

Honoring Pastor Vester Thompson Jr.



1ST

Year

**PASTORAL
ANNIVERSARY**

*July 16, 2023, 11:00a.m. & 3:00 p.m.
Eastern Star Missionary Baptist Church
548 east 15th street
Port Arthur, Texas 77640*

Celebrating 1st Year Anniversary

*Eastern Star Missionary Baptist Church
Salutes its Pastor and First Lady*



Rev. and Mrs. Vester Thompson Jr.

Pray for our Pastor & Wife

Lord, I thank you for your righteousness, strength, and wisdom. Lord, I know that you have called every single one of your children for a specific purpose and that you have graced them to walk in that purpose. Father right now, I lift up my pastor and wife. God, I thank you for the vision that you have given them for our church. Amen

Theme

“Leadership Worth Following”

Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Hebrews 13:7



Pastor Donald Frank

The Reverend Donald Ray Frank, Sr., was born in Lake Charles, Louisiana, March 1, 1957 and shortly there-after moved to Port Arthur, Texas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Frank. He is a 1975 Graduate of Abraham Lincoln High School. He proudly served his country in the United States Air Force as the NCOIC of the Attrition Division in the 544 Strategic Intelligence Wing at Offutt AFB Nebraska. He has attended Lamar University, in Beaumont, Texas. He has received diplomas and degrees from American Baptist Theological Seminary and Bible Study in Nashville, Tennessee, United Theological Seminary and Bible Study in Monroe, Louisiana, and Aspen, Christian College in Denver, Colorado.

In 1995, Pastor Frank became the Assistant Pastor of the Cathedral of Faith Baptist church under the dynamic leadership of the Rev. Delbert Allen Mack, Sr. while there, the served in the area of Christian Education, Men's Ministry, Youth Pastor, and Outreach Coordinator. He served there faithfully at the will and discretion of his pastor for 10 years. In 2003, Pastor was called to the pastorate of the Historic New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, of Port Arthur, Texas. Since becoming pastor, the New Hope Church has grown numerically, spiritually, and financially.

Pastor Frank serves as the Vice President of the Port Arthur Black Pastors Association, and has had affiliations with the Griffing Park Lions, and is a member of Prince Hall Free and Accepted Masons. He is also a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. He currently serves as the Vice-President of Port Arthur Head Start, and as a member of One Church One Child Brother-Youth Leadership Development Inc, and the Port Arthur Industrial Group, and the Port Arthur Educational Foundation.

He is the proud father of Nikkisha Cheree', Joshua John-Adrian, the late Bryse Durell, Alan Paul, and Donald Jr. He also has two grandchildren, Dominique Renee', and Isaiah John-Kenneth.

Morning Worship

11:00 a.m.

Call to Worship

***Congregational Praise**

Announcements

Pastoral Remarks



Acknowledgment of Visitors



Offering

(Benevolent, Public, and Tithes)

Songs of Praise

Proclamation of the Gospel

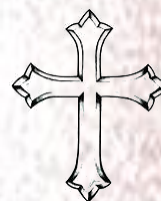
Pastor Donald Frank

New Hope Baptist Church

Invitation to Christian Fellowship

Benediction

***Denotes Congregation Please Stand**



Pastor Kalan Gardner Sr.

Pastor Kalan Gardner Sr. was born on February 6, 1985, in Galveston Texas. He is the first born of three children, and has one son, Kalan Gardner Jr. Pastor Gardner attended PAISD schools and graduated from Memorial High School in 2003, the school's first graduating class. He then went on to attend Lamar University to further his education. His ministry began in the area of music; he started playing the organ at a young age and quickly distinguished himself as a talented musician. During his freshman year of college, Kalan announced and accepted his call to the Gospel Ministry and preached his first sermon on December 28, 2003.

Gardner received his Theological training at United Theological Seminary, Trinity Bible College, Grace School of Theology and College of Biblical Studies. Rev. Kalan Gardner served as the Youth Pastor of the New Hope Baptist Church in Port Arthur, Texas. In February 2016, Gardner was elected to be the Senior Pastor at First Sixth Street Missionary Baptist Church, becoming the youngest Pastor in the Golden Triangle. Gardner is the President of Port Arthur NAACP. He is also the owner of "Restoring Faith Christian Counseling in Port Arthur, Tx. Pastor Gardner lives by the motto "If I can help someone along the way then my living won't be in vain".



Afternoon Worship



3:00 p.m.

*Master & Mistress of Ceremony
Joseph & Montrae Chretien*

Prelude

Devotion..... Deacons

Processional..... Rev. Vester Thompson Jr. & Family

Inspirational Singing.....Mass Choir

Welcome.....Velma Martin

Acceptance..... First Six Street Baptist Church

Inspirational Singing.....Mass Choir

Celebration of Giving..... Deacons

Words of Encouragement..... Rev. Randy Martin

Inspirational Singing..... Mass Choir

Introduction of Speaker..... Pastor Vester Thompson

Inspirational Singing..... First Six Street Baptist Church

*Gospel Message..... Pastor Kalan Gardner Sr.
First Six Street Baptist Church, P.A. TX*

Invitation to Discipleship

Presentations

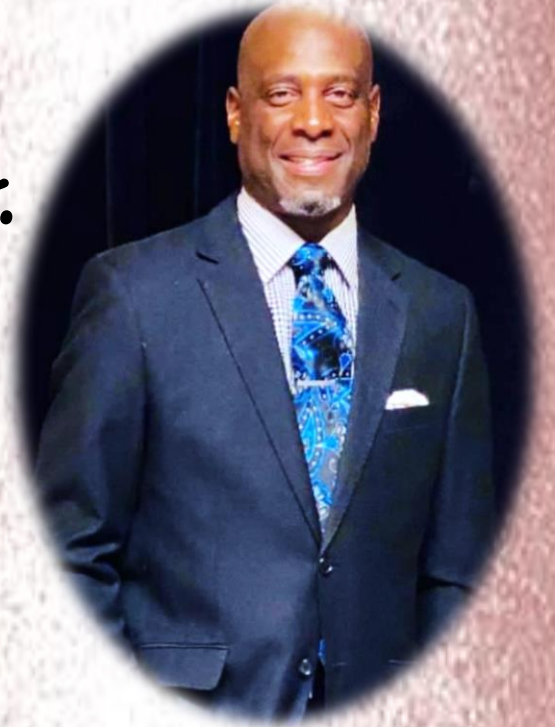
Expressions of Gratitude..... Pastor Vester & Sister Pam Thompson

Benediction

Dinner will be served after the service.

Pastor Vester Thompson, Jr.

*“Formed by God’s Power,
Perfected by God’s Grace.”*



Rev. Vester Thompson, Jr. is a native of Dallas, Texas. He is a 1989 graduate of Franklin D. Roosevelt High School. He graduated from Wiley College in 1995 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree. While attending Wiley, he was a part of a preaching staff that traveled the country to recruit students to attend Wiley. He is a member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. He received a certification for expository preaching from the E.K. Bailey Conference of Expository Preaching in Dallas, Texas in 2007.

He served as the Youth Pastor at the Eastern Star Baptist Church from 2006 until 2021. He was later assigned the position of Assistant Pastor of Eastern Star in 2021 where he also served as Instructor for the Young Adult Ministry and the Single's Ministry. He also served as the teacher/facilitator for Wednesday night Bible Study. Under his leadership, Eastern Star has a worship service entitled W.O.W. (Worship on Wednesday), every last Wednesday of each month.

He is employed with the U.S. Postal Service as Postmaster for the Kountze Post Office in Kountze, Texas. Pastor Thompson is currently enrolled in The Samuel Dewitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University where he is pursuing his master's degree in theology. He is happily married to Pamela K. Thompson, and they have two sons (Deionte, and Jalen). His favorite scripture is Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength."



10 Ways to Pray for Lady Thompson

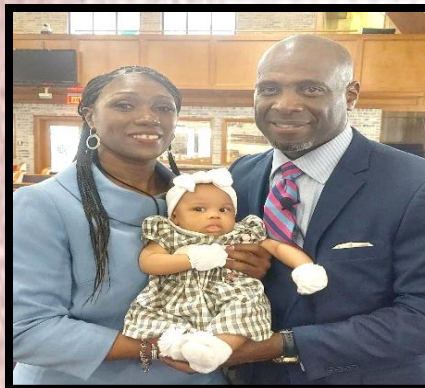


1. Pray for her spiritual protection. There is real spiritual warfare surrounding the pastor and his family. If the enemy can discourage the pastor's wife, he can effectively impact the ministry. Ask God to shield her from the attacks of the evil one. (Psalm 3:3; 2 Thessalonians 3:3; Ephesians 6:10-11)
2. Pray for her relationships with her children. Ask God to give her wisdom and insight as she seeks to raise her children in a Christ-honoring way. (Ephesians 6:1-4)
3. Pray for her emotional and physical well-being. Ask God to provide special sources of joy, creative ways to express her unique personality, and fulfilling ways to remain physically active. (1 Thessalonians 5:23)
4. Pray that God will surround her with loyal and meaningful friendships. (Galatians 6:2)
5. Pray that God will supply all her needs. (Philippians 4:19)
6. Pray that God will give her wisdom and insight as she counsels with others. (Colossians 1:9-11)
7. Pray that God will show her how to use her spiritual gifts in the church. The pastor's wife should be encouraged to serve in places that allow her to use her unique giftedness. She should not be expected to fill every role that is traditionally held by "the pastor's wife". (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)
8. Pray that she will know the love of God, experience the peace of God, and walk in the grace of God. (Romans 8:1-39)
9. Pray that God will give her strength, wisdom, and courage to live as a true follower of Jesus Christ. (2 Corinthians 12:9-10)
10. Pray that she will learn to live as a new creation of great worth, deeply loved, completely forgiven, fully pleasing to the Father, totally accepted by God and absolutely complete in Christ. (Ephesians 1:1-23)



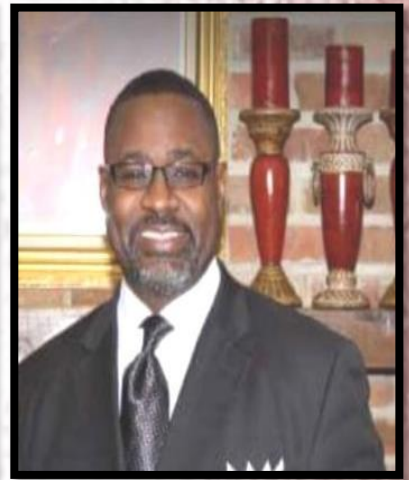


Family





His Brothers in Christ





His Enjoyment



TO GOD BE THE GLORY



It's through people like you that Jesus show His love for us, you are God's greatest blessing. We thank Pastor Donald Frank, and Pastor Kalan Gardner and First Six Street B.C. for participating in this special day, where we are celebrating Pastor Vester and Pam Thompson's 1st Year Anniversary. To our visitors and our church family, thank you for praising and worshipping. "To God be the Glory, for the great things he has done."