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WORDS OF WISDOM

*Things always have a way of working out.
 Never underestimate the power of
 Prayer, Faith and Love.*



GREATER MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

10:00 AM

26
October
2025



Survivor Sunday



Pastor Jimmy D. Hubbard
 450 Ringgold Rd.
 Clarksville, TN 37042
 931.647.4643



“Connecting The Hurt In Man To The Hope In Christ”

Order of Service 10:00 AM

Call to Worship/Invocation	Deacon Robert Clark
Mistress of Ceremony	Ponzie L. McGuire
Praise and Worship	Combined Choir
*Scripture Reading (Daniel 3:21-28)	Deacon Anthony Gaines
**Prayer	Sis. Betty Jones
Recognize/Honor Survivors	Read Silently
Selection	Combined Choir
*Seed Planting (Tithes & Offerings)	Trustees/Ushers
Introduction of Speaker	Pastor Jimmy D. Hubbard
Selection	Pastor Jimmy D. Hubbard
Sermon	Pastor Andre Richardson
**Call to Discipleship	Pastor Jimmy D. Hubbard
Announcements/Recognition	Admin Ministry
Pastor Appreciation Presentation	Deacon Bernard Carter
Pastor's Observation	Pastor Jimmy D. Hubbard
Remarks	Sis. Ashley Hall
Words of Wisdom	Minister
*Closing Song	“I Need You To Survive”
*Benediction	Minister
*Stand	**No Entrance/Exit

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How Cancer Affects Family & Friends Lives

You may be worried about how your cancer diagnosis will affect your family and friends. A cancer diagnosis causes complex feelings and lifestyle changes that can be overwhelming for you and the people you are close to.

Understanding the potential changes in the way you relate to specific family members and friends may help you take steps to grow and maintain healthy, mutually supportive relationships during this challenging time.

The effects of cancer vary from couple to couple. For some couples, facing the challenges of cancer together strengthens their relationship. For others, the stress of cancer may create new problems and worsen existing problems.

The effects of cancer on your relationships with friends and family members vary widely, based on the closeness of each relationship.

Different families have different communication and coping styles. Consider how your family reacts in a crisis and how family members have dealt with other difficult situations. This will help you plan your strategy for communicating news and asking for support.

Being a parent with cancer presents unique challenges. This is true whether you have young children or your children are grown up. Communication is important for children and parents alike.

Communication will help your children cope with your cancer diagnosis. But it is important to provide information that is appropriate for your children's ages. This will help them understand the situation without overwhelming them. Focus on things that will affect them directly, such as changes to their schedules or changes in your appearance, which might be more frightening if they are unexpected.

Good communication is important in relationships between people with cancer and those who care about them. A lack of communication often leads to isolation, frustration, and misunderstandings.

Talking about feelings and personal needs with honesty, sincerity, and openness lowers the stress on relationships. If you are having a hard time talking with people, or if others do not seem to want to communicate with you, consider joining a support group or talking with a counselor or social worker.

Deacon Michael Barnett

In 2003, 1SG Michael Barnett, U.S. Army, and member of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), led his convoy unit from the staging area in Kuwait, to Mosul, Iraq, during the initial phase of the Iraq War, where they took part in stabilizing operations and rebuilding efforts after the fall of Saddam Hussein's regime. After enduring the long, 684 mile stressful journey, Michael fell seriously ill. The stress, dehydration, and harsh desert conditions took a toll on his health. When his symptoms worsened, he was medically evacuated to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany. There, doctors diagnosed him with bladder cancer — a devastating discovery, especially given his age and the circumstances of deployment. The illness ended his time in Iraq and began a new, deeply challenging chapter focused on treatment and recovery. Even as he faced the uncertainty of a cancer diagnosis, his thoughts remained with his unit still deployed in Iraq. After intensive treatment in Germany, Michael was transported back to the United States, where he continued his recovery at Blanchfield Army Community Hospital at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Despite the toll his military service and illness had taken, Michael Barnett never lost his sense of purpose or perseverance. Those who served with him remember his calm under pressure, his loyalty to his soldiers, and his unwavering belief in God and taking care of others before himself. His return to the United States marked the beginning of a long recovery, but also a renewed appreciation for life. Michael often spoke of how his experiences in war and in the hospital taught him gratitude — for every sunrise, every friendship, and every small victory. Once fully recovered, he dedicated himself to supporting fellow veterans, volunteering his time to mentor younger soldiers transitioning from active duty to civilian life. His treatment was successful, and he remained cancer-free for more than two decades. In March 2025, however, Michael was diagnosed with kidney cancer. Fortunately, doctors found no evidence of recurring bladder cancer. He is currently undergoing intensive chemotherapy, but in true form, he's facing the challenge with remarkable strength and optimism. Unlike many patients undergoing similar treatments, Michael has managed to avoid severe side effects and continues to maintain a positive outlook and active lifestyle. In characteristic "Michael" fashion, he has remained strong, upbeat, and determined. He continues to surprise his medical team with how well he's tolerating treatment, experiencing few of the side effects that often accompany such therapy. Those close to him describe him as resilient, grounded, and inspiring — a man whose body may have endured great trials, but whose spirit remains unbroken. As he undergoes treatment, Michael continues to encourage others battling illness, reminding them that hope and strength are choices made every day. Even as he continues his chemotherapy treatments, Michael refuses to be defined by his illness. For those privileged to know him, Michael Barnett is more than a veteran, a survivor, or a mentor — he is a living symbol of courage, compassion, and enduring faith in God. His life continues to inspire all who cross his path, proving that even in life's hardest battles, the human spirit and The Love of Christ will always prevail.



Pastor Andre Richardson

Rev. M.A. Richardson is a native of Paris, TN. He is a 1987 graduate of Henry County High School. After high school, he attended Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, TN. In 1989 he joined the United States Marine Corps Reserve. This service led him to serve in the Gulf War, 1991. Upon returning from the Gulf War he felt God's call to Ministry. In the fall of 1991 at the Temple Baptist Church of Nashville, TN, he accepted the call to the Gospel Ministry and received his license to preach under the pastorate of Dr. Michael Lee Graves.

Rev. Richardson is formally an Associate Minister of the Temple Baptist Church of Nashville. There he served as Director of Public Relations, Director of the Minister's Fellowship, and Bible Class Teacher.

From 1994 – 1997 Pastor Richardson served as Assistant Director for the Baptist Student Union at Middle Tennessee State University. As Assistant Director his main duties were surrounded around working with the Black Student Fellowship of the BSU. God led him in 1995 to establish several different ministries at the BSU, which include: Intercessory Prayer, Drama, Evangelism, and Outreach Ministries. God really blessed the students through these ministries. This appointment also allowed Rev. Richardson to serve as an instructor in the National Baptist Student Union Retreat.

From 1999 till 2009 Pastor Richardson served as the Director of Baptist Student Ministries at Lane College, Jackson, Tennessee. This was a ministry of the Tennessee Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention. Through this ministry The Convention was able to secure a Baptist presence on a Christian Methodist Episcopal Campus. This was a need due to a great many of Lane students who were of Baptist origin.

Rev. Richardson was installed as Pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in June of 1997. Upon being called as Pastor, the church gained over 120 new members in the first year and the membership continued it's growth down through the years. He led the church in remodeling the sanctuary and fellowship hall in 1998. In the following years he led the church in painting the outside of the church building and parsonage on Rison Street. In February of 1999 Pastor Richardson led the Mt. Zion Mass Choir in traveling to Disney World (Orlando, FL) to sing on the Bobby Jones Show which is a nationally television broadcast. He also started several new ministries including the Mother's Board, Brothers & Sisters in Christ, Nurses Guild, Food Bank, Clothing Center, Academic Excellence, Prayer Warriors, MAN-POWER, Ladies In Training, Women of Worth, and Church in the Park Outreach Ministries.

In 2010 the 304 Rison Street location began to experience aging issues with the building structure. This forced the Church to move in the Spring of 2011, and for 6 ½ years the Church met at the Krider Performing Arts Center of Paris, TN. In March of 2017 Pastor Richardson lead Mt. Zion in the purchase of our present location at 401 Irvine Street Paris, TN. In the past 6 years, at the new location and through a Worldwide Pandemic, the Church has still continued to grow both numerically and spiritually.

Pastor Richardson has two children: Andrea Velise Richardson, and Maury Andre' Richardson Jr. both of Nashville, Tennessee. Pastor Richardson has traveled extensively to preach and teach the Gospel. His heart is in ministering the truth of God's word to a hurting world.

Alvin Burroughs

In March 2023, I went to see my doctor for pain in my left leg, hip discomfort, and a lump in my lower back. It was becoming difficult to move from standing to sitting. After trying oral medications, I was scheduled for MRI and PET scans, which confirmed I had Sarcoma in my left hip. I've undergone two weeks of outpatient chemotherapy and several emergency room visits due to low blood counts. In August 2023, I was hospitalized and have since had five surgeries. Some days were extremely tough and painful, but I am blessed with an incredible support system. My wife and daughter, who just finished school as a Physician Assistant, ensured I received the care I needed. My church family also surrounded me with love and prayer. Though my Journey isn't over, I continue to trust God. I am progressing through physical therapy and growing stronger each day. I firmly believe that God is a healer and that I will overcome this. I am grateful for each day of this journey.

Moses Taylor

In 2008, I went to my doctor for dry, itchy skin and low energy, only to find out I was in kidney failure. I was hospitalized for emergency dialysis and had to undergo four consecutive days of treatment to clear toxins from my body. After being discharged, I continued dialysis three days a week for about 10 years. Through prayer and faith in God, I received a kidney transplant, which was both a blessing and a tough recovery. Though the kidney lasted only two and a half years, I am not sad. I'm still here, back on dialysis, and grateful to God for providing my every need. Most importantly, I survived it all.

De'Zeal Wilkerson

My 6-year-old son, De'Zeal, has sickle cell anemia. Both his father and I carry the sickle cell trait. At 4 ½ years old, his spleen was removed, and since then, he has not needed any more transfusions. De'Zeal's blood count is regularly monitored, and he has only had a few hospitalizations for transfusions. Though he is on medication and sometimes experiences leg pain, he plays like any other boy his age. De'Zeal is a blessing to our family, and we thank God for this journey.

Jasmine Nelson

At one year old she was diagnosed with Spastic Quadriplegia Cerebral Palsy and microcephaly (small head). During the time that the blood transfused back into me, her brain was deprived of blood, which carries oxygen, and parts of her brain died, the brain damage caused Cerebral Palsy. Her developmental doctor would further explain to us that she would probably have intellectual and physical disabilities. She explained that there is no cure for Cerebral Palsy (a neuromuscular condition), but there are ways to make the person more comfortable and have better range of motion. While Jasmine's arms and legs are very strong (hyper-toned), they are not well-controlled by her. Her torso is weak (hypo-toned), so she cannot sit up on her own or walk. She has a startled reflex, which, when younger, loud noises would make her jump and flail her arms. Jasmine has had eye surgery, an adenoidectomy, two spinal surgeries, hip surgery, and several other medical procedures. Scoliosis (curvature of the spine) set in as she got older and put on weight. The curvature causes her body to twist one way, she leans another way and her legs "sweep" in their own direction. She has several environmental and dietary allergies to include asthma. She needs all her dairy-free food to be pureed and is totally dependent on her caregiver daily. Jasmine knows Jesus, and I promise you I've thought that I've caught her vocalizing (in Jasmine speech) to angels while alone in her room several times! She pays her tithes and offering every month as well as her dental insurance, maintenance on her van (that her dad bought), entertainment, clothes, and her own groceries! Hey, the struggle is real! Jasmine is a blessing to our family, and many other people have voiced the same sentiment. I thank God for trusting me/us with Jasmine, and I pray that others can see God's love represented through us. I know one day we will see Jasmine walk and hear her true voice (for by His stripes she is healed), but as long as we can do God's will as things are presently, that's what matters. We'll walk and talk together in Heaven!

Ponzie L. McGuire

"I was diagnosed with anemia at a very young age and I had my first blood transfusion at the age of 14. In 2014, I experienced constant fatigue and joint pain. I went to see my primary care at BACH and she referred me to TN Oncology. My oncologist, Dr. Ajai prescribed iron infusions due to my low hemoglobin level. I received iron intravenously twice a week for four months. The Iron Infusions worked for awhile but did not give the results Dr. Ajai were looking for. After further testing, Dr. Ajai told me that my blood work showed signs of Lupus and I was sent back to my primary care for confirmation. My primary care confirmed the diagnosis and referred me to Dr. Dasai, a rheumatologist. Lupus affects my joints, immune system, and energy levels, leaving me in pain and fatigued. But I thank God for being my very present help in times of trouble. Lupus may slow me down, but it doesn't stop me. **God is my healer!**

Janice Richard

The year 2024 began with me finally getting answers as to why I had no energy and felt so tired just walking short distances. I began having visible signs that something was wrong so my gynecologist ordered the necessary labs and got the ball rolling. After two surgeries and awaiting biopsy results, I was diagnosed with Uterine Cancer. Even though all my PAP smears were normal, the cancer would not have been discovered this way. I have had a complete hysterectomy and removal of the tumor. I thank God for this journey and am so grateful for His Grace and Mercy. I am currently taking chemotherapy/radiation which is almost finished. Through it all, I have learned to trust in God. HE has never failed me yet.

#whatamightyGODweserve.

Alissa Davis

My family calls me their miracle baby. I was born at 26 weeks gestation, weighing 1 lb., 9 oz, and spent my first four months in an incubator to develop my lungs and heart. Despite a poor prognosis, I survived thanks to the prayers of my family, friends, and skilled professionals. Now, at 15 years old, I live with asthma, but I do not let it stop me from praise dancing for my God, playing basketball, and running track. I am proud to be a survivor of premature birth and asthma.

Jannie Smith

"To God Be the Glory." I am a 29-year breast cancer survivor. At age 41, during my first mammogram, a solid mass was found, and a biopsy confirmed breast cancer. I underwent four rounds of chemo and six weeks of radiation. By the grace of God, I am still here today. On December 29th, I will celebrate being 31 years cancer-free. To God be the glory!

Connie Clark

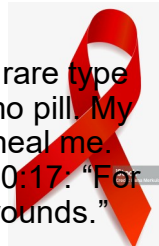
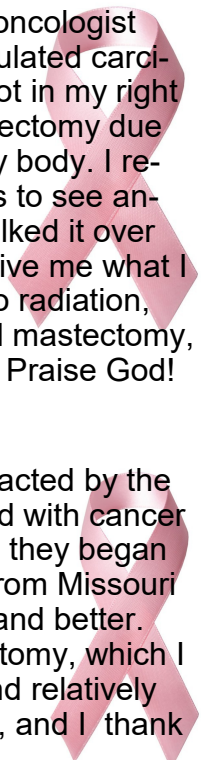
In November 2010, after showering I noticed a brown discharge from my left breast. I had a mammogram already scheduled in December, so I decided to wait until then to see what the outcome was. January 2011 I was told I needed to go see an oncologist which was in Clarksville. I was told that I had encapsulated carcinoma in my left breast but I also had a suspicious spot in my right breast. He recommended that I have a bilateral mastectomy due to it could burst at anytime and spread throughout my body. I refused to accept his diagnosis, so I went to St Thomas to see another oncologist which I was told the same thing. I talked it over with my family and I prayed to God. But God didn't give me what I asked for, he gave me what I needed. No Chemo, no radiation, no medication! Although I did have to have a bilateral mastectomy, I did get the chance to live and for that I am grateful. Praise God!

Judy Ford

In May 2020, after my annual mammogram, I was contacted by the hospital and referred to my oncologist. I was diagnosed with cancer in my left breast. I informed my family and friends, and they began praying for me. After much prayer, I was led to move from Missouri to Clarksville, TN, where the medical care was closer and better. Following God's guidance, I decided to have a mastectomy, which I underwent in October 2020. My recovery was quick and relatively pain-free. I have now been cancer-free for three years, and I thank God for his healing power.

Wanda Hopson

In 2020, I was diagnosed with Polycythemia Vera (a very rare type of blood cancer). I am currently being treated with a chemo pill. My faith and trust in God keep me going, and I know He will heal me. One of my favorite scriptures for assurance is Jeremiah 30:17: "For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds."



Latreala Exum

I am blessed! I am a breast cancer survivor. In February 2019, I discovered a lump in my breast, three months after my annual mammogram. I share with everyone I meet the importance of performing monthly exams. I never thought I would be able to determine what was dense breast or a lump, but I did. Feeling that lump in the inner side of my left breast caught me off guard but to be told by the radiologist after the ultrasound that she suspects it's cancer annoyed me. I told her not to speak negative thoughts over me. Then approximately two weeks later after the biopsy for her to say, "I told you it was cancer" angered me. I don't recall what was said after that other than I would meet with a surgeon to discuss options. I went from zero surgery to three surgeries in less than 50 days (a lumpectomy, double mastectomy, and port placement). I also underwent a year of chemotherapy and three months of radiation. The physical pain and burning from chemo and radiation were unbearable at times but I knew that I would survive, and I found my strength reading Psalm 27. I have good and bad days, but I refuse to allow any bad days to control my behavior because I know that God loves me. While going through chemo, one of the staff members of the oncology office provided me information about a program at the YMCA of Middle Tennessee called "After Breast Cancer" (ABC). The program was designed by survivors, for survivors, to provide education and healing for mind, body, and spirit. The program assisted with healing, growing my relationship with the Lord, while gaining strength for my body. I am so grateful for each day the Lord allows me to see! I Keep smiling and always give praise to God, Holy Spirit and Jesus Christ (Yeshau) for blessing overflow! "The LORD is my light and my salvation whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid (Psalms 27:1)

Amanda Franklin

In 1996, I was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer for my age: a parotid tumor affecting my salivary glands. Two years later, the tumor returned and was removed. My last surgery was in December 1998, and I've been in remission every since. I know it was God who healed me.

Patricia Madry (40 yr Survivor)

By the grace of God, I am a 40 year, two times, not one, but two times survivor of Breast Cancer. I was diagnosed with breast cancer at 36 years of age during a routine mammogram exam. My family members consisted of three sisters; one of which was a 37 year survivor of breast cancer; and also, our maternal grandmother was a breast cancer survivor. As devastated as the diagnosis was that I had cancer, my support system of my family and friends helped to make my healing tolerable. As the saying goes, I had a praying mother, grandmother and family on my side that prayed me through treatments of chemotherapy and several rounds of radiation. God IS a good God and he answers prayers. During treatments, I discovered the Reach to Recovery Program that is sponsored by the American Cancer Society; this agency was instrumental in counseling and assisting me through this tumultuous time in my life. They not only provided someone to talk with but also various topics of information for me to share with family members. Their influence encouraged me to desire to help others like me who were in need of understanding their journey. Therefore, I became a Reach to Recovery Counselor for approximately five years until I located from Tennessee to Georgia. While in Georgia, I also was affiliated with the organization. Being a trained Reach to Recovery cancer survivor volunteer, we are paired with recent patients diagnosed and living with breast cancer. The volunteers provide understanding and hope to individuals who need support during their breast cancer journey. Recently, the Lord has led me to return to my mission of helping women by returning to my duties as a counselor for the Reach to Recovery program. And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. James 5:15 KJV

Willie Crawford

I am a prostate and esophageal cancers survivor. I was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2014 and esophageal cancer in 2020. My faith in God kept me fighting, and I trusted that He would provide everything I needed. Through these challenges, I developed a constant prayer life.