

# GREATER CALVARY BIBLE CHURCH INTERNATIONAL

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**MAY 2024**

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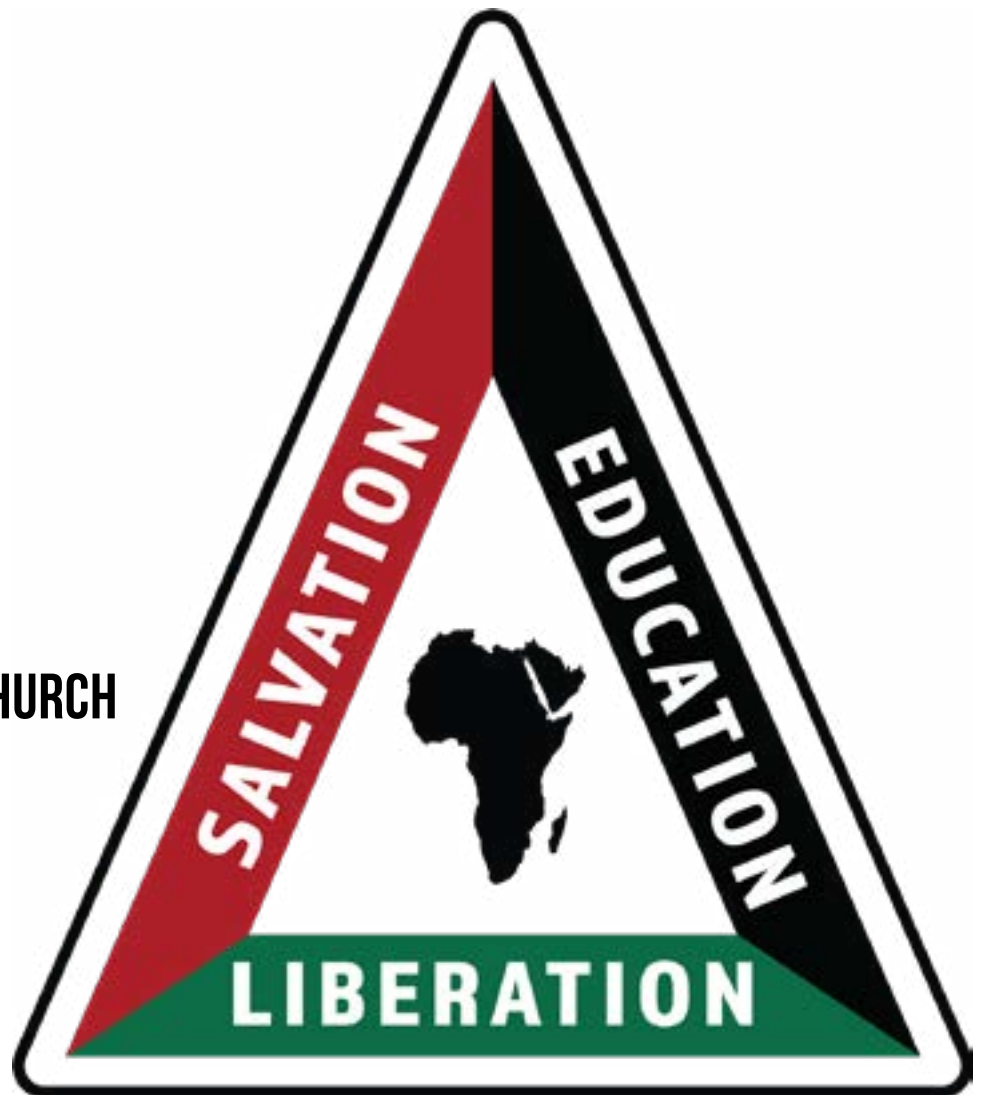
DELTA BIBLE CHURCH

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LAMBDA BIBLE CHURCH

**TURNING POINT BIBLE CHURCH**

OMEGA BIBLE CHURCH



**PRAISE AND WORSHIP**  
SUNDAY 10:00 AM / WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM

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● 1ST SUNDAY ONLY

Please **STAND** for ALL Liturgy

<b>Date</b>	<b>Welcome</b>	<b>Open Liturgy</b>	<b>Intercessory Prayer</b>
<b>Sunday 5</b>	Brother David Reed	Minister Vertilarie Fresch	Deaconess Thresa Cowan
<b>Wednesday 8</b>	Sister Edna Whitaker	Deaconess Thresa Cowan	Minister Vertilarie Fresch
<b>Sunday 12</b>	Minister Thresa Cowan	Overseer Sylvia Addison	Sister Edna Whitaker
<b>Wednesday 15</b>	Sister Edna Whitaker	Deacon Chris Whitaker	Overseer Sylvia Addison
<b>Sunday 19</b>	Minister Sylvia Addison	Brother David Reed	Brother David Reed
<b>Wednesday 22</b>	Deaconess Thresa Cowan	Minister Vertilarie Fresch	Deacon Chris Whitaker
<b>Sunday 26</b>	Brother David Reed	Brother Chris Whitaker	Deaconess Thresa Cowan
<b>Wednesday 29</b>	Minister Sylvia Addison	Deacon Chris Whitaker	Brother David Reed

<b>Date</b>	<b>Offeratory Prayer</b>	<b>Message</b>	
<b>Sunday 5</b>	Minister Vertilarie Fresch	Archbishop Sterling Lands II	
<b>Wednesday 8</b>	Deacon Chris Whitaker	Overseer Sylvia Addison	
<b>Sunday 12</b>	Deacon Chris Whitaker	Minister LaDonna Tavernier	
<b>Wednesday 15</b>	Brother David Reed	Minister Vertilarie Fresch	
<b>Sunday 19</b>	Minister Vertilarie Fresch	Minister LaDonna Tavernier	
<b>Wednesday 22</b>	Minister Vertilarie Fresch	Overseer Sylvia Addison	
<b>Sunday 26</b>	Brother David Reed	Overseer Sylvia Addison	
<b>Wednesday 29</b>	Overseer Sylvia Addison	Minister Vertilarie Fresch	

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## CALL TO ORDER

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST, AS WE GATHER TODAY IN THIS SANCTUARY TO LIFT OUR VOICES AND HEARTS IN PRAISE AND WORSHIP, WE THANK GOD FOR ANOTHER DAY, ANOTHER HOUR TO SERVE. YOU ARE THE GOD OF CREATION, WE WORSHIP YOU.

MAY THIS TIME OF WORSHIP BE A REFLECTION OF OUR LOVE FOR OUR CREATOR AND SAVIOR. LET US PREPARE OUR HEARTS TO OFFER HIM OUR ADORATION, GRATITUDE, AND PRAISE IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH.

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## WELCOME

DEAR BELOVED FAMILY AND HONORED GUESTS; WITH JOYFUL HEARTS AND OPEN ARMS, WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU TO OUR TIME OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP TODAY.

HERE WE ARE BY THE GRACE AND MERCY OF A LOVING GOD SHARING TOGETHER THIS MOMENT. IT IS A BLESSING, AN OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN IN UNITY, LIFTING OUR VOICES AND HEARTS IN WORSHIP TO OUR HEAVENLY FATHER. WHETHER YOU ARE HERE FOR THE FIRST TIME, A FAMILIAR FACE AMONG US, OR ONLINE, YOUR PRESENCE ENRICHES OUR WORSHIP EXPERIENCE.

LET US EMBRACE THIS TIME WITH GRATITUDE, READY TO ENCOUNTER THE PRESENCE OF GOD AND GROW TOGETHER IN HIS LOVE AND GRACE.

# OPENING LITURGY

**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!

## ④ PRAISE

ALL STAND

# ⑤ INTERCESSORY PRAYER

**ALL**

*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside  
the still waters.*

*He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I  
will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they  
comfort me.*

*Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:  
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.*

Lord, thank you for being our shepherd. Lord thank you for grace and mercy. Lord we pray for each other. Lord we pray for those who are hurting. Lord we pray for the family as a kingdom priority.

*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 forever.  
In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy  
Spirit  
Amen.*

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## PRAISE

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## PREACHING

TURNING POINT BIBLE CHURCH MINISTRY





## ALL STAND

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# INVITATION

## LEADER

The doors of the church were opened on Calvary. They are still open today.

## ALL

“If you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved (Romans 10:9-10).

## LEADER

Come to Jesus now while you can. Tomorrow may be too late.

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# PRAISE

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# TEACHING

ARCHBISHOP DR. STERLNG LANDS II

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# PRAISE

# BAPTISM

OFFICIALS

ALL STAND

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## OFFERTORY PRAYER

ALL

“Heavenly Father, we thank You for the abundance You have blessed us with. As we present these offerings, we do so with hearts full of gratitude. May these gifts be used to further Your Kingdom, spread love, and meet the needs of others. Bless the cheerful giver and the gift offered today. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.”

BRING YOUR GIFTS

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**GIVING**

USHERS

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ALL STAND

# **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

## **Psalm 24**

**LEADER:** The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

**ALL:** For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

**LEADER:** Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place?

**ALL:** He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

**LEADER:** He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

**ALL:** This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah.

**LEADER:** Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

**ALL:** Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

**LEADER:** Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

**ALL:** Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah.

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## PRAISE

GCBCI MUSIC MINISTRY

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## COMMUNION

ALL COME TO THE TABLE

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS/GUEST

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RECOGNITION OF GUEST

ALL STAND

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## CLOSING LITURGY

**LEADER**

As we prepare to depart from this place of worship, let us carry the light of God's love into the world.

**ALL**

May the grace of God, the love of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all now and forevermore.

AMEN!

# BENEDICTION

## Announcements

Servant Warrior Leader Rites of Passage

Saturdays 9 - 1 pm

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Sundays @ 9 am

Pastoral Care Sunday

May 19, 2024

## Happy Birthday to our Members

Richard Lands	5/1
Marcus Officer	5/1
Germaine Randolph	5/1
Troy Officer	5/2
Christopher Whitaker	5/4
Kayla Williams	5/5
Zuriel Lands	5/7
Anaya Lands	5/9
Zemirah Lands	5/11
Pedro Hernandez	5/17
Naomi Lands	5/18
Gennell Shuler	5/22
Andreas Fresch	5/22
Kendall Anderson	5/26
Edna Whitaker	5/27
Marie Guyton	5/30



# GCBCI Mission Statement

The Greater Calvary Bible Church is founded on the basic biblical principles of Salvation, Education, and Liberation. We are a Christ-centered Family focused full gospel, abundant life Church family. We believe that people must be saved. Saved people must be taught the truth of God's Word and made free through the application of that truth.

We are an inter-generational ministry and we encourage participation by every member. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we commit to embody the character of Christ, embrace the vision of Christ and empower the people of Christ as we pursue godliness.

We view the family as a Kingdom priority. The book of Romans refers to followers of Christ as members of a body. We understand this as a family of families in which we can encourage one another and be accountable to each other.

We focus attitudes and actions through the lense of salvation, education, liberation, dedication and exaltation. Members are encouraged to pursue godliness as disciples of Christ. Our expectations are high and they involve worship, growing, serving, giving, praying, seeking unity, and being sacrificial as a reflection of our commitment to godliness.

# History

**MAY 01, 1950**

**Gwendolyn Brooks**

The first African-American woman to receive the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry. Years later (1985), she was named Library of Congress's Consultant in Poetry (later called Poet Laureate).

**MAY 02, 1963**

**Black Children Begin Movement Protesting Segregation**

More than 1,000 Black children peacefully protested racial segregation in Birmingham, Alabama, as part of the Children's Crusade, beginning a movement that sparked widely publicized police brutality that shocked the nation and spurred major civil rights advances.

**MAY 03, 1898**

**Septima Clark** educator and civil rights activist, known as "The Grandmother of the Civil Rights Movement," was born.

**MAY 04, 1961**

**Freedom Riders** begin protesting segregation of interstate bus travel in the South.

**MAY 07, 1878**

**Joseph R Winters** patents first fire escape ladder.

**MAY 10, 1740**

**South Carolina passes Negro Act** On May 10, 1740, the South Carolina Assembly enacted the "Bill for the better ordering and governing of Negroes and other slaves in this province," also known as the Negro Act of 1740. The law prohibited enslaved African people from growing their own food, learning

to read, moving freely, assembling in groups, and earning money. It also authorized white enslavers to whip and kill enslaved Africans for being “rebellious.” South Carolina implemented this act after the unsuccessful Stono Rebellion in 1739, in which approximately 50 enslaved Black people resisted bondage and waged an uprising that killed between 20 and 25 white people.

**MAY 15, 1820**

**An act of Piracy** U.S. Congress declares foreign slave trade an act of piracy, punishable by death

**MAY 17, 1954**

**Brown v. Board of Education**, A landmark decision of the U.S. Supreme Court ruling that U.S. state laws establishing racial segregation in public schools are unconstitutional, even if the segregated schools are otherwise equal in quality.

**MAY 18, 1954**

**Plessy v. Ferguson**, Supreme Court Establishes “Separate But Equal” Doctrine as Law ruling that racial segregation laws did not violate the U.S. Constitution as long as the facilities for each race were equal in quality, a doctrine that came to be known as “separate but equal”

**MAY 19, 1925**

**Mrs. Mary Turner**, Brooks County, Georgia, lynched Mary Turner, (Mr. Hayes Turner- Husband) a Black woman who was eight months pregnant, at Folsom’s Bridge 16 miles north of Valdosta for speaking publicly against the lynching of her husband the day before. The mob bound her feet, hanged her from a tree with her head facing down, threw gasoline on her, and burned the clothes off her body. Mrs. Turner was still alive when the mob took a large butcher’s knife to her abdomen, cutting the unborn baby from her body. When the baby fell from Mrs. Mary Turner, a member of the mob crushed the crying baby’s head with his



foot. The mob then riddled Mrs. Turner's body with hundreds of bullets killing her.

**MAY 19, 1925**

**Malcom X**, Born this date as Malcolm Little (aka El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz) in Omaha, Nebraska

**MAY 23, 1796**

**Ms. Ona "Oney" Judge**, A newspaper ad was placed seeking the return of Ona "Oney" Judge an enslaved Black woman who had "escaped from the household of the President of the United States," George Washington. Ms. Judge had successfully escaped enslavement two days earlier, fleeing Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and settling in freedom in New Hampshire.

# GCBCI

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## ALPHA BIBLE CHURCH

BISHOP KRISTOFFER LANDS

## BETA BIBLE CHURCH

BISHOP RICHARD LANDS

## DELTA BIBLE CHURCH

BISHOP NESHAUN JONES

## LAMBDA BIBLE CHURCH

MINISTER MICHAEL EASLEY

## THETA BIBLE CHURCH

OVERSEER LARRY LANDS

## TURNING POINT BIBLE CHURCH

OVERSEER LADONNA TAVERNIER

## OMEGA BIBLE CHURCH

BISHOP MAURICE YOUMANS