



NEW PILGRIM

BAPTIST CHURCH

1st Pastoral Anniversary



"A Servant Staying On the M.O.V.E."

"And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; and that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will." -2 Timothy 2:24-26 (KJV)

March 23, 2025

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March 30, 2025



Celebration

First Year on the M.O.V.E.



Pastor Marcus Jerkins is native of Atlanta, Ga. He holds a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Religion from Emory University, a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) and a Master of Theology (Th.M.) from the Candler School of Theology of Emory University. Reverend Jerkins holds a Ph.D. in Religion from Baylor University in the area of New Testament Studies. Pastor Jerkins serves as the 13th Pastor of the New Pilgrim Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama. Dr. Jerkins has served in many capacities in University and Seminary settings. He was Visiting Professor of New Testament at the Howard University School of Divinity and an Adjunct Professor of New Testament at Northern Seminary in Chicago, Illinois and St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute in Baltimore, Maryland. He is the author of *Black Lives Matter to Jesus: The Salvation of Black Life and All life in Luke and Acts*, and he has published articles and chapters in scholarly journals and books. Pastor Jerkins is most honored and blessed that he is the husband of Dr. Courtney A. Jerkins and the loving father of three beautiful children.



During our first year on the M.O.V.E we:

- United with over 46 people through Baptism and Christian Experience.
- Visited the sick and shut-in throughout the year.
- Established new ministries including the Security Ministry, Marriage Ministry, CASA Ministry, New Members Ministry, and the M.O.V.E. Ministry. We reestablished the Media Ministry, several choirs, and several other ministries which were inactive during COVID.
- Added our Family and Friends Weekend as a part of our annual celebrations.
- Called for times of fasting and prayer for the health of our congregation.
- Established a new vision and mission statement, including new branding for future growth.
- Established a Volunteer Breakfast as part of our yearly recognition of all church volunteers.
- Established a Pastor's Council to consult on all financial matters in the church.
- Reorganized the Worship and Arts leader.
- Brought on several new officers, including seven new deacons and two new trustees, to aid in the advancement of our church.
- Increased income by 14%.
- Established two major capital campaigns and other income-producing measures to continue the fiscal solvency of our church's resources.

Rev. Ralph Douglas West



Ralph Douglas West is the Pastor and Founder of The Church Without Walls (Brookhollow Baptist Church, Houston, Texas). He first preached as a sixteen year old in his native Houston. The Church Without Walls began with 32 members and now embraces thousands of families meeting each Sunday. Pastor West is affectionately known as Pas. Pastor West holds a Doctor of Ministry degree from Samford University's Beeson Divinity School, Birmingham, AL; a Master of Divinity degree with Biblical Languages from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, TX; and a Bachelor's Degree in Religion and Philosophy from Bishop College, Dallas, TX. Pastor West has also completed advanced studies at Cambridge and Oxford Universities and received an Honorary D.Div. degree from the Interdenominational Theological Center at Morehouse School of Religion, Atlanta, Georgia and Paul Quinn College, Dallas, Texas. Although Pas can boast of a number of degrees, honors and associations, those who sit under his preaching would most aptly describe his attitude using Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 2:1. "When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power." —1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Sunday Worship Service

March 23, 2025

Praise & Worship

Invocation

Scripture Reading

Hymn# 45 | Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Welcome & Occasion | Bro. Ralph Ruggs

The Prayer Period

The Musical Praise Period

Love March

Offertory Period | Offertory Prayer

The Musical Praise Period

The Preached Word

The Invitational Period

Bread of Life Offering

Announcements

Thank You | Sis. Annie Levison

Closing Remarks | Rev. Dr. Marcus Jerkins

Visitor's Recognition

The Benediction

Threefold AMEN

Rev. Stanley A. Smith

Reverend Stanley A. Smith was born in Atlanta, Georgia. After speaking for a Youth Day event in 1989, Reverend Smith was called to his first Pastorate in 1990, as the Pastor of Greater Fellowship Baptist Church. He has served as Pastor for 34 years and is the longest serving Pastor in the church's 100 year history. As a Pastor, he demonstrates love for all of God's people and for his congregation in particular. He often goes above and beyond the call of duty to attend to the needs of others. He has special concern for family unity and our youth. Pastor Smith was elected as First Vice President to the New Era Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia, Inc. in 2022. He also orchestrated a statewide informational sign-up event for Affordable Health Care in its first year of operation on behalf of the State Convention. He also serves as Chairman of the Credentials and Causes Committee for the Progressive National Baptist Convention and was elected as Second Vice President of the State Presidents Department for PNBC. Pastor Smith was elected as the President of the Metropolitan Atlanta Baptist Ministers Union in 2020; re-elected in 2022 and served until the close of his tenure. He currently serves as the Current Events Chair to inform and educate MABMU Pastors and Ministers about our political and social climate. Pastor Smith currently represents MABMU in the fight against Georgia's Senate Bill 202 in an effort to protect the voting rights for people of color. He has a wife of 40 years, Lady Shelia D. Smith; a son, Christopher A. Smith; a daughter, in Heaven, Shenita R. Perkins and eight grandchildren.



Sunday Worship Service

March 30, 2025

The Call to Worship

Invocation

Scripture Reading

Hymn# 45 | Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Welcome & Occasion | Sis. Debra Johnson

Praise Dance

The Prayer Period

The Musical Praise Period

Continuing The Love

Offertory Period | Offertory Prayer

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Say a prayer. Send a card. Support the family.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

@ 09:30AM

3/23 Offering a Sweet Aroma to God

Leviticus 1:3-17

3/30 The Day of Atonement

Leviticus 16: 11-19

4/6 Christ's Once-for-All Sacrifice

Hebrews 9:23-10:4, 11-14, 19-25

4/13 Christ's the Atoning Sacrifice

1 John 2:1-6; 4:9-17

4/20 Christ Dies and Rises to New Life

Mathew 27:39-40, 45-54; 28:1-10

4/27 The Lamb Is Worthy

Revelation 5:1-10

Deacon William Armstead
 Sis. Emily Ellis
 Bro. Paul Goodwin
 Sis. Minnie Etheridge
 Sis. Cleopatra Goree
 Sis. Laura B. Harris
 Sis. Maria Hilliard
 Sis. Stephanie Jenkins
 Sis. Beatrice Lewis
 Sis. Irene Mitchell
 Sis. Juanita Motley
 Bro. Jimmy L. Merritt

Sis. Lashawndo Parker
 Bro. Reginald Parker
 Sis. Alice Rose Pierce
 Sis. Eunice Pickett
 Bro. Kenneth Polk
 Sis. Clara Ryan
 Sis. Ella Simmons
 Deacon Michael Simpson
 Sis. Vanessa Simpson
 Sis. Carlena Thornton
 Sis. Juanita Williams
 Sis. Rebecca Wright

Special Prayer Requests:

Ronald Wiggins (Brother of Dorothy Wiggins)
 Sis. Clariece Johnston (Mother of Carol Brown)
 Cynthia Bonner (Daughter In-Law of Eulalia Bonner)
 Cousette Family
 Otto Mitchell (Shelia F. Johnson's Brother)
 Carol Mitchell (Shelia F. Johnson's Sister-In-Law)
 Leontyne Pringle (Sister of Shelia Johnson)
 Harrison Johnson, Jr. (Wayne A. Johnson's Brother)
 Ruth Johnson (Wayne A. Johnson's Sister-In-Law)
 Yolonda R. Lawery Slaughter (Shelia F. Jonson's Niece)
 Debra R. Lawery (Shelia F. Johnson's Sister)
 Koriyanna Slaughter (Shelia F. Johnson's Great-Niece)
 Jelks Family
 Herman Anderson (son of Barbara Hicks)
 Sis. Beatrice Lewis & Family
 Terri Alexis Johnson (Niece of Chris Evans)
 Ora Hunter
 The Family of Geneva Brown
 Bobby Gilbert
 Michael Martinear (Friend of Yarlleina Hardy)

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CHURCH CALENDAR

DATE	TIME	EVENT
3/23	11AM	1st Pastoral Anniversary
3/24	8AM - 3PM	Walk for Wellness
3/25	10AM - 1PM	Walk for Wellness
3/26	8AM - 3PM	Walk for Wellness
	4PM - 5PM	Chair Yoga
	6:30PM	Youth Bible Study
	7PM	1st Pastoral Revival Celebration
3/27	8AM - 3PM	Walk for Wellness
	6PM	Praise Dance Rehearsal
3/29	10AM	Deacons, Deaconess, Mission, & Nurses Guild Meeting
3/30	11AM	1st Pastoral Anniversary
4/1	8AM - 3PM	Walk for Wellness
4/2	10AM - 1PM	Walk for Wellness
4/3	8AM - 3PM	Walk for Wellness
	4PM - 5PM	Chair Yoga
	6:30PM	Youth Bible Study
	7PM	1st Pastoral Revival Celebration
4/4	8AM - 3PM	Walk for Wellness
	9AM	Prayer Group
	6PM	Praise Dance Rehearsal
4/5	12PM	Usher's Meeting
4/6	11AM	The Lord's Supper & Worship Service



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