

REVIVE
3rd Quarter Pastor Report
June 1, 2024- August 31, 2024
A New Church: A New Path Forward

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus - Philipians 1: 3-6

Greetings:

I am grateful for the call to Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Baptist Church for such a time as this. I am grateful to God for entrusting this calling to me and thankful to each of you for your support.

This quarter has been active as we continue to thrive in the work of the ministry. Our focus as a congregation continues to be Evangelism, Youth, Outreach Ministry and cultivating a relationship with each other and the community as we advance the work of Christ Jesus (the Church)

As we continue to press forward into this new year we do so with **BIG** goals in mind. We will continue to stretch ourselves to reach these goals, with the help of the Lord. The priorities for 2024 continues to be guided by the **REVIVE** Vision and Mission as outlined in the Stewardship Strategic and Engagement Plan and as noted on the agenda with our priorities as:

- Evangelism
- Youth Ministry
- Outreach
- Congregational Care
- Financial growth and stability

God has added so many wonderful disciples to this fellowship and we are grateful.

During this quarter as Pastor I have met with various community members, members of the congregations, grief consolations and focus on preparing for the visioning for 2025.



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Pastoral/Congregational Worship and Special Service/Events

- Fellowship at the People Institutional Baptist Church Usher Day on June 23, 2024. Thank you to the Ushers, Choir and all the members that attended.
- Officiated Keith Douglas Service on July 13, 2024
- Trained Vacation Bible Study Teacher on July 14, 2024
- Attended the Keith Douglas Burial service at Mt. Tahoma National Cemetery on July 15, 2024
- Community Prayer Vigil on Saturday July 27, 2024
- Officiated and Eulogized Deacon Mavis Corsey on Saturday, August 9, 2024
- Burial for Deacon Mavis Corsey Service at Mt. Tahoma National Cemetery – August 12, 2024
- Assisted in organizing the MLK Resource Day on August 17, 2024
- Attending (4) Community Engagement

Spiritual and Pastoral Care – Visitations - Calls.

- The increased demands for spiritual care and pastoral visitation continue to be a priority. This has been a very trying time for our congregation as so many of our members have experienced illness and there have been several transitions. We have tried to get to as many as possible. If someone needs a visit, please let me know. We are reminded that God is near to the broken-hearted (Psalm 34:18). We are mindful of caring for one another and reaching out to our fellowship as much as possible and keeping each other lifted in prayer. I am grateful to our Diaconate Ministry. They have worked with me in providing spiritual guidance and support to our membership. The Compassionate Care team was implemented as another support avenue for the congregation.



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MLK REVIVE Empowerment and Transformational Leadership Academy Learning, Equipping-Empowering-Healing

A Series on Stewardship: Financial, Personal and Spiritual – June 2024

June 24, 2024 – 6:30pm – In person and Zoom – Must register with the Office.

As of today, we have not had anyone sign up! We are reminded that transformation comes when we renew our minds. (Romans 12: 1-2). If we are to grow and prosper, we must avail ourselves to new learning, renewed learning so that we may experience the new opportunities that God has for us. What I will do now is resume training in the Fall and hopefully people can arrange their schedule. I will do most of the training by Zoom which is an excellent communication medium.

Worship Engagement Ministry

- Vacation Bible School was a success, and we had three (3) wonderful evenings of ministry. We experience over sixty each night overall and 200 over the course of the days.
- The Church went on a day retreat to Allan Island, a gift from Deacon Jerome Herring. It was a wonderful time for families, and everyone enjoyed it.
- The Youth Ministry started the 2nd Sunday of August under the direction of Sister Freddie Keyes. The young people did an amazing job.
- The Spiritual Olympics, coordinated by Leslie Turner, was a wonderful experience. Many people started to attend Sunday Studies. It was well received, and people were energized.

Ministries Summary Reports

All independent reports can be found on the intranet. Please make sure that you take the time to log on and read them:

- RISE Impact Youth Ministry (Rising Inspiring Servants of Excellence)
 - The Youth Ministry continues to focus on providing necessary training and support to our young people. So many of the young people are growing and if you get a chance, please say hello to them. You can see the impact that the Youth ministry is having on their spiritual lives.
- Security and Safety Ministry

3rd Quarter 2024 Pastorate and Strategic and Engagement Plan

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- Safety and Security team is doing an excellent job. Ministry Leader Charlie Sims is planning for CPR training and a Safety drill for the upcoming quarter.
- Outreach and Engagement Ministry
 - Back to School Outreach and Resources Day was another tremendous success Over 100 backpacks were handed out and resources were available to all the families and individuals that came through.
 - Renton summer feeding program July 8-August 16 serving children in the community.
 - 1st Saturday Mobile Feeding Outreach handed out over 200+ meals
- Margie Williams Helping Hand Center
 - The Helping Hand Center although a separate 501 C continues to serve the community by providing food. Thanks to all those who support the ministry through volunteering and financial donations.
- Men's Ministry
 - The Men's Ministry continues to grow. We are grateful and for their leadership in all aspects of the Church. d
- Women with a Purpose Ministry – under development
- eLevate Young Adult Ministry
 - Young Adult Ministry is still in the infant stage of forming and developing.
- Communication
 - Continue to meet with the ministry to update and upgrade our communication. Website up with more work to be done. Ministry actively improving the various aspects of communication.
- Music Ministry
 - Flourishing. We have added an amazing musician and are grateful for the long-term commitment of our faithful music ministry team.
- Usher Ministry
 - The usher ministry is growing and has reconnected with the United Usher Board.
- New Member Ministry



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- Has been actively renewing their ministry and will continue to follow up with our new discipleships as they join.
- Membership – Compassionate Care Ministry
 - Compassionate Care Team has been activated and will be collaborating with the Pastor and Diaconate Team to provide more resources and support for our congregation. The Team is in the process of providing resources for the congregation. They are also connecting with the membership by sending encouraging cards and help the elders with necessary resources.

Stewardship

Our stewardship is to care for the resources that God has provided for us as well using our time and talents. Thank you for your overall support. I recommend that all members prayerfully look at increasing their tithes by 10% for the rest of 2024 as well making a commitment to support the \$100,000 Stewardship Commitment. Thank you to those who have made those commitments. I am asking all of those who have not yet made your commitment to do so as soon as possible as we are entering into the final quarter of the year.

Strategic Planning

We continue to develop the plan for our future and will be presenting it at the last quarter meeting.



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Next Quarters -Future Action Items Upcoming Ministry/Events/Procedures

- Leadership Retreat – October 12, 2024
- Sunday School Teacher Training - Tuesday, October 22, 2024 @ 6 PM
- Church Quarterly Meeting – October 19, 2024 @9:00am
- Fellowship of New members – Sunday, November 3, 2024, during morning worship
- Baptism – Sunday, November 10, 2024, during morning worship
- Fall Revival – November 14-15, 2024 – 6:30pm
- Voices of Praises Celebration – Sunday, November 17, 2024 -11:00am
- Thanksgiving Worship Service – Thursday, November 28, 2024 @ 9:30am In Person and Virtual
- Members Appreciation Date – November 24, 2024
- Church Annual Meeting – December 7, 2024

Pastor's Recommendation

- December 18, 2023, I recommended submitted the following: Nomination Committee – approved at the March 18, 2023, is hereby terminated upon the certification of the voting that took place on December 18, 2023, meeting.
 - Per Article X Section 2 — Shall be composed of three or more persons, who shall be appointed by the Pastor and affirmed by majority vote at the Annual business meeting of the church. This committee shall always include a Deacon and a Trustee and be representative of the major departments of the church (including a member who has previously served on this committee) to serve for one year. I am appointing the following to the Nomination Committee for the 2024
 - Deacon Alisa Vinson-Ames
 - Trustee Deborah Bell
 - Clara Gipson
 - Charlie Sims

Due to the unavailability of one of the members I have added the following:

- Asia Jones (added September 16, 2024)



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This upcoming quarter will be working with the leadership team in transiting to the focus on positioning us for living into the vision of the future. We will be engaging in and getting the ministries aligned with the Vision and Mission statement.

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- "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." - Romans 15:13