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METROPOLITAN ARCHBISHOP DR. STERLING LANDS II, SENIOR PASTOR

Pursuing and Practicing Godliness as a Family Priority

2 Peter 1:3-11

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Our Pastor

Metropolitan Archbishop Dr. Sterling Lands II serves as founding and senior pastor of the Greater Calvary Bible Church International and as the International Presiding Bishop of Family Life International Fellowship, Inc.,

He is married to International First Lady Deaconess Mable Lands for over 50 years, both of whom are from Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Together they have two sons and ten grandchildren.

Pastor Lands has accomplished much within his 80 given years. He has travelled the world as a result of work as a process engineer, a musician, a leader of non-violent methods for social change and a minister of the gospel. His reputation and character has afforded him the opportunity to work with leaders such as the Rev. Jesse Jackson and the Rev. James Bevel.

He was selected by friends and family to be one of the carriers of the 2002 Winter Olympic Torch.

He founded the Greater Calvary Eagle Academy (K-6) and the Abundant Life Learning Center (ages 2-6) as a result of his efforts to strengthen families and the community. Additionally, he established the GCROP, or Greater Calvary Servant Warrior Leader Youth Development Process.

Pastor Lands work is to pursue Godliness as a family priority. So whether it is accomplished through marching on Washington or marching on the community streets the goal is the same, to raise a people that know the truth.

Pastor Lands is a student of learning. He is the author of several books including, "Evolution of a Character Development Model that Works"; "Integrity First"; "The Main Ingredient"; "Lyrics For Living Holy"; "Holiness". and more.

He has received two doctorates and has been promoted to several bishopric positions as a result of his studies of God's word. His quest to uncover the African Diaspora inside the biblical narrative has given him even more confidence to uplift a people.

Pastor Lands is a treasure and we the Greater Calvary Bible Church International, love him very much.



CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: We are the body of Christ.

CONGREGATION: our mission is to win souls to christ, make disciples, develop christ-centered families of high integrity as a kingdom priority, live free, serve one another and worship God.

LEADER: We work to save the lost, educate the saved, liberate the educated, serve the Saints and worship God.

CONGREGATION: As we know Jesus better, his divine power gives us everything we need for living a godly life.

LEADER: He has called us to receive his own glory and goodness!

CONGREGATION: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

CONGREGATION: We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

LEADER: Through him all things were made.

CONGREGATION: For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven. By the power of the Holy Ghost Jesus was conceived in the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

LEADER: For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

CONGREGATION: On the third day he rose from the dead fully alive in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

LEADER: He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

CONGREGATION: We believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

LEADER: With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

CONGREGATION: We believe in one holy universal and apostolic Church; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

LEADER: The Lord our God is the one and only Lord.

CONGREGATION: We love the Lord our God with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind, and all our strength.

LEADER: Lord, we surrender our gifts, skills, talent, time and treasure in serving you and our Church family.

CONGREGATION: Lord show us how and where to invest the resources that you have blessed us with to benefit the ministry and your people.

LEADER: Lord, please unite our hearts and minds by your Spirit as we gather to worship.

CONGREGATION: We put aside all distractions to worship you in spirit and truth.

LEADER: Dear God, please fill us with your Spirit as you commanded us to be filled and as you promised in your word that you would do when we asked in faith.

CONGREGATION: Lord, thank you for directing the life of your people and for filling us with your Spirit.

ALL: In the name of Jesus the Christ our Lord, Amen.

ALL: Our God is the awesome God!

PRAISE

AWESOME GOD

WELCOME

Romans 15:7 Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

“Good [morning/afternoon/evening], and welcome to Greater Calvary Bible Church International!

We are so glad that you’ve chosen to join us today as we come together to lift up the name of the Lord in praise and worship. Whether you are a long time member or visiting for the first time, we believe that your presence here today is not by accident. God has something special for each of us, and we are excited to experience his presence together.

The psalmist reminds us in Psalm 100:4 - Enter His gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name.

Let’s celebrate together!

SOCIAL MEDIA

Colossians 3:17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. celebrate His goodness and grace!”

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TESTIMONY

TWO (2) MEMBERS SHARE

Psalm 66:16 *Come and listen, all you who fear God; let me tell you what he has done for me.*

Revelation 12:11 *And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.*

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

DEACONS

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LORD'S PRAYER

ALL STAND

Matthew 6:9-13

After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

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ORDINANCES

We believe the two ordinances of the church are believer's water baptism by immersion as a testimony to Christ and identification with Him, and the Lord's Supper as a remembrance of Christ's death and shed blood (Matt. 28:19-20; Acts 2:41-42, 18:8; 1 Cor. 11:23-26).

BAPTISM

Acts 8:36 "And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, 'See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?' And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him."

HOLY COMMUNION

BEFORE COMMUNION

Heavenly Father, We come before You with humble and grateful hearts, thanking You for the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who gave His body and shed His blood for the forgiveness of our sins. As we prepare to partake in this Holy Communion, we examine our hearts and ask for Your forgiveness for anything that separates us from You. Cleanse us, renew us, and fill us with Your Spirit, that we may partake in a worthy manner. May this bread and cup remind us of Christ's sacrifice and the covenant of grace we share in Him. In Jesus' name, Amen.

DURING COMMUNION

Matthew 26:26-28 While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body."

Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you."

This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

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COMMUNION CONTINUED

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 *He replied, "One of you who has just eaten from this bowl with me will betray me.*

For the Son of Man must die, as the Scriptures declared long ago. But how terrible it will be for the one who betrays him. It would be far better for that man if he had never been born!"

Judas, the one who would betray him, also asked, "Rabbi, am I the one?"

And Jesus told him, "You have said it."

As they were eating, Jesus took some bread and blessed it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "Take this and eat it, for this is my body."

Lord Jesus, We thank You for Your body, broken for us, and Your blood, poured out for the remission of our sins. As we eat this bread, we remember Your sacrifice on the cross and Your victory over sin and death. As we drink this cup, we proclaim Your death until You return. Unite us as one body, Lord, and strengthen us to live for You. May this Communion nourish our faith, renew our hope, and deepen our love for You and one another. In Your holy name, Amen.

AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, Thank You for feeding us with the spiritual food of the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ. As we have shared in this sacred meal, we are reminded of Your great love and faithfulness. Empower us by Your Spirit to live as faithful disciples, walking in Your ways and sharing Your love with the world. Keep us in unity with You and one another until Christ returns in glory. In Jesus' name, Amen.

PRAISE

Psalm 100:1, 2 *Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!*

Colossians 3:16 *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.*

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

DEACON

Tithes and offerings are biblically intended to support the work of ministry, care for the pastor, care for the poor, and reflect faith and obedience to God.

2 Corinthians 9:6,7 The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Gracious God, we offer these gifts as a reflection of our gratitude for Your unending blessings. Use them to further Your kingdom, to bring hope, and to make Your love known. Bless each giver, and may our hearts be committed to Your purpose. In the name of Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.

GIVING

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PREACHER

FIRST SUNDAY: SENIOR PASTOR

Romans 10:13-15 *for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”*

2 Timothy 4:2 *Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.*

ALTAR CALL

Matthew 11:28-30 *Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”*

Matthew 10:32,33 *So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.*

Revelation 3:20-22 *Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me. To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”*

Romans 10:8-11 *But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.”*

TEACHER

2ND-5TH SUNDAY

Psalms 119:105 *Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*

Matthew 28:19,20 *Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”*

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ACKNOWLEDGE GUEST

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Host: Turning Point Bible Church

Every Wednesday:

Mid-Week Worship at 7:00 pm

Friday, December 13:

Gospel Concert at 7pm

Sunday, December 15:

Pastoral Care Sunday

Thursday, December 19:

Community Dinner

Saturday, December 21:

Movie Night at 5:00 pm

Wednesday, December 25:

Christmas Day Worship at 10:00 am

Tuesday, December 31:

Watch Night service at 9:00 pm

PRAISE

MUSIC MINISTRY

GIVING

FINANCE MINISTRY

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CLOSING LITURGY

ALL READ

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy,

to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

ALL STAND



Happy Birthday

Keitha Chester	12/10
Freddie Simpkins	12/10
LaDonna Tavernier	12/11
Sheila Robinson	12/11
Patrick Woods	12/12
Davonna Jones	12/18
Joshua Sermon Sr,	12/21
Chris Whitaker	12/26
Nicole Youmans	12/27
Jefferey Sterling	12/30





You can Donate the following food items:

- Can goods (pull top if available)
- Fruits
- Vegetables
- Breads
- Meats
- Water
- Nuts

Items can be dropped off during the week

Intl. First Lady Deaconess Dr. Mable Lands, Chair

OPEN DAILY

10:00 - NOON

2:00P - 4:00P

Helping Hands Ministry

Believers are not only called to share the message of salvation but to reflect Christ in their actions, thereby promoting justice, mercy, and compassion in their local communities (*Jeremiah 29:7*).

Acts 2:45 Selling their possessions and goods, they shared with anyone who was in need.

As an arm of our benevolence outreach, the mission and purpose of the Helping Hands ministry is to provide for those in need of basic clothing, furnishings, and the like in the GCBCI family and community.

Donate clean, gently used clothing.

Watch and listen for dates and times to volunteer.

Min. Michael Easley, Chair

Christmas Celebration

We celebrate the gift that is Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior

10:00am
Wednesday, December 25

Tuesday, December 31
9:00pm

Watch Service Celebration

We celebrate what God has done, is doing and will do

Here at Greater Calvary Bible Church International

**Now is the time to give and make
your donations to the ministry**


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Online Version

DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Communion Sunday Metropolitan Archbishop Dr. Sterling Lands II	2	3	4 Mid-Week Worship 7:00PM	5	6	7
8 Overseer LaDonna Tavernier	9	10	11 Mid-Week Worship 7:00PM	12	13 7:00PM Gospel Concert	14
15 Pastoral Care Sunday Overseer LaDonna Tavernier	16	17	18 Mid-Week Worship 7:00PM	19 Christmas Community Dinner 5:30PM	20	21 5:00PM Family Movie Night
22 Overseer LaDonna Tavernier	23	24	25 Christmas Day 10:00AM 	26	27	28
29 Overseer LaDonna Tavernier	30	31 9:00PM Watch Night Service				

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BIBLE CHURCH INTERNATIONAL

METROPOLITAN ARCHBISHOP DR. STERLING LANDS II

Thank you for being a part of our praise and worship service.

We extend an open invitation to join with us at GCBCI for a joyful celebration of God's grace and mercy.

Every Sunday at 10:00 AM and
Wednesday at 7:00 PM