

THE TVNB TIMES

TRUE VINE NEW BETHEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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PASTOR'S TEACHING CORNER

God Don't Need No Coward Soldiers-Judges chapter 7:2-7

2 The Lord told Gideon, "You have too many soldiers with you for me to drop Midian into their hands, because Israel would become arrogant and say, 'It was my own abilities that delivered me.' 3 That's why you're to ask in full view of the soldiers, "Whoever is afraid or is trembling may go back from Mount Gilead and return home." So 22,000 soldiers left and 10,000 remained. 4 "There are still too many soldiers," the Lord told Gideon.

"Bring them down to the water and I'll refine them for you there. Therefore when I say to you, 'This one will be going with you,' he'll go with you, but no one may go about whom I tell you, 'This one won't be going with you.'" 5 So he brought his soldiers down to the water, and the Lord told Gideon, "You are to cull out everyone who laps up water with his tongue like a dog from everyone who kneels to drink." 6 The contingent of soldiers who lapped water[b] with their hands to their mouths numbered 300 men, but everyone else kneeled to drink water. 7 Then the Lord told Gideon, "I'm going to deliver you with the 300 soldiers who lapped by giving the Midianites into your control. Send everyone else back to their own homes."

Rev. Griffin stated:

- God doesn't need an army to fight His battle.
- God wants to use us, but He doesn't need us.
- Success is not in the crowd.

PASTOR'S SPOTLIGHT

As we pray, we want to set aside the Month of June to pray for our Country. There is talk of civil war, retribution, and other forms of payback. There is the divisiveness of the presidential election. We need your help, God. We ask You, God, to grant us your peace. Just as Jesus promised His disciples before His death and resurrection. He told them not to be troubled or afraid because His peace is different from the world's peace. It is your peace we are praying for!

27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid (John 14:27).

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Bible Study

Bible Study—Straight Ahead—But Not By Myself.

We concluded our study on *How to Encourage Others in Their Living*. Our final lesson was about how we can serve as a living example for folks who don't know Jesus in the pardon of their sins. 1st Timothy 4:12 gives us 5 areas that we should serve as living examples. Those areas include:

- What we say.
- In the way we live.
- In our love for each other.
- Our faith in God.
- Our purity before God.

No Bible Study this Wednesday, June 19th (Juneteenth)

June Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

- 7th: Keresia Smith
- 8th: Brenda Armstrong & Angie Coleman
- 9th: Banita Middleton
- 12th: Howard Starkey & Dorothy Elliot
- 16th: Lamar Davis
- 18th: Kim Trass
- 19th: Annette Atkins
- 20th: Deacon James Lane & Deanne Hammick
- 21st: Daterius Nelson
- 23rd: Kathleen Tolliver
- 26th: Sylvia Jones & Gail Nelums
- 27th: Josh Wilson

Happy Birthday to our members celebrating another year of life!



Wedding Anniversary

- 23rd: Arnell & Shenita Riley



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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Check-in with Sister Lesa Elliott

The Member spotlight will be back in July, but we want to chat with church leaders about how things are going with their auxiliaries, given that we are almost halfway through 2024. Our conversation this week is with Sister Lesa Elliott, President of the TVNB Mission Ministry.



- Q: Sister Elliott, on a scale of 1-10, where would you rate the TVNB Mission ministry today?
- A: I think we are about an 8. We enjoy studying the word and fellowshiping when we gather.
- Q: What is the most impactful thing the Mission has pulled off in 2024?
- A: Studying and actively renewing our minds. Reverend Bowman is our teacher and Emeritus Sarah Griffin is our advisor.
- Q: What is an obstacle the Mission has experienced this year?
- A: Not having enough material, because book supply is limited.
- Q: What is the greatest impact the Mission can have around the church?
- A: Going to fellowship with members who are homebound and assisting in family's home-going services.
- Q: What are some plans for the second half of 2024?
- A We plan to study and apply our renewed growth continually. We also plan to visit sick and shut-in members (those in need). Finally, we would like to fellowship with other churches and see how their community and Foreign Mission Ministries operate.

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Upcoming Events



TVNB Church Anniversary Weekend!

Saturday, June 29th

- Combined Choir Rehearsal: 12:00pm
- Church Picnic: 1:30 - 4:30pm at Theo Wirth Park (across the street from Theo Wirth Lake Beach House, 3200 Glenwood Avenue)

Sunday, June 30th

- Morning Worship: 11:00am with guest preacher Pastor William Austin
- Anniversary Dinner: Following morning worship
- Anniversary Worship Service: 3:30pm with guest Pastor Gaither Robinson

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

- Mother Adams
- Mother Posey
- Mother Smith
- Mother Wright
- Sis. Louise Evans
- Sis. Bettie Jones

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

Father's Day at TVNB

The men were in the house of the Lord on Sunday, as we honored the fathers of TVNB. Our Father's Day celebration included gifts from the church distributed by the youth, an honoring of all preachers and deacons from the deaconess, and a message from Pastor Griffin. We also had 6 visitors join us, including Sister Alicia Rush's father from St. Louis, MO.

The Women's Ministry Hanging with the Youth

Sisters Steele and Dooley were downstairs last Sunday helping with the Youth Church, as part of their pledge to have the Women's Ministry support the Youth once a month. Sister Gwen of the Choir, has also been lending a hand with the youth. All ministries are encouraged to share their time and talents with the youth of TVNB. If you are interested, please connect with the Youth Department.



Congrats Grad!

Jerry Butler, Chair of the Usher Board, had a lot to be proud of this past weekend as he and his family celebrated his daughter Taylor's graduation from North High. Congrats Taylor!



Save the Date - Church Anniversary Weekend

Mark your calendars, TVNB will be celebrating our Church Anniversary June 29th and 30th!

Youth Church Closed for Restructuring June 30th

The Youth Church will close for curriculum restructuring on June 30th. They will take this time to upload the class curriculum on the computers and be ready for learning when the Youth Church reopens September 1st.

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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 options of CashApp (\$[newbethelbaptistmpls](https://newbethelbaptistmpls.com)) or online at tvnbchurch.com/give.

TVNB Church App.

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- Pay tithes digitally
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