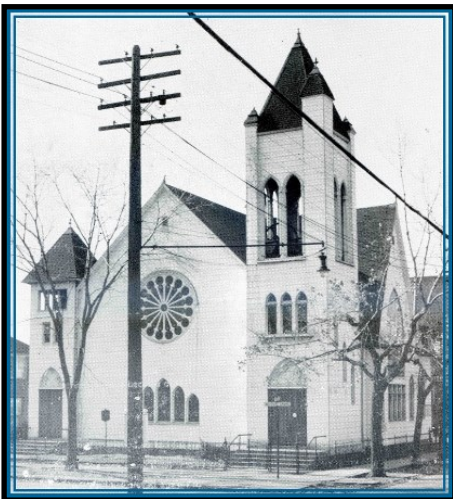
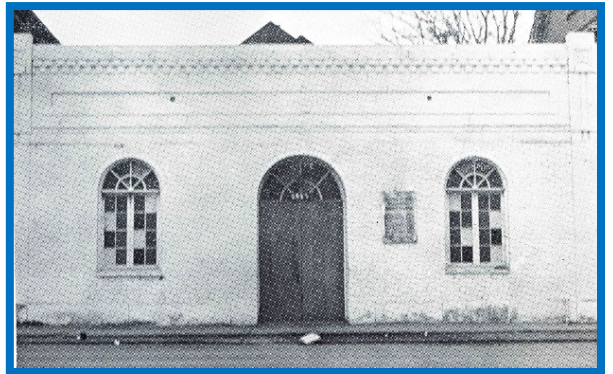
True Love Missionary Baptist Church

Chairperson, 83rd Church Anniversary Committee

Our Humble Beginnings, 5126 Roosevelt



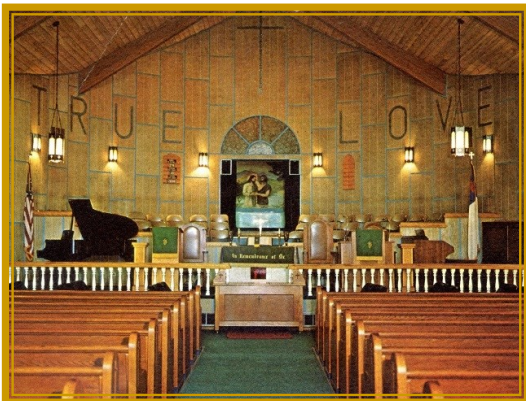
Our 2nd Location, 2927 W. Warren



Our 3rd Location, 3987 Maybury Grand



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





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

PRAYER LIST

Bro. Maurice Allen
Sis. Mildred Belton
Sis. Arelia Bennett
Bro. Curtis Bennett
Sis. C. Theresa Bowie
Sis. Pamala Broner
Sis. Olivia Brown
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. Shelia Jefferson
Sis. Karen Jenkins
Sis. Ovaedia Johnson
Bro. Percy Jones
Bro. Roscoe 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
Latrice Reynolds
Sis. Patricia Richardson
Sis. Verdie Robinson-Curry
Sis. Dionne Scott
Mother Elsie Scruggs
Mottan Seals
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 Earnestine Haugabook

Mother Bertha Weems

Bro. Alex Malden
Mother Jerelene Sargent

HEALTH CONCERNS

Bro. Desmond Brassell
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:



Please keep all bereaved in your prayers.

UPCOMING

Mark Your Calendars

EVENTS



September 2025 **Cultural Month**

Monday, Sep. 1	Labor Day
Sunday, Sep. 7	Communion Sunday
Monday, Sep. 8 — 12	National Baptist Convention Annual Session
Friday, Sep. 12	Pastor at Unity Baptist Church
Sunday, Sep. 14	Altar Circle Annual Day Rev. Dr. Blanton L. Banks, I Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Saturday, Sep. 20	Men's Ministry Meeting
Sunday, Sep. 21	Pastor Kenneth A. Staples Good Shepherd Missionary Baptist Church
Sunday, Sep. 28	83rd Church Anniversary Bishop Cedric A. Robinson Judah Tabernacle

October 2025 **Hallowed-Be-Thy-Name Month**

Monday, Oct. 5	Communion Sunday
Monday, Oct. 6 — 9	BME State Kirby-Terrell Fall Institute
Sunday, Oct. 12	Nurses & Ushers Annual Day Concert for Pastor's Anniversary
Sunday, Oct. 19	Pastor's 17th Anniversary
Friday, Oct. 31	Halloween

EACH FIRST SUNDAY ~ BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER

Mission Statement:

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

*“And how shall they hear without a preacher?”
Romans 10:14b*

Date: September 14, 2025

Messenger: _____

Biblical Text: _____

Sermon Title: _____

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83rd Church Anniversary Committee

Trustee Veronica Crawford, Chairperson

Trustee Sonya Bell, Co-Chairperson

Brother Johnny Belton

Sister Viola Harper

Deacon Thomas Latimer

Sister Charnae Sanders

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