



THE BLVD

Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

Big *Dream*

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

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Greetings

from Pastor Turner

Beloved Disciples,

I greet you in the great name of Jesus, who is the Christ, Son of the Living God, Lord and Savior of the World!

In the year, 2025, it has been our endeavor to D.R.E.A.M. Big! 'Dream' was an acronym that focused our work within this year. We sought to be Driven By Discipleship; Reach All Generations; make Economic Impact; Advancing Cultural Relevance; and Meaningful Missions. There are many programs and initiatives that brought this theme to life. One of the most profound highlights of this year occurred in June, in which we not only shared with the wider community our vision to reimagine our 23-acre Midtown Campus into a mixed-use development in which our church is the anchor. Also, we announced our first strategic partner, Meharry Medical College, which opened its Office of Memphis Programs in our current facility. We prayerfully anticipate what God unfolds in this chapter of our story.

As we look ahead to 2026 there is one word that defines our energy and efforts as a church: FORWARD! We are all challenged, individually and collectively, to take the next step. Paul writes to the Christians in the church of Philippi and says to them, " Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead..." (Philippians 3:13 ESV). As we take steps forward on the pathway of Christian discipleship, we also move forward together as a congregation in faith for what God will do through us for His glory.

This 2025 annual report is a testimony of God's faithfulness through the service of the congregation of Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Please take time to read and reflect upon what God has done in the life of our church this year. Further, may this report move you to recommit to serving God and God's people in the year that is to come as we move FORWARD together.

In the bonds of Christian faith, hope and love.

Rev. Dr. J. Lawrence Turner
Senior Pastor





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The Turners

DREAM BIG: Transforming Lives through Community Outreach

Manna Outreach (Food Security)

In 2025, Manna Outreach continued its mission of providing dedicated, reliable food assistance to individuals and families facing food insecurity across Memphis, honoring the legacy of compassionate service and excellence of the late Ellen Nickleberry and family.

Through the dedication of our staff, volunteers, and generous donations of our congregation, we served a growing number of households, rising from 800 in January to nearly 1,500 by year's end.

In addition, we initiated an emergency food drive in November, where our congregation's overwhelming generosity helped to meet the steady increase of emergency food assistance impacted by the delayed SNAP benefits and the government shutdown.

Manna Outreach also continued to expand its extraordinary team of volunteers who play the essential role of serving with reliability and commitment through senior food box deliveries, distribution, and client hospitality.

Because of the faithfulness of our church family, we are able to carry forward a high standard of service and remain a consistent source of hope for our community.

Serve Tour 2025

- First Serve Tour since COVID-19, reconnecting our church with community service on a large scale
- Mobilized over 150 volunteers from the BLVD family
- Partnered with various organizations across Memphis, including schools, shelters, and nonprofits, for a citywide impact

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Hosted Blood Drive on September 28, 2025

Educator Support

Provided 50 teachers from the BLVD and partner schools with supply replenishment bags

Ensured educators had the tools they needed mid-year to continue serving students effectively

Demonstrated our commitment to investing in schools and uplifting those shaping the next generation

Back-to-School Health & Community Fair

The BLVD, donors, and vendors provided a wide variety of Back-to-School supplies and items, as well as various tools to holistically meet the needs of a child's mind, body, and soul. This year, approximately 1,500 children and their parents received supplies and services to help them have a great start to the school year.

- Expanded vendors to include additional educational supplies and more
- Vendors provided:
 - dental checks
 - children's books for preschool to elementary
 - children's identification cards
 - 20 ft digestive tunnel for the children and parents to learn more about their bodies
 - wellness booth to teach stretching and meditation exercises
 - Lead Testing
 - BMI checks, blood pressure, and education on what to and what not to eat
- In addition to our above supplies and services, we had literature for TN Care Presumptive, Baby Café/Breastfeeding, car seats, and sexual testing kits.



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Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts

- Leadership Development: Trained new leaders through Scouting America, equipping them with the skills and confidence to guide our scouts in alignment with the Scouting mission and Christian values.
- Scouts Sunday: Celebrated our annual Scouts Sunday, where youth and leaders participated in worship and were recognized for their commitment to service, leadership, and faith.
- Camping Adventure: Enjoyed an exciting camping trip to Adventure Quest, fostering teamwork, outdoor skills, and personal growth in a fun and faith-filled environment.
- Combined, our Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts continue to embody the Scout Oath and Law—growing in character, citizenship, and faith while building lasting friendships and memories through every adventure.

Additional Outreach Ministry events:

- Served on the Outreach Team for the General Assembly, providing services to such organizations as St. Jude, Memphis VA, and Domestic Women's Shelter, as well as assisting with the Blood Drive



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DREAM BIG: Transforming Lives through Social Justice

Stop the Clot

- We formed a meaningful partnership with the National Stop the Clot Alliance, which allowed us to raise awareness about the impact of blood clots. The Alliance's four-city bus tour was a significant event, with Memphis serving as the final stop. The tour culminated in a health fair at the Blvd Midtown on March 29, 2025, a moment that we were proud to be a part of. In preparation for the Stop the Clot Bus Tour, one Blvd Member, Joyce Clark, prepared a video, which was shared during service, detailing her lived experience with blood clots.

Memphis Zoo

- Advocated on behalf of Memphians with the Zoo's CEO and Board regarding policies that do not represent the best interest of the community, including concerns about unnecessary budget allocations, board membership that does not reflect the diversity of the community, and the continuation of a policy that the Zoo Board did not implement in a manner that respects individual dignity, known as Black Tuesday. Shared concerns via letter with Councilpersons Warren and Cooper-Sutton. We also met virtually with Councilperson Cooper-Sutton.

Faith In Action

- Building a Better Community through Civic Engagement Collaborated with seven organizations to inform and educate people on social, political, economic, and environmental issues and encourage participation in civic life. Once people are aware and informed about critical issues and feel connected with their community, they will become more civically engaged. They will share their stories, analyze problems, develop actions, receive training, and connect with resources that help them. Community members become the civic leaders of our state.

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Faith In Action

In 2025, the group planned four information sessions:

- August 16, Government Accountability
- September 20, Environmental Justice
- October 25, Health and Food Justice
- November 8 – Voter Education and Engagement

The following organizations collaborated:

- The Black Clergy Collaborative
- Memphis Community Against Pollution
- Shelby County NAACP
- Shelby County Democratic Party
- Shelby County Voter Alliance
- Young, Gifted and Green
- National Coalition of 100 Black Women – Memphis Chapter



Shelby County Jail

We met with Josh Spickler, Executive Director of Just City, an organization that relentlessly advocates for criminal justice reform and works to make our communities safer. After the presentation, we communicated with the Shelby County Sheriff, Mayor, County Commission, and the Memphis City Council and Mayor about the need to use their authority to make the necessary changes to ensure that being arrested and booked into 201 Poplar is not a death sentence. We also discussed influencing others to do the same, to conduct business in a decent manner and in order, and to involve the community in all decision-making.

Museum of Science and History (MOSH) - Hateful Things

Negotiated a 50 percent discount for Blvd members who attended Hateful Things on October 16, 2025.

Hateful Things is an exhibition that shares the history of the Jim Crow system and era. We supported the exhibition because it pushes back on the current trend to whitewash history. Our children are now in a generation where they are losing our history, and we don't want our history to be lost to the ether. This exhibit helps everyone understand the legacy of Jim Crow.

BLVD Engagement Builders

Annually, the Blvd holds a "Serve Tour," when members visit sites in the community where they might choose to volunteer. The Social Justice Ministry is developing a civic engagement tour where Blvd members and others tour and learn about service opportunities that involve advocacy. The goal is to facilitate civic engagement, regular meeting attendance, and reporting on meetings after the tour.

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DREAM BIG: Transforming Lives through Discipleship

A Movement of Disciple-Makers Is Growing at The BLVD

Real transformation doesn't happen overnight, but it is happening here.

This past year has been a beautiful reminder that God works slowly, steadily, and surely. Something sacred is stirring at The BLVD. Our members aren't just showing up anymore; they're stepping up. They're embracing their calling as disciple-makers, living out their faith in ways that are real, relational, and multiplying.

We're becoming a church filled not just with learners, but with leaders. Not just participants, but people who walk alongside others as they follow Jesus.

43 People Said "Yes" to Something Deeper

In June, 43 members of our church family made a choice, they said "yes" to our two-day DiscipleShift training. This wasn't another class to check off a list. It was an invitation to realignment, a chance to rediscover how Jesus made disciples and how we can do the same.

Over those two days, something shifted. Leaders became honest, equipped, and re-inspired. They discovered that discipleship isn't about passing on information, it's about transformation through relationship. They practiced real tools to help others grow spiritually, no matter where someone is in their walk with Christ.

Most importantly, they left ready to lead Life Groups with fresh intentionality and deeper care.



We're grateful for every person who took that bold step. Because of their "yes," others are now growing and multiplying too.

521 People Choosing to Grow Together

The impact goes far beyond those 43 leaders. This year, 521 people participated in Life Groups, 521 individuals demonstrating their commitment to becoming disciples who make disciples. That's over 500 people choosing community over isolation, growth over stagnation, and intentional discipleship over casual faith.

Five new Life Groups launched this year, creating even more spaces where people are truly known, lovingly challenged, and authentically cared for. More places where spiritual growth happens in living rooms, over coffee, and through everyday conversations.

These groups were birthed by leaders who caught the vision during DiscipleShift and are now living it out. Each group is evidence that God is building something strong and lasting here at The BLVD. And honestly? We're just getting started.

The Second Time Around Hit Different

Several Life Groups revisited the Real-Life Discipleship study this year, and the second time through was a game-changer. The first time was eye-opening. The second time became deeply personal.

Leaders realized discipleship isn't just about content, it's about walking with people through real change. Groups leaned into the heart work, not just head knowledge. Conversations became more honest, more raw, and more rooted in actually following Jesus, not just studying Him.

Community That Refuels the Leaders

We also launched quarterly gatherings for our leaders, but these are more than just meetings. They're moments of life together where we laugh, learn, pray,



Real-Life Discipleship

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This spring, many of our leaders spent a day together at Topgolf, sharing food, fellowship, and fun. It reminded us that disciple-makers need community too. Ministry isn't just about the work we do; it's about the joy of doing it together.

These gatherings have become sacred spaces where our leaders get poured into, recharged, and reminded they're not walking alone.

Love in Action

One of the most powerful signs of this growing culture? Our Life Groups aren't just looking inward, they're reaching out.

During Love Fest this year, groups served our community with genuine compassion and joy. Whether providing food, offering prayer, or simply sharing smiles, our members embodied Christ's love in practical, tangible ways.

We're seeing it more and more: discipleship isn't just what we learn in a room, it's how we live in the world.

- 43 trained, equipped leaders
- 5 new Life Groups creating belonging
- 521 Life Group participants
- Deeper understanding of real-life discipleship
- Quarterly gatherings full of joy and growth
- Community outreach that puts love into action

God is building a disciple-making movement among us, not through programs alone, but through people who love Jesus and love others enough to walk with them through real life.

We're not rushing this process. We're stewarding it. And the fruit is starting to show.

The best is still ahead. Let's keep walking, keep loving, and keep multiplying—one relationship at a time.



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Men's Ministry (Fella-Ship Gatherings)

- Hosted two Men's FellaShips at the Southwind campus.
- Drew more than 170 men for fellowship, worship, and brotherhood-building experiences
- Strengthened male engagement and discipleship within the congregation





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PRAYER DOESN'T CHANGE *God:*

Prayer
CHANGES *Us*

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Women's Ministry

This year, the Women's Ministry at The Blvd continued to cultivate sisterhood, fellowship, faith, and fun among the women of our church. We launched the year with a powerful PrayerHER Breakfast, where women were encouraged, inspired, and uplifted through prayer and testimony. Each woman left with a personalized prayer box and was challenged to fill it throughout the year with written prayers, praises, and reminders of God's faithfulness, creating a spiritual keepsake of God's work in their lives.

Throughout the year, our women remained committed to seeking God together, gathering for prayer on the first Tuesday of every month. These moments of intercession have strengthened our bond and deepened our collective faith.

As we look ahead, excitement is building for our Girlfriends Getaway Trip in 2026, where we will continue fostering intentional connection, rest, and spiritual renewal.

The Women's Ministry remains dedicated to empowering the women of The Blvd to grow in Christ and in community with one another.

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Congregational Care Communities (C3)

The Benjamin Community is based in Bartlett and spread throughout the city.

- This year, we stepped out and created a Line Dancing Experience for all communities. It was an invigorating event that left the people wanting more.
- We're in the process of preparing for our annual Pre-Thanksgiving Fellowship on November 9, 2025, at the Midtown location following Sunday Worship service.
- We now have a Visitation Coordinator, Min. Avalon Nathaniel. We are working to get all our homebound and nursing home members seen on a regular basis.





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Two Movie Events in
MLK Room

70
participants
for each event

Homecoming Tent for
Dan Congregants

10
participants

Dan Congregants
Participation in the
Benjamin's Line
Dancing Event

6 Participants

Colors Sunday

52
Participants

Dan Leaders:

Patrick Briggs, Elder
Annette Caldwell, Deacon
Linda Catchings, Deacon
Cozette Garrett, Clergy
Denita Hedgeman, Clergy
Jesse McGee, Deacon
Olivia Parsons, Deacon
Elsie Roseborough, Deacon
Patricia Saville
Bobby Simmons, Deacon
John Terrell, Clergy
Sherry Terrell, Clergy

Ernestine B. Small - Organizer



The Joseph Community is comprised of congregants that live within the 38125, 38141, and 38115 zip codes. The Spiritual Officers include eleven deacons and two elders. The Spiritual Officers meet on the third Wednesday of each month as needed, with agenda items including Congregation Care updates, review of monthly reports, planning for future events, and sharing praise and prayer reports. Our monthly reports reflect when officers send cards in times of bereavement, illness, and to celebrate birthdays. The major themes for the Joseph Community are connecting and caring. The officers connect with congregants through visitations and communicate via phone calls, text messages, and emails.

Our community selected Dorothy's Place as our service project, a day center for Alzheimer's and dementia patients in Hickory Hill, which is in the 38115 zip code. Spiritual Officers are assigned monthly duties to take paper products and cleaning supplies. In addition, we assist with their annual Thanksgiving Celebration by serving meals.

Within our community, the Rachel Circle Disciples Women's Ministry, which connects with women monthly to engage in Bible study utilizing Bible-based books and research studies on the inclusiveness of multiple generations. The meetings are held in the homes of the sisters on the third Sunday. The sisters participate in the Disciples Women's Ministry service project, Room in the Inn. The sisters are exploring additional service projects that include foster care and homeless children and mothers.

The Joseph Community's Men of Jacob gather at various times of the year and assist with the annual Scholarship Luncheon. In an effort to connect and fellowship with members, an annual picnic is hosted. Members gather at Shelby Farms for delicious food that is prepared by our own master grillers, enjoy music, exciting games, and activities. The congregants are encouraged to become familiar with our community members.

Congregational Care Communities (C3)



The Team of Spiritual Leaders (Ministers, Elders, Deacons) in the Judah Community works cohesively to advance the goals of the Congregational Care Community (C3). To accomplish those goals this year, Spiritual Leaders visited MBCC members who were residents of nursing homes, as well as those who were hospitalized or in rehabilitation facilities at various points during the year. To support our bereaved families, Spiritual Leaders provided a connected presence at "Celebration of Life" services throughout the year. Additionally, efforts were made to communicate with MBCC members via phone calls, text messaging, emails, and greeting cards. Every month, the Judah Community schedules Prayer and Conversation sessions, connecting virtually with members to address their prayer concerns and to discuss current issues affecting our local and national community. This year, the Judah Community joined the Levi Community to create additional fellowship opportunities, which included a fun afternoon at the Memphis Zoo and a picnic at Shelby Farms Park. The Judah Spiritual Leaders continued the tradition of bonding with members at an annual Jazz Concert, enjoying light refreshments and great conversation.

Congregational Care Communities (C3)

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The Levi community is a community of 543 members in parts of Memphis, Cordova, and all of Mississippi. These members are led by a community of 11 Elders and Diaconate. This year, two of our church Diaconate in training and one of our Ministers walked with us in supporting this body of members.

We had a very good year in 2025. During the year, we focused on staying connected with our members via text, email, phone calls, and sending Birthday and Bereavement cards during their times of loss.

We also held two community fellowships: the first being a Zoo Day to encourage members to experience the Memphis Zoo, one of the best in the country. We followed that by joining our Judah community for a community picnic in Shelby Farms, which enhanced our fellowship and relationships across the communities. The fellowship, food, and games were enjoyed by all.

This year, the Levi team will connect with members 8,572 times and support members in Funerals and Wakes, serve with Baptism and Communion, and other activities 1,087 times. The team is very busy supporting the congregation and the Church in caring for and supporting membership needs.

Though not a perfect process, the C3 effort in the Levi Community continues to press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Connection is critical to maintaining our relationships with our members, especially since COVID, when many of our members have not returned to regular attendance at Sunday Worship. It is exciting to see the value of Community connection with our members, knowing that sometimes it does not feel like this work is important, but when projected over the year, it is very significant.

Congregational Care Communities (C3)

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The Naphtali Community's goal is to advance the mission of CCM at the Blvd. To achieve this goal, our Spiritual Officers strive to reach all our congregants on a monthly basis by phone calls, texts, emails, birthday, get well, and sympathy cards. More importantly we try to connect and support our congregants when they are experiencing bereavement, homebound, confined to nursing homes, and those who are homebound.

The Naphtali Spiritual Officers consist of 4 ministers, 1 Elder, 7 Deacons. Deacon Isadore Peasant is Naphtali's Organizer. Deacon Mary Moore is Naphtali's Communications Officer.

The Naphtali Community participated in the CIII Day at the BLVD this past summer. We met with our congregants in the Fellowship Hall after worship service. We met with the families and took pictures. The Spiritual Officers handed out community t-shirts, contact and spiritual greeting cards. We also gave our congregants books, book markers, office supplies, and small souvenirs.



Congregational Care Communities (C3)

DREAM BIG: Transforming Lives for The Next Generation

God has been moving powerfully through our Next Gen Ministry. Over the past season, we've seen growth not only in numbers but in genuine life change. Our heart has been to meet students where they are, walk with them in faith, and give them a place to belong. This report highlights how God has been using our school connections, baptisms, and our midweek service, Thrive, to impact the next generation.

Reaching Our Schools

One of the biggest wins this year has been the doors God has opened for us in our local schools. We've been able to connect with the following schools:

- East High School
- Central High School
- Manassas High School
- Middle College High School
- Snowden School
- Bellevue Middle School
- MASE Middle and High School
- Southwind High School

These connections have allowed us to build real relationships with students, encourage them in their faith journey, and invite them into a community where they know they are seen, loved, and valued.



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Students Saying Yes to Jesus

The greatest joy of this season has been seeing students take the next step in their faith. Several of our students have made the decision to follow Jesus and have been baptized. Each story is a reminder of why we do what we do — to see lives forever changed by the gospel.

Midweek: Thrive

Our midweek service, Thrive, has been another place where God is clearly at work. What started as a small gathering of 8 students has now grown to a consistent group of 15 each week. Beyond the numbers, what excites us most is seeing students hungry for God's Word, worshiping together, and building real community with one another.

Youth College Tour

- We took 28 high school students on a college tour in New Orleans.
- Visited Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO), Xavier University, Loyola University, and Dillard University
- Offered students firsthand exposure to higher education opportunities, cultural enrichment, and mentorship

MBCC Scholarship Program

- Raised \$187,472 in scholarship funds
- Awarded scholarships to 18 high school seniors and 6 adults
- Hosted the 2025 Scholarship Recognition Brunch on June 7th at the Midtown Campus, celebrating academic achievement and the commitment of the BLVD to educational excellence





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BLVD Kids Our Next Generation Ministry continues to be one of the most vibrant and growing areas of The Blvd. We are committed to nurturing the spiritual growth and development of toddlers through teenagers, helping them build a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and a strong biblical foundation that will guide them for life.

Over the past year, our Children's and Youth Ministry has doubled in size, with significant growth across both campuses. This increase is a testament to the dedication of our ministry leaders, volunteers, and parents who faithfully partner with us each week. Even as our ministry expands, our mission remains the same, to equip and empower the next generation with the Word of Jesus Christ, encouraging them to live boldly for Him in their schools, homes, and communities.

Each week, our children are engaged through dynamic, age-appropriate lessons that bring the Bible to life. Our younger children explore foundational Bible stories that ground them in God's truth, while our older students are challenged to live out their faith intentionally and purposefully.

This year, we celebrated one of our most impactful Vacation Bible School experiences to date. Under the theme, "The Incredible Experience," 48 children made the life-changing decision to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. This moment of revival among our children reflects the fruit of consistent ministry and prayer.

Our High School Ministry reached new heights through the launch of Thursday Thrive, a weekly gathering designed to equip students with biblical truths that speak directly to the challenges they face as teenagers. We also celebrated the relaunch of the Nexus Youth Choir, providing a creative outlet for students to express their faith through music and worship.



Transforming Lives for the Next Generation

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In addition to weekly discipleship, our annual signature events: Springfest, Vacation Bible School, and Hallelujah Fest, collectively ministered to more than 2,000 children, youth, and families across our city. These events not only provided fun and fellowship but also served as powerful tools of evangelism and community engagement.

As we continue to grow, we ask for the prayers and support of our ministry, as our biggest challenge now is finding adequate space to accommodate our growth. We believe God is expanding our reach, and we trust Him to provide the resources and room needed to serve every child and youth who walks through our doors.

Looking ahead, we are excited to continue building a ministry that develops leaders, disciples, and worshippers for Christ. The seeds planted today will produce tomorrow's pastors, teachers, politicians, engineers, doctors, and world-changers. We remain committed to helping our children and youth discover their God-given purpose and walk confidently in it.



Transforming Lives for the Next Generation

DREAM BIG: Transforming Lives through Worship

2025 was an exciting year for the Worship and Creative Arts Team. We kicked off the year with the "It Starts with YOU" choir workshop where we welcomed facilitators, Dr. Oscar Williams, Jr. (Potter's House Church and Potter's House Ministry Institute) along with Dr. Chadwick Brawley (The Luke Church and the Brawley Group) during the last weekend in January. It was a time of learning, and enrichment for our band, choir, and praise team. Each facilitator was with us in worship, presenting material to the congregation.

Throughout the year, we welcomed guest artists such as: Stefanie Bolton, Alicia Peters-Jordan, Julian Cross, Cortney Richardson, Shontelle Norman-Beatty, Matthew Donaldson, Jamel Strong, Charles Pender, II and will feature a host of guest artists for our Annual Christmas Concert. In addition, we were more intentional in creating opportunities for choir members to be prepared to lead in worship as well.

Our Praise Team continues to be a driving force in our ministry by ensuring all 3 worship experiences are covered each and every Sunday. We are grateful for the commitment and leadership. The Sanctuary Choir also showed another level of commitment this year by accompanying Dr. Turner on various speaking engagements. Our trip to Temple Church in Nashville was a highlight and a time for the choir to bond in worship and fellowship.

In June of this year, Terrence Brown (Music Director) and Brock Brown (Choir Director) were afforded the opportunity to attend the Hampton Minister's Conference and Choir Directors and Organist Guild. They were a part of a 4-day intensive where they received valuable information that proved to assist with ministry in theory and practice. It was a time of reflection and refreshing. Valuable ministry connections were made.

To close out the year, we look forward to the MBCC Sanctuary Choir and Band serving as the musical backdrop for the lighting of the Christmas Tree at Crosstown Concourse on Friday, December 5th and A Blvd Christmas, our annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 21st at 6pm.



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Transforming Lives through Financial Management



PROPOSED REVENUE
\$7,335,846

2026 FINANCIALS

TITHES & OFFERINGS
\$6,325,824



OUTREACH
\$336,000



FACILITY LEASES
\$583,717



OTHER
\$90,305



PROPOSED EXPENSES
\$7,271,846



FACILITY OPERATIONS
\$2,239,592



STAFFING
\$3,234,552



OUTREACH
\$382,599



MINISTRY ACTIVITIES
& OPERATIONS
\$1,415,103

NET
\$64,000



Transforming Lives through Financial Management

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



Raised
\$187,472.83
for education
Scholarships for
youth and
adults



\$21,104.12
for Emergency
Assistance



\$15,555
raised to
distribute
hot meals
and provide
500 toiletry
kits.



Giving Tree -
over 250
children/youth
at \$31,250



Back to School
Supplies
& Health Fair



\$28,000
St. Jude Children's
Research Hospital



\$450,000
Renovations,
restorations,
and
Improvements



The Positive
Projected
2024 Cash
Flow is
\$57,000.

Staff & Church Council

Senior Leadership Team

Rev. Dr. J. Lawrence Turner, Senior Pastor
Adrienne Brown, Sr. Executive Assistant
Chantay Branch, Director of Human Resources
Rev. Maina Mwaura, Assistant to the Pastor
(Engagement and Family Life)
Dr. Letra Smith, Assistant to the Pastor
(Discipleship and Development)
Shan Arnold, Comptroller

Ministerial Team

Minister Christopher Watson, Director of Outreach
Pastor Mary E. Moore, Congregational Care Pastor
Mrs. Donna Palmer, Administrative Support
Ms. Sharon Smith, Administrative Support

Nexus and Children's Ministry

Lady Bridgett Turner, Director of Nexus Ministry
William Bradley, Nexus Coordinator
Eunice North, Nursery Coordinator
Jasmine Manning, Nexus Assistant
Chalafonte McDowell-Davis, Nursery Assistant
Aubrielle Harris, Nursery Assistant
Nye Robinson, Nexus Assistant
Tyra Smith, Nexus Assistant

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Diane Mayes, Receptionist

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Clerk
Loretta Cox, Senior Accountant

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Terry Lawrence, Maintenance
Anthony Madison, Housekeeping
Brittney Hill, Housekeeping
Emma Scott, Housekeeping
Omar Westmoreland, Housekeeping
Sandra Madison, Housekeeping

Food Services

Carol Singleton, Chef
Jackie Jones, Food Services Assistant
Constance Myers, Food Services Assistant

Manna Outreach

Ira Jones, Warehouse Lead
Antwuan Albright, Manna Helper
Marion Thomas, Manna Helper
Marquis Wilborn, Manna Helper

Family Life Center

Ronald Sampson, Family Life Center Director
Natalie Becton, Family Life Center Assistant

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India Ratliff, Media Intern
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Kerry Kernan, Post-Production Specialist

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Darryl Evans, Audio/Visual
Jarvis Brooks, Audio Engineer
Maurice White, Audio Engineer

Worship & Creative Arts

Brock Brown, Choral Director
Terrence Brown, Music Director

Worship Leaders

David Edwards
Nedra Gatewood

Musicians

Steve Bethany, Lead Guitar
Tevin Curtis, Percussionist
Kem Gray Jr., Bass Guitarist
Darryl Pruitt, Bass Guitar
Keenan Renfroe, Percussionist
Isaiah Walker, Organist

Church Council

Metrick Houser, Moderator
Bobby Simmons, Vice Moderator
Eunice Morris, Secretary
Ericka Lacey, Assistant Secretary
Marvetta DuRant, Treasurer
Charles Atkinson Sr., Assistant Treasurer
Katlyn Morris, 18-35 Member-at-Large
Michael Leavy, Sr. Southwind Campus
Member-at-Large
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