

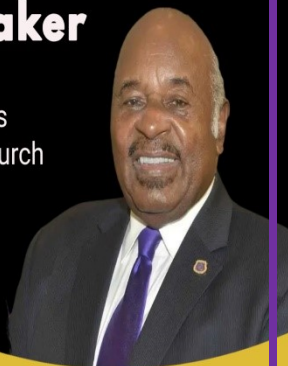
1st **PASTORAL** **ANNIVERSARY** *Celebration*



Pastor Myke &
First Lady Malika
Collins

Guest Speaker

Dr. Ed Parker
Pastor Emeritus
Berean Baptist Church



Sunday, November 23, 2025
11:00 AM

Monumental Baptist Church

704 South Parkway East - Memphis, TN 38106 - 901.946.2529

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Where We Serve A MONUMENTAL GOD Who Does MONUMENTAL Things!

Order of Service

Silent Prayer and Meditation

The Organ Prelude

Devotion, Praise & Worship.....Rev. Eric Dunn

Ministry of Music.....Mrs. Deborah Manning-Thomas
Christ Baptist Church

Presentations

Ministerial Staff

Deacons Board

Trustees Board

Mothers Board

Youth Dance Presentation

The Celebration of Giving (Tithes & Offerings)

Introduction of Speaker

Ministry of Music.....Ms. Victoria Brinkley
Brown Baptist Church

Ministry of the Word.....Dr. Edward Parker, Sr.
Berean Baptist Church
Pastor Emeritus

The Call of Christian Discipleship

Music Ministry.....Ms. Victoria Brinkley
Brown Baptist Church

Words of Gratitude.....Myke & Malika Collins

Lunch Blessing & Benediction

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WHAT DO YOU BRING TO THE TABLE?

WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

Dr. Herman A. Powell, Sr.

1979



THINGS HAPPEN AFTER PRAYER

Rev. Samuel Billy Kyles

1959



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There are hours in a man's life when words seem to move against the tide of God's will, and yet His sovereign plan presses forward, unhindered. I remember standing before Monumental, long before the vote was cast, and declaring—twice—that I would not be their Pastor. Those words, spoken with conviction, came from a heart persuaded my path lay elsewhere. But the Lord, in His mercy, overturned my protest, and in November of 2024 this church called me to stand where I once said I never would. On November 24, 2024, I preached my first sermon as Pastor—*What Do You Bring to the Table?*—and a new chapter began for Monumental and for me.

Yet the story does not begin there. My preaching record stretches into the spring and summer of 2024, months before the church extended its call. May and June held sermons not recorded in this catalog, but they stand nonetheless as part of the fabric of this ministry's unfolding. By July, the Lord pressed upon me my first preaching series, *Guided By God*—a four-part journey through Jeremiah, Elijah, Ezekiel, and Jonah—prophets given particular tasks in particular seasons. In those early messages I learned what it meant to walk where God leads and to speak only what He commands.

I cannot write of my preaching without pausing to honor those whose voices shaped my own. My mentor, Dr. Herman A. Powell, Sr., mounted the pulpit of Early Grove Baptist Church in 1979 and preached his first sermon, *What's In It For Me?* It was not simply a title; it was an invitation to weigh eternity against the passing things of earth. And in 1959, the first pastor of Monumental, Reverend Samuel Billy Kyles, thundered forth his inaugural sermon, *Things Happen After Prayer*. His voice still, reminding us



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that prayer is the furnace where power is kindled. Then came my own beginning, with the question, *What Do You Bring to the Table?*—a call to examine not what we seek to receive, but what we are willing to offer in service of the Kingdom. Together these three titles—*What's In It For Me?*, *Things Happen After Prayer*, and *What Do You Bring to the Table?*—form a conversation across generations: the searching of the soul, the power of prayer, and the summons to serve.

This catalog, then, is not a bare list of titles, scriptures, and dates. It is a record of God's hand guiding His servant and His people. It preserves the seed-sowing of the **Harvest Series**, the waiting of **Advent**, the march of faith in **March**, the fierce wrestling of **Samson**, and the blessed celebrations of Women's Month, Youth and Young Adult Month, Heritage Sunday, Men's Day, and the sacred induction of our Mothers.

Some sermons will live in me forever—*The King is Here*, *The Hand I Was Dealt*, *I Know It's In You*, and, surely among my dearest, *It's In the Bones*. They are more than words preached on a Sunday; they are the marrow of memory, the sound of Scripture breathing life in the sanctuary.

As you read through these pages, see beyond the ink and hear again the pulse of the living Word. Recall the Sundays when laughter burst free, when tears traced quiet paths, when conviction found its mark, and when Christ Himself was lifted high. This first year has been foundation work—stones laid with gratitude, humility, and an expectancy for what God will yet build.



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I cannot close this record without pausing to give thanks for the love this church has shown to Malika and me. From the warmth of your welcome to the steadfastness of your prayers, you have embraced us not as strangers, but as family. For every kindness, every word of encouragement, every unseen act of devotion, we remain profoundly grateful. Dietrich Bonhoeffer once wrote, “It is only with gratitude that life becomes rich.” Indeed, our lives have been made rich through your generosity of spirit and your tender care. With grateful hearts we bless the Lord for Monumental Baptist Church, and we bless Him for the joy of walking this journey together.

To God be the glory—for what He has done, and for what, in His mysterious and unerring wisdom, He will do still at Monumental Baptist Church.



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From North Memphis to Monumental: A Journey of Faith



Born and raised in the vibrant communities of North Memphis and Frayser, Pastor Myke Collins embodies the resilience and heart of a true Memphian. His spiritual foundation was laid at Lane Avenue Baptist Church, where he was baptized as a child. It was there that his journey in faith began, setting him on a path that would eventually lead to Monumental Baptist Church on South Parkway East.

“Growing up in Memphis, I learned the value of community and the power of faith. North Memphis shaped my character, and Lane Avenue gave me a spiritual compass,” Pastor Collins reflects. “In John 1:1-4, we are reminded that Christ is the Word, the life, and the light of all mankind. This truth guides my life and ministry.”

Mentored by Greatness

For 35 years, Pastor Collins faithfully served at Early Grove Baptist Church under the mentorship of Dr. Herman A. Powell, Sr.



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Dr. Powell's influence was profound, instilling in him the principles of biblical doctrine, strong preparation, and the art of shepherding. These lessons became the bedrock of his own approach to ministry.

"Dr. Powell taught me if one is not a great follower, one will never be a great leader," Pastor Collins shares. "To lead effectively, you must first understand those you lead and what God requires of you. This understanding deepens when rooted in the life-giving power of Christ, as John 1:4 reminds us."

His reverence for leadership extends to Rev. Samuel Billy Kyles, Monumental's iconic pastor of decades past. Rev. Kyles was a prominent figure in the Civil Rights Movement and left an indelible mark on both the church and the city. "Rev. Kyles understood the intersection of faith and justice," Pastor Collins says. "He made Monumental a beacon of hope during one of our nation's most challenging times. I'm honored to walk in his footsteps and carry forward his legacy of community significance."

The First Sermon: A Defining Moment

Pastor Collins' inaugural sermon at Monumental, titled "What Do You Bring to the Table?", was inspired by John 21:1-13, the account of the risen Christ appearing to His disciples by the Sea of Galilee. In this passage, Jesus invites the disciples to a miraculous breakfast, challenging them to trust in His provision while also contributing what they have to the table. For Pastor Collins, this scripture encapsulated the heart of his ministry and the message he wanted to impart to the congregation.



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“This passage is about partnership with Christ,” Pastor Collins explains. “Jesus already had fish on the fire, but He asked the disciples to bring some of what they had caught. It’s a beautiful



reminder that while God provides, He also calls us to actively participate in His work.”

In his sermon, Pastor Collins posed the same question to his congregation: “What do you bring to the table?” He urged them to consider their spiritual

gifts, talents, and resources as offerings to God’s kingdom. “The table represents both community and mission,” he says. “It’s a place where we come together to share in God’s abundance and to serve His purpose.”

The sermon also highlighted the disciples’ initial failure to catch fish and the transformative moment when they followed Jesus’ instruction to cast their net on the right side of the boat. This shift from frustration to abundance served as a powerful metaphor for faith and obedience. “Sometimes, all it takes is trusting Jesus and adjusting our approach,” Pastor Collins noted. “When we align our efforts with His will, the results are nothing short of miraculous.”

By weaving together personal reflection, scriptural insight, and a call to action, Pastor Collins’ sermon resonated deeply with the congregation. Members described it as both convicting and inspiring, a message that challenged them to see their role in God’s plan with fresh eyes.

“A first sermon is a defining moment,” Pastor Collins reflects. “It’s about setting a tone of collaboration and faithfulness. Just as Jesus invited His disciples to bring their fish, I invited Monumental



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to bring their faith, their talents, and their commitment to build something extraordinary together.” Looking back, Pastor Collins sees that sermon as the foundation of his ministry at Monumental. “John 21 reminds us that Christ’s invitation is both personal and communal,” he says. “It’s a call to trust, to contribute, and to come together as His people. That’s what Monumental is all about.”

Pastor Collins is committed to fostering strong relationships with fellow pastors and churches along South Parkway. He envisions a revival of collaborative worship and community engagement that uplifts the entire area. “We are stronger together,” he asserts. “By uniting our congregations, we can amplify our impact and bring Christ’s love to every corner of our city. Our unity reflects the power and presence of Christ, the Word who brings light to all.”

Under Pastor Collins’ leadership, Monumental Baptist Church is stepping boldly into the digital age. He sees technology as a powerful tool for ministry, particularly in reaching youth and young adults. “We aim to leverage social media to tell people about a Monumental Christ,” he says. “Our goal is for young people to find their place here and say, ‘This is my church.’ We want the 20- and 30-somethings to become part of an enduring legacy of those who love Christ and will remain faithful no matter what.” Pastor Collins believes that technology can bridge generational gaps, allowing the timeless message of Christ’s love to resonate with modern audiences. “We are called to innovate for the sake of the gospel,” he adds, “to ensure that every soul— young or old—can find the light and life offered by Christ.”

Monumental Baptist Church has a rich legacy as a cornerstone of Memphis’ spiritual and cultural life. During the Civil Rights Movement, it was a sanctuary for hope and action. Today, Pastor Collins is dedicated to continuing that legacy while welcoming all



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who enter its doors. “We are the Friendly Church on the Parkway,” he declares. “Our mission is to serve a Monumental God who does Monumental things. We invite everyone—locals and visitors alike—to join us in worship, hear the gospel, and lift their voices in praise. As John 1:1-4 reminds us, the Word became flesh, and through Him, we find life and light.”

As Pastor Collins leads Monumental into a new era, he draws strength from the profound faith that has guided him throughout his life. “We continue to have faith because we know God has the power,” he says. “This church has stood as a monument to that truth for generations, and it’s my privilege to help carry that torch forward. Faith and light go hand in hand, as Christ Himself is the light of all mankind.

He envisions Monumental Baptist Church as a place that thrives at the intersection of tradition and innovation, where biblical principles meet the progressive strategies necessary to meet the needs of every generation. His forward-looking approach is grounded in the eternal truth of John 1:1-4, which declares Christ as the Word and the light that illuminates all paths.

“Our aim is to ensure that Monumental is a church for everyone,” Pastor Collins says. “This means creating an environment where all generations feel seen, valued, and equipped to grow in their faith. From seniors who have called this church home for decades to young adults seeking a spiritual residence of their own, Monumental must be a beacon for all.” Central to this vision is an emphasis on youth and young adults. Pastor Collins passionately



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believes in creating spaces where the 20- and 30-somethings can feel ownership and connection. “I want young people to say, ‘This is my church.’ Not their parents’ church, not their grandparents’ church, but a church that reflects their voice, their challenges, and their aspirations. We will cultivate vibrant ministries tailored to their spiritual, social, and professional development.”

To achieve this, Pastor Collins plans to integrate cutting-edge technology with gospel-centered teaching. “We will leverage livestreaming, interactive Bible studies, and social media platforms to spread the gospel beyond our walls,” he explains. “Our goal is to ensure that whether someone is in the sanctuary or on their smartphone, they feel connected to the Word and to our Monumental family.”

Equally important is Monumental’s commitment to outreach. Pastor Collins envisions new initiatives to serve Memphis’ most vulnerable populations, including partnerships with local organizations to address food insecurity, homelessness, and educational disparities. “Christ’s love compels us to act,” he says. “As a church, we are called to be His hands and feet in the world. That means not only preaching the gospel but living it through service and advocacy.”

He also seeks to celebrate Monumental’s history as a leader in the Civil Rights Movement while building a future that honors its legacy. He envisions the church as a hub for community dialogue, cultural preservation, and intergenerational mentorship. “We will continue to tell the story of Monumental Baptist Church as a place where faith meets action,” he affirms. “Our legacy is one of courage and conviction, and that legacy will guide us as we step boldly into the future.” Above all, Pastor Collins is committed to keeping Christ at the center of all things. “Everything we do points back to the gospel,” he concludes. “We serve a



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Monumental God, and through Him, we will achieve monumental things. Together, we will be a church for every generation, every background, and every soul seeking the light of Christ.”

Sidebar: Fast Facts About Pastor Myke Collins, Jr.

- **Hometown:** Memphis, TN
- **Education:** Christian Brothers University
- **Spiritual Foundation:** Baptized at Lane Avenue Baptist Church
- **Mentorship:** Mentored by Dr. Herman A. Powell, Sr. at Early Grove Baptist Church
- **Vision:** Leveraging technology and community partnerships to advance the gospel
- **Legacy:** Following in the footsteps of Civil Rights leader Rev. Samuel Billy Kyles
- **First Sermon at Monumental:** **November 24, 2024** --*What Do You Bring to the Table?*



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4 Part Series: Guided By God

- July 7 **I'm In Good Shape Now**
Jeremiah 18:1-6
- July 14 **My Days at the Brook**
I Kings 17:1-8
- July 21 **It's In The Bones**
Ezekiel 37:1-14
- July 28 **Moving Through Your Reroute**
Jonah 1:1-4
- August 4 **Moving Through Your Crowd**
Luke 4:16
- August 11 **How to Deal With Your Predicament**
Mark 2:1-5
- August 18 **Dealing With Your Heavy Weight**
Judges 3:12-23
- August 25 **Let's Straighten Out**
Luke 13:10-13



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September 1 **Unfinished Business**
Judges 1:1-8

September 8 **An Unseen Assignment**
I Samuel 9:22-24

September 15 **Is It Worth It?**
Hebrews 10:32-36

September 22 **Rev. Eric Dunn**

September 29 **Hustling for a Harvest**
Matthew 9:35-38

Harvesting Hope

October 6 **Watch Me**
Judges 7:16-22

October 13 **There are Weeds In My Wheat**
Matthew 13:24-30

October 20 **Beware of the Yeasty Boys**
Matthew 16: 5-12



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October 27 **Sifting Through It (Men's Day)**
Luke 22:31-32

Fall

November 3 **A Benefits Package**
Psalm 103:1-5

First Sunday as Pastor

November 24 **What Do You Bring to the Table?**
John 21:4-13

The Season of Advent

December 1 **Expecting A King**
Luke 1:26-24-33

December 8 **You Can't Stay Here**
Luke 1-8

December 15 **The King is Here!**
Luke 2:8-16

December 22 **Where is The King?**
Matthew 2:1-7

December 29 **If It Had Not Been!**
1 Samuel 7:2-12



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January 5 **Out With Old and In With Bold**
Isiah 43:14-19

January 12 **Shake It Off!**
Acts 28:1-4



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January 19 **I Have Found Him**
John 1:45

January 26 **Strength in Your Struggle**
Genesis 32:22-31

Black (Church) History Month

February 2 **The Color Purple**
Acts:16-14-15

February 9 **It's in the Song**
Psalm 40:1-3



February 16 **A Song in the Night**
Job 35:9-11

February 23 **Installation**

Marching Into March

March 2 **Marching Into More**
Joshua 6:15-16

March 9 **Marching Into Your Wilderness**
Matthew 4:1-2



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March 16 **Marching Out of Your Ark**
Genesis 8: 15-17

Approaching Calvary

March 23 **The Hand I was Dealt**
Mark 3:1-6 KJV

March 30 **Jesus: Wanted Dead or Alive**
John 11:53-54

April 6 **When They Are Out To Get You!**
John 12:9-11

April 13 **Here Comes The King (Palm Sunday)**
Luke 19:28-40

April 20 **Elevating at Easter**
Matthew 28:6 NIV

May 4 **It's All In a Name**
Genesis [41:50](#)-52 KJV

May 11 **I Know It's In You (Mothers' Day)**
John 2:1-5 KJV

May 18 **Send Judah First**
Judges 1:1-2 KJV



May 25 **Looking Back To Move Forward**
Deuteronomy 6:4-12



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June 1	They're Not Like Us Peter 2:9 NIV
June 8	I'm Lit (Pentecost Sunday) Act 2:1-4
June 15	Loyal, But Lost (Father's Day) Luke 15:25-31
June 22	A Special Assignment Jeremiah 1:5-8
July 6	What the Gourd Has to Do With It! 2 Kings 4:38-41
July 13	Come Out With Your Hands Up! Daniel 3:27-30
July 20	The Doctor Is In! Jeremiah 8:18-22
July 27	Ease On Down The Road Psalm 84:5-7

Samson: When Strength Meets Struggle

August 3	The Struggle and the Sweet Judges 14:5-9
August 10	Losses Which Linger Judges 15:7-8



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August 17	Better By Betrayal Judges 15:17-20
August 24	The Delilah Difference Judges 16:17 -22
August 31	Grinding in Gaza/Failure Isn't Final Judges 16:17-22
September 7	An Offer I Can't Refuse Matthew 11:28-30
September 14	Can't Stop, Won't Stop! Acts 5:41-42
September 21	The Danger of the Window Seat Acts 20:7-12
September 28	Here, But Hiding John 20:19
October 5	Nothing But The Blood Exodus 12:21-23
October 12	The Return of the King 2 Samuel 19:9-15
October 19	When Your Armor Has Gaps 1 Kings 22:29-34
October 26	Men's Day
November 2	Digging in New Places
November 9	Mobile AL



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November 16 **Digging in New Places Pt. II**

November 23 **Pastor Anniversary** **Dr. Edward Parker**

EVENTS

Hosted Guest Speakers

June 2024

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| · June 2024 | YOYA Day | Pastor Alvin Riley, Sr
Sovereign Grace Baptist
Church Peoria, IL |
| · September 2024 | Guest Speaker | Rev. Eric Dunn
Prince of Peace Baptist
Church |
| · April 2024 | Women’s Day | Dr. TeNita Freeman
The Gathering Place
Church |
| · February 2025 | Installation Sunday | Dr. William Ladd
Eighth Street Baptist
Church, Chattanooga,
TN |
| | | Dr. Christopher Davis
St. Paul Baptist Church |
| · June 2025 | YOYA Day | Rev. Cameron Kuykindall
Mt. Olive AME Church |
| · October 2025 | Men’s Day | Rev. Eric Givens
Second Baptist Church,
Coldwater, MS |



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Seven Last Words

- Pastor Steevon Hunter, Georgia Ave. Baptist Church
- Pastor Marquis G. McPherson, New Bethel Baptist Church
- Pastor Victor Hassell, Halliburton Baptist Church
- Pastor Marlon D. Bradford, Philadelphia Baptist Church
- Pastor Troy I. Thomas, St. Andrew A.M.E. Church
- Pastor Michael L. W. Moore, Metropolitan Baptist Church
- Pastor Reginald S. Boyce, Riverside Baptist Church

Speaking Engagements

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| · Mt. Moriah Baptist Church Carnes | Church Anniversary
September 2024 |
| · Franklin Street Baptist Church | Guest Speaker
November 2024
Mobile, AL |
| · Greater White Stone | Church Anniversary
September 2025 |
| · Franklin Street Baptist Church | Church Anniversary
November 2025
Mobile, AL |
| · Morning View Baptist Church | Heritage Day
November 2025 |

Revivals

- Harvesting Hope Fall (Host) October 2024
 - Pastor Hosie Hopkins, New Hope Baptist Church
 - Pastor Dr. Marco McNeil, Early Grove Baptist Church
 - Pastor Dr. Christopher Davis, St. Paul Baptist Church



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- Mid-Summer Nights: Mt. Moriah East Baptist Church
June 2025
- Summer Revival: Halliburton Baptist Church
July 2025

Writings

- Marching Into March March 2025
- Elevating at Easter April 2025
- Holy Spirit Our Gift August 2025
- We Have Some Growing To Do October 2025

Funerals

- Mother Azalena Hill June 2025
- Mother Julia Olivia Turner September 2025
- Mother Alberta J. Bean November 2025



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Condolences



**TO LARHONDA HAMILTON (ILLYA),
DERRINESHA JACKSON, DERRICKA
HAYNES (TAUREAN) & FAMILY, *in the
passing of your mother and grandmother, Ms.
Dorothy Jackson, (Hamilton Family, 546 Lucy,
38106; Jackson Family, 44 E. Davant Ave, 38109;
Haynes Family, 1855 Carver Ave., 38114).***

**TO SISTER STENOLA JOHNSON & FAMILY, *in the
passing of your brother-in-law, Mr. Sylvester Peete (1258 Old
Hickory Road).***

May God's comforting presence surround you during this time of sorrow. We pray that He grants you strength, peace, and healing as you remember your loved one. Please know your family in Christ is here to assist you.

Your Monumental Family

Please join us for dinner immediately following morning worship service today downstairs in the Pioneer Fellowship Hall.

CHURCH MEETING

Next Sunday, November 30, 2025

Immediately following
morning worship service

No Bible Study
Wednesday

Enjoy your
Thanksgiving

PRAYING FOR OUR MEMBERS

Ebony Hart	158 Shofner Ave	38109
Stenola Johnson	1258 Old Hickory Rd.	38106
Rev. Joe McGowens	2919 Poplar Woods	38672
Daneka Todd-Criss	6591 Barkshire	38141
Martha B. Green	1946 Pomona	38116
The Martin Family		
Lillian Walker	308 Loraine Road	38109
Joyce Franklin	7291 English Cove	38125
Myeesha Jeter	New Orleans, LA	
Freddie McGowan	7171 Autumn Song	38125
Delores Christopher	405 Jacklyn	38106
Adriane Glover	1716 Hunters Trace Dr. #202	38120
Mary Parks	1546 Shadowlawn	38106
Matthew Jones	2277 Lynnfield	38109
Krystal Flowers	1425 Taylor	38106
Levester Branch	207 Neely	38109
Bobbie Smith	4372 Winding Hollow Way	38125
Doris Jean Mitchell	4275 Don	38109
Stine Tate	4572 Sundown Lane	38109
James Thomas	5187 Leonard	38109
Shirley Harvey	3385 Westfield Dr.	38115
Thomas Steen	887 Pearce	38107
Geraldine Todd	6591 Barkshire Cove	38141
Bernice Cox	783 Roanoke	38106
Mickie Todd	6591 Barkshire Cove	38141
Gwen Wardlow	4930 Copper Valley Cove	38141

Relatives of members

Sarah Smith (Sister of Jessie Williams)	Tre Holmes (Friends of the Cunningham's)
Perry Cox (Son of Bernice Cox)	Jade Rai Hudson (Neice of Vera Hurn)
Torey Mack (Brother of James Mack)	Patricia Gilmore (Sister Diane Hurth)
Greg Johnson (Brother of Deborah Chism)	Gwendolyn Collins (Sister of Sharon Banks)
Eddie Martin (Mother of Vera Hurn)	Ariel Bush (Daughter of Rev. Freddie Short)
Billy Walker (Husband of Lillian Walker)	Kina Peppers (Niece of Diane Hurth)
Doris Harris (Friend of Joyce Franklin)	Vance/Thomas Family (Friends of Nikki Wms)
Carolyn Hemphill (Sister of Vera Hurn)	Frances Market (Sister of E.V. Booker)
Sylvester Robey (Brother of Lillian Walker)	Tony V. Hedgepeth, Jr. (Shipp Family Member)
Mariah Haley (Friend of Nichole Weaver)	Otha Phillips (Mother of Fred Phillips)
Janise Smith (Granddaughter of Bobbie Smith)	Donna Rice (Sister in law of James Thomas)
Shannon Fisher (Cousin of Dorothy Davis)	Carolyn Hedgepeth (Shipp Family Member)
Shawn & Eugina Jolley (Friend of Malika Collins)	Deonna & Jeremy Simpson (Friend-M. Collins)
Cookie/Farrah Webber (Friend of Nikki Williams)	Tia Cannon (Friend of Deborah/Kennedy Chism)
Dr. Connie J. Smith (Dr. Tameka Lewis)	Richard Horner, Jr. (Friend of Dr. Tameka Lewis)

In an effort to keep our sick list updated, please notify the church office staff of a member or relative that should be removed.

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Monumental (YOYA) is partnering with The CamKuy Group for their Annual Holiday Magic Toy Drive. If you would like to donate a toy or gift, please see Sister Tammie Gordon. **The deadline is DECEMBER 7.**

Thank You

Christmas Breakfast

Saturday, December 13 @ 9:30 A.M.



Begins

Nov. 30

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~Sunday School~

To Everything Turn, Turn, Turn

Judah Taken Captive

Unit Theme: Ezekiel and the Exile of Judah

Devotional Reading: Jeremiah 17:5 - 10

Background Scripture: Ezekiel 18: 1-32; 33:1- 20

Printed Text: Ezekiel 33:7 – 16a

Key Verse: So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me. (Ezekiel 33:7' KJV). The twelfth year of the Babylonian exile bracket today's lesson text of Ezekiel 33:7–16a (see Ezekiel 32:1, 17; 33:21). That exile happened in three stages, with deportations taking place in the years 605, 597, and 586 BC (2 Kings 24:1–25:21). Ezekiel prophesied during one of the Israel's darkest periods – the Babylonian exile. He himself was among the first groups of exiles taken to Babylon in 597BC, where he received his prophetic call. "The twelfth year" dates from 597 BC (Ezekiel 1:2). Thus our lesson today takes us into the year of the fall of Jerusalem, in 586 BC. The residents of Judah who had been in exile already for 12 years and longer were about to experience another wave of their countrymen joining them in captivity. Regarding literary context, the text for today's lesson is part of the larger unit of Ezekiel 33:1–20. This unit examines and illustrates Ezekiel's role as a prophet, the messages he is to convey, what mindset to expect from his audience, and how to respond to wrong thinking. Ezekiel 33:1–20 is something of a condensed version of Ezekiel 18, in which the prophet corrects an exaggerated view of group responsibility that sees its members as children suffering for the sins of their parents. Ezekiel gave the people a clear warning so that they would have an opportunity to turn from their sins, do what was right, and find life.

Application for Activation - This week show your commitment to ethical leadership and moral courage in your job and personal life. Let your dedication to truth and justice, balanced with mercy and hope, reflect Christ's character to others. Also, commit to helping others as they work toward a positive change.

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Regular Weekly Activities of Our Church

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Review of Lesson & Prayer
	11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Service
Wednesday	6:00 P.M.	Bible Study
	7:00 P.M.	Choir Rehearsal

*Remember to bring your Bibles to
Church each Sunday*

1 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are
Spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness;
considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of
Christ. Galatians 6:1-2

If you have the FAITH, GOD has the Power!
~Reverend Samuel "Billy" Kyles!
(1959-2016)