

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 34:19

Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

In this text, David is on the run from his son, who was trying to kill him. David ended up in the hands of the Philistine, who was about to put him to death. David faked a seizure, and the Philistine let him go. When David was free, he took paper and pencil and wrote these words, Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivers him out of them all. Pastor Hightower shared the three points below from the text:

1. Your problems are temporary, but God's promises are permanent.
Many are the afflictions of the righteous: God's still talking.
2. Your problems often are manifested before the promise. *but THE LORD will deliver him out of them all.*
3. Your problems promote possibilities. *Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivers him out of them all.*



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 themes of God's promises located in the Bible. The eight themes are:

1. Provision
2. Protection
3. Peace
4. Eternal life
5. Purpose
6. Faithfulness
7. Presence
8. Future restoration

Join the TVNB Bible Study Crew 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 2 visitors worship with us! We encourage everyone bring someone to church with them, these are difficult times, and folks need a church and a savior that they can lean on. Our total contribution from tithes and offerings for the day was \$3,000. 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 the **Youth Department!** Everyone is encouraged to wear their HBCU, Faith Based and Black History Attire.

Youth Director Interview Update

We are excited to share that we are making progress on selecting a Youth Director for TVNB! Interviews will take place this Saturday, Feb. 7th and candidates will be interviewed by a selection committee. The committee will include Pastor Hightower, Dr. Ella Mahmoud, and a representative from the Youth Department, Trustee Board, and Deacon Board. As a reminder, the Youth Director will be tasked with leading Youth Bible Study and Sunday School, along with organizing youth events to encourage community building and other educational opportunities. This position will also oversee the youth praise dancers and lead the youth choir.

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.

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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**
- **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.

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 Deacon's Board, Women's Ministry, and Building Reports.

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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TVNB Contacts

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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

The Deacon Board:

- Gathered for monthly Deacons Meetings.
- Traveled and supported the Pastor at his external church engagements
- Assisted the Deaconess with Communion and Baptism. Deacon Martin led New Members Class and Deacon Foluke regularly supports the Youth.
- Greet members as they enter the church on Sundays and helped the Mothers at the end of service.
- Visited the TVNB Mothers and the Sick and Shut-in.
- Contributed to the Youth back to school drive and summer activities
- Assisted with the maintenance of the church, including rugs for the Youth area and building signage.
- Contributed financially and physically to any auxiliary that needed it. We made sure we were available!

Woman Ministry:

- Hosted events including a goal setting workshop. and fellowship breakfast at Sister Qiana's home.
- Read the book *A Woman After God's Own Heart*
- Collaborated with Pastor's Aid for the April Health & Wellness Month.
- Hosted a table at the Ministry Awareness Sunda
- Organized the church wide Lake Mtkka. Boat Cruise
- Taught Youth Sunday School every 1st Sunday
- Hosted the Prayer Line

Church (2639)

- Installed new speakers in the sanctuary.
- Removed the old TrueVine painted sign on the front window.
- Updated the lawn signage to TVNB.
- Installed flood lights and security cameras in the entrance area and flood lights in the back area of the church.
- Secured all the pews in the sanctuary, because a lot of the pews were loose.
- Added a new oven and refrigerator in the kitchen.
- Added new smoke detectors in the church.
- Rebuilt pump #1 and we purchased a secondary pump for pump # 1 one.
- Replaced two burner rods for the furnace boiler.
- Installed new fire extinguishers in the sanctuary, Youth area, kitchen, back stairs and the Griffin Center.

2635 (Rental House)

- Cleaned and stained the floors.
- Fixed the walls and painted up and down stairs.
- Completed electrical inside and outside of the house - lighting on the back porch and interior lighting fixtures.
- Installed a new floor in the bathroom and a new sink/cabinet in the bathroom upstairs and installed a new door in the downstairs bathroom.
- Replaced two windows in the house.
- Cleaned out the basement and painted the floor and the walls due to suspected mold and mildew.
- New tenants moved into the property.

2647 (Rental House):

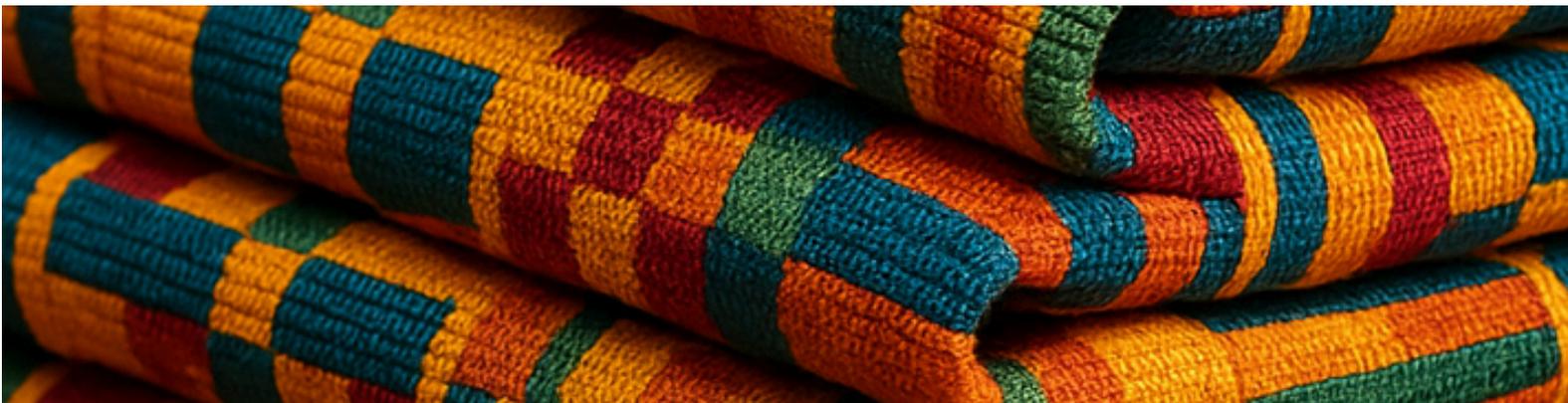
- This property held up pretty good in 2025.
- The house was brought up to code for rental inspection .
- Added new dryer vents.
- Installed a porch railing outside on the front steps.
- Installed new locks on the doors and the windows.

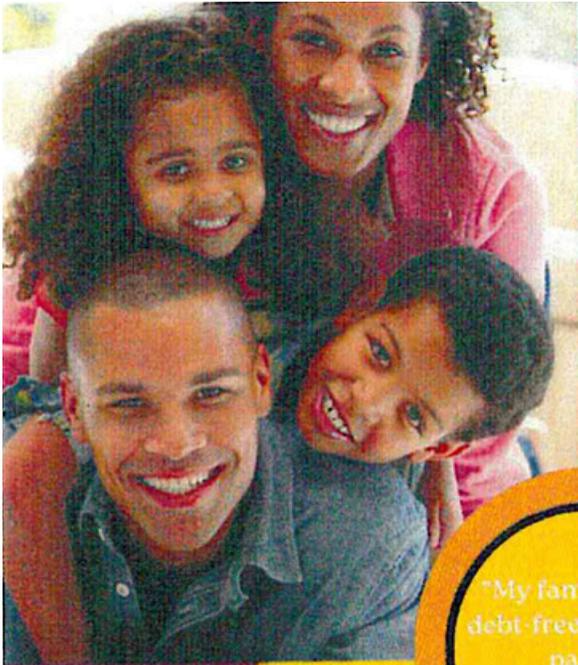


BLACK HISTORY MONTH at **TRUE VINE NEW BETHEL**

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- Feb 8:
 - Youth Presentation and Praise Dance
 - HBCU, Faith Based and Black History Attire
- Feb 15: A Conversation with Malcolm and Martin
- Feb 22: History through Song
 - 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**

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** ↓