



¹² Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,
² Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

THEME 2026: "Grounded in Legacy; Guided by Love"
 (Hebrews 12:1-2 (KJV))

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**MT. BETHEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
CHURCH & PASTOR'S ANNIVERSARY
160TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY**



*The Late Pastor R. F. Herring, Sr.
30th Anniversary*



Save the date

Banquet June 13th

6:00 pm

Anniversary Sunday

June 14th, 2026



Reserve your Banquet
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Encouraging Words

Happy Mother's Day

Genesis 3:20 (KJV) And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.

The concept of "Mother's Day" has a long history of religious connections which in modern times seem to have been predominantly Christian. For Christianity, the concept seems to date back to establishment of England's "Mothering Sunday," a custom of the people which provided that one attends the mother church in which he was baptized on Mid-Lent Sunday. Gifts were to be offered at the altar to the church and to worshippers' mothers. The U.S. observance of Mother's Day, too, has been characterized by church ties from the start. The first general observance of the occasion was in the churches of Philadelphia after Miss Anne Jarvis campaigned for a holiday for mothers more than 50 years ago.

A small boy invaded the lingerie section of a large department store and shyly presented his problem to a woman clerk in the lingerie department. I want to buy a slip as a present for my mother on Mother's Day. "But, I don't know what size she wears." Than the lady said, "Is she tall or short, fat or skinny?" The boy thought for a second, and said, "She's just perfect."

So, the clerk wrapped up a size 34 for him. Two days later, the boy's Mom came to the store by herself and exchanged the slip to a size 52.

Well, mothers are not perfect, no one is, but they are surely needed. Listen you never know how much they mean to you until you don't have one, thank God for godly mothers. Sometimes, we find so many faults with our mothers. "They are too hard," some say; "I can't go to the places my friends go" or "I can't wear the clothes I want to wear." "She's old fashioned; she's just too hard on me." Listen, mothers want the best for their children; they know what's not good for you. She is looking out for your best. Interests. Be thankful for your mother for she is your blessing.

Being a mother is difficult, it's a challenging responsibility that is definitely underappreciated. Being a mother takes patience and commitment. While fathers are supposed to be the spiritual leaders of their household, I believe that mothers still have the greatest influence.

So today we honor you; we appreciated you; we bless you!

We thank you for all you do. You work hard for the family. We thank God for the impact you made in our lives.

"You are the mother of all living."

The Late Pastor R.E Herring, Sr.

Prayer For Mothers

Heavenly Father,

Today I pray for mothers all over the world. For the joyful ones and the grieving ones, the tired ones and the thriving ones. You know every story, every burden, every blessing. Strengthen each one. Encourage their hearts. Fill their homes with peace and their souls with purpose. Let them feel loved, appreciated, and seen not just today, but every day. May they continue to shape generations with wisdom, patience, and prayer. Honor them in ways they never expected. And remind them that motherhood is a calling close to your heart.

Lord, for the one whose mom are no longer here, I ask for comfort today. The ache is deep, the memories strong. Help them grieve honestly and love her still, even in her absence. Wrap their heart in peace, especially in quiet moments when they feel the loss most. Let them remember her with smiles, not only tears. Thank you for the time they shared. Let her legacy live on through them. Be the gentle presence that fills the emptiness. Let today bring healing, hope, and glimpses of joy again. Hold their heart close Thank you for every mother.

In Jesus' name, Amen





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God's Wrath Satisfied in Christ



UNIT 3: God's Wrath Satisfied

- May 3 — Righteousness through Faith—Rom. 3:21-31
- May 10 — Saved from Wrath—Rom. 5:1-11
- May 17 — The Second Adam—Rom. 5:12-21
- May 24 — The End of the Law—Rom. 10:1-13
- May 31 — Christ's Sacrifice Once for All—Heb. 10:1-10



Pastor Stafford Dudley, Sr.
Founder and Pastor of Greater Love Bible Church in Newnan, Georgia,
Pastor of New Springfield Missionary Baptist Church in Greenville, Georgia



Sons of Mt. Bethel Speaker Series (Month of May Speaker) 3rd Sunday, May 17th

160th Anniversary Celebration
Presents:

Pastor Stafford E. Dudley, Sr.

Pastor Stafford E. Dudley, Sr. was born and raised in Lagrange, Georgia, and has faithfully answered God's divine call to preach the Gospel for more than 30 years. Endowed with a profound love for God's Word, Pastor Dudley is a dynamic and anointed preacher whose ministry is marked by passion, clarity, and a profound understanding of God's Word.

Renowned for his insightful exposition of the Holy Scriptures, he proclaims the Gospel with conviction and spiritual authority. His preaching ministry reflects a passionate commitment to rightly dividing the Word of God and empowering believers to live victorious, Christ-centered lives.

In 1998, Pastor Dudley was fellowshipped into **Mt. Bethel Missionary Baptist Church**, where he faithfully served in ministry for many years under the spiritual leadership and mentorship of the late **Pastor R. E. Herring, Sr.** During this formative season, he was spiritually sharpened and prepared for greater pastoral responsibility, gaining deep ministerial experience and pastoral wisdom.

Pastor Dudley currently serves as the **Founder and Pastor of Greater Love Bible Church** in Newnan, Georgia, and as **Pastor of New Springfield Missionary Baptist Church** in Greenville, Georgia. He believes the Church is called to be a supernatural body—comprised of Spirit-filled people—doing supernatural works through the power of God. His ministry focus is firmly centered on proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ locally and globally, in fulfillment of the Great Commission. His preaching is inspired by Luke 4:18–19, declaring freedom, healing, and hope through the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

In addition to his pastoral service, Pastor Dudley honorably served his country in the **United States Navy for 21 years**, retiring with distinction and numerous awards. He resides in the Atlanta, Georgia area with his children and family. Above all, Pastor Dudley's life and ministry stand as a testimony that to **God alone belongs all glory.**



From the Chairman of the 160th Church & Pastor's Anniversary Committee

Beloved Mt. Bethel Family,

Grace and peace to each of you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It is with a full heart and great excitement that I welcome you to the beginning of a truly historic and spirit-filled season in the life of our church. In 2026, Mt. Bethel Missionary Baptist Church will joyfully celebrate **160 years** of God's faithfulness, as well as honor the life, leadership, and legacy of our beloved late Pastor, **Reverend R. E. Herring, Sr.**

Our anniversary theme, "**Grounded by Love**" with scriptural focus from **Hebrews 2:1-2 (KJV)**, was prayerfully chosen by Pastor Herring himself. These words now serve as both a tribute to his vision and a powerful call to the entire Mt. Bethel family as we reflect, rejoice, and renew our commitment to the work of the kingdom.

This theme invites us into a threefold journey:

✠ **Appreciating the Past** – We pause to honor the faith, sacrifice, vision, and unwavering commitment of the saints who laid the foundation of this ministry 160 years ago. Their prayers, perseverance, and love for God continue to hold us steady today.

✠ **Affirming the Present** – As we stand in this moment, we acknowledge that by centering the church's direction and mission in God's love—unconditional, transformative, and unending—which guides our choices, relationships, and ministry.

✠ **Aiming for the Future** – With our eyes fixed on Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith, we press forward with renewed patience, passion, and purpose, ready to run the next leg of the race with unity, courage, and hope.

Our celebratory **Anniversary Banquet on Saturday, June 13, 2026**, and our **Anniversary Worship Celebration on Sunday, June 14, 2026**, our ministry will host a series of events designed to uplift, engage, and inspire every member of the congregation. This year's committee comprised of The Covenant Keepers Marriage Ministry, The Singles Ministry, The Victorious Women's Ministry, The Empowered Brethren Men's Ministry, and BRAM has prayerfully committed itself to planning a season worthy of this milestone.

I encourage you to mark your calendars, prepare your hearts, and join us at every opportunity as we celebrate what God has done, what He is doing, and what He has promised yet to do. Let us move together with joy, unity, and thanksgiving as we honor our heritage and embrace our future. May the love of Christ continue to ground us, guide us, and grow us—today and always.

With gratitude and expectation,

Terence L. Wright

Chairman, 160th Church & Pastor's Anniversary Committee

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Theme: Grounded in Legacy, Guided by Love

(Hebrews 12: 1 – 2 KJV)

Choir Concert Sunday, May 17th (time – tba)

Mt. Bethel has a RICH TRADITION of choirs and singers. Come take a journey through the legacy of the Mt. Bethel Music Ministry with one of the best choirs this side of glory!

Family Night Tuesday, June 9th

This will be a night of fun and fellowship for the entire family. Think Vacation Bible School for all ages, BUT MORE FUN! And with food!

C & P Anniversary Gala Saturday, June 13th 6 p.m.

The colors this year are black & white with gold accent. DRESS UP and let's celebrate a night to remember.

C & P Anniversary Sunday, June 14th 11 a.m. service

*There will be more details about each event as the event dates get closer.

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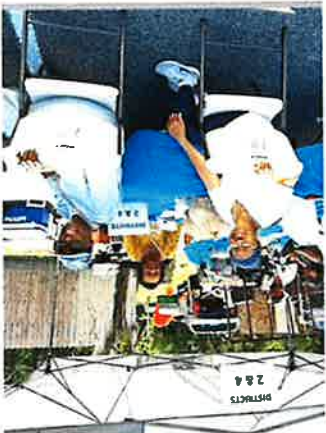


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CELEBRATING THE 160TH ANNIVERSARY WITH THE COMMUNITY COMMUNITY Festival

On Saturday, April 18th, the church hosted a special Community Day to commemorate its 160th anniversary. The event brought together members of both the church and the wider community for a memorable celebration. The parking lot of the Family Life Center was transformed into a vibrant festival space. Districts and ministries set up tents, offering a variety of foods, games, and valuable information about the community. The Moncrief Community Center provided resources, and BRAM organized a scavenger hunt that highlighted the rich history of the church. Attendees enjoyed an assortment of food, including fish, hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken wings, potato salad, popcorn, and desserts. There was plenty of fun and entertainment throughout the day, with games for all ages creating a lively and joyful atmosphere.





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Menu Includes:



**Southern Fried Catfish Dinners
Saturday, May 16, 2026
12pm - 4pm**

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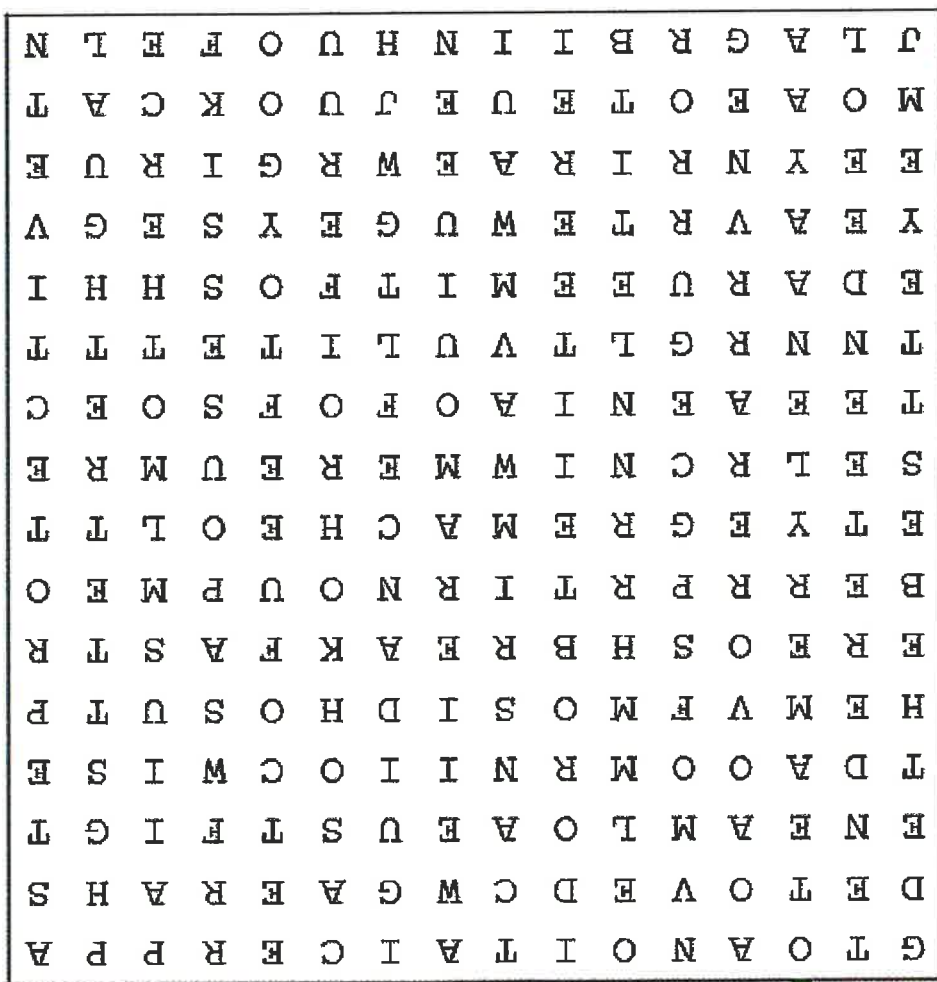
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Mother's Day
 Second Sunday of May



CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led, as we believe, by the spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do now, in the presence of God and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

We engage therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale of and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage; to use our influence to combat the abuse of drugs and the spread of pornography; and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember one another in prayer; to aid one another in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and Christian courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Savior to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place, we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.