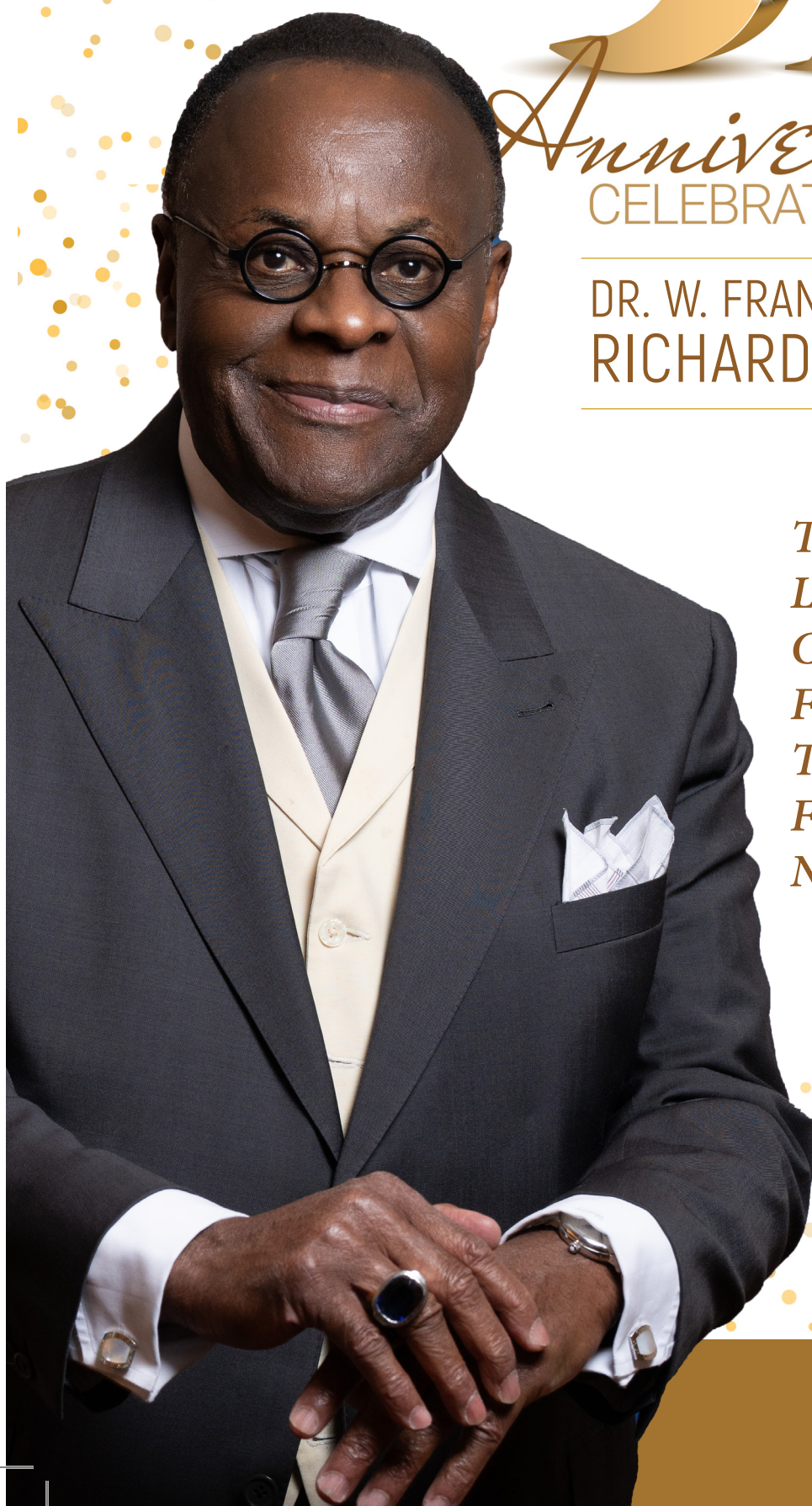


51

Anniversary
CELEBRATING

DR. W. FRANKLYN
RICHARDSON

*The
Legacy
Continues:
Faithful
Then &
Faithful
Now*





WORDS FROM OUR PASTOR

My Beloved Grace Family,

As we gather once again in worship, my heart is filled with deep gratitude, abiding joy, and a renewed sense of purpose as we mark 51 years (50 plus one) of pastoral ministry together.

Last year, we celebrated a milestone—a Jubilee moment that honored five decades of God’s faithfulness and the beautiful journey we have shared. That season will forever remain a sacred memory in my heart. But today, we stand not only in remembrance, but in continua-

tion. For the same God who has brought us this far is the God who continues to lead us forward.

This “plus one” season is not simply a number (51)—it is a testimony. A testimony of God’s sustaining grace, of a people committed to the Gospel, and of a church family that has walked together through seasons of joy, challenge, growth, and transformation. Through it all, Grace Baptist Church has remained a place where faith is alive, love is practiced, and lives are changed.

I am continually humbled by the privilege of serving as your pastor and walking alongside my God-given partner, Mrs. Inez Richardson, on this remarkable journey of faith. To stand in this pulpit, to share in your lives, and to witness your faith in action—these are gifts I hold with deep reverence. With each passing year, my gratitude grows stronger—for you, and for the sacred calling God has entrusted to my life.

As we embrace this 50 plus 1 season, I do so with a renewed commitment—to preach the Word with clarity and conviction, to serve with compassion, and to continue building a ministry that honors God and blesses generations yet to come. Our work is not finished. In many ways, it is still unfolding.

Thanks for your unwavering love, your steadfast prayers, and your continued partnership in ministry. Thank you for allowing me to walk this journey with you—not only as your pastor, but as your brother in Christ.

I love you, Grace. And I thank God for the privilege of being your pastor—yesterday, today, and in the years to come.

In everlasting gratitude,

Dr. W. Franklyn Richardson



Pastor Richardson

WORDS TO OUR PASTOR

Dear Pastor Richardson,

On behalf of the people of Grace, we extend our deepest love, appreciation, and heartfelt congratulations as we celebrate your 51st Pastoral Anniversary.

Under the theme, **“The Legacy Continues: Faithful Then & Faithful Now,”** we pause to honor not only this remarkable milestone, but the enduring witness of your life and servant ministry. What we celebrate today is more than 51 years—it is what we have come to understand as “50 plus 1”—a powerful continuation of God’s grace, a living testimony that the same faithfulness that carried you through 50 years is still sustaining you now.

From your earliest days in ministry to this present moment, your faithfulness has remained steadfast—anchored in the Word, guided by the Spirit, and demonstrated through your unwavering service to God’s people. You have preached with power, led with wisdom, and served with humility, leaving an indelible mark not only on this congregation, but on the broader community and beyond.

As we reflect on “The Legacy Continues,” we celebrate a servant ministry that is both deeply rooted and ever evolving. Your leadership has shaped lives, strengthened families, and inspired generations to walk more closely with God. Indeed, the legacy continues because you have continued—faithful then, and faithful now.

We would be remiss if we did not also honor the faithful presence of your beloved wife and partner in ministry, Mrs. Inez Richardson. Her grace, strength, and unwavering support have been an essential part of this journey. Together with your family, you have modeled a life of faith, service, commitment, and love that continues to inspire us all.

As it is written in 1 Corinthians 15:58, “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord...”—your life and ministry stand as a living testimony to this truth.

As Deacons and Trustees, we are grateful for your leadership, your trust, and your example. We thank God for you, we celebrate you, and we remain steadfast in our commitment to support the vision God has given you for Grace Baptist Church.

With love, honor, and continued prayers,

The Deacons, Trustees, and People
of Grace Baptist Church



PASTOR'S ANNIVERSARY LITANY

Leader: Creator God, author of the universe, you have designed your world and you have called men and women to proclaim the good news and to lead your children.

People: We rejoice that you have given us a pastor, a shepherd of your own heart who feeds us with knowledge and understanding.

Leader: We praise you O' Lord, for providing us a caring shepherd who has committed his life to nurturing and protecting your flock.

People: We bless you O' God for a pastor that shares our mountains and valleys, is present in sunshine and rain, in good times and bad times.

Leader: We thank you God for giving us a servant pastor who leads and inspires us through his expressions of love and compassion for your people.

People: We are grateful to you O' Lord for this pastor, we honor you O' God for calling this shepherd to guide and instruct us; we pray that you will continue to fortify him with your Spirit.

Leader: We recognize the call to ordained ministry as a part of your divine construction for helping churches, bodies of Christ in the world, live out our call to serve you, a living God.

People: We have been blessed to have a pastor who has been faithful to your call on his life to serve your people of Grace with love, integrity and distinction for fifty-one years.

Leader: Today we celebrate fifty-one years of your faithful servant's ministry in this branch of your vineyard; driven by faith, empowered by the Cross.

All: All glory, honor and praise to God, as we in humility, pastor and people together, come to worship and give thanks for what you O' Lord, have done through the life and ministry of your servant W. Franklyn Richardson.

ORDER OF SERVICE

11:00 A.M. | PASTOR'S 51ST ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY SERVICE | APRIL 19, 2026

Worship Leader: Sakai Brown

OPENING GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP: How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? As it is written, how beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! Praise ye the Lord!

HYMN OF PRAISE

"How Firm a Foundation"

INVOCATION

Deacon Kenneth Woods

51ST PASTOR'S ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY LITANY

Rev. William M. Mizell

INSPIRATIONAL HYMN

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

WORDS OF WELCOME

Deacon Evelyn Edwards

WORDS OF GRATITUDE

LET'S STAY CONNECTED

(Video)

REFLECTIONS

Antoine Dolberry

PASTOR'S ANNIVERSARY APPEAL

Arthur Bobian

TITHE/OFFERING AFFIRMATION

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"All Things Come of Thee,
O Lord, and of Thine own
have we given Thee." Amen.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Owen & Addison Burnside

GIFT PRESENTATIONS TO PASTOR & MRS. RICHARDSON

Deacons & Trustees

SACRED MUSIC

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE PREACHER

THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

"Amazing Grace"

51ST ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY SERMON

Dr. Harold A. Carter, Jr.
New Shiloh Baptist Church
Baltimore, Maryland

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

SACRED MUSIC

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.”

“When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.”

“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.”

“E’en down to old age all My people shall prove
My sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And then, when grey hairs shall their temples adorn,
Like lambs they shall still in My bosom be borne.”

“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake!”

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be

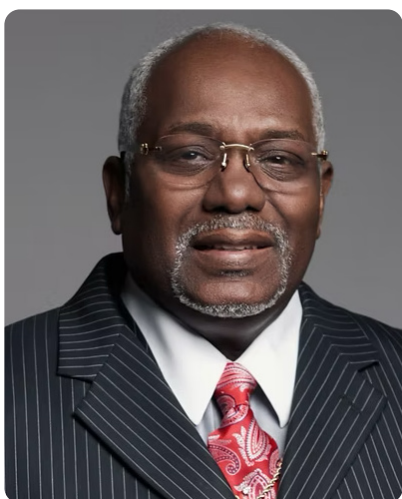
Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine with 10, 000 beside

CHORUS:

Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

WELCOME TO THE PULPIT



Dr. Harold A. Carter, Jr. is a distinguished third-generation preacher of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, licensed and ordained in 1980 at the New Shiloh Baptist Church in Baltimore, Maryland—the church of his spiritual upbringing. Called to ministry by what he describes as “the divine compulsion to do God’s will,” Dr. Carter has devoted his life to preaching, teaching, and transformative leadership within the Body of Christ.

Since 1996, he has served as Pastor of New Shiloh Baptist Church, following 16 years of faithful ministry alongside his father, the late

Dr. Harold A. Carter. Under his visionary leadership, New Shiloh has grown into a thriving congregation of more than 4,000 active members, grounded in a strong commitment to missions, evangelism, and Christian education. His dynamic preaching ministry is heard across the nation and around the world through radio, television, and digital streaming platforms.

Dr. Carter is widely respected not only for his pulpit ministry but also for his leadership in times of community need. During a season of civil unrest in Baltimore, he was instrumental in bringing together more than 200 pastors, activists, and civic leaders to stand in unity for peace—efforts that contributed to calming tensions and fostering reconciliation across communities.

A scholar and mentor, Dr. Carter earned the Doctor of Ministry degree from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. He has also been awarded the Doctor of Divinity degree from Virginia Seminary and College and the Doctor of Humane Letters from Cumberland College. In 2006, he was inducted into Morehouse College as a Martin Luther King, Jr. Distinguished Preacher—an honor reflecting both his prophetic voice and commitment to justice.

His leadership extends beyond the local church. Dr. Carter currently serves as Vice President of Hampton University Ministers’ Conference and was appointed by the Governor of Maryland to serve as a Regent for Morgan State University. He has also invested deeply in theological education, co-mentoring more than 60 doctoral students at United Theological Seminary. As Chairperson of the New Shiloh Village Development Project, he has helped spearhead impactful community initiatives, including senior and affordable housing developments that extend the church’s ministry beyond its walls.

An accomplished author and songwriter, Dr. Carter has written several books, including *The Power of God’s Negatives*, *The Sacred Marriage: Getting Started in Pastoral Ministry*, and *Harold’s Hermeneutics—Volume One*. His creative gifts also find expression in music, with original compositions recorded and performed by New Shiloh’s Music Ministry.

Dr. Carter is married to Rev. Monique T. Carter, and together they are the proud parents of two sons, Rev. Daniel Carter and Timothy Alphonso Carter.

Today, we are honored to welcome Dr. Harold A. Carter, Jr. as our guest preacher, a servant-leader whose life and ministry continue to inspire the Church to faithful witness, courageous leadership, and unwavering commitment to the call of Christ.



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