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TRUE VINE NEW BETHEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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PASTOR'S TEACHING CORNER

The Promise of Faith - Romans 4:17-22

17 As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations." [c] He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not. 18 Against all hope,

Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

19 Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah's womb was also dead. 20 Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, 21 being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. 22 This is why "it was credited to him as righteousness."

Pastor Gant shared the story of Abraham and his wife, and the birth of a son when he was 99 and she was 75. God had promised Abraham that He would give him a son. He did.

Pastor Gant of the Church of Joshua pointed to three items we need to be reminded of.

1. Your faith needs to be God centered.
2. Your faith needs to be steadfast, not up and down.
3. Faith should cause you to trust God anyway.

MONTH OF JULY FRIDAY PRAYER

Join the TVNB Congregation this month for Fasting Friday. If possible, please fast from Friday morning until noon. If you must eat before noon for medical reasons, please do so. Otherwise, join me in praying that we trust God enough to know that, when fasting, we have the resources Jesus used during His fast: the Word of God.

Dear Heavenly Father, help us to understand that you have given us the resources we need to get through a dedicated period of fasting, your word.

Everything that we need is located in your Word. Help us to rely on the words of Ezra 8:23, So we fasted and petitioned our God about this, and He answered our prayer.

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Bible Study

Pastor Hightower launched a new Bible Study series on *Biblical Fasting in 2026 - Examining the Paradox of Fasting*.

The Foundational Scripture comes from Ezra 8:23, *So we fasted and petitioned our God about this, and He answered our prayer.*

We learned 9 lessons from the 40 days and 40 nights that Jesus fasted. They are:

- Fasting makes you physically weak but spiritually strong.

Bible Study Recap Continues on Page 3 ...

Birthdays & Anniversaries

July

- 1 Lashonnya Washington
- 2 Sa'nae Neson
- 3 Luana Steele
- 5 Brintnie Printup
- 6 Tara Crofford
- 7 Charmaine Manuel
- 9 Hillary Thomas IV
- 10 Emery Lane
- 11 Braylen Lane & Kevin Jackson
- 16 Chance Hawkins
- 23 Shakya Bates, Terry Chapman & Keith Chamber
- 24 Jesse Boyd
- 25 Blessing Middleton
- 27 Brandon Cates & Quinn Green
- 29 Regina Hargon, 1st Lady Beverly Hightower, & Jedale Smith



Anniversary

- 16 Deacon Hillary and Pam Thomas
- 7 Carleon and Alecia Rush

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 **6 visitors!** We also had the privilege of witnessing **Sister Teresa Nierenzare** receive the righthand of fellowship, as she completed all of her new members classes. Congrats Sister Teresa! We are grateful for all that worshipped with us and we pray that your attendance was not in vain.

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!

TVNB Church Anniversary Weekend Recap!

Thank you to all that helped TVNB celebrate our 6th Church Anniversary! We started the weekend off with a wonderful picnic gathering (pictures on page 4), followed by our Anniversary Worship Service that featured the TVNB Mass Choir and solos by the TVNB youth and a message from Reverend Maurice Gant of the Church of Joshua. Finally, we concluded the weekend with a church dinner that had food for days...it was amazing!

Thank you to all that helped make the weekend a success, including the **Men** and **Deacons** with the TVNB Fun Day set up and take down and the **Kitchen Team** for making the dinner great. If we attempted to name everyone, we would certainly leave someone out, but you know who you are!

Also, a special note of gratitude to **Deacon Q** and **Sister Sharon** for all of their coordination and support of the weekend's events. It takes a village and thank you again to everyone that came out and helped celebrate TVNB!



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Upcoming Events

- July 5: Communion Sunday



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.

Bible Study Continued

- The Holy Spirit cannot tempt us; it may lead us to a place where we will be tempted.
- Fasting will help us endure that temptation. When we endure temptation through fasting, we don't prove anything to God, but we prove something to ourselves.
- Fasting gives us the staying power to keep us from giving in.
- Jesus fasted 40 days and 40 nights; there is no effective set time limit.
- Fasting for a longer period of time is not beyond human capacity when enabled by the Spirit of God.
- Fasting is a period of forced dependence on God.
- Although you can be empty from the lack of food, you can be filled with the Holy Spirit.
- Jesus used the same resources available to us: the Word of God.

TVNB Happenings

- Congrats to **Dec. Dwane Martin** who recently received the Anika Foundation's 2026 Juneteenth Outstanding Community Leadership Award!
- **Sister Nicole** and **Sister Marlana** snapped a photo of the **Essie Family** at their graduation celebration for **Robert** last week!
- **1st Lady Hightower** and **Ashley** are off to Mississippi for their annual summer trip. Sister Beverly is a proud native of McComb, Mississippi, and will never pass up a chance to hang out with her family!



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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 tvnbcchurch.com/give.

TVNB Church App.

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- Receive church notifications
- Pay tithes digitally
- Watch services online
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TVNB Family Fun Day Photos!

