



*Faithful Through Generations*

April 6, 2025  
9:00am

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Memphis, TN

*"The Church Where the  
Spirit Meets the Soul"*



**NEW SALEM MEMPHIS  
CHURCH**

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## NEW SALEM MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH 1928-PRESENT

The emerging theme of "God is good all the time, and all the time God is good" is clearly evident throughout the history of New Salem Missionary Baptist Church (the original name). In the spring of 1928 at the home of Will and Sylvester Wadell, the foundation was laid for a new church and what would become one of the greatest church fellowships of this present day - the New Salem Baptist Church of Memphis, Inc.

In the fall of 1928 with the dedication and determination of the organizing committee – **Rev. and Mrs. Bridgewater**, Phillip Hubbard, Julia Smith-Ransom and others, property was purchased on Tillman Street. Under the leadership of **Pastor Tyler**, a small white-framed structure was built. The New Salem Baptist Church was formed and destined for greatness with such leaders as **Rev. Tyler, Reverend Hayes, Rev. J.B. Hooker** and **Rev. O.C. Reed**, making it necessary to expand the seating capacity and add a choir loft.



The church flourished during the 1940's under the energetic pastorate of **Rev. A. Harrison Banks** and **Rev. T.L. Tipton**, and more property was purchased. Under the guidance of **Rev. L.A. Blake** in 1947 and for two decades, the New Salem congregation continues to grow both physically and spiritually. The church added many ministries, the existing ministries grew, and the church gained membership in the National Congress of Leadership Training seminars.



In February 1972, there was a move of the Holy Spirit, and as a sprinter passes the baton on to the next runner, so did **Rev. L.A. Blake**. He passed the New Salem Baptist Church congregation on to **Rev. Dr. Frank E. Ray, Sr.** Under this anointed and electrifying preacher, the church grew and was propelled to another spiritual level, adding more members to the congregation, new church programs and ministries. The New Salem congregation was on the move. God continued to bless the ministry as the congregation outgrew their existing

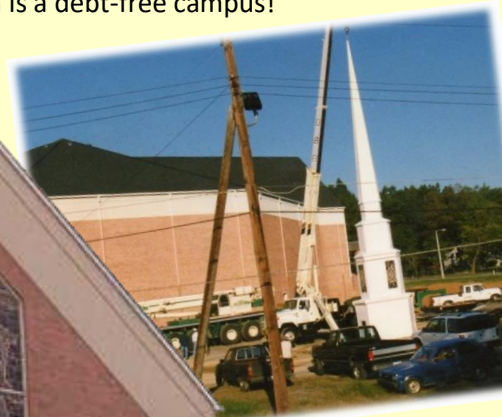
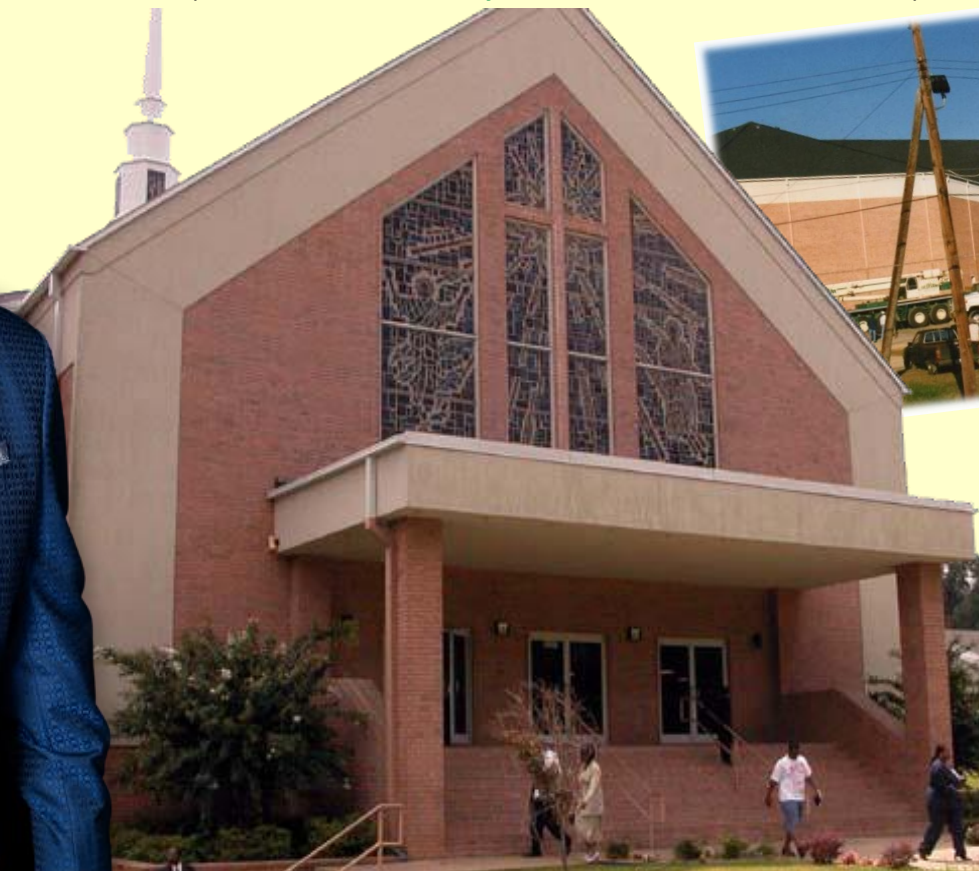




On August 19, 1978, **Rev. Dr. Frank E. Ray, Sr.** led the New Salem church family from 682 Tillman Street to 2231 South Parkway East, to a larger more spacious sanctuary. Through the dynamic preaching of Dr. Ray via radio and television, evangelism, and outreach ministries began to produce exceptional growth. With a desire to build for the kingdom of God, the property west of the existing facility was purchased and later dedicated as the Earmon Terry Educational Building in the loving memory of Dea. Earmon Terry, a faithful Deacon, Trustee, and one of the oldest and most beloved members of the New Salem church family.



Through the leadership and vision of **Dr. Ray**, the New Salem church continued to buy the surrounding properties, and with governmental cooperation, was able to restore the property across the street, "Salem Manor", and provide housing for many families. In 1994, the New Salem Missionary Baptist Church was destined to expand once again, and at a groundbreaking ceremony was held for the new super structure to be built on the east side of the existing structure. To the glory of God, **Dr. Ray** has led the New Salem ministry to build and develop a full-time, multi-purpose ministry. After a long and challenging building project, a new magnificent edifice was completed. The super structure houses a 2,500+ seat sanctuary, banquet hall, Family Life Recreation Center, computer lab, media ministry, God Is Good bookstore, and multi-level classrooms. The total purpose is to meet the needs of the church congregation and community as it continues to take the leadership role in local, national, and international evangelism. This majestic edifice is a testimony of the power of faith and prayer and stands as a beacon of light and a monument of hope to all who will seek the Lord, obey His word, and come to know of His unlimited power-saving grace and mercy. As of October 2016, under the current leadership of **Rev. Dr. Frank E. Ray, Sr.**, New Salem is a debt-free campus!





**Rev. Bertrand M. Bailey, Jr., Pastor**

New Greenwood Missionary Baptist Church  
Greenwood, LA  
&

Greater Bible Way Church  
Mt. Pleasant, TX

9:00am Evangelist



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### Christian Symbolism of our Anniversary Colors

**GREEN** represents eternal life, resurrection, and spiritual growth, hope, abundance, and God's provision. "He makes me lie down in green pastures..." (Psalm 23:2)

**CREAM** symbolizes purity, holiness, righteousness, peace, humility, gentleness, and divine presence in Christianity. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow." (Isaiah 1:18)

When paired together, green and cream create a balance between Growth (green) and Peace (cream). This combination encourages gentle transformation, healing, and abundance while maintaining a sense of calm and spiritual wisdom.



## New Salem 97<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary

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9:00 am Worship Service

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Praise & Worship – Lady Crystal Jones & Praise Team

Mission & Vision Statements – Rev. Dr. Alex Glenn

Altar Call – Rev. Michael Sanders

Occasion- Sis. Alexis McKay

*“Reflections on the Decades” (3 minutes)*

*The 50’s – Deacon Gardie Taylor*

*The 60’s – Sis. Carla Patton*

*The 70’s – Deacon Ricky Terry*

*The 80’s- Deacon Jeff Bell*

*The 90’s -Sis. Vernika Johnston*

*The 2000’s- Bro. Earnest Woods*

Offeratory

Introduction of Speaker – Dr. Ray

Selection – Mass Choir

Song of Preparation – Mass Choir

Message – Rev. Bertrand Bailey, Jr.

Invitation

Recognition of Visitors (*Please scan QR Code on screen*)

Special Presentation:

Lady Carolyn Coward & Anniversary Team

Remarks – Dr. Ray

Benediction – Rev. Bailey





**Anniversary Team** – Bro Jalen Hurt, Dea. Delvin Coleman, Sis. Alexis McKay, Sis. Sandra Walls, Sis. Bobbie Wesson, Dea. Eric Noel, Lady Carolyn Coward – Chair, Sis. Demetria Adair (Not Pictured Dr. Linda Chism)



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