

THE TVNB TIMES

TRUE VINE NEW BETHEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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PASTOR'S TEACHING CORNER

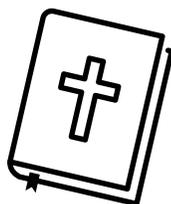
Sunday's Sermon: Walking in His Promises - 2nd Corinthians Chapter 5:7

7 For we walk by faith, not by sight,

In this text, Paul wrote a letter to a church at Corinth. Although Paul started the church on one of his missionary journeys, the members have now rejected Paul's authority and accused him of preaching for gain. They accused him of profiting from what he preached. Paul could have gotten mad. He could have thrown in the towel. He could have quit. Instead, Paul proclaimed in verse 7 that we must walk by faith and not by sight.

As Paul explained this letter, Pastor Hightower shared that three points became clear:

1. *Explanation:* If this earthly house is dissolved, there is a new house not made by the hands of man.
2. *Clarification:* Some folks walk by sight, but Godly folks walk by faith.
3. *Motivation:* One day we will stand before God and get our just reward.



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 discussed the three ways to analyze God's promises. They are:

1. **Is the promise intended for a specific person or group?**
Some promises in scripture are for a general audience, and some are for a specific person.
2. **Is the promise conditional?** Many times, God promises to fulfill a promise only if we act in a certain way. For example, *Matthew 6:33* says, "Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." This promise is for all those who "seek first the kingdom and his righteousness."
3. **Is the promise supported elsewhere in Scripture?**
Supporting Scripture will help ensure we are not using a promise out of context or distorting the message for our own selfish motives.

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

The cold and snow didn't keep folks away this past Sunday! The warmer winter weather blessed TVNB with **6 visitors** and **4 new members** that joined TVNB! A big TVNB welcome to **Bethany Pofest, Keilano Gurley, Mychael Matthews, and Darnet Porter**. All four joined the church under their Christian Experience. 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 \$5,239. 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

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! This Sunday we will feature a Praise Dance! If you haven't signed up for the Unity Potluck on Feb. 22nd, we invite you to do so!

Youth Director Update

The Selection Committee met last Saturday and interviewed three candidates to lead the Youth Department. **Dr. Ella Mahmoud** did an incredible job of organizing the process, training the interviewers, and managing the day. We look forward to announcing the new Youth Director next week.

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Upcoming Events

- **Month of February:** Black History Month at TVNB! A list of activities can be found below.



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**
- **Sis. Louise Evans**
- **Mother Posey**
- **Sis. Bettie Jones**
- **Mother Smith**
- **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.

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 reports from the **Usher's Board** and the **Restoration Ministry**.

Tax Statements

Tax season is upon us! If you are in need of your 2025 offering statements, please connect with a Trustee. Please also let us know which form of payment that you use to provide your offerings if it is done electronically i.e. CashApp, Zelle or the Church Website/ App.

Do You Have News to Share?

If you have an update or a bit of good news that you would like to share with your church family, please let us know. Recent travels, special recognition, or a child excelling in school, make sure to tell us so we can spotlight you in the newsletter! Also, please let us know your birthday to ensure it is included in our monthly Birthday Posting.



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Leadership

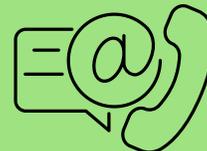
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Tithes & Giving



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 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

Usher Ministry 2025 Accomplishments:

- Hosted a TVNB Coat Drive that gave away over 50 coats to TVNB members.
- Financially supported each Usher's birthday.
- Served a pre-Thanksgiving dinner at Harbor Lights Shelter.
- Accompanied TVNB youth on their water park outing.
- Financially supported a TVNB high school student's efforts to attend this year's senior prom.
- Financially Supported TVNB Youth Ushers.

Restoration Ministry 2025 Accomplishments:

- Made a total of 120 phone calls to members who have not been attending church on a regular basis.
- Visited a local nursing home to assist residents.
- Participated in the TVNB Black History program by sharing a tribute to Harriet Tubman.



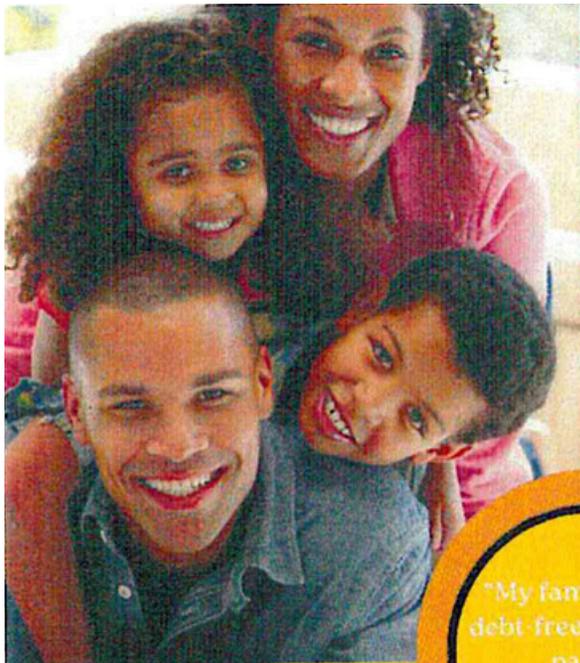


BLACK HISTORY MONTH at **TRUE VINE NEW BETHEL**

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- Feb 15: Praise Dance
- Feb 22: A Conversation with Malcolm and Martin
 - Unity Potluck (sign-up sheets are at the doors)
 - African Attire





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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/>

**KNOWLEDGE
IS POWER**

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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** ↓