

THE TVNB TIMES

TRUE VINE NEW BETHEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

2639 NORTH THOMAS AVENUE, MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55411

PASTOR'S TEACHING CORNER

Sunday's Sermon: Walking in His Promises - Psalms 34:17

When the righteous cry out, the Lord will hear and deliver them from all their trouble.

In this text, David is on the run. His father-in-law is trying to kill him. Thus, David is hiding out and moving from place to place. These are troubled times for David.

Pastor Hightower reminded us that during troubled times, we must act. When we do something, God will do something, and when God does something, He completely does what He is supposed to do.



PASTOR'S SPOTLIGHT

Every Friday — Fasting and Praying

Join the TVNB Congregation this week for Fasting Friday. If possible, please fast from the time you wake up on Friday morning until noon. If you must eat before noon for medical reasons, please do so. Otherwise, join me as I pray for the politics of this country.

Help our politicians to know that the country is more important than any political party. Help them through prayer and supplication; seek compromise, not division.

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Bible Study

Pastor Hightower continued his series *Standing on the Promises of God*. Last week, the group focused understanding how to own the many promises in the Bible. Pastor Hightower noted that there are three things we must do. They are:

- How do we make it significant to us?
- How do we make it personal?
- How do we allow this verse to cause us to live differently?

Join the Bible the Study Fun this Wednesday at 7pm!



Birthdays & Anniversaries

February

- 1st: Jaimee Coleman
- 2nd: Tenice Nelson
- 5th: Yolanda Mix
- 8th: Jaynicia Hollins
- 12th: Patrice Hammick
- 18th: Quincy Heckard & Nicole Patton
- 20th: Darlene Hendrix & Amareona Printup
- 23rd: Joshua Ross Sr.



Happy birthday & anniversary to our members celebrating another year of life & matrimony!



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NEWS & NOTES FROM THE WEEK

Sunday Service

This past Sunday we were blessed to have **9 visitors** and **6 new members** that joined TVNB on their Christian experience! The new members included two returning members, and four that are new to our family. We pray that TVNB is a great church home for all of them and we ask that all members wrap their arms around them.

Our total contribution from tithes and offerings for the day was \$3,426. We thank you all for making it a great Sunday at TVNB and for your support in building our church kingdom!



Black History Month at TVNB

In celebration of Black History Month, we were treated to a performance by the **TVNB Praise Dance Team!** It is always great to see the many and creative ways the TVNB family worships the Lord. We will conclude our Black History Month celebrations next Sunday with a skit and Unity Potluck, served by the TVNB Men. If you haven't signed up to bring a dish to share, we invite you to do so!

Lent Celebration

Lent is a 40 day solemn Christian season of fasting prayer, and penance (excluding Sundays) starting Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18th and ending Easter Sunday, April 5th. The season represents Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness and serves as a time for spiritual reflection, self-discipline preparing for the Resurrection. The **Mission Ministry** invites you to join in the celebration as they are distributing gleaners. If you would like a gleaner, please see a member of the Mission Team.

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Upcoming Events

- **February:** Unity Potluck - Following Sunday Service



Corporate Prayer Line

The prayer line is live daily at 7:14am and 9:15pm. To join, please call **516.253.3725**. All are welcome.

Prayer Line Etiquette

- *To limit additional sounds, please mute your phone when you are not speaking.*
- *Please do not utilize speaker phone while on the prayer line as the sound is not always clear to others.*

Please keep our Sick & Shut-in members in your prayers....

- **Mother Adams**
- **Mother Posey**
- **Mother Smith**
- **Sis. Louise Evans**
- **Sis. Bettie Jones**
- **Sis. Dorothy Albritton**

If you know someone that should be included on this list, please let Sis. Griffin know at 612.522.8485.

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NEWS & NOTES FROM THE WEEK CONT.

TVNB Happenings

- A big shoutout to young **Julius** for being an Academic All-Star at Lucy Laney Elementary School. Way to go, Julius!
- Members of the TVNB family hit the skating rink for a send off celebration for **Sister Kamira Nelson**. Kamira will be leaving soon to attend basic training for the Army, we pray for her safety and thank her for her service!



Youth Director Announcement

We are excited to announce **Makini Foluke** as the Youth Director for TVNB!

Professionally, Makini is employed by the City of Saint Paul as a Project Manager/Community Youth Intervention Specialist. Her background also includes noted experience in education where she worked for Summit Academy OIC as a lead and facilitated comprehensive training sessions for youth participants in the STEM and Linx program, a teacher at Best Academy, and an in-house substitute and special education paraprofessional at Excell Academy of Higher Learning.

Makini holds a Master's Degree from SAIL University and a Bachelor's Degree from Clark Atlanta University. We look forward to her leadership of the Youth Department and extend our deepest gratitude to the Youth Department Team!

No Annual Business Meeting

In lieu of an in-person Annual Business Meeting for the first quarter of the year, this year we will provide all pertinent information via the TVNB Newsletter. You will find below a report from the **Mission Ministry** and a **New Members Class Recap**.

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Leadership

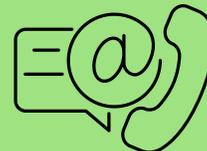
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- www.tvnbchurch.com



Tithes & Giving



We believe that God calls us to be generous and joyful givers of our time, talent and treasures. It is our hope to combine our gifts to multiply the presence of our church and be a resource to our community.

If you are unable to submit your tithes in-person, please feel free to utilize our digital option at tvnbchurch.com/give.

TVNB Church App.

Stay connected with TVNB with our church app! Download our free mobile app to:

- Receive church notifications
- Pay tithes digitally
- Watch services online
- View the Bible on your smart phone



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2025 Auxiliaries Activities Recap and Building Report

Mission Ministry 2025 Accomplishments

- President, Sister Lesa Elliott
- Vice President, Deaconess Sylvia Jones
- Teacher, Rev. Tina Bowman
- Advisor, Sister Sara Griffin
- Secretary Sister, Nicole Patterson

2025 Accomplishments:

- Completed an in-depth study of the book, *Renewing Your Mind* by Casey Treat. Our teachers were Rev. Bowman and Sister Sara Griffin.
- After the completion of the study, members made a personal Vision Board.
- Led TVNB in the Celebration of Lent, where the congregation was invited to participate in a 40-day period, spending time with God (fasting, praying, and distributing palms).
- \$363.75 was received in donations that were used to assist the needs of TVNB members and the community.
- Participated in TVNB Meet and Greet program.
- On behalf of TVNB, we visited the sick, attended home-going services, and provided meals.
- Delivered flowers to our Mothers, those in the hospital, and those who are homebound recovering from surgery.
- Contributed to TVNB 2025 Graduates.
- Led 5th Sunday devotions and assisted with Mission Service Programs.

New Members 2025 Recap:

- 45 new members joined the church.
- Of those who joined, 28 began their new member classes, and 17 completed them and received the Right Hand of Fellowship.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH at **TRUE VINE NEW BETHEL**

During the month of February, we will celebrate Black History through song, praise dance, skits and fellowship! We welcome your participation and encourage you to bring someone to church with you!

- Feb 22: A Conversation with Malcolm and Martin
 - Unity Potluck (sign-up sheets are at the doors)
 - African Attire



OUR HEALTH MATTERS

Thursday, Feb. 19 | 6–8 p.m.

Bethune Arts Elementary

919 Emerson Ave N.

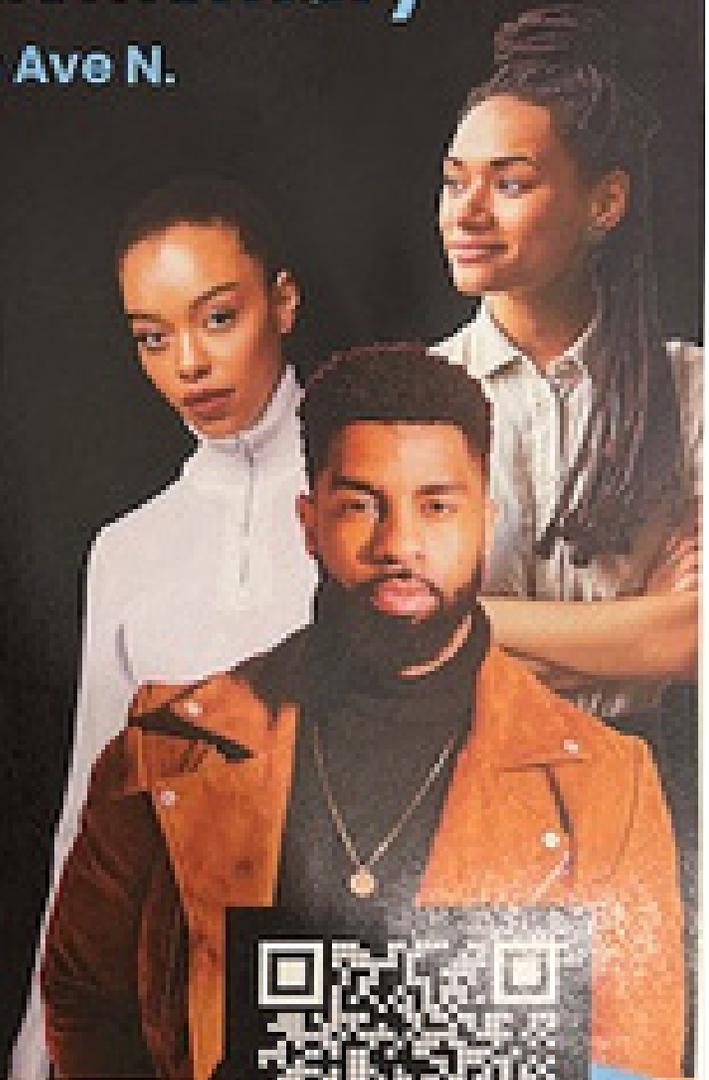
All are welcome to join us for a free event focused on mental and physical health in the Black community, featuring a panel of local health care professionals.

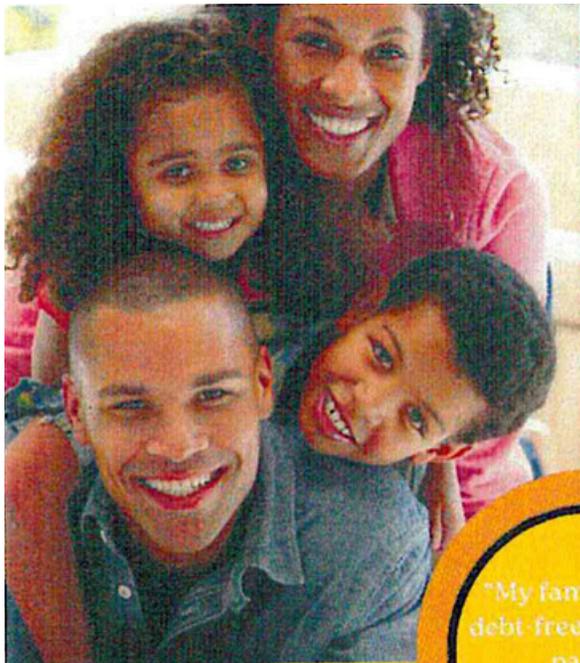
BREAKING THE STIGMA



Presented by the MPS Mental Health Supports Department

Refreshments provided.
Scan the QR code to RSVP!





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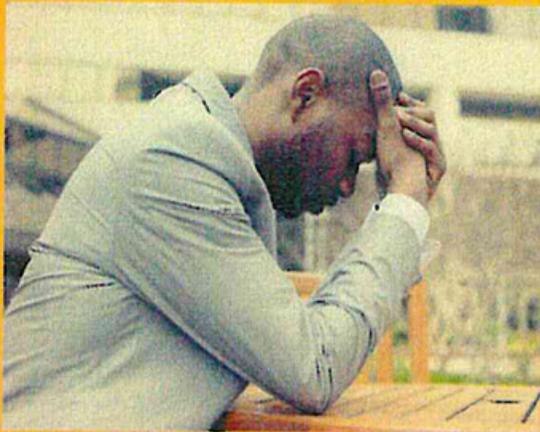


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STARTLING STATS

A majority of Americans stress about money because they do not have the tools to navigate their finances.



71%

Of Americans identify money as a significant cause of stress in their lives. ¹

60%

Of Americans can't pass a basic financial literacy test. ²

¹ American Psychological Association. (n.d.). A stress snapshot. American Psychological Association. <https://www.apa.org/news/press/releases/stress/2013/snapshot>

² Farber, M. (2021, April 25). F-: Nearly two-thirds of Americans can't pass a basic test of Financial Literacy. Fortune. <https://fortune.com/2016/07/12/financial-literacy/>

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IS POWER**

FAMILY STABILIZATION PLAN

The average increase in savings upon program completion.

↑ **\$4,311** ↑

Increase **CREDIT SCORE** to

646

5000+

New homeowners created

Income Increase

↑ **34%** ↑

Derogatory Debt Reduction

↓ **\$3,779** ↓