

Greater Calvary
Bible Church

36th Annual Founders Day

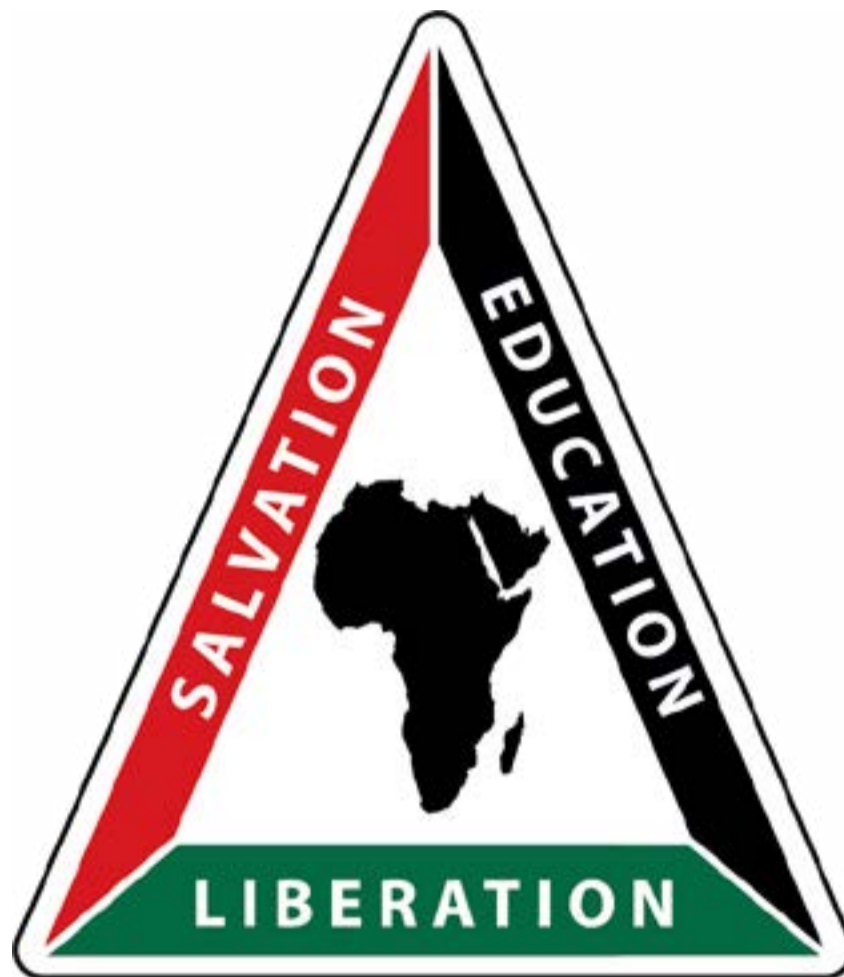
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**Godly
Family
Values**



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Church History



The organizing members met as a body for their first worship service September 23, 1984 in the church annex of the Loyalty Missionary Baptist Church of East Austin. After worship service those in attendance covenant among themselves to organize a new church under the Pastoral leadership of Rev. Sterling Lands, II, D. Div.

Twenty-three (23) people met the following Wednesday, September 26, 1984 and did organize the Greater Calvary Baptist Church with Dr. Sterling Lands, II as Pastor.

We were advised that we had to move October 2, 1984. God opened a door for us at 1176 Oakgrove, a building formerly occupied by the Greater Love Missionary Baptist Church. We moved on October 6, 1984.

As our membership continued to grow, we realized that we needed a larger facility that would house our growing membership and our ministries. In May of 1990, we moved to 7517 Cameron Road.

It was at this location that our Abundant Life Learning Center was opened on June 10, 1990 and our Greater Calvary Rites of Passage was fully implemented on January 15, 1991.

As we continued to grow, the demand for a larger facility was upon us again and through the guidance and leadership of the Holy Spirit and the financial assistance of a member of the River Bend Baptist Church, we were blessed to purchase a facility at 6510 Berkman Drive.

On June 24, 1994, members led by pastor Lands marched from the Cameron Road location to our new location for the first Sunday Morning Worship Service in our new facility.



WE ARE DEBT FREE.

A Letter from our Pastor

Dear Beloved Family,

God has prepared us over the last 36 years for such a time as this.

Many churches had to scramble to figure out how to do church online in the wake of COVID-19, and congregations have learned myriad new skills and ways of reaching their members in a time of crisis. As churches figure out how to re-open, there may be an impulse to abandon these lessons in favor of doing church how we use to do it. However, just because the church will be meeting in person again, does not mean that it has to diminish its digital footprint.



Greater Calvary Bible Church is in for a period of readjustment before everyone can worship together. This could be well into 2021 before vulnerable people are able to gather in worship, and even then, some may feel that it would be better for their health to stay home. We owe it to those who are discerning what is right for them to guarantee accessibility to worship experiences and to not generate a fear of missing out on church events. Such fear could hasten people to attend in person before they are ready. Members must be affirmed in their efforts to make choices during this pandemic that are right for them, as we value individual discernment.

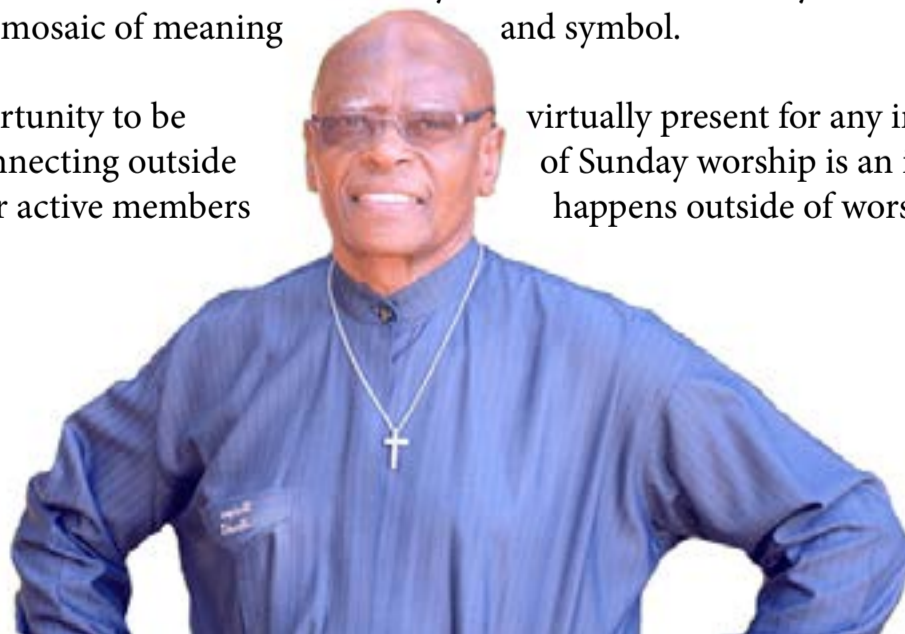
As Senior Pastor, I am focusing on hybrid worship experiences that embrace participation from those physically present as well as those who are worshipping with us from home. We will continue to offer a live stream worship experience.

Members please share your prayer request through the chat function of the platform we are using, and we will access that chat from the pulpit, and read those prayer request and celebration during the worship service. This may require a leap of faith for some, especially those who always make sure to turn off their cell phone before entering the sanctuary. Enabling participation from home is more important than the risk of accidentally receiving a buzz from your cell phone.

Our church will change so that it can meet the needs of others. Church was made for such a time as this, fostering connection when we so desperately need it.

Virtual communion will be celebrated with those at home. For those not able to gather physically, communion may play an important role in sustaining spiritual connection to the worshiping community. While those present may be receiving pre-packaged communion in order to stay safe, those at home may be celebrating with what they have available, giving life to a mosaic of meaning and symbol.

We will provide an opportunity to be or social gatherings. Connecting outside meaning that is made for active members



virtually present for any in-person meetings, Bible studies, of Sunday worship is an imperative because much of the happens outside of worship. Matter of fact, we may hold

all such meetings and gatherings virtually so that everyone can participate.

I am already envisioning a virtual Singles retreat, Marriage retreat, Men's retreat, Women's retreat, youth encampment, and more.

We are blessed and privileged to celebrate our 36th year of ministry in Austin, Texas. God continues to bless us as a family. We are believing God in the wonderful new thing He is doing in the GCBC family. We are thankful for God's undying love. There is no doubt that we are a chosen generation, called forth to show His excellence.

We are invested in and fueled by the Word of God in everything we do.

We focus our energy and efforts toward developing and practicing godly family values.

We remain committed to revitalization through discipleship, developing generational leaders, and body health and wellness.

We refuse to let the tyranny of the urgent replace the priority of the important.

We are involved with each other and we share our challenges and victories.

We must view health and hygiene microscopically.

We need each active member to choose to be all the way (100%) in the ministry. We bring glory to God and honor to each other when we work together.

We are a Christ-Centered Family-Focused Ministry committed to the great commission (Matt. 28:19-20; Mark 16:14-18; Luke 24:44-49; Acts 1:4-8; John 20:19-23) and the great commandment (Matt. 22:35-40; Mark 12:28-34; Luke 10:27).

Love, ++Dr. Sterling Lands II
Senior Pastor , Greater Calvary Bible Church



A Letter from our Trustee Chair

Dear GCBC Members and Friends,

On behalf of the Trustee Ministry, we are honored to welcome everyone to Greater Calvary Bible Church (GCBC) as we celebrate our 36th Church Annual throughout the entire week of October 12th through the 18th! In this time of a global pandemic, economic crisis, political disarray, and racial unrest, we thank God for the vision of our founding Pastor, Archbishop Dr. Sterling Lands II and a small band of worshippers who began this ministry in 1984, a ministry that is helping many of us get through “such a time as this” in the year 2020.

GCBC has enjoyed 36 fruitful and phenomenal years in Austin, TX attending to the spiritual needs of our members and the community. And it has contributed to the Salvation, Education, and Liberation of thousands of people over the years. Whether you’ve been in the mix all 36 years, are a new member, or a guest helping us celebrate our 36th Anniversary, we very much appreciate you for celebrating our anniversary with us.

Thanks to all of you who have contributed and continue to contribute your money, time, talent, sweat, and presence to the Greater Calvary Bible Church in the service of Christ. GCBC has quite a track record and its ministries have blessed many people over the last 36 years. And we’re not done yet! So, this year as we lift up and practice “Godly Family Values”, let us thank and praise God, pray without ceasing, walk in Holiness, create disciples, and have an absolutely phenomenal 36th Church Annual Celebration!

Yours in Christ,

Deacon Deone Wilhite
Trustee Chair, GCBC



The following methods can be used to give your tithes, an offering or special donation.

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Download from your App Store (It's Free)

Go online: cash.app

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THROUGH YOUR BANK



1176 OAKGROVE AVENUE



LIBER

7517 CAMERON ROAD



6510 BERKMAN DRIVE



Prayer Deacon James Hutchings

Welcome Trustee Terry Smith

Occasion Trustee Deone Wilhite

Celebrate Our Church History

Preaching Bishop Maurice Youmans

Teaching Archbishop Dr. Sterling Lands, II

*“Family Ties: Why Now Is The Time
For the Family to Bind Together
Stronger Than Ever”*

Praise The Gospel Voices

Giving

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Prayer Deaconess Jeannie Hutchings

Welcome Trustee Celostine Williams

Occasion Trustee Sunday Uzuh

Celebrate Our Church History

Preaching Bishop Richard Lands

Teaching Archbishop Dr. Sterling Lands, II

*“Let your light so Shine: Godliness in a
time of COVID.”*

Praise The Anointed Voices

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Prayer Deacon Charles Guyton
Welcome First Lady Mable Lands
Occasion Trustee Troy Officer

Celebrate Our Church History

Preaching **Overseer Larry Lands**

Teaching **Archbishop Dr. Sterling Lands, II**

*“Silence of the Lambs: Are Christians
to silent in face of attacks on the
family”*

Praise The Angelic Voices

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Prayer Deaconess Celostine Williams

Welcome Trustee Mary Thomas

Occasion Trustee Thresa Cowan

Celebrate Our Church History

Preaching **Bishop Kristoffer Lands**

Teaching **Archbishop Dr. Sterling Lands, II**

*“Victorious Secrets: Godliness in
Marriage and Relationships”*

Praise The Inspirational Voices

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Prayer Deacon Michael White
Welcome Trustee James Hutchings
Occasion Bishop NeShaun Jones

Celebrate Our Church History

Preaching **Reverend Kiamesha Lands**

Teaching **Reverend LaDonna Tavernier**

*“Oh My God!: Staying faithful in times
of personal and national crisis”*

Praise The Voices of Greater Calvary

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Prayer Deaconess Cynthia White

Celebrate Our Church History

Panel Discussion

“This Means War: GCBC and the fight against Racism, Poverty and War against the family”

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Prayer First Lady Deaconess Mable Lands

Welcome Trustee Mary Thomas

Occasion Trustee Deone Wilhite

Celebrate Our Church History

Parking Lot Dance Festival Concert

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*Thank
You*

Senior Pastor Archbishop Dr. Sterling Lands, II

Associate Pastor Bishop Kristoffer Lands, Alpha Pastoral Care Ministry

Associate Pastor Bishop Richard Lands, Beta Pastoral Care Ministry

Associate Pastor Bishop Maurice Youmans, Omega Pastoral Care Ministry

Bishop NeShaun Jones, Delta Pastoral Care Ministry

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Brother Troy Officer, Trustee Co-Chair

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Deacon Sunday Uzuh

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